

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with light to no rain likely. Highs lower 60s.
Tonight: Rain showers moving back in. Lows near 40s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and raining at times. Highs near 60.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Partly cloudy with little to no rain likely. High 63, Low 44.
Tonight: Rain showers moving back in. High 63, Low 44.
Monday: Mostly cloudy and raining at times. High 61, Low 39.
Tuesday: More wet weather expected. High 57, Low 38.
Wednesday: Rain showers persist. High 55, Low 37.
Thursday: Diminishing shower activity. High 59, Low 38.

Yesterday's Weather
City: HI Lo Precip
Boise: 54 45 0.43
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BURLEIGH/ROBERT FORECAST
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with little in the way of rain developing. Highs lower to middle 60s.
Tonight: Increasingly cloudy with a chance of rain starting after 10p.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and breezy with periods of light rain developing. Highs lower 60s.

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Temperature: Yesterday's Low 44, High 63.
Precipitation: 0.11"
Humidity: 61%
Barometric Pressure: 30.18
Sunrise and Sunset: Sunrise 6:22 AM, Sunset 8:48 PM.
Moon Phases: New Moon, First Qtr, Full Moon, Last Qtr.

W.V. INDEX
Low: 100, High: 100
The higher the index the more sun (not precipitation) expected.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Partly to mostly cloudy and comfortable across the region today. Precipitation chances are slim. But will be on the rise tonight. A chance of rain and snow showers will arrive on Monday.

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Low: 100, High: 100
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BOISE
Today: High 60 to 68, Low 36 to 39
Partly to mostly cloudy, mainly dry and mild today. Rain shower opportunities are limited tonight with areas of widespread shower activity expected on Monday.

REGIONAL FORECAST
City: Today Tomorrow
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Idaho Falls: 67 48 0.00
Lewiston: 67 48 0.00
Lowell: 67 48 0.00
Mesa: 67 48 0.00
Pocatello: 67 48 0.00
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City: Today Tomorrow
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Atlanta: 62 40 0.00
Austin: 62 40 0.00
Baltimore: 62 40 0.00
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
Map showing weather conditions across the United States with various symbols for sun, clouds, rain, and snow.

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Molly Daniels
A woman's corpse, signed a fiery car accident that killed her husband's death, and had him re-emerge as her new boyfriend. Authorities say it was all to collect a \$110,000 life insurance policy while hitting her husband, Clayton Daniels, from the cops.

THE GRAVE AT PEBBLE MOUND CEMETARY IN BURNET, TEXAS, where Charlotte Davis was buried, is seen in this February 24 photo. Davis' body was dug up and used in a fake death insurance scam involving Molly and Clayton Daniels.

Patriotism starts erasing German guilt over WWII

BERLIN — Germans who visit the United States are often surprised by the unabashed way Americans display the flag on their front porches.
... "I am driving through someplace in Germany and I see someone who has planted a flag in his garden. I think to myself that this must be the home of a neo-Nazi," said Wolfgang Kaschuba, an ethnologist at Berlin's Humboldt University.
... "In Germany we have to avoid certain practices that are normal in other countries," he added.
... German politicians do not wear the little flag lapel pins that are the rigueur for American politicians, nor do German officials use the black red and gold German flag as a stage prop during television interviews.
... "But as the United States and its World War II allies prepared to mark today's 60th anniversary of the Nazi surrender, Schroeder has suggested that perhaps the time has come for Germany to set aside their chronic guilt and feel a little patriotic.
... As part of that effort, Schroeder is now re-packaging this year's V-E Day commemoration

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Daniels then dug up a woman's corpse, signed a fiery car accident that killed her husband's death, and had him re-emerge as her new boyfriend. Authorities say it was all to collect a \$110,000 life insurance policy while hitting her husband, Clayton Daniels, from the cops.
... Molly Daniels pleaded guilty this past week to a series of charges of insurance fraud and hindering apprehension, and was sentenced to the maximum 20 years in prison.
... "This was a ghoulish, horrific crime," prosecutor Jane Starnes at the sentencing hearing Thursday.
... Molly Daniels, 22, insisted the plan wasn't motivated by greed, but rather was a desperate attempt to keep her husband out of prison stemming from a sexual assault charge.
... "It was about keeping our family together," she tearfully told the jury.

the computer Molly Daniels used to surf the Web revealed the scheme to get Clayton a new identity. Officers also found a list of plastic surrogates in Mexico.
... "Investigators said Molly Daniels told them the body was taken from a cemetery a few miles north. The body was an 81-year-old woman who had died in 2003 and was buried in an area used for people who can't afford a burial plot or have little or no family.
... "We felt because she was older; there would not be much family impact, if any," Molly Daniels testified.
... Vasquez said he couldn't explain why anyone who went to such great lengths to mislead investigators would stay in their home where they could be so easily discovered. But he said the fact that they didn't leave proves that their motive wasn't insurance fraud, he said.
... "This wasn't about money. They could have taken the money and gone to Mexico," Vasquez said. "She felt sorry because she was falling apart and had to take action somehow. It was misguided, but (her family) was the motivation."
... Molly Daniels' father, John Honen, attended his daughter's sentencing.
... "I thought I taught her better," Honen said.
... Clayton Daniels is in custody awaiting trial on charges. He could face up to 20 years.

The plot began to take shape last year after Clayton Daniels, 24, pleaded guilty to sexual assault charges. He was allowed to stay out of prison after the plea, but never reported to his probation officer, drawing a 30-day jail sentence.
... Three days before he was to report to jail last June, police found a burned-out Chevrolet at the bottom of a roadside cliff. The corpse behind the wheel was unrecognizable, its head and limbs burned away.
... "Even the metal on the car was melted, it was so hot," said Thomas Vasquez, Molly Daniels' defense attorney.
... Molly Daniels told friends and relatives her husband had died. Her co-workers raised \$1,000 for her and attended a memorial service.
... A few weeks later, Molly Daniels introduced "Jake Gregg," her new boyfriend, to their children, ages 4 and 1.
... He looked a lot like Clayton Daniels but had dyed black hair. Investigators say Molly Daniels also had forged documents.

ments to create a new identity for him, including a fake birth certificate and a Texas drivers license.
... Neighbor Scott Regier said he had barely known Clayton Daniels, and never got a good look at "Jake Gregg" because the man was rarely outdoors.
... "Before the whole incident, we'd wave and say hello," Regier said. "Afterward, when they pulled in the driveway, she would get out of the minivan open the garage, and he would pull in. The guy never got out."
... Investigators had been suspicious from the start. The accident scene had no skid marks or signs of a high-speed crash. The hottest spot of the fire was the driver's seat, and charcoal lighter fluid had been used as a fire accelerant. DNA samples from the burned corpse couldn't be matched with one from Clayton's mother. Searches of their home and

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from all the others. It was written by Tenna and Kirby McCandless, a 40ish couple that had been trying for years to conceive a child.
... "This child will always have two mothers," the couple wrote. "This child will always know his conditional love you had for him."
... Tenna and Kirby's lives had been filled with fertility treatments, trip after trip to Boise for artificial insemination that never took. They finally thought of giving in vitro fertilization a try, a treatment that costs \$14,000 and comes with no guarantee of success. Tenna describes that time in their lives as an "emotional roller coaster."
... They decided to take this money and put it into adopting a child instead.
... "There are so many children who need homes," Tenna said. "I just felt that was the way we needed to go."
... They got their names on the adoption list in August 2003. On Jan. 2004, the phone rang.
... "We have a mother who has selected you," the person at the adoption agency told them.
... The baby was named Hannah, just two months later. Tenna, an office manager at Triple E, a trucking warehouse, and Kirby, a self-employed carpenter, spent their first hours in a bedroom into a nursery with a teddy bear theme. All the while, the couple was on pins and needles knowing that at the last minute, the birth mother might change her mind.
... The baby was scheduled to be born in Casparian section the morning of March 5. Before they took her into surgery, the birth mother asked to see Tenna and Kirby.
... "I'm not going to change my mind," she reassured them.
... The couple and other family members waited at the hospital just a little after 8 in the morning, the nurse walked in and placed newborn Cameron in their arms. Kirby held him for a little while and then handed him to Tenna.
... "It was the most amazing feeling," Tenna said. "You've wanted this for so long and here's this child in your arms. It's just an overwhelming feeling of joy."
... Before Tenna and Kirby took their new baby home, they gave each of his sisters a photo album, promising to fill them Jan. 2004, the phone rang.
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THURSDAY, MAY 13

Bush condemns Soviet oppression

Leader accepts some American blame

Knight Ridder News Service

RIGA, LATVIA — President Bush Saturday condemned Soviet oppression in Europe — one of the greatest wrongs of history — and accepted some American blame for it.

Speaking to a Latvian audience with bitter memories of Soviet domination, Bush expressed regrets about the 1945 Yalta agreement that divided Europe into U.S. and Soviet spheres of influence. The pact, approved by Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin near the end of World War II, effectively cleared the way for the creation of Soviet satellites in Eastern and Central Europe.

Bush said the agreement "left a continent divided and unstable" and led to the "captivity of millions" of Europeans who fell under Soviet control.

The president's remarks in Riga echoed comments in Moscow by Russian President



Anti-Russian demonstrators hold a banner Saturday during the visit of President Bush in Riga, Latvia. Bush on Saturday saluted the efforts of fledgling democracies in three Baltic nations that endured Soviet oppression for half a century.

Vladimir Putin as the two leaders engaged in a long distance debate over the roots and legacy of the Cold War.

Putin has been forced to deal with Russia's Soviet past as he prepares to host Bush and more than 50 other world leaders at a celebration marking

the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Monday's planned celebration in Moscow's Red Square has been tainted by criticism over the Soviet Union's early alliance with Nazi Germany and

its oppressive domination of Eastern Europe and the Baltic nations after the war.

In an interview with German television journalists, Putin agreed with Bush about the Yalta pact, but shrugged off criticism of the Soviet Union's efforts to control neighboring countries.

"There is nothing surprising about it. It built them in its own image and likeness, and it was a well known system, a system which, unfortunately, as far as our people is concerned, was not based on democratic principles," said Putin, a former agent of the KGB, the Soviet version of the CIA.

"But such were the realities of the times."

He added, "Thank God, we have abandoned the realities of those times in the interests of the Russian people and in the interests of all the peoples of the European continent."

Bush delivered his remarks, the keynote speech of his five-day trip to Europe and Russia, after meeting with Baltic leaders who have refused to join

him in Moscow. Many in the Baltic view the end of World War II as the day they swapped Adolf Hitler for Stalin.

Bush urged former Cold War enemies to put the past aside so they can focus on building vibrant, stable democracies. He linked the growth of democracy in Europe to his larger goal of spreading freedom around the globe.

In a blunt message for Putin, Bush said Russia should not fear the spread of democracy on its doorstep.

"Repression has no place on this continent ... All the nations that border Russia will benefit from the spread of democratic values — and so will Russia itself," he said. "No good purpose is served by stirring up fears and exploiting old rivalries in this region."

Foster children were housed in waiting room

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Space-strapped foster care officials have been ordered to stop housing youngsters in the waiting room of the county Department of Children and Family Services' downtown office.

The state ruled last week that the waiting room was an illegal foster home and ordered the practice stopped by May 20.

Los Angeles County records show children have been staying there since 2003, when an emergency children's shelter was closed to settle a lawsuit claiming the county was dumping children with mental health problems there.

"We understand that it's not the best situation for children," said agency spokeswoman Laura Grasmehr.

Audit: Forensics lab botched DNA tests

Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — One of the nation's premier crime labs repeatedly failed to catch botched DNA testing in the case of a Virginia death row inmate who spent 17 years in prison before being exonerated, according to an independent review.

The audit, ordered by Virginia Gov. Mark Warner after the lab's director balked at an outside review, determined that the facility's senior DNA analyst erred twice in crucial evidence tests.

The independent review released Friday also found that the Virginia state crime lab failed to detect the errors when the testing was reviewed by another lab analyst and then failed to detect them yet again in an internal audit last fall.

The outside reviewers called for retesting some of the work of the senior analyst, Jeffrey Ban, who handled DNA tests in many of Virginia's capital cases and serves on a panel setting standards for DNA testing nationwide. They found that Ban was accustomed to pressure from the lab's director as well as from the office of former Gov. Jim Gilmore.

Critics of the lab's performance in the case of Earl Washington Jr. said the findings called into question the lab's work in other capital cases and underscored the poor quality of work done at some of

the nation's crime labs.

"This laboratory that touts itself as the best DNA laboratory in the country generated erroneous test results in a capital case twice, using two different DNA methods," said Peter Neufeld, co-director of the New York-based Innocence Project. "I think this proves our point, that crime labs cannot police themselves," said Neufeld, Washington's attorney in a civil suit stemming from his wrongful conviction.

Washington, a mentally retarded former farmhand from rural Virginia, spent more than nine of his 17 years in prison on death row before he was exonerated of a 1982 rape and murder.

The case involved Rebecca Williams, a 19-year-old mother of three from Galpeper, Va. She had been raped and stabbed to death.

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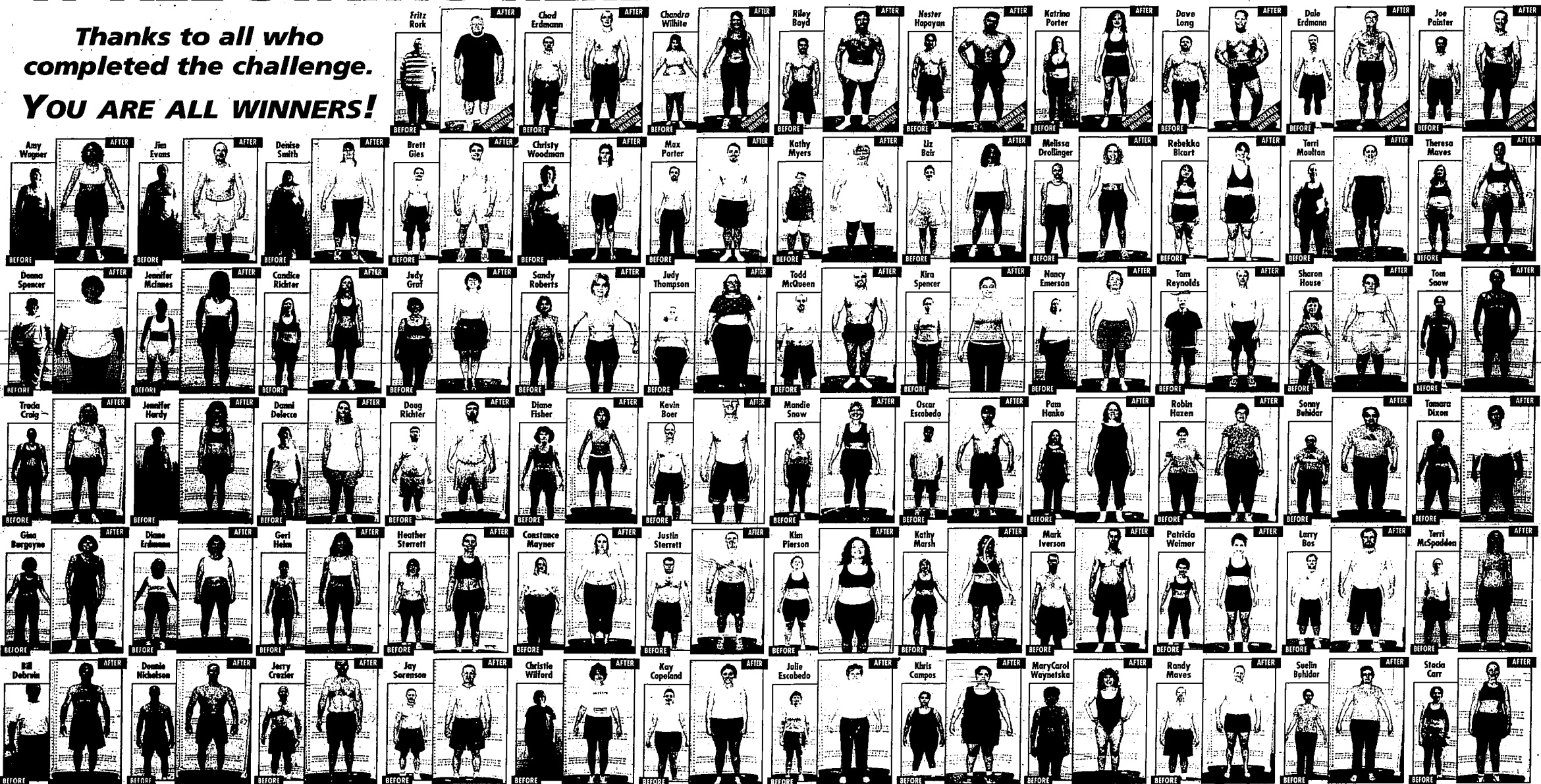
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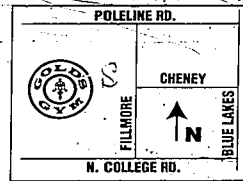
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Democrats berate Rice over documents on Bolton

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee considered the nomination of John R. Bolton as United Nations ambassador and solicited Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Saturday

for ignoring Democratic requests for additional information about the embattled nominee. In a curt letter to Rice, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-DeL., reiterated his requests for State

Department documents related to charges that Bolton tried to bend or ignore government intelligence findings that did not suit his hard-right ideology. The Senate Foreign Relations

Committee is scheduled to vote on Bolton's nomination on Thursday. Biden repeated a warning to Rice that Democrats could hold up the vote if they are not satisfied they have investigated Bolton fully.

Employees of car wash restore 'Virgin Mary' image

CHICAGO (AP) — A stain on the wall of an expressway underpass that some believe resembles the Virgin Mary is again attracting visitors after two car wash employees cleaned graffiti and brown paint off the image.

Gonzalez of Chicago with criminal damage to state-supported property, a misdemeanor. Gonzalez, 37, said industrial believed visitors were worshipping a graven image in violation of the Second Commandment, said Mandy Gonzalez, who identified herself as Gonzalez's niece.

On Friday, Chicago police directed transportation workers to paint over the image with brown paint for safety reasons. Hundreds of people have flocked to the underpass since last month to see the image. Some leave devotional candles, take snapshots or kneel in prayer before the wall. Others approach the image, touch it and make the sign of the cross.

Tourism

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Carl Wiegand, administrator of the department's Tourism Development Division, said people come from all over the world to float Idaho's rivers, "while every Idaho family can get to one of them on less than a tank of gas."

Magic Valley's tourism-dependent businesses, no doubt, hope that message will stick. They've seen weakness in recent lodging sales and air traffic, and a solid summer season would help recoup losses.

The industry also has reason to hope that would-be travelers will budget for summer getaway gas instead of canceling trips.

Travelers and travel experts say they still expect a busy tourism season across the West this spring and summer, but the high gas prices will have an effect — through shorter stays, smaller trips and fewer purchases. The Associated Press reported, Price is important in the West where road travel is the most popular way to see the sights.

Promising developments

Several other factors could help boost Magic Valley's tourism income in a difficult environment. Among them is Twin Falls' growing access to splendid canyon views. Centennial-year construction of a new stretch of Snake River Canyon trail — rising from Shoshone Falls Park to the rim above — puts the city a big step closer to completing its planned loop of walking and biking trails. And the project's recent publicity could help lure visitors passing through town to stay — and spend — for a few extra hours or days.

Also, Twin Falls leaders expect an annual cross-country vintage car race making an overnight stop in Twin Falls on July 9 — to bring something like

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Your local economy

With home sales plentiful, Twin Falls-area residential construction accelerated in the first three months of 2005. For that and other local trends, see the Money section in today's edition for our special report on first-quarter economic indicators.

10,000 racers, organizers and fans to town. "It'll be giving quite a boost to the economy," Shawn Barigar of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce told *The Times-News* recently. The chamber will capitalize on the influx with downtown festivities that evening.

Another promising development for local tourism is Idaho's increase in international visitors. In 2004, Idaho Commerce and Labor estimated, 9 percent of the 21 million tourists who visited Idaho were international travelers. These visitors traditionally take longer vacations than American tourists and spend about twice as much, the state's tourism officials say.

The University of Idaho's 1999-2000 Statewide Motor Vehicle Traveler Study found that foreign tourists to Idaho spend an average of \$117, while their U.S. counterparts spend only \$53, Commerce and Labor said.

Karen Ballard, an international tourism specialist for Commerce and Labor, said 12 percent of the Internet requests for Idaho vacation information this year are coming from foreign tourists — up from 9 percent in previous years. And Idaho tourism officials expect

that number to grow after the recent Rocky Mountain International Roundup, which attracted 36 European tour operators to Boise this spring to meet representatives of hotels, motels, outfitters and travel attractions from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota.

Negatives In the numbers

Magic Valley's tourism industry needs a solid summer season after weakness in recent business.

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational-vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Twin Falls County saw lodging sales — taxable and nontaxable combined — rise 6.5 percent to \$2.31 million in first-quarter reports, compared with \$2.17 million for the same three months in 2004.

Because of the normal reporting lag, the January-through-March sales totals reflect activity that happened for the most part in December through February, the Idaho State Tax Commission says.

But the quarter's upswing wasn't shared by tourist-dependent neighbors to the north. Jerome County's total lodging sales dropped 7.9 percent to \$592,009 in first-quarter reports, compared with \$642,077 a year earlier.

The valleywide picture, also, was a negative one as the Blaine County tourism powerhouse lost strength in two months out of three. The eight counties of Magic Valley combined saw lodging sales slip to \$13.47 million in January-through-March reports; that's 3.8 percent lower than the \$14 million of a year earlier.

With snow scarce, Sun Valley Resort saw business on Bald Mountain take a hit this year despite good-ski conditions.

Jack Sibbach, the resort's head of marketing, said 361,750 skiers were on the slopes this winter from opening day to the end of March — down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Horizon Air's nonstop service to Sun Valley this ski season attracted enough passengers that the resort paid no minimum revenue guarantee for the subsidized flights. Sun Valley Resort said in April.

The Los Angeles-Idaho flight was in its third winter season, and the Oakland-Calif.-Idaho flight in its second season. Sun Valley Resort and Horizon Air sign contracts for the flights, and the Sun Valley-Ketchum chamber of commerce and some local businesses pledged their support for the past seasons' subsidization program.

Recently travelers to Magic Valley have found air by air an increasingly attractive option, but in the first quarter over passengers landing at the Twin Falls airport lost altitude.

SkyWest Airlines — a Delta Connection carrier and the only commercial airline serving Joslin Field — reported Twin Falls boardings down by 2 percent in January through March, compared with those months in 2004. The quarter's boardings slipped from 8,992 to 8,852.

That's a change from recent trends. For all of 2004, annual air boardings in Twin Falls rose 15 percent from the 2003 total. The airport saw a 3 percent gain between 2002 and 2003. Those calculations exclude both passengers on flights diverted from the Wood River Valley because of bad weather, and passengers on charter flights.

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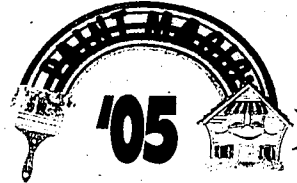
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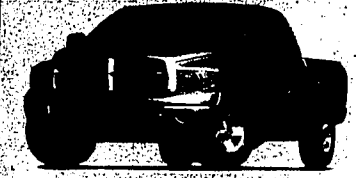
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BUSY BORDER BACKLOG

Program meant to speed crossings still slows to a crawl



United States Customs and Border Protection officer Ronald Riddle ushers another car from Tijuana, Mexico, through a SENTRI — or the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection lane at the San Ysidro border crossing, April 28 in San Diego.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — At the world's busiest border crossing, the fast lane is turning into a slow lane.

The program unveiled in San Diego 10 years ago to speed entry for frequent travelers, border-crossers who passed a security background check has become clogged — a victim of its own popularity and an overall spike in drug smuggling.

A few months ago, motorists enrolled in SENTRI — or the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection — rarely waited more than 15 minutes to cross from Tijuana, Mexico. Now, they sometimes idle more than six hours — still better than other lanes at the San Ysidro Port of Entry but much longer than they had hoped for.

"They're not giving us what they promised," says Luis Alberto Ortiz, 44. The personal financial adviser who lives in Tijuana says he now waits at least 45 minutes to cross into San Diego each weekday.

Such grumbling comes as the Department of Homeland Security prepares to expand its prescreening program in San Diego and El Paso, Texas, and launch it at crossings in Calexico, Nogales, Ariz., Yuma, Texas, and Brownsville, Texas.

SENTRI debuted in 1995 at San Diego's Otay Mesa Port of Entry. It first had in 1993, and at San Ysidro a year later. The 76,000 passholders paid up to \$129 and submitted to a criminal background check. A no-fee pilot program for pedestrians at San Ysidro has enrolled 3,900 people since August.

Nexus, a similar system for low-risk travelers in Detroit, Buffalo, N.Y., and other cities bordering Canada, has enrolled 76,000 people. Free And Secure Trade, or FAST, is a program — but — has screened 54,000 low-risk truckers for speedier passage across the Canadian and Mexican borders.

As a response to the SENTRI-registered vehicle, sends information to U.S. inspectors as it approaches the border in a checkpoint — but — screens the faces of the driver and passengers match those on file, they'll face less scrutiny than non-SENTRI travelers.

"That doesn't mean a free pass, though. Authorities have seen a spike in drug seizures, prompting tougher scrutiny at the checkpoint and longer delays.

"Obtaining a SENTRI card is essentially the golden ticket for drug runners, smugglers and



Traffic jams enter lanes into the United States from Tijuana, Mexico, through a SENTRI lane, April 28, in San Diego.

others," said Homeland Security spokeswoman Christiana Halsey. "We trust they're low risk but we need to verify."

At San Ysidro, there have been seven incidents of human and drug smuggling in SENTRI lanes since October. That compares to eight in the entire 2004 fiscal year and five the year before. Last month, inspectors found 435 pounds of marijuana in a 2004 Nissan truck, according to court records. The driver, who tried crossing during the Tuesday morning rush, told authorities he was promised \$1,500 to deliver the truck to San Diego.

Drug seizures have increased in the other lanes, too. For all lanes at San Ysidro, authorities confiscated 57,000 pounds of marijuana between October and March, up from 39,000 pounds in the first half of

fiscal 2004.

Palmyra Zurita Trahin, an attorney who uses SENTRI to cross daily from Tijuana, sees inspectors opening more trucks and wonders why that is necessary if she's passed a criminal background check and in-person interview.

"Why are they making us go through the same procedures?" Zurita, 39, said behind the wheel of a Ford Explorer as she drove toward an inspection booth 90 minutes after getting in line.

SENTRI is also a victim of its success. It accounts for about 7,200 of the 55,000 vehicles that use the San Ysidro crossing daily, yet still claims only two of the 24 lanes. Another roadblock: pressurized motorists must share their two access lanes with about 300 buses a day.

Insurance that the team took out and a permit to use a 7.2-mile stretch of state highway both expired on Saturday.

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Team gives up try for speed record

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A British team gave up its attempt Saturday to establish a new speed record for an electric-powered car after a third straight day of electrical glitches.

The "e-motion" car was trying to break the 245 mph record for an electrical car heavier than 2,200 pounds. The vehicle went in England and on a single practice run in the Nevada desert about 120 miles west of Salt Lake City, but then ran into a series of problems, including electrical problems that kept it from firing up for the record attempt.

British driver Mark Newby, and the car's chief technician, Colin Falkovs, a retired Royal Air Force propulsion technician, said they planned to return a year from now to retew a bid to break the 245 mph in a battery-powered vehicle.

Engineers working around the clock have been able to start the car in a test setting, but it has been shorting out on the race course in the cool mornings after being towed on a flatbed truck to remote stretches of Route 93A about 30 miles south of West Wendover, Nev., a small casino town just across the Nevada line.

First they blamed a battery problem, then condensation inside a drive controller, which delivers battery power to the car's electric motors. On Satur-

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Iraqis celebrate arrival of supplies

Knight Ridder News Service

NAJAF, Iraq — Sheep scurried off the runway and nomads emerged from their tents to watch the first plane in 15 years touch down Saturday on a desert landing strip in Iraq's holiest city.

While children jumped for joy at the rear sight of an airplane, the adults in the crowd were more excited about its precious cargo: \$500,000 of donated emergency medical supplies to stock Najaf's sorely depleted hospitals.

The violent uprisings last year by the rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr led the Shiite Muslim nerve center in ruins. The main hospital was severely damaged in clashes between al-Sadr's militia and U.S. and Iraqi forces.

Najaf's newly elected Gov. Asaad Sultan Abu Ghailah said he was frustrated by the central government's health-care bureaucracy. Important drug bids were mired in paperwork and doctors' urgent requests for supplies went unanswered.

Abu Ghailah took the unusual step in reaching out to a foreign partner: the Washington-based SkyLink, which operates flights for nongovernmental organizations in Iraq's deadly skies.

"I asked all the humanitarian agencies in the world to assist with our problem," the governor said. "Our province is in a renaissance period after the major damage and destruction. We are taking serious steps to prevent such shortages in the future."

SkyLink donated the half-million dollar shipment Saturday, and the company officials said it would follow up with a similar drop-off in the northern Kurdish capital of Erbil. Workers unloaded 90 boxes packed with painkillers, anesthetics and other emergency room staples.

Crowds of Najaf officials and residents gathered and eagerly rushed to help move the crates from the Russian-made plane.

