

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER



Today: Mild, breezy and mostly dry. High 76, low 51.

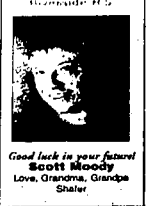
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There's no reason to go indoors anymore.

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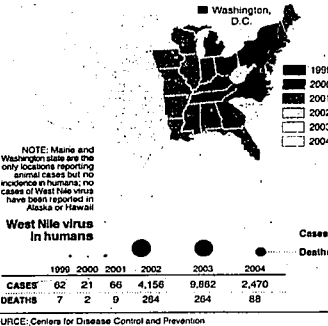
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West Nile season looms

Spread of West Nile virus

The first U.S. case of West Nile virus was reported in New York City in 1939. Spread to humans primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito, total human cases reached 16,637 in 2004. First reported incidence of West Nile virus, by state



Severe illness is still rare, but can cause paralysis

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Patricia Heller was super-healthy, an avid skier and competitive bicyclist. So when she collapsed in the street after a day-long bike ride, she first shrugged off the weakness as cramps.

By the next morning, Heller's left leg was completely paralyzed. It was West Nile virus, from a mosquito bite the Colorado woman doesn't even remember. She would need months of grueling therapy to walk again and today, almost two years later, still isn't fully recovered.

West Nile was long considered a serious problem only for the elderly and frail, and more of a nuisance illness for everyone else. Now a surprising number of patients like Heller shows the virus is more threatening than widely believed — and new research finds that even so-called mild cases of West Nile fever can impair people for weeks or months.

It's sobering news as the nation gears up for a seventh season of the mosquito-borne virus. "West Nile is fading a little bit from the public consciousness," worries Dr. Henry Minsur of the National Institutes of Health. "Still, there are more cases of paralysis (from West Nile) than there were in many years of polio."

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Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, left, and President Bush sign the National Anthem on Monday at a Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Bush vows to continue Iraq mission

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Quoting letters of the fallen from the war in Iraq, President Bush vowed Monday to a Memorial Day audience of military families and soldiers in uniform that the nation will honor its dead by striving for peace and democracy, no matter the cost.

"We must honor them by completing the mission for which they gave their lives; by defeating the terrorists," the president told a support line crowd of several thousand people at Arlington National Cemetery.

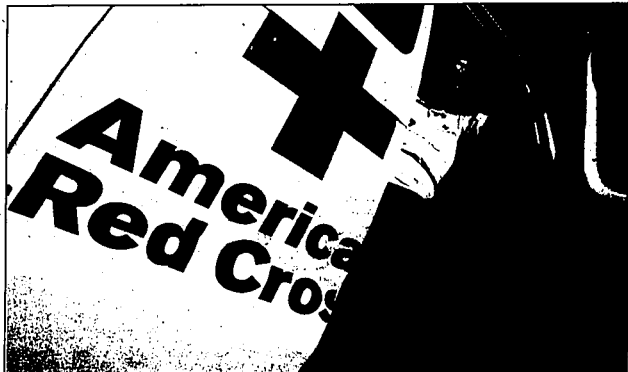
Bush evoked the memories of American soldiers who have died, reading excerpts from the letters he wrote, in some cases letters that were to be opened only in the event that the soldier didn't make it home.

My death will mean nothing if you stop now. Louisiana National Guard Sgt. Michael Evans wrote in a letter home Evans died Jan. 28 while on patrol in western Baghdad, part of a major security operation to protect the first free Iraqi elections in more than 50 years.

"I know it'll be hard, but I gave my life so you Please see MEMORIAL, Page A2



WHERE THE NEED CALLS



John Wray is a disaster and CPR instructor for the American Red Cross in Twin Falls. Wray has also served with the Red Cross in California, Hailey and Mississippi.

Red Cross volunteer gives it his all

By Jaml Whitted Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ever since his father's house caught fire in the late 1980s, John Wray found himself more aware of others in times of need. So, due to a manager's suggestion, he joined the Red Cross.

It's a job he says has given him tremendous satisfaction ever since. He started while working as a security guard in a casino in Loughlin, Nev., and went to a couple of disasters with his sergeant.



MAGIC VALLEY PEOPLE
a slice from local life

"I love the whole idea of being there and helping people in a time of need," Wray said. "I get a lot of personal satisfaction."

