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Twin Falls holds graduation

Don't fear failure, soldier tells students

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Enjoy the journey as you reach for your goals. First Lt. Brady Van Engelen told the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 2005 before a gymnasium packed full of spectators.

"The experience of reaching that goal may be more important than the title or the position," said Van Engelen, who survived a bullet to the head last year while serving in Iraq.

Van Engelen, the high school's keynote commencement speaker Friday, received a standing ovation from the crowd.

He told his story of joining the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps in college, then being sent to serve in Iraq. Van Engelen said he was terrified of going to war, but wanted to hold up his end of the bargain.

He admonished the graduates to do what's right, even when it isn't the easiest choice and to adapt to adversity.

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ARND BRONKHORST/The Times-News

Twin Falls High School assistant principal Andy Barron gives graduating seniors last minute instructions just prior to their ceremony Friday night. The graduation was held in the CSI gymnasium with a full audience.

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Official sees base as asset

But he concurs with plan to downsize Idaho airfield

By Christopher Smith Associated Press writer

MOUNTAIN HOME — A commissioner on the independent panel reviewing military base closures and downsizing recommendations said Friday he "totally concurs" with a Pentagon proposal to move dozens of aircraft and hundreds of jobs away from Idaho's largest military installation.

BRAC commissioner and commander Col. Charles Shugg, "We feel Mountain Home is a tremendous military asset and we will continue to train hard and provide air dominance whenever and wherever needed by our nation."

Hansen, one of nine commissioners preparing recommendations to President Bush based on the Pentagon's May 13 plan for base closures or mission changes, said the proposed reduction in work force and aircraft at Mountain Home is "really not an earthshaking thing."

"There may be a little pain, but I think it's going to be resolved," he said. "They are going to be set up quite well to take on new technology."

In response to questions Hansen asked about Mountain Home's realignment during a BRAC hearing last week in Washington, D.C., Air Force officials said they want to transfer four F-16 and F-15C jets off the Idaho base so that the flight line is strictly F-15E Strike Eagle jets, rather than a mix of different aircraft.

The Air Force wants to "go to a more homogeneous mix at Mountain Home to take advantage of the great training areas there and the relative lack of encroachment," said Maj. Gen. Gary Hockman, who has said they hope Mountain Home will be in the running for hosting a future wing of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters, the Air Force's most multi-role plane that is scheduled for its first test flight in August 2006.

In spite of Hansen's intention to support the Pentagon's recommendation, his visit to Idaho should be seen as a good sign for possibly reducing the visitation to the base under the realignment plan, said Christopher Hellman, a base closure analyst with the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation in Washington.

AMERICAN GRADUATE



Mariana Springs, with her mother, Melinda, and three of her six dogs, left a Russian orphanage three years ago to live on a farm near Gannett. She will graduate Wednesday from Wood River High School in Halley.

Wood River senior reflects on life after leaving Russia

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

HAILEY — For a moment it seemed the nightmare came to life. At her first routine physical exam in the United States, Mariana Springs began to hyperventilate. She couldn't understand what the doctor was saying.

The officials in her orphanage back in Yoshkar-Ola, Russia, were right, Mariana thought. Her adoptive parents didn't want her for a daughter—they wanted her bodily organs.

Sitting comfortably in the Springs' home near Gannett on a Thursday afternoon in May, Mariana can look back at the experience and laugh. "It's better to die in America than back there," Mariana recalls thinking while in the orphanage.

"I wanted a family because I didn't have a family anymore," she says. "And, I knew it would be a good opportunity."

On Wednesday, Mariana will show how fully she's taken advantage of that opportunity when she graduates from Wood River High School. In three years, Mariana has moved halfway around the world, landed in the middle of a different culture and learned a new language.

Her achievements have not escaped Vice Principal Ron Martinez. "Honestly, her ability to communicate was almost nothing," Martinez says of Mariana's first days at Wood River High School.

However, within a few months, Mariana had not only picked up quite a bit of English, but also began teaching others Russian and sharing stories.

By her third trimester that first year, Mariana was enrolled in regular English courses. She took extra courses online to make up for her ninth-grade year. Today, Mariana has more than enough credits to graduate.

"This girl had had personally since the day she walked in," Martinez said. "She'll walk into your office, and she'll just brighten your day."

Despite the language barrier, Mariana certainly brightened Melinda Springs' day when the two met at a

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Japan investigates two men who might be long-lost WWII soldiers

The Associated Press

GENERAL SANTOS, Philippines — Sixty years after the guns of World War II went silent, reports that two Japanese Imperial Army soldiers had been found in the mountains of the southern Philippines sent Japan's diplomats on a frantic mission Friday to try to contact them.

The two men, in their 80s, reportedly have lived on the remote southern island of Mindanao since they were separated from their division, staying on for fear they would face court-martial if they returned to Japan.

A day of waiting at a hotel in General Santos, a city 600 miles south of Manila, turned to disappointment for Japanese diplomats. Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's spokesman, Yu Kameoka, told The Associated Press in Tokyo the men were ap-



Japanese Imperial Army soldier Tazuki Nakauchi, seen in this undated photo released by a family member and obtained by Kyodo News, is believed to be one of two former Japanese servicemen who have been hiding since World War II.

Impotence drugs pose slight risk of blindness

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials are probing reports of blindness among dozens of men who used Viagra and other impotence drugs — but at the same time cautioning that the vision loss can be linked to the same illnesses that lead to impotence.

The Food and Drug Administration disclosed Friday that it was in discussions with the makers of Viagra, Cialis and Levitra about what the labels of those drugs should say about the rare cases of varying degrees of vision loss, including blindness.

The maker of Cialis already has voluntarily added a one-line mention to its label. At issue is sudden vision loss when blood flow to the optic nerve is blocked, a condition called NAION or non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy.

NAION among the impotence drug users: 38 for Viagra, four for Cialis and one for Levitra, said spokeswoman Susan Cruzan.

Those are rare numbers, given that Viagra alone has been used by 23 million when worldwide sales were \$1.5 billion in 1998, according to maker Pfizer Inc.

Also complicating the question NAION is considered one of the most common causes of sudden vision loss in older Americans, and estimates suggest there are anywhere from 1,000 to 6,000 cases a year. Risk factors include diabetes and heart disease, two of the leading causes of impotence.

Silva "we take this seriously," Cruzan said. Big money is at stake. Pfizer Inc. said in its most recent quarterly filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that sales of Viagra rose 5 percent — to \$438 million — in the first quarter of the year.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Abundant sunshine and warm temperatures. Highs in the middle 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Periods of sunshine and warm temperatures. Highs in the middle 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mild days and cool nights will be the rule over the next several days.

BOISE Abundant sunshine and warm temperatures are expected today.

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

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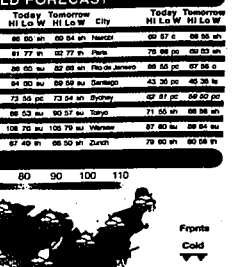
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Jury acquits former Clinton aide in fundraising case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The former national finance director for Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign was acquitted Friday of lying to the government about a lavish 2000 Hollywood fundraising gala.

Prosecutors said Rosen, 39, panicked over the mounting costs for the fundraiser and lied to conceal its true cost from both the Clinton campaign and the government.

Chechen rebel claims responsibility for chaotic Moscow power outage

MOSCOW (AP) — Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev claimed responsibility for a power outage that caused chaos in Moscow, plunging entire neighborhoods into darkness.

Minister Viktor Khristenko was quoted earlier in the day as rejecting speculation that a terrorist act was responsible for Wednesday's blackout.

Citizenship rules could change for Gold Star organization

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A rule preventing non-citizens from joining the American Gold Star Mothers Inc. after they lose a son in the U.S. armed forces could eventually be changed.

Graduates

Continued from A1 who is one of the valedictorians, students who will join the military.

Japan

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Russia

Continued from A1. She's my great inspiration to be a great international adoption lawyer.

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She's just an amazing child, Melinda Springs says. Filgetting with the indigo beads on her bracelet, Mariana thinks about her future.

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NATION

Bush defends base closings

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Speaking out for the first time in favor of controversial base closings, President Bush said Friday the nation is wasting billions of dollars on unnecessary military facilities and needs the money for the war on terrorism.

Those who face opposition from many states to shutting down bases, tried to be reassuring. He said the bases would be chosen fairly and the government would do it to help help affected communities recover.

But he made clear that the process would be painful — could not be avoided.

In a speech to graduates of the Naval Academy, he said the closings and realignments "will

result in a military that is more efficient and better prepared so you can better protect the American people against the dangers of this new century."

In this war, there is only one option and that is victory," he said, "to cheer from midshipmen, relatives and faculty at the academy on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay."

When Bush last spoke at a Naval Academy commencement, it was four months before

the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and his focus was his administration's effort to reshape the military into a faster, lighter and more flexible — but not larger — fighting force.

Since the attacks, and amid a global anti-terror campaign and wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, a top-to-bottom military transformation is even more necessary, Bush said. Keys to the success are new technology, repositioning of global forces, new weapons and realigned bases at home, he said.

Bush said he understands the fears in cities where bases have been marked for changes or closure. The first round of closings in a decade has members

of Congress and local officials working hard to protect the 33 major bases slated for closure and the 29 others proposed for downsizing.

"I know firsthand how hard base closings can be on local communities," said the former Texas governor who saw facilities shut down in his state.

Members of the congressionally chartered Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) will visit bases and hold hearings on the Pentagon proposal. The plan aims to save \$48.8 billion over 20 years by eliminating redundant and inefficient facilities and promoting cooperation among the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Eddie Albert of 'Green Acres' dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eddie Albert, the actor best known as the constantly befuddled city slicker-turned-farmer in television's "Green Acres," has died. He was 93.

Albert died of pneumonia Thursday at his home in the Pacific Palisades area, in the presence of caregivers including his son Edward, who was holding his hand at the time.

"He died so beautifully and so gracefully that I literally this morning don't feel any grief or feel loss," Edward Albert told The Associated Press.

Albert achieved his greatest fame in "Green Acres" as Oliver Douglas, a New York lawyer who settles in a rural town with his glamorous wife played by Eva Gabor, and finds himself perplexed by the antics of a host of eccentric characters, including a pig named Arnold Ziffel.

He was nominated for Academy Awards as supporting actor in "Roman Holiday" (1953) and "The Heartbreak Kid."

The actor moved smoothly from the Broadway stage to movies to television. Besides the 1965-1971 run in "Green Acres," he costared on TV with Robert Wagner in "Switch" from 1975 to 1978 and was a semi-regular on "The Dick Van Dyke Show."

He was a tireless conservationist, crusading for endangered species, healthful food, cleanup of Santa Monica Bay pollution and other causes.

Albert's mother was not married when he was born, in 1906. After marrying she changed his birth certificate to read 1908, the younger Albert said.

Rarely the star of films, Albert often portrayed the wisecracking sidekick, fast-talking salesman or sympathetic father. His stand-out came in television, especially with "Green Acres," in which, ironically, he played straight man. The show joined "The Beverly Hillsbillies," "Petticoat Junction" and other high-rated CBS comedies of the 1960s and '70s.

"Some people think that because of the bucolic background 'Green Acres' is corny," Albert told an interviewer in 1970. "But we get away with some of the most incredible lines on television."

His break in show business came during the '30s in the Broadway hit "Brother Rat," a comedy about life at Virginia Military Institute. Warner Bros. signed him to a contract and cast him in the 1938 film.

ATLANTA (AP) — A homicide suspect remained perched on an 18-story construction crane for a third day Friday, holding police at bay and causing a spectacle in the heart of the city's entertainment district.

A plea from his sister, offers of food and a plan to have him jump onto air bags hadn't resolved the standoff.

The man, identified as Carl Edward Roland, got onto the crane around 5 p.m. Wednesday and told police he was thinking of killing himself by jumping.

Roland is wanted by the Pinellas County, Fla., sheriff's department in the death of ex-girlfriend Jennifer L. Gonzalez, 26. Her body was found Tuesday in a pond behind the apartment complex where she lived.

Authorities had said Thursday that Roland had talked to negotiators but refused food and water. Quigley said he didn't know if he had accepted anything since then.

Since March, the 41-year-old Clearwater, Fla., man had quit

Murder suspect stays on crane

Standoff in Atlanta started Wednesday



A man identified by Florida officials as Carl Roland is buzzed by a law enforcement helicopter atop an 18-story construction crane in the Buckhead area of Atlanta on Friday.

his job as a computer software salesman, filed for bankruptcy with just \$40 in the bank and

IRS plans to close 68 help centers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service announced plans Friday to close 68 taxpayer assistance centers and shift most customer service to telephone help lines and volunteer programs.

The changes anticipate cuts to the tax agency's budget for customer service next year. IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said taxpayers increasingly look for telephone and online tax help, which can be more accurate and less expensive.

"One of the greatest problems in government is that government never closes. It continues to limp along and try to do everything," IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said in an interview. "What we're trying to do is recognize where things are growing."

To meet the expected cut to its customer service budget, the IRS also plans to reduce toll-free telephone assistance from 15 hours to 12 hours a day. Everson said taxpayers will notice no difference in waiting times.

Nation in brief

Friday as prosecutors showed jurors a video of the accused being interviewed by police and defense lawyers decided not to put on a rebuttal case.

Closing arguments could begin as early as Wednesday.

The tape of the 2003 interview showed the boy — downcast and speaking quietly — telling investigators for the first time that he was molested by Jackson. The defense then decided not to call the accused back to the stand — as they had planned to do — and closed their case.

The tape offered little that the boy hadn't already testified to on the stand, but he became, via video, the last witness the jury would see. The courtroom was hushed and when the lights came up jurors were solemn, looking downward. Jackson had no comment as he left.

The jury has been hearing the case since opening statements on Feb. 28. The prosecution presented more than 90 witnesses and the defense called 50 before ending its main case this week. Prosecutors then called 15 rebuttal witnesses,

some of whom had testified earlier.

Ohio administrator resigns over coin scandal

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The director of Ohio's workers' compensation bureau resigned under pressure Friday over the disappearance of at least \$10 million worth of rare coins that the agency had bought as an investment.

Gov. Bob Taft announced the departure of James Conrad, once hailed as state government's "Mr. Fixit" for his ability to overhaul troubled agencies.

"I am outraged, I am angered, I am saddened, and I am sickened" Taft said of the scandal.

The announcement came a day after it was learned that \$10 million to \$12 million of the scarce \$5 million rare coin investment was believed to be missing — dramatically more than the previous estimate of \$400,000.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Blue-collar funny

- What: Comedian Bill Engvall will perform at Jackpot.
- Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
- When: 8 and 10 p.m. today.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$35, \$40 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning (801) 821-1103.



Can you dig it?

- What: Hagerman's 17th annual Fossil Days continue.
- Where: Hagerman City Park and Billingsley Creek State Park, located north of Hagerman.
- Where: Today and Sunday. Today's highlights include the Fossil Days Parade at 11 a.m., an Old Time Fiddlers contest from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the park, a fish scramble for kids 12 and under at 3 p.m. in the park, live music from 2 to 10 p.m. in the park and a tractor pull at 2 p.m. at Billingsley Creek State Park. The carnival will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday's highlights include a Christian religious service at 9 a.m., the Hagerman Chamber of Commerce Dollar Days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park, kids' stick-horse races at 3 p.m. (Saturday's parade, which starts at the south end of town — the intersection of State Street and Hagerman Avenue — runs north on State to Valley Road, east on Valley Road to Third Avenue, south on Third to North Street, east on North Street to Fourth Avenue, south on South to South Street, west on South Street to State, and south on State to Hagerman Avenue.)
- How much: Most events are free.

Be crafty

- What: The Halley Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its 20th annual Springfest arts and crafts show.
- Where: Roberta McKercher Gateway Park, Halley.
- When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday. There will be live entertainment and food and craft booths.
- How much: It's free.



Second to nun

- What: Laughing Stock Theater Company will present Dan Goggin's musical comedy "Nunsense."
- Where: neoStage Theater, Ketchum.
- When: 8 p.m. today and Sunday.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$20, are available by phoning 726-4857.

Lincoln County construction doubles

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — Construction in Lincoln County was at record levels in 2004, according to information recently released by the Lincoln County assessor's office. Final tabulations for the year shows that roughly \$11.3 million was spent on new construction, more than double the \$4.1 million that was spent in 2003.

Fueling the increased numbers were major dairy expansion projects and a hous-

ing boom in the Shoshone area. The nearly \$4 million spent in 2004 on agriculture and nonresidential construction was 80 percent ahead of 2003 figures of \$2.2 million.

Cost information for agriculture-related and nonresidential construction is based on the market value of the finished construction.

Construction of 75 new homes in the county generated an estimated \$5 million in construction costs. Of the 75 new homes, 43 were frame-con-

structed houses worth an estimated \$3.2 million.

Manufactured housing accounted for 32 new homes worth about \$2 million.

Housing construction spending ran triple the 2003 rates.

Commercial construction in Lincoln County included a remodel of an existing business and construction of another for \$429,000.

An often overlooked facet of new home construction is the homeowner exemption. In 2003, the exemption removed

\$505,000 from taxable construction totals. In 2004 that figure was \$1.5 million.

The homeowner exemption lowers taxes assessed on property.

Fees charged for construction inspections by the county are based on estimated costs of \$42 per square foot.

According to the assessor's office, there were 20 building permits issued from the first of the year through May of 2004. The trend for 2005 is for a slight increase with 23 permits issued

in the same time period.

The recent boom in growth has not gone unnoticed.

Last week, Lincoln County commissioners adopted a 100-day moratorium on new subdivisions and all rezoning applications except those for commercial zones in order to review the county's comprehensive plan and ordinances related to development.

The moratorium also applies to conditional-use permits that would divide plots of land into less than 40 acres.

NO RODEO?



Jose Miramontes looks over his rodeo arena as rain drenches the ground and his spirits. Cassia County commissioners won't let Miramontes operate the rodeo unless he purchases insurance for his riders.

BURLEY — Jose Miramontes stood in the rain looking at his rodeo arena.

The dreary day couldn't have been a better match for his mood.

Cassia County won't let him and his wife, Marie Miramontes, operate the rodeo without insurance officials say is needed to prevent injured riders from being a potential drain on the county budget.

"We are telling everyone right now we can't start because of the rain, but we don't want to have to tell all our friends we can't open the arena and hold rodeos because we can't get insurance," Marie Miramontes said.

"We hold a lot of fund-raisers here for people who need help. We aren't making money, we are just holding a good wholesome activity for friends, families and others who want to come."

They like to begin holding events on Memorial Day weekend, but that won't happen this year because of the insurance issue. They talked with an insurance carrier this week and hope to start holding rodeos soon,

Want to know more?

For more information about the Mexican rodeo, call (208) 678-4475.

Marie Miramontes said.

The Miramontes family has met with Cassia County commissioners and questioned the fairness in a zoning regulation that requires participant insurance at the private arena four miles west of Burley. The family asked that the requirement be dropped, citing other arenas in the area that operate without such insurance.

County Prosecutor Al Barnus said the county could not allow the events to take place without adequate insurance because if an uninsured participant gets critically injured, the county has to pick up medical costs as taxpayers' expense.

"We think this happen just about the time you applied for your conditional-use permit," Barnus explained.

"That is why the provision was required."

Mary Jo Torrez explained the arena was built not as a money-

maker but for family and friends to have a good time holding Mexican rodeos.

"We got the spectator insurance you asked for, but we have not been able to find any way to insure participants," Torrez said.

"We are told to just have them sign waivers. That is what my father did when he participated at rodeos at the fairgrounds."

Torrez said the family has been working for the past year trying to get the insurance required but has been unsuccessful.

County Administrator Kerry McMurray gave the family the name of an insurance provider who might be able to help them.

Jesus Gonzalez asked commissioners if the rules were being enforced against the Miramontes because of their ethnicity.

Commissioners assured them it has nothing to do with ethnicity but with the provisions of the permit.

"So if we had just gone ahead and built our arena without following the rules, we could do so as we pleased," Torrez asked.

"Why are you making us get insurance when all the other arenas don't have it?"

Commissioner Clay Handy warned his colleagues that they could be opening a can of worms. Asked if this meant 4-H Club leaders could not have participants ride their horses or work with animals at the home of the leader unless insurance is provided, Barnus said it was not the same issue.

He said the arena can be used by family members but not by the public.

Jose Miramontes said he may have to extend his family to include many more people than just himself, his wife and children. If they are unable to get the coverage because he plans to keep using the arena.

The Miramontes expect attendance to drop when they tell participants they will have to begin changing to cover the insurance cost.

"It cost us \$620 for each event we held last year to just cover the spectators," Marie Miramontes said.

"We don't know if we can afford to pay for more insurance. We are already losing money because we don't want to have to charge huge prices and we let the children come for free with their parents."

County decides to shut down Mexican rodeo

By Renee Wells For The Times-News

From school to work

Graduating seniors choose between education or work

By Karin Kovalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Graduates from around the Magic Valley are hanging up their caps and gowns after this weekend. Many will head to traditional four-year colleges, others will join the military and others are headed to technical education, which many see as leading to more job opportunities in the Magic Valley.

Brian Hall, a senior at Twin Falls High School, plans to go to College of Southern Idaho for two years to study culinary arts when he finishes high school. He has always liked to cook and he participated at Twin Falls High School's student-run restaurant.

"If I can handle that, I can handle anything," he said about CSI.

He said his peers all have different ideas about how far they'll go in higher education.

Kayne Harrison, a senior, plans to go to Snow College in Utah and prepare for medical school. She's interested in pediatrics and hopes to open a smaller school with smaller classes will help her reach that goal.

Martin Levings, a senior, doesn't really know what he plans to do in the meantime, he's headed to Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., where he plans to keep studying German.

Opportunity in Magic Valley

Greg Rogers, Idaho Commerce and Labor's regional labor officer for the Magic Valley, said in the last four or five years, there's been a change in the perception of vocational and technical programs.

"They're no longer seen as just a route to farm work. Rogers said careers in areas such as information technology and computer-aided drafting are high-paying with a lot of upward mobility.

He said the old philosophy of high school having a college track and a lesser vocational track is going away.

"Four-year degrees are still very important," Rogers said, but both are viewed differently.

Rogers recommends that four-year college degree-seekers Please see GRADUATES, Page A6

Wendell Cemetery will host hospitality booth

The Times-News

WENDELL — The Wendell Cemetery Board of Commissioners and employees will be hosting a hospitality booth this weekend at the Wendell Cemetery. The booth will be manned from approximately 10 a.m. to about 4 or 5 p.m. today, Sunday and Monday.

Commissioners and employees will help locate graves, answer questions and take comments and suggestions. Refreshments will be available.