ELUSIVE PREY
U.S. military assembles better picture of chief terror suspect al-Zarqawi

Knight Ridder News Service

ANBAR PROVINCE, Iraq — The last reliable sighting of Iraq's most wanted man was six months ago, in Haglanjyah, where townspeople reported he was preaching in a mosque. Since then, Islamic and Western Web sites and airwaves have hummed with rumors about Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian national who reportedly corresponds with Osama bin Laden and changed his name to his terrorist group from Tawhid and Jihad to al-Qaida in Iraq.

Some say he was in a hospital not long ago. The U.S. military says soldiers nearly nabbed him in February. "And nearly every week, news releases from the Iraqi government and U.S. military describe raids on locations where he may be hiding."

Since last fall, al-Zarqawi's group has claimed almost every major attack in Iraq and several minor ones, though U.S. officials aren't sure he is responsible for all of them. He is believed to have been involved in the beheadings of at least two hostages: Nicholas Berg, a communications engineer from Pennsylvania, and Kenneth Bigley, a British engineer.

Hard facts about al-Zarqawi are scant. For a time, it was said he had only one leg, an assertion since dismissed. Recently released photographs believed to be of the militant leader show a heavier, more clean-cut man than the one who appeared in earlier, grainy images.

But while evidence is hard to come by, U.S. officials in Anbar province believe this area in western Iraq may be frequented by al-Zarqawi, either as he shuttles across the porous borders with Jordan and Syria, or hides — under the noses — of American forces here.

"He can move on the high-



Abu Musab al-Zarqawi
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ways. He can move down the river. If you buy that life follows the water, you've got to assume that he does, too," said Col. Stephen Davis, commander of Marine Regimental Combat Team-2, which is responsible for sprawling Anbar province. Davis' 3,000 Marines patrol some 30,000 square miles of the province, an area about the size of South Carolina. "The vast size of this area works a lot of ways to (insurgents') advantage. Because of the numbers we have, we can't control every inch," Davis said. "Who does the terrain aid? The hunted or the hunter? A lot of times it depends."

"What works for Zarqawi is he's indigenous. There's clearly

networks out here that can support him."

While U.S. Special Forces try to learn more about al-Zarqawi, most U.S. troops in Iraq focus' instead on the insurgents believed to report to him and mastermind operations carried out in his name. Nevertheless, with each capture or trace of insurgent information uncovered, U.S. forces say there is a growing sense among them that they are closing in on al-Zarqawi. In recent months, U.S. and Iraqi forces have killed seven members of al-Zarqawi's inner circle, captured 11 of his Iraqi lieutenants and caught two high-ranking foreign fighters with ties to the militant, the U.S. military said Friday.

It is thought that al-Zarqawi moves constantly to avoid capture, said Davis, the Marine commander. The terrain of western Iraq is another likely factor in his elusiveness, according to military officials.

"It is deceptively open country criss-crossed with deep, dry riverbeds and landscapes that in places bring to mind the Grand Canyon. Each ravine is a potential hiding space. Highways and desert trails crisscross into Jordan and Syria, where officials believe al-Zarqawi travels more openly, seeking money and fresh foreign fighters."

Once back in Iraq, Ramadi, Anbar's provincial capital, provides big-city anonymity. And there are many Euphrates River villages like Haglanjyah — towns so isolated that insurgents can intimidate local residents into obedience.

"We have had reports that he frequented Haglanjyah months ago," Davis said. "Is he still a frequent visitor? No. I've got to think if he was, we'd be able to grab him."

Anti-Syrian leader returns to Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Dejected in a battle against Syrian control of his country 15 years ago and sent into exile, Gen. Michel Aoun returned Saturday to a rousing welcome from thousands of supporters in a hometown recently freed of Syrian troops. The former army commander was already emerging as a player in upcoming parliamentary elections. "Here I am today, returning to you, and Lebanon has become independent," he told a flag-waving crowd of at least 20,000 in a central Beirut square who cheered wildly, danced, hugged, kissed and even peeped in joy.

Aoun, also a former interim prime minister, returned less than two weeks after Syria completed the withdrawal of its remaining 14,000 troops in Lebanon. Damascus removed all its forces in less than three months under relentless international pressure that intensified after the Feb. 14 assassination of former prime minister Rafik Hariri. "Lebanon has been under a black cloud that enslaved it for 15 years. Today, there is a sun of freedom."

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Suicide bombers strike in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two suicide car bombers plowed into a foreign security company convoy in the heart of Baghdad on Saturday, killing at least 22 people — including two Americans — in an attack that left a busy-traffic-circle strewn with burning vehicles, mutilated bodies and bloodied school children.

Nearly 300 people have been killed in insurgent violence since Iraq's democratically elected government was sworn in 10 days ago.

Seven government posts remain under military control. On Saturday when Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari said he would submit nominations for six of seven to the National Assembly for a vote Sunday.

A Sunni military man, who fled into exile more than 20 years ago and only returned after the ouster of Saddam Hussein, was selected for the

defense ministry, members of al-Jaafari's Shiite-dominated alliance said. The U.S. military is working to train Iraqi forces to take over the battle against the insurgency with an eye to reducing and eventually removing the American troop presence.

The U.S. military said the two suicide attackers crushed their explosives-packed cars into a three-vehicle convoy in Tahira Square, known for its shops and a large statue of Iraqi soldiers breaking through chains to freedom.

At least 22 people were killed, including the two Americans, who were employees of the company that owned the targeted SUVs, the U.S. Embassy said without identifying the company. Three other American civilians were injured in the attack, the embassy said. Hospital officials said at least 36 Iraqis were wounded in the blasts.

Rescue workers lifted injured school girls onto stretchers, including one with bandages wrapped around her neck and blood streaming down her legs. Firefighters fought the blaze, which sent thick black smoke billowing into the sky.

Iman Norman rushed to al-Kindi Hospital to be with her 12-year-old daughter, Lana, one of several school girls who were injured aboard a minibus. Iman said the students climbed out of the windows in their bloodied uniforms after the bomb damaged its doors. Lana's injury wasn't serious, but one student lost an eye, Norman said.

Elsewhere, a U.S. Marine was killed by a bomb in Karbala, 50 miles west of Baghdad, the military said in a statement. As of Friday, at least 1,592 members of the U.S. military had died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according

to an Associated Press count. U.S. and Iraqi forces have hit back at insurgents with a series of major raids across the country in recent months.

In a statement issued Saturday, the U.S. command said on April 26 it had named a suspect described by the U.S. military as a key associate of Iraq's most wanted militant, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Ghassan Muhammad Amin Husayn al-Qaida had helped al-Zarqawi al-Qaida in Iraq group arrange meetings and move foreign insurgents into the country.

Friday night, Iraqi soldiers fought suspected insurgents in Taji Arafat, 90 miles east of the Syrian border, said Iraqi police Brig. Gen. Muhammad Abdul Qadir. He provided no details, but said 25 militants were killed. Witnesses claimed Iraqi soldiers also suffered casualties, but Qadir could not confirm that.

E-mails, calls spur reduced suspension for student

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — Following hundreds of angry phone calls and e-mails, school officials in this Army base city have reduced the suspension of a student who would not give up his cell phone while talking to his mother — a school district official says.

The angry calls about the boy's suspension got so bad at one point that secretaries had to answer phones in the hook, assistant principal Alfred Parham said.

Kevin Francois, a 17-year-old junior at Spencer High School, was suspended for 10 days for disorderly conduct Wednesday after a teacher told him to give up his cell phone outside the school during his lunch break and he refused, the teen said.

The boy said he had not expected the call from his mother. Spent 1st class Monday but who left in January for a one-year tour.

The teacher says the confrontation happened in a hallway, not outside, and that Francois never said the call was with his mother.

The Mossego County School District Board of Education allows students to have cell phones in school but not to use them during school hours.

The punishment for violating that policy is that the phone is confiscated until the end of the day. But Francois was suspended for cursing and being defiant, said Parham. That was extended to 10 because "he did not want to accept the three-day suspension and to agree that he would not use the cell phone openly or curse."

"We are empathetic to all students whose parents serve in the armed forces — (but) we do have behavior standards which we uphold," said Superintendent John A. Phillips Jr.

On Friday, the school district reduced the suspension to three days, which will allow Francois to return to school Monday after officials met with him, the guardian who cares for him while his mother is out of the country, and a representative of her unit.

"People are fussing at us, calling us names," said assistant principal Wendell Turner.

"We are the school that serves Fort Belvoir," said Turner. "We're well aware of students with parents overseas."

Parham said, however, that Francois' behavior at school "has been a chronic problem."

And Francois added: "I'm not a golden child and I've been wrong, but I was right this time."

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The punishment for violating that policy is that the phone is confiscated until the end of the day. But Francois was suspended for cursing and being defiant, said Parham. That was extended to 10 because "he did not want to accept the three-day suspension and to agree that he would not use the cell phone openly or curse."

"We are empathetic to all students whose parents serve in the armed forces — (but) we do have behavior standards which we uphold," said Superintendent John A. Phillips Jr.

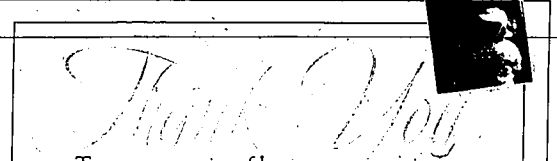
On Friday, the school district reduced the suspension to three days, which will allow Francois to return to school Monday after officials met with him, the guardian who cares for him while his mother is out of the country, and a representative of her unit.

"People are fussing at us, calling us names," said assistant principal Wendell Turner.

"We are the school that serves Fort Belvoir," said Turner. "We're well aware of students with parents overseas."

Parham said, however, that Francois' behavior at school "has been a chronic problem."

And Francois added: "I'm not a golden child and I've been wrong, but I was right this time."



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Columbus remains a mystery

Los Angeles Times

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic—It has been nearly two years since Spanish scientists asked to examine the contents of this Caribbean nation's most celebrated tomb to determine whether the centuries-old bones are actually those of Christopher Columbus.

They've been told yes, no and maybe. The protracted deliberation through two Dominican administrations has deepened suspicions that authorities here don't really want a definitive answer for fear that the mammoth limestone mausoleum they've built into a tourist draw isn't the bona fide resting place of the explorer.

Even those who favor letting modern science settle the matter are loath to concede that they might have invested millions in a case of mistaken identity.

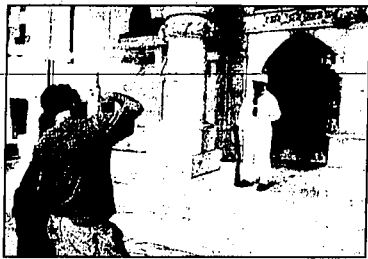
The researchers should have access. We firmly believe that the remains of Columbus are here. That should be proven once and for all to put an end to these polemic debates. Foreign Minister Carlos Morales Toro once said to the conflicting claims by Spain and the Dominican Republic to be in possession of the bones.

In June 2001, the Spanish team headed by forensic expert Jose Antonio Lorente gained unprecedented access to the crypts of the Spanish city of Seville long believed to contain the remains of Columbus. After extracting genetic material from finger bone fragments no larger than pins, the scientists sought to match the DNA samples with those taken from the bones of Columbus' brother, Diego, and other remains suspected to be from his son Hernando, both buried in Seville.

Cross-checking the genetic material proved inconclusive. The researchers, who had first sought access to the Dominican bones at the same time they opened the Spanish crypt, returned in June 2002, when the government in Santo Domingo, the Dominican capital, in October in hopes of finding more intact samples in the chest-like tomb that Dominicans believe holds Columbus' remains. Their request was rejected.

Confusion over which country their remains belong to has persisted for more than a century.

Columbus died May 20, 1506, in Valladolid, Spain, and was buried there despite having written in his last will and testament that he wanted to be interred in his beloved Hispaniola, the name he gave to the island now shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, when he first saw it in 1492. At the time of his death, no site



CHRIS J. WILLIAMS/Los Angeles Times

A guard stands before a chest that Dominicans say holds Christopher Columbus' bones. Hoasty schoolchildren and foreigners visit the Faro a Colon lighthouse mausoleum.

was deemed worthy of hosting the "admiral of the world's oceans."

In 1537, Maria de Toledo, the widow of Columbus' eldest son, also named Diego, sailed here with her husband's remains and those of the disinterred explorer. Both were entombed at the newly completed cathedral here, where they remained until Spain ceded Hispaniola to France in 1763.

This his purported journey back to Spain began. A royal Spanish delegation came to evacuate national treasures and moved what thought were the Columbus crypts to Havana, then the center of Spain's colonial dominion. When Cuba won independence in 1898, the remains were relocated to the cathedral of Seville.

Meanwhile, during 1877 renovations at the cathedral here, workers discovered an unmarked metal trunk hidden behind a wall, inside were the bones of a tall person and an inscription: "The Illustrious and Distinguished—Baron, Don Cristobal Colon," the Spanish name of the intrepid explorer.

Keepers of the Columbus legacy insist that the Spaniards took the wrong tomb in their haste to get away ahead of the French takeover. To protect against pirates and invaders who plundered Caribbean ports during the colonial era, they say, priests at the cathedral here had scabbled off identifying marks from the coffins of the colony's founders.

Their is a ample evidence established in studies done by archeologists that there was confusion about what was transported from Santo Domingo," said Sulimata Puig—the Culture Ministry official charged with granting access to international investigators.

"The real tomb was left here. We are not mistaken." She said she had decided to put forensic expert Lorente's petition on hold until more

grounds to expect a conclusive outcome," she said.

Before a change in the Dominican government last year, the Spanish researchers were told they could examine the remains here once the Seville tests were concluded. A Feb. 15 date was set by a now defunct commission. In late January, Puig's office announced that more discussions would be necessary before the crypt could be opened.

There were a lot of misunderstandings about what could be done," Puig said of the flip-flop. She said only a visual investigation had been authorized whereas the Spaniards were expecting to be able to collect DNA samples.

Spain's ambassador here, Maria Jesus Figa Lopez, declined to intervene with a formal government request for access.

The absence of official backing means that Dominican authorities have no guarantee the work will be conducted as agreed, Dominican government spokesman Roberto Rodriguez Marchena said.

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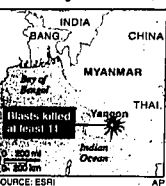
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Explosions blamed on ethnic rebels

A series of explosions tore through two crowded supermarkets and a convention center in quick succession in Yangon, killing at least 11 people and wounding more than 160.



Explosions hit markets in Myanmar

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Explosions blamed on ethnic rebels tore through two crowded supermarkets and a convention center in quick succession in Myanmar's capital on Saturday, killing at least 11 people and wounding more than 160, state television reported.

The blasts occurred over a 10-minute period starting in the afternoon at the convention center in western Yangon, where a market fair was being held, then at two City Mart supermarkets in northern sections of the city.

State television blamed several ethnic rebel groups, including the Karen National Union and the Shan State Army, for the attacks. It said the rebels targeted "terrorists" who were acting "with the objective of disrupting stability and tranquility."

A total of 11 people were killed and 162 wounded but did not provide a breakdown for the blasts, which came less than two weeks after a purported rebel bombing at a market in the northern city of Mandalay that killed two women and wounded 158 people.

Television footage showed extensive damage at the bombing sites on Saturday, including charred storefronts, twisted metal and blood-spattered floors, while an official warned the public to remain alert in case of further attacks.

Authorities also shut down markets across the capital because of security concerns after the explosions and that Prime Minister Thein Shinawara told Thai citizens in Yangon to prepare for evacuation on a military flight due to arrive from Bangkok on Sunday.

At least three people from Myanmar — a Buddhist monk, a state man and a woman — were killed and many others wounded in the explosion at the convention center in western Yangon, a security official said on condition of anonymity.

Nobel laureate resigns as head of Irish party

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Nobel Peace Prize laureate David Trimble, a key backer of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord, said Saturday he will resign as Ulster Unionist Party leader after losing a decade-long battle to steer fellow Protestants toward compromise with Roman Catholics.

Trimble's decision to quit followed the Ulster Unionists' worst-ever performance in British parliamentary elections last Thursday.

The party that once dominated politics in this predominantly Protestant territory retained just one of Northern Ireland's 18 seats — and the highest-profile loser was Trimble himself.

In a statement issued by Ulster Unionist headquarters in Belfast, the 60-year-old Trimble said he told senior party colleagues "I do not wish to continue as leader."

The Ulster Unionists declined to say when Trimble's resignation would take effect or when its grass-roots council would name a successor.

Trimble's most likely successors are suffering from their own defeats Thursday versus the hard-line Democratic Unionist Party, which has mobilized growing Protestant hostility to the 1998 accord and Trimble's long-phased support for it.

Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty grows even weaker

Will it be fixed?

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press correspondent

UNITED NATIONS — "Considering the devastation that would be visited upon mankind..." is how it begins, a 2,400-word contract some would say saved the world.

The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty has helped keep the lid on that threat of devastation since 1970. Without it, dozens more countries might have joined the atomic-weapons club by now.

But the heart of the contract, the deal, grows weaker year by year. Cheaters are found on the inside, nuclear bombs on the outside, and some of the "un-desired" themselves wonder whether the deal they were handed 35 years ago was a raw one.

Kofi Annan last week opened a monthlong conference on the NPT with an appeal to its 188 member nations to repair the troubled treaty regime. "You must come to terms with all the nuclear dangers that threaten humanity," the U.N. secretary-general said.

Those dangers lie not only in the Hamgyong Mountains, where North Korea may be readying its first nuclear test blast, and outside ancient Isfahan, where a long-secret uranium-fuel plant could help Iran build a bomb. Many see danger, too, in the corridors of the Pentagon, where planners talk of new nuclear arms.

The NPT deal is easily summed up: Countries without the doomsday weapons forever renounce them, in exchange for a commitment by five with the weapons — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China — to negotiate toward giving them up. The "have-nots," meantime, are guaranteed access to nuclear technology for

Analysts

peaceful purposes. In an early blow to the treaty, three nations refused to sign. Those outsiders — Israel, India and Pakistan — now have nuclear arsenals.

Then insiders Iraq, North Korea and Libya turned out to be cheaters. Two of those programs — Iraq's and Libya's — were shut down, but now Washington charges that Iran is a fourth case of "noncompliance," building its uranium-enrichment plant with weapons in mind, not civilian energy.

Treaty members recognize that rules must be tightened up: U.N. nuclear inspectors must have more resources and authority to uncover cheaters; bomb-capable technology like uranium enrichment must be better controlled, even by U.N. or regional bodies; members must not be able to exit the treaty, as North Korea did, with no consequences.

The Americans and French, in particular, say these non-compliance issues must top the agenda of the NPT conference, convened only once every five years.

"The priority in 2005 is to meet the serious challenges of the proliferation crises," France's Francois Rivasseau told fellow delegates Thursday. But many of those delegates are pointing to the contract language and demanding that the live nuclear powers' obligations on the disarmament side of the deal be viewed as critically as the nonproliferation commitments of 183 others.

The "live don't act" as though they'll disarm anytime soon. Britain is studying an upgrade of its submarine-borne nuclear missiles. Russia boasts it's developing the world's best new

strategic weapons.

The non-nuclear majority is troubled most by the Bush administration, and its proposals for "banker busters" and other new warheads. Its talk of using nuclear weapons against non-nuclear states, and its rejection of the nuclear test-ban treaty, viewed as key to future disarmament.

Washington and Moscow have trimmed their arsenals considerably since the Cold War. But U.S. plans allow for keeping 5,000 warheads indefinitely, and the longer "indefinitely" goes on, the greater may be the urge for some — feeling threatened — to reach for the bomb.

Iran's foreign minister, reiterating Tehran's denial that it has a weapons program, called on the delegates here to press for more decisive steps to rid the world of the thousands of atomic warheads that do exist.

The credibility of the NPT is at stake, he said. "It is the credibility of the art that forged the grand bargain of 1970 was so far lacking in 2005. The central argument of non-proliferation vs. disarmament, deteriorated last week into backroom bickering over diplomatic language, the means of words."

Despite Annan's admonition that "the consequences of failure are too great," the world's nations, with one week down and three to go, had failed even to agree on an agenda, on what to talk about at a conference meant to preserve their historic but imperiled deal.

Charles J. Hanley has covered nuclear issues for more than 20 years.

Oil-for-food probe chief wants subpoenas dropped

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The chief of the U.N. oil-for-food probe accused Congress of jeopardizing his work and asked a House committee to return secret documents, saying the lives of some witnesses could be at stake. But the Republican lawmaker who heads the committee promptly refused.

Former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker is seeking to dampen controversy over recent claims by Robert Faron, a former FBI agent who quit the U.N. probe in 2001.

Volcker's inquiry played down evidence that incriminated Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

At a news conference Friday, Volcker reiterated that there simply was never enough evidence to prove that Annan influenced the awarding of an oil-for-food contract to the Swiss company that employed his son, Kojo Annan. But he again insisted that his committee finding was not the exonerator that Kofi Annan claimed it was.

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EDITORIAL

Questions on Sempra plan deserve firm's full attention

Get ready for the mother of all show downs. The battle over clean air, water rights and abundant electricity is unfolding on your doorstep.

Sempra Generation, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy in San Diego, Calif., announced last week that it has chosen Jerome County as the spot to build a \$1 billion, 600 megawatt coal-fired power plant.

Sempra can make its case for clean air. But its scientific data don't show how emissions will meet or go below federal and state clean air requirements, not to mention how its technology compares to other emissions from plants in other states.

What about water? — Sempra has a demand for 7,600 acre-feet of water per year, not a large amount by most measures. But the purchase will require a water transfer approval by the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that may spark opposition from other water users.

Our view: Sempra

Energy must satisfy public concerns if it's to build a coal-fired power plant in Jerome County. We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

What would constitute a change in nature of use, and could make it subject to local public interest protests. As former Kimberley Sel Laird, Noh points out, Idaho's Constitution gives the state authority to regulate and limit the use of water streams for power purposes.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, that provision could produce a significant obstacle.

"There will be so many protests, I don't see the DWR director granting the transfer with all the water calls going on," he said. "Jerome is not the best place. In the world as far as proximity to spring users."

Who gets the electricity? Sempra says its 600-megawatt (one megawatt is enough to power 1,000 homes) would go to Idaho, Utah, Nevada and elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest. But because it is a deregulated, wholesale power producer, Sempra is subject to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and not the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

So there's nothing requiring it to sell to local power markets. Idaho Power, which provides most of the power to Idaho homes, has the option of buying coal-fired electricity and Sempra has the option of selling it. But there's no guarantee that power produced in Idaho will go into local homes.

Sempra Energy may be a Fortune 500 company that pulls in over \$9 billion in annual revenue. But unless it makes a convincing case on those environmental and consumer issues, its application will be met with opposition.

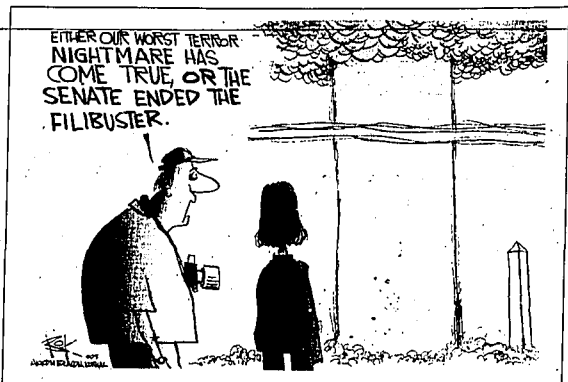
The Senate returns to work this week facing a calamity that is not yet an inevitability. The partisan dispute over the confirmation of President Bush's judicial appointments could be headed for the "nuclear option," which would likely curtail the Senate's ability to legislate seriously on any of the pressing issues on the national agenda.



DAVID BRODER

Barring a compromise, Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist has locked himself into a position of seeking a parliamentary ruling that would allow Republicans, by majority vote, to suspend the minority Democrats' right to filibuster any more judgeships. Democrats in Congress used the threat of endless debate to block 10 Bush appointees to the circuit court benches one step below the Supreme Court. Bush has resubmitted seven of those names and is pressing Frist to bar the filibuster and allow them to be confirmed by a simple majority, an asterisk that the 60 votes needed to stop a filibuster. If that happens, Democrats say they will stop all other measures on Bush's legislative wish list.

Both sides offered their versions of a compromise before the Senate took a recess to let tempers cool. Democratic Minority Leader Harry Reid said his party would give a pass to Bush's nominees if the Democrats agreed to let tempers cool. Democratic Minority Leader Harry Reid said his party would give a pass to Bush's nominees if the Democrats agreed to let tempers cool. Democratic Minority Leader Harry Reid said his party would give a pass to Bush's nominees if the Democrats agreed to let tempers cool.



Supreme Court nomination. "He can't make that promise," Manley told me.

Frist not unexpectedly rejected Reid's offer, saying that Bush believes all his judges deserve an up-or-down vote. Frist, in turn, outlined his own proposal, which was a bit more complex. In return for the Democrats accepting a ban on judicial filibusters, Frist offered to guarantee up to 100 hours of floor debate on each court appointment for the seven disputed circuit judgeships and see what happens when they are examined carefully in extended debate on their individual merits. Democrats should not commit now to abandoning their right to filibuster a future Supreme Court nominee. Frist should concede on that point.

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it cannot be made in 100 hours of floor debate. What Reid is really saying is that he does not trust the majority of senators of both parties to weigh the merits of these judges after hearing all the arguments, pro and con, for their confirmation.

I think that distrust is unjustified. I believe that the centrist senators — the moderate Democrats and Republicans who hold the balance of power in the Senate — will give due deference to the president's selections for the bench but exercise their own judgments on these jurists' fitness for these lifetime appointments.

But Frist's suggestion offers a way to test that confidence. Democrats should accept the Frist proposal for the seven disputed circuit judgeships and see what happens when they are examined carefully in extended debate on their individual merits. Democrats should not commit now to abandoning their right to filibuster a future Supreme Court nominee. Frist should concede on that point.

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or change the ground rules for considering such a nomination. The possibility of a filibuster could help steer Bush away from a highly controversial or ideological choice. We might see the pending circuit court judgeships could serve as test cases for the Senate's ability to look beyond partisanship and weigh these jurists on their merits.

If everyone voted on party lines on every one of the seven appointments, then there might be no escape from the destructive potential of the "nuclear option." But I think the Senate is better than that. I think that senators deserve a chance to demonstrate that they can meet their constitutional duty to share with the president the task of staffing the third branch of government.

If Frist has confidence in his colleagues, he will welcome such an experiment. And if the Democrats are prudent, they will withhold the threat of a filibuster and let the first 100-hour judicial nomination debate begin.

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Call her genius, brilliant, and a mother

Just in time for Mother's Day, there's a new book out on what most moms wish for but know less about: Motherhood has a profound effect on ... the brain. In "The Mommy Brain: How Motherhood Changes the Brain," author Katherine Ellison describes current research on the maternal gray matter, which increases in volume and changes the physiology of the brain, promoting growth and new skills. (This can't tell you, is genetic.) For women who's required to do 20 things for other humans at the same time, all the time, even when in the bathroom.

Well, says six children. I should be Einstein by now — but this prompts the question, "If you're so smart, why did you have so many kids?" And further, there are mothers of only one child somewhat less on the ball than moms of multiples? How about adoptive moms? What about the brilliant single women, like my sister, who are bright and funny without the plus-factor of children? I'd ask about fathers, too, but like other mothers, I know the answer to that one.

Like so many things in science, the research starts with rats — in this case, mommy rats. According to Ellison's book, neuroscientists have found that when rats are pregnant, the dendritic spines in their brains grow rapidly, creating the architecture for new synapses — and this is true for the rest of their lives. But does anybody think that maybe this happens so the rats can find more food or a safe trash can?

Normally, I'd be inclined to question a study that relies on dissected rat brains to inform me about mine. But admit that when it suits me, I'll accept studies based on anything. And news that this more-than-full-time job I've had for 15 years (make that 67, the sum of my children's ages) has actually given me a sort of permanent thinking cap? I'll take it. In fact, I use it the next time one of my kids asks why something

JANICE LYNCH SCHUSTER

must be so: Not because I say so, but because I know so. In some ways, I am smarter than the average mortal, or at least the mortal I was before motherhood became me. My smarts stem from sheer survival instincts or the

When the kids were babies, staying smarter than them was easy, like making bottles before I went to bed and putting latches on both sides of every door in the house (keep them in, keep them out and keep my sanity). In fact, it may have been the average mortal's dithering and singing that classic tune about PB&J ("Peanut, peanut butter, and jelly, and jelly") that morphed my dendrites into a synaptic superpower.

My kids point to ways in which I am smarter than they have ever dreamed. For instance, I can take any piece of meat and make it taste like chicken — on good days, I can even make everything taste like a chicken nugget. I know even in my sleep, the location of every tennis shoe, flip-flop, soccer cleat and shin guard in this house. I know what my paper due date and when's due date

My children's mother had made her smart money and I agreed that of course it had. But then, she said, all her kids moved out, and she's just let the old brain atrophy. I'm really looking forward to that.

The author lives in in River, MD.

having finished it. I know who has eaten the last of my diet ice cream, and who (really) jumped off the deck into the swimming pool just to see how high he could bounce. And I have been known to play a strategic game of hide-and-seek with the less drive of Dale Earnhardt Jr. in a NASCAR race.

I have survived years of living with no privacy, of hiding snacks and goodies in increasingly absurd places throughout my home, of cooking a turkey on Monday and eating it just last Friday. I can get a 3-year-old to potty-train himself, and a 15-year-old to admit that he is not ready to drive, and the mark of a smart woman, I don't know what is.