He has been with the Red Cross in California, Twin Falls, Hailey and

Mississippi.

"Out here we get a lot of single-family fires, that's primarily what we respond to," Wray said.

But Wray and other volunteers are put on alert for anything major happening. In other states, he's helped workers dealing with earthquakes, large fires and search and rescue missions.

One of the most impacting disasters he has helped with was when he was volunteering in Mississippi during a series of devastating tornadoes.

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Officials work to create system for tracking migrant students

The Associated Press

BOISE — Some of Caldwell School District's students arrive in the fall of the year, with dust from California's farmland still clinging to their shoes. Others leave before the year ends, headed south to hoe beets or change sprinkler lines.

For many children in migrant families, school is more like a way station than a final destination.

Now a proposal from the U.S. Department of Education would track those students as they travel along traditional migrant routes, ensuring that school records follow them whenever they may go.

"The challenge with migrant children, because they are so mobile, there is no consistency in terms of their education," said Albert Pacheco, the executive director of the Idaho Migrant Education Program.

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WORSHIPPING 'ANA'

Eating disorders take on a life of their own

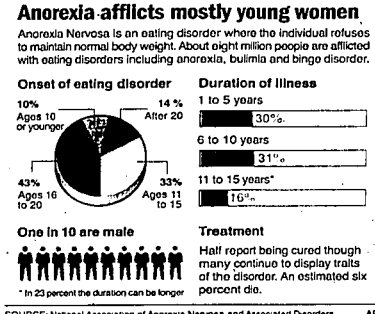
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — They call her "Ana." She is a role model to some, a goddess to others — the subject of drawings, prayers and even a creed. She tells them what to eat and mocks them when they don't lose weight. And yet, while she is a very real presence in the lives of many of her followers, she exists only in their minds.

ANA is short for anorexia, and — to the alarm of experts — many who suffer from the potentially fatal eating disorder are part of an underground movement that, which often falls into the cult-like, and in some cases, has an almost cult-like appeal.

Followers include young women and teens who wear red Ana bracelets and offer one another encouraging words of "inspiration" on Web pages and blogs.

They share tips for shedding pounds and faithfully report their "cw" and "gv" — current weight and goal weight, which often falls into the double digits. They, also, post pictures of celebrity role models, including teen stars Lindsay Lohan and Mary-Kate Olson, who last year set aside the acting career and



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Very mild today with partly cloudy skies and light winds. Highs middle to upper 70s. Tonight: Turning cloudy and breezy with a small chance of late showers. Lower level 50s. Tomorrow: Cooler, breezy and cloudy with showers. There may also be a thunderstorm. Highs mid 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny, mostly dry, and very nice. Highs middle to upper 70s. Tonight: Turning cloudy and breezy with a small chance of late showers. Low near 50. Tomorrow: Cool, breezy and cloudy with showers likely. There may also be a thunderstorm. Highs mid 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A few showers and thunderstorms will become possible by late today and tonight. Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with rain showers likely. The highest elevations may even see a little snow.

BOISE Present today for it will be very mild and mostly dry. Tomorrow will be mostly cloudy with a small chance of late showers and breezy. Thursday will be much cooler and cloudy with scattered showers and breezy.

NORTHERN UTAH Lower elevations will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and breezy. Higher elevations will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and breezy. Snow showers and cold temperatures to return on Wednesday.