New signs have been placed at the cemetery to help guide and inform visitors. Please take time to read them. Visitors to the cemetery should remember there must be no glass contain-

ers and no animals are allowed, not even on leashes.

From April 1 through Oct. 15, artificial flowers are not to be left on the grass. All flowers, etc. are to be on the headstone and should be anchored to it. Exceptions are made for Memorial Day. Items left at grave sites are to be picked up by the Monday following Memorial Day.

The cemetery is not responsible for things left on the grass or for special watering of plants.

For more information, call the Wendell Cemetery District at 536-5330. If clerk Franne Spencer at 536-5145.

Moonlight nudity lands two Boise athletes in jail

By Renee Wells For The Times-News

BURLEY — Two Boise basketball players in Burley for a basketball tournament face charges of indecent exposure after a Cassia County sheriff's deputy found them running naked Saturday night through a field adjacent to the Burley Best Western Inn.

The team or group the players were with was not available for comment. Officers were called by hotel security officers who said they had received complaints from other guests about the men being too naked.

Occupants were uncooperative when officers went to the room. While an officer sought back-up assistance, he saw

someone leave the room.

An officer heard people yelling in a field near the hotel and put a spotlight on the area. Some of the people started running back toward the hotel while some hid by a sign near Interstate 84. Those returning to the hotel were intercepted by another officer.

Police say Craig M. McGee, 18, and Harrison Williams, 19, both of Boise, were caught naked by an officer. They were arrested and charged with indecent exposure, then taken back to the room to get their clothes before being taken to the Mendocino Criminal Justice Center.

The other six male subjects had kept their clothes on and were turned over to the custody of their coach.

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Rachell Diane Eversin
Age: 56
Description: 5 feet 9 inches tall, 160 pounds, blond hair, hazel eyes.
Wanted for: Failure to appear.
Original charge: Felony for petty larceny.
Bond: \$100,000.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department seeks anyone with information about Eversin's whereabouts to call 735-4911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

Judge orders outside auditor to handle polygamist sect's assets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge on Friday installed an outside auditor to take control of a polygamist church's assets, after state officials argued the move was necessary to keep the sect's reclusive president from hiding the trust.

Attorney General Mark Shurtleff sought the order against trustees for a fund operated by the southern Utah-based Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and its president, Warren Jeffs.



Utah Assistant Attorney General Tim Boddy speaks before Third District Court Judge Robert Adkins in front of a vacant defense table on Friday in Salt Lake City.

Initially all property in the twin border communities of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz. — where a majority of the area's 10,000 residents are members of the FLDS church — was at one time transferred to the United Effort Plan trust to be shared by church members.

Shurtleff alleges Jeffs is liquidating church assets under intensified pressure.

Assistant Attorney General Tim Boddy argued Friday the trust has transferred from \$3 million to \$5 million in land holdings to shadow companies set up by Jeffs and his associates, leaving only the property where lower-level church members live in its real estate portfolio.

Some ousted church members have sued the trust, and now the right to either remain living in their homes or be compensated fair market value from the trust if they decide to leave.

Boddy said if the sell-off continued, there would be no money left for church members who sought compensation.

He insists he's not interested in prosecuting members for illegal multiple marriages — FLDS teaches that men must have at least three wives to reach heaven — but instead is looking at other allegations of abuse.

Judge Robert Adkins' order was a stopgap measure to prevent further transfers pending a June 22 hearing over whether all trustees, including Jeffs, should be removed.

Jeffs and other church members were not notified of Friday's hearing for fear that

would trigger the transfer or sale of more property. They were not represented in court.

The size of the trust is unclear, but Shurtleff has estimated it holds some \$100 million.

Six people are listed as trustees, but investigators believe Jeffs exercises almost sole authority, as he allegedly does in determining which church members are assigned wives and children in the isolated border towns the church dominates.

Shurtleff's office has brought the church under increasing scrutiny amid allegations of sexual abuse, forced marriages and welfare fraud, although no criminal charges have been filed.

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Boddy repeated that promise Friday, saying, "There is no message to Warren Jeffs other than as a trustee of this trust."

The FLDS church traces its roots to Joseph Smith, founder of the mainstream Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In 1890, the mainstream Mormon church officially abolished plural marriage and members who advocate it are excommunicated.

Sill, it's believed that tens of thousands of Mormon fundamentalists and others across the West continue the practice. Though it's illegal, prosecutors have said it would overburden the legal and child welfare system to try to prosecute polygamists.

Jeffs has not been seen in either community straddling the Utah-Arizona border for more than a year, and is thought to be on a 2,000-acre ranch near Eldorado, Texas, where he reportedly plans to move select members of the church.

Survey finds mostly praise over management of Hells Canyon

LEWISTON (AP) — A year-long survey of Snake River recreationists in Hells Canyon found that most people are happy with the U.S. Forest Service's river management plan.

The survey, commissioned by the Forest Service and completed by University of Idaho researchers Ed Krumpke and Troy E. Hall, found that the biggest point of contention among visitors was a 21-day ban on powerboats enacted each summer in parts of the river.

The ban is only on the wild section of the river, and is intended to give rafters and other floaters time to experience the river without the noise and traf-

fic of powerboats. The days are spread out, occurring Mondays through Wednesdays every other week.

Though 80 percent of commercial rafters and 60 percent of private rafters felt the ban added to their experience, roughly three-quarters of private powerboaters and 45 percent of commercial powerboaters disliked the ban.

"It's one of the things where you have that kind of difference show up, and it's something most people were aware of," said Krumpke.

Forest Service officials said they will study the more than 300-page report to see if the management plan should be

changed. The plan took effect in 1998.

"We will be reviewing this report, looking through it and trying to see what it tells us," said Wallowa Whitman National Forest supervisor Steve Ellis. "We will take a look and see if something stands out and basically use it to validate the plan."

The recreation plan limits the number of powerboaters and rafters on some parts of the river during the busy summer season, and most recreationists liked that decision, saying they did not feel crowded on the river. Rafting was mixed about the removal of picnic tables and outhouses from river campsites.

Northern Idaho home values rise

COEUR D'ALENE — Northern Idaho real estate values continue to rise, with the average selling price of a home in Kootenai County up more than 25 percent from last year at this time, to \$181,145, according to sales data.

"We used to consider \$250,000 to \$300,000 high-end," said Karen Corcoran, president of the Coeur d'Alene Association of Realtors. "That's almost our low-end now, our high-end lists over a million."

The National Association of Realtors said this week that home sales posted a record high in April as prices had their

biggest annual gain in almost 25 years, with the median average home price reaching \$206,000.

Real estate agents say houses in the Idaho Panhandle resort areas are selling almost as fast as they go on the market, but Coeur d'Alene Multiple Listing Service President Richard Kohles said many local residents are finding it increasingly difficult to afford a home.

"They're good numbers for the people who own property already," Kohles said.

Sen. Mike Crapo leaves for trip to Russia

BOISE — Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, left Friday for a weeklong trip to Russia and the Middle East to review federal funding security and foreign aid programs in the regions as part of a congressional delegation.

The trip is led by Senate Majority Whip Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the chairman of the Senate subcommittee that holds the appropriations to programs administered by the State Department.

— compiled from wire reports

SERVICES

Donald "Grant" Osterhout of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

Falls (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Nell Craighead Weir Jr. service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Cemetery. A gathering of friends and relatives will be held at the home, 211 W. Valley Road in Hagerman (White Mortuary).

Richard Calvin Dyer of Huntington Beach, Calif., memorial service at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Buhl United Methodist Church.

Roberta Cathryn Forney of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Hyder Pavilion, at Crook Creek Park, Addison Avenue West, Twin Falls.

Robert "Bob" Vawser, memorial service from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Davis-Rose Mortuary, 170 Idaho St., in American Falls.

James L. Fennell of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour before the service on Tuesday.

Nancy Simonds, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 N. Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Faith Joan Fitch of Rexburg, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Buhl West End Center of The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave., Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Sally Gardner of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Northern Nevada Museum, 1515 Idaho Street, Elko, Nev. (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Bessie Wright of Twin Falls, catered luncheon from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery. A graveside memorial will follow at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park (Park: Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Carmen Hartwell Wheeler, memorial at 11 a.m. June 4 at the Kuna Community Hall. A potluck dinner will follow. For more information, call 888-1783 or 362-3655.

DEATH NOTICES

Ruth M. Anderson TWIN FALLS — Ruth M. Anderson, 85, died Thursday, May 26, 2005, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation of Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Gooding County Memorial Hospital, 1220 Montana St., Gooding, ID 83330. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Dermany's Gooding Chapel.

Mary Taylor of Blackfoot, graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Buhl West End Cemetery (Hawker Funeral Home).

Murva Silman GOODING — Murva Silman, 89, of Gooding, died Friday, May 27, 2005, at her home.

ADRIAN, Ore. — Eugene Albert Dockter, 65, of Adrian, Ore., died May 25, 2005, at his home.

Hale Jeffrey Wright of Jerome, funeral at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Jerome Stake Center, 26 N. Tiger Drive, Jerome. A visitation will be held from 1 to 2:45 p.m. before the funeral Saturday at the church. Graveside committal services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road, Twin

A memorial Mass will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 28, 2005, with Father Carlos Perez as celebrant at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Ontario, Ore. Interment will follow at Hilltop Cemetery, Nyssa, Ore. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Ontario.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The cost for obituaries is \$10 per line. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "obituaries."

Ava Shoup



beloved husband, Roy; daughter, Rhonda Miles; son, Gary Shoup; three precious grand-

GOODING — Ava Shoup, 75, passed away Thursday, May 26, 2005, at home after a brief battle with cancer.

Ava was born in Baxter County, Ark., in 1929. She moved to Eden, Idaho, with her father in 1936 where she was raised and educated. She moved to Gooding in 1950 and worked at the TB Hospital. She married Roy Shoup in 1952 and they were blessed with three children.

She was a long-time member of the Church of Christ and her life revolved around God and her family.

She loved little children and operated a day care in her home for 31 years.

She is survived by her

daughters, Kimberly Greeley, Dana Miles and Jennifer Lindsey; one angelic great-granddaughter, Kylee Greeley; many beloved nieces and nephews; three sisters, Grace Holce, Florence Simpson and Hilda Lewis; and two step-daughters, Deborah Reedy and Sheila Tamm.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Cheryl Ann; her parents; four brothers and one sister.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at Dermany's Gooding Chapel. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call for a viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at the chapel.

Barbara Nell Hall



Barb is survived by her husband, John of Jerome; sons, Joshua of Seattle, Matthew of Gray, Calif. and Jacob of Alameda, Calif.; brothers and sisters, Jeanie Berg, Charles Hall, Peggy (Steve) Hurd and Kenneth (Pam) Miles. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A celebration of Barb's life



will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 30, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome.

In honor of Barb, please wear bright colors and avoid blacks and grays. Family and friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday evening, May 29, 2005, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln St., Jerome, ID 83338, and one hour prior to the service at the church. The family suggests that memorial be made to Monastery of the Ascension, 541 E. 100 S., Jerome, ID 83338.

1 Cor 13:13 says, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

JEROME — Barbara Nell Hall, 51, of Jerome, passed away May 26, 2005, at her home.

She was born Jan. 25, 1954, in Bremerhaven, Germany, the daughter of Helen and Gene Hall and Helen Louise Simon Hall. She grew up primarily in Hawaii and graduated from high school there. She married John Shine on May 28, 1988. They made their home in Jerome.

To know Barb is to know love. Real Love. She truly loved to meet people and share her creativity in crafts, poetry and gardening. She enjoyed life to its fullest and would try almost anything once.

She had compassion for all living things and above all loved her family. She was on a spiritual journey and her faith never wavered.

Barb asked a lot of questions of God. Not all were answered to her satisfaction but she knew one day she would see His face, and get His answers to her questions. Being around Barb, you could not help but feel her love and joy and it was contagious. It

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Whistleblower complains about agency

Man claims Forest Service retribution for speaking out

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service has suspended a top regional official who recently complained that some of the agency's managers ignored "state and environmental laws in spraying pesticides and weed-killing chemicals on forests in the Southwest."

Doug Parker, pesticide coordinator and assistant director of forestry and forest health for the agency's Southwestern Region, is accused of failing to follow a direct order to train and certify employees each month in the use of pesticides.

Parker, who has worked for the agency for nearly 30 years, also is accused of failing to submit one monthly progress report on the training.

Deputy Regional Forester Lupia Turner spelled out the

reasons for the 10-day suspension in a letter sent to Parker on Thursday.

"Your continued blatant disregard for the law, your supervisor's orders are unacceptable and will not be tolerated," states the letter, which was obtained by The Associated Press from Parker's attorney.

"Please be advised that continuation of misconduct, on your part may result in your removal from federal service," Parker and his attorney, Dennis Montoya of Albuquerque, claim the suspension amounts to retribution for Parker speaking up about possible violations of law.

The suspension follows a whistleblower complaint in which Parker pointed to what he calls a "systemic problem" when it comes to proper pesti-

cide use in the Southwestern Region.

He claims officials have taken shortcuts when trying to complete projects.

For example, they are accused of not preparing environmental risk assessments and failing to get approval from agency officials who have the authority to make decisions about pesticides.

In his complaint, Parker cited an incident on the Cibola National Forest in central New Mexico last year in which a district ranger approved the aerial application of a herbicide to fight salt cedar but did not have the authority to do so.

Montoya said Parker has been subjected to harassment, threats of disciplinary action, removal of duties and impossible demands from his supervisor after raising concerns about pesticide use.

Parker is under an order from his supervisor not to speak publicly about the matter, and

declined to talk with the AP.

In a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Parker said his supervisor — Leonard Lucero, the region's director of forestry and forest health — relieved him of all his duties in December and ordered him to train and certify a minimum of 30 employees by September 2005. He was also ordered to submit monthly progress reports.

Parker described Lucero's orders as "impossible and unrealistic."

He complained that Lucero refused to accept his training proposal and that officials have not given him the proper authority to certify employees.

Parker also contends Lucero limited his travel, making it difficult to attend various training workshops.

"My supervisor has repeatedly established barriers to prevent me from having a reasonable opportunity to do my job," Parker said in the EEO filing.

Steve Smith chosen as new principal of school

The Times-News

Magic Valley In brief

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls School Board has approved the hiring of Steve Smith to be the principal at Robert Stuart Junior High School.

Smith will succeed Principal Craig Almsworth, who is retiring. Smith has held a variety of positions in education. His most recent post was as director of curriculum and instruction for the International School of Beijing.

Smith served as principal of Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls from 1995 to 1999 when he became the district's director of data analysis and

program improvement. Smith left the Twin Falls School District in 2000.

The board appointed Smith in a brief meeting just before the Twin Falls High School graduation on Friday.

Lifeguards on duty at Dierkes Lake

TWIN FALLS—Starting today lifeguards will be on duty at Dierkes Lake daily from 11 a.m. through 8 p.m. through the third week in August.

—compiled from staff reports

Border Patrol will fix errors in immigrant death count

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The U.S. Border Patrol, reacting to claims that it is undercounting deaths of illegal immigrants, says it will determine why its numbers are different than those of Arizona medical examiners.

Last year the Border Patrol counted 172 illegal immigrant deaths in Arizona, while medical examiners recorded 221 deaths.

Michael Nideley, chief of the Tucson sector of the Border Patrol, said the agency has not intentionally lowered the death count, as many migrant advocates have charged.

"I certainly know it gives the appearance of that," he said. "The numbers are what they are. These are human beings out there. We need to be capturing

that data."

Nideley added that the public needs to know the Border Patrol is aware of the magnitude of the problem and that they were taking steps to address it.

He said the Border Patrol will analyze all cases that medical examiners have classified as involving migrants who died trying to enter the country illegally.

The agency would include any of the deaths that meet the Border Patrol's criteria, regardless of whether the bodies were found by agents.

If a body is found by Tonto O'odham tribal police, "it should be included in our figures," said Nideley, referring to a case from Tuesday that went unrecorded by the Border Patrol.

Graduates

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ers choose a specific subject in a field they're interested in if they want to work right out of college." He said several arts graduates have a harder time finding work because employers will typically choose an applicant with specific training over one with a general education. Otherwise teaching is a good option.

Rogers said careers in fields that might require only two-year degrees are growing faster than traditional white-collar jobs. Nationally, 10% of white-collar jobs are being outsourced to other countries and service jobs are growing.

In the Magic Valley, jobs in the medical field, construction and light manufacturing are growing and pay well.

Rogers said new businesses coming into the valley, such as Dell Inc., Hilex Poly Co. and Jayco Inc., are raising the bar for technical training. He said CIS's flexibility in matching its courses to the demands of the economy has been a great help in attracting new businesses.

For students looking for careers in technical training, he said CIS's flexibility in matching its courses to the demands of the economy has been a great help in attracting new businesses.

He said the high school increases its professional/technical courses, more students

will head down that path. The high school is in the process of implementing a set of small learning communities based around career clusters. The school already has academies for information technology and finance.

Van Engelen said she still sees a lot of young people who don't really know what they want to do. The school requires all students to do six-year plans in high school, so that helps them start thinking about the future sooner.

Students start their six-year plans as freshmen, then go over them at least twice a year with a parent and an adviser. The six-year plans started two years ago, before that, high schoolers wrote four-year plans.

Many undecided students will just go to four-year college because parents suggest it.

"They feel the best option is still college," Van Engelen said of students.

She said counselors need to retrain parents and students to consider the opportunities of professional and technical careers. For many fields, so many people have bachelor's degrees that students need to go on to masters' programs to get an edge.

Next fall the school is starting a parent committee to track high school graduates as they continue their education and enter the work force.

"We need that kind of feedback," Van Engelen said.

Times-News writer Karin Kowalski can be reached at 735-3231 or kkowalski@magicvalley.com.

Census data on education

Twin Falls County 2000	Number	Percent enrolled:
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	17,741	100.0%
High school (grades 9-12)	4,280	24.1%
College or graduate school	3,482	19.6%

Educational attainment in Twin Falls County:

Category	Amount	Percentage
Population 25 years and over	39,544	100.0%
Less than 9th grade	2,750	7.0%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,653	11.8%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	12,006	30.4%
Some college, no degree	10,853	28.5%
Associate degree	3,145	8.0%
Bachelor's degree	4,257	10.8%
Graduate or professional degree	2,080	5.3%

Source: U.S. 2000 Census

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Idaho Power rates will increase

BOISE (AP) — State regulators have approved a 6.3 percent base rate hike for Idaho Power customers. The increase will raise the average residential bill to about \$45 a month.

The remainder of the 6.3 percent increase will help the company recover the costs of the new Bennett Mountain plant, a 162-megawatt natural gas power plant near Mountain Home. The plant cost about \$58 million to build and add to the

power transmission system, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission said.

Idaho Power also could have asked the commission for a 4.5 percent rate increase to cover the cost of buying electricity during the ongoing drought, but company officials decided to hold off on that request until next year, Idaho Power tradi-

Nuclear conference ends empty-handed

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A monthlong conference to toughen global controls on nuclear arms ended Friday with nothing to show for its four weeks of divisive work.

North Korea has pulled out of the treaty and says it is building atom bombs. Iran's uranium enrichment program raises questions about possible weapons plans.

Officials study state salaries

LEWISTON (AP) — More than three-fourths of state employees are paid wages below the market rate, and lawmakers have formed a committee to study the issue this summer.

Investigators not discouraged by lack of progress in search

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Nearly two weeks after Dylan and Shasta Groene disappeared, the Kootenai County sheriff's office is not discouraged by a lack of suspects or clues to the children's whereabouts, a spokesman said Friday.



FBI agents are seen combing through the Kootenai County landfill Thursday near Rockford Bay as the search continues for 9-year-old Dylan Groene and his 8-year-old sister Shasta.

It can take months to solve crimes in which there are no obvious suspects or motives, Sheriff's Capt. Ben Wolfinger said.

Bonuses — like the 1 percent bonus workers are expected to get this fall — don't keep up with the cost of living, said Clark Graebel, administrator of the Idaho State Veterans' Home in Lewiston.

"We don't get a lot of whistleblowers in our community," Wolfinger said. "Most are domestic violence or something like that."

Rep. Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow, was one of 12 lawmakers appointed to the State Employee Compensation Interim Committee on Wednesday. She said the state's pay scheme simply isn't working.

"On Thursday, initial DNA results from the FBI's forensic laboratory did not find any blood from the children inside the house, raising hopes that the three were found and bludgeoned to death May 16, after a neighbor called authorities and asked them to check the home in the Wolf Lodge Bay area near Lake Coeur d'Alene.

"We're supposed to target a wage close to industry standards for workers near in some areas," Ringo said.

Investigators have not said whether they have the weapon used in the slayings or what that weapon is.

Stabbing suspect enters guilty plea

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A 21-year-old Utah man charged with brutally stabbing two girls in a trailer outside a Mesquite casino entered a surprise guilty plea Friday, although he could still face the death penalty.

Weather Service issues first-ever heat advisory for the Seattle area

SEATTLE (AP) — Make that an iced coffee.

Beau Maestas pleaded guilty to charges of burglary, attempted murder and murder for the January 2003 attack at the Casablanca RV Park.

The advisory covers the urban corridor from Tacoma north to Everett was prompted by a second day of expected record temperatures.

A fourth charge of conspiracy will be dismissed at sentencing, said District Attorney David Roges.

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Maestas said little during the court hearing, answering yes or no to questions by Judge Donald Alford charged in the attack. Because of Maestas' guilty plea, his sister's trial was delayed. A new date was not scheduled.

The weather service was advising, however, that people should drink lots of water, stay indoors and out of the sun, in air conditioning if possible and to check on relatives and neighbors.

Ten-year-old Britney Bergerson and her half-sister, 3-year-old Kristayanna Cowan, were attacked inside their family's trailer at the RV Park in Mesquite, a small gambling town about 75 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

The Kootenai County Coroner's Office on Friday confirmed that preliminary tests found evidence of marijuana, methamphetamine in the bodies of Brenda Groene and McKenzie. There was a party at their home on Sunday evening, May 15, the last time they were seen alive.

The children were at the party and were believed to be home when the homicides happened, investigators have said.

Highway message boards in Idaho have been flashing information about the Groene children virtually nonstop since the disappearance, but this Memorial Day weekend they will switch to standard traffic advisories, Wolfinger said.

The organizers of the annual Northwest Folklike music festival welcomed the heat, which boosted attendance for the normally slow first day.

People of all ages crowded into the center, enjoying the music, the sun, the food and the giant International Fountain, where cool water shoots 120 feet into the air.

Last year it rained, said Rafael Maslan, 20, a festival board member.

Donna Hawkey of Lake Forest Park and Levana Fletcher of Seattle, who brought their young children to the fountain, said they wouldn't have minded a little rain to keep the crowds and the temperature down.