I asked my mother if she thought motherhood had made her smarter and she agreed that of course it had. But then, she said, all her kids moved out, and she's just let the old brain atrophy. I'm really looking forward to that.

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Learn from painful lesson of a lost pet

Saturday morning (April 30), my beloved dog, Scooby, was struck by a truck and died within minutes. I am very thankful that he did not suffer long and that I was able to hold him until the end.

I would like to thank the man driving the truck for stopping. If he had not hit me, there was no way you could have avoided him. Scooby was a very fast and small dog. I do appreciate how fast he stopped and offered to help me.

I would also like to warn other dog owners to pay attention to their pets. Scooby stopped to pull a weed for a split second. That second would haunt me for a very long time. If you have dogs, please keep them fenced or on a leash, especially if you live on a busy street like ours. It only takes a second for tragedy to happen.

Scoby will be missed, deeply.

ANGEL JEWELL Twin Falls

Elko County has long-owned Jarbidge Road

Just in spending of the Forest Service, under the supervision of Bob Vaughn, to allow Elko County Limited use of a 1.2-mile easement on Jarbidge Road that is, without a doubt, the property of Elko County?

Then, with another magnificent stroke of his pen, he decrees that the last four tenths of a mile on the route to the outhouse is suitable for hiking or equestrian trail. Bob did it again, a clear a doubt, but it's OK if horses and bikers use it too.

The facts in the case don't support the intrusion of the Forest Service into Elko County road business. The Jarbidge South Canyon Road was a highway by 19th century standards,

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which connected Jarbidge to the Jarbidge River Basin and Deeth, a center of commerce and supplies for the miners in Jarbidge, being next to the railroad.

The Jarbidge to Deeth highway was built and maintained by the people who used it, but did not make it any less of a county road of Jarbidge and been built by Elko County.

The Jarbidge to Deeth highway played prominently in the development of Jarbidge as a mining town by providing a way for pack trains to haul equipment, supplies and foodstuffs to the Jarbidge community.

A Nevada statute adopted on March 9, 1866, gave to the county the ownership of and authority to construct roads and highways as necessary. The Jarbidge-Deeth-South Canyon road falls into that category.

Elgo: the South Canyon Road is the exclusive property of Elko County with no connection to the U.S. Forest Service; hence, the Forest Service has nothing to do about the repair and maintenance of the road.

So why does the Forest Service continue to intrude in Elko County roads? I don't believe, "just because it can," it is the 800-pound gorilla on the block, and dating back to Gloria Fiers, environmentalists saw an opportunity to capture several thousand acres of "de-facto wilderness" by closing an Elko County road.

Ownership means nothing to the United States, who has the money and clout to bully a county into submission. However, facts are facts, and I do not recognize any claim of authority or ownership by the Forest Service on the South Canyon Road because none exists.

O.Q. CHRIS JOHNSON Elko, Nev.

LETTERS

Facts show Wal-Mart is a real job killer

With regard to Kimberly Palmer's letter in support of Wal-Mart moving to Twin Falls (May 2); Ms. Palmer, one of the key points you make is your letter is that Wal-Mart creates jobs that we must be crazy not to want Wal-Mart because of this.

Wal-Mart has single-handedly become the biggest contributor to overseas outsourcing in the entire United States.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, for every new job Wal-Mart creates, 1.5 jobs are lost elsewhere. In fact, 90 percent of these jobs are lost as companies are forced to move overseas to meet Wal-Mart's demands. Don't believe me? Currently, 70 percent of all Wal-Mart products are imported from Communist China. A study of these manufacturers that showed Wal-Mart's demand for a mean hourly wage to be 25 to 30 cents an hour. For every 1,000 jobs Wal-Mart creates, we lose 1,500 employees. You state that Wal-Mart creates jobs that are entirely false and, in fact, is opposite of the truth.

Don't you find it ironic that the state of Florida recently found that Wal-Mart, which received millions upon millions of tax dollars (exactly \$50 million) to subsidize expansion there, is the largest drain on the state's Medicaid system? According to the Florida Department of Children and Families, Wal-Mart has more employees forced onto state subsidies than any other employer in Florida (American Business Journal, April 15, 2005). You might also read the report written by the consumer watchdog group "Good Jobs First" based in Washington, D.C., titled "Method for Subsidies: How Wal-Mart Uses Taxpayer Dollars to Finance Growth." The U.S. House Committee on Employment states that at least one-third — or more than 1,000 Wal-Mart stores — were subsidized by you and I. I wonder if saving a buck on one of its items made in China makes up for that?

One last thing to ponder. You also forgot to mention that full-time employees of Wal-Mart must wait six months for health benefits while part-time employees must wait two years.

This is compared to the national average of 1.5 months. Even then, Wal-Mart employees pay 12 percent of their health pre-

mium compared with the national average of 16 percent.

So Ms. Palmer, call me crazy, but I cannot get too excited about Wal-Mart on any level.
KIM LEWIS
Twin Falls

Stores can't compete with one-stop Wal-Mart

In response to a letter in the May 2 paper by Kimberly Palmer concerning Wal-Mart coming to Twin Falls:

You think Twin Falls needs a Wal-Mart. Are you crazy? Do you know how many businesses will be without customers because of a one-stop shop? Do you realize most of the employees working at Wal-Mart will qualify for welfare, food stamps and Medicare? Good jobs?

Small businesses leaving town has nothing to do with Wal-Mart's so-called low prices. They leave because they cannot compete with one-stop-shop stores. They can't compete be-

cause you don't want to get out of your car more than once a day.

People like you who have this one-stop-shop attitude are ruining other towns like yours with a Wal-Mart.
CINDY HAWKER
Heyburn

Dismissing an embryo's traits lacks real logic

A recent letter from Mr. Hartley argued that human embryos lack the characteristics to have a "life." I will quote from his letter with a minor substitution.

"First, I would title the letter '1-year-old children lack full... characteristics of life,' then I would quote thusly: "Does a 1-year-old child have all of these characteristics? Can the 1-year-old child be called a life precreated? Protect itself? Ingest on its own? Compete for food or sexual opportunity? Can the 1-year-old child be called a life

if it is missing any of these characteristics of life? The 1-year-old child is certainly not a life if for some failure of nature it is missing the growth characteristic."

Obviously, there are other substitutions that would apply toward Mr. Hartley's logic; for example, infirm, handicapped, infertile, aged, etc. Viability is probably the most plentiful method to define humanness. Don't get me wrong; I'm not entirely opposed to abortion. I think I could support retroactive abortions for those who believe in it.

You see, Mr. Hartley, you didn't come from an embryo — you were an embryo.
JOHN COX
Twin Falls


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Fill out the attached 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.

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WORLD

Group says priest wasn't a spy

Dominican order chides Polish priest for talking 'loosely'



Rev. Maciej Zieba

head of the Dominican order in Poland, had harsh words for the Polish institute that made the accusations against the Rev. Konrad Stanislaw Hejmo, who also is Dominican, saying the accusations were made out of context.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A priest accused of spying for Poland's communist government while he was close to Pope John Paul II's entourage spoke too loosely about the inner workings of the Vatican but was not informed of the Roman Catholic official investigating the allegations said Saturday.

The Rev. Maciej Zieba, who is

Poland's National Remembrance Institute, which guards communist-era police files, accused the priest of collaborating with Polish secret services when the nation was under communist rule.

In predominantly Roman Catholic Poland, where John Paul was revered as a hero, the accusations against Hejmo stunned many.

The Polish-born John Paul, elected pope in 1978, would have been of great interest to the communist secret police because of his role in inspiring the Solidarity trade union op-

position to the communist government, which collapsed in 1989.

Throughout the late John Paul's papacy, Hejmo, a conspicuous figure in his white Dominican robes, was seen accompanying Polish pilgrims at the Vatican. He was close to the papal entourage, although not part of John Paul's inner circle.

Hejmo, 69, has acknowledged sharing reports that he wrote for Polish church officials with an acquaintance, a Pole who lived in Germany, and said he received money from the man through other priests.

U.S. says Indonesia must cooperate in probe

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia must do more to pursue justice in the shooting deaths of two American schoolteachers three years ago before Washington can agree to restore military ties with Indonesia, a senior U.S. diplomat said Saturday.

Washington banned military ties with Indonesia in 1999 after Indonesian troops devastated the province of East Timor following a U.N.-organized

independence referendum. But the Bush administration now wants to resume full ties with Indonesia's military, which it views as a bulwark against Islamic militancy in the world's most populous Muslim nation.

In February, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice lifted restrictions on Jakarta's participation in the Pentagon's International Military Education and Training program.

Robert Zoellick described the \$600,000 program as "very limited."

"For us to do more, we need more progress in terms of that investigation," he said.

Zoellick said Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and other top officials had agreed to cooperate fully in the investigation of the ambush in which eight other Americans — including a 6-year-old child — were injured.

Al-Jazeera gives voice to reformers

The Washington Post

DOHA, Qatar — From its headquarters dispersed among cramped trailers, air-conditioned tents and a squat box of a building on a dusty lot crawling with stray cats, an unlikely ally has emerged in this desert capital for the Bush administration's new Middle East democracy campaign — al-Jazeera.

The Arab world's most-watched satellite channel has been reviled in Washington ever since it began airing Osama bin Laden tapes and footage of insurgent strikes on U.S. troops in Iraq.

Yet as the Bush administration struggles to design a public diplomacy program for its democracy campaign, al-Jazeera has become a leading vehicle for the region's budding reform movements.

Arab and U.S. analysts say the network helps give voice to the reformers. In January, it saturated the airwaves with coverage of the Palestinian and Iraqi elections.

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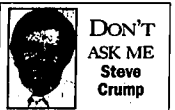
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DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

When God and a district judge are watching you try to stay awake that's when the issue arises because I've just been summoned for jury duty, and I remember my last experience as a juror six years ago. I was suffering at the time from a condition called sleep apnea, which is a disorder that wakes you up several times a night, prevents you from getting back to sleep, and generally causes you to walk around like a zombie during the day.

Now imagine yourself sitting with 200 other potential jurors in an overheated courtroom for two or three hours at a stretch, listening to lawyers ask the same questions to other prospective jurors. Over and over and over ...

It's true that everybody knows tricks for staying awake, but almost none of them work in a courtroom. You can't exactly slap yourself in the face, sing "Swainway to Heaven" at the top of your lungs, or get up and wander around the courtroom. About all that's left is jabbing an open safety pin in the back of your leg and repeating to yourself, "I WILL NOT fall asleep."

It's certain that if you do fall asleep, everybody will know it. One of the hallmarks of sleep apnea is loud and insistent snoring. And you don't have to be lying in bed to do it.

Just permit your eyes to snap shut — for two seconds, even if you're sitting upright in a pew — and you'll go off like a chain-saw burning jet fuel.

That would be, um, disruptive. About all that's left is jabbing an open safety pin in the back of your leg and repeating to yourself, "I WILL NOT fall asleep."

High nitrate levels found near Bliss

By Heather Pilkinton
Times-News correspondent

BLISS — A Bliss aquifer tied into Walker and Butler creeks is showing high levels of nitrates. The aquifer possesses two water depths.

Thompson. The lower depth does not seem to be affected. "We are working with landowners to determine the cause of the nitrates," Thompson said. Thompson explained that the land around the watershed is in a hay, grain and potato rotation, and all of the irrigation systems are current. Thompson also said that wells are being monitored for the nitrates, but so many of the wells are so deep, they probably aren't being affected.

"Some people have drilled down to 350 feet," Thompson said. The conservation district is monitoring water and fertilizer applications, as well as five to eight years of well logs. In order to complete nitrate study, the Gooding Soil Conservation District received a 319 Clean Water Grant from the Department of Environmental Quality in conjunction with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Because of the grant, which spends \$52,000 over three years, the Gooding Soil Conservation District was able to hire a part-time technician, said representative Nan Reedy. Reedy also said that the watershed project was just one of many the conservation district was working on. "State agencies recognize the area because of the conservation districts," Reedy said. The conservation district, which was founded during the Dust Bowl era of the 1930s, was

formed to promote cooperation with the federal government on environmental issues like the watershed project. "This allows for local control on the direction of the work we do, as well as recommendations on the work that needs to be done," Reedy said.

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AFTER THE STORM



ARCE VALAR/PHOTO NEWS

Severe weather Thursday night uprooted several trees at this home northeast of Jerome. The weather service received reports of a tornado in Jerome but was unable to confirm the sightings. Two touched down in Carey the same night.

Weather calms down for Mother's Day

JEROME — Mother Nature should provide mothers around Magic Valley with a brief interlude from the wacky weather that has gripped much of the region the past few days. "It's going to get better for a day," said Les Colin, lead forecaster for the National Weather Service. In an interview with The Times-News Saturday afternoon.

Since Thursday, different spots in the valley have witnessed tornados, strong winds and heavy rains. Two tornados touched down in Carey on Thursday night; the weather service also received reports of a tornado in Jerome on Thursday but hasn't been able to confirm the sightings, Colin said. On Saturday, Jerome saw wind gusts from the West of between 20 and 35 mph.

The Mini-Cassia region again got the largest amount of rain in the Magic Valley, Colin said. In roughly 24 hours, half an inch of rain dropped on Burley with 21 inches of that total falling within an hour. "It started out as a thunderstorm and ended up in a downpour," Colin said. But, that should all change for Mother's Day. The Magic Valley can expect partly cloudy skies today with a high of 66 degrees, Colin said. He predicts a 50 percent chance of rain for this evening.

By Monday, the likelihood of rain increases to 70 percent with a high temperature forecasted for 61 degrees. "Late Monday, you'll see a storm with gusty winds," Colin said. Recent stormy weather hasn't led to many power outages in the area, said Anne Aleksis, a spokeswoman for Idaho Power. Only two outages in the last two days have been weather-related. About 166 customers lost power between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday; 14 customers were without electricity in Hazelton for a little less than two hours. "It's been really quiet," Aleksis said.

Magic Valley Regional plans open house

Hospital celebrates National Hospital Week with event

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Hospital is celebrating National Hospital Week with an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday north of the Addison Avenue location near the emergency room entrance. The open house will feature more than a dozen health care information booths, guided tours, heart-healthy refreshments and demonstrations. Chief Executive Officer John Kee will give a brief welcome at 4 p.m. followed by a Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting to officially open the celebration and begin guided tours of the cardiac cath lab, the bionic patient SimMan, the LifeFlight helicopter and the hospital's new ambulances.

Other highlights: • Defibrillator demonstration: Learn about the program that has placed 35 automatic external defibrillators in the hands of Twin Falls County first responders. • This cooperative effort of sheriffs, police, the Fire Department, local QRUs and the Magic Valley Paramedics will save lives by responding to cardiac arrest victims while time is on their side, said Mariys Massey, the hospital's director of critical care. • HeartAdvantage update: Hear an update of the HeartAdvantage Cardiac Risk Screening Initiative. After two years, the outcomes of an estimated 3,000 free cardiac risk assessments are very encouraging, according to the hospital's director of critical care. • HeartAdvantage participants, both men and women, who were identified at high or moderate risk of heart disease, 44 percent have decreased their risks by adopting more heart-healthy behaviors, the news release said.

• Summer safety display: Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition is featuring a summer safety display just in time for parents and children to gear up for warm-weather activities. Parents and children can talk with uniformed paramedics, the LifeFlight helicopter crew, police officers and firefighters. • Special toy drive: The open house will be a donation site for the "Touch A Little Heart" toy drive. Emergency physicians and staff are asking for help to bring a smile to the faces of their tiniest patients by donating stuffed animals or other small, new toys at the event. For more information, or if you or your business would like to donate to this cause, call Magic Valley Regional at 731-2807.

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Motorcyclists rally for safety in parade, ceremony

Group rides to Boise as part of a Motorcycle Awareness Rally

By Del E. Hansen
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Rain, wind and cold did not deter Twin Falls Mayor Glenda Thompson nor nearby motorcycle riders from a parade and ceremony Saturday.

Nearly 50 motorcycles gathered at TJ's Products on Kimberly Road during the morning to prepare for a ride to Boise as part of a Motorcycle Awareness Rally at the State House. Twin Falls riders planned to meet other riders from around

the state at Lucky Peak and ride to the capital. After coffee and donuts, Mayor Thompson read her proclamation. It proclaims May as Motorcycle Month. The riders began the trek to Boise with a parade on Blue Lakes, which was escorted to the bridge by motor officers. Officers with the Twin Falls Police Department and Twin Falls Sheriff's Department were in attendance for the ride sup-

porting safety awareness for riders. Organizers included Brenda Boulton of the Idaho Coalition of Motorcycle Safety and Jerry Morton, president of the local chapter of the Idaho Motorcycle Club. Merle Thorpe, chapter president of the Christian Motorcycle Association, provided spiritual leadership in prayer asking for a safe ride. Clubs represented were the Idaho Motorcycle Club, Idaho

Coalition of Motorcycle Safety, Snake River Bros. Christian Motorcycle Association, PGM/MA, Blue Knights, and Hogs. Motorcyclists rally to increase awareness of safety. Idaho has the lowest fatality rate in the nation for accidents involving motorcycles, said Ron Shepard, coordinator of motorcycle safety education for the state Department of Education.

Gooding celebrates Founder's Day

By Heather Pilkinton
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Residents in Gooding didn't let the wind or the weather stop them from attending the ninth annual Founder's Day celebration. Founder's Day was started as a way to celebrate Gooding, said Gooding County Historical Society President Sharon Cheney.

A quilt and art show at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center highlighted the day. The show featured quilts made by members of the Wood River Quilt Guild. "We're happy the quilt agreed to do this show," Cheney said. Half of the proceeds from the show will go to the Historical Society to fund a new museum, said Billie Kochert, secretary/treasurer of the guild. Currently, there is \$65,000 in the fund, thanks in part to an unexpected contribution received in April.

"That board is not correct," remarked Cheney, pointing to the funds thermometer marked at \$50,000. "Someone anonymously donated \$15,000." In addition to the quilts, there were several other items on display, including sketches and a quilted jacket.

There also was the opportunity to purchase tickets for a quilt, which will be raffled off at the Gooding County Fair in August. Society members had constructed a tribute to the men and women who served in the armed forces from 1914 to 1945, and the show included a special remembrance to Capt. Alan Blake Howe, who was killed last September.

All along the parade route, kids bundled in coats and clutching plastic sacks waited patiently for the parade and all the candy that would come with it. Parents munched on kettle corn purchased from a local vendor. "I like the kettle corn," said Kochert. "It isn't too sweet." The parade consisted of a color guard, two propane trucks, and an impressive line of classic cars. And lots and lots of candy. "I want candy," said 3-year-old Anthony, who couldn't quite pronounce his last name, but who had no problem hugging his bulging plastic sack. "It's good."

The parade only lasted about 10 minutes, leading one spectator to comment that it was definitely a typical Gooding parade.

Times-News correspondent Heather Pilkinton covers issues in Gooding County. She can be reached at hpilkinton@emsn.com.

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Doug Vielguth

BELLEVUE — Doug Vielguth, 55, of Bellevue, passed away Friday, April 29, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Doug was born in Watsonville, Calif., July 17, 1949, to parents Arthur Vielguth and LaFene (Smith) Vielguth. Doug attended school in California but moved to Idaho during high school and graduated from Gooding High School. Shortly after high school, he attended tech school and became a certified welder. More recently, he completed several courses at the College of Southern Idaho.

Doug loved to work. Prior to

his death, he was employed as a truck driver for Anderson Asphalt Paving. In his spare time, he enjoyed carving leather and spending time with family and his constant companion "Tart" the cat in his earlier years. Doug was a passionate Harley-Davidson motorcycle owner and rider. This brought him great pleasure and a true sense of freedom.

Surviving Doug are his children, Christine LaFene (Matt) Corona of Santa Rosa, Calif., Douglas Arthur Vielguth Jr. of Stockton, Calif., Shondra and Shannon Vielguth of Lake County, Calif., brother, John (Jan) Vielguth of Houston,

Texas; sister, Cheryl (Dale) Siver of Bellevue, Idaho; nephews and nieces, John (Sharon) Vielguth of Birmingham, Ala.; Doug (Kristi) Kulhanek of Bellevue, Idaho; Stanley (Jeremy) Ihler of Twin Falls, Idaho; and stepmother, Ora Vielguth of Jerome, Idaho. Doug is also survived by his only grandchild, Kallee Corona, whom he adored and cherished. She always held a special place in his heart.

Services were held for Doug on Monday, May 2, at the Bellevue Cemetery. A fund in memory of Doug Vielguth has been established for Kallee Corona, his granddaughter, at Wells Fargo Bank.

Glen Edward Stroud



PASCO, Wash. — Glen Edward Stroud, 75, died suddenly Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at Kallie Medical Center in Richland, Wash.

Glen was born July 8, 1929, in Idaho, to Leslie and Elizabeth Stroud. On May 28, 1948, he married his sweetheart, MaryLou Roberts, in Twin Falls, Idaho. They moved to the Tri Cities in 1949 and have remained here since. Glen was the owner and operator of Northside Auto Service in Pasco, Wash., until 1993 when he retired to take care of MaryLou in her illness.

Glen was an active member and past president of the Golumba Basin Shrine Club and dedicated his life to helping children through the Shrine's Hospital. He worked tirelessly to raise money to help children in need of medical care, selling raffle tickets to almost every fair he came across. He had to transport children and their families to the Shrine's hospital when they had no other transportation.

Daniel Stroud and wife, Sheila, Nor Stroud and wife, Susan, Steve Stroud and wife, Chris; and his daughter, Lucinda Stroud and close friend, Darren Edelein; eight grandchildren; two grandsons; 10 great-grandchildren; close friend, Margaret Gilron; his brothers in the Shrine; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2005, at Mueller's Greenlee Funeral Home, 401 W. Court St., Pasco, WA. Burial will follow at City View Cemetery in Pasco. Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 8, 2005, at Mueller's Greenlee Funeral Home.

"God and Grandma have been waiting for you Grandpa," said his daughter, Danielle, great-granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be made to the Shrine's Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210.

Julie Dawn 'J D' Poulton



BURLEY — Julie Dawn Poulton, affectionately known by her family and friends as "J D' Poulton," died Friday, May 6, 2005, at her parents' home after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

J D was born June 1, 1960, at the Cottage Hospital in Burley, Idaho, to Robert L. "Bud" and Keta Masters Breeding. She received her education and was raised in Murtaugh. She married Larry Lynn Poulton on Aug. 28, 1978, in Burley, Idaho, where they have lived and made their home.

J D was a kind and compassionate woman and loved her family. She used her wonderful personality in serving others. She made a lifetime of friends at the place she worked including the Kimberly Nursing Home, the old A & W Root Beer Restaurant in Burley, and for the past 25 years, she has worked in the public eye at First Security Bank in Burley, that is now Wells Fargo Bank. At the time of her death, she was a lead teller.

J D was a young woman of many talents. She enjoyed

wood crafting, tatting, gardening, baking, and making cookies and candies. She loved her cats, was always the first to help others in their time of need, and was the last to leave the job. She enjoyed being with family and looked forward to family gatherings. She spent countless hours in making handmade gifts for her nieces and nephews and was known for hiding money in them as a special surprise.

J D also served the community in other ways. She was a

regular blood donor for the American Red Cross, was a team member for Relay for Life, and was a volunteer at the Community Health Fairs. Most important, she was a devoted wife, daughter, sister and friend.

She is survived by her loving and caring husband, Lynn Poulton of Burley; her parents, Bud and Keta Breeding of Heyburn; two sisters, Jodie (Kelly) Tesch of Twin Falls and Jeanette Olsen of Burley; three nephews, eight nieces; father, and mother-in-law, Keith and Vivian Poulton. She was preceded in death by her grandmothers, J.D. and Mary Breeding, and Victor and Thalia Masters.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the Burley West Sinks Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave., with Bishop Scott Bray officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Johnie Mae Loomis



BOISE — Johnie Mae Loomis, 86, of Boise, Idaho, passed away Friday, May 6, 2005, at a Boise care home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the Whites United Methodist Church, 3315 Overland Road, Boise. Private inurnment at Morris Hill Cemetery will be held at a later date. Services are under the direction Bowman Funeral, Garden City.

Johnie Mae was born in Bedford, Ky., on May 24, 1918, to John Parnell Holloway and Roberta L. Morgan Holloway. Her family moved to Montana where her father worked for the telephone company. She received her education in the Bozeman, Mont., school system and graduated from Billings Polytech Business Institute and attended Montana State. She married Donald Reese in Kingston, Idaho, in 1937 and two sons were born to them.

The Reese family moved to Ketchikan, Idaho, in 1955. Johnie Mae worked as a waitress in Ketchikan, Idaho, where she raised her two sons.

In October 1960, Johnie Mae married George Loomis Sr., a

prominent building contractor in the Ketchum-Sun Valley area. Together they built a successful and reputable construction company, Loomis Construction Company, in 1972. George and Johnie retired. They enjoyed homes in Hagerman, Twin Falls and Hialeah before settling in Boise in 1991.

Johnie and George enjoyed traveling to all parts of the world and especially enjoyed visiting every state in the USA. They were one of the "Snow Birds" wintering in Lake Havasu and Palm Desert, Johnie particularly enjoyed painting. She preferred oils and many of her paintings are shared with friends and family. Being a Montana and Idaho gal, she loved the mountains and sitting by a fresh mountain stream. She will be remembered by family and friends for her strong will, devotion to her family, always caring about her family.

Her beloved husband, George, died in 1999. She is survived by her sister, Rosemary Well in Billings, Mont.; and brother, Bruce Holloway in Las Vegas, Nev.; and her five sons, Ronald (Peggy) Reese in Sandpoint, Idaho, Rodney (Peggy, Holly) Reese of Boise, Idaho, George Loomis Jr. (Linda) of Hagerman, Idaho, Ned Loomis of Boise, Idaho, and Gary Loomis of Hialeah, Idaho. She is also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to call from 3 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at Bowman Funeral, a Memorial service may be made to the American Heart Association, care of Bowman Funeral, 5525 N. Claywood St., Garden City, ID 83714.

SERVICES

Stephen John "Steve" Dixon of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jerome Stake Center, 26 N. Tigger Drive; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln St., Jerome, one hour before the service at the church. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Ileda Orton formerly of Fairview, Utah, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Fairview Utah 4th Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Friends and family may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Norma Jean Killinger of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Stewart Winston Sparks of Carey, graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Carey Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Demary's Shoshone Chapel, 404 W. B St.

Elyse Elizabeth Holcomb of Hansen, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Kimberly Nazarene Church; viewing from 1 to 5 p.m. today at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Olin Ray Rytting of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Rodney B. Spackman of Gooding, Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church; interment will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Demary's Funeral Chapel.

Joyce B. Jay Throckmorton, formerly of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Douglas Porter Larson of Twin Falls and formerly of Smithfield, Utah, funeral at noon Tuesday at 600 E. 120 S., Smithfield. Viewing will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Nelson Funeral Home, 85 S. Main, Smithfield, and from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at 600 E. 120 S., Smithfield.

John Cecil Howell of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

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 Thursday: Donuts
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 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Tacos
 Tuesday: Turkey dinner
 Wednesday: Cheeseburgers
 Thursday: Spaghetti
 Friday: Taco salad

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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: Breakfast on a stick
 Tuesday: Donuts
 Wednesday: Breakfast pocket
 Thursday: Churros
 Friday: Yogurt
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Chicken or spicy chicken
 Tuesday: Nachos
 Wednesday: Turkey noodles
 Thursday: Pizza or cheese square
 Friday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or burrito

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Donuts
 Tuesday: French toast
 Wednesday: Bagels
 Thursday: Biscuits
 Friday: Scrambled eggs
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served daily.
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Enchiladas
 Thursday: Chicken burgers
 Friday: Beef and gravy

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Milk served daily.
 Monday: Taco nachos
 Tuesday: Hot dogs
 Wednesday: Ham and beans
 Thursday: Sloppy joes
 Friday: Bologna sandwich

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Monday: Turkey sandwich
 Tuesday: Bee bites
 Wednesday: Chicken patties
 Thursday: Hot dogs
 Friday: Sandwich wraps

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Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Cream of Wheat
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch Menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Hamburgers
 Tuesday: Chicken fajitas
 Wednesday: Chili
 Thursday: Snippy Joes
 Friday: Fish sticks

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup
 Wednesday: French toast
 Thursday: Spaghetti
 Friday: Italian sub sandwich

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Burritos
 Tuesday: Chicken fillet
 Wednesday: Nachos
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Chili

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Burritos
 Tuesday: Chicken fillet
 Wednesday: Nachos
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Deli sandwich

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Inmate's widow files \$1 million claim against county

RIGBY (AP) — An eastern Idaho woman has filed a \$1 million claim against Jefferson County, saying officials there caused her husband's death early this year by withholding proper medical

treatment. Inmate Roger Hunter, 49, died Jan. 22, five days after he wrote Magistrate Michael Kennedy requesting a transfer to State Hospital South in Blackfoot. The cause of his death

remains unclear. "I am (supposed) to get mental help so I can stop messing up," he wrote Jan. 17. "At least I could get the medicines I need to help me along, and maybe I'll be able to get myself straight-

ened out soon." Hunter's widow, Jennifer Hunter of Idaho Falls, is seeking \$1 million in damages from Jefferson County. She said her husband took medicine for depression.