Weather Service: 83 at Lewiston, 82 at Starbuck, 81 at Burley, 80 at Boise, 79 at Idaho Falls, 78 at Pocatello, 77 at Arco, 76 at Shoshone, 75 at Teton, 74 at Jackson, 73 at Blackfoot, 72 at Marsing, 71 at Blaine, 70 at Caldwell, 69 at Emmet, 68 at Puna, 67 at Arbon, 66 at Carey, 65 at Carey, 64 at Carey, 63 at Carey, 62 at Carey, 61 at Carey, 60 at Carey, 59 at Carey, 58 at Carey, 57 at Carey, 56 at Carey, 55 at Carey, 54 at Carey, 53 at Carey, 52 at Carey, 51 at Carey, 50 at Carey, 49 at Carey, 48 at Carey, 47 at Carey, 46 at Carey, 45 at Carey, 44 at Carey, 43 at Carey, 42 at Carey, 41 at Carey, 40 at Carey, 39 at Carey, 38 at Carey, 37 at Carey, 36 at Carey, 35 at Carey, 34 at Carey, 33 at Carey, 32 at Carey, 31 at Carey, 30 at Carey, 29 at Carey, 28 at Carey, 27 at Carey, 26 at Carey, 25 at Carey, 24 at Carey, 23 at Carey, 22 at Carey, 21 at Carey, 20 at Carey, 19 at Carey, 18 at Carey, 17 at Carey, 16 at Carey, 15 at Carey, 14 at Carey, 13 at Carey, 12 at Carey, 11 at Carey, 10 at Carey, 9 at Carey, 8 at Carey, 7 at Carey, 6 at Carey, 5 at Carey, 4 at Carey, 3 at Carey, 2 at Carey, 1 at Carey, 0 at Carey.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

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Table showing moon phases for June 1st through 6th.

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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for June 1st through 6th.

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Table showing U.V. index for June 1st through 6th.

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Table showing pollen counts for various allergens.

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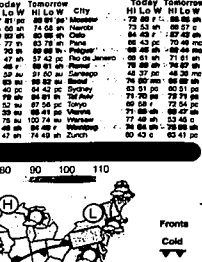
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Two terrorist regimes are gone forever, freedom is on the march and America is more secure. Bush said of the end of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and Saddam Hussein's rule in Iraq.

West Nile

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West Nile virus has struck abroad for decades, from the tip of Africa up to Europe and throughout Asia, before it appeared in New York City in 1999 and began an inexorable march across this country.

Volunteer

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The impact of the whole thing really doesn't affect you when you see it on TV. Why do we have to see this big mess stripped out of the ground... I just walked down the street and was in awe, seeing mobile homes thrown two or three blocks. It was incredible.

Migrant

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"I provided assistance to a man passing through here once, he got in a car wreck between Halley and Shoshone and I met him at the hospital, got him some clothing and got in touch with his family," said Why.

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"The Web site's still not fully functional but it's better than before... But I don't know if people understand the complexity of keeping a record system statewide, much less nationwide."

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Legislators, aides disclose trips

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scrutiny of Majority Leader Tom DeLay's travel has led to the belated disclosure of at least 10 previously unreported special interest trips by House members and their aides, including eight years of travel by the second-ranking Democrat, an Associated Press review has found.

At least 43 House members and dozens of aides had failed to meet the one-month deadline in ethics rules for disclosing trips financed by organizations outside the U.S. government.

The AP review of thousands of pages of records covered pre-2005 travel that was disclosed since early March. That's when

news stories began scrutinizing DeLay's travel, prompting lawmakers to comb through their files to make sure they had disclosed their travel.

While most of the previously undisclosed trips occurred in 2004, some date back to the late 1990s. House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer's records disclosed 12 trips, the oldest dating back to 1997.

Stacey Bernard, a spokeswoman for the Maryland Democrat, said the office searched the files after the travel issue was raised initially by "Republican dissenting opposition research in hopes of deflecting from their own ethical issues."

Hoyer's undisclosed trips

were nearly doubled by Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., with 21. Rep. Luis Guterrez, D-Ill., reported 20 past trips and Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., reported 13.

Republican and Democratic House members were nearly equal rules violators in failing to disclose their personal trips within 30 days after the trips' completion. There were 23 GOP members, 19 Democrats and 1 Independent, all of them months or years late in their reporting to the House public records office.

Staff members for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., disclosed 11 prior trips, while staff members for Del.

R-Texas, had 4. Rep. John Linder of Georgia, a former chairman of the House Republican campaign organization, reportedly filed 9 trips, as did Rep. Mickey Waters, D-Calif.

The volume of unreported trips surprised the former chairman of the House ethics committee, Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo.

"I didn't realize the extent of the problem," Hefley said. "There is no particular sanction (for tardiness) if you come back and file. They get lax. They don't think about it."

"People will be more aware now. The ethics committee will be more aware that it's a problem."

Feds arrest U.S. citizens on terrorism charges

NEW YORK (AP) — FBI agents in Florida and New York arrested two men who prosecutors were secretly recorded during a two-year sting operation pledging their support and loyalty to al-Qaida.