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CHEERS & JEERS

New YMCA-City Pool policy will soak families

JEERS: To the Twin Falls, YMCA officials said last year a number of families dropped their annual membership plans (paying \$20 a month) when the summer was up. So to close that loophole, the organization is eliminating monthly payment plans.

If a family wants a \$150 summer pass good for 10 months of membership, they will have to cough up the \$150 smack-dab all at once.

One can't begrudge the Y for boosting the price and trying to recoup some cost of last year's abandoned memberships. But forcing families to pay all at once will only discourage summer memberships in the long run. If the Y wants to keep families involved, allow them to pay during summer months on an installment.

CHEERS: To the Minico High School *Spartan Chronicle*, the first-place award winner from the American Scholastic Press Association.

The Rupert school has entered the ASPA 12 years running and won 10 first-place awards in that span. This year the *Chronicle* won first place with high marks for general plan, art, advertising and illustrations. Kudos to faculty adviser Tamara Carrington and her 17 students, ranging from seniors to freshmen, for publishing a quality product for student 1,500 readers.

CHEERS: To the local high school sport championship teams. May 16 to the month when high school crowns are handed out, and local schools made a strong showing in the title parade.

Perhaps most impressive was the Falls High School girls' title in Class 5A. Both teams won championships for coach Paul Stover, who concluded a 21-year coaching career. The girls' title was their fifth 5A crown in six years. Congrats also go to Magic Valley Christian's golf championship in Class 2A.

On the baseball diamond, the Falls Wildcats won the first state crown by taking Middleton in Class 5A, and in 4A, the Minico Spartans claimed the cham-

ionship by dumping Post Falls. Rounding out the championships were Fairview as Class 1A truck tilists and The Community School of Ketchum taking the 3A tennis crown.

CHEERS: To Jason Houser, the gospel singer and former Twin Falls resident who won Christian Song of the Year.

The American Society of Composer, Authors and Publishers presented Houser and co-writer to Matthew West the award at its annual awards ceremony in Nashville, Tenn., recently. Their song, "More," was nominated for three Dove Awards, which are the Grammy of gospel music, including Best Song, Best Pop/Contemporary Song and Best Pop/Contemporary Album.

The 34-year-old and his production company have written hit songs for some of the country's biggest names. But it's certainly appropriate that the industry recognize the talented Houser for his own words.

And of course, it's nice to know the Magic Valley has given the music world someone other than Motley Crue bassist Nikki Sixx.

JEERS: To California's push to list fried potatoes as a food linked to cancer.

Gov. Dick Kavutian recently met with California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to ask that french fries be terminated from the list of foods that warns of food-based acrylamide. Obviously, Kempthorne wants to protect one of Idaho's top agricultural products, which accounts for \$2 billion of the state economy.

Acrylamide was considered an industrial agent until 2002, when a report showed it occurred naturally in carbohydrate-rich foods. The chemical occurs naturally and is released when food is baked or fried at high temperatures.

The operative word here is naturally. But unlike the smog in California's air and the tap water Californians don't drink, state officials want to label french fries as a food that could cause cancer. Even the U.S. Department of Agriculture says acrylamide can cause cancer in laboratory animals at high doses, but it's not clear whether it causes cancer at the much lower levels in food.

A sham continues in Washington

On Monday, Republicans were within hours of passing a procedural rule that would have eliminated the Democrats' unprecedented use of the judicial filibuster. It would not only have freed from filibuster limbo seven Bush nominees to the circuit courts, but it would have assured future nominees, particularly to the Supreme Court, an up-or-down vote.

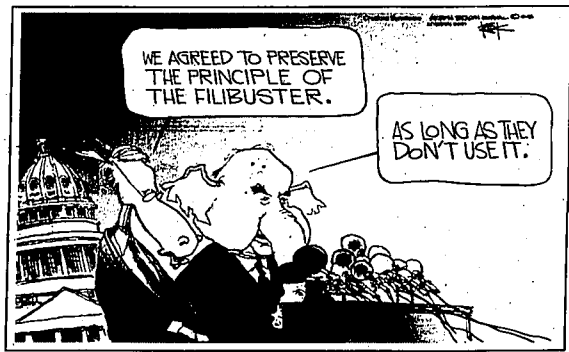


CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Then the Republicans flinched. They settled for something less. Far less. How much less is still a matter of dispute, but the fact that they settled is that they had to reach the means to restore Senate practice to the status quo ante 2001 is indisputable. That is, the victory for the Democrats and a defeat for the Republicans.

The Missouri Compromise of 2001, like its predecessor, has left a few things uncertain (including the fate of two long-languishing nominees, Mike DeWine and William Myers), but two things are quite certain. First, the compromise legitimized the principle of the judicial filibuster. Until 2001, not once in more than 200 years had a judicial nominee been denied appointment to the court by the filibuster.

The Democrats broke all precedent by systematically using it to block Bush nominees in his first term in the hope that they would recapture the presidency in 2004. They did not, and have continued the filibuster in his second term. This violation of Senate tradition has now been codified in writing as legitimate so-called circumstances "extraordinary." In the eyes of the



beholder) warrant.

The second sure thing is that the seven Republicans who went against their party are the toast of the Washington establishment. On Monday night, they came out of the negotiations beaming. And why shouldn't they? They are now being hailed as profiles in courage, prepared to put principle ahead of (Republican) party. We will soon see glowing stories in the mainstream press about how they have grown in our minds (in Washington parlance, the dictionary definition of "to grow" is "to move left.") After that, the dinner party circuit, fawning articles about their newfound stature and coveted slots on the Sunday morning talk shows.

Mike DeWine, one of the Magnificent Seven, was heretofore best known for the fact that one of his staffers (subsequently fired) published accounts of her sexual escapades while working in DeWine's Senate office. Now he might be known for something else.

The Democrats, on the whole, were even happier. When

Robert Byrd, former mastermanipulator of Senate rules, comes out and says, echoing Ben Franklin, that they have "kept the Republic," you know it is time, if not to fear for your country, then to fret heavily for it. How did this come about? Just hours before the Gang of 14 hatched their compromise, Bill Frist had the votes for the nuclear option. Frist was going to lose five senators, and that would have meant a 50-50 tie broken by the president of the Senate, Vice President Dick Cheney, in favor of the Republicans.

The five losses were to be expected. Three were New Englanders: two from Maine (Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins) and one from Rhode Island (Lincoln Chafee). No surprise here. They are different kind of Republican, the almost extinct liberal Republican, and they might actually have been acting on principle.

Then there is John McCain, who is a party unto himself. Add to that John Warner, who decided to go against his party for the nuclear option but who can only be called consti-

tutional vanity. He sees himself as a lion of the Senate. He has been around for so long that, perhaps he feels ownership, if not authorship, of the Constitution itself, and he allowed himself to be convinced by a perhaps older lion, that together they were saving it. Had it remained at those five, the judicial filibuster — the bastard child of Democratic bitterness over recent lost elections — would now be banished.

Enter two latecomers. DeWine and Lindsey Graham, who were prepared to vote for the nuclear option but decided to cross the aisle and make the tough choice to join the lionized center. They both now say that if the Democrats start to filibuster again, they will defect back to the warm embrace of Bill Frist and go nuclear. Will they be willing to forfeit their newfound celebrity and status as statesmen? That would be a profile in courage.

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LETTERS

Filer teachers are a gift in the classroom

Congratulations to Larry Larson, head of the Filer High and Middle School music departments. The program presented recently were exciting, advanced and enjoyed by the performers as well as the audience. Mr. Larson's love of music is contagious.

No doubt the people of Filer are aware of two "jewels" in their school system. Mr. Larson who teaches in the first grade is caring, dedicated and determined no child and teacher will be left behind.

As a classroom volunteer I have seen her in action as she brings her fledgling first-graders to third-grade proficiency, always with love and concern for each precious child.

How fortunate we are to have the Larsons in Magic Valley schools!
DOLL SMITH
Twin Falls

Nurses receive meager pay, and less respect

In response to your article about the shortage of nurses, I would like to add my input. I was a certified nurse's assistant for about three years and that was long enough. They were the poorest working conditions that I have ever worked in. Not the turnover rate was high, the rate of pay was low, but the most awful thing of all, was the disrespect that was and for that matter still is.

In a nursing home setting, a great deal of teamwork was needed and the aides knew that word best, but our ideas of how to improve the fa-

'Jesus parade' struck an ambiguous chord

I noticed when I was driving the other day that there was some sort of parade going through town. I drove past this parade a couple times and discovered that it was a "Jesus parade."

I think it's great to raise awareness for your cause, but I guess I wasn't sure what the heck they were marching for. Was it to show people the love of Jesus? Because mostly I just saw people getting frustrated.

Was the traffic jam causing and a whole lot of middle fingers. Was it to raise money for an outreach program? Like feeding the hungry and/or clothing the naked? Because I think that would be great. Or was it just to protest the lack of Jesus in this ultra-conservative town?

I've seen a lot of marches for things like breast cancer, like the ones they had in a couple weeks ago, and the March Against Child Labor a few years back, and they all seem to have a goal that is fairly obvious.

Now, I like Jesus and I enjoy singing hymns, but I don't know if I could get behind a sign that says "March for Jesus" when it seems so ambiguous.

Nurses and aides are not paid what they are worth. People have absolutely no idea what goes on behind the scenes. Some residents are abused, not to their fault, of course, but it's something that has to be dealt with every day. Nurses and aides deserve extreme admiration!
LINDSEY SUTTERFIELD
Twin Falls

Keep 'Star Wars' out of the partisan galaxy

A tremor in the Force — what's the world coming to? You can't even go to your favorite movie now without some political op-ed piece giving you indignation after a lovely Sunday meal.

Most Americans, our family goes to go the movies and thank heavens there still some great movies to see. We have really enjoyed the brilliant and creative work of George Lucas and his "Star Wars" series. It gives us a break from our worldly cares as we become enraptured by great entertainment for a couple of hours. It also provides a catalyst to some wonderful family discussions concerning the timeless struggle of "good" vs. "evil."

Still feeling warm and fuzzy from the great movie, I was incensed when I sat down to read the Sunday paper and found a cheap political commentary by James P. Pinkerton drawing silly parallels of "Star Wars" and the current partisan mantra. Come on, it's only a movie! To imply that George did this in his final episode is absurd. This was written long before the current partisan angst.

Lighten up and acknowledge Lucas for his brilliant work. Accept the fact that he can universally touch people all over the world without the political baggage you want to saddle him with. Lucas has touched the emotional chords in people everywhere, and we certainly don't need your political spin to understand what we are feeling. Save that for your own corner.

You are right in one aspect though, Mr. Pinkerton. "There are things that can't be bought with money" — really? I suggest you get a good strong dose of it next time you have a hankering to comment politically on our world.

RANDY OUTLEY
Gooding

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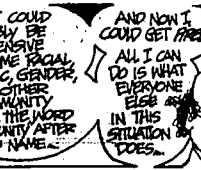
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Iraq car bomb suspects confess

Police prepare for Baghdad security operation

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — When Younis' ambitions in life, he said Friday, to kill Americans. So he claimed surprise when he discovered his car bomb had killed eight Iraqis and wounded more than 80 outside a Baghdad restaurant.

Younis and brothers Badr and Yassin Shalir are charged with murder and face the death penalty in the May 23 attack. "We did not know that the attack would target innocent people and we were deceived. We were eluded by enthusiastic ideas and money," said Younis, barefooted and with bruised and swollen hands.

An insurgent leader promised him \$1,500 for the bombing, he said. "Our doctrine is to wage jihad against the Americans," Younis, wearing a stained beige traditional robe, told an Associated Press reporter as police stood over him. "Driving our supporters is the demand of all Iraqis... I wish to die in the battlefield instead of prison."

Baghdad police wanted out the three Sunni Arabs to help put a face to a deadly insurgency, and to show that Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari means business with a plan to encircle Baghdad with tens of thousands of security forces.

The display also was meant to reassure a public whose discontent with the Shiite-led government has been high because of its seeming inability to provide security and crush the insurgency.

Car bombings and other violence have led to more than 650 deaths since al-Jaafari's government was announced April 28, according to an Associated Press count.

Statement: Al-Zarqawi is back in charge

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is in good health and is running his terror organization, according to an Internet posting Friday purportedly from the group's spokesman — the latest claim about the fate of Iraq's most-wanted militant.

There was no way to verify the statement's authenticity, but it follows several recent postings — including one from the same spokesman — that al-Zarqawi was wounded. Conflicting reports on whether he had died or been taken abroad for treatment led to speculation about confusion or jockeying for position among underlings.

Friday's posting did not address the question of whether al-Zarqawi was ever wounded.

"Our sheik is in a good health and he is running the holy war work himself and following the details of the work until the hour this statement has been written," said the posting by Abu Maysara al-Iraqi, considered to be the spokesman for al-Qaida in Iraq.

There have been a lot of arguments in the media about naming a deputy sheik, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Let everyone know that what's being broadcast by the enemies of God through their media is only designed to promote malicious plans," the statement said.

A Marine was killed while taking part in a counterinsurgency operation in Haditha, 140 miles northwest of Baghdad, the military said Friday. He died Thursday, making him the second Marine killed in Operation New Market, which involves more than 1,000 Marines, sailors and soldiers.

Two U.S. soldiers were killed Thursday when insurgents shot down their helicopter, the military said. U.S. officials were

investigating the crash of the OH-58 Kiowa helicopter near Buhiz, a former Saddam Hussein stronghold north of Baghdad.

In other violence Friday, a policeman and a bystander were killed in an ambush in the northern city of Mosul, police Brig. Saeed Ahmed said. A suicide car bomb attack on a police patrol instead killed two civilians Friday in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, police



Where Younis and other people were wounded.

Li Khudhair All said Six policemen were among 18 people wounded. Dr. Mohammed al-Zubaidi said. In Baghdad, a factory guard was killed when four mortar rounds landed on the building, said police Lt. Lt. Sadoun Abdul Ridha. Four other people were wounded.

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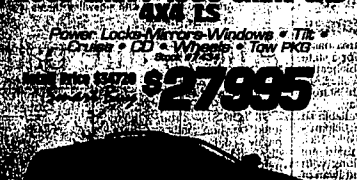
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SPORTSQUOTE

I didn't want to do it in front of the camera, but I wanted to take him in the back and kiss him on the mouth.

— Allen Iverson said of the firing of Maurice Cheeks as coach of the Philadelphia 76ers

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Since the modern-day NBA draft started in 1966, which year has had the most No. 1 picks and who were they?

answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BASEBALL: Treasure Valley All-Stars vs. State All-Stars. Rodeo: District V Finals at Gooding, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Athletes head to all-star ball games

BOISE — Several area baseball players will play for a state all-star team in a doubleheader against the Treasure Valley All-Stars at Bonham High School starting at 11 a.m. today.

Wendell's Oden signs with Rockies

BILLINGS, Mont. — Wendell Oden signed a full-tuition scholarship to play golf this fall for Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont.

Benefit flag football game scheduled

TWIN FALLS — The Guns-n-Hoses Flag Football Classic will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 3 at the Twin Falls High School Bruin Stadium.

Century player signs with Montana-Western

DILLON, Mont. — Alex Head, a 6-foot-7, 215-pound post player from Century has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the University of Montana-Western.

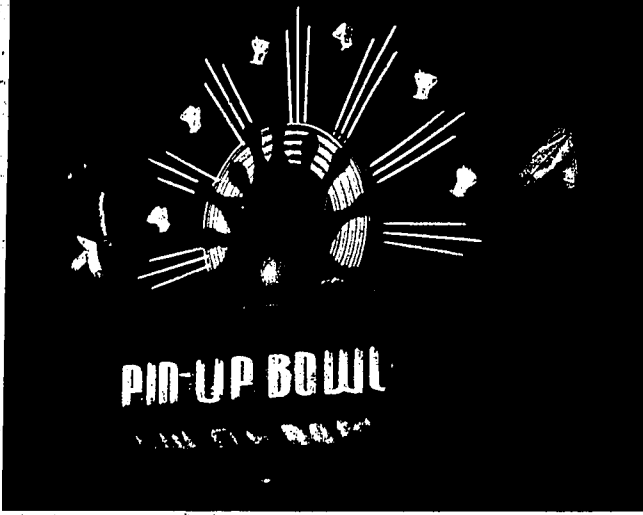
Cincinnati cuts former ISU Bengal

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals waived safety Deeq Shinnaz and James Pungin from their roster.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Houston Rockets with Elgin Hayes, Elmer, John Lucas in 1976, Ralph Sampson in 1983, Hakeem Olajuwon in 1984 and Yao Ming in 2002.

BOUTIQUE BOWLING



Art deco lighting with a bowling theme is shown above the entrance to the Pin-Up Bowl, bowling alley and martini lounge in St. Louis, Thursday.

Alleys lure patrons with upscale touches

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — From brightly lit bowling balls to champagne cocktails and scores displayed on plasma TVs, hip new bowling alleys have popped up around the nation in recent years, providing patrons with remarkably upscale spots to roll a few frames.



Stephanie Frankovic, left, and Shawna Lazzaro, both hostesses at the Lucky Strike Lanes in Hazelwood, Mo., attempt to attract guests to the Lucky Strike bowling alley at the St. Louis Mall in Hazelwood on Tuesday.

Venus Williams falls to teen

Davenport wins in three again

The Associated Press

PARIS — Venus Williams sparked from the diamond shaker around her neck to the two bejeweled winners around her left ankle. If only her tennis had gone so brightly.



Venus Williams returns the ball to Bulgaria's Sesil Karantcheva during their third round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Friday in Paris. Karantcheva won 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.

Garros, heralded 18-year-olds Rafael Nadal of Spain and Richard Gasquet of France played their first Grand Slam match against each other. It turned out to be more historic than artistic as Nadal cruised to a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 victory to run his record to 20 matches and a semifinal clash with No. 1 Roger Federer, a 7-6 (9), 7-5, 6-2 winner over Fernando Gonzalez.

While traditional bowling centers still draw dedicated patrons, boutique alleys are aimed at a "casual, young, party-going demographic," Frager said. At Pin-Up Bowl in the St. Louis suburb of University City, original and new pinups of both women and men share wall space, commissioned by owner Joe Edwards to reflect more diversity than just the classic sexy female designs Edwards said he didn't know of similar bowling alleys when he developed his place.

Rice and Henderson still chasing dreams

still chasing dreams

Rickey Henderson once was trying to explain why he deserved a few million more dollars to play baseball than his team at the time was offering him.

Rickey being Rickey, his answer made perfect sense. "All I'm asking for is what I want," Henderson said. "What Henderson wants these days is to play in the major leagues, though, as the Rolling Stones once noted, sometimes you can't always get what you want. Still, there's a certain charm seeing him in uniform again, even if it says 'Surf Dawgs' on the front.

The College Report

Dodds shines for BYU softball

The Times-News

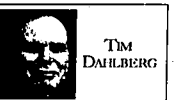
TWIN FALLS — A number of the area's former high school athletes have gone on to perform well at their colleges. Debbie Dodds, a former Twin Falls High softball player, certainly qualifies. Again and again, she came up with big hits for BYU this spring, including driving home the game-winning run against the Utah Utes.

Not bad for a player who'd walked on as a scared freshman. Dodds' RBI hit came in the bottom of the seventh on May 4 in a 4-3 victory. It marked the first time BYU has swept Utah in four regular season games. "Dodds has been clutch in conference play," said head coach Gordon Eakin in a press release. "Dodds came through time and time again."

Kody Cole, Rupert

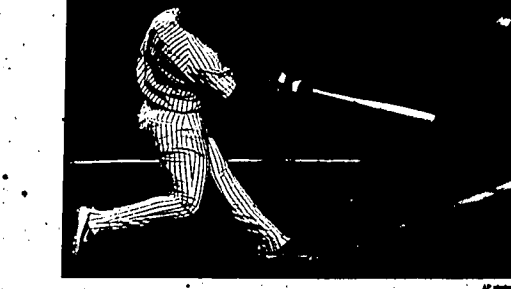
The 2003 Minico High graduate leads Lower Columbia College with a .385 batting average with 75 at-bats and is tied for second on the Red Devils with 12 stolen bases. The Red Devils of Longview, Wash., are 24-5 and 22-1 in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges, losing for the first time in 26 games recently. The junior college entered this weekend's conference baseball tournament as the No. 1 seed. Cole is undecided about where he will go to school next.

Tim Dahlberg



All Time — a position seemingly already occupied by Muhammad Ali. But even that dubious boast got him nothing more than the promise of a tryout as a role player and backup receiver for the Denver Broncos. You can't blame the other teams for passing on Rice, even though he's by far the most prolific receiver in the history of the league. He is, after all, old enough to be the father of most of his new teammates. Like Henderson, though, the lure of the game proved too strong. He is one of the greatest to ever play their games, but neither is content to take his millions and walk away while the writing is still good. Unlike Henderson, who gets your attention every time he's on the field, there's nothing particularly about the prospect of watching Rice add to the 303 games he's already played in the NFL. He's been reduced to a possession receiver by virtue of his age, an afterthought in any offense. There's no guarantee Rice will Please see DREAMS, Page B4

SPORTS



New York Yankees' Gary Sheffield hits a three-run home run in the sixth inning off Boston Red Sox reliever Allan Embree Friday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Yankees stun unraveling Sox

NEW YORK (AP) — Gary Sheffield flashed some mesmerizing power, beating the Boston Red Sox with a rare home run into Yankee Stadium's left-field upper deck.

Sheffield's three-run drive off Alan Embree capped a five-run sixth inning, and the New York Yankees opened the latest installment of baseball's best rivalry with a 6-3 victory Friday night.

Randy Johnson (5-3) won despite another perplexing start, and rookie Hobson (2-0) began the big rally with a two-run homer off a wild Tim Lincecum (4-4).

Hobson struck out just three and allowed hits to his final five batters, but Boston managed only one run in the sixth inning. Embree and Tony Womack threw out runners at the plate.

Twins 7, Blue Jays 2

TORONTO — Johan Santana pitched seven innings and Shannon Stewart and Juan Castro homered for Minnesota.

Santana (6-2) allowed two runs and four hits, struck out eight and walked two.

Toronto starter Josh Towers (5-3) allowed a club-record 14 hits and gave up seven runs, five earned, in six innings. The Twins tied their season high with 16 hits.

Tigers 4, Orioles 3

ALTIMORE — Dmitri Young and Craig Monroe homered for Detroit, which ended a four-game losing streak.

Thomson starter Nate Robertson (2-3) pitched three runs, six hits and a walk in 7.2 innings, and the bullpen held on. Robertson has a 1.97 ERA in five starts this month.