Thousand more homes planned for Boise area

BOISE (AP) — More huge developments are being planned for Idaho's fastest-growing suburban area west of Boise.

Developers plan to build more than 1,000 homes on about 800 acres of farm and pasture lands between Star and Eagle.

Six new developments are either under construction or in the planning stages, including a 550-home golf and sponsored community and a 300-home subdivision.

If built, this cluster of developments could attract 3,000 new residents to Eagle, which will percent increase from the city's estimated population of more than 18,000, according to a regional planning agency.

"A lot of growth brings more traffic and kids to schools and more challenges," said Eagle Mayor Nancy Merrill. "We must be very careful and do it right."

Eagle already has annexed four of the six proposed developments and is in the process of annexing the other two.

Managing the planning growth is key for Weidon Fisher, who has lived in Eagle for 78 years. "Growth is going to happen. It has already started. You may not really approve of it, but you know it is there and you hope it is done in the best way possible," Fisher said. "It will certainly bring a lot of business and home building to Eagle and help the economy."

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Utah man dies in Iraq explosion

SALT LAKE CITY — A member of the Utah National Guard working for a private company in Iraq was killed Saturday, according to a news release from the governor's office.

Brandon Thomas, 27, was employed by a private contractor and was providing security for contractors and was riding in a convoy of three vehicles struck by suicide car bombers.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman told the Associated Press that at least 22 people were killed in the explosion, including two Amer-

icans. Three Americans were reportedly injured and hospital officials said at least 5 Iraqis were wounded.

The incident happened in a busy Baghdad intersection called Tahrir Square, the AP said.

Although Thomas was working for a private company, he is also a sergeant in B-Company, First Battalion of the 19th Special Forces Group of the Utah National Guard from Camp Williams.

Family members told KSL-TV

that Thomas, who recently completed Green Beret School, went to Iraq three months ago as a security contractor after learning that his guard unit would probably not be deployed in the Iraq war.

His mother, Carol Thomas Young, last spoke to her son on Friday; the television station reported Young said her son told her he was preparing for an important mission and that he loved and missed his family.

Thomas' father, Steve Thomas, told KSL his son was in

Iraq because he was "wanting to help his fellow man."

Cong. Jon Huntsman expressed his condolences to Thomas' family Saturday.

"We are deeply saddened by the death of Sgt. Brandon Huntsman said in a statement. "It makes no difference whether he was deployed to Iraq as a soldier or as a civilian. We have lost a soldier who was there in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and he will be offered burial with full military honors."

Thunderstorms create risk of floods in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Thunderstorms that had threatened to flood Utah's rivers Saturday failed to deliver, giving water-logged communities a reprieve.

The storms didn't produce the widespread or heavy precipitation that was expected, National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Conger said.

"There might be a pasture or two somewhere that had a little flooding, but we know of no effect on any populated areas," he said.

Sunday's weather should

also be dry, but another storm is set to hit the state Monday night and rain is in the forecast through midweek, Conger said.

Saturday's rains were heaviest in the Cache Valley; but the highest recorded amounts were less than one inch. Some snow also fell at higher mountain elevations.

Southern Utah, which had extensive flooding in January, had only a smattering of rain, giving residents there a chance to dry out.

But flood watches issued by the service earlier in the week

remained in place in both northern and southern Utah through midnight Saturday.

The area with the highest flood probability included the Blacksmith Fork, Logan and Little Bear rivers in northern Utah and the upper Santa Clara River in southern Utah.

Areas of the Ogden River below Hinwood Dam were also under a flood watch due to a high-level of water being released from the dam.

Recent weather patterns are closer to what they should be in early spring and that includes the lower-than-normal

temperatures, the service said.

But the cool weather has a silver lining: Lower temperatures will slow the melt of this winter's record-high snowpack.

Run-off could add to Utah's flooding problems if temperatures heat up too fast.

"We're still going to be watching streams rise high because of the snowpack, but even that has slowed a little bit because of the cooler temperatures," Conger said.

Below-normal temperatures should continue into next week, Conger added.

Idaho officers shot while serving search warrant

CHUBBUCK (AP) — Two policemen were shot while attempting to serve a search warrant Saturday at a trailer home and one was searching for a man and woman who fled the scene.

The injured officers were taken to Fortneville Medical Center, said police officials, who did not identify the officers. One was treated for a gunshot wound and released, the other

remained hospitalized but in good condition Saturday afternoon.

Additional information about their injuries was not immediately available Saturday.

The shooting occurred around 1:40 a.m. as authorities tried serving a search warrant at the residence.

Officers from the Chubbuck and Pocatello police departments as well as Bannock

County Sheriff's Office and Idaho State Police responded to the shooting.

A SWAT team cordoned off the area and several homes were evacuated.

Around 7 a.m., officers fired tear gas canisters inside the trailer before entering.

Police were searching for Maria Villa, 21, and Faron Edmund Stone, 41, who they said fled in a 1997 red Chevrolet Tahoe, with Idaho license plate 4B55710. They are considered armed and dangerous.

Stone is wanted in Arizona for a felony probation violation.

Forest agency scales back burn plan

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Under fire from wildlife biologists, the Forest Service agreed Friday to dramatically scale back plans to conduct a prescribed burn this month on northern Nevada rangeland that is home to the sage grouse.

The agency still hopes to set fire to about 300 acres the 2,000-acre project area about 40 miles northeast of Winnemucca if unusually wet weather subsides in the coming weeks, said Bob Vaughn, supervisor of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Biologists for the Nevada Division of Wildlife will accompany Forest Service officials on a visit to the area near the Santa Rosa Mountains to help decide if the burn could be burned without threatening any grouse or their nests, Vaughn said.

State wildlife officials had criticized the plans on Thursday, saying the burn could harm populations of the dwindling game bird during prime nesting season. Officials for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also voiced concerns about the timing of the project.

"We have agreed on a compromise strategy to delay the 2,000 acres we had planned to burn this spring," Vaughn told The Associated Press.

"By keeping it in the area of 300 acres or so, we'll be able to have a test case and monitor it throughout the season," he said late Friday afternoon.

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Study: Cancer not linked to pollution

LEWISTON (AP)—Increased cases of cancer cannot be linked to air pollutants in the Lewiston-Clarkston area, according to a recent state study. Air samples taken in 1990, 1994 and 1995 found high levels of chloroform and benzene. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the Idaho Cancer Registry recently completed health studies to see if the two chemicals could be linked to high cancer rates. The area that includes Clarkston, Wash., and Lewiston zip

codes has a cancer rate 12 percent higher than the state of Idaho average, with particular increases in colorectal, lung and prostate gland cancer, said Chris Johnson of the Idaho Cancer Data Registry. However, only one of those types of cancers is associated with either chloroform or benzene.

Chloroform is released by the Potlatch Corp. pulp mill at Lewiston. It is also found in drinking water that has been purified with chlorine and is

contained in many household cleaners such as bleach. Exposure to chloroform can lead to an increased risk of bladder, kidney, liver, colon and rectal cancers. It is classified as a probable human carcinogen by the Environmental Protection Agency. Higher than normal rates of colon and rectal cancers were observed in the area between 1997 and 2003. But the main risk factors associated with those forms of cancer are diet and exercise.



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Yellowstone rated high threat for eruptions

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP)—The Yellowstone caldera has been classified a high threat for volcanic eruption, according to a report from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Yellowstone ranks 21st most dangerous of the 169 volcano centers in the United States, according to the Geological Survey's first-ever comprehensive review of the nation's volcanoes.

Kilauea in Hawaii received the highest overall threat score followed by Mount St. Helens and Mount Rainier in Washington, Mount Hood in Oregon and Mount Shasta in California.

Kilauea has been erupting since 1983. Mount St. Helens, which erupted catastrophically in 1980, began venting again in 2004.

Those volcanoes fall within a very high threat group, which includes 18 systems. Yellowstone is classified with 36 others as high threat.

Recurring earthquake swarms, swelling and falling ground, and changes in hydrothermal features are cited in the report as evidence of unrest at Yellowstone.

The report calls for better monitoring of the 55 volcanoes in the very high and high threat categories to track seismic activity, ground bulging, gas emissions and hydrologic changes.

University of Utah geology professor Robert Smith, who monitors earthquakes and volcanic activity in Yellowstone, said more real-time monitoring should be helpful.

"We've really been stressing over the last couple of years that the USGS should consider hazards as a very high priority in their future," he said. "We need to get the public confidence and the perception that we're doing it right."

The university has joined the Geological Survey and Yellowstone National Park in creating the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory, which uses ground-based instruments throughout the region and satellite data to monitor volcanic and earthquake unrest in the world's first national park.

The USGS report recognizes Yellowstone as an unusual hazard because of the millions of people who visit the park and walk amid features created by North America's largest volcanic system, Smith said, a status he has been advocating for years.

Smith does not paint the devastating picture portrayed in a recent TV docudrama but said smaller threats exist. For example, a lower-scale hydrothermal blast could scald tourists straggling along boardwalks. Emissions of toxic gases from the park's geothermal features, such as the 1952 Fives Blown dropped dead last year after inhaling poisonous gases trapped near the ground due to calm weather near Norris Geyser Basin.

Stepped up monitoring and a new 24-hour watch office are lead to more timely warnings and help avoid human catastrophes at Yellowstone and nationally, according to the USGS.

Forty-five eruptions, including 15 cases of notable volcanic unrest, have been documented at 33 volcanoes in the U.S. since 1980, according to the report, released April 29.

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SPORTS

Biffie wins at Darlington, Mays cruises

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Greg Biffie needed overtime to...

The Roush Racing driver, who fell behind on a late pit stop...

Ryan Newman, who had taken charge late in the race...

Pilots sweep Wendell for Canyon baseball title

The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — Glenns Ferry closed out Wendell's baseball season on a Carlos Duarte...

Duarte, who finished 2-for-2, hit his two-bagger with two outs...

Wendell's Carlos Moreno and Joe Rocha each went 2-for-3.

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He went on to win easily, adding the Dodge Charger 500...

Darlington winner, to the finish by 0.869 seconds — about six car-lengths.

Biffie said: "He had a real strong car tonight. But this is really special."

Biffie finished off a series of challenges from Newman, sec-

ond-year driver Kasey Kahne, Grand and series points leader...

The 35-year-old driver from Vancouver, B.C., gave team owner Jack Roush his fifth victory...

Kahne, who started from the pole, finished third, followed by Martin, Newman, Jamie McMurtry and Johnson.

Murray and Johnson, who charged back after making an unscheduled pit stop on lap 260...

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Filer's freshman Natalie Hoyt hit a double and senior catcher Sarah Woolley a triple in the loss.

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The Pacers won Game 7 of their first-round series 97-70 Saturday night to prolong a season marked by suspensions, injuries and disharmony.

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Indiana Pacers forward Stephen Jackson, left, drives to the hoop past Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce during Game 7 of the first round of the NBA playoffs in Boston, Saturday. Jackson scored 24 points as the Pacers eliminated the Celtics from the playoffs with a 97-70 win.

Rockets on Saturday night. It was the most lopsided Game 7 in NBA history.

Terry scored 21 of his 31 points in the first half, while Howard forced McGrady to miss six of his first seven shots.

Although McGrady finished with 27 points, he shot 10-of-26 while trying to force the Rockets back into the game.

Dallas led by 15 on a 3-pointer by Terry early in the second quarter. It was the Mavericks' biggest lead yet this series, but they were only getting started.

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Kolb struggles for acceptance

ATLANTA (AP) — As the bullpen door swings open and Dan Kolb steps through, a giant video board turns him into a collage of colors and images.

The shiny grill of an 18-wheeler appears first, melting into Kolb's scowling face — all accompanied by the screeching guitars of Metallica's "Enter Sandman."

The crowd at Turner Field barely reacts to all the commotion. The booming pro-announcement "Now Dan Kolb is the Atlanta Braves — Daaaan Kolllll!" — draws a ripple of polite applause.

That's it.

Clearly the Braves' new closer has yet to win over the fans.

Kolb knew that acceptance in Atlanta wouldn't be easy, not when he was stepping into a role held the last three years by the best closer and one of the most popular players in Braves history, John Smoltz.

The first month didn't make things any easier: Kolb lost a couple of games, blew saves, almost gave away another game in New York and struggled with his control.

Heading into the weekend, he was among the NL leaders with eight saves — three in an ERA of 6.00. His 10 walks in 12 innings also were troubling.

"A lot of it was coming into a new place and putting so much pressure on myself," Kolb said. "I've got to remember what I did last year. That's what got me here."

Kolb had a breakthrough season with the Milwaukee Brewers, making the All-Star Game and winning his first save. Then he was traded to the Braves, who saw an opportunity to bolster their rotation by returning Smoltz to his former role.

But starting major league baseball didn't thrive at finishing games. He had 144 saves over the last three years, sending the crowds at Turner Field into a frenzy every time he emerged from the bullpen to the sounds of AC/DC's hard-rock anthem, "Thunderstruck."

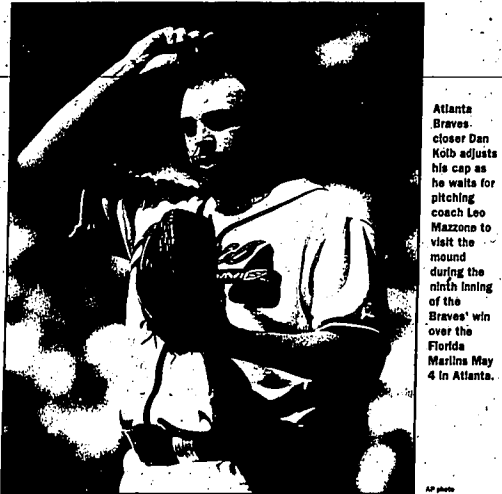
But Smoltz longed to start again, and the Braves were able to fulfill that wish when Smoltz was traded to the Yankees.

Kolb came into a game Wednesday with a three-run lead. When he walked the first hitter, the fans began to grumble. When he unleashed a wild pitch all the way to the backstop, a few boos were heard. When he finally struck out a visit from pitching coach Leo Mazzone, the sarcastic cheers were deafening.

"I can't tell you what the fans said," Kolb laughed. "I don't even know they were there."

He stepped down, retired the next three hitters and walked off the field to authentic cheers. For a fleeting moment, there was a touch of acceptance.

But Kolb isn't Smoltz. Never will be. The new closer doesn't have an overpowering repertoire, the kind of pitches that buckle knees and make hitters look feeble. Kolb relies on a slider and a changeup, and would prefer to get through an inning with three ground balls rather than three strikeouts.



Over the last three seasons, Smoltz had 243 strikeouts in 226 1/3 innings. Kolb, on the other hand, managed only 21 strikeouts in 57 1/3 innings last year — the first closer to record at least 30 saves with fewer than 30 Ks.

"When you get three outs, you get three outs," Smoltz said. "If everyone can get away from how it looks, he'll do just fine. He's not going to strike guys out, but he's got some nasty movement."

Kolb doesn't deal well with failure. After a poor outing, he'll suck back to his home and try to figure out what went wrong. He'll put in a video of the game, poring over every pitch in excruciating detail.

It's useless trying to sleep. Sometimes he'll sneak in an hour or two, but usually he's frustrated that he makes it through the night with his eyes wide open.

"A couple of nights this year," Kolb said. "I haven't gone to bed."

Publicly at least, the Braves have no complaints about the way he's pitched.

"Numbers for a closer are misleading. They can have three good outings in a row, but one bad one screws the numbers," Mazzone said. "Coming into a new environment, I think he's off to a pretty good start."

Kolb hasn't yet come around to the Mazzone mantra — work off the fastball and

change speeds. The fastball is fast, but the rest is still a work in progress.

Mazzone has taken some tentative steps toward developing an off-speed pitch that Kolb will be comfortable throwing. The longtime pitching coach has no complaints about Kolb's 90-plus mph fastball, mixed in with the occasional slider.

"He gets a lot of ground balls by throwing a very 'heavy' ball," Mazzone said. "It's like a bowling ball coming in."

Having spent most of his career with non-contending teams in Texas and Milwaukee, Kolb is still trying to get adjusted to pitching for the Braves. This is an organization that has won 13 straight division titles and intends to keep that streak going.

He's determined to keep the style that was successful with the Brewers. He relies almost exclusively on his fastball — moving it in and out, up and down, to keep hitters off balance. He doesn't mind serving up a tantalizing target, as long as there's no solid contact.

When he comes in from the bullpen, he's not listening for the reaction of fans. And when he fails to do the job, they can boo all they want.

"Usually when I'm struggling, I don't hear anything," Kolb said. "I'm too mad to myself to care what anyone else thinks."

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Baltimore	20	9	690	-2.6	W-3	11	9	02 00
Boston	17	12	586	3	6	W-4	5	04 00
New York	16	13	576	3	6	W-4	5	07 00
New York	12	19	387	9	3	W-7	6	11 48 00
Tampa Bay	11	20	355	10	3	L-2	10	11 00 00

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Chicago	23	7	767	-	7	W-7	11	12 04 00
Minnesota	18	11	621	4.5	2-7	W-3	9	9 56 00
Cleveland	16	13	502	7	4	W-4	11	5 24 00
Detroit	12	17	414	10.5	4	L-1	3	8 09 00
Kansas City	7	23	233	16	2	L-5	2	12 51 00

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Los Angeles	18	11	621	-	7	W-5	9	9 56 00
Texas	15	15	516	3	2	W-1	7	10 05 00
Oakland	14	16	467	4.5	1	L-1	11	5 24 00
Seattle	12	17	414	6	2	L-6	4	10 07 00

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East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	19	11	633	4.5	W-4	12	9	10 00 00
Florida	17	10	630	5	2-7	W-2	10	7 04 00
Washington	17	13	567	2	2-7	W-3	7	10 07 00
New York	14	16	467	5.5	1	L-4	11	5 24 00
Philadelphia	14	17	452	5.5	2-5	W-2	8	7 10 00

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
St. Louis	14	15	483	4	7	L-2	8	8 07 00
Chicago	12	17	414	6	2	L-7	6	7 11 00
Pittsburgh	11	17	393	6.5	2-5	L-1	3	8 08 00
Cincinnati	10	18	315	7	1	L-8	7	11 00 00
Houston	11	18	379	7	3	L-7	5	10 5 13 00

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Los Angeles	18	11	633	1	1	W-1	9	9 56 00
Arizona	18	12	600	5	2-6	W-1	12	5 07 00
San Diego	17	14	548	2	2	W-4	10	7 10 00
San Francisco	14	16	464	4	2	L-4	1	6 07 00
Colorado	6	21	222	11	1	L-10	1	5 6 15 00

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Saturday's Games

Baltimore 5, Oakland 0
N.Y. Yankees 5, Oakland 0
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3
Seattle at Boston, rain
San Diego at L.A. Angels, late

Sunday's Games

Seattle (Pineiro 2-2) at Boston (J.Gonzalez 0-0), 10 a.m., 1st game
St. Louis (Franco 1-1) at Florida (Lester 0-0), 3 p.m., 2nd game
Cleveland (Frieden 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (D.J. LeMahieu 0-0), 11 a.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 4-1) at Toronto (Chen 4-1), 11:07 a.m.
Kansas City (BAnderson 1-2) at Baltimore (Looper 2-1), 11:35 a.m.
Cleveland (Westcott 1-5) at Texas (Nolasco 2-2), 3 p.m.
Minnesota (Wayne 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Wheeler 1-1), 12:15 p.m.
Detroit (Marco 2-2) at L.A. Angels (Washington 2-0), 2:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 11, L.A. Dodgers 3
Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 1
Florida 4, Colorado 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Milwaukee 5

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 11, L.A. Dodgers 3
San Diego 5, St. Louis 4
Washington 11, San Francisco 6
Atlanta 4, Houston 1
Houston 1, San Diego 1
Pittsburgh at Arizona, late

Sunday's Games

Colorado (Francis 1-1) at Florida (Lester 1-2), 11:05 a.m.
Cleveland (Gardner 1-4) at Toronto (Chen 4-1), 11:07 a.m.
San Diego (Peters 2-1) at St. Louis (Marcus 4-1), 12:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Peters 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Carrasano 2-1), 12:20 p.m.
Washington (Looper 1-2) at San Francisco (Looper 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Mets 2-1) at Atlanta (Hampton 3-1), 2:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Weaver 5-2) at Cincinnati (Hilton 2-2), 6:05 p.m.

Reds beat Dodgers, snap 8-game losing skid

CINCINNATI (AP) — Austin Kean capped a six-run ninth inning with a two-run homer, and D'Angelo Jimenez had three hits as the Cincinnati Reds snapped an eight-game losing streak with an 11-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Saturday.

The Reds matched their season high in runs and avoided their longest losing streak since an 11-game drought in June 1998.

Los Angeles starter Derek Lowe (2-3) had a 3-0 lead and had allowed just one hit before the Reds sent nine batters to the plate in the sixth.

David Weathers (2-0) recorded one of the sixth inning to get the win.



Cincinnati Reds' Austin Kean, center, is congratulated by Jason LaRue, left, and Joe Randa after Kean hits a two-run home run off Los Angeles Dodgers' pitcher Derek Lowe in the sixth inning.

Nationals 11, Giants 8

SAN FRANCISCO — Ryan Church hit a treaking, bases-clearing double in the ninth inning — finishing with career highs of four hits and four RBIs — and Washington sent San Francisco to its season-worst fourth straight loss.

The Nationals tied it in the ninth against Jeremy Accardo (0-1), called up from Double-A Norwich on Monday as the Giants try to make do without injured closer Armando Benitez.

Luis Ayala (2-1) pitched a perfect eighth for the win and Chad Cordeiro worked the ninth for his sixth save in eight chances.

Moises Alou hit a grand slam, and Pedro Feliz added three and drove in a run, but the Giants' bullpen struggled after another subpar outing by ace Jason Schmidt (0-1).

The Nationals rallied from a four-run deficit with seven runs in the fourth. They had 10 or more hits for the fifth straight game and sixth in seven.

Schmidt was done after 3 2/3 innings, having allowed six runs, six hits and six walks.

Mets 7, Brewers 5

MILWAUKEE — Pedro Martinez allowed three hits in seven innings and Carlos Beltran hit a pair of two-run homers to lead the Mets over the Brewers.

Doug Mientkewicz also homered, breaking a 5-all tie in the eighth with his shot off reliever Julio Santana (0-1) and helping the Mets to their fourth straight victory.

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Yankees ride Mussina to win

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Mussina restored some order to the staggering Yankees on Saturday, pitching a four-hitter in New York's 5-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

The win ended a four-game losing streak that had plagued the seven-time defending AL East champions into a last-place debut with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, nine games behind first-place Baltimore.

Mussina (3-2) dominated the Athletics with his 22nd career shutout and first since August 2003 — which was also the last complete-game victory by a Yankees pitcher. He struck out three, walked zero and allowed only two runners to reach second base in his 131-pitch outing.

New York (12-19) managed just five hits against Blanton (0-3) and two relievers, but avoided having their seventh win after 31 games since 1913, when they were 9-22.

American League's first abc game winner

Garland tossed shutouts in his previous two starts, but Shea Hildenbrand ended the 23-inning scoreless streak with a RBI grounder in the first.

Tadahito Iguchi, Juno Uribe and Davey Matthews Jr. homered to help the White Sox improve their major league-best record to 23-7.

Garland tossed six runs and nine hits in 5 2/3 innings. He has won eight straight starts dating to last season, the longest streak by White Sox pitcher since James Baldwin won eight in a row in 2000.

Konerko hit a two-run homer off Lily (1-3) in the first and a three-run homer in the fourth; his second multihome run game this season and the 13th of his career.

Rangers 6, Indians 1

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alfonso Soriano had his second straight two-homer game, this one in a victory as the Texas Rangers beat Cleveland 6-1 on Saturday night.

Soriano's home run leading off the second inning was the first of the two-run homer pair in an 8-6 loss to the Indians. After an RBI double in the third, he led off the fifth with another homer, his 10th this season.

Soriano hit five homers in three games, a stretch in which he struck out 14 while hitting 12. Twelve of his last 15 hits have gone for extra bases. He even made a diving catch at second base for the final out of the game.

The last Texas player with consecutive multihomer games was Alex Rodriguez in August 2002 against Toronto. A-Rod followed a three-homer game with two more shots the next night against the Sox 10-5.

White Sox 10, Blue Jays 7

TORONTO — Paul Konerko homered three times in five runs, a day after hitting an 0-for-26 slump, and the White Sox won their seventh straight.

Konerko hit his second consecutive multihomer game, this one in a 10-7 victory over the Blue Jays.

Orioles 5, Royals 3

BALTIMORE — Brian Roberts homered on the first pitch in the bottom of the first in a victory as the Orioles pitched to perfection by Bruce Chen, and the Orioles beat the Royals.

Royals' Tejada hit a tainted three-run homer for the place Orioles, who have won 11 of 13 to move 11 games over .500 (20-9) for the first time since 1997.

Roberts gave the Orioles the lead for good by hitting the opening pitch from Jose Lima (6-3) over the right-field scoreboard. It was his ninth homer, four more than his previous career high.

Twins 8, Devil Rays 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Lew Ford's two-run double capped a four-run fifth inning, and Justin Morneau hit a three-run homer, leading the Twins past the Devil Rays.

Ford's hit came with two outs and bases loaded. The Twins had been hitless in 14 previous at-bats this season in that situation.

Morneau, who entered the game as a defensive replacement in the eighth, homered in Minnesota's fourth-run inning. He has hit homers and 16 RBIs in his last 12 games.

Marlins 4, Rockies 1

MIAMI — Trying to rebound from his worst start of the season, Josh Beckett found a remedy: the Colorado Rockies. Beckett struggled early but still pitched seven shutouts in his previous start, but he was hit by two home runs and five and one walk, lowering his ERA to 2.14.

The first couple of innings his ball went all over the place. Florida catcher Paul Lo Duca said, "He didn't have his best stuff, but he got by. That's a great pitch."

Colorado fell to 6-21, baseball's worst record and the worst start in franchise history. The Rockies, 1-15 on the road, are on pace to finish 36-126.

Padres 5, Cardinals 4

ST. LOUIS — Adam Eaton pitched into the seventh inning after a shaky start, but he allowed Mark Sweeney had the go-ahead hit for the second straight game in San Diego's win against St. Louis.

Drew Hoffman worked the ninth for the 401st save of his career, one day after becoming the third major league pitcher to reach 400.

The Padres have won six in a



Draw Dansavage races in his wheelchair to beat out a throw by Randy Perry during a Miracle League game on April 30, in Montgomery, Ala. A specialized field was installed at a Montgomery park to give people with disabilities an opportunity to play baseball.

Miracle League a real field of dreams for kids with disabilities

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Baseball cap tucked low, Dudley Luckie looks every bit the ballplayer as he scoots around the bases, triumphantly crossing home plate and grabs a seat in the dugout.

Newsmind that the 7-year-old gets around using crutches, the field is a miniaturized version of a Little League park and the scoreboard is just for show.

The Miracle League doesn't keep score, doesn't have winners or losers and is more about the smile than the style.

"We just want to have fun," Dudley said, "be like a real team."

and marvels at its rapid growth.

"I wake up at 4:30 every morning and scratch my head, like, 'Oh my God,'" Alford said. Her ambitious goal is 500 fields serving 1.3 million children.

The league draws players with disabilities ranging from autism to spina bifida, Down syndrome to blindness.

Lauren Gunder, 15, has osteopetrosis, a rare genetic bone disease. She's had at least 20 broken bones and says matter of factly that she has broken every bone in both arms and legs. She's also legally blind and hearing impaired.

That's no impediment in the Miracle League. From her wheelchair, she swings at a large yellow ball. If she doesn't connect in five pitches, they put the ball on a tee, but her swing is pretty good and "95 percent of the time she hits a pitch," her mother said.

"She's a huge (baseball) fan and always wanted to play but couldn't because of her disabilities," Jennifer Gunder said. "When the opportunity came up, it changed everything."

Lauren has been donating to Atlanta Braves games on the radio since she was 3, and her bedroom is filled with Braves memorabilia.

biggest question when the league formed was why it had taken so long.

"I was excited that somebody had finally come up with the idea," she said. "When you think about it, it's not that complex of an idea. I was just so happy somebody finally put it down on paper and was serious about it."

The Miracle League is not just for kids.

Phil Meadows, 34, of Montgomery is among the adults who play once the kids are done with their Saturday afternoon games, which typically last about an hour.

"It's a dream come true," said Meadows, confined to a wheelchair with spina bifida. "It's an absolute miracle. It really is. The smiles on parents' faces are unbelievable and the smiles on the kids' faces are better."

And a steady rain didn't faze them on a recent Saturday at the Montgomery park, which is built on a hillside overlooking the fields. Michael Stroud and his 4-year-old brother, Austin, who like his sibling is autistic, didn't even bother seeking the shelter of the dugout as they watched the action and awaited their turns at bat.

In other words, they just want to be like other kids who grow up playing Little League baseball. The Miracle League, founded in Georgia, is the field of dreams for kids with mental or physical disabilities, with 17 rubberized fields around the country allowing kids in wheelchairs to meet around the bases.

"The cheering kids get me pumped up and cheering and encouragement from parents whether the ball dribbles off the tee or sails into the outfield," Dudley said.

Nobody counts his, outs or runs — OK, maybe the kids keep track.

"It's a grand slam," Dudley says, offering his career highlight.

"He was saying all the way over here, 'I'm gonna hit a home run,'" April Stroud said of her 9-year-old son, Michael, who is autistic.