Authorities said Sunday that Rafiq Sabir, 50, a Boen Baton physician, and Tariq Shah, 42, a self-described martial arts expert in New York, conspired to treat and train terrorists. Both men were scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday in federal court. Shah in New York and Sabir in Florida, according to a news release from U.S. Attorney David Kelley in Manhattan.

It was not immediately clear who would represent them in court. If convicted, each man faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The one-count complaint claims the men allegedly took an oath pledging their allegiance to al-Qaida. The government said the men engaged in multiple recorded conversations with a confidential source and an FBI agent posing as an al-Qaida operative.



Rafiq Sabir

During the conversations, Shah also described how he and Sabir in 1998 tried to get to training camps in Afghanistan and said they were a "package deal," Kelley said in the release.

Police Department Commissioner Raymond Kelly said, "It is particularly gratifying that someone using New York City as a base for terrorist support is now in custody."

U.S. general defends treatment of prisoners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Terrorism suspects held in a U.S. Navy prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are being dealt with "humanely" and with "dignity," the nations top military officer says in disputing recent abuses.

In television appearances Sunday Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. Chiefs of Staff, said U.S. officials believe al-Qaida leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is wounded, but it's not known how badly.

Muslims in several countries have demonstrated in recent weeks over allegations that a Quran at their funeral was desecrated and thrown into a toilet by guards at Guantanamo. Myers denied that.

The human rights group Amnesty International also released a report last week calling the prison camp "the gulag of our time."

Myers said the report was "absolutely irresponsible." He said the United States was doing its best to detain fighters who, if released, "would turn right around and try to slit our throats, slit our children's throats."

"This is a different kind of struggle, a different kind of war," Myers said on Fox News Sunday.

"We struggle with how to handle them (the prisoners), but we've always handled them humanely and with the dignity that they should be accorded."

Myers repeated the Pentagon's contention that five cases of mistreatment of the Quran at Guantanamo had been confirmed.

He did not give any other details about the mistreatment.

The U.S. military had detained more than 68,000 people since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, he said, and looked into 325 complaints of mistreatment. Investigations have found 100 cases of prisoner mistreatment and 100 people have been punished, the general said.

Murder-suicide leaves two seats empty at Ohio town's graduation

Police say classmate was likely the shooter

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio (AP) — When the 49 students in Riverside High School's class of 2005 marched into the gymnasium for commencement Sunday, they could not help but notice two empty seats.

Not until the ceremony was nearly complete did they learn classmate Scott Moody was dead. On Monday, students found out the rest of the news, that the 18-year-old was believed to have killed their other missing classmate, his grandparents, his mother and another family friend before shooting himself.

Everybody was wondering, "Where are these two kids?" school Superintendent Bernie Pachmayer said Monday. "I think instinctively they knew something was wrong."

Logan County Sheriff Michael Henry said he did not know if authorities would ever determine why Moody acted as he did. "He was going to try."

Moody also shot his younger sister, who was in critical condition Monday.

The shootings came hours after a family party to celebrate the graduation of Moody and classmate Megan Karus at the farmhouse near this west-central Ohio town where he lived with his mother and sister.

Students who saw Moody early Sunday before the shooting described him as being in great spirits and looking forward to graduation, Pachmayer said.

"In our minds, it couldn't possibly be Scott," she said.

She said he was a clean-cut boy who wanted to farm and fit well into the area when he came to the district two years ago.

"He was a farmer at heart," she said. "He worked the land." Sometime Sunday morning, Moody went to the neighboring farmhouse and killed his grandparents with a 22-caliber rifle, then came home where he shot the others then himself, Henry said.

Fields where corn and soybeans are grown surround the white-painted, two-story houses, which are about a quarter-mile apart along a two-lane



Good luck in your future! Scott Moody Love, Grandma, Grandpa, Sheila

An advertisement in the May 24 edition of the Bellefontaine (Ohio) Examiner shows Scott Moody in a family-placed order, congratulating him on his upcoming graduation.

state highway that runs through this city of 13,000 people, about 45 miles northwest of Columbus.