Ugueth Urbina gave up a leadoff double in the ninth to Rafael Palmeiro, then went to Geromino (1-1).

Brian Roberts to clip the bases with two outs before striking out Jeff Flanagan to earn his sixth save.

Young (5-2) pitched four runs and 10 hits in eight innings.

Devil Rays 5, Mariners 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Josh Phelps hit a two-run homer to lead Tampa Bay to its fourth straight win in his Phelps' fourth homer in his

last seven games put the Devil Rays ahead 5-2 in the seventh. He homered just once in his first 29 games this season.

Pumps Bay starter Mark Hendrickson (2-2) gave up two runs and six hits in 5.2-3 innings. Danys Baez went 1-1-3 in innings for his seventh save in 10 opportunities.

Indians 4, Athletics 1

CLEVELAND — Cliff Lee out-pitched Barry Zito, overcame two rain delays and combined with four relievers on a four-inning for Cleveland.

Lee (6-2) allowed two singles in six shutout innings for his fourth win in five starts. Ronnie Belliard hit a two-run homer in the eighth and Grady Sizemore went 2-4 for two steals and an RBI for the Indians.

David Riske got one out for his first save since July 17.

The A's have lost six straight and were nearly shut out for the seventh time. Oakland has lost 15 of 18.

Rangers 6, White Sox 2

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alfonso Soriano homered twice, Chris Young pitched eight strong innings and the Rangers won their season-high seventh straight game.

Michael Young and Mark Teixeira also connected to give the Rangers 21 homers during their current winning streak, the longest active in the majors.

Young (5-2) allowed one run and six hits, struck out five and didn't issue a walk to beat Brandon McCarthy (0-1).

The Chicago rookie allowed six runs and six hits over five innings.

National League Mets 1, Marlins 0

MIAMI (AP) — Pedro Martinez pitched five-hit ball for eight dominant innings and struck out 10, and Cliff Floyd had a run-scoring double to help the New York Mets beat the Florida Marlins 1-0 on Friday.

Martinez (5-1) recorded his double-digit strikeouts for the third time in 10 starts this season and walked none. He tossed more than 100 pitches in his second time with New York — he pitched a complete game April 10 at Atlanta.

Tim Lincecum pitched a perfect ninth for his 11th save, completing the Mets' fourth shutout.

Brian Moehler (2-2) nearly

matched Martinez for eight innings. He retired his first 11 batters before Mike Cameron lined a two-out double to left in the fourth.

Cubs 10, Rockies 3

CHICAGO — Mark Prior was drive that hit his pitching arm, marring an offensive outburst by the Cubs.

Neil Perez drove in four runs for Chicago and Derrek Lee homered twice to take over the National League lead with 14.

But the injury-plagued Cubs suffered another blow when Prior was hit in the right elbow by a drive off the bat of the Rockies' Brad Hawpe. Prior collapsed and rolled in pain on the mound before being helped off the field by the training staff.

X-rays on his elbow were negative and MRI results were expected Saturday.

Reds 5, Pirates 5

CINCINNATI — Jason Romano scored the winning run on Felipe Lopez's infield chopper in the bottom of the ninth inning for Cincinnati.

Romano doubled off reliever Mike Gonzalez (0-1) with one out. Romano moved to third on Ryan Freely's infield single and scored on Lopez's chopper to shortstop Freddy Sanchez, whose throw home was late.

Ryan Wagner (2-1) got the win despite leaving Pittsburgh score twice in the ninth to tie it.

Brewers 3, Astros 0

MILWAUKEE — Doug Davis allowed two hits over seven innings to help the Brewers shut out Houston.

Davis (6-5) extended his consecutive scoreless innings streak to 17 despite walking five batters. He struck out seven.

Derrick Turnbow pitched the ninth, earning his seventh save in nine chances. Damian Miller pitched a two-run single in the eighth for Milwaukee.

Phillies 5, Braves 1

ATLANTA — Jim Thome hit a three-run homer off John Smoltz in a four-run first inning and the Phillies snapped the Braves' eight-game home winning streak. It was only the lone win for the season for Smoltz.

Thome (3-4) allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings for Atlanta.

Pinehurst has more to offer Open visitors

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) — Not swinging a golf club on a trip to Pinehurst is like going to the beach and staying dry.

Some pundits regard the tiny Southern village, roughly equidistant from Charlotte and Raleigh in rural central North Carolina, as the spiritual center of U.S. golf, where golf sanctifies life and life is lived on the links.

More than 40 courses blanket Moore County, the most famous being the vaulted Pinehurst No. 2, site of this year's U.S. Open. Designers from Donald Ross to Jack Nicklaus have molded courses here, and champions from every generation since the 1930s have played their way through this out-of-the-way golfing mecca.

The golf, almost from the beginning, has been a part of the culture of the town. I don't think it's separate," said Audrey Moriarty, a director of the Pinehurst Archives, a collection that traces the history of Pinehurst. "It all grew up together. It was all symbiotic."

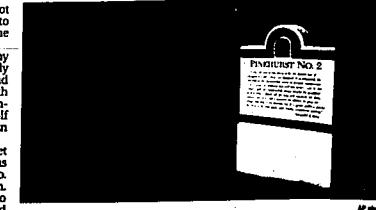
So, even though the flagship course, No. 2, will shut down for about a month around the U.S. Open on June 16-19, the thousands of visitors coming in to watch one of golf's four major tournaments undoubtedly will find plenty of opportunities to play tonight courses.

And for those who somehow cannot fit Pinehurst without a bag of clubs or who tire of marching along the manicured paths in a park, the resort offers more than just golf. Instead of a good walk spoiled, a walk through downtown Pinehurst is like a health spa. Entertainment for an afternoon.

Boston soda fountain magnate James W. Tufts founded the village in 1874 as a health resort among the longleaf pine forests of North Carolina's Sandhills. Frederick Lux Olmsted, designer of the White House and Central Park, drew the blueprint for the adjoining village and the bones of what has changed much since then.

Locally owned specialty shops and restaurants fill the storefronts. The Old Sport Gallery, which dogwoods line the winding roads.

To an outsider, the lines that demarcate the resort and the village of Pinehurst can seem blurry. The resort owns several hotels in town and the edge of downtown. The Club at Pinehurst, the resort's clubhouse and the main lodge. The lodge has the sort of luxurious feel that just past wooden rocking chairs on the front porch with Rolex wall



A sign posted at the legendary Pinehurst No. 2 golf course has a quote from Donald Ross, who designed the course, and is shown in Pinehurst, N.C., April 3, 2002.

clocks inside. A photo tribute to the 1999 U.S. Open tournament — also played at Pinehurst — shows one woman with a center photograph of winner Payne Stewart hugging the championship trophy.

Photos from other championships and old trophies and plaques line the hallways.

I get choked up when I go by some of those dusty old pictures," said Tom Stewart, a former golf pro who moved to Pinehurst eight years ago and operates the Old Sport Gallery, a sports memorabilia shop. "It's like being a part of history every day."

The Tufts Archives also offers a taste of golf history, with records and about 100,000 photos that trace Pinehurst from the early days of the Tufts family, who owned everything in town, including the power plant and department store, to the struggles of the 1930s, when the club was bought by a land developer and the resort temporarily went out of business. Pinehurst was sold to a new owner in 1999, two decades ago by Dallas-based ClubCorp.

The archives also include about 300 original course designs and drawings by Hess, famed designer of No. 2 and many of the nation's other top courses. Ross lived in Pinehurst during the last years of his life, when he tinkered with the layout and design as his masterpiece.

Old-time courses, such as the Tufts farms cover much of the sandy soil of Moore County. The soil and the mild climate make the area ideal for raising horses and Pinehurst village even operates a public harness-horse training center. Carolina Horse Park in nearby Raeford hosts an annual stepphace, the American Eventing Championships and other equestrian competitions.

Pottery is another local specialty, a community of

professional potters has roots in the area that go back more than 200 years, and more than 90 pottery shops are in a 15-mile radius around nearby Seagrave. Many can be observed at work in their shops, and their products range from traditional pots and jugs to contemporary art.

The North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrave details the history and tradition of pottery in the state through permanent and visiting exhibits.

The Weymouth Center for Arts and Humanities in Southern Pines also offers a glimpse of the area in North Carolina. The center is home to the North Carolina Literary Hall of Fame, which includes O. Henry, Thomas Wolfe and John Hope Franklin. The center is part of the former 1,200-acre estate of James Boyd, a steel and railroad magnate from Pennsylvania who moved to the area around the turn of the century.

The center also has hosted more than 600 writers for two-week residencies, with many finding inspiration in the quiet, varied gardens that surround Boyd's former home.

If a visit makes you decide you just might want to relocate to the area, don't be surprised if you aren't welcomed with open arms. Moore County has a population of about 75,000 — and locals want to keep it that way.

Chancellor Mayor Steven Smith, who himself retired to the town from a Pittsburgh suburb about 15 years ago, knows that part of his job is to discourage more people like him from coming to what he describes as a quaint New England town in the sandhills of North Carolina.

"We're not interested in increasing real-estate sales by 200 percent," Smith said. "Our notion isn't to promote the town as much as it is to share with people what a great place this is."

Bowling

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screen movie theater and the digital bowling alley with a grill, a bar and digital jukebox.

Leather booths and club chairs provide bowlers with a special, but not just for the formal or molded fiberglass seating many associate with bowling alleys.

There is a niche, if you're dressed for dinner, to go out somewhere upscale, that's not just a bar," said Moolah Lanes owner Jim Barton.

Another niche just opened at the St. Louis Mills Mall this week in suburban Hazelwood. It's the Hollywood, Calif.-based Hollywood Bowl, which just posted five more U.S. sites in the weeks.

The notion was to "take all the reasons why people don't go to bowling, about the dark, cramped and eliminate those reasons," said Bill Scheidhauer, chief operating officer for Lucky Strike Entertainment, Inc.

Lucky Strike has walls painted drabbed red, artwork

displayed on video screens and a restaurant that serves up offerings such as tomato and cheese smores.

Bowlers can't get a pitcher of beer there, but they can order a \$9 Post Malone beer. And they have to adhere to a dress code that forbids athletic wear, excessively baggy clothing and "exposed intimate apparel."

"We're targeting more of a social bowler as opposed to a serious league bowler," Scheidhauer said.

Families are welcome during the day but at 9 p.m. the 20 lanes are open to limits to the under-21 crowd.

Finger salad boutique bowling alleys appeal to entrepreneurs for several reasons: they typically need less square footage for the actual bowling areas; they allow a business to differentiate itself from other restaurants and bars; and they draw customers willing to pay a premium to be in a place more comfortable to them.

Bowlers who like the stylish surroundings should be aware they might spend more money per game in lane rental costs, and upscale drinks come with an up charge.

In Chicago, 10pin Bowling Lounge has been open for about a year, run by the HC network. It features two types of bowling shoes, both traditional and "cool" shoes that rent for a dollar more.

The food at 10pin includes many items, such as pizza, caramelized onions, and chocolate chip cookies — which are accompanied by a shot glass of milk.

HC's president, Grant DePorter, said the spot isn't aimed at bowlers seeking the "traditional" environment, but at "if someone's interested in that type of bowling, we're not the place for them," he said.

"There's a niche for everything. You don't want to be all things to all people."

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Ruth Anna Spooner, Twin Falls

The Twin Falls High and Idaho School for the Deaf Blind

graduate received all-Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association honors. Despite missing time because of an injury this spring, Spooner was superb on the mound, factoring in a 2-1 record with two saves and a 0.74 earned run average in league play.

In MIAA games, Spooner struck out 31 batters and walked just 11 while holding the opposition to a .176 batting average.

In the Division III MIAA tournament, Spooner sparked in three appearances as she did not allow a run in 16 innings of work while earning a 2-0 record with 13 strikeouts and only two walks.

Spooner finished the year with a 1-1 record with two saves along with a team-leading 0.52 earned run average. She also struck out 70 batters in 25 outings while walking just 25 batters.

In addition, she picked up a pair of shutout victories on the year.

Leonard seizes control at TPC

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Justin Leonard took advantage of a firm fairways at the TPC at Southwind for some extra length off the tee and shot a 5-under 65 Friday, extending his lead to five strokes after the second round of the St. Jude Classic.

He hit six birdies and his first stroke for a 13-under 127 total that was one stroke off the 36-hole course record held by John Cook (1996) and David Frost (1999). Leonard birdied his seventh hole and took it back.

Leonard, who led by two strokes after one round, made his 136th consecutive start on tour this year by Jon Ogilvie at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Fredrick Jacobson was the only golfer who even managed to share the lead with Leonard on Friday, and that didn't last long. Jacobson shot a 65 and was at 8-under 132. He had a piece of the lead until Leonard birdied his seventh hole and took it back.

Pate breaks away at Senior PGA

LIGONIER, Pa. — Jerry Pate shot a 4-under 68 to take a one-stroke lead at the Senior PGA Championship, breaking from a crowded pack where a dozen

Golf

had shared or owned the lead.

Pate followed up a 2-under 70 Thursday to lead R.W. Eaks (70) by one shot and Mark McNulty (70) by two shots at Laurel Valley Golf Club. Hajime Meshial, a 12-time Japanese Tour winner who has been in contention in an American tournament, had an second-round 71 and is joined by Dave Bar (72) and Tom (76) and Mike Reid (70) by two shots at night (72) at three off the lead.

Pate, an eight-time PGA Tour winner, had consecutive birdies on No. 6, 7 and 8 to finish his round with a lead-taking flourish.

The biggest cheers were reserved for 75-year-old Arnold Palmer, who likely played his last competitive round in his native western Pennsylvania. His 14-over 86 followed an 82, but he thrilled the crowd with a long birdie put on No. 17.

Sorenstam leads at Corning Classic

CORNING, N.Y. — Annika Sorenstam shot a 4-under 68 to take a one-stroke lead at the LGPA Corning shot back.

Classic.

Sorenstam, seeking her fifth win in six starts this year, jumped to the top of the leaderboard after a four-hour delay caused by lightning and rain. Pate was stopped because of darkness after Sorenstam's threesome finished, meaning that most of the afternoon sun was missed by the leaders and their rounds on Saturday morning.

Turner, who finished before the rain delay, shot 1-under 71 for a two-round total of 67-under 137.

Hedblom birdies put him ahead at BMW

VIRGINIA WATER, England — Peter Hedblom of Sweden birdied seven of the last 11 holes for a 7-under 65 and a three-shot lead after two rounds of the BMW Championship.

Snud McIndley's 64 — one shot off the course record — gave him a short-lived lead at 8-under 136 before Hedblom's strong finish put him at 11-under 133.

Nick O'Hern was 7-under after a 69 and Padraig Harrington (68) and Peter Hanson (69) were tied for fourth another shot back.

SCORES AND STATS

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BASEBALL

Table with columns for team names and game results (W/L/T, Runs, Hits, Errors).

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Auto racing: FL qualifying for Grand Prix of Europe, session 1. SPEED, 8 p.m.
NBA: Final practice for Coca-Cola 60K, FX 3:30 p.m.
NBA: Practice for Nets at Madison Square Garden, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

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Padres at Giants, Fox, 2 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA, Phoenix at Connecticut, ABC, 2 p.m.
NBA playoffs, Western Conference Finals, Spurs at Spurs, ESPN, 7 p.m.

Golf

European PGA Tour, BMW Championship, third round, TBC, 8 a.m.
PGA Tour, St. Jude Classic, third round, CBS, 1 p.m.

Soccer

U.S. vs. England men, ESPN, 3 p.m.

Softball

NCAA Division I tournament, semifinal, Maryland vs. Duke, ESPN2, 9:30 a.m.
NCAA Division I tournament, semifinal, Virginia vs. Johns Hopkins, ESPN2, noon.

Tennis

French Open, early rounds, NBC, 10 a.m.
French Open, early rounds, ESPN2, 2 p.m.

Schilling will miss up to three months

TORONTO Curt Schilling's return from an injury to his surgically repaired right ankle could take up to three months, according to Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona said Thursday.

Gymnasts may appeal scores under new rules

HELSINKI, Finland - Gymnasts will be able to appeal their scores to judges using a new system that was passed Friday by the sports world governing body.

Jones says attempts to ban her are 'ridiculous'

HENGELO, Netherlands - Marion Jones called attempts to ban her from competing in Europe this season "ridiculous."

Mets' Reyes goes on record triple tear

MIAMI - Jose Reyes of the New York Mets scores headed for a triple in Sunday's game.

Romanowski, Williams settle legal dispute

OAKLAND, Calif. - Former Olympic fencer Romanowski and Williams have settled their legal dispute.

Basso wins time trial, Savoldelli retains lead

TURIN, Italy - Ivan Basso won an individual time trial Friday in the Giro d'Italia, and Paolo Savoldelli retained the overall lead with two stages left.

day's mountain stage, took the 18th stage by edging Vladimir Karpets of Russia by nine seconds.

The Italian rider had a winning time of 45 minutes, 56 seconds on a 11-mile ride from Chiest to Turin.

The international federation will set the minimum age limit for Olympics and world championships by one year to 16. The rule, for men and women, will go into effect in 2009.

"Inquiries for the difficulty scores are allowed, provided that the scores are confirmed immediately after the publication of the scores," said FIG secretary-general Andre Guetschmacher.

Reyes hit seven triples in 10 games, the most for any major league player in that span in the history of the game.

Reyes had not hit a triple this season until he began the run, but led the majors by two going into Friday's game in Florida.

Williams' career ended after his eye socket was broken by Romanowski, who ripped off Williams' helmet during a practice drill and hid it from the press.

Romanowski retired that year, and a jury in March ordered him to pay Williams \$340,000 in damages.

Williams was not happy with the jury's verdict, and was seeking a new trial until the court said with two stages left in the race.

Basso, who also won Thursday's mountain stage, took the 18th stage by edging Vladimir Karpets of Russia by nine seconds.

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SPORTS



Danica Patrick gestures to crew members as she and the other Indianapolis 500 drivers get ready for CART's Danica Day practice for Sunday's race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Friday. Patrick qualified in fourth place for the race.

Rahal discovery Danica Patrick makes headlines at Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The first-time Bobby Rahal saw Danica Patrick race, he recognized talent, not gender.

"She was in a race car with a helmet on and all I knew was that she could drive that car real well," said Rahal, a former Indianapolis 500 winner and three-time series champion who first spotted Patrick during the Formula Ford Festival in England in 2000.

She was 18 and the only female driver that went at Brands Hatch, showing plenty of potential by finishing second to current Formula One test driver Anthony Davidson of England.

Rahal quickly signed Patrick to a contract, bringing her back to the United States and providing her with first-class equipment and a schedule of developmental series to reach the top — the Indy Racing League's IndyCar.

Now, Rahal's vision is paying off. With Patrick, the only woman in the 33-car field, by far the fastest rookie and — more than a bit surprising — among the favorites to win Sunday's Indy 500.

But Rahal believes this is only the beginning for his 5-foot-2, 100-pound bundle of promise. And he is quick to react if someone suggests Patrick is simply a gambler for finding more team sponsorship or publicizing Rahal Letterman Racing team, which he co-owns with television talk show host David Letterman.

"She couldn't have this team behind her if she didn't deserve it," said Rahal, who won't even tell her what he sees in her. And he will also have 1999 winner Kenny Brack and Vitor Meira racing Sunday.

There are three exceptions to that story who say Patrick is only fast on Indy's 2.5-mile oval because she has far better equipment than was given to Janet Guthrie, St. James or Sarah Fisher, the three women who preceded her.

"I take offense at that," Rahal said. "Not to take anything away from them, but if those other women had been that good, I think they would have had opportunities with better teams."

Danica says the negative response of some people is a motivational tool for her.

"If you don't think I should be fast because maybe I'm driving for a good team, forget you," she said. "I'm going to go out there and prove to you time and time again I belong here, that I will race up front, and that I'm a great driver, not just driving for a great team."

Racing protege takes on Indy

Indy Racing League rookie Danica Patrick will become the fourth woman to race in the Indy 500 Saturday. A member of the Rahal Letterman Racing team, the petite 23-year-old from Phoenix qualified with the fourth fastest speed of over 227 mph.

2005 Bombarrier Rookie of the Year standings

ROOKIE	STARTS	BEST	BEST	EARNINGS	PTS.	POS.
		START	FINISH			
Danica Patrick	4	2nd	4th	\$196,400	80	12th
Ryan Briscoe	4	10th	12th	\$160,700	81	18th
Tommy Engel	3	3rd	16th	\$144,800	50	21st
Paul Dana	3	21st	10th	\$119,800	44	22nd

Women drivers who raced in the Indy 500

NAME	STARTS	BEST START	BEST FINISH	EARNINGS
Janeet Guthrie	3 (1977-79)	14th (1979)	9th (1978)	\$58,792
St. James	7 (1992-97, 2000)	6th (1994)	11th (1992)	\$1,175,974
Lyn Smith	5 (2000-04)	9th (2002)	21st (2004)	\$1,026,185

NOTE: Desire Wilson passed the driver's test in 1982 but failed to qualify for the race.

SOURCE: Indy Racing League

Everything has to come together. That feisty attitude is the thing that seems to set the 23-year-old Patrick apart from the other women who have raced here, as well as many of Indy's male rookies.

"There is something in her eyes," said three-time Indy winner Johnny Rutherford, now a driver coach and pace car driver for the IRL. "She has a focus that you can't learn. And she has an intensity when she's in and around the race cars that you usually only see in the great drivers."

The tiny Patrick has needed every bit of that focus and intensity this month. At times, it's been hard to see her for all the media or fans swirling around her at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

She had a legitimate shot at winning the pole for the world's most prestigious open-wheel event, winding up fourth — the best for a woman at Indy — after a scary boggle on the first turn of her first of four laps of qualifying. It was her only mistake since she drove onto the Speedway oval for the start of the Rookie Orientation Program on May 8.

The bitterly disappointed Patrick, who recovered to qualify at over 227 mph, stood for several minutes slumped over the pit wall, leaning on her helmet, her long black hair draped over her face, hiding her anguish.

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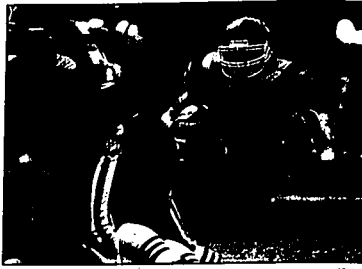
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Payton makes splash in NFL Europe

By Joost King Associated Press writer



AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Jarrett Payton is not making the comparisons to his father. Besides, he's already doing a fine impression.

Payton, the son of NFL Hall of Famer Walter Payton, is a running back with the Amsterdam Admirals in NFL Europe, and he's trying to make it big on his own merits.