Lauren's original team has remained mostly intact. Her classmates played sports in gym class. The Miracle League got the aspiring journalist in the game.

"I get her out doing something she really loves and it kind of lets her forget her disability," Jennifer Gunder said. "They're not looking at each other funny and they're not asking questions healthy kids might ask and making them uncomfortable."

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Alford cheered his brother on, called out "Go Austin!" and happily exclaiming "Aaah" when he reached first base.

"To tell you how much they appreciate this, they're scared to death of the rain," April Stroud said. "And they're out here in the rain. Any other time, Michael can't play sports."

Like many of the other kids, Michael can't play sports in gym class at school because there's nobody to assist him. Now, he and his little brother get to play ball every week.

"It's the greatest thing that's ever happened to him," April Stroud said. "I think it's the highlight of their lives. I really do. Because the adults talk about nonstop. It's great."

The Miracle League, which began putting up fields using donations five years ago, is expanding rapidly. Parks went up in Montgomery and Maudlin, S.C. in recent weeks, to put the total to 17, at sites ranging from Phoenix to Monroe, Wash.

The organization has another 20 fundraising events scheduled for the summer and early fall and there are 61 fields in some phase of construction, said Elaine Ford, who found the organization in Conyers, Ga.

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Who will Montreal fans root for?

MONTREAL (AP) — Brad Wilkerson, Jose Vidro and Livan Hernandez still have their homers in Montreal. But with the Expos now in Washington, what major league club will local fans pull for?

"They're probably going to split among several teams, but I would hope the majority of the fans in Montreal will be behind us," Nationals manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "I hope some of them will come and see some games, wherever."

Geoff Donaldson isn't likely to be swayed by the Hall of Famer's appeal.

"I'm not rooting for anybody," said Donaldson, who moved from Ontario to Montreal last year, partly because of his affinity for the Expos. "I looked at Washington's boxscores for the first game or two, but unless you're a specific fan, like when Wilkerson hit for the cycle, they're pretty much any other team."

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Expos' few remaining season-ticket holders last season, saw it the same way.

"I'm following baseball, though I don't consider myself a fan of the Nationals," he said. "I check the boxscores to see how the Expos players are doing, but I'm not interested in the new guys."

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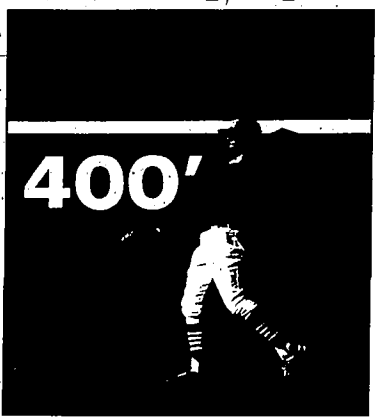
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Former pitching phenom begins new career as outfielder prospect

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Rick Ankiel's quest to make it back to the major leagues as an outfielder begins with at least one true believer.

Chris Maloney, Ankiel's manager at the St. Louis Cardinals' Double-A affiliate in Springfield, has a unique perspective: He also was making out the lineup cards at rookie league Johnson City, Tenn., in 2001 when Ankiel allowed to dabbling at something that would take his mind off his pitching woes. Hit 10 home runs as a designated



Four years later, Maloney remembers Ankiel as not just the best pitching prospect he's ever seen, but also the best hitting prospect in the league that year, too.

"Granted, it was rookie ball, but players have got to come from somewhere," Maloney said. "You could tell he had that elusive 'it' we're all looking for. Great swing, good power, good idea up there."

And now? "He looks the same to me," Maloney said. "He hasn't lost anything. It's just going to be a question of getting him in there, letting him get comfortable and getting swings under his belt."

The experiment was off to a slow start. Through midweek, Ankiel had one hit — a single — in 15 at-bats, an .067 average. Not that this would come as a shock, but the organization rates Ankiel as a "plus" arm in the outfield. Maloney also gives him high marks for instincts, speed, defense, power and hitting.

So if anyone can follow in the dusty footsteps of Babe Ruth, a two-time 20-game winner with the Red Sox before becoming the game's greatest slugger, it may be the man who not long ago was perhaps the best pitching prospect in the major leagues.

"I wouldn't put anything past this guy," Maloney said.

Others in the organization are more cautious.

"It's hard to make that transformation," said Bruce Manno, the Cardinals' director of player development. "I don't know. It's only May and he just got started. And we're not that smart."

For now, the Cardinals just want Ankiel to get comfortable. "It hasn't been bad at all,"

Springfield Cardinals outfielder Rick Ankiel fires from deep right field during pregame warmups in Springfield, Mo., May 2.

Ankiel said earlier this week before playing his third game with Springfield. "Having fun. Good team. Good team mix."

Now comes the tough work for a player in catchup mode. "You just don't know how things will play out," Maloney said. "There's been a lot of highly touted guys, they never got out of A ball, both hitters and pitchers. And he's getting his reps at 25 years of age, so it's definitely going to be a challenge for him to make up some ground."

It's been six long years since Ankiel rode his electrifying but erratic left arm to the major leagues at age 19, four years since the downward spiral landed him with a thud in rookie league ball, nearly two years since reconstructive elbow surgery, and two months since he threw up his hands in frustration the morning he was to have pitched in a spring training "B" game and said no more.

Now the Cardinals' most scrutinized, most confounding, most untapped talent in recent

memory is just another prospect on a team that could have a handful of future major leaguers even if Ankiel fizzles out.

Outfielder Reid Gorecki is on the 40-man roster. Ankiel isn't. Also arriving on the day Ankiel showed up last week was second baseman Anton Herr, son of former Cardinals second baseman Tommy Herr.

"Now that he's here, he's one of the guys," said Springfield general manager Matt Gifford. "I think Rick would want to be treated that way."

The Cardinals are doing their best to allow Ankiel, who turns 26 in July, to blend in. Springfield is a safe distance from the glare of St. Louis, more than a three-hour drive away, and for now he's batting a low-key seventh in the order.

No one appears anxious for instant results, either from a player who earned a \$2.5 million signing bonus out of a Florida high school in 1997. The team will allow this experiment to evolve on its own terms.

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Burley ladies post winners

BURLEY—The Burley Ladies Golf Association winners for April 27 were, first, first, Joyce Westfall and Leslie Crabtree second; Dorothy Schneider, Glenda Payne and Ruth Hawkins. Second flight winners were first, Ruth Baker, second, Sandy Pasley and third, Louise...

Winners for the association for Wednesday, May 4 were Sergeant Benson, Schaffer, Deb Jorj Baker, Roberta Merrill and June Becker.

ISGA sponsors tourney at Canyon Springs

TWIN FALLS—The Idaho Seniors Golf Association is sponsoring a tournament May 14-15 at Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls. Registration is due by 6 p.m. May 15. The tournament is open to all men 55-years-old and older and women 50-years-old and older. The entry fee is \$55 and includes two days of golf, lunch Thursday and Friday, net pay-offs in all flights. Golf cart rentals are an additional \$11.

List of winners continues

TWIN FALLS—This week we continue with those top place winners in the bowling leagues in Twin Falls.

In the Commercial League (Magic Bowl), the first-place team was Bowling For Bud; Cory Holloway, Joe Pereira, Tom Henderson, Ted Capuro and Bob Lynch.

Second place went to Brooks Welding; Bob Morris, Stan Anderson, Ken Thomas, George Loomis, Bill Palmer, Gregg Stowe, Ray Turpin and Kent Stowe. Third place was claimed by Watkins; Eric Watkins, Adam Watkins, Robert Watkins, Nancy Anthony, Adam Pereira and Jon Wagner. Fourth place went to Ploger Transportation; Leon Kilmes, Roger Wagner, Howard Gibbs, Howard Harder, Bruce Major, Jon Haveman and Nick Hansen. High scratch game was claimed by Leon Kilmes, 288; Serles, Joe Pereira, 749; High handicap game, Ted Capuro, 323; Serles, Ed Hunt, 807.

High scratch game (Magic Bowl), first place went to Ball on 3; Crystal Frazier, Paula Wakley, John Wakley and Steve Hart. Second place was claimed by Double Bar; Paul Wasko, Alyce Wasko, Julie Calk, Ted Capuro and Cindy Countryman. Other awards followed by Leona Kilmes, 288; Serles, Joe Pereira, 787; Handicap game, ladies, Nicki Lecker, 276; Serles, Holly Hitch, 715. In the country club Bowler Of The Year, the winners were Russ-Thompson and Crystal Frazier.

The City Mixed (Bowladrome) league championship, I was fortunate to watch the rollout for first and second place on this league. Wow, talk

YourSports in brief

Players must have an IGA handicap and belong to the ISGA. ISGA fees, which can be paid in installments, are \$14 per person or \$20 for married couples.

Prizes will be awarded for closest to pin in all flights and gross and net lap money in each flight.

Prepaid entries can be mailed to Del Ericson at P.O. Box 5912, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401. Call Canyon Springs Golf Course at 734-7609 for tee times.

Gooding CC announces best ball winners

GOODING—The Gooding Country Club recently released the winners of last weekend's two-man best ball tournament.

Championship group — Chad and Ed Coe 135
1st Place — Chad Coe and Ed Coe 135
2nd Place — Chad Coe and Ed Coe 135
3rd Place — Chad Coe and Ed Coe 135

Let's Go Bowling Thelma Tucker

about close competition. The last team of Audrey and Taylor and Sue and Rod Sorenson won the first half and came up against the winners of the second half, the 4 Nooners: Crystal Shull, Julie Waters, Ryan Shull and Rick Erickson.

There was only two pins of handicap separating them. After Game 1, the Just Us team was ahead 11 pins. The 4 Nooners took Game 2 by 10 pins, meaning only one pin separated the teams going into the final and decisive Game 3. The Just Us team pulled out Game 3 by 14 pins, giving them first place by 15 pins.

League awards follow: High Average, Rod Sorenson, 190. Sue Sorenson, 175; High handicap series, Rick Calk, 766. Crystal Shull, 756; High scratch series, Jerry Moses, Julie Waters, 592; High scratch game, Rod Sorenson, 287. Sue Sorenson, 245; Most improved, Julie Waters, 20 pins, Joelle Moses, 12.

The City Mixed League also gives awards for perfect attendance and those with earned pins by Mark Shull, Rod Liddison, Crystal Shull, Herb Melody and Joelle Moses.

More league finals next week. Have you signed up for a summer event? Get down to your local center and sign up and "Let's Go Bowling!"

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BOISE—A number of area middle schoolers performed well, garnering first-place medals and ribbons at the 2005 Outback Invitational track and field competition at Boise State University recently.

Results
8th grade girls
500 Meter Dash — 1. Nanea Adams, 1:18
2. Megan Sorenson, 1:20
3. Kaitlyn Adams, 1:22
4. Kaitlyn Adams, 1:24
5. Kaitlyn Adams, 1:26
1000 Meter Dash — 1. Nanea Adams, 2:38
2. Megan Sorenson, 2:42
3. Kaitlyn Adams, 2:46
4. Kaitlyn Adams, 2:50
5. Kaitlyn Adams, 2:54
1500 Meter Dash — 1. Nanea Adams, 4:12
2. Megan Sorenson, 4:18
3. Kaitlyn Adams, 4:24
4. Kaitlyn Adams, 4:30
5. Kaitlyn Adams, 4:36
2000 Meter Dash — 1. Nanea Adams, 5:42
2. Megan Sorenson, 5:48
3. Kaitlyn Adams, 5:54
4. Kaitlyn Adams, 6:00
5. Kaitlyn Adams, 6:06
3000 Meter Dash — 1. Nanea Adams, 7:12
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New format for position

In a sport where the starting position is key, the Indianapolis 500 will have a new qualifying format that could give each car a much greater chance to jockey for position in the 33-car lineup.

Starting line Starting positions



Old format
Each car (primary or backup) had three chances to qualify for a position in the month prior to the race.

The fastest 33 times from all the time trials occupy the 33 race positions. The cars with slower times were bumped and eliminated entirely.

If a car does not qualify it had to be removed from the race and the driver would have to attempt to qualify in a backup car.

On the bubble (slowest qualifying time)

Changes
Each car (primary or backup) has three chances each day for four qualifying days for a position two weeks prior to the event.

The fastest 33 times still occupy the 33 positions, but cars that were bumped in the first three time trials have the fourth day to attempt to qualify again with better time.

If a car does not qualify or qualifies for a poor starting position, the driver can withdraw the car and be able to try to qualify again with the same car based on the number of attempts he has remaining over the four day qualifying period.

New format has Indy drivers rethinking plans

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis 500 is passing on tradition this year. For the first time, two races will be held the last weekend of May. And a new qualifying format is likely to change everything from pole strategy to solidifying starting spots.

Welcome to Indy of the 21st century. "I think it's going to bring a lot more excitement, because we'll be going all day instead of waiting and waiting and waiting," said Darren Manning, an English driver on the Target Clup Ganassi team. In past years, the tension mounted as cars were limited to just three qualifying attempts and owners tried everything — including pulling a car out of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway museum — to make the race. Drivers routinely waited hours for the track to cool and the tricky winds to calm down before making a late run at the pole.

But as the number of entries has decreased, so has the suspense of drivers bumping each other from the field. Race organizers needed a way to rekindle interest in the Indy Racing League's most prestigious event. They believe they have a solution. When qualifying for the

May 29 race begins next weekend, drivers will be allowed up to three attempts on each of four qualifying days — as many as 12 attempts overall — to make the 33-car field.

The top 11 spots will be qualified on the first day, the next 11 on the second and the rest of the field on the third — allowing for bumping each day. Then, on the fourth day, any driver who turns in a faster time than anyone on the list — and is not a qualifier — and automatically qualifies the 33rd spot.

"They've also moved the Indianapolis Pro Series race, the Freedom Futaba 100, back one week to the Friday of race week, and switched Carb Day from Thursday to Friday of race week. That gives corporate sponsors an entire weekend of wine and dining events."

"We've had a lot of great reaction from the sponsors, because now they feel like they can bring people in for activities all of race week," speedway president Jole Chitwood said.

Speedway officials hope fans embrace the changes, too. Since 1996, when the IRL and CART split, crowds have dwindled throughout the month, culminating in last year's failure to sell out the rain-plagued race. So organizers have tried to

create a more fan-friendly environment. Instead of a usually dull four-hour midday break between qualifying runs, Chitwood believes teams must now decide between continuing to practice and risking a requalification attempt on Day 2.

Either way, most people expect teams to take more chances on their qualifying starts next weekend.

"Before, if you qualified eighth or ninth on the first day, that was pretty solid run," said Jimmie Johnson, Hendrick Motorsports' driver. "You'd say 'This is gravy' and watch to see where everyone ended the day. Now what do you do? Are you going to withdraw your time and go again? I think you are."

The track opens for rookie orientation Sunday; veterans start practicing Tuesday.

While Chitwood said he hasn't heard from any competitors, questions remain about whether the modifications will help attendance. Chitwood acknowledged last week that tickets still were available for the race, and there's

no indication whether the new format will draw bigger crowds for qualifications or practices. "I don't like it," said David Ferrer, a 30-year-old from Missouri who has attended four previous Indianapolis 500s. "I think they should have one day to get the car right."

Another change, starting the race at noon instead of 11 a.m. local time, wipes out one of a weekend's more dramatic double lines — the daily double.

Tony Stewart, Bobby Gordon and John Andretti are the only drivers who have attempted to race in Indianapolis before flying to Charlotte, N.C., and competing in NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 on the same day. The new start time prevents anyone from trying to do both, said Stewart, a former Cup champion.

For now, traditionalists are withholding judgment. "But for the drivers who slept through the dull afternoons of previous qualifying days, they know the new format will make things more intriguing in the stands and the garages."

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String of birdies puts Sorenstam back in hunt

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam's cut streak is safe.

Now, about that winning streak. With four birdies in a five-hole span Saturday, Sorenstam rebounded from a rough start at the Michelob Ultra Open and got herself back into contention for a record sixth straight victory. At 1 over, she's seven shots behind leader Cristie Kerr.

There are 36 holes to play Sunday, though, and nobody calls like Sorenstam.

"I just needed a few birdies to get me going," said Sorenstam, whose 4-under 67 was low score in the day. "I think I would have been great to get on the leaderboard and tell them I'm still here."

Asked if she really thought the other players don't know she's lurking, Sorenstam smiled.

"I think they know I'm here," she said. "I just don't know how badly they know I'm here."

They'll soon find out. Kerr (68) topped the leaderboard at 6 under. Michelle Redman (69) and A.J. Bathone (69) were two strokes back, and Shi Hyun Ahn and Nicole Perrot are at 3 under. "I'm still optimistic," Sorenstam said. "But I need to see some really low scores."

She's done it before. Often.

She's come from behind in 19 of her 59 victories, including two of her three wins this year. She trailed Kerr by three strokes going into the final round of the MasterCard Classic, and won it by three. At the Safeway International, she was four back with three holes to play, and won by winning in a playoff.

Her rally from 10 strokes back on the final day of the Office Depot in 2001 tied the LPGA record for biggest comeback victory.

And she might be the player best-equipped, mentally and physically, to handle playing 36



Annika Sorenstam of Sweden tries to coax in a putt on the 8th green during second round action of the Michelob Ultra Open LPGA golf tournament, at the Kingsmill Golf Club in Williamsburg, Va., Saturday.

Sorenstam parred the hole. AP photo

holes in one day. Indeed, the last time she played 36 holes on a Sunday, at last year's LPGA Championship, she left with her seventh major title.

Garcia surges ahead

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Sergio Garcia left a world-class field in his wake Saturday, making eight birdies in his first 15 holes for a 5-under 67 that gave him a six-shot lead in the Wachovia Championship. Except for a few wayward tee shots, Garcia was nearly flawless. He pulled away with three

straight birdies on the back nine and moved to 12-under 204.

D.J. Trahan, a 24-year-old rookie, stumbled on the back nine and settled for a 71. He was at 6-under 210, along with Vijay Singh and Jim Furyk. Furyk, in his best performance since wrist surgery a year ago, had a 69 and will be paired with the 25-year-old Garcia on Sunday.

Singh played in the final group with Garcia on Saturday and was no match, shooting a 71. Tiger Woods squandered opportunities on the front nine

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Tennessee softball pitcher Monica Abbott yells to a teammate during a game against Marshall, April 27, in Knoxville, Tenn.

Vols pitcher dreams of making Olympic team

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Monica Abbott began perfecting her pitches in the front yard as a 12-year-old, with her father sitting on a bucket and a pillow to catch for her. Soon, her mom had to outfit herself with pads and a helmet. Then Abbott's pitching coach had to recruit men from the town's slow-pitch league to catch her.

Now the catchers for the 6-foot-3 left-handed ace wear Tennessee jerseys.

Only in her sophomore season did she get into the college pitchers in the country, and her coach at Tennessee believes she has a good chance to play on the U.S. Olympic team.

"I came to Tennessee to help develop the program. My family and I agreed it was a good fit for me," she said.

Last season, she helped the Lady Vols win a school-record 55 games and reach the NCAA regionals for the second time in team history.

Weekly is pleased Abbott didn't mind going to school so far from home.

"I think she's just been phenomenal since I've been here," he said. "I had worked with (Olympic pitcher) Cat Osterma and Jonnie Finch and a lot of those athletes, and I saw Monica as in that mold right away."

Bucs QB Sims' future looks cloudy

By Dan Pompei
The Sporting News

The Bucs have been sending out mixed messages regarding third-year QB Chris Sims, perhaps because they have mixed feelings about him.

Couch Jon Gruden has expressed very little confidence in Sims publicly. For a while, it appeared they were interested in moving up in the draft to take QB Alex Smith.

Shortly before the draft, they told QB Aaron Rodgers they planned to take him with the fifth pick. Yet the Bucs had made offers for Sims and said they were not interested.

Don't be surprised if Bengals players, whose contracts are about to expire start taking up yoga. Why? Last offseason, RB Rudi Johnson and WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh embraced the alternative form of conditioning, and both continued yoga exercises on Friday afternoons during the season. Johnson and Houshmandzadeh had injury issues in 2003, but both were healthy all last year. Each also had the best season of his career. When their contracts came up earlier this year, the Bengals reworked both players with lucrative long-term deals.

Trading a 2005 first-round pick for the Redskins' 2006 third-round pick, a 2006 first-round

pick and a 2006 fourth-round pick was a great move for the Broncos. In addition to getting much more than they gave, the Broncos also set themselves up to retool when they will need it most. Next season, the Broncos will have to deal with CB Lenny Wills being a free agent, possibly having to cut DE Trevor Pryce because of a big cap number and perhaps having to replace three aging players — WR Rod Smith,

C Tom Nalen and S John Lynch.

Why would Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs trade away a future first-round pick? One school of thought is that Gibbs doesn't plan on staying around long enough for it to matter. It's difficult to envision Gibbs, 64, leading the Redskins to championships with first-rounder Jason Campbell at quarterback? Another school of thought is the

Redskins never have a long-range plan on anything, so why should management of draft picks be any different?

Chances are good the 49ers will ask Mike Rumph to switch positions. Now, Coach Mike Nolan wants to get his four best defensive backs on the field, and three of those players — Rumph, Ahmed Plummer and Shawntae Spencer — play cornerback.

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Economic indicators

Watching and waiting

While construction and job creation remain hearty, inflation and drought are reasons for worry

Drought and costly fuel — dual blows to an agricultural economy — have the attention of Magic Valley's economy watchers.

"I think everybody's concerned about the gas prices and the effect they're going to have on inflation," said C. Alan Horner, president of Twin Falls-based First Federal Savings Bank. "That's the main topic that I hear."

Water, too, dominates conversation among local business people, as they wait to see how spring storms will affect water supply and how the Idaho Department of Water Resources will handle water rights holders' calls

for water. In short: Who gets how much water? "We're just waiting on the answers," said Mike Hamilton, president of Buhl-based Farmers National Bank.

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Yet Magic Valley's people continue cautiously optimistic about the local economy. Horner said, citing as evidence Twin Falls' plentiful home starts.

"We haven't seen anything yet that would indicate — at least around here — that we're going to have any kind of drop in our economic growth," he said.

Nonagricultural job creation in Twin Falls and Jerome gets some of the credit. Diversifica-

tion has lessened the area's reliance on farm income, pushed down unemployment rates and brought higher wages and more plentiful benefits to local workers.

That job growth continued in the first quarter. And *The Times-News'* quarterly survey of Twin Falls-area economic indicators found other factors to cheer local economy watchers: for instance, incredibly rapid home building, rising home sales, growing deposits in local banks, cattle prices near record highs and improved prices for milk.

But on the negative side were declining taxable sales, weaknesses in the tourism industry (and the high gas prices that could make recovery difficult), dire troubles in the spud industry and fewer sales of new automobiles.

—Virginia S. Hutchins

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Local job growth begins to push up wages, benefits

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With a pair of new manufacturers making plastic bags and recreational vehicles, and with home builders working rapidly, Twin Falls and Jerome counties are still enjoying 5 to 7 percent annual growth in nonagricultural jobs as they have the past three years, a local economist said.

"Our economy is amazingly robust," said Greg Rogers, Idaho Commerce and Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley.

And that growth could finally be making a real difference in workers' wages and benefits.

Local leaders in the past four years have intensified both their focus on bringing new jobs to Magic Valley and their cooperation across county lines. And the jobs have come.

But only now, Rogers said, Twin Falls and Jerome are starting to achieve the real objectives of those efforts: higher wages, more plentiful benefits and improved lives for local folks. Increased competition for good workers edges up the wage-and-benefit bar, and hiring at new or expanding local employers creates openings elsewhere for workers seeking to move up.

For Jillian Ashcroft, a 23-year-old single mother of two, a move from waitress work to a full-time job in First Federal's Twin Falls call center opened the door to business training, life insurance and the parental peace of mind that comes with paid time off.

As a waitress, she had no benefits except a food discount. But at the growing First Federal, where Ashcroft started work in late December, she receives paid sick days,



Jillian Ashcroft answers the phone at First Federal's call center in Twin Falls on Thursday. A former waitress with no job benefits, Ashcroft recently started work at First Federal where she receives paid time off, educational help and other benefits. Local job creation has started to increase the percentage of workers with job benefits, a local economist says.

vacations and holidays, life insurance, quarterly incentives and education help — besides higher pay and more advancement opportunity.

She opted out of health insurance and hasn't worked at the bank long enough to qualify for a 401(k), but she's taking a word-processing class, paid for by her First Federal.

"And I'm sure in the future I would love to take advantage of them paying for a portion of me earning a degree," Ashcroft said. She has her eye on a business degree.

With a 4-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter, Ashcroft said paid time off will be a boon for her children

get sick or she has child-care problems to resolve.

"I guess I won't be missing out too much if I have to stay home for any reason. It won't be so imperative that I have to be to work," she said. Not so in the days when she depended on tip income.

Commerce and Labor studies are under way to quantify local wage and benefit increases. Rogers estimates that the portion of the Twin Falls-Jerome work force with job benefits has risen a couple of percentage points. And he predicts that 2005 might bring a 5 to 7 percent increase in the average wage for Twin Falls and Jerome, compared with 2004.

"For the first time in a long time, that would exceed the inflation rate," he said.

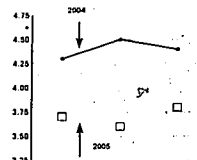
Workers can thank job creation for that.

In Jerome and Twin Falls counties combined, seasonally adjusted unemployment ended the first quarter at 3.8 percent, down from an already low rate of 4.1 percent in March 2004.

And in January-to-March data not adjusted for seasonal fluctuations, Jerome and Twin Falls counties combined gained 2,520 nonfarm jobs compared with the first quarter of 2004.

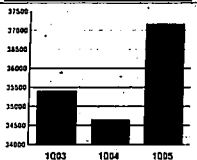
The first quarter's average number of nonagricultural jobs in the

Jobless rate



Source: Idaho Commerce and Labor.

Non-ag employment



Source: Idaho Commerce and Labor.

two counties, at 37,167, compares with first-quarter 2004's average of 34,647. That's a 7.3-percent year-over-year gain — roughly in line with recent trends.

(But applies-to-applies specifies on recent trends are hard to come by. The state now tracks a "metropolitan statistical area" that includes Twin Falls and Jerome but excludes fast-growing Coaling County, which was part of the former

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With home sales plentiful, residential construction accelerates around T.F.

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Industry experts who have marveled over housing's vibrancy say rising mortgage rates will cool but not crush an already hot housing market that is still relatively hot.

And in Idaho's Division of Financial Management economists predict housing starts will soften slightly in 2005.

"The Gem State's housing sector is not at risk of a collapse and should fare over the next few years," division economists wrote in a recent report.

K. Matthews told a Twin Falls audience in late March. "But job growth has risen faster than expected, and interest rates have risen slower than expected."

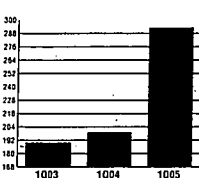
Gary Wolverton, owner of Twin Falls-based Wolverton Corp. Development & Construction, told *The Times-News* recently that he expects local residential development to cool as interest rates rise this year, but he doesn't plan to slow his company's building pace yet.

"I'm not going to go out and start letting employees go," Wolverton said. "But when we see the pace slow down, we'll know that we need to pull back on construction a little bit."

So far, local home builders aren't pulling back.

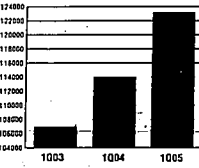
Hammer and nails
In their busiest first quarter ever, the city of Twin Falls and the unincorporated portion of Twin Falls County together issued 57.7 percent more new-home permits

Home sales



Source: South Central Idaho Regional Multiple Listing Service.

Home sales, average value



Source: South Central Idaho Regional Multiple Listing Service.

Auto sales lose ground

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the first quarter finished its run, local auto dealers found themselves losing ground faster than before.

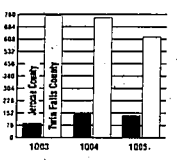
Twin Falls County and Jerome County dealers sold 125 fewer new cars and trucks in 2005 through March than they did a year earlier.

That's a 14.1 percent decline for the first quarter — following last year's narrower 2.2 percent annual drop in sales.

It hasn't been that bad since the end of 2002, when fourth-quarter sales dropped 17.5 percent from the same months a year earlier. Since then, the two counties' combined new-car sales have had almost as many quarters of gains as quarters of losses. But the overall trend is down.

The total of 759 new cars and trucks sold in the most recent January through March compares with 884 in the corresponding months of 2004. Then, the two-county Twin Falls and Jerome total had been up 5.7 percent from the 836 new

Auto sales



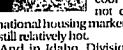
Source: Idaho Automobile Dealers Association.

cars and trucks sold in 2003's first quarter, according to reports from the Idaho Automobile Dealers Association.

Five years ago, however, dealers in the two counties racked up sales of 1,061 new cars and trucks in the first three months of the year.

Magic Valley auto dealers haven't been getting their share of the market's nationwide growth. Americans bought 16.9 million new cars and light trucks — vans, pickups and SUVs — last year, up 1.4 percent from 16.7 million in 2003.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Daily newspaper

TWIN FALLS — Nine *Times-News* employees won awards in the Idaho Press Club's 2004 competition for Idaho's daily newspapers of excellence.

Environmental reporter Michelle Dunlop was named Rookie of the Year, an honor that goes to a first-year professional journalist. She also took second place in the series category for "A Decade and the Wolf," a set of stories that examined the impact of 10 years of wolf recovery in Idaho.