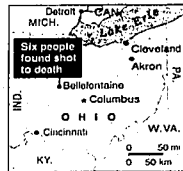
Moody's sister and the lone survivor, Stacy Moody, 15, called her stepsister and told her that she and her mother had been beaten up and that she could not wake her mother, Henry said.

The step-sister, Nicole Vagedes, went to the house and called 911, telling emergency dispatchers about finding bodies throughout the house. Authorities released a copy of the tape on Monday.

"I can't wake her," she said of the Moody's mother, Sheri Shafer, 37. "I can't get a pulse."

Vagedes' voice became higher pitched as she found more bodies upstairs. Then another in the living room while she was on the phone with the dispatcher.

"Oh my God, there's one in the living room. There's another one on the couch," she said. Henry said the grandparents, Sheryl, 66, and Gary Shafer, 67, were shot in their kitchen.



Source: ESRI

The bodies of Sheri Shafer, 37, and Haige Harshbarger, 14, a family friend, were found in upstairs bedrooms of their home, along with the body of Moody himself. Karus, 19, another family friend, was found on a living room couch.

Karus and Harshbarger had stayed overnight following the party.

Henry said the sheriff's office has received nuisance calls about loud music and parties at the house, but he did not know whether the complaints were about Moody.

"It's tough on us," Henry said of the shootings. "We knew these people. We're familiar with these kids. I feel so badly for these families, this community."

Soldier's suicide added to official Iraq casualty list

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A U.S. soldier who committed suicide at Walter Reed Army Medical Center nearly two years ago has been added to the official Department of Defense tally of Iraq war casualties.

The name of Master Sgt. Justin Curtis Coons, 35, was added last month to the more than 1600 other "Fallen Warriors" of Operation Iraqi Freedom who are listed on a public Web site of the Defense Department, www.defendamerica.mil.

A military casualty board ruled in December that Coons' self-inflicted death in July 2003, which came after he was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and evacuated from Kuwait, should be considered a casualty of war.

Coons was featured in a front-page story in the Washington Post last year. At the time, military officials said it was Defense Department policy not to count soldiers who served in the war and died by suicide outside the combat zone.

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WORLD

Europe scrambles to save EU constitution

By William J. Kole
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — The dramatic French "no" to the European Union's first constitutional referendum in the Netherlands will deliver the same verdict this week have European leaders scrambling to come up with a plan to save the union's unification project. It is the historic charter, which needs to be ratified by all 25 EU nations, doomed.

French opponents of the document insist it can be altered to suit their tastes, and history suggests they may be right. In 1992, Denmark stunned the bloc by rejecting a landmark unification treaty, only to approve a revision a year later.

Yet prospects for salvaging the constitution — and the EU's effort to become more of a global player — remain unclear.

The French ambivalence revealed by Sunday's resounding defeat was captured by "no" voter Francois Doreux, who said the treaty was devised with only the bloc's original core members in mind.

"We are so many countries in Europe that we need to define the new rules," he said. "Which rules? And how? EU leaders and observers agree the constitution would be rewritten any time soon, if it is rejected at all.

"There will be no return in the foreseeable future," said John Palmer, p.l. director of the European Policy Center, a think tank based in Brussels, Belgium.

"There is no prospect in the short term at anything that looks like a renegotiation. It is all about whether EU leaders can eventually muster the political will for charter revisions or a complete overhaul could come at a two-day summit of EU leaders in mid-June in Brussels.

"The treaty may not be dead, but it is gravely — possibly fatally — wounded," Palmer said.

The rejection also was a severe blow to France's government. President Jacques Chirac, who campaigned hard for the charter, was expected to announce a shake-up of his Cabinet on Tuesday.

The euro, dropped below \$1.25 to its lowest level against the dollar since October.

Austria, Hungary, Italy, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain — have ratified the constitution and EU leaders vow the process will continue in other members despite France's "no."

Analysis

watched in Britain, where "Euro-skeptic" sentiment is even stronger than in France or the Netherlands. Prime Minister Tony Blair said Monday it was too early to tell if Britain would go ahead with a referendum on the bloc's new charter, but even calling for a "time for reflection."

EU leaders, who signed the constitution in October, contend it would streamline operations and decision-making and improve democratic accountability. It also would create an EU president and foreign minister, raising Europe's profile on the global stage by giving it the ability to speak with one voice.