"My dad was the greatest, but I just want to be the guy who can play the game and not be carried by my last name," Payton said. "I was born into this and I've got to take it. I can't go out there and be like him. I've got to be myself."

Walter Payton, who died in 1999, played for the Chicago Bears from 1975-87 and was the league's top career rusher when he retired.

"It is something you've got to understand that it's always going to be there," Payton said. "But the 24-year-old Payton has rushed for 492 yards on 88 carries — an average of 5.6 yards per carry — and scored a touchdown in his last seven." Payton said.

"I have some good yards, but it's not the most important thing. The biggest thing I'm happy about is that I'm playing consistently," Payton said.

The former University of Mississippi player is hoping to earn a spot with the Tennessee Titans, the team that allocated him to Amsterdam.

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In this handout photo provided by the Amsterdam Admirals, Admirals running back Jarrett Payton carries the ball in a match in Amsterdam on May 8.

me to do — I think I've done those things. As a player I feel that I can always play," Payton said.

Payton, who spent last season on the Titans' practice squad, will have to learn offensive coordinator Norm Chow's system when he returns, but the Titans only have draft pick Damien Nash and a handful of rookies currently competing to back up Chris Brown.

"It is important that he is rested for training camp because he has basically been playing football for a calendar year, so we will ease him into training camp," said Titans coach Jeff Fisher, a teammate of Payton's father with the Bears.

"Jarrett will definitely be in the mix at the running back position,

especially after the improvement he has shown with the Admirals this spring," he said. "The Admirals are on the verge of qualifying for a spot in the World Bowl — the league's championship game — for the second time."

"We're going to the World Bowl. I said that in earlier interviews and can't take it back," Payton said. "The Admirals are the best team and I'm not only saying that because I'm a player. Some teams only have one guy to go to, but on our offense we've got guys that can catch and run the ball."

The Admirals, who are unbeaten at home, host the Hamburg Sea Devils on Sunday. A win could be enough to clinch a berth in the title game.

Wheldon forgotten man at Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Under normal circumstances, it would be Dan Wheldon being belittled by media and fans this month at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The 26-year-old Englishman was the favorite to win this month at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

But Wheldon's season has been a dominant force in the Indy Racing League this season, winning three of the four races leading up to Sunday's Indianapolis 500. He is ahead of Andrea Green Racing teammate Tony Kanaan, the Indy pole-sitter and defending IRL champion with 24 points in the season standings.

But the focus since practice began for the 89th running of the Indy 500 has been on Danica Patrick, an attractive, dynamic and — most important — fast driver and the only woman in the 33-car starting field.

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even play for the Broncos. His contract is not guaranteed, and Rice will have to beat out kids like the age to win a spot on the roster.

"It's not going to be any red carpet," Rice said. "I will have to earn my job. That's the way I preferred it."

Actually, there was no other way Rice was going to get it. The NFL is a brutal business that does not guarantee anyone sparingly — especially for a guy who will turn 43 during the season.

"What the Broncos really want to see before they commit is not how Rice's legs are, but what his mindset is."

That is a player used to being the man, a player once firmly attached to the spotlight. Rice didn't make 1,549 catches and score 87 touchdowns by telling Joe Montana or Steve Young in the huddle that they might be better off throwing it to someone else.

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89th Indianapolis 500

Tv: 10 a.m., ABC, Sunday

Not that it's upset him. "That did make it a little easier morning," Wheldon said, grinning. "But I sometimes like being the underdog. You can go to bed early and get up late and nobody is bothering you."

As for Patrick being the center attention, Wheldon shrugged.

"She deserves it because she's got a great car and has been very fast," Wheldon said. "But you've got to remember that she is a rookie. When I was a rookie, I was running up front and feeling very confident and made one mistake and wound up crashing."

"It's a very long race and I don't think she's ever driven a race longer than 200 miles. But, having said that, I still think she's going to be good in the race."

Wheldon actually is more upset that Patrick has upstaged Kanaan.

"If I didn't win the race, I definitely would like to see one of my teammates win it and Tony well — the boy is just bloody fast," Wheldon said. "He won the pole and he should be the favorite to win the race, but I don't think he's gotten the attention because of Danica and Kenny Brack."

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kid that was just begging Nick to come watch me," she said.

"Today I hope that everybody who helped me back then and who still helps me are proud of me and what I've done."

She said that when she watched Williams during her peak years in Wimbledon and two U.S. Open titles in 2000 and 2001 — she was awed by the American.

"I was amazed," Karantcheva said. "I was so awed by her that I would just have unbelievable serves. After I watched her play, I would like to watch her. I want to hit the ball like Venus."

Karantcheva came out expecting to see Williams match winners and aces, forehands

down the lines, "backhands that probably won't even see." What she saw, though, were shots that flew long wide and sometimes into the stands.

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Injured defending race winner Buddy Rice last week as one of Patrick's teammates at Rahal Letterman Racing.

He posted the fastest qualifying speed of the month but will have to start 23rd since he did it on the second weekend of time trials.

"Again, you can't fault anyone for being interested in Kenny's situation," Wheldon said. "It's a great story and he's done an amazing job coming back from those injuries. And he's another guy with a chance to win the race."

Don't forget Wheldon, either, when you start talking about the list of favorites.

"My passion is for the goal for youngster from Emberton, England since he first got into racing."

After winning the season-opening event at Homestead, Wheldon immediately started talking about winning the IRL's showcase event.

"My passion is the Indianapolis 500," he said, his eyes gleaming. "The championship is important, but my goal is to win the (winner's) milk at Indy."

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Edwards adjusts to fast-track life of a racing star

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Carl Edwards is still adjusting to sudden fame. Luckily for NASCAR's newest star, his girlfriend steals the spotlight every time she's on his arm.

Edwards is dating Olympic swimmer and part-time model Amanda Beard, who has caused a stir at the handful of races she's attended this season.

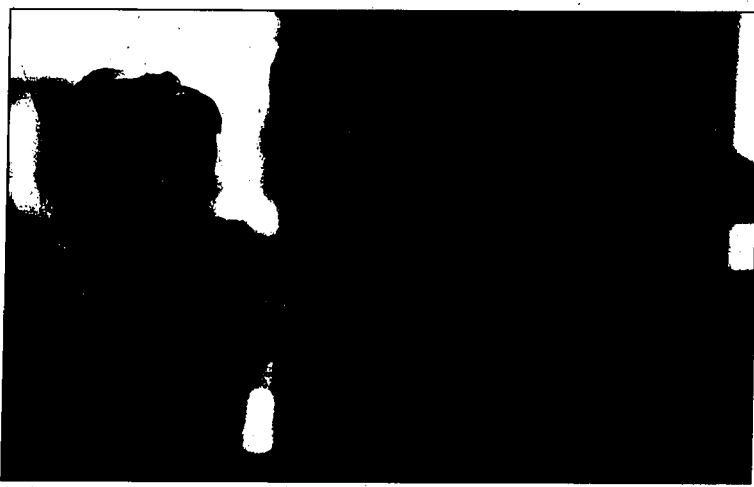
"She's more famous than I am, it makes it a little easier on me when she's around," Edwards said. "It's kind of wild for me when I get recognized in the grocery store. I'm still getting used to all of this."

Edwards better get comfortable quickly because his career has taken off. He starts 12th in the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday at Lowe's Motor Speedway and is a legitimate contender to qualify for NASCAR's 10-race Chase for the Championship. He's 13th in the standings, 273 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson.

He's also on top of the Busch Series standings in the East, but he's still 180-point lead over Clint Bowyer on Saturday.

Besides running in both of NASCAR's top series, Edwards jumped into a dirt modified car earlier this week for a little extracurricular racing. His night was short, though, after he was forced to drop out with a blown tire.

Still, his week was so full, the staff at LMS jokingly made him start his business on Sunday. "Carl Edwards, World's Busiest



Carl Edwards, right, talks with crew chief Bob Osborne, left, in the garage area at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Friday.

Driver. Looking for a Driver? You're Looking For Me!

The cards were a nod to Edwards' early efforts to break into racing. So desperate for a chance, Edwards passed out

business cards and took out a personal ad in a 1998 edition of National Speed Sport News, a

weekly trade newspaper. Edwards then 19, put a photo of himself in the paper under

the heading RIDES WANTED. The ad read: "Explore your options for next year. Call Carl Edwards Motorsports. Have shoe, will travel."

"There were days when every single time the phone rang, I prayed it was someone calling about racing," he said.

With jobs few and far between, Edwards enrolled at the University of Missouri and spent time as a substitute teacher. Then he got his break when Roush Racing gave him a chance to drive in the Truck Series.

Edwards blazed onto the scene with three wins in 2003 — celebrating each one with his trademark backflip — and rookie of the year honors.

Edwards' next break came with 13 races left last season when Jeff Burton left Roush and the No. 99 Ford suddenly opened up. It was a troy of sorts for Edwards, and he passed with ease.

Then he scored his first career win earlier this season in a door-to-door battle to the finish line with Jimmie Johnson at Atlanta. That officially made Edwards a star and forced him to realize his life was changing.

"I'm really having to make an effort to take some free time for myself," he said. "I'm so busy between the Cup car and the Busch car, and I hate saying no to anyone so I am always off doing stuff when I should be using the time to catch my breath."

Bum knee has left McDyess knowing he'll never be the player he once was

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Coming off the bench for the Detroit Pistons in the Eastern Conference finals is Antonio McDyess, only 30, yet a half-decade removed from a time when he was considered the prototypical athletic power forward that every team wanted to have.

McDyess' career was interrupted at its peak by three knee surgeries, and he has finally come to grips with the fact that he'll never regain the explosiveness he once took for granted. "I've never been able to play at the level in the beginning, definitely. But if it wasn't for my injury I wouldn't be here competing in the Eastern Conference finals," McDyess said Friday. "So look at it now and feel it was a good thing. It gave me an opportunity to play with the world champion."

The former All-Star and Olympian joined the Pistons as a free agent last summer after spending the 2003-04 season with New York and Phoenix. This is the farthest the 10-year veteran has ever been in the postseason.

McDyess placed too much blame on McDyess after he managed only four points in 17 minutes of Detroit's Game 2 loss to Miami in Friday's Game 1. He evened the series at 1-1. Game 3 is Sunday night.

But there was a time not too long ago when the Pistons' salary cap was in jeopardy. McDyess would have been viewed as a monumental letdown.

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Heat at Pistons
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After winning a gold medal for the United States in Sydney in 2000, McDyess averaged 20.8 points the next season for Denver. Knee surgery limited him to 10 games in 2001-02, and a fractured kneecap that required two surgeries kept him out for the entire 2002-03 season and the start of the '03-'04 season. The Knicks dealt him to Phoenix last season, and he has played through the final 24 games for the Suns before entering free agency wondering whether anyone would still want him.

"That was the worst part of my career, getting traded and still hurting," McDyess said. McDyess signed with the Pistons to help them replace the departed Carlos Williamson and Mehmet Okur, and his knee made it through 77 regular season games without any trouble.

He said the pain and discomfort are gone, but he still feels somewhat ill at ease, knowing his knee doesn't have the strength he'd like it to have.

"Nowhere near, man," McDyess said. "I felt I was one of the best forwards coming up my years ago. Right now there's no comparison. The way I was mobile to play, running and

jumping, now it's pretty much nowhere near where I was. Those days are gone."

But plenty of respect still exists for McDyess, with Miami coach Stan Van Gundy pointing out that McDyess would probably be a starter if he played on any of the league's other 29 teams.

In this series, he is the backup to Rashheed Wallace and Ben Wallace, occasionally getting a turn to guard Shaquille O'Neal one-on-one in the low post.

"It's not their best post player," McDyess said, "it's Rashheed (Wallace), Heat forward Udonis Haslem said. McDyess shot 5-for-6 in Game 1 with six rebounds, and his two blocks and five rebounds in Game 2 helped make up for his lack of production of 11-for-4 with two turnovers.

During the regular season, McDyess averaged 9.6 points in 23 minutes per game.

With the long break between Games 2 and 3, the Heat has stayed behind in Miami and were not expected to arrive in Detroit until late Saturday.

O'Neal, Damon Jones, Haslem and Christian Laettner all sat out practice Friday to rest injuries, but Van Gundy said he expects to have all of them available Sunday as the Heat tries to carry over many of the positives — especially Dwyane Wade's 40-point offensive outburst — that led to their 92-86 victory in Game 2.

Gardner hopes to help Olympic retirees

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Olympic champion wrestler Rulon Gardner wants to work with the U.S. Olympic Committee to find a way to provide health insurance to retired Olympic athletes.

Gardner, who retired after his last match at the Athens Olympics, no longer receives health insurance and a \$2,000-a-year grant from the USOC because the money is meant to support Olympic hopefuls. Last July he signed a contract to provide the benefits, but they were stopped in March because he's no longer competing.

Gardner said he would like to work with the USOC to find a solution to the problem, not so much for athletes like him, who have become millionaires and can make a living after retirement, but for the hundreds who retire and don't become rich or famous.

"I want them to be taken care of," Gardner said. "I'd like to help them in the future. That's my goal. It's to help the Olympic movement and take care of athletes."

In an interview last week,

Gardner told The Denver Post he was skipping an upcoming athletes' summit as part of the fallout from the USOC's retirement policy, calling it "a slap in the face."

USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said the organization's policy is to funnel funding to athletes who are training and preparing for upcoming games.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Gardner said he had a previous commitment to teach at a wrestling clinic in Montana the day of the USOC summit.

"I'm not angry at the USOC," Gardner said. "The USOC gave me the opportunity back in 1993 to train, they provided me trips overseas. The last thing I want to do is to show I'm a disgruntled employee or anything like that. I have no animosity toward anyone at the USOC."

Gardner pulled one of the most stunning upsets in Olympic history at the 2000 Games, winning the gold medal by ending Alexander Karelin's 13-year international winning streak. Last summer in Athens, Gardner won the bronze medal, and in wrestling tradition, left

his shoes on the mat as a symbolic way of announcing he was retiring.

He said he could have delayed announcing his retirement and kept the benefits.

"But I love that I retired in Athens," he said. "I got to have my shoes on the mat. I'd rather be forthright about it, walk off and say 'Thank you.'"

He plans to teach someday, but for now, he is on the road, doing speaking engagements and wrestling clinics. He has a book, titled "Never Stop Pushing," coming out in September.

The insurance issue is one dear to his heart, too, because he knows the sacrifices many Olympic athletes make.

"I went from nothing to doing OK," Gardner said. "I have a lot of athletes who give up 15 years of their life to make the Olympic team, and when it's over, they don't have much to look at the long-term aspect of the athletes."

Gardner said he plans to auction the shoes he left on the mat in Athens on eBay and donate some of the proceeds to USA Wrestling.

Nash benefits from Johnson's return

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Phoenix Suns have plenty of reasons to be excited about having Joe Johnson back for Game 3 of the Western Conference finals on Saturday night.

The biggest involve easing the huge burden the team has placed on Steve Nash — at both ends of the court.

On defense, Nash will no longer have to chase San Antonio point guard Tony Parker. He'll be Johnson's problem. Instead, Nash will get to cover the Spurs' last scoring option, Bruce Bowen.

When the Suns have the ball, Nash will no longer be the second scoring option after center Amare Stoudemire. That'll be Johnson's job, too, as will running the offense so Nash can have some rare time off to catch his breath.

"I've had a lot of minutes in a lot of games and a ton of responsibility lately," Nash said Friday.

It can't hurt. As much as Nash has cleared any doubts about his MVP status with the way he's played in Johnson's absence, Phoenix still trails this series 0-2 with the next two games on the road. No team has ever come back to win the conference finals in Finals when facing those circumstances.

If the Suns lose Game 3, the odds really would be against them. No NBA team has ever rallied from a three-game deficit to win a series, in any round.

So, uh, welcome back, Joe. "I don't feel any pressure," Johnson said. "I'm just going to go out and play. Whatever the results may be, that's that."

Johnson has been out since a face-first fall from the rim May 11 against Dallas. The Suns went on to lose that game and are 3-3 without him.

His return was expected after he practiced Thursday. He received final approval from doctors Friday morning; he also had some stitches removed from inside his mouth.

Coach Mike D'Antoni said Johnson will start and will play as long as he's effective. The only limitation is a protective mask Johnson must wear.

"Hopefully it'll affect him more than he thinks it will," said San Antonio's Robert Horry, who

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knows from experience how uncomfortable it can be.

The playoff itself has been the toughest part for Johnson, who had played every game since joining the Suns three years ago. He's so eager to get back that he's not worried about further damage, which in turn could damage the payday he's expecting when he becomes a free agent this summer.

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can focus less on scoring and more on passing.

Although Jim Jackson did a nice job filling in as a starter, it was Nash who picked up the slack, averaging 34.3 points the last six games. To do it, Nash took at least 21 shots in every game, starting with the Cup car and the Busch car, and I hate saying no to anyone so I am always off doing stuff when I should be using the time to catch my breath."

Nash also played at least 42 minutes, every game. While the Suns' roster is deeper than ever, and longer TV timeouts compensate for that, something has caused Phoenix to win in the fourth quarter of Games 1 and 2. The Spurs scored 43 and 31 points in those periods, turning deficits into victories both times.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Jensen Jewelers opens S.D. store

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls-based jewelry chain recently opened its first store in South Dakota. Jensen Jewelers opened a retail store in Rapid City, S.D.'s historic Mall. The new location is Jensen Jewelers 13th in a chain that also includes stores in Idaho, Montana, and Nevada. Jensen Jewelers was founded by Don and Mary Jensen in 1956. The company has its corporate office, ringmaker operations and a retail store in Twin Falls.

Albertsons plans conference call

TWIN FALLS — Boise-based Albertsons Inc., a grocery chain with Magic Valley stores, will hold a conference call to discuss its first-quarter results at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. Anyone may listen in. The call will be webcast at the Albertsons Web site, www.albertsons.com/abs-investorinformation. Albertsons divisions and subsidiaries operate over 2,500 stores in 37 states.

Hospital ER visits highest on record

SAN FRANCISCO — Despite years of warnings that hospital emergency rooms had reached capacity, visits to this vital part of the health-care system hit a record high in 2003, according to a new report. The number of visits to emergency departments grew 26 percent to 114 million in 2003 from 90.3 million visits in 1998, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The U.S. population grew at less than half that rate — 12.3 percent — during the same period, and the 65-and-over population rose 9.6 percent. Meanwhile, the number of emergency departments fell 12 percent in that decade. The figures reflect rising demand and strained capacity amid an aging population with chronic health problems. The report also raises questions about the readiness of the nation's first responders should a pandemic flu or other public-health disaster strike.

Personal Income up, but spending slows

WASHINGTON — Personal incomes rose in April at the fastest pace in five months, helped by a big jump in employment, while consumer spending slowed a bit, the government reported Friday. The Commerce Department said incomes rose by 0.7 percent last month, the best performance this year. Analysts said the rise in income was helped by a big jump in the number of 274,000 jobs last month and a rise in the workweek, which both boosted private wage growth. Consumer spending rose by a lower-than-expected 0.6 percent in April, but the government revised the March gain to a stronger 0.9 percent, up from the 0.6 percent increase that had been originally reported for March.

Pfizer may put warning on Viagra

CHICAGO — Pfizer Inc. on Friday announced it is considering updating packaging materials for Viagra to include a warning about side effects after a small number of patients reported blindness while taking the popular impotence pill.

"The move comes after the federal Food and Drug Administration said it had found possible connections between vision loss and the use of Viagra amid competitors Cialis and Levitra. While the vision problems are rare — less than 50 cases for drugs that have been prescribed millions of times — they come at a time when patients are increasingly concerned about the side effects of prescription medications. Over the past nine months drug companies have disclosed that patients using anti-pain medications like Vioxx and Celebrex had an increased risk of heart attack and stroke.

Wal-Mart highlights P&Z agenda

Retailer seeks appeals on city's permit denials

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Expect some fireworks at Tuesday's meeting of the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission. The meeting will include a laundry list of proposed developments and appeals for developments already on the table, but the big issue will be Wal-Mart and its plans to build a Twin Falls store.

Last month, Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart submitted its plans to build a nearly 200,000-square-foot supercenter in the North Haven

Business Park at the southwest corner of Washington Street North and Pole Line Road.

The retailer sought special-use permits to operate the business 24 hours per day and to operate a drive-through pharmacy and also a tire and lube shop. But the city's planning and zoning staff declined to accept the applications due to restrictions in both North Haven's planned-unit development agreement and city code.

Planning commissioners will hear appeals from Wal-Mart's representatives on those applications. They can agree with city staff's recommendations, agree

with those filing the appeals or defer a decision to the City Council.

It comes down to three issues. The city says Wal-Mart isn't allowed — under the terms of North Haven's PUD agreement — to have as many signs as it has requested. The agreement states, "building signage shall be limited to wall-mounted signs or monument-type signs with a maximum height of 10 feet measured above the adjacent curb, with a maximum size of 100 square feet per building." Wal-Mart's sign plans included more wall-mounted signs than one per

If you go ...

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Twin Falls' City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. The meeting is open to the public.

building and the signs were higher than 10 feet and larger than 100 square feet, planning and zoning staff said in a staff report. The city has received an written appeal pertaining to the signs from North Haven's landowners, the Billar family. The Billars said the agreement is open to interpretation. Ger-

ald Martens of EHM Engineers on behalf of a Billar and Pizarra Development LLC — has applied for a PUD agreement modification to change the verbiage of North Haven's agreement as it pertains to signs.

Also, automotive and truck service and/or repair shops are permitted in the park, but the shops are not, according to North Haven's agreement. That portion of the PUD was agreed and passed by North Haven's public hearing process last year due to noise concerns from neighbors, according to a city staff report. "Wal-Mart may argue that what they really have is an auto-

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The lure of opals

Find in Wyoming causes headaches for BLM

By Bob Moen
Associated Press Writer

SWEETWATER STATION, Wyo. — The scattershot colors of different sizes and shapes stand out among the sagebrush with nothing more than a lone, sauntering wild horse as far as the eye can see. Over here is a 4-by-4 stake spray-painted pink and yellow on the top with rocks painted the same colors at its base. "Slidy Up and Go 3-4-5" is written in black marker on one side. Bird droppings mark the flat top of the post.

Over there is another stake, bearing a clipboard bound with duct tape, written on the board: "2 claims Two Size 200 yds x 500 yds." Across a dirt-and-gravel road is a 2-by-4 stake, with "Discover Cor 23" written on two sides. A plastic freezer bag is attached near the top with duct tape. Inside is a folded document that describes the claim's dimensions.

The stakes are monuments to a 21st century rush of prospectors. They descended on this remote, hilly area in south-central Wyoming last March with high hopes and dreams of striking it rich by finding a precious gemstone called opal.