Opinion Editor David Cooper took first place in editorial writing for a selection of three editorials: "Public must step up now to stop a n d e r s o n L u m b e r b u i l d i n g," "The good book does have a worthy purpose in lesson," about a Burley teacher's unconventional use of a Bible, in a literature class, and "Idaho should resume idea of a governor's residence."

Photographer Ashley Smith won second place in nature photography for "A final farewell," a picture of a N A t i o n a l Guard soldier hugging his son and wife before departing Gowen Field in Boise, for training in Medico-Smith also took second place in photo essays for "The big transition," a collection of photos of local Guard soldiers training in New Mexico in preparation for a tour of duty in Iraq.

Chief photographer Cory Myers took second place in spot news photography for "Fire d e s t r o y s farm," a photograph of a firefighter dousing the remains of a home near Filer. Myers also won third place in feature photography for "Scouting ahead," a picture of a Scoutmaster and an American flag flapping in the wind over the Perrine Bridge.

Health and county government reporter Sandy Miller won second place in serious feature reporting for "Home on a story about how mold made one family sick. She also took second place in health/medical reporting for "Care without cure," about the world of hospice nursing.

Pollitics and city government reporter Julie Pence took second place in agriculture reporting for "Lincoln County residents fight proposed expansion," a story about neighbors' reaction to a dairy's permit application.

Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins won third place in business reporting for "Upside economic," a comprehensive look at a variety of areas of Magic Valley's economic straits.

Business reporter Megan Hinds took third place in general coverage reporting for "Nurse's handiwork helps hours' eyes,"

a story about a nurse who tattoos black ink around the eyes of Pinto horses to protect them from the sun.

Rebecca Meany, a former public safety reporter for *The Times-News*, won third place in crime/courts reporting for "A Decade and the Wolf," a story about the role of mutual consent in rape cases involving minors.

Weekly newspaper

Journalists

Card Dumas and Karen Boesick won first place in sports reporting; first place in sports news writing; first place in religion reporting; third place for series reporting; and third place in outdoor feature writing.

TWIN FALLS — Seven employees of *The Times-News* sister publications won awards in the Idaho Press Club's 2004 competition for Idaho's weekly newspapers.

Ag Weekly Editor Carol Ryan Dumas won both first place and third place in agriculture reporting; for separate stories; second place in business reporting; third place in watchdog/investigative reporting; and an honorable mention in editorial writing. Under Dumas' leadership, Ag Weekly won first place in special sections for its "Southwest Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame" section.

Karen Boesick, a reporter for *The Wood River Journal*, won both first place and third place in general news reporting; first place in sports news writing; first place in sports feature writing; first place in environment reporting; third place for series reporting; and third place in outdoor feature writing.

Photographer Dev Khalsa of *The Wood River Journal* took both first place and second place in spot news photography; and third place in feature photography.

Susan Bailey, a reporter for *The Wood River Journal*, won second place in religion reporting; and third place in health/medical reporting.

Kristan Kennedy, a former Wood River Journal employee, won second place in health/medical reporting.

Leslie Whitescarver

TWIN FALLS — Leslie Whitescarver, *The Times-News* payroll and accounts payable clerk, was promoted to assistant controller.

She'll take on financial duties at *The Times-News* and at sister publications in Burley, Idaho. Jerome and Eiko, Nev. Whitescarver joined the news-

paper in 2001 after working in various bookkeeping and accounting positions and owning a small business. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of La Verne in California and passed the certified public accounting examination.

Whitescarver and her husband, Rich, live in Twin Falls.

Ruann Meade

HAZELTON — The Valley School will have a new elementary principal next school year.

Ruann Meade will oversee pre-kindergarten to grade five at the school. She's leaving her position as vice principal at Lincoln and Morningside elementary schools in Twin Falls. She'll replace Brian Ayers, who will be focusing on teaching and coaching at Valley School. Meade lives in Kimberly and used to teach in American Falls, Hanson and Kimberly.

Superintendent Laurel Nelson said the district's School Board decided to hire her in late April.

Casino employees

Maria Duran and **Teresa Cox** won first place in general news reporting; first place in sports news writing; first place in sports feature writing; first place in environment reporting; third place for series reporting; and third place in outdoor feature writing.

JACKPOI, Nev. — Cactus Pines Resort Casino announces six winners of recent employee awards.

March Employees of the Month are:

- Support — Maria Duran, who joined Cactus Pines in June 2001, is an income auditor in the finance department.
- Gaming — Teresa Cox, who joined Cactus Pines in March 1988, is an inventory control technician in the slot department.
- Food and beverage — Teresa Vicente, who joined Cactus Pines in July 1985, is a cashier at the Pizza Hut Express inside Cactus Pines Resort Casino.

Leaders of the Quarter for the first quarter were:

- Support — Martin Lopez, who joined Cactus Pines in April 1995, is hard cut supervisor.
- Gaming — Eric Samples, who joined Cactus Pines in January 2000, is slot department shift manager.
- Food and beverage — Melissa Garcia, who joined Cactus Pines in July 2002, is food and beverage associate manager.

Dr. Scott Chandler

JEROME — Dr. Scott Chandler, a cosmetic dentist with Silver Creek Dental, by invitation took an all-expense-paid trip to attend The Leading Dentist Forum, April 28 to May 1 in Salt Lake City.

The workshop was sponsored by BECDEN Dental Laboratory, which specializes in cosmetic and full-mouth smile makers. Chandler was chosen from more than 350 BECDEN dentists around the country to be among elite doctors to attend the forum. During the two-day workshop, attendees met with their team of technicians, received instructions on the latest products and techniques available to pa-

tients, and shared their expertise.

Chandler can be reached at 644-9166.

Jack Jardine

TWIN FALLS — The Middlekauff Group added Jack Jardine as the luxury car manager based at its downtown dealership.

Jardine started his career in automotive sales at the downtown Middlekauff store's location in 1963. During his over-40-year career, Jardine repeatedly has been recognized as one of the region's top salesmen of Lincoln/Mercury cars.

As the luxury car manager, Jardine will be responsible for sales and service of new and used luxury vehicles for The Middlekauff Group.

"If I don't have it — it does not matter what it is — I'll go get it for you," Jardine said.

Jardine serves on the boards of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club and Magic Valley Regional Hospital Foundation. He has been an ambassador for the chamber for the past eight years and founded the chamber's Extra Mile award. He's a grandfather of eight.

The Middlekauff Group, owned and operated by Greg and Sallee Middlekauff, offers Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Honda and Mitsubishi plus a variety of services featuring Honda-certified vehicles.

Maggi Selpel

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Land Trust said Maggi Selpel joined its board of directors as executive director.

Selpel grew up in Twin Falls, lived most of her adult life in Alaska and returned to Twin Falls in 1998. She worked for the College of Southern Idaho at the Office on Aging for the last five years.

As executive director, Selpel will coordinate the trust's business affairs, assist with the annual Thousand Springs Arts Festival and work to increase public awareness of the benefits of conservation easements.

The Southern Idaho Land Trust Inc. is a private, member-supported, nonprofit organization managed by local residents and based in Twin Falls. It was incorporated in 1996 to meet the needs of Idaho citizens who care about Idaho's lands and are interested in good land stewardship, preserving natural beauty and providing a high quality of life, the trust said in a statement. The trust helps private property owners consult with the trust about easement transfer or conservation easement (including scenic easements and agricultural and historic preservation easements).

Membership is open to everyone. Selpel can be reached at 308-6182.

Lisa Dayley

BURLEY — Winners in the annual communications contest sponsored by Idaho Press Women were announced April 30 during IPW's annual state convention.

Lisa Dayley of Burley, a stringer for the *Minidoka Eagle*, placed first in the Idaho Magazine in Boise, received several awards: first place for feature story in a non-daily newspaper; first place for news reporting in a non-daily newspaper; first place for personal column of general interest; and first place for medical articles on religion, second place for brochure, second place for personality profile and third place for personality profile.

Dean Selbel

TWIN FALLS — Dean E. Selbel, an investment representative for Edward Jones, was honored recently by the firm for his job performance.

The recognition earned Selbel an invitation to Edward Jones' annual Managing Partners Conference in April at the firm's headquarters in St. Louis. The three-day meeting pooled Edward Jones' most successful representatives for a discussion with Douglas E. Hill, managing partner at Edward Jones, on ways facing the firm and the financial-services industry as a whole, the firm said.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Twin Falls-based First Federal Bank, which does business through a Magic Valley branch, is seeking 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organizations to apply to

The First Federal Charitable Foundation for its July round of grants. All applications must be postmarked by June 17. For an application, call Tina Irish at 733-4222.

To benefit injured war veterans, RE/MAX is raising money for the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes by collecting unused cell phones for recycling. Money collected from the program goes toward helping seriously wounded men and women who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

People with unused cell phones may take them to any

RE/MAX office, which will forward them to a recycling center that provides cash-to-be-used-by the coalition to support the most pressing needs faced by recently wounded and disabled veterans and their families, RE/MAX said.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the Department of Defense, recognized U.S. Cellular with its Patriot Award for extraordinary support of the National Guard and Reserve.

U.S. Cellular pays the difference between military pay and employee reservists' regular earnings indefinitely and contributes paying the employer portion for medical, dental, vision and basic and supplemental life insurance benefits for up to 24 months. At the end of 24 months, the employee is eligible for 18 additional months of COBRA coverage.



Kelly Weeks, center, of the Kimberly Centennial Commission accepts a \$3,000 check from First Federal's Eastland branch manager, Angela Oliver, left, and Marketing Director Megan Schutte. The money will be used for Kimberly's centennial celebration. Thus far, First Federal has donated more than \$60,000 to centennials around Magic Valley.



Aubrie Ward of Burley receives a \$3,000 scholarship check from AC Delco Co. Aubrie is a senior at Burley High School and plans to attend Brigham Young University next fall. This scholarship is one of five given across the country to dependents of AC Delco TSS (Total Service Support) repair shops. Aubrie's scholastic achievement and community involvement contributed to her selection for the award. She is the daughter of Doug and Julie Ward, owners of Don's Repair in Burley. Pictured from left are Doug Ward, Julie Ward, Aubrie Ward and Dale Campbell of AC Delco.

MILESTONES

Polar Bear Shaved Ice opens in Bulli

BULLI — Gerald Burgess and Oscar Escobedo have opened Polar Bear Shaved Ice, in Bulli.

The partners rented a space next to Rudeley's Family Market. For now, the stand is open from 5 until 8 p.m., weather permitting. When the days grow warmer the partners plan on keeping their business open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

They run the stand with the help of their wives, Estace Burgess and Julie Escobedo.

Gerald Burgess and Oscar Escobedo work together in Bulli and have thrown around the idea of

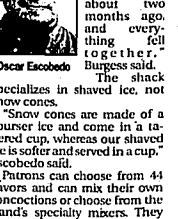
opening a shaved ice stand for some time.

"We decided to go for it about two months ago, and everything fell right into place," Burgess said.

The shack specializes in shaved ice, not snow cones. They use cones made of a coarser ice and come in a tapered cup, whereas our shaved ice is softer and served in a cup," Escobedo said.

Patrons can choose from 44 flavors and can mix their own concoctions or choose from the stand's specialty mixes. They can add cream or sour salt to their drinks. Sizes are small, medium, large and extra large.

Polar Bear Shaved Ice is offering specials such as every 25th drink served is free and buy-nine, get-the-next-one-free cards.



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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 would like to hear about it.

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YOUR BUSINESS

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1st Choice Vacation Rentals gets recognition

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley-based 1st Choice Vacation Rentals was recognized in the Spring edition of the magazine, *Entrepreneur*.

In the spring edition of the magazine, *Entrepreneur* awarded 1st Choice Vacation Rentals (www.1stchoice.com) as chosen as Forbes' favorite vacation rental directory in North America.

"If you want to stay state-side this vacation, look here first," the magazine says. Forbes bases the decision on content, design, speed, navigation and customization.

In downtown Hailey, 1st Choice is in need and operated by Tracy Lotz. Established in 1994, the company's flagship Web site is 1st Choice Vacation Rentals. The site now boasts thousands of rental properties in every corner of the globe in the business.

Burley's Patto Pleasures announces new owner

BURLEY — Patto Pleasures, at 1106 Main Ave. in Burley, has a new owner, Tim Vaughan.

Vaughan and Peggy Far-cher Runyon own and operates the business, and Cheryl Runyon is sales associates. Tom Vaughan opened the business in 1994 and sold it to Tim in January of 2005. May is the grand opening under the new owner.

The business sells Arnie spas; Brunswick billiards; Triptone, Brown Jordan Winston, Ynecard, Meadow Craft and Casual Living patio furniture; game room products and furniture. It also offers spa and pool service and maintenance.

Business hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The business can be reached at 678-1174.

Car care center owners attend annual convention

TWIN FALLS — Al Bonita and Mike Osborne, owners of A's American Car Care Center, recently attended the annual American Car Dealership Convention in Salt Lake City.

Al and Mike Osborne attended several training seminars and learned about products and programs being implemented in the industry.

During the convention, the Osbornes received the 3-Star American Car Dealer Award for 2005, which is presented to American Car Care centers that meet the company's highest criteria for customer service and care throughout the year. Each store is evaluated on quality of appearance from the customer's view to the restrooms, to the orderliness and cleanliness of the shop. Out of 1,140 stores, A's said it was one of just a few winners or the award.

A's American Car Care Center is at 1819 Kimberly Road. It can be reached at 734-5535.

Northwest Farm Credit Services reports earnings

TWIN FALLS — Spokane, Wash.-based Northwest Farm Credit Services announced 2005 first-quarter earnings of \$20.1 million, and a 16.6 percent increase in total capital to \$85.4 million compared with first quarter 2004. First-quarter earnings in 2004 were \$23.5 million.

Way Penick, president and chief executive officer, said: "First-quarter earnings were off slightly from 2004 income due to a \$4 million provision for loan losses and with the potato and onion industries and an increase in operating expenses."

Total accrual loan volume decreased by the association increased by 3.7 percent to \$4.5 billion when compared to the previous year. Nonaccrual loans were 1.2 percent unchanged at 1.24 percent of the portfolio as of March 31. Nonaccrual loans were 1.20 percent of the portfolio at the end of first quarter 2004.

"Like agricultural producers, we are concerned about the lack of precipitation and snow melt throughout the Northwest. Drought will be a concern for most producers. We understand the potential impact the water shortages may have on our customers," Penick said.

"As in the past, we will work with customers on a case-by-case basis if they are affected by drought. Both the open potato and onion industries remain under significant price pressures, and the association is working closely with customers involved in these commodities," he said.

Northwest Farm Credit Services provides financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, commercial fishermen, timber producers, agribusinesses and rural home-owners in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Liberty Cos. teams with Star Building Systems

JEROME — Liberty Cos. — a Great Falls, Mont., company with Jerome operations — said it is now the Pacific Northwest dealer for Star Building Systems, producers of "turkey" steel buildings.

The partnership allows Liberty Cos. to offer total packaging for the livestock and equestrian markets, specifically in indoor arenas, stables, barns and livestock buildings. Liberty provides custom fencing, gates, stalls and equestrian-related products, as well as other specialty steel products. Liberty is also the dealer for Priet Products and Turf Gate, both offering agriculture and equestrian-related products.

Liberty Cos. offerings include steel pipe, wood and steel fencing, manufacturing and fabrication of steel products and asset recovery 2004. Liberty Cos. became a registered contractor.

Albertsons earns award for tree planting efforts

TWIN FALLS — Boise-based Albertsons Inc. said it was named this year's winner of the "Promise to the Earth" award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The award recognized the company's efforts to plant trees across the nation. The store sold the foundation's gift trees in its floral department and gift sales during the Arbor Day 2004 season, and the sale of the proceeds helping support the foundation's tree-planting efforts nationwide.

Upon receiving the award, Albertsons pledged to donate 10,000 seedlings to the National Arbor Day Foundation's "Tree Trunk" program, which provides trees to communities that have suffered massive tree loss due to natural disasters.

The Promise to the Earth award follows Albertsons' announcement in April that it has added environmental stewardship to its annual focus areas for sustainable giving. The company pledged to contribute thousands of volunteer hours and will donate an estimated \$500,000 to environmental causes nationwide this year.

Canada cuts back on potato production

HELVIN — When the Healy Summit potato processing plant in Prince Edward Island, Canada, said an April 13 CBS News report.

Farmers had hoped the company would add the line to use excess potatoes and add a stable source of income, the report said.



Grant Hull spent Wednesday plowing corn ground near Curry Crossing in Twin Falls County. He's thankful for the rain.

Moisture helps water outlook

BOISE — April showers have improved the water supply outlook for some irrigators in southern Idaho, but for others it hasn't been nearly enough.

"It's a mixed bag," said Ron Abramovich, a hydrologist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise. The basin-south of the Snake River received 171 percent of average precipitation during April, while the Upper Snake received just 70 percent of average.

And the precipitation wasn't evenly distributed. Yellowstone National Park, which provides most of the source water to the Snake River, received just 30 to 40 percent of average precipitation for the month. In the south, Oakley received 34 inches of rain in April, significantly above the 1.1 inch monthly average; while Pocatello received 1.98 inches of precipitation, also above the monthly average of 1.18 inches.

North of the Snake River have gotten some moisture but not as abundant as those to the south," Abramovich said. "The rain in the south and in late March when storms came through north Idaho."



Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

growers — who lost 25,000 contracted acres — were told one of the reasons was because the Canada plant was closed to the market.

Now a McCain Foods plant near Manitoba is planning to cut its output this fall, McCain announced in January that there would be layoffs at the plant. Growers and workers there are being told that most of the seven-and-a-half tons of production from the line that is being cut will be moved to a more competitive plant in Washington State.

At least one other Canadian potato processing company won't be processing more french fries. Cavendish Farms announced during a meeting of Canadian potato growers that it is the wrong time to add a french-fry processing line to the New Annan operation, which is located on Prince Edward Island, Canada, said an April 13 CBS News report.

Farmers had hoped the company would add the line to use excess potatoes and add a stable source of income, the report said.

Congressmen concerned about CAFTA's impact

WASHINGTON — It's still uncertain when the proposed Central American Free Trade Agreement, which sugar producers say could put them out of business, will come up for a vote in Congress, an industry official said.

But it appears that it may face some problems gaining enough votes to pass, said Jack Roney, director of economics and policy analysis for the American Sugar Alliance in Arlington, Va.

"It's obviously in a lot of trouble or they would have brought it up long ago," Roney said.

For example, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, recently issued a statement saying he is opposed to CAFTA-DR because of its potential to damage the state's sugar beet growers, said Dan Whiting, a spokesman for Craig.

Craig is one of the four co-chairmen of the Senate Sweetener Caucus, which consists of 34 senators from sugar-producing states. Idaho congressmen Mike Simpson and C.L. "Butch" Otter have also said they will vote against it, and Sen. Mike Crapo led he is against it unless the sugar provisions can be fixed.

Crapo said the tension in Congress about the agreement hasn't been positive.

"If you go by the tone, it doesn't look good," he said.

Home

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during the January-to-March period than they did a year earlier.

The two departments' records combined showed permits for 153 new single-family homes in the first quarter, compared with the 97 permits from the same months a year earlier and the 134 issued in the quarter 2003. If that pace continues, 2005 will be the fourth consecutive year of extraordinary low levels of homebuilding.

In the combined jurisdiction, however, builders and owners in January through March trimmed new single-family home values by 7.9 percent, compared with a year earlier.

The average value of new-home permits issued by Twin Falls and Teton counties building departments, combined slipped to an estimated \$111,982 from the \$121,614 average in the first quarter 2004.

These results exclude duplexes and apartment units but do include manufactured homes, and the few multiples valued in department reports at less than \$200,000 were rounded up to \$200,000.

The big picture for recent years:

In all of 2004, Twin Falls County and its major city together issued building permits for 594 new single-family homes, up 4.4 percent from 569 issued during 2003. That's slower than the 14.0 percent rise in 2003 and the whopping 49.9 percent jump in 2002.

So far, this year is shaping up as another headliner.

Plentiful 'sold' signs

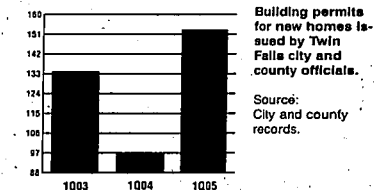
Nationwide, low mortgage rates and low prices are one of both new and existing homes.

Locally, real estate agents' sales of houses during the first quarter — including both new and previously occupied homes — shot up from the year-earlier level.

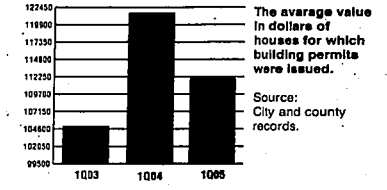
In January through March, homes up for sale in Twin Falls County (including standard single-family dwellings, residential acreages, condominiums and townhouses), but excluding mobile homes, rose a hefty 47.2 percent from 189 a year earlier to 293, according to data from the South Central Idaho Regional Multiple Listing Service.

In contrast, sales rose just 4.7 percent between the first quar-

Building permits



Building permits, average value



The National Association of Realtors still projects a banner year for sales of new and existing homes nationwide. The biggest threat to home sales is rising oil prices and their potential to spark inflation. The Associated Press reported, interest rates rise or fall partly in response to the threat of inflation, so costly oil threatens the housing market's health.

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Twin Falls County sales decline

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County businesses rang up substantially less in first-quarter sales than a year earlier.

County sales in Twin Falls County — including taxable and nontaxable — totaled just \$292.13 million, down 8 percent from \$319.24 million in the first quarter 2004, according to the Idaho State Tax Commission. That's a hefty 31 percent decline for the county, while the quarter's statewide sales rose 17 percent.

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The taxable portion of the county's sales slipped by 8 percent from \$125.77 million in \$115.97 million a year later. That compares with a 15 percent tax sales gain of 15 percent for the quarter.

Because of the normal lag in revenues, the January through March report is supposed to cover sales actually made in December through February.

But the tax commission's special processing of the quarterly varies with its staff workload, and each monthly report reflects returns processed that March report the tax commission warns against comparing "narrow time periods" in one year to the same time periods in different years.

We've opted to let local economy watchers look through a three-month window instead of reporting monthly numbers.

Five counties — including Magic Valley, five counties' first-quarter taxable sales climbed from a year ago, while total sales rose in six states. Here are sales processed by the first quarter, as reported in the tax commission:

Blaine County

- Total sales — \$182.70 million, up 8 percent from \$169.24 million in first quarter 2004.
- Taxable sales — \$104.44 million, up 4 percent from the year-ago \$100.32 million.

Camas County

- Total sales — \$2.87 million, down 6 percent from \$3.05 million in first quarter 2004.
- Taxable sales — \$1.32 million, down 16 percent from the year-ago \$1.57 million.

Cassia County

- Total sales — \$117.70 million, up 13 percent from \$103.23 million in first quarter 2004.
- Taxable sales — \$32.15 million, down 3 percent from the year-ago \$32.11 million.

Gooding County

- Total sales — \$34.76 million, up 7 percent from \$32.28 million in first quarter 2004.
- Taxable sales — \$8.24 million, up 21 percent from the year-ago \$6.84 million.

Jerome County

- Total sales — \$30.28 million, up 19 percent from \$25.79 million in first quarter 2004.
- Taxable sales — \$10.60 million, up 8 percent from the year-ago \$36.09 million.

Lincoln County

- Total sales — \$8.29 million, up 7 percent from \$7.82 million in first quarter 2004.
- Taxable sales — \$6.48 million, up 75 percent from the year-ago \$3.70 million.

Minidoka County

- Total sales — \$84.67 million, up 40 percent from \$60.50 million in first quarter 2004.

Not the whole picture

At the best of times, sales trends are hard to keep track of.

In addition to the Idaho State Tax Commission's variable sales and processing sales returns, keep in mind that county-by-county sales data don't ever show the complete picture of sales.

The county data always come with these disclaimers:

- They exclude sales by some businesses that have locations in other counties.
- Some companies each file just one sales tax return, they aren't included in county-by-county numbers.

A legislative effort last year called for breaking down the reporting of all of those sales by county — to arm companies with better local data for recruiting new businesses — but the measure didn't get anywhere. The issue didn't even reach the state legislature.

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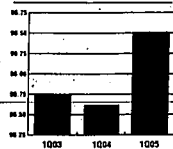
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Market basket



An average coat in three areas of a basket of goods at dollar grocery markets. Source: Times-News survey

Energy prices, core inflation dwarf local grocery-price fluctuation

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Local grocery shoppers are paying slightly higher prices than a year ago.

Weekly grocery bills added a little pressure to consumers' budgets, according to a Times-News survey, but the change was small enough that it might be easily overlooked at the check-out stand.

Quarterly review especially by people pained at the gas pump. A three-store survey showed Twin Falls shoppers were more for a selection of groceries, toiletries and laundry items at the end of the first quarter (the three stores averaged \$96.51 for items on the survey list) than in March 2004 (\$95.62 on average). That's a 0.9 percent price increase over 12 months.

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In recent years December's prices were essentially unchanged between March 2003 (\$95.74 on average) and March 2004.

What's the big picture for recent years? The newspaper's four grocery-price surveys of 2004 (at the ends of March, June, September and December) yielded an average price that was 0.7 percent higher than the four surveys of 2003. The Twin Falls average in 2003 was 4.4 percent higher than in 2002.

The local year-over-year grocery price increase in March, however, was dwarfed by rising fuel costs. U.S. energy costs — including gasoline, home heating oil and natural gas — shot up in March.

And the nationwide costs of health care, clothing, hotel rooms and airline travel all jumped in March, pushing the core inflation rate — which excludes the volatile energy and food categories — up at the fastest pace in 2.5 years.

Underscoring that inflation pressures are mounting, the Federal Reserve said in late April that "price pressures have intensified in a number of districts and most report that high or rising energy prices are a concern across sectors." The Associated Press reported.

Bank deposit growth slows slightly

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Local bank deposits are still on the rise, but the ascent slowed slightly as 2005 began.

Deposits in the Magic Valley branches of four local banks at the end of March (\$907.66 million) topped the year-ago total by 7.3 percent (584.95 million) by 7.3 percent. That growth was significantly faster than the 4.9 percent rise in deposits at the four banks between the end of the 2003 and 2004 first quarters. But it's a notch slower than deposits were rising by the end of last year.

Quarterly rates of growth from year-earlier deposits ranged between 10.0 and 13.5 percent in 2001-02, but growth dropped to 9.0 percent in early 2003 when itched down steadily in single-digit territory, reaching just 4.9 percent growth in last year's first quarter. The following three quarters reversed the trend with accelerating year-over-year growth, before first-quarter 2005 eased the pace a bit.

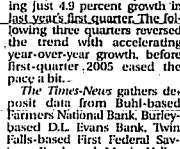
The Times-News gathers deposit data from Buhl-based Farmers National Bank, Burley-based D.L. Evans Bank, Twin Falls-based First Federal Savings Bank and Magic Valley Bank, founded in Twin Falls.

The four companies that provide deposit data to The Times-News aren't the entire local banking market. But they provide a measure of changes in economic activity.

Twice in the first quarter, savings banks as the Federal Reserve raised a key interest rate by a quarter-point on Feb. 2, then again on March 22.

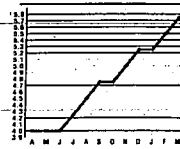
Higher rates can help savings by boosting the interest paid on

Interest rates



The prevailing national interest rate during the past 12 months. Source: Wells Fargo & Co.

Bank deposits



Deposits in thousands of dollars at the end of the quarter in four locally-based banks' Magic Valley branches. Source: Bank officials.

Bank deposits

and also needs to gas up a fleet of vehicles is getting lit hard. Higher borrowing costs can cut into cash flow, leaving a company with less money to operate or expand. And small-business owners don't have to be in a particularly interest-rate-sensitive industry like housing or lending to be affected when rates rise.

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Spud growers suffer drastic price decrease

Cattle producers enjoy high prices

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

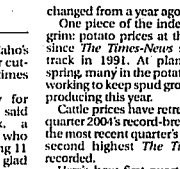
TWIN FALLS — With southern Idaho's water shortage — and groundwater cutoffs looming for some pumpers — times are particularly tough for farmers.

Quarterly review Farmers' difficulties are showing up in places like the first-quarter earnings report from Northwest Farm Credit Services, which included a \$4 million provision for loan losses associated with the potato and onion industries.

Like agricultural producers, we are concerned about the lack of precipitation and snow pack throughout the Northwest. Drought will be a concern for most producers," said Jay Penick, the financing firm's president and chief executive. "Both the open potato and onion industries remain under significant price pressures, and the association is closely watching customers involved in these commodities."

January-to-March prices for the potato, butter, wheat and sugar categories used for The Times-News farm-price index all fell over 2004's first-quarter prices. That counteracted substantial rises in cattle and bean prices to keep the quarter's overall index virtually un-

Farm price index

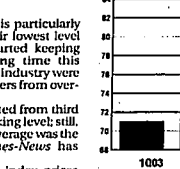


A Magic Valley commodity price index compared with a 1950 base index. Source: Times-News index.

basis, have caught up with the U.S. cattle market, causing prices to rise even in the face of these negative trade developments," Swanson said.