The constitution itself makes clear all EU members must ratify the text for it to take effect as planned by Nov. 2006. But it also says EU leaders will discuss what to do if, by October 2006, four-fifths of member states have ratified the treaty but even one has "encountered difficulties" getting it accepted.

A key problem will be pinpointing exactly what Europeans do not like about the charter, and what minimal changes they would be willing to accept.

In France, the rejection was widely seen as a referendum on the direction Europe is taking as it competes with the world's other major economies of the United States, China and, increasingly, India.

But French voters appeared to use the referendum to vent frustration over their fears of losing their voice, identity and control, along with their generous social welfare system.

Just like the French on Sunday, the Danes cited concerns over surrendering sovereignty to what was then a 12-nation bloc known as the European Community.

In the end, though, all the Danes really did want was the brakes on the process: A year later, voters approved a revised treaty with clauses allowing it to initially stay out of the currency and defense cooperation.

Britain also opted out of the common currency.

Giuliano Amato, a former Italian premier who helped draft the constitution, suggested some key provisions, including the creation of an EU foreign minister, be adopted separately.

Chirac tries to clean up after EU defeat

PARIS (AP) — President Jacques Chirac moved swiftly forward Monday with plans for shaking up his government following a stinging referendum defeat on a European charter that left him looking like a lame duck and could mark the beginning of the end of his four-decade political career.

Chirac's office said the president would announce "his decisions regarding the government" today and then address the nation in the evening.



Iraqi soldiers from the al-Azhar battalion of the Interior Ministry's elite Wolf Brigade detain a suspect as they raid a house Monday in the al-Azamiyah area of Baghdad, Iraq, on the second day of Operation Lightning, a massive Iraq-led anti-insurgent offensive in Baghdad.

French borders to control damage from voters' defiant "No" Sunday to a proposed continent-wide constitution. Chirac spoke by phone with European leaders and Russian President Vladimir Putin, and met in Paris with his beleaguered prime minister, who was expected to be replaced.

Chirac gumbled and lost in calling the referendum, miscalculating the national mood. The miscalculation left his judgment and mandate to represent France internationally open to question and cast the 25-nation European Union's future into disarray.

The 12-nation euro currency hit a seven-month low Monday, falling below \$1.25 in European trading.

Chirac's hopes that the French would fall into line behind him left him looking hopelessly out of touch. A last-ditch TV appeal from his Elysee Palace three days before the vote, when he dramatically urged voters to consider their children's future, had no apparent impact.

Chirac and his aides point out that all political parties wanted a referendum. But, as president, the decision was his alone.

"It was a gamble," said Noelle Lenoir, who was Chirac's minister for Europe until March and now heads the Institute of European think-tank. "The result shows that having a lot of power is not enough."

Added Serge Hurtic, director of the International Review of Political Sciences: "It probably never occurred that it could be a tsunami."

Pope backs battle to keep fertility laws in place

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI on Monday endorsed arguments by Italy's woman Catholic bishops to restrict assisted fertility treatments, stepping into an emotionally charged Italian referendum battle.

The German-born pope contended that next month's plebiscite on scrapping parts of laws that regulate assisted fertility treatments posed threats to life and the family.

The pope spoke to the Italian bishops' conference, which has called for Italians to boycott the June 12-13 referendum.

He did not mention any details of the law but noted that the bishops were "committed to illuminating the choices of Catholics and all citizens" in the upcoming referendum. It emphasized the importance of defending the family and human life.

While it was his first foray into an Italian issue, the pope's support was not unexpected. Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the head of the Italian bishops' conference, is the pope's vicar for Rome.

The current law forbids sperm and egg donation, limits the number of embryos created with in vitro techniques to three and bans all embryo research.

The referendum would abrogate the law's provisions on embryo research; the three-embryo limit; the ban on egg or sperm donation from outside the couple and stop the distribution of rights to the unborn.

Opponents of the law complain it restricts scientific research and a woman's reproductive rights.

The ANSA news agency reported that 85 percent of the physicians at Italy's largest gynecological hospital in Turin support changing the law and that more than 100 of the doctors issued a public appeal Monday for Italians to vote.

A communist politician, Franco Giordano, went on Radio Rai and called the pope's remarks an "unwarranted interference in the affairs of the state."