The rush caught federal officials by surprise. It was the "world's most popular phenomenon" gem that some cultures credit with "supernatural origins and powers."



Top, a 'common' opal that weighs about 34 pounds, pulled from a newly discovered opal deposit recently by Wyoming state geologists. It is shown in this photo. Above, opal hunter Willie Rios of Boulder, Colo., climbs a hill as he stakes out his claim in the western Rattlesnake Hills, northeast of Sweetwater Station, Wyo., on March 5.

About opals

Enchanting gem: The American Gem Society describes fine opal as an "enchanting gem" through which some believe "the mysteries of love can be exchanged." The Geological Institute of America says opal is the "world's most popular phenomenon" gem that some cultures credit with "supernatural origins and powers."

All about color: The more color the opal shows — what geologists call "play of color," or rainbow effect — the more valuable it is. Sources: The largest known source of opal is in Australia. Other deposits exist in Brazil, Mexico and parts of Africa. In the United States, some opal is found in Nevada, Idaho and Oregon.

— The Associated Press

of opal. Most of the opal is "common opal," which isn't worth much. But geologists found some of the highly val-

ued "precious opal," leading them to conclude that there was more to be found. Fremont County Clerk Julie

Preese said her office received 1,048 mining claims over a nearly two month period after the State Geological Survey publicly announced the exact location of the opal deposit. Each claim cost \$135 in fees.

"I thought it would be more; it didn't seem too bad a price," said Jim Montgomery of Cheyenne, who along with a partner staked out two claims — named "Mother Lode" and "Lucky Strike" — for a total of \$270.

"We went up and kind of picked around a little bit, but didn't find anything too exciting. Please see OPALS, Page B7

Insurance products can protect against ID theft

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — After someone used Robert Nighan's credit card to charge \$2,000 worth of golf clubs in California, the insurance executive got an idea. Nighan — who doesn't golf and lives in Hartford, Conn. — figured out a way to make crime pay legally. Sell an insurance policy to protect against identity theft.

"I was involved in our crime insurance division at the time," said Nighan, who is a vice president of the insurance firm St. Paul Travelers Companies Inc. "What happened to me was rel-

atively minor; it took only about a week to fix. Still it was a major distraction, and for some victims, it goes on for years."

So in 1999, St. Paul Travelers became the first company to offer identity theft insurance. It cost \$25 an option to a homeowners policy and covered the costs involved in fixing credit report problems in the wake of a crime.

The idea took off, and other companies followed. "Our anti-fraud people say it is one of the fastest-growing areas," said Bryon Tucker, Please see THEFT, Page B8

China says new tax won't apply to goods with quotas

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China said Friday its new tax on exports won't apply to goods already covered by foreign quotas, an announcement apparently aimed at persuading the United States to let Beijing use its own measures to rein in surging textile sales to foreign countries.

China announced a sharp increase in export tariffs last week in an effort to avert a trade war with the United States and Europe, where imports of low-priced Chinese textiles have surged since a global quota system ended on Jan. 1. The United States imposed

import quotas in mid-May on Chinese-made cotton pants, shirts and other goods. They limit annual growth of Chinese textile imports to 7.5 percent — well below the 54 percent reported so far this year by the U.S. Commerce Department.

"Enterprises that already are subject to textile limitations abroad will not be subject to the export tariffs," China's state television said on its noon national newscast, citing the Commerce Ministry.

Beijing criticized the U.S. imposition of quotas as unfair and Please see TAX, Page B7

Kempthorne meets with Taiwan president

By Peter Enay
Associated Press Writer

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne met with Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian on Friday to conclude a 13-day mission to promote the state's exports in rapidly growing Asian markets.

The mission, which included key Idaho business people, visits Japan, South Korea, and China, before touching down in Taipei. Kempthorne said the state's exports in rapidly growing Asian markets include 100 different products, including key Idaho business people, visits Japan, South Korea, and China, before touching down in Taipei. Kempthorne said the state's exports in rapidly growing Asian markets include 100 different products, including key Idaho business people, visits Japan, South Korea, and China, before touching down in Taipei.

Christy Eames, chief executive of Twin Falls-based recycling company Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., also attended a portion of the trip that included a visit to a new insulation distributor in Beijing, China. Hamilton produces mulch and insulation at its Twin Falls plant and does much of its business internationally, shipping cellulose insulation and mulch for the hydroseeding of grass to countries like China and Malaysia.

Hamilton's international division, HMI, also is working to secure a contract to provide hydroseeding materials for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Thurman Hinkle, president of David Johnson, of HMI, participated in the entire tour. Idaho exports almost \$3 billion in goods to Taiwan, the fourth largest U.S. export market for goods, agricultural products, wood and other products, and the delegation was seeking to solidify its status as one of four markets with a growing appetite for U.S. and other foreign products.

Kempthorne concluded his two day stop in Taiwan by meeting Chen in the presidential office building, a large red-colored structure erected by the Japanese in the early 1920s.

"We had a very successful visit here," Kempthorne told The Associated Press. "It was Idaho's fifth largest export market and the president has a very good understanding of what Idaho can supply it."

Kempthorne said Idaho's primary exports to Taiwan were high-tech goods, wheat and other agricultural products. He said he signed a memorandum of understanding with Taiwanese trade authorities that could lead to an expansion in the state's current level of about \$150 million of exports to Taiwan annually.

Kempthorne's third trade trip to Asia was sponsored by the State Bank, which provided \$25,000 toward the \$150,000 cost. Each participant contributed about \$7,000 for transportation, food and lodging, and the rest, about \$122,000, came from the state treasury.

Times-News business writer Megan Hinds contributed to this report.

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mobile service operation with the company's incidental part of the operation. The report said Other the shops within the city also offer services, other than just retailing.

The impacts are the same whether or not Wal-Mart names this portion of the facility as a store.

Another issue in the plans involves the proposed store's outside storage area at the rear of the property. The city said the storage area violates both the PUD and city code, which says business parks may not have any "outside storage of any product, material or vehicles used in the loading, unloading or transportation of manufactured goods."

Wal-Mart's attorney, JoAnn Butler of Boise, has filed a written appeal regarding the tree shop, signage and outside storage.

"We are confident that our further discussion with the commission and you will provide a final answer to the zoning letter to city planning and zoning assistant Renee Caraway."

The Concerned Citizens League of Twin Falls, a grass-roots organization of people opposed to Wal-Mart, has said it plans to bring a large group of its members to Tuesday night to speak against Wal-Mart's plans. The city has received one anti-Wal-Mart petition, and they will receive more after the public hearing.

"It's been really quiet this week," Caraway said Thursday. "The end of Tuesday is coming."

Also on the planning and zoning agenda:

- Gerald Martens of EHM

Engineers will make a presentation to the commission on Monday of Gary de Goozard of Westland LLC, asking for an annexation and rezoning of 376 acres between the 1300 and 1400 blocks of E. Hwy. 20, Drive North and Hanks Road.

Martens is proposing the city annex and rezone the property, which is now agricultural land zoned in place of residential use — for both residential and commercial use. The proposed development, called The Preservance, would include a residential development with a neighborhood commercial plaza, according to city documents.

The presentation isn't open to public comment just yet; a public hearing on the matter is scheduled for June 14.

Don and Patricia Deters, owners of a piece of property at the southeast corner of Orchard Street and Washington Street South, will ask the commission to approve a zoning change for the property from residential to commercial use. The rezoning would allow for the construction of the Orchard Park Plaza development, first announced in February.

Swenson Development has an agreement to purchase five acres inside the proposed development from the Deters, and the project there would be built on a portion of that land. The remainder of the 17 acres would be pad sites for other various buildings.

A public hearing on the matter also is scheduled for June 14.

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of goods.

China imposed a 1.3 percent export tax on textiles in support of the end of the end of global quotas, but American officials said that was too low to make a difference.

President Bush's administration has said little about the Chinese measures except that it would increase the tariff on Chinese textile exports.

Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez. In an interview with the Associated Press on Friday, he would not say whether China's announcement would change the administration's strategy.

He said textiles would be one topic of discussion when he met Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai next week in Beijing.

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yet, a major goal was said.

Unlike gold and rushes of Old West, these new prospectors aren't allowed to begin digging until their paperwork is complete. The federal Bureau of Land Management, which manages most of the land where the opals are located, also will record all the claims.

So far, the Wyoming BLM office in Cheyenne has received only 50 of the 1,040 claims, but even among those 50, most lack the proper legal description in order to be accepted, further delaying the digging.

"They'll all be going letters asking them to correct the legal description," said Pam Siles, a BLM land examiner with the office.

There may be more delays for other prospectors trying to pick their way through complicated federal rules. In the past, for instance, claims of 10 acres or more require additional paperwork, and prospectors who already hold a state mineral dig must obtain a special permit from the state Department of Environmental Quality.

In addition, every Sept. 1, in order to keep the claim, each prospector will either have to pay the BLM another \$100 or document \$100 worth of improvements made to their claim to hold it.

While the paperwork has put a clamp on actual digging for now, the rush to the 1,580-acre federal Survey Key's mineral zone of value previously was oil and gas, certainly wasn't lacking for adventure, surprise and some colorful relief.

Even though most of the opals are on land administered by the BLM, the agency was caught off guard because the State Geologist's Survey Key's mineral location of the deposit secret until a public announcement March 7.

"It would have been helpful to have more time to get prepared to respond to the intensive level of activity out there," said Kelly Mendenhall, a BLM employee in Lander, who had to call in help from other BLM offices around the state to handle the onslaught of prospectors.

The bottom line is it impacted our staff, who were totally unprepared for our workload," BLM spokeswoman Cindy

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Wetzal said.

W. Dan Hausel, a state geologist in charge of metals and precious stones, said the state office didn't want to change a course it would have to choose among prospectors an unfair head start and didn't anticipate environmental problems because the field is located in the same area.

However, the BLM was forced to restrict vehicles on 360 acres in the area, because some prospectors were driving off roads and endangering the desert yellowhead, a sunflower-like plant listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Some deep wheel ruts were gouged into the ground.

"It's going to have to heal over time," Kelly said.

Hausel said he found the initial interest and rush both surprisingly strong and unusual for a federal survey. He received hundreds of phone calls in the weeks after announcing the deposit, he said.

For a week, he said, 90 percent of the people talked to had no idea what they were doing, so it was pretty entertaining, Hausel said on Friday. Some people ended up miles

away from the opal because "they didn't know how to read a map," he said. Many had no clue about mining regulations and how to stake a claim.

"The BLM's processes was a little confusing at first," Kelly said, saying some prospectors had erected signs warning people to keep off their claim, that they were digging because the mining claim only prevents people from grabbing minerals, not from accessing the land, for other purposes, such as hunting.

Others were well prepared. Hausel recalled that some prospectors filed their claim, then news reports, had positioned colleagues with satellite telephones in the general area of the deposit so they could get a jump on others when the exact location was announced.

Kelly said, he expects prospectors will dig into their claims this summer and go as far before winter forces a halt.

For a prospectors like Montgromery, who described himself as a casual rock collector, the digging can't start soon enough to get into the area, he said.

Get into the outdoors

Every Thursday in the Outdoors section, The Times-News guides Magic Valley readers to recreational opportunities.

MARKET SUMMARY

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Name	Div	Low	High	Chg
AMD	1.25	14.00	15.00	+1.00
APOL	1.00	14.00	15.00	+1.00
ARCS	1.00	14.00	15.00	+1.00
AMZN	1.00	14.00	15.00	+1.00
ATVI	1.00	14.00	15.00	+1.00
ADSK	1.00	14.00	15.00	+1.00
AAPL	1.00	14.00	15.00	+1.00
ADBE	1.00	14.00	15.00	+1.00
ACN	1.00	14.00	15.00	+1.00
ADIG	1.00	14.00	15.00	+1.00
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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

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Theft of a car by a group of young men...
Because of all the coverage of the problem in the media, consumers are aware that the possibility of being a victim of identity theft is not a small one, he said.

The Federal Trade Commission has put the number of yearly victims of identity theft at about 10 million, or nearly 5 percent of the adult population of the country...
Sories about identity theft help sell policies, says one of the top executives of the insurance division of the Consumer Federation of America...
But Keith Givens, head of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, which took information brokers to task both before and after the database infiltration disclosures, said that identity theft victims might be appropriate in some cases.

"If you are the victim of an especially aggressive thief, there will be a lot of money and mail charges, fees to credit bureaus and notary fees," she said. "It can add up to \$1,000 sometimes. And in rare cases, you might have to hire a lawyer."

"You might have to take days off work just making phone calls," she said.
Most policies compensate victims for at least some of the time they have spent away from work. Coverage backed by an AIG policy, for example, repays up to \$2,000 in lost wages.

Givens was an unpaid advisor on the case until the company was creating its first policy.
The insurance company paid Privacy Rights Research Group a \$1,000 license fee to use some of the group's literature in its brochures...
"If you are out of pocket only \$25 for coverage," Givens said, "that's not bad and considering what might happen."

But Givens said, \$25 is about as much as individuals should pay.
"Stand-alone ID theft insurance can cost upwards of \$125," she said.

"Consumers should not be paying that kind of money for something that they really should be getting protection under the law," she said.

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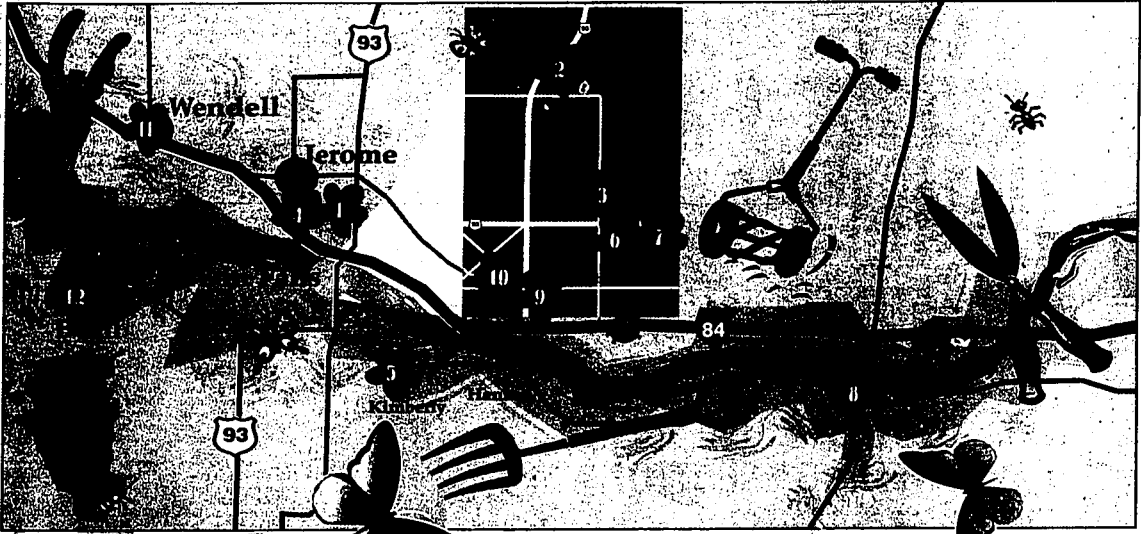
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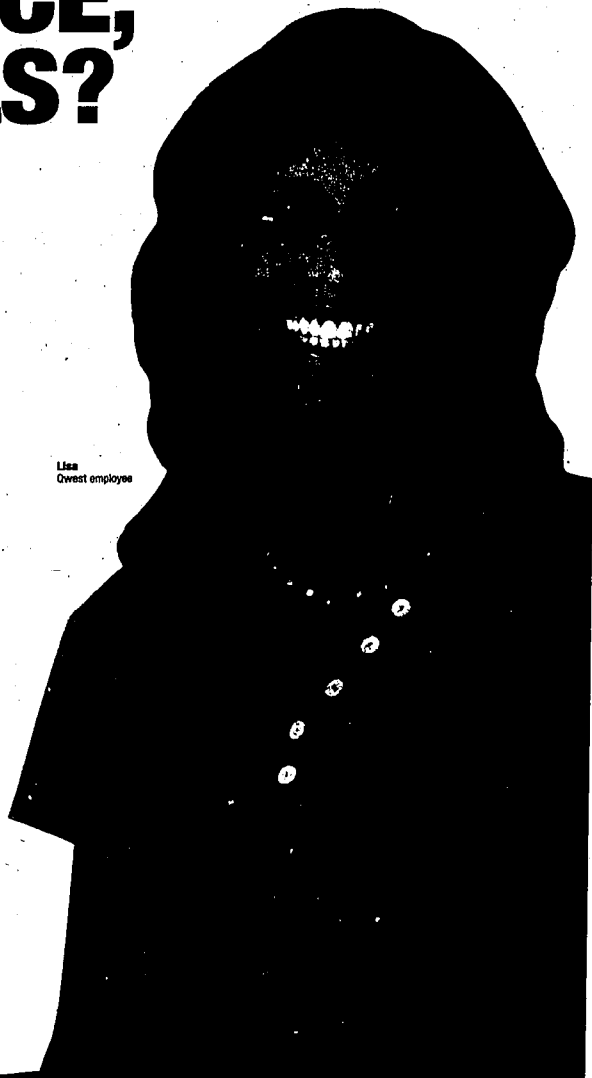
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Dad, lilacs and those Mason jars

Memorial Day is the surest, clearest evidence that I have become my father.
Sort of.
I don't poke at my potato chips to break them up into smaller pieces before I eat them like he did. I can't make eating scrambled eggs crunch like he could. I can't make a single glass of soda last through the day and all the way to bedtime like he could. And I'm not as everlastingly nice to everyone as he was.

VALUE
SPEAK
Joseph Walker

But in almost every other respect, I'm pretty much him. I adore, I embrace my children by singing too loud in church. I tend to wander — a little — around the road while I'm driving (the way I see it, the lane is 14 feet wide, and we're legally entitled to use all of it). And lately when I'm at a restaurant and the waitress asks if I'm enjoying the meal, I just can't keep myself from responding: "You're a good cook!"

Thankfully, I'm not calling the waitress "honey" yet. But at the rate I'm going, that's probably only a few weeks away.

Oh, and I have a hard time remembering things — which doesn't seem like that big of a deal to me. I mean, I've lived more than half a century, and everyone knows the human brain is only good for about 49 1/2 years worth of remembered stuff. Physiological mathematics tells me that whenever I learn something new — which is pretty much every hour of every day, something old has to be forgotten in order to make room for it. That's just common sense, isn't it? But for some strange reason, my children seem to think that in the midst of all this learning and forgetting, I should at least be able to remember their names.

And I do.
Usually.
But it's the Memorial Day thing that makes me think that my father didn't really pass away last August — he just dumped that 84-year-old body that was slowing him down and moved into this younger, larger, significantly less athletic body of mine.

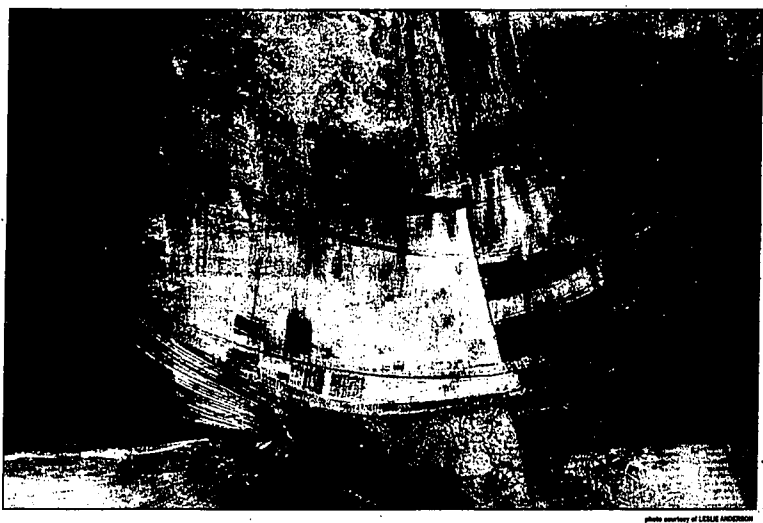
Lock, stock and diabetes. Take the lilacs, for example. Every Memorial Day, Dad would roam the neighborhood hunting (with permission, of course) lilacs from bushes that were bursting with the fragrant flower. Then we would haul the flowers to the family grave site, where he would lovingly distribute them among the dearly departed — usually in Mason jars filled with water.

Through the years, I grew to hate those smelly flowers. I hated how they smelled. I hated how they looked. I hated how they seemed to start wilting the second you clipped them from the bush. And I hated how dorky it looked to stick a Mason jar filled with wilting lilacs on the grave of someone who — I'm just guessing here — probably hated them as much as I did.

Still, we took them. Memorial Day after Memorial Day. And the dreaded Mason jar lilacs became as much a part of our tradition as Aunt Hazel's graveside smooches. Mom's cold picnic chicken and the stories about the cousins getting in the 1950s.

The other day, however, my 13-year-old son found me standing by our back fence where our neighbors' shrubby lilac bushes spill over into our yard. I tried to explain the reasons for my long-standing contempt for the flowers, but I don't think Jonathan was buying any of it. Something about the fragrance-induced smile on my face betrayed me.

Now, if only I can find a few Mason jars.
Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.



Hailey artist Leslie Anderson, who has painted a series of watercolors based on the book of Genesis, will be among three local artists exhibiting their work at the upcoming Worship Summit.

God & Michelangelo

Ketchum Presbyterians host national conference on faith and the arts

By Karen Bossick
The Wood River Journal

KETCHUM — Leslie Anderson is taking a keener-than-normal interest as the hammering and sawing winds down at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood.

The \$7 million construction project, which is leaving a 30,000-square-foot sanctuary, fellowship hall/gym and more in its wake, has got to be done by June 12 — after all, company's coming.

On June 12-15 as the Church of the Big Wood hosts a national conference addressing the most fundamental questions facing the church in worship today.

The Brethren Center Worship Summit will examine how churches can use the arts to enrich people's encounter with God.

The church was always the main sponsor of the arts in earlier days," said Anderson, a Hailey artist who is helping with the logistics of the conference. "Michelangelo — everybody — got their paycheck from the church. Then Martin Luther nailed his theses to the door and the church threw the visual arts out with the bathroom."

"Now, in the last 10 years there's been a renaissance among artists who are believing Christians — a renaissance that cuts across all denominations and types of art. And the church is coming full circle, again seeing the value of using these artistic expressions in worshipping God."

The Brethren Center for Worship, Theology and the Arts at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., is on the front lines of using arts to revitalize the church.

And its conference, expected to draw theologians, artists, pastors and worship leaders from throughout the United States, will strive to investigate new ideas and art forms for devotional life.

Conference organizers were invited to hold their inaugural conference in the Wood River Valley by the church's pastor Bob Henley, a Fuller alum.