Magic Valley dairy farms, meanwhile, enjoyed higher first-quarter prices than a year ago. The base price for Class III milk — manufacturing-grade milk destined mostly for cheese — rose throughout the first five months of 2004 to peak at a notable \$20.50 per hundredweight in May 2004 as the cheese market saw supply concerns. Then consumer resistance to higher dairy-case prices helped send cheese tumbling, and the Class III base price hovered in the \$14.50 range for most of the rest of the year. After a one-month spike in December, the Class III price returned to the mid-

Milk prices



Base price in dollars for Class III milk from federal milk orders. Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

\$14 range in the first quarter. Still, it was better than the beginning of 2004 for Magic Valley's dairy producers and the other business sectors that depend on dairy dollars.

Federal milk orders showed Class III base prices of \$14.14 for January (up 22 percent from the same month the previous year), \$14.70 for February (up 24 percent from a year earlier) and \$14.08 for March (down 3 percent). The Class III milk price is an important economic indicator for the valley because most Magic Valley milk gets turned into cheese and related products. Its rise invigorates hiring at local dairies, too.

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Jobs

Continued from D1 labor market area. So far, the recalculations of historical data are incomplete.

"The growth numbers are outstanding and the unemployment rates are extremely low," Rogers said. "Our economy here has experienced tremendous growth. The construction sector has been one of the major contributors to growth with a 50 percent increase year-over-year."

Rogers said the two-company area's rate of job creation is starting to level off, and he predicts about 3 percent annual job growth for the next couple of years.

Several possibilities on the horizon, however, could change

that — among them, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' planned center in northeast Twin Falls. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s proposed Twin Falls store and Sonoma Generators' proposed construction of a \$1 billion coal-fired electric generating facility northeast of Teron.

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Help wanted

News' classified advertising section totaled 4,982 in the first quarter, compared with 4,286 such ads a year earlier.

The professional sector was busy seeking applicants with positions open specifically in education," Debjyoti Choudhury, The Times-News' classified and online manager, said in early April while reporting March trends. "Drivers were needed in the ag sector as well as over-the-road and local business-

es seeking drivers." The medical industry advertised for technicians, nursing assistants and counselors, she said. And local retail stores were trying to fill sales, customer service and clerk jobs. The recent picture? Full-year 2004's classified employment ads totaled 8 percent more than the ads placed in 2003, when the total was actually down 3 percent from 2002.

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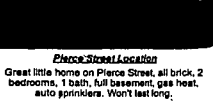
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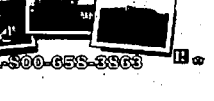
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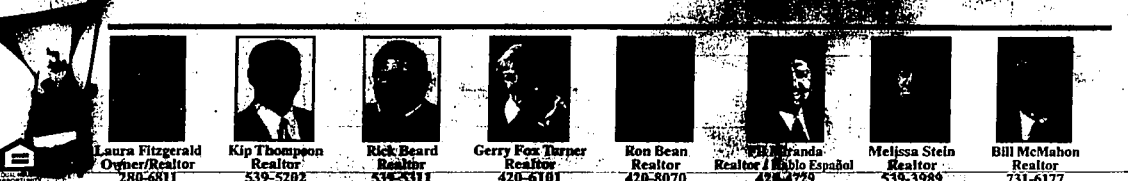
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AUSSIE puppies 7... weeks old...

AUSTRALIAN SHEP... herding registered...

BALL PYTHON &... ball python...

BEAGLES 8K, dew... clawed, physical...

CHIHUAHUA Female... pups AKC registered...

CHIHUAHUA Puppies... (1) Fawn female...

CHINESE PUG PUP... (2) females...

COCKER SPANIEL... 6 weeks old...

COCKER SPANIEL... 7 weeks old...

DACHSHUND LONG... HAIREDD PUP...

DOG CRATE for sale... medium dog...

DOG KENNEL dog... chain link...

FREE Bichon puppy... great with kids...

FREE Border Collie... cross pup...

FREE Border Collie... pups, 7 weeks old...

FREE Calico momma... kitten...

70B Farm & Ranch

FORD 96 F-150, 4x4... pickup...

FREIGHTLINER '90... with 28 foot slope...

FUEL TANK 1000 gal... pickup...

HAY-BALER New-Hand... 42er, hydraulic...

GERMAN SHEPHERD... pup...

FREE Slemase 3 yr... old, litter box...

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HEBSTON '96 4910... pickup...

HITON '88 4800 baler... 52,000 lbs...

JD 2200 Swather, cab... 18 ft. header...

POTATO CULTIVA... tor...

SCALE Portable, 6000... lbs capacity...

HEELER 2 mares, \$50... each...

HORSES (2) Ranch... geldings...

HYMALIAN cat, 10... month young...

JACK RUSSEL TERR... 18 lbs...

LAB Blondie puppies... 6 weeks old...

LAB puppies, Pure-bred... 6 weeks old...

LAB pups, without pap... 2004-2005...

LABRADOR Retriever... puppies...

LABS, yellow, 3 male... puppies...

MINIATURE DOBER... pins...

POMERANIAN AKC... pups...

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TOP SOIL... Sod firm...

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WEATHERED... GARAGE DOOR...

GRANITE TILE... CONTRACTOR...

RAILROAD TIES... rough lumber...

HOT TUB 6 person... on hot tub...

COMPUTER... Excellent refurbished...

WEDDING RING... Hills Gold & diamond...

ROTARY... Blade work, lawn mowing...

DIXON '93 Model... 2002...

DIXON riding mower... excellent condition...

MOWER Dixon '00... 42 inch cut...

TREEMILL Like new... 3/4 hp...

ORCAUN Writener... roll...

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PIANO AKC player... excellent...

TV 19" color, 20... Bug detector...

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KING PILLOWTOP... 329 mattress...

MATTHEWS BET... 1000 watt...

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SECTIONAL COUCH... 2 recliners...

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MOVING SALE... corner couch...

PLAYBOY MAGAZINE... 30 issues...

Hand pump drill... 1/2"...

SEWING MACHINE... Singer with case...

STERLING TOW BAR... Roadmaster...

SWING set play set... w/ 2000...

TOOL BOX Challenge... Deflector shield...

WANTED Yarnah 60... for parts...

WANTED Used pool... slide...

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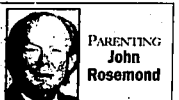
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Fairness, equality aren't the same thing

Treating children equally means treating them in exactly the same manner regardless of any quantifiable differences between them. Treating children fairly means treating them with consideration of those differences.

To begin with the obvious, children think the two terms are synonymous. Well, that's not exactly true.

Because children are naturally self-centered, the child who complains of being treated "unfairly" really means, more often than not, that he or she has not been given the greater portion or put at the head of the line, or both.



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Take bedtime, for example, as regards two siblings, ages 5 and 10. To treat them equally, one would send them to bed at the same time. To treat them fairly, one would let the older one stay up later. Obviously, the younger one wants to be treated equally, while the older one wants to be treated fairly, and rightly so.

The concept of meritocracy is germane to the discussion. Meritocracy means that privilege is conferred objectively. In the previous case, the criterion is age, but it could also be a measure of talent, effort, or the attainment of a certain level of expertise.

Children do not believe in meritocracy, a child believes—and the younger the child, the stronger the belief—in the "Me-ocracy."

To Robbie, it is of no consequence that Billy saw the ball first, runs faster, and therefore reached it first. Robbie thinks it's not fair that Billy has the ball. But then Billy thinks it's unfair that because Robbie made straight As throughout the entire school year, his parents are taking him to Disneyland, while Billy slacked off during much of the school year. His parents are taking the family to visit the grandparents.

Unfortunately, many adults these days seem as confused as are children by the difference between fair and equal. That's because adults explain adults giving every child on a baseball team an award. And the Most Well-Oiled Glove Award goes to Coach Brant Let's give him a big hand! Good job Bobby! Let's not admit, or let on to the kids, for Heaven's sake, that one child on the team might actually be the best player, or that some child's laziness actually helped the opposing teams.

The problem is that the attempt to treat all children in a certain group equally isn't fair at all. In this case, fair would be for adults to recognize that some children on the team did, in fact, make a greater contribution than others. The problem, of course, is that differential recognition of that sort are thought to dim the glow of self-esteem. I am reminded of a story some parents recently told me about a family Christmas at the grandparents, attended by six grandchildren. Grandma and Grandpa would give the same toy bulldozer to each grandchild. They told this they said with obvious pride, to be "fair." Nevertheless, within one hour of opening their identical toys, the grandchildren were fighting over who got the best of the six identical bulldozers, and whose identical bulldozer was whose and so on.

Ironically, these foolish things that adults do only cause children difficulty in growing up because essential to growing up is understanding that for the most part, the real world is in fact a rather fair place. One can only hope it remains that way.

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THE FAMILY VACATION: Is it ahead?

Not yet, but big gas prices have it reeling

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

GOODING — Drought and diesel have killed off Trevor and Barb Stratton's summer vacation.

"We are seniors and we farmed too long so do not have a good income," explained Barb, who's 66. "We did buy a Fifth Wheel about 15 years ago, love traveling with it and have a diesel pickup to pull it. (But) the price for diesel has stopped the trip we planned on taking this May."

The Strattons were going to Nevada this month to visit friends and then on to California to see their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"The dilemma is this water shortage, because of the drought (we) may have to have a water well dug," Barb said. "Many people in the Gooding area are running dry. So do we spend money on a well, or do we wait and see if we have to have a well dug? We can't afford to do both."

"Is there an answer to better fuel prices?" she asked. "We think everyone should take their vacation at home this year."

So is this finally the summer that spiraling gas prices keep most people home? Probably not, says Dave Carlson, spokesman for the American Automobile Association, in Idaho.

"The strong economy is keeping summer vacations afloat," he said in a telephone interview from his Boise office. "People are taking shorter trips than they used to, but that's been going on for a few years now. They haven't stopped taking vacations; they're just economizing in other ways."

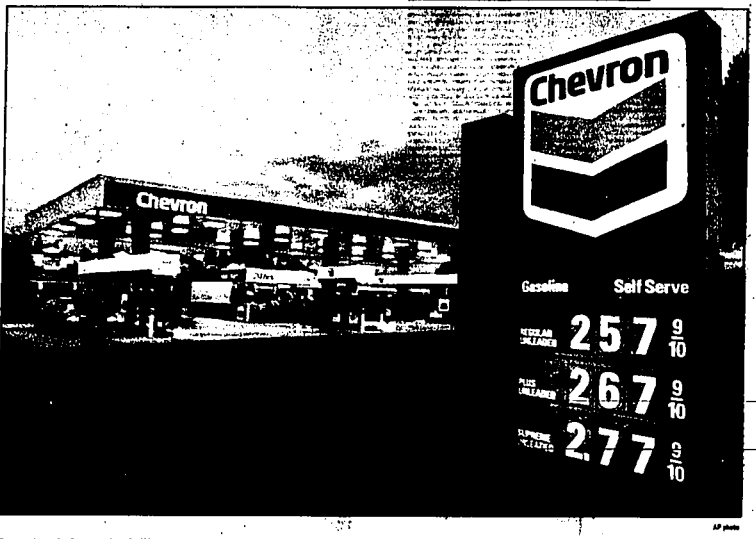
For example, Carlson says, when they eat out, travelers are dining on pizza instead of steak. "And instead of taking a nine-day vacation, maybe they'll just go for seven days."

That said, there's no dispute that gas prices are high, wide and deep, especially in the West. If, for example, you drive your Cadillac Escalade to Las Vegas and back this weekend, your round-trip fuel costs alone will be \$188, according to a travel-cost formula developed by AAA.

"Of course if you're driving a \$35,000 vehicle, you probably don't have to worry much about fuel costs," Carlson said. "Not like with our digital-age vehicle with more than 100,000 miles on it."

Nationally, AAA makes its summer driving-season price forecasts in mid-May, but Carlson says it's possible the worst is past. That's because as good news to Twin Falls motorists, who watched the price of a gallon of unleaded regular climb by 55 cents between Christmas and Easter.

"In the past week or so, the world oil market has stabilized," Carlson said. "We're still seeing



Gas prices in Sunnyside, Calif.

What will it cost?

Estimated round-trip fuel costs to selected cities from Twin Falls, for selected 2-year-old vehicles (Honda Civic, Ford Explorer and Cadillac Escalade), using a formula developed by the American Automobile Association using regional fuel prices.

Destination	Civic	Explorer	Escalade
Seattle	\$98	\$155	\$103
Portland	\$84	\$133	\$142
San Francisco	\$132	\$206	\$220
Las Vegas	\$110	\$176	\$188
Reno	\$68	\$107	\$113
Los Angeles	\$154	\$242	\$258
Phoenix	\$13	\$214	\$226
Denver	\$121	\$191	\$200
Spokane, Wash.	\$88	\$136	\$143
Salt Lake City	\$38	\$61	\$64
Yellowstone Park	\$51	\$126	\$133
Glacier National Park	\$79	\$125	\$125
Byzce/Zion N.P.	\$74	\$117	\$124
Yosemite Park	\$97	\$153	\$161
Grand Canyon	\$100	\$158	\$166

price increases at the pump but not of the magnitude of 2 or 3 cents every other day like we were seeing for a while."

Peak-season gas prices recently held steady.

"In the past two years, the prices have gone up in anticipation of demand, not because of it," he said.

But they're likely to be above \$2 for the foreseeable future, and gas prices are the highest at some of the destinations that Idahoans favor most, such as Las Vegas (\$2.60 a gallon as of Wednesday), Southern California (\$2.74 in Los Angeles), the Bay Area (\$2.91 in San Francisco), Seattle (\$2.59) and the Oregon Coast (\$2.57 in Portland).

"There's no question that gas prices have changed the way we go on vacation," Carlson said. "But people are still finding ways to get away."

"We think everyone should take their vacation at home this year."

— Barb Stratton, Gooding resident

Still, it's worth remembering that you paid \$2.05 for a gallon of regular unleaded gas last Memorial Day.

"We'd take that now," Carlson said.

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Overwhelmed? Six steps to regaining control

If you ever feel overwhelmed, here is a six-step approach to regaining control quickly. The first three are immediate. The second three take more time, but have lasting benefits.

1. Catch yourself in the act of feeling out of control and admit it.
2. Take two or three long, slow inhaled breaths, and your stomach expand and contract.

Feel yourself breathe in relaxation and exhale any tension you feel. Concentrate on the moment. Focus your attention on the current situation.

3. Repeat with conviction, "I am in control. I can handle this three or four times. Think about the meaning of the words."

4. List everything you know or feel you must do now to regain control. List why you feel uneasy. It does not matter how short it is. It doesn't matter how short it is. It doesn't matter how short it is.
5. Rank your list, what is the most important? Which is second, third, etc? Be careful when ranking your list, it is very important to regaining control.

6. Now, work in 30 minute blocks of time. Start with the top priority on your list and spend up to 30 minutes of concentrated effort on solving or improving that item. Yes, it might take you longer than 30 minutes. However, getting started and working in manageable blocks will reduce your anxiety. What you want to do is to make some progress. Once you've

completed item one, or spent 30 minutes on it, take a five minute break. Then either work more on item one or begin item two. Work like this until you have completed your list. Or, until you have no more time left that day. Then, look back and see what you've accomplished. Have you made progress? Do you feel more in control?

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Awkward moment at funeral brings comfort and criticism



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I went to a funeral to pay our respects to our neighbor and his family for the loss of his father. I had met the father on a few prior occasions; my husband had not.

As I was expressing my sympathy and talking with the widow about her husband and their life together, she became a little teary-eyed — so I continued to stand with her and hold her hand and speak with her. The incident lasted about two or three minutes.

My husband felt I should have only expressed my condolences and quickly moved on. I am mortified that I may have done something inappropriate and caused this woman pain. What should I have done?

—WONDERING IN PENNSYLVANIA DEAR WONDERING: A funeral is not an assembly line. You did the right thing by taking the widow's hand, expressing your condolences, and allowing her to share her feelings. Your husband may have been embarrassed by the grieving woman's display of emotions, but that is his problem, so please don't allow him to make it yours.

DEAR ABBY: I have a mondo problem. I think my mom doesn't like me anymore. When I fell off my bike head-first without a helmet, she said I was "overdramatic." She has fallen down 18 feet of stairs four times, and my dad was the only one who helped me. Sometimes my mom is really nice, but I am a little scared

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of her. I should tell her myself, but I am 12 and still very sensitive. Please help. —SCARED GIRL IN WASHINGTON

DEAR SCARED: Please clip this from the newspaper and put it on your mother's pillow. DEAR MOTHER: Your little girl is either accident-prone or trying to get your attention. Please put forth a little more effort to show her you love her. A hug would be a good way to start. And because she will soon be a young woman, giving her a little more time would be greatly beneficial. She needs you very much, and it's sad that she had to do it through me.

DEAR ABBY: We have two beloved (deceased) pets — a rabbit and a bird, buried in our back yard. Within the next two to five years, we plan to sell our house and move out of state. What should we do about the pets we have buried in our yard? Should we leave their remains and just take along their

plaques — or take their remains and bury them at our new residence? This may seem like a silly question, but I'm terribly concerned. —BRENDA IN LAKELAND, FLA.

DEAR BRENDA: No question there, Brenda. You can't be addicted to drugs by having sex with an addict.

Please don't print my name because I live in a small, conservative community in Ohio. —NAMELESS IN A RED STATE

DEAR NAMELESS: Although you cannot become addicted to drugs by having sex with an addict, you CAN become addicted to drugs if you hang around with addicts and frequent places where drugs are easily available. (This is one of those situations where you should "just say no" and avoid temptation.)

CONFIDENTIAL TO PAULINE PHILLIPS IN MINNEAPOLIS: Happy Mother's Day, Mom! My love — Jeanne, your firstborn. Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Prosthetic paw comes to rescue



THE BOND Marty Becker

The smallest kitten born two years ago to a feral mother be- came the back steps of a Glendon, N.C., home came into this world with two good front legs and two deformed rear legs. Before being thought by a "he" before having kittens — this Tweedie-colored kitten would not be able to climb onto the concrete back steps with his good paws and drag his non-functional hind legs be-

hind. The major bone of the leg is covered by the thumb of a \$2 garden glove for traction.

On March 22, in a groundbreaking two-hour procedure called osteointegration, Dr. Denis Marcellin-Little inserted a prosthetic designed by the North Carolina State College of Engineering into the stump of George's rear tibia.

designed by the North Carolina State College of Engineering into the stump of George's right rear tibia, the major bone between our knee and ankle. One end of the central titanium shaft (about the size of a small drinking straw) is anchored in the bone and the other end extends outside the stump. A short sleeve made of a special, porous, biocompatible metal called a titanium surround the shaft from the end of the bone to the skin margin. The bone and skin are being allowed to grow into the part of the prosthesis to complete the seal.

The external shaft has a coupling to which a prosthetic leg and its actual prosthetic paw called a titanium surround the shaft from the end of the bone to the skin margin. The bone and skin are being allowed to grow into the part of the prosthesis to complete the seal.

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A second prosthesis on the left rear leg is unnecessary as cats have proven to get along just fine on three legs. Plus, this leg is more severely deformed with the kneecap pointing backward. While waiting for the internal prosthesis to gain enough strength to support the actual

prosthetic paw, a temporary foot has been attached. Leave it to the French, it's an upside down champagne cork with a rubber sleeve for traction.

The beauty of this surgery, which has only been performed on just 70 humans digits worldwide, is twofold.

First, the dynamics of the leg to remain dense and strong. Secondly, the prosthetic paw won't come off.

Other than treating a minor skin infection where the titanium rod protrudes through the skin, George's recovery has been successful and Marcellin and George's owners expect to "celebrate the placing of George's actual prosthesis before the first of June."

A stretch allows the engineering and modeling, Marcellin says, "It's not too far fetched to think this could apply to human limbs — who lose a foot to diabetes."

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Mary Becker is the coauthor of the book "Chicken Soup For The Hope-Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary contributor for ABC's "Good Morning America." Write to him in care of Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 700 12th St., S.W., Box 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Aquarius finds home base is best

IF MAY 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: In the next 12 months you will become more compassionate and understanding as soothing Neptune steps into place and affects your area of the zodiac. You could feel younger than your years and less willing to compete. Because you're more sensitive, than usual and willing to go with the flow, allergies could develop or you might overlook a health issue. Look for helpful opportunities in June and September and avoid making major decisions or commitments in November and March.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It takes money to make money. Those routine purchases you have been sidestepping may require attention. If spending money gives pleasure, then whatever you will be worth more than dollars.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A new moon in your sign marks the beginning of a fresh emotional cycle. Talk things over with those close to uncatch feelings. You could discover interesting facts about joint finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Things that could break down later in the week might catch your attention. Remember that a stitch in time saves nine and

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

attend to tension-filled areas before they create havoc. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't hide your light under a bushel. Speak your mind to receive attention. Stay motivated by writing down your goals, aspirations and wishes — and then attend to details to make them so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This new moon lights up the career sector of your chart, so get in tune with the new cycle by doing things that enhance your reputation. Discover what others think and be attentive to their opinions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The old may conflict with the new. Routines can cause stress. If you do the same thing repeatedly it can create a rut, so put your thinking cap on to analyze those best situations and relationships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are already a shining star. Self-containment works better than flamboyant gestures under today's stars. Let tact and diplomacy dictate your actions to get ahead in business

or romance. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ask questions. Mysteries that have baffled you will become clear. Your observations about celebrities will be right on track. Perfect harmony with a friend or partner will smooth the way.

MAGNETAR (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A lucky break is not a celestial hiccup or cosmic coincidence. You really do have the ambition and know-how to get ahead — so when opportunity knocks, jump to answer the door.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Widen your scope. If you think you have been underperforming, try reading a few good books pertaining to your business to get a fresh perspective. Sign up for a seminar or class.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Click your heels three times and say, "There's no place like home." Unexpected adventures can be thrilling and bring you new friends, but having a serious romance has to be real.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Flex your muscles and strengthen your resolve. Retreating from battles merely means you're weak and invites attack. The universe will teach you how to be bold and audacious.

Morning sickness? Try these remedies

Dealing with pregnancy-related nausea or morning sickness? Consider these time-tested cures from "Mothers Know Best: Real Moms Share 1,001 Tips on Pregnancy, Birth and the First Year" (Small Potatoes Press, \$14.95).

- Ginger snaps, ginger ale or pure ginger tea
- The juice from half a lemon
- A glass of soy milk
- Watercress, lettuce leaves
- Exercise
- Smaller meals, eaten more frequently, and lots of water.
- Sea Bands (acupressure wrist bands designed to combat travel sickness)

Family news you can use

• Almonds, cashews or sunflower seeds

Small fun Amusement parks, the circus and other major outings are OK, but entertainment for young children does have to be a little big or cool that much. Some ideas from Parenting magazine: • Ask for a tour. Turn a simple errand into an outing to remember by asking for a close look (or finding a safe viewing point). A few good destinations:

coin-sorting machines at the bank, automated photo-processing equipment at a train-riding site, besides a train glazing of doughnut made at Krispy Kreme.

• Pull over. You can spend a good hour pulled over at a construction site, beside a train crossing, or near the airport watching planes fly overhead. • Ride a bus. Your preschooler's name about the wheels on the bus, but has she ever ridden one? Hop aboard a city bus and ride it somewhere — anywhere — and back, just to watch the wipers go swish, swish, swish. —Compiled from wire service reports

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COMMUNITY

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Dairy Days princess program returns

WENDELL — The Wendell Magic Valley Dairy Days Princess Scholarship Program will be held at 12:30 p.m. June 18 at the Wendell City Park following the Magic Valley Dairy Days parade.

Princess applicants will be judged on creating a commercial for dairy products to be performed on stage, writing a paper on the value of dairy products as part of a healthy diet, and selling ads for the Dairy Days booklet. Ads are being sold by contestants to help support the scholarship.

The first place winner will receive a

\$3,000 scholarship and act as a dairy representative for one year. The second place winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and the third place winner will receive \$500 scholarship to Idaho schools of their choice.

Sponsors of the princess program are the Wendell Chamber of Commerce and United Dairywomen of Idaho.

Dairy Days started 16 years ago. But this year is the first time in eight years the princess program has been held. Applicants must be between 16 to 19 years old by June 1 and have a 3.5 grade point average and

above, but do not have to a dairy background.

Contestants are: Cassandra Abadie of Twin Falls, Tevis Olson-Brase of Jerome, Jennifer Martinez of Wendell, Aurelia Hill of Twin Falls, Angie Olson of Wendell, Lacey Lemmon of Hagerman, Denise Gadsby of Castleford, Shayla Cantrell of Buhl, Lynlee Jayo of Hagerman, Jennifer McDougal of Gooding, Nicole Hovater of Twin Falls, Call Thaxeto of Wendell and Melissa Leja of Hagerman. For more information, call coordinator Mary Heida at 543-2582.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Jayden Daniel Retford, son of Julie Ann Elchicher of Declo, was born Wednesday, April 23, 2003.

Christian William Bratt, son of Lisa Ann and Christopher Hamdall Bratt of Jerome, was born Thursday, April 28, 2003.

Tanner Matthew Eldredge, son of Elizabeth Haley and Justin James Eldredge of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 28, 2003.

Alyssa Jazmine Lagunas, daughter of Rosa Linda and Jose V. Lagunas of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 28, 2003.

Hannah Lynn Skinner, daughter of Heidi Lynn and Corey Wayne Skinner of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 28, 2003.

Josiah Thomas Gleason, son of Kimberly Jean and Thomas Patrick Gleason of Twin Falls, was born Friday, April 25, 2003.

Angel Eduardo Ramirez, son of Jessica Lynn Irene Dawson and Eduardo Ramirez of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, May 1, 2003.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: **Jami Whited** The Community Page The Times-Herald P.O. Box 549 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 737-3278

Christopher David Lee Frampton, son of Amanda Suzanne Kiger & Christopher Antonio Lee Frampton of Hagerman, was born Sunday, May 1, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Trevor Jay Burton, son of Jay and Cami Burton of Declo, was born Tuesday, March 28, 2003.

Jackson Smyer, son of Denise and Natalie Smyer of Burley, was born Monday, May 2, 2003.

Landmark honors Burley's birth

BURLEY — With community help, an enduring gift will be placed in front of Burley City Hall in the new Centennial Park.

The future landmark is in recognition of the city's origins and marks the centennial year. A new bronze sculpture will be erected to honor the area's earliest settlers.

The sculpture of an irrigator will be a landmark among other features of Centennial Park in front of Burley City Hall facing Overland Avenue, reports the Burley Centennial Committee.

The new landmark will be part of an entire half-block project to become Centennial Park. Plans also include short walking paths—benches, commemorative markers, a memory lane and fountain.

"What an incredible time to

be part of our own history. How we celebrate, how much we become involved says so much about how much we enjoy our home and hometown," says Linda Petersen of the Burley Centennial Committee.

Centennial Park will be built by donations. The most significant landmark being the bronze sculpture, created by local artist Lure Carey will cost more than \$20,000 for materials, committee members report.

Part designs came from the Burley Centennial Committee and public input.

"This is a welcome idea from many. People are excited about seeing a nice park," says Bev Stone, committee member. "The park will leave a lasting gift marking the city's 100 year celebration."

Centennial Park will be built in the spring and summer and donations are being sought. Mike Sandman of Evergreen Nursery has donated time and tools to provide the beginning layout of the project, the committee reports.

Monetary donations may include \$25 for memory bricks, \$200 in the perennial gardens, \$100 for trees. Lights can be sponsored for \$1,200, and benches are each \$1,500.

To donate money, labor and tools call Brian Tibbotts of Burley City Hall at 678-2224.

This sculpture of an irrigator will mark the city's origin and mark the Burley centennial.



FOCUS ON PEOPLE

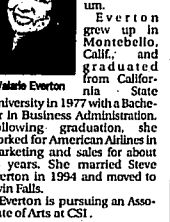
Student receives watercolor scholarship

Valarie Everton of Twin Falls has been chosen by the College of Southern Idaho Art Department chairman, Mike Green, along with the art department instructors, to receive the Idaho Watercolor Society, South Central Region, Ruth Clark Scholarship.

Everton submitted a portfolio of watercolors to CSI's art department and was chosen by the staff for her excellence in the medium.

Everton grew up in Montebello, Calif., and graduated from California State University in 1977 with a Bachelor in Business Administration. Following graduation, she worked for American Airlines in marketing and sales for about 18 years. She married Steve Everton in 1994 and moved to Twin Falls.

Everton is pursuing an Associate of Arts at CSI.



Valarie Everton

T.F. resident named to university dean's list

Emma High of Twin Falls was named to the dean's list of Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Ore.

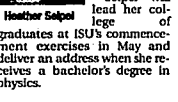
She is a health sciences student major from Kimberly. A 2001 Kimberly High School graduate, she is the daughter of Rich and Cheryl Schneider. She has received the Brown Honors Scholarship, College of Health Sciences scholarship and Volunteer Services Board Director Choice Award. Schneider also is a Boise State Ambassador, vice president of the Honors Student Association and treasurer of the Student Alumni Association and has volunteered for several agencies, including St. Luke's and Saint Alphonsus regional medical centers and Habitat for Humanity.

CSI graduate receives ISU student honor

College of Southern Idaho graduate Heather Selgel was chosen as Idaho State University's Outstanding Student from the College of Arts and Sciences in Pocatello.

The award is based on nominations from the faculty for students who excel in academic, social and personal responsibilities.

Selgel will lead her college of graduates at ISU's commencement exercises in May and deliver an address when she receives a bachelor's degree in physics.