U.S. forces mistakenly detain Sunni leader, during anti-insurgent offensive

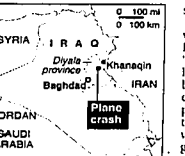
BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military nearly set off a sectarian crisis Monday by mistakenly arresting the leader of Iraq's top Sunni Muslim political party, while two suicide bombers killed about 30 police, and U.S. fighter jets destroyed insurgent strongholds near Syria's border.

Northeast of Baghdad, an Iraqi military aircraft crashed Monday during a mission with four American troops and one Iraqi on board, the U.S. military said. It was not immediately clear what their condition was or even what kind of aircraft it was.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. military in Baghdad, Sgt. Kate Neuman, said the four Americans were military personnel.

And on Memorial Day, the U.S. military said American soldier Spc. Phillip Sayles, of the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, was killed in an attack Saturday in the northern city of Mosul. As of Monday, at least 1,657 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The arrest of Iraqi Islamic Party leader Moises Abdul Halim, his three sons and four guards did little to help efforts to end Iraq's once-dominant Sunni community back into the political fold. The Sunnis lost in-



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insons.

In a commitment to end the violence, Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari vowed that "Operation Lightning" — the large-scale campaign that began Sunday, would rid Baghdad of militants and, in particular, suicide car bombers, the deadliest and regular weapon of choice for insurgents.

"We needed to clean up some of our problem districts and the deadliest and regular weapon of choice for insurgents was launched — to quickly come to the protection of civilians and stop the bloodshed," al-Jaafari said at a news conference.

But renewed carnage south of the capital showed the difficulty of his job.

Two suicide bombers blew themselves up outside the mayor's office in Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad. The attackers waded into a crowd of 500 people, staging an early-morning protest of a government decision to disband their special forces unit.

Staggering the detonations by one minute and 100 yards apart to maximize the casualties, the bombers killed at least 27 people and wounded 116 in an attack that scattered body parts, blood and shards of glass across a wide area, said police Capt. Muthana Khalid Ali.

Saudi King Fahd's condition is improving, brother says

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi King Fahd's condition is "stable and reassuring," his half brother, Crown Prince Abdullah, said Monday, three days after the monarch was hospitalized suffering from pneumonia.

Fahd was admitted to King Faisal Specialist Hospital on Friday for chest infections, but was still suffering from a fever.

The medical tests he underwent proved that his condition is stable and reassuring. Abdullah was quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency as saying after chairing the weekly Cabinet meeting, Chest X-rays showed the king, believed to be 82, was recovering from pneumonia in hospital.

It was not clear when Fahd would be released from the hospital.

Clinton visits post-tsunami Indonesia

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton visited Indonesia's tsunami-devastated Aceh province Monday, where survivors complained about sluggish aid delivery and urged international donors to bypass the government because it was corrupt.

Clinton left homeless by the Dec. 26 catastrophe, which obliterated western coastal villages, said they were still waiting for the government and

international aid agencies to begin building houses, schools and roads.

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Israeli aircraft fires missiles at Gaza militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli aircraft fired missiles near a Palestinian refugee camp on Monday, destroying two rocket launchers and wounding three people, while a prisoner release, which was published as a list of 100 Palestinian prisoners to be released later this week.

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Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas soon in Jerusalem to coordinate security in the Gaza Strip after Israel has withdrawn from the area.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom gave no date for the Sharon-Abbas meeting, which would be the first since the two met at a Feb. 8 summit in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm-el-Sheikh that produced the truce.

"We are trying very hard to coordinate (security issues) with the Palestinians in order to make sure" the Gaza areas Israel

leave behind do not come under the sway of Hamas or "other extremist organizations," Shalom told reporters outside a European-Mideast conference in Luxembourg.

Israel plans to begin withdrawing from Gaza and parts of the West Bank in mid-August.

The army said it carried out the airstrike as militants were preparing to fire rockets or mortar shells from northern Gaza. It said two launchers were destroyed, but that militants preparing the attack left the scene before the strike.

Hospital officials said a man and two women, apparently bystanders, were wounded by shrapnel.

The violent Islamic Jihad said one of its cells, which minutes earlier had fired three rockets at an Israeli village just outside