"We hope to foster more than a few days' discussion; we want to build a network of scholars, practitioners and artists who will continue a robust collaboration on the issues surrounding the future of worship," said Clay Schmitt, conference chair at Fuller.

One of the highlights of the conference will be June 14's free screening of filmmaker Laureale Farrer's award-winning documentary "Laundry and Tuscany," which is open to the public.

The film showing will be coupled with a special performance by Maricle Whitehead, its luteo-piano soprano star who worked modest-wage jobs in southern California as she followed God's calling to train for the opera.

The movie is meant as an investigation into the questions surrounding "impossible" callings. Caleb Quayle, Elton Johns lead guitarist for 10 years, will play at 7 p.m. on June 12 in a free performance open to the public.

Other speakers will include mime artist Todd Fuller, who studied with Marcel Marceau in Paris; Sally Morgenthauer, author of "Worship Evangelism: Inviting Unbelievers into the Presence of God," and Eddie Gibbs, author of "LeadershipNext."

The conference will get down to brass tacks June 13-15, with sessions examining such topics as "worship that pleases God."

Registration is \$250 with a special student rate of \$75.
Information: www.brethrencenter.org or 726-5123.

This story originally appeared in The Wood River Journal, a Hailey newspaper affiliated with The Times-News. The Journal is distributed each Wednesday in the Wood River Valley.

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— Hailey artist Leslie Anderson

How LDS president faced issue on blacks in the priesthood

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A rare set of documents are the basis for a new biography of David O. McKay, who led The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints through the civil rights era, show that the LDS president studied the issue of elevating black men to leadership roles but ultimately balked at doing it.

The document the internal struggle the LDS church faced during the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Since the 19th century, the Mormon church had accepted blacks as members, but did not bestow the customary status granted boys around age 12 — the priesthood, as it is known — upon those of African descent.

But changes in American society and the growth of the church in places such as Brazil, South Africa and Nigeria made it clear that the church would have to consider changing its practices.

Some in the highest positions of church leadership fought hard against change, while others, like Hugh B. Brown, pushed for the faith to embrace civil rights.

McKay, who personally opposed the civil rights movement, went looking for clarity in church doctrine. From the book it seems clear that no one, including McKay, could determine if the practice derived from doctrine or church policy.



This is the dust jacket of the new biography of former Mormon Church president David O. McKay, who died in 1970.

RELIGION

Family Christian Center will meet

MISSIONARIES

TWIN FALLS — The Family Christian Center will meet at 6 p.m. today at the Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Meetings are held every Sunday.

The Family Christian Center is a direct result of the Hagerman Christian Center's efforts to present a message of hope, healing, love and family restoration in the Magic Valley. It is a full-gospel, non-denominational fellowship with efforts directed to "healing hearts and restoring families."

The center has been in operation about a month; its main activity is conducted at 6 a.m. Saturdays at the Shilo Inn. The fellowship is oriented to helping, uplifting, encouraging and praying for individuals, families and individuals who are left out, betrayed, hurt or who are suffering from any addictions or dysfunctional behaviors.

Pastors Isaac and Miriam Tellez of the Hagerman Christian Center lead the fellowship at the Family Christian Center. Isaac Tellez is the senior pastor at the Hagerman church. He has been preaching for 29 years and has 12 years of pastoral experience.

The public is invited. For more information, call 837-6140 or 837-6286 or write to the Christian Center, P.O. Box 185, Hagerman, ID 83332.

Youth performers will be featured at M.V. Opry

TWIN FALLS — Youth of the First Assembly of God will be featured at the Magic Valley Gospel Opry at 7 p.m. today at

Church news

the First Assembly of God Church, 189 Locust St. N.

Youth performers include Stacy Bennett, Steven Bolton, Alex Bennett and the First Assembly Youth Band. Regular open team members also will perform.

The public is invited. Admission is free. Freewill offerings will be taken for the youth ministry to benefit "Speed of Light," which provides vehicles and transportation for Assemblies of God missionaries.

For more information, call 733-5349.

Rock Creek will hold Memorial Day services

TWIN FALLS — The Rock Creek Community Church will hold its Memorial Day services at 11 a.m. Sunday at 131 Grandview Drive.

Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "Rock Solid." Burt Hulsh will be the vocalist and Fred Cogburn will lead congregational singing accompanied by Willis Rider.

For more information, call Metzger at 734-5266.

Rev. Stevens will speak at Hollister church

HOLLISTER — The Rev. Bruce Stevens of Twin Falls will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave.

Stevens' topic is "Go Make Disciples and Teach Them Scripture reading is Matthew 28:16-20.

Refreshments will be served following worship. Visitation is welcome.

Church sponsors Bible school in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Vacation Bible school will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. daily, Tuesday through Friday at the Airport Road Freewill Baptist Church, 869 Washington St. S.

The theme will transform the church into a bustling "Jerusalem Marketplace." Pastor Jim O'Donnell said the program should be fun and will give lessons on the last few days of the life of Christ.

For more information, call O'Donnell at 734-7149.

Centering Prayer session will be held Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — A Centering Prayer practice session will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N.

Monthly sessions are held the first Wednesday of each month. Each session includes a teaching and discussion, followed by Centering prayer. Topics range from the welcoming prayer, contemplative service, forgiveness, and discernment.

Centering Prayer is a form of Christian contemplative prayer based on the work of Father Thomas Keating. It is a method

of prayer which facilitates movement from more active modes of prayer (verbal, mental or affective) into a receptive prayer of resting in God. It emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and serves this relationship by a regular, daily practice of prayer.

For more information, call Jamie Kellard at 734-9499 or Joyce Ballard at 733-8881.

Gooding church plans a Bible school in June

GOODING — The Gooding First Christian Church will present its vacation Bible school, "Good News Clues," from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. June 5 through 10 at the church, 334 Fourth Ave. W.

All children from kindergarten through sixth grade are invited. Families are invited to a light supper at 5:30 p.m. each day. Registration may be done at the door or by calling ahead between 9 a.m. and noon weekdays at 934-4542.

"T-shirts" will be available for \$10 for youth sizes and \$12 for adult sizes.

Admission is free. For more information, call Shelley at 934-9485 or Christine at 934-9051.

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Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:



Jeffrey Rencher

before his mission. He is in the Twin Falls 2nd Ward. He plans to continue his education at BYU-Hawaii. His parents are Craig and Connie Rencher of Twin Falls.

• **Elder Tyler Dechaak** served in the Chile and Tingo North Mission. Dechaak is the son of Michael and Kerrie Dechaak of Burley, an Eagle Scout and a graduate of Dedo High School and is in the West 1st Young University-Idaho in the fall.

• **Elder Casey Darrington** served in the West Virginia Charleston Mission. Darrington is the son of Kenny and Cheryl Darrington of Raft River and is in the Raft River Ward. He will attend Utah State University in the fall.

• **Elder Orrin Sylvester Probst** will serve in the Uruguay Montevideo Mission. Probst is the son of John and Jayne Probst of Hollister, a 2004 graduate of Marsh Valley High School, a seminary graduate and Eagle Scout. He attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, for past year and will enter the Mission Training Center on Wednesday.

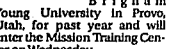
Returned from serving: • **Elder Jeffrey C. Rencher**

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Orin Probst

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RELIGION LETTERS

God is only explanation for our existence

As a Christian, I have faith in God. Some think it's ludicrous and work hard to discredit the Bible because it doesn't give their concept of who God is.

God doesn't need to prove himself or his miracles, but there really is no other reasonable explanation for our existence. God knows many theories, but has given us the facts by way of Jesus Christ. It is just so simple in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have

everlasting life." He truly is a loving God. One who has faith in His companionship and wants us to accept his free gift of salvation.

Nevertheless, He has given us a free choice to either accept or reject him. Romans 10:13 spells it out: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Through Christ we have salvation and true enlightenment.

KRISTEN KECK

Jerome

Sandon uses evolution debate to attack 'enemy'

Leo Sandon of Florida State

University has contributed columns to more than 500 words to your religion section. Ideally, his latest column, "What's the matter with Kansas?" begs to be addressed point-by-point, but the restrictions placed upon writers to your section make it impossible to fully disagree with his main points.

Mr. Sandon teaches religion and American studies but is a "lightweight" when it comes to the sciences in which he addresses his points. His entire treatment of the evolution vs. intelligent design controversy is mainly an excuse to attack his major "enemy,"

that of biblical "literalism." In his efforts to " Jeffersonize" the Bible, he demonstrates quite clearly the phrase from Romans 1:22, "professing to be wise, they became fools."

DON P. DEER

Twin Falls

The *Times-News* welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less from readers. Letters should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The *Times-News* reserves the right to edit all letters.

LDS RECOGNITION AWARDS

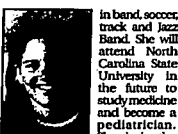
Three young women in the Magic Valley area have earned Young Women Recognition Awards through the Young Women's program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The awards recognize girls ages 12 to 18 set goals in six "value areas" — faith, divine nature, individual worth, knowledge and accountability, good works and integrity — and strive to achieve the goals through community and church service projects.

Recent awards have been given to:

• **Holly Bywater**, daughter of Dan and Melinda Bywater of Dan and Melinda Bywater of Burley and a member of the Star 2nd Ward, Burley High School, where she is involved in the Step-Perettes drill team, yearbook staff, band and blood drive. She will attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall. She is in the Star 2nd Ward.

For her projects, she made a recipe book and a rug quilt, taught the drill team a dance and performed it with them at Burley High School, interviewed a senior citizen for the Burley Centennial Committee and transcribed the police run-up notes and dances for a family reunion, created and completed a physical health workout routine, served in the Red Cross museum project, painted a house for a senior citizen neighbor and made and delivered cookies to the elderly.

• **Sarah Elverson**, daughter of Robert and Wendy Elverson of Burley and a sophomore at Burley High School, where she is involved



Sarah Elverson

in band, soccer, track and jazz basketball. She will attend North Carolina State University in the fall. She is involved in study medicine and become a pediatrician. She is in the Star 2nd Ward.

For her projects, she wrote several songs, participated in "The King and I" community play, taught her sister to play soccer, learned to sew, created and implemented a program to be more orderly in her home and bedroom, made a recipe while learning to cook, learned to cross stitch, tutored her younger sister, tended children for Red Cross, baked leaves and painted a bleacher at Burley High School.

• **Katie Rencher**, daughter of Craig and Connie Rencher of Twin Falls and a senior at Twin Falls High School, where she was a co-valedictorian, student ambassador, vice president of the Key Club, member of the Business Professionals of America and DECA, class officer, Girls



Katie Rencher

State nominee, and church youth group leader. She participated in volleyball, tennis, bowling and Ch a m b e r Choir, where she was an All-State nominee. She will attend Brigham Young University-Idaho in the fall. She is in the Twin Falls 2nd Ward, and her leader is Connie Blau.

Her projects included making 12 baby blankets for new moms in her ward, sewing her own prom dresses and clothing for the 2004 Handcart Trek to Martin's Cove in Wyoming, reading books by church authorities and completing other church and community service projects.

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ANGLICAN-CATHOLIC ACCORD ON MARY



This photo of Giotto's 'Madonna and Child,' a tempera on panel, was provided by the National Gallery of Art in Washington. Anglicans and Roman Catholics have reached an accord on their view of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

A surprising, warm step in a chilly ecumenical era

The Associated Press

In 1995, Pope John Paul II defined the top issues that would have to be resolved before Christianity could be reunited, including seemingly intractable differences over beliefs about Mary, the mother of Jesus. Now, a decade later, those obstacles suddenly don't seem so great.

Christians on earth ask each other for prayers. Most Protestants, however, see no biblical justification for this practice. ... Regarding traditional Catholic belief in Mary's lifelong or "perpetual virginity," most Protestants hold that the Bible contradicts this by saying Joseph and Mary didn't come together "until Jesus was born (Matthew 1:25). Without committing the Anglicans to a specific belief, the accord says "our two communities are both heirs to a rich tradition which recognizes Mary as ever virgin."

A joint commission of Roman Catholic and Anglican scholars last week raised the prospect that "issues concerning doctrine and devotion to Mary need no longer be seen as communion-dividing."

"Mary's role in the redemption of humanity" and her biblical words ("all generations will call me blessed"), the accord says, support "appropriate devotion" to her in both private and public prayer. But it emphasizes that the veneration of Mary cannot supplant Jesus as "the one mediator" between humans and God (1 Timothy 2:5).

The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) released a 57-page statement that is the first major Protestant-Catholic accord on Marian devotion and doctrine. Though official acceptance of the proposals will require long-term consideration by the respective churches, the Vatican and Anglican Communion headquarters appointed the 20 negotiators who worked out the unprecedented agreement.

The new accord notes, but doesn't resolve, a real snag. In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed that the Immaculate Conception must "be believed firmly and constantly by all, and any dissenter is 'condemned' and 'separated' from true Christianity. Similarly, Pope XLI's 1950 declaration on the Assumption said doubters "incur the wrath of Almighty God."

Key points in the accord: "We can affirm together that Christ's redeeming work reached 'back' in Mary to the depths of her being, and to her earliest beginning" without violating Scripture. ... "Mary's Assumption into heaven at the end of her life is not taught in the Bible. But the accord says "we can affirm together that the teaching that God has taken the Blessed Virgin Mary in the fullness of her person into his glory as consent with Scripture" since God directly received others (Elijah, Stephen, the thief on the cross).

Yet an Anglican principle, dating from 1562, holds that "Holy Scripture contains all things necessary to salvation so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved therein, is not to be required."

"We are agreed that Mary and the saints pray for the whole Church," the accord states, and it's appropriate to request their prayers, just as

Western Michigan University historian Rozanne Elder, the only U.S. Episcopalian on ARCIC, says ecumenists hope that Catholics will eventually agree teachings proclaimed during the centuries of church separation cannot be binding on non-Catholics. ... "Mary deserves more honor and attention from fellow Protestants, admits the Rev. Timothy George, Southern Baptist dean of Alabama's Boy's Divinity School. But he says Protestants cannot accept non-biblical teachings, especially the Immaculate Conception. "Mary was a sinner in common with all sinners, and therefore a model of the church."

Church ousts minister who supports gay rights

ELKINS, W.Va. (AP) — The congregation of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church has voted to fire its minister after he wrote a newspaper story supporting homosexuals. "Gay and lesbian Christians are no different than the rest of us," the Rev. Jeff Falter wrote in a Feb. 26 article in the Inter-Mountain of Elkins. "They deserve full equality in the church and in society, for they are my brothers and sisters, people for whom Christ died."

That passage led members to vote 100-72 last Sunday to request that the Presbytery of West Virginia — the regional governing body — dissolve the church's pastoral relationship with Falter effective next Wednesday. Presbytery churches across the country have struggled with what role gay and lesbians should have in the denomination. Last year, the legislative assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) narrowly rejected a measure that would have allowed regional governing bodies to ordain gay clergy and lay officers.

Intelligent design: Second-guessing Darwin

The Washington Post

BERKELEY, Calif. — "The Washington Post is not one of my biggest fans, you know that."

Hello! The Washington Post reporter has just walked into a modest bungalow west of downtown. There's a shag rug, an inspirational painting or two, and Phillip Johnson, who pulls out a dog-eared copy of a Post editorial and reads aloud: "With their slick Web sites, pseudo-academic conferences and savvy public relations, the proponents of 'intelligent design' theory that challenges the validity of Darwinian evolution — are far more sophisticated than the creationists of yore. ... They succeed by casting doubt on evolution."

The 65-year-old Johnson swivels his formidable and balding head — with that even more formidable brain inside — and gazes over his glasses at the reporter (who doesn't labor for the people who write the editorials).

"I suppose you think creation is all about unguided material processes, don't you? Well, I don't have the slightest trouble accepting microevolution as the cause behind the adaptation of the peppered moth and the growth of finches' beaks. But I don't see that evolutionists have any cause for jubilation there. It doesn't tell you how the moths and birds and trees got there in the first place. The human body is packed with marvels, eyes and lungs and cells, and evolutionary gradualism can't account for that."

He's not big on small talk, this professor emeritus at the University of California at Berkeley's law school.

For centuries, scriptural literalists have insisted that God created Heaven and Earth in seven days, that the world is about 6,000 years old and that fossils are figments of the paleontological imagination. Their grasp on popular opinion was strong, but they have suffered a half-century's worth of defeats in the courts and lampooning by the intelligentsia.

Now comes Johnson, a devout Presbyterian and accomplished legal theorist, and he doesn't dance on the



Washington Post photo

Phillip Johnson believes there is evidence God shaped human life — if science will look for it. The intelligent-design theorist does not take the Bible's Creation chapter literally but argues that evolution can't account for biological complexity.

head of biblical pins. He agrees the world is billions of years old and dinosaurs walked the Earth. Evolution is the bridge he touched cross.

This man, whose life has wound every station of the rationalist cross from Harvard to the University of Chicago to

clerk at the Supreme Court, is the founding father of the "intelligent design" movement, which holds that the machinery of life is so complex as to require an intelligent creator.

"Evolution is the most plausible explanation for life if you're using naturalistic terms. I'll

agree with that," Johnson folds his hands over his belly, a professorial Buddha.

"That's only," he continues, "because science puts forward evolution and says any other logical explanation is outside of religion."

Johnson and his followers, microbiologists and geologists and philosophers, debate in the language of science rather than Scripture. They point to the complexity of the human cell, with its natural motors and miles of coding. They document the genetic search for physical evidence for the large-scale mutations needed to make the long journey from primitive prokaryote to modern man.

They've inspired a political movement. At least 19 states are considering challenges to the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution.

None of which amuses evolutionary biologists, for whom intelligent-design theory inhabits the remotest suburb of polite scientific discourse. Darwin's theory explains the proliferation of species and the structure of DNA and RNA, not to mention the evolution of humankind.

The evidence, they insist, is all around. They point to new species; bacteria mutate and develop resistance to antibiotics; studies of the mouse genome reveal that 99 percent of its 30,000 genes have counterparts in humans.

Johnson and William Provine, a prominent evolutionary biology professor at Cornell University, love the rhetorical thrust and parry. Provine, an atheist, dismisses his friend as a Christian creationist and intelligent design as discredited science.

As for the aspects of evolution that baffle scientists? "Phillip is absolutely right that the evidence for the big transformations in evolution are not there in the fossil record." In the long run, it's difficult to explore a billion-year-old fossil record. Be patient!

Provine's fid, if one may call it that, rests on Darwinism, which he describes as the greatest engine of atheism devised by man. The English scientist's insights registered as a powerful blow in the long run, but from Copernicus to Descartes, that removed God from the center of the Western world.

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: B.C. asks, "WHEN IS THE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR?"
 Panel 2: B.C. replies, "YOU'LL KNOW WHEN IT GETS HERE."
 Panel 3: B.C. asks, "HOW?"
 Panel 4: B.C. replies, "IT'LL BE THE DAY WE GET HOME BEFORE DARK."

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: Baby Blues says, "WHY DON'T WE SAVE ALL THE MONEY WE USUALLY SPEND ON CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, HALLOWEEN TREATS AND BIRTHDAYS... AND JUST GIVE THEM EACH A BIG CARDBOARD BOX ONCE IN A WHILE? IT'S A THOUGHT!"
 Panel 2: Baby Blues asks, "CAN I LIVE IN HERE INSTEAD OF MY ROOM?"

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

Panel 1: Baldo says, "BALDO, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!"
 Panel 2: Baldo replies, "TIA CARMEN MADE A WHOLE PLATE OF COOKIES, AND THERE'S ONLY ONE LEFT!"
 Panel 3: Baldo asks, "WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST EAT 'EM ALL?"
 Panel 4: Baldo replies, "I DIDN'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE YOU KNOW, GREEDY."

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

Panel 1: Beetle Bailey says, "I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO TRY TO PUT TOGETHER TO STOP SMOKING."
 Panel 2: Beetle Bailey replies, "I DID."
 Panel 3: Beetle Bailey says, "BUT THEY DON'T SEEM TO WORK WITH ME!"

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: Blondie says, "I THINK I'LL TRY THE NEW AUTOMATED SERVICE CENTER INSTEAD OF STANDING IN LINE TO BUY A STAMP."
 Panel 2: Blondie says, "OOPS! I PRESSED THE WRONG BUTTON! NEW!! WAIT!!"
 Panel 3: Blondie says, "WHAT'S GOING ON OUT FRONT? SOME GUY JUST IN THE NEW MACHINE AGAIN!"

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

Panel 1: The Born Loser says, "HEY, MOM, CAN I WATCH DAD TRY TO PUT TOGETHER THE NEW COMPUTER DESK?"
 Panel 2: The Born Loser replies, "OH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!"
 Panel 3: The Born Loser says, "IT'S OKAY—I'LL PUT MY FINGERS IN MY EARS!"

Dilbert By Scott Adams

Panel 1: Dilbert says, "DOGBERT'S TECH SUPPORT: YOU HAVE A BAD CASE OF COMPUTER ROT."
 Panel 2: Dilbert says, "YOUR COMPUTER IS DESIGNED TO BECOME SLOWER AND MORE UNRELIABLE OVER TIME SO YOU HAVE TO UPGRADE."
 Panel 3: Dilbert says, "BUT IF YOU'D LIKE SOME FALSE HOPE, I CAN TELL YOU HOW TO DEFRAGMENT YOUR DISK DRIVE."

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Panel 1: The Elderberries asks, "Are you diabetic?"
 Panel 2: The Elderberries asks, "Asthma?"
 Panel 3: The Elderberries asks, "Dusty, let's start over. Have you ever NOT had any of the following...?"

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

Panel 1: For Better or For Worse says, "FORGET THE HIGH-BORED, HOW-COME-AND-WHICH-OUT-OF-OUR-NEIGHBORHOOD-APARTMENT!"
 Panel 2: For Better or For Worse says, "WE'VE PAINTED THE WALLS PART OF OUR OWNERS' COLOR."
 Panel 3: For Better or For Worse says, "ONE ROOM IS QUITE NICE, WITH A DOOR THAT GOES OUTSIDE."
 Panel 4: For Better or For Worse says, "THIS IS OUR FIRE ESCAPE. I SEE."

Garfield By Jim Davis

Panel 1: Garfield says, "SLAM!"
 Panel 2: Garfield says, "NEVER FLIRT WITH A TOUCHY GROCERY CHECKER."
 Panel 3: Garfield says, "I NOTICE SHE DOUBLE-BAGGED YOU."

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

Panel 1: Hagar asks, "YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, HELGA?"
 Panel 2: Hagar replies, "NO MATTER HOW LATE I STAY AT THE TAVERN..."
 Panel 3: Hagar replies, "YOU ALWAYS MANAGE TO KEEP MY DINNER WARM!"