Heather Selgel

She plans to pursue a masters degree this fall.

BSU leadership society inducts Kimberly student

Cary Schaefer was inducted into the 2005 class of the Founders' Leadership Society at Boise State University.

Society members are invited to meet annually for learning and networking opportunities. Criteria include leadership skills, commitment to service, an appreciation for diversity and academic achievement.

She is a health sciences student major from Kimberly. A 2001 Kimberly High School graduate, she is the daughter of Rich and Cheryl Schneider. She has received the Brown Honors Scholarship, College of Health Sciences scholarship and Volunteer Services Board Director Choice Award. Schneider also is a Boise State Ambassador, vice president of the Honors Student Association and treasurer of the Student Alumni Association and has volunteered for several agencies, including St. Luke's and Saint Alphonsus regional medical centers and Habitat for Humanity.

Land surveyors society awards scholarships

The Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to student Travis Hanks, who attends Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Hanks of Rupert is a second-year civil engineering technology student. He is scheduled to graduate in May with an Associate of Applied Science degree and will study the geomatics technology program.

Boise State Capital Scholars are selected

Several high school juniors were among the 357 Idaho students who have been named Boise State Capital Scholars this spring and are eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to BSU.

The local 2005 Boise State Capital Scholars are: Twin Falls Joshua Allen, Ryan Ballester, Timothy Huzaruk, Christopher Macmillan, Staniela Nikolova, Kiri Oler, Stephanie Pappino and Nicole Ridgeway.

Kimberly Morgan Price, Hailey Inaya Sevy and Jared Stoltz.

Ketchum: Hayden Seder, Max Danielson and Anja Sundall.

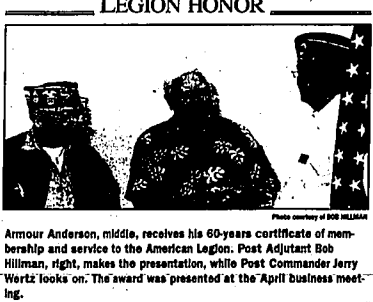
Twin Valley: Amanda Harris.

Rupert: Craig Hildstrup.

Hansen: Chelsea Ruhr.

Burley: Melissa Fueling, Jeffrey Galbraith, Stephanie Johnson and Rebekah Lindsay Wendell Zac Davis.

Honors recipients participated in discussions with academic deans, viewed department demonstrations highlighting research and faculty and met the 2005 national champion "Talk Bronco" debate and speech team.



Armour Anderson, middle, receives his 60-year certificate of membership and service to the American Legion, Post Adjutant Bob Hillman, right, makes the presentation, while Post Commander Jerry Wertz looks on. The award was presented at the April Business meeting.

GIFT TO 'GIFTS OF LOVE'



From left, Audrey Randall, president of the Magic Valley Regional Community Auxiliary, presents a \$500 check to Gifts of Love director, Kim Somrek; back row: bookkeeper Karen Wood and co-director Cherrill Jackson. Gifts of Love, a non-profit association, started in 1997 and provides Christmas gifts for care center residents to give to loved ones and friends. Donations for all ages, male and female, can be dropped off at the hospital front information desk. For more information on the Gifts of Love, call Somrek at 655-4342.

Office recognizes Older Americans Month

TWIN FALLS — Americans are living and staying healthier longer than ever before, according to the Office on Aging.

This month, the elderly and organizations like the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho are celebrating Older Americans Month. The theme "Celebrate Long-Term Living" was selected to honor older Americans as a national presence and highlight the need for mid-life and older persons to be prepared to live longer than previous generations, the Office on Aging reports.

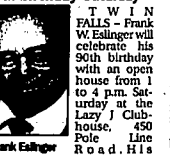
"Older Americans now have more choices than the long-term institutional care that once was the primary option for our senior citizens," said Sherry Cann, Office on Aging public information officer in Twin Falls. "More and more people of the Magic Valley are remaining in their own homes and communities well into their later years."

The Office on Aging reports that it offers services and programs that help older persons to eat better and keep active, that highlight the positive benefits of civic engagement and that redefine aging in society.

For more information about these services and programs, call 736-2122 or 1-800-574-8656.

T.F. man celebrates 90th birthday Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Frank W. Tinsler will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Lazy J Clubhouse, 450 Pole Road, Hite.



Frank Tinsler

Kimberly Middle School needs garage sale items

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Middle School is in need of items for a garage sale for their fund-raiser at 7 a.m. Saturday. Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the middle school parking lot, 141 Center St. W. Receipts will be provided for tax purposes.

Jerome Lions Club holds third annual yard sale

JEROME — The Jerome Lions Club is holding its third annual yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 4 at the Jerome Recreation District Park.

Proceeds will support community projects. Donations are needed and can be picked up by the club. For more information or to donate items, call Jennifer at 324-9895.

Legion Auxiliary Spring Tea will be in Paul

PAUL — The American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 77 of Paul will hold its annual Spring Tea at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wilbur C. Hall, American Legion Post.

This year's chairman is Maxine Becker.

The Auxiliary invites all Minicassia women to the event. Entertainment, refreshments and door prizes will be provided. For more information, call President Alberta at 677-2007.

Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING — The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its April 29 winners.

First, Kathy Rooney and Shirley Tschannen; second, Riley Burton and David Stoker; tied for third and fourth, Henry Robinson and Joyce Back and Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith; fifth, Susan Faulkner and Marg Pierson.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge is played at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. Refreshments are served. For a partner or more information, call Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

ENGAGEMENTS

ANDERSON-COTTEN

RUPERT — Phillip Anderson and Deanna Anderson, both of Iona, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katy Anderson, to Reed Cotten, son of Richard and Janet Cotten.

Anderson is a graduate of Bonnevile High School and is currently attending Idaho State University.

Cotten is a graduate of Minico High School and is also attending ISU.

The wedding is planned for Thursday, May 19. A reception to honor the couple will be held



Katy Anderson and Reed Cotten from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, in Iona and from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 20, at the Rupert 3rd Ward building.

BALDWIN-PETIT

STANLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baldwin of the Longview, Wash., area announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Baldwin, to Wesley Petit, son of Pastor Bob and Lois Downing of Stanley and formerly of Jerome.

Baldwin is employed at Starbucks in Longview.

Petit graduated in 1988 from Jerome High School and joined the Marines after graduation. He later worked for Grocery Outlet and was transferred to Longview to help start a new store.

He currently is employed at Fred Meyer.

The wedding is planned for



Wesley Petit and Katie Baldwin Saturday, June 4, at Seaguest Park in Castle Rock, Wash. Friends and family are invited to attend the ceremony. The couple will reside in Castle Rock.

BRYANT-BERKEBILE

GOODING — Kenny and Tanya Bryant of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Brezin Bryant, to Cory Berkebile, son of Susan Berkebile of Boise and Lynn and Michelle Berkebile of Twin Falls.

Bryant is a 2003 graduate of Idaho State University and is employed at Jones, France, Basterrecha & Brush in Gooding.

Berkebile is currently studying biology at ISU. He is employed at the Bureau of Land Management in Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for



Cory Berkebile and Brezin Bryant Saturday, June 4, at Carmela Vineyards in Glenns Ferry. The couple will reside in Pocatello.

JOHNSON-ODOM

TWIN FALLS — Phyllis Johnson of Twin Falls and Marv and Jackie Johnson of Calef, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelal Lynn Johnson, to John Ivan Odom, son of Robert and Marilyn Odom of Twin Falls.

Johnson is a graduate of Jerome High School and is currently attending Boise State University. She is a stay-at-home mom and is finishing her psychology degree.

Odom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He owns Frontier Concrete, Construction in Eagle.



John Odom and Chelal Johnson The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 28, at the Eagle Hills Golf Course. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

HUSBAND-LOVELESS HASKIN

HAILLEY — Rob and Cindy Husband of Hailley announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherilyn Renee Husband, to David Aaron Loveless Haskin, son of Darrell and Mona Loveless of Jerome.

Husband is a graduate of Silver Creek Alternative School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho in Pocatello. She is employed at F Stop in Keetchikan.

Loveless Haskin received his GED through CSI. He is employed at Glass Masters in Keetchikan.

The wedding is planned for



David Loveless Haskin and Sherilyn Husband Saturday, May 28, at the Bellevue Community Church. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Calvary Bible Church in Hailley.

WEDDING

MILLER-HAWK

TWIN FALLS — Sheila Miller and Beau Hawk were married Jan. 23 at the First Methodist Church in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Miller of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hawk of Twin Falls.

The Rev. Jerry Steele officiated the ceremony.

LaDonna Miller, sister-in-law of the bride, served as matron of honor.

Chela Jimenez, niece of the bride, and Callie Clapp, cousin of the groom, were the flower girls.

Jason Hanson of Boise, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Ushers were Tim Miller, brother of the bride, and Todd Petry, cousin of the groom.

Edna and Keaton Hawk, sons of the groom, were the ringbearers.

Special guest was Don L. Jones of Gooding, grandfather of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the First Methodist Church. Friends and members of the bride and groom



Sheila and Beau Hawk served at the reception. Cindy Jimenez, sister of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of Kimberly High School and has an associate's degree from the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Advantage Sales and Marketing in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended CSI. He is employed by Transportation Security Administration at the Cincinnati International Airport in Cincinnati.

The newlyweds reside in Park Hill, Ky.

MESERVY-LEWIS

JEROME — James and Cherie Meservy of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Jo Meservy, to Andrew Vance Lewis, son of Keith Lewis of Alpine, Utah, and Jennifer Meservy of Weston, Sales, Inc.

Meservy is a graduate of Jerome High School and Brigham Young University. She is employed at Veve and Young Law Offices in Provo, Utah.

Lewis is a graduate of Springville High School and is attending Utah Valley State College. He served an LDS mission in the West Indies. He is employed at Les Schwab Tires and State Canyon Youth Detention Center in Provo.

The wedding is planned for



Ashley Meservy and Andrew Lewis Friday, May 13, in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at The White House in Twin Falls. The couple will reside in Springville, Utah.

MILLER-ST. CLAIR

TWIN FALLS — Sue Miller and Canon Wong of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenette Marie Miller, to Jeffrey Glen St. Clair, son of John and Linda St. Clair of Twin Falls.

Murray is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is currently attending Boise State University, majoring in music.

Murray is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School and recently completed his second year at Brigham Young University-Idaho, where he is studying engineering.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 14, in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. The ceremony will be held in the chancel from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Jeffrey St. Clair and Jenette Miller Saturday, May 28, at the College of Southern Idaho Herrett Center. The couple plans to reside in Logan, Utah, and will attend Utah State University in the fall.

MURRAY-ROBERTS

RUPERT — Edward and Charlene Murray of St. Anthony announce the engagement of their daughter, Lilly Murray, to Morgan Roberts, son of Lewis and Harriet Roberts of Rupert.

Murray is a 1999 graduate of South Fremont High School in St. Anthony.

Roberts is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School and served an LDS mission in Rome, Italy.

The wedding is planned for Friday, May 13. A reception to honor the couple will be held



Morgan Roberts and Lilly Murray that evening in St. Anthony. An open house will be held Saturday, May 14, in Rupert.

DEAGLE-LARSON

TWIN FALLS — Daniel S. and Stacy Deagle of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Christie Dyan Deagle, to Brent Dover Larson, son of Rodney D. and Cindy Lou Larson of Clarkston, Wash.

Deagle is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and currently is attending Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., majoring in mechanical engineering. She is employed at M&E Research-Centry at WSU in Pullman.

Larson is a graduate of Clarkston High School and Washington State University with a double major in business management and management information systems. He is em-



Christie Deagle and Brent Larson played at Shopto in Pullman as the loss prevention manager. The wedding is planned for 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, in the Bountiful Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.

WEDDING

MATHEWS-RIETKOR

TWIN FALLS — Amy Louise Mathews and Nolan Henry Rietkorf were married Jan. 28 at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Mick and Debbie Mathews of Gooding and Sam and Debbie Cussen of Jerome.

The bridegroom is the son of John and Rhonda Rietkorf of Wendell.

Pastor Vic Folkert officiated the ceremony. Jodi Copeland was the organist. Jodi Bar was the soloist.

Kalle Forsberg, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids included Kelsie Remer, friend of the bride, and Chandera Abernathy, stepsister of the bride.

Kailyn Mathews, daughter of the bride, was the flower girl.

Ryan Conner, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsman included Ryan Rietkorf and Alan Rietkorf,



Amy and Nolan Rietkorf brothers of the groom.

Ushers were Chris Mathews, brother of the bride, and Joe Abernathy, stepbrother of the bride.

Brynden Roe, nephew of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Nolan Hunter Rietkorf, son of the bride and groom, was the honorary ringbearer.

Special guests included Walt Schroeder of Gooding, grandfather of the bride, Lavonne and Judi Schroeder of Bliss.

WIERSMA-THORPE

BUHL — Pete and Annette Wiersma of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice Therese Wiersma, to Leezy Ryan Thorpe, son of Jim Thorpe and Karen York, both of Twin Falls.

Wiersma is a graduate of Castleford High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at BHP Printers in Twin Falls.

Thorpe attended Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Idaho Equipment and Salvage in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for



Janice Wiersma and Leezy Thorpe Friday, May 20, at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Turf Club.

WOODLAND-HIGBEE

TWIN FALLS — William and Michelle Woodland of Pocatello announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Woodland, to Michael Vernon Higbee, son of Dale and Sharon Higbee of Twin Falls.

Woodland is a 2002 graduate of Century High School and obtained an associate degree from Brigham Young University-Idaho. She is currently studying health education at Idaho State University.

Higbee is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is also attending ISU, majoring in pre-pharmacy. He served an LDS mission in Hamburg, Germany.

The wedding is planned for Friday, May 13, in the Idaho Falls



Michael Higbee and Jennifer Woodland

LDS Temple. Receptions to honor the couple will be held May 13 at the Woodland residence in Pocatello and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the LDS Church on Caswell Avenue West in Twin Falls.

THURBER-JONES

GOODING — Jay and Charla Rae Thurber of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Marie Thurber, to Allan Jones, son of Coy and Linda Jones of Gooding.

Thurber is a 2003 graduate of Gooding High School. She is employed at MDC of Magic Valley in Jerome.

Jones is a 2001 graduate of Carnation High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. He served an LDS mission in Charlotte, N.C. He is employed at MDC of Magic Valley in Jerome and is an instructor at Intermountain Martial Arts in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for



Allan Jones and Amanda Thurber

Friday, June 3, in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 3 at the LDS Church on Main Street in Gooding.

The couple will reside in Gooding.

STANGER-RUSSELL

HANSEN — Morgan and Marilyn Stanger of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Stanger, to Benton Woodrow Russell, son of Woody and Valerie Russell of Idaho Falls.

Stanger is a 2001 graduate of Hansen High School. She is a student at Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg and will graduate with a degree in biology.

Russell is a 2001 graduate of Skelton High School in Idaho Falls. He served a mission to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a pre-med student at BYU-Idaho.

The wedding is planned for Thursday, May 26, in the Mount



Benton Russell and Rachel Stanger

Timpanogos LDS Temple. The couple will reside in Moose, Wyo., this summer, where she is a fire fighter for the Forest Service, and then they will return to Rexburg to continue their education.

Wedding or anniversary?

The Times-News welcomes wedding, anniversary and engagement announcements and photos.

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FAMILY LIFE

COOL TREND

Why not get married on a glacier?

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The bride wore a curly, strapless, white satin gown sprinkled with sequins.

She also had on tight, sweat pants, rain pants and a pair of hefty hiking boots fitted with spikes.

The groom was charmed. "That's the way she is," said Ken Rose, "although the dress was a surprise."

Rose and his wife Dagmar, of Warrington, Pa., tied the knot two summers ago on an Alaskan glacier. In doing so, they joined a small but growing number of people who plan their summer nuptials on the Juneau Ice field, a 1,500-square-mile expanse of jagged ice and rock that spills into nearly 40 glaciers.

For the folks back home, it might as well be the moon.

"Our families thought we were completely nuts," said Rose. But for this couple, the decision to trade tradition for trekking was an easy one.

"The surroundings were unbelievable," he said. "We couldn't have been happier."

"It wasn't about the whole family atmosphere," added his wife. "It was about us and nature."

It was also, surprisingly, rock-solid. The Juneau Ice field is a small cottage industry that has developed around the trend.

Diane Pearson runs Pearson's Pond, a land-and-beach near the Mendenhall Glacier. A certified wedding planner, she arranged for the couple's helicopter flight and an ice field guide, who doubled as a photographer. She brought the cake, the champagne, and the roses. She hiked with the couple until they found the "perfect spot" next to an azure-blue glacier pond, and then she married them — thanks to an Alaskan law that allows just about anyone to become a marriage commissioner.

"My first glacier wedding several years ago was (for) a rock-and-roll wedding," she said. "She was awesome and her husband was an accountant. They were just beautiful."

Pearson married 50 couples last year. 30 of them on a glacier, and she said the number of clients who say their "I dos" on ice grows every year.



Christopher Cummings, left, and Charity O'Brien, from St. Louis, cut their wedding cake after being married on Mendenhall Glacier in Alaska last May. The couple then stayed at Pearson's Pond Bred and Breakfast for wedding after their glacier wedding and enjoyed a wildlife safari, fishing and jet-skiing.

Escaping the hassles of a big event

Tom Stewart moonlights as a marriage commissioner when he's not crunching numbers for the state transportation department.

"It really adds a spice to life," said Stewart, whose business is called Weddings on Ice.

He has performed about 50 glacier weddings in the last three years. Many of his clients fit their wedding in while on a cruise up the Inside Passage, having booked the event before they left through companies based outside Alaska like Royal Oceans Event, A Wedding For You and The Wedding Experience.

Stewart said most people want to escape the hassles of a big wedding. While some come dressed to kill, he also sees them get hitched in hiking gear or pledging their love in match-

ing Norwegian sweaters.

He's also seen brides flying in wearing hoop gowns so large "I was all the pilot could do to see the controls. We've even had them come in stiletto heels, thinking this would help them on the ice."

Some are prepared to stay awhile, like the Roses. After the ceremony, the two spent the day trekking with their guide and rappelling into the blue crystalline depths of a glacier crevasse before camping on the ice to spend their wedding night under a sky resplendent with northern lights.

But couples off the cruise ships don't have the luxury of a hot tub. They must limit their helicopter rental to an hour — 20 minutes up and back and another 40 minutes on the glacier, says Christopher Cummings, left, and Charity O'Brien, from St. Louis, Missouri, cut their wedding cake on Mendenhall

If you go...

Marriage licenses in Alaska: Obtained through the Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics; requires a three-day waiting period. For details, contact the Department of Health and Social Services at Records Processing Unit in Juneau, <http://www.vitalrecords.alaska.gov> (907) 465-3391.

Glacier.

Art Sutch, who's been photographing weddings here for 20 years, has learned how to work with the challenges of the unique setting. "My job is, shoot rapid-fire and get everything that's needed as quickly as possible, and as well as possible," said Sutch.

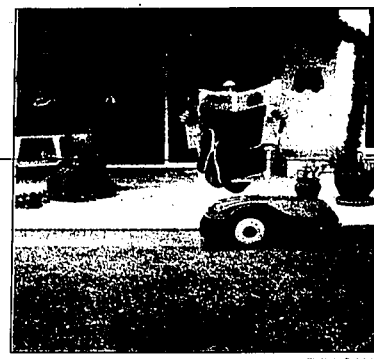
"The main thing is dealing with the light because you have a huge zone of complete whiteness," he added. "On a cloud-free day, it can be a nightmare to see."

But cloudy days can be troublesome too, especially when the rain is blowing sideways. "I had one two years ago where it was raining and blowing so hard I had to keep going up to the groom and pulling his hood back so I could get his face in the picture," he said.

In 2003, close to 550 couples traveled to Alaska to get married and a third of them chose to get married on a glacier. President and CEO of the Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the office fields plenty of calls from people asking how to get married on a glacier, but many choose other wild and scenic spots as well.

"People look for memorable places to commemorate their wedding and getting married in Alaska in and of itself is exciting," she said. "After all, they start investigating further, they start looking at places to make that extra special."

The couples agreed it was memorable all right, even though their friends at home could not believe they were actually married. After all, they left Warrington with just their backpacks. But for Ken, the best part was just how low-key and peaceful the ceremony was. "It was just so funny, surreal setting," he said. "We laughed through the whole ceremony."



The Robomower RL 1000, high technology's answer for folks who hate to mow their lawn.

Stop the madness! Stop the mowing!

The Washington Post

We may be a few decades away from Rosie, the Bronco-accented android who cleaned up after the Jetsons. But there's no question that the age of the helpful household robot is dawning.

The Roomba robotic vacuum cleaner, which caroms around a room looking like a demon-possessed bath mat, has sold more than a million units to date worldwide. It has even become a recurring character on the Fox sitcom "Arrested Development."

Then there's Cockey, an MIT spin-off's alarm-clock prototype actually being considered for production, which jumps from your nightstand and roars away when you hit the snooze button, forcing you to get out of bed to shut it off. Hit the snooze button again, and Cockey wheels off to a new hiding place. (Thanks, MIT. Don't you people have more important things to do?)

Now comes the Robomower RL 1000: an automaton that, without supervision, will trim your lawn for you — incessantly and dependently if a tad loudly. Its makers are betting that an \$1,800 price isn't too steep for homeowners who want to say goodbye to yard-work's most tedious task.

The RL 1000 is the most up-to-date incarnation of a mower developed by Friendly Robotics, a company founded in the early 1990s by a pair of former Israeli F-16 fighter pilots. One was an engineer with a passing interest in robotics; the other was a businessman skilled in raising capital. They began selling the first Robomowers in 1994.

Today the grass-hungry gizmos are sold in more than two dozen countries.

A recent demonstration at the Frederick, Md., offices of www.mastergardening.com, an online dealer of gardening and landscape equipment, illustrated how the machine goes about its mission.

To keep the device from mowing every yard on the block, a stick-wire, or pinging line, cuts the ground around the perimeter of a property. (Eventually grass will grow over wires and pegs, protecting and concealing them.) When switched on, the Robomower reads a signal from the wire and registers the boundaries of the yard. Then it starts moving in a roughly triangular pattern, changing directions when it reaches the perimeter wire or bumps into a tree, a big bush, a stray football left behind by neighborhood kids — until every square foot of the lawn has been mowed.

Because its movement is basically mindless and random, the Robomower can take two to three times longer than would a human being. But that's the owner can't spend doing

something other than panting and wheezing beneath a hot sun.

The RL 1000 improves upon its predecessor, the RL50, thanks to the addition of a timer that can be preset. Program the Robomower to do its thing, say, every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Until that instant the device will stay in its docking station, charging its battery and awaiting the fulfillment of its electronic destiny.

When Wednesday afternoon comes around, it will dislodge from the docking station — emitting a high-pitched audio track of martial-sounding drums and a peppy bugle fanfare — and start cutting.

When it runs low on juice, the RL 1000 will zip back to home base for a fill-up, and then head back out cutting until the job is completed.

At 20-plus pounds, the Robomower's bulk is its own best friend. The device's feature that allows it to be turned on only after a four-digit code has been entered. It's no louder than a rotary sprinker, so it can run at night and not annoy the neighbors. Blade settings are adjustable, and cut grass is converted to a super-fine mulch that decomposes quickly, helping to fertilize the lawn.

It can even cut on a slope without slipping over, provided the grade is no steeper than 15 degrees. "If a slope is currently being cut with a walk-behind," says Teledeman, "somebody like the Robomower will handle it fine."

Almost all Robomower sales in this country go to Intermet, Inc. (www.robomower.com). Systems Trading Corp., the Robomower's North American distributor. (Two such vendors are at www.robodies.com and www.robomower.com.) He notes that the robot's typical American buyer is a male earning between \$50,000 and \$80,000 a year.

"The first person who is going to buy it is the techno-geek," says Teledeman. "Somebody who just wants something new. The second person is going to be somebody who just doesn't want to mow their lawn — who desires the concept. And the third person is going to be somebody who used to mow their lawn, but can't any longer, maybe because of their age or their health."

Future Robomower models, says Teledeman, may incorporate GPS technology to help a robot map and navigate space more efficiently. And while the manufacturers say that a little drone won't hurt the Robomower, they're working on a sensor that will alert it to water droplets on its shell, sending it back to the docking station to wait out a storm.

Yes, this robot is smart enough to mow your lawn, smart enough to keep a schedule, even smart enough to recharge itself when it's low on fuel. But so far, it doesn't have the ability to do what the rain can do — mow the lawn.

How to get in shape for the 'I-do'

Perfection doesn't just happen overnight

Night Rider News Service

Getting fit to walk down the aisle used to be all about a good diet and a workout plan. These days, the plan goes on beyond crunches and cardio.

Angela Sciarra is getting married April 23, and in addition to eating the Body for Life diet (www.bodyforlife.com), she's whitening her teeth, getting her hair colored and getting a spray tan.

Sciarra, of Kansas City, Mo., says being a bride gives you a chance to treat yourself to things you usually wouldn't buy. "It used to cost \$500 to get your teeth whitened," says Sciarra, 32. "Now you can go to Oso and get a take-home kit, so why not? It makes you feel like a celebrity."

Essentially, the bride is a star. It is her wedding day.

So making sure the look is right is important. Says Cori Lewis, a 22-year-old analyst at Cerner in Kansas City who got married Easter weekend.

"I had a wedding that was just how you imagined it, so to

get what you want, you have to plan it out," says Lewis, who got pedicure, did some dieting and exercising and had two trial runs with a hairstylist.

"The first one was a trial, and it wasn't exactly what I wanted. So we went back a second time, and it was perfect," says Lewis, who took notes and pictures to ensure the look could be recreated on her wedding day.

But you don't want to experiment with anything within a few weeks of the date, says Sciarra.

"Give yourself plenty of time to get your look together and make mistakes," she says. "As it gets closer to the date, you get stressed and too distracted, you don't want to experiment with anything and break out or cut your hair and not like it."

When it comes to working out, the more time you give yourself to get in shape, the better. Says Yvonne Bates, 31, a personal trainer for Body Image by Yvonne and for Scott Fitness in Kansas City.

"A good mix of cardio, strength training and a healthy diet is es-

sential when working out," says Bates, who got married last August and is currently training two brides, including her sister, Borey.

"It's important to set a goal and devise a plan to reach it, and time without hard work and time it will make it harder to get the results you want," Bates says. "You have to be patient, positive and focused, and everything will work out."

Borey Bates plans to get some abs action and work up some shapely arms before her winter wedding in 2006.

"I've been kind of working out the last year, but I have gotten a little more serious and motivated since I got engaged in February," says the 28-year-old from Kansas City, Kan. "It's a special day, and you want to look your best. Borey Bates says, "But I am hoping to look my best that day and also make it a lifestyle change and maintain that look thereafter."

Having a personal trainer makes it easier to get in shape, she says.

"At first I thought if you just

lose weight, you can reach your goal. But you have to know what to do and when to do it."

Her workout includes three weekly 30-minute sessions with her sister/personal trainer. On her four off days, Borey does at least a half-hour of cardio training.

"It's important not to overdo it," Yvonne Bates says.

"You have to be strong and get workouts on your set days, and enjoy the engagement with yourself. You should set aside a day a week to do just that. When you go to it full-blown it stresses you, and that engagement is a way of getting in shape for your big day."

Sciarra admits she hasn't stuck to her diet and exercise plan as religiously as she has in the past because of other distractions from planning the wedding.

And that's all right, because enjoying the engagement and the wedding are equally as important, Sciarra says.

"All brides are beautiful. I just want to enjoy it. This is the biggest party you'll ever attend, and it's such a shame to get so wrapped up in details you can't enjoy it."

And now a word from our wedding sponsor ...

Night Rider News Service

TV personality Star Jones scored some major wedding freebies.

When she got married last November, Jones threw an extravagant New York City wedding, with a catch: her invitations, the tuxedos and her bridesmaid gowns were donated. In return, Jones used her star power and a Web site to plug the vendors and their products.

Not to fret for the Average Jane and Joe.

Scoring wedding freebies isn't just for the rich and famous anymore.

Ever heard of a "sponsored" wedding? It's where couples receive goods and services for discounted prices — or sometimes free — in exchange for advertising the vendor at their weddings.

Todd Weissa and his bride saved at least \$10,000 on their Kansas City, Mo., wedding last June by throwing a sponsored shindig for about 120 guests. With college loans to pay off, they knew they had to get creative to save the wedding of their dreams.

"We could have taken out a loan to pay for the wedding, but my sister had these other loans," says Weissa, 35, who mar-

ried Debbie, 32, at The Clubhouse in Belton, Mo.

Weissa, an assistant athletic trainer at Villanova University, says a news report about this innovation in wedding financing.

When they told their families what they planned, the bride's family "thought she was crazy," says Weissa, who went with his wife in Philadelphia.

The hardest part was finding vendors willing to participate, because few had ever heard of doing business this way.

Weissa sent press releases to Kansas City media outlets, hoping for publicity that would attract potential donations.

And it did. After a Kansas City TV station interviewed Debbie, "we actually started getting calls from vendors," he says.

Traci Harrison-Madge, owner of The Bakery Co. in south Kansas City, sent him an e-mail message after she saw the interview. She was just getting started baking wedding cakes and she thought it was a "sort of free publicity, but it wasn't really free after you go down to it."

Harrison-Madge cut and served the cake to guests. But without the special arrangement, they would have paid \$300 for the cake and her services.