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

Panel 1: Hi and Lois says, "YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP YOUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT, YOUNG MAN!"
 Panel 2: Hi and Lois says, "THEY ARE."
 Panel 3: Hi and Lois says, "ANY HANGING OUT AT THE MALL IS WAY AHEAD OF MOVING THE LAWN!"

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: Classic Peanuts says, "PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SILLY DOG IN DRIVEWAY."
 Panel 2: Classic Peanuts says, "PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY SILLY DOG IN DRIVEWAY."

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Panel 1: Pearls Before Swine asks, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THAT BOX?"
 Panel 2: Pearls Before Swine asks, "THE WORLD APPEARS TO BE ENDING, SO WE'RE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT."
 Panel 3: Pearls Before Swine asks, "SITTING IN A BOX GETTING DRUNK FROM A BEER HAT IS HARDLY 'DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT.' GET OUT THERE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"

Pickles By Brian Crane

Panel 1: Pickles asks, "WHAT'S THE MATTER DAD? YOU LOOK SAD. ARE YOU HOME ALL ALONE?"
 Panel 2: Pickles replies, "YEAH, YOUR MOM'S OUT TO LUNCH WITH HER BEST FRIENDS."
 Panel 3: Pickles says, "YOU SHOULD START A GROUP LIKE THAT JUST FOR OLD MEN."
 Panel 4: Pickles says, "YOU COULD CALL IT THE R.O.M.E.O.S. RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT."

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: Zits asks, "ALL I DID WAS GET SLEEP AND HEAR ONE?"
 Panel 2: Zits asks, "WELL, WITH A LITTLE EFFORT YOU CAN HAVE ZINCORON A BETTER DAY."
 Panel 3: Zits asks, "HOW DO YOU IMPROVE ON PERFECTION?"

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

Panel 1: Dennis the Menace says, "THE FAMILY CIRCUS."
 Panel 2: Dennis the Menace says, "BECAUSE IT'S EITHER THIS OR DOING SIT-UPS."
 Panel 3: Dennis the Menace says, "WHY WE IDENTIFY WITH LEARNINGS."
 Panel 4: Dennis the Menace says, "TV IS INTELLECTUALLY INSULTING. THERE'S NOTHING ON BUT DESPERATE HOUSEWIFE SOAP OPERAS, PUT-DOWN COMEDY AND OVERWHELMINGLY SENSATIONAL POLICE DRAMAS."
 Panel 5: Dennis the Menace says, "YOU'RE WATCHING CABLE NEWS."

Non Sequitur By Wiley

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COMMUNITY

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PENNY PROJECT



Kimberly Clugston, a Hansen High School student, adds pennies to bottles to raise money for Patients of Leukemia and Lymphoma, which was Clugston's senior project. Each grade had a jug for collecting pennies and the competition was to see who could collect the most money. The ninth grade won and earned a pizza party as its reward for collecting the most cash.

SERVICE AWARD



The Blue Lakes Rotary Club announced Ruth Turner as the recipient of its annual Community Service Award on May 3. The award goes to the person, who through their efforts in the community, supports a goal that Rotarians share — the ideal of "Service Above Self." From left are Shawn Barigan, board member; Bob Wilcox, board member; Ruth Turner, award recipient; Teresa Garcia, "Ruth, you embody that ideal and it is with great respect and appreciation that we present you our annual Community Service Award," Barigan said.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Filer American Legion announces scholarship

Brad Griff, son of Ron and Janie Griff of Filer, won a \$300 scholarship sponsored by the Filer American Legion Auxiliary 47.

Griff wrote an essay praising his grandfather, Roger Vincent, during World War II. Griff is active in football, varsity basketball and track. He has served as a Filer Gem Boys State delegate, student body school board representative, held class offices and is an Honor Society member.

He has been selected for All-Northwest and All-State Honor Bands. State/District Solo medals and received the Twin Falls Music Club Graduating Senior Scholarship.

He plans to attend the University of Idaho in the fall majoring in ag communications with a minor in music.

Graduate accepted to Mandarin Chinese class

Mike Bybee, a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School, has been accepted to Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., for a nine-week course in Mandarin Chinese.

Bybee is finishing his sophomore year at Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston, where he is pursuing a degree in political science.

He is on the president's list with a 3.9 grade point average and served as student body senator last fall. He is the son of David and Dawn Bybee of Twin Falls.

Former resident performs in college production

Ryan Jones of Twin Falls performed as Ottavio in "Scapino" a comedy that played in the

Linfield College Marshall Theatre in May in McMinville, Ore.

Jones is a sophomore majoring in mass communication. He is the son of Ron and Carol Jones of Twin Falls and a 2003 graduate of Filer High School. He is a student senator and member of the Linfield Concert Choir, Jazz Choir and Outdoor Club. He has also appeared in the Linfield theater production of "The Foreigner."

UI Golden Key Honor Society taps member

Brooke Jardine of Twin Falls was recognized with membership in the Golden Key International Honor Society. She attends the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Jardine was in the top 15 percent of classes. Internationally, Golden Key promotes community service and academic excellence, awarding more than half a million dollars a year in scholarships to support the academic growth of its members.

UI Student Ad Team wins third in competition

Russell Maloney of Rupert was part of a student team from the University of Idaho in Moscow to win third place in the American Advertising Federation's District XI Student Advertising Competition on April 22 in Boise.

Other teams that competed were Washington State University, Boise State University, the University of Oregon and the University of Montana.

The competition was judged by regional advertising professionals and representatives from Yahoo!, Inc., an Internet service.

Student teams were challenged to develop a \$10 million national communications plan for Yahoo! aimed at teens.

Before the district presentation, each team created a plan book of up to 32 pages, which was reviewed and scored.

The UI team's plan included

advertising, partnerships, promotions and direct marketing strategies, as well as a recommendation on how to modify Yahoo!'s existing products to better serve the target audience. They created an advertising character based on Yahoo!'s trademark exclamation point, which served as a "virtual peer" for teenagers.

Former UI teams also won the District XI competitions in 1995, 1996 and 1999 and one placed second in the nation in 1998.

Phi Kappa Phi honors UI scholarship

Connie Rensberg of Rupert and Brooke Jardine of Twin Falls have been elected to the University of Idaho's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a general university honor society in Moscow.

UI names Mortar Board members

Ashley Fowers of Rupert and Ellen Feauschens of Twin Falls were among 12 juniors to be with a B average, rank in Mortar Board, a national student leadership and service honorary at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

UI psychology students honored by group

The University of Idaho chapter of Psi Chi, a psychology honorary, has inducted students into its society for academic achievement.

To be eligible, a student must have completed at least nine semester hours of psychology with a B average, rank in the upper 35 percent of their class, demonstrated superior scholarship in psychology and high standards of personal behavior and received a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present at a regular meeting of the chapter.

Honorees include: Sarah Devena of Bliss, Rebecca Silman of Gooding, Krysta Gregg of Jerome, Flint Espil of Kimberly and Benjamin Meade of Twin Falls.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Buhl Public Library starts reading program

The Buhl Public Library will begin its summer reading program starting Wednesday.

The theme, which is being used by libraries across the United States, is "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds!" Buhl Public Library and Popplewell Elementary School are partnering to get children to "Read for your Library" this summer.

The programs will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday during the month of June. Upcoming events are: Wednesday - Royal Tomps with guest reader, Popplewell Elementary School Principal Helen Brown. Stories will feature princesses and royalty.

June 8 - Days of Knights with members of the Belegarth Medieval Combat Society & Weapons Master.

The program is open to all children ages

preschool through the fifth grade class reunion Aug. 20.

The children will have opportunity to participate in activities, crafts and drawings for prizes.

"Research shows that if children will read at least six books during the summer they can maintain or even improve their reading level."

"Our goal is to keep our children reading all summer. Reading patterns established in childhood can become life long habits," said Children's Director Louise Nofziger.

For information call 543-6500.

Class of '85 seeks classmates for reunion

BURLEY — The Burley High School class of 1985 will hold its 20-year class reunion Aug. 20.

The planning committee is in need of help in locating the following people:

Alex Alejandro, Didier Alvarez, Danny Barney, Thamar Billingsley, William Braithwaite, Sandy Castillo, Debra Cerveny, Diana Chin, Becky Clark, Bobby Coombs, Candy Critchfield, Christina Dahlen, Heidi Daniels, Lynn Driesel-Bradens, Michelle Dupont Mitchell, Pam Eagle Hawk, Tina Edlings Mespelt, Adam Garcia, Laura Garner Szlanski, Carol Garza, Tonya Gregerson Blake, Wendy Hanna, Sheri Hermanssen,

Daniel Herrera, Ralph Hubbard, Pauline Jansen, Marlin Jones, George Kalcil, Morgan Kelly, Angela Kloss, Tracy Knight, Melanie Knopp, Maldonado, Kathy Lind Hayden, Lyle Martindale, Merrill Maxfield, Jennifer McInnis, Santos Mejia, Gretchen Mespelt Mayberry, Kim Middlemist, Tim Mue, Scott Nelson, Sylvia Nevarez, Valentino Olivos, Robert Parker, Ramon Pasillas, Deanna Peterson, Patricia Reyes, George Rivera, Pete Rodriguez, Diana Rogers, Robert Rogers, Laura Rollins, Elsa Saldana, Terry Sappington, Doug Saylor, Teri Schaeffer, Hugh Schrenk, Jerry Smith, Mary Smith, Tracy Snow, David Stokes, Julie Taylor, Valerie Tuller, Lloyd Walker, Tracy Whiting, Bonney Whitcock and LeLita Zavala.

Anyone who has an address for these classmates or knows where to reach them, or knows of anyone who might know David Stokes, Julie Taylor, Valerie Tuller, Lloyd Walker, Tracy Whiting, Bonney Whitcock and LeLita Zavala.

T.F. Senior Center will play bingo today

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Center will play bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. today at 530 Shoshone St. W.

Cards are four for \$3 or \$1 each.

For more information, call the center at 734-5084.

AARP announces driver safety schedule

The American Association of Retired Persons has announced its driver safety schedule for June:

Shoshone: From 8 a.m. to noon, June 6 and 7 at the Shoshone Senior Center, 218 N. Rail St. Call Rich at 886-2369 or Charlie at 733-9680.

Twin Falls: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 9 and 10 at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging, 998 Wash St. N. Call Charlie at 733-9680.

Rupert: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 14 and 15 at the Rupert Fire Station, 701 F St. Call Charlie at 733-9680.

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 23 at the senior center, 721 23rd Ave. S. Call Brenda Sharpe at 788-3468.

The class is geared for anyone age 50 or older, but younger people can attend. No driving is involved and students do not have to be AARP members to attend.

Mauldin's Dance Academy will perform

TWIN FALLS — Mauldin's Dance Academy will present its 47th annual dance revue, "Dance Capades 2006," at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Ave.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students and children under age 5 are free.

Tickets are available at the door.

Barn Again Committee seeks old barn wood

GEROME — The Barn Again Committee needs donated old barn wood for a public display that will be created to accompany the traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit coming to Jerome this fall.

For more information or to donate, call 324-7307 or 324-8406.

Someone Needs You

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for a publication. Call weekly to retain request.

Volunteers — The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley

is in need of volunteers to help with transportation to doctors appointments and shopping, housekeeping and summer lawn mowing for the elderly, chronically ill and disabled. Drivers are offered mileage reimbursement and volunteer insurance. Call 733-6333.

Volunteers — First Choice Hospice

is starting another training class for hospice volunteers. This training program is designed to help gain understanding of patients and families with life-threatening illness. To receive an application and interview, call Fritzi Flocus at 736-6900.

Volunteers — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center

is in need of clothing for incoming refugees, men, women and children and toys for children. Drop donations off from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1525 Addison Ave. E. The center is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

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GROUP DONATION



The Mihidoka and Cassia County Task Force Against Domestic Violence donated \$300 from its "Stop the Violence Day" Workshop proceeds to the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children. From left are Toni Atwood, secretary of the shelter home board; Deleora Swenson, shelter board vice president; Audrey McArthur, treasurer of the task force; and Dan Bristol, chairman of the task force.

MORNING BREAK/WORLD

Daily calls from home harass student

DEAR ABBY: I'm a junior in college, but I don't feel like one. I am still afraid of my parents. My mom and dad have phoned me and abused me or my brothers, but they were verbally abusive. They had a tough life, married young, and had my older brother and me while they were in their early 20s. They are now in their mid-40s and they still hate each other. I get phone calls from home every day asking me where I am and what I have done, and if Mom doesn't like what I say, she hangs up and a few minutes later Dad calls and cusses me out for "upsetting Mom" because she calls to harass him at work.

I am not going home this summer. I don't think of their house as a home. I have been in therapy for the past two years without telling them. I support myself and pay for my own schooling. The only thing I don't pay for is \$200 a month for car insurance. Abby, I love my parents, but I'm kept a virtual prisoner when I'm at home, and I'm



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

physically ill from being harassed. When I'm at school, please print this; maybe one of them will read it.

—SHAKING SON IN THE BRONX

DEAR SHAKING: It's time to reorganize your priorities. If the only thing that's making you tolerate this situation is the fact that your father is paying your car insurance, you might be better off not driving for a while. For your own mental health, cut not only the umbilical cord with your mother, but also the telephone cord, because after two years of therapy, you continue to tolerate the treatment you're getting from your parents. Please consider changing therapists.

DEAR ABBY: I am 29 and have a slight hearing loss in one ear and almost complete hearing loss in the other. I work in retail and when I'm talking to a customer and see that the person is getting frustrated by having to repeat his or her questions, I apologize and say that I have a hearing loss. The question I always get back from them is "Why?" What should I say to them, short of being sarcastic? I think it's rude for people to ask why I don't even know why I have the hearing loss. (The doctors are clueless.) Should I even tell people what I have been telling them?

—IRRITATED IN ST. PAUL DEAR IRRITATED: Because your customer(s) become frustrated at having to repeat their questions, you're doing the right thing to explain the reason why. Asking you what caused the problem is natural curiosity, so please don't hold it against them. Just tell them exactly what you have told me—you don't know what caused it and

the doctors aren't sure. End of discussion.

DEAR ABBY: What are the rules of etiquette for hand shaking between men and women? Is it proper when a woman extends her hand to a man for him to offer his left hand to shake? Or is this some back-handed insult?

I am involved in receiving lines and have had this happen many times. They always offer their right hand to the next man in line. Should I take this as an insult, or do these men just not know how to sex properly?

—IN A QUANDARY IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR IN A QUANDARY: A person who looks hard enough for an insult is sure to find one, so I recommend against it. It has been my experience that people who offer their left hand to shake often have a physical problem of some sort such as a sprain or arthritis. You can't go wrong to smile, be charming, and deal with the hand you're dealt.



Australian beauty therapist Schapelle Corby, right, receives a kiss from her mother after she was found guilty of trying to smuggle nine pounds of marijuana into Bali last year.

Emotions run high after drug conviction

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — An Australian woman was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison Friday for smuggling nine pounds of marijuana onto Bali that attracted enormous media interest in Australia, where many people believe her claims that the drugs were plants in her luggage. She could have faced the death penalty, but prosecutors requested a life sentence.

Corby's mother, Roseleigh Flores, yelled out "Liar! Liar!" and had to be restrained in the courtroom gallery. Other relatives thumped, "We are going to get you home! We love you!" Corby turned to her tearful parents and mouthed, "Just relax. It's OK."

Australia had pressed Jakarta to avoid a death penalty and allow the beauty school student to serve any prison sentence back home. After the verdict was announced, the Australian government offered to send two senior lawyers to help Corby's appeal and said it would begin

negotiating with Jakarta on a prisoner transfer. "Guilty or innocent, I feel for this young woman," Prime Minister John Howard said. "I ask that we all pause and understand the situation and recognize and respect that when we visit other countries we are subject to the laws and rules of those countries."

Corby was arrested in October after airport authorities found marijuana in her surfboard bag as she arrived on Bali for a family holiday. Her lawyers alleged the drugs were planted by airport baggage handlers in Australia as part of a drug-smuggling operation and that they ended up in Bali by mistake.

But judges at the Denpasar District Court said the defense produced no convincing evidence to support that claim. Judge Woyan Suastawan noted that customs officers testified that Corby looked "nervous" and "tried not to open the bag" when asked by customs officials, adding, "Judges are of the opinion that the accused imported marijuana. She was arrested red-handed at the airport."

Cartoon dog got name from Sinatra song

The cartoon dog, Scooby Doo, got his name because CBS executive Fred Silverman happened to hear Frank Sinatra singing "Scooby doobie doo" on the song, "Strangers in the Night."

This day in history: On May 28, 1987, Mathias Rust, a teenager from West Germany flew his plane low and completely undetected over Russian farmland and landed in Moscow's Red Square. It was a teenage prank for this 17-year-old Mathias, but it cost several high-up Soviet officials their jobs.

That large indentation on the bottom of wine bottles is called the "punt." It was originally there because when wine bottles were blown by hand, the glassblower would dip the bottom with a metal rod called a punt while he shaped the neck.

Principal doesn't laugh at prank

DELEON SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — The high school seniors thought they were pulling a memorable graduation prank when they sneaked into the school one morning and covered the toilet seats with plastic wrap and even up the door handles.

They even left a note for the principal that read, "We love you, Mr. Pearson." But Mr. Pearson wasn't amused — he canceled the graduation ceremony and ordered the school's senior class to stay home the last six days of school.

"They have to learn self-control," said Lighthouse Christian Academy Principal Luke Pearson. Early last Thursday, seven of the school's eight seniors sneaked into the school and pulled off their prank. They even replaced the desk in Pearson's office with a child-sized version. So the parents and students said the punishment was too harsh. "We thought it was funny," said senior Dottie Jo Thomas. "I still think it's funny."



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

Conditions set Cancer up for a letdown

IF MAY 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Routines and drudgery just aren't your style in the year ahead. You are ready to shrug off burdens that have recently held you back and seek exciting people and places. Be poised for unpredictable results especially in October and November when a brand new motivation could take hold of your heart. While the past could slow you down with extra responsibilities by February you are ready to reap the bounty of your good behavior and take it a bit easier when Lady Luck smiles in your direction.

—ARIES (March 21-April 19): Amorous assignments could heat passions to the boiling point — but make sure you bring hot pads so you don't get scalded. An innocent flirtation could easily be twisted into a jealous drama.

—TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Gentle friendship and a platonic relationship might satisfy you better than drooling over the possibility of a hot hookup. Hold off on new romances or major purchases as judgment is off base.

—GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You could find yourself in the limelight for all the wrong reasons. This is not the best time to convince others of your ideas or opinions. Stirring up

geons in ancient Egypt used a wood mallet to render patients unconscious.

Despite the nursery rhyme, London Bridge never exactly fell down. Of the several known London Bridges, a wooden one was pulled over by Saxon warships in 1014. Since converting to stone in 1176, the bridge has been torn down and replaced only twice. One was sold in 1962 to an American developer who rebuilt it under an artificial lake in Arizona.

Garter snakes were named when garters were actually a commonplace item. People thought they resembled a lost or discarded garter.

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controversy could backfire and cost you points.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You could have a letdown and run out of steam under these cosmic conditions. Get plenty of rest and don't make important decisions. Be like Scarlett and just think about it tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you don't accept gift horses in the first place, you won't need to look for their mouths. Steer clear of wheeling and dealing as well as horse-trading, as there is a likelihood of unpredictable results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Although your progressive opinions could win over a few new friends to your point of view, they might not stand by you in a pinch. Don't purchase something expensive just to keep up with the Joneses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You would like to be selfless and provide unconditional love, but there is a little voice urging you to be possessive. Don't give in to the green-eyed monster and spoil a good relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may believe that possession is nine-tenths of the law. But trusting others means you don't need to exercise your rights of ownership by building a fence around the things you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): All the facts aren't in. The universe is in a downturn, so don't try to light a fire under that new romance until tomorrow. Although your intuition could be right, the timing is wrong.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Preconceived notions could be shattered. Just when you think you have all your ducks lined up in a pretty row, along comes a bowling ball out of nowhere to knock them all down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is inviting to amuse yourself by deliberately taking the opposite view just to test the strength of someone's opinions. Don't tease others too strenuously, however, as they may take it seriously.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your romantic dreams and fantasies keep you floating on cloud nine, but a lack of stability could spoil a new hookup and bring you back to earth with a thud. Don't make a commitment now.

China: Epidemic spreads among livestock, birds

BEIJING — After stonewalling for weeks, China acknowledged Friday that two epidemics had spread among its animals and bird populations, renewing questions about its readiness to provide prompt information about infectious disease.

The belated announcement came amid fresh criticism that China's disease-surveillance system is inadequate to deal with an avian flu virus that scientists say may turn into a global pandemic among humans.

An outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease, which causes livestock to waste away, was detected in cattle in five regions of China, leading animal-health experts to slaughter 4,383 head, the nation's chief veterinarian, Jia Youling said at a news conference.

Alert uncertain after Saudi king hospitalized RYADH, Saudi Arabia — King Fahd, whose efforts to strengthen ties between Saudi Arabia — the world's largest oil

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exporter — and the United States provoked the wrath of Islamic militants, was hospitalized Friday, apparently suffering from pneumonia. Fahd's half brother, Crown Prince Abdullah, has been Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler since Fahd suffered a debilitating stroke in 1995. Abdullah is expected to become king should Fahd die.

Fahd's hospitalization triggered reports that an emergency had been declared in the kingdom. Officials said on condition of anonymity that an alert had been declared and that military leaves had been canceled or at least discouraged. However, this was firmly denied by the Interior Ministry.

"This is absolutely not true," ministry spokesman Mansour al-Turki said. "There's no canceling of leaves and no state of emergency or anything." — compiled from wire reports

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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that in Twin Falls County Case No. CV 2005-1887 IAP Distribution, Inc., Plaintiff vs. Robert G. Widmer and A. Diono Widmer, Defendants, a Writ of Attachment has been issued attaching real property located at 23706 Hwy 30, Murtaugh, Idaho 83344.

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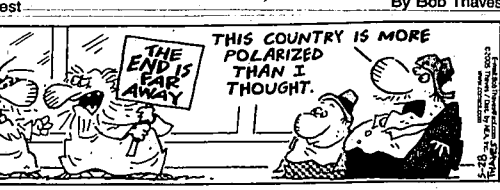
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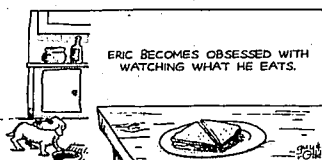
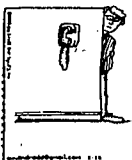
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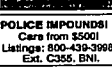
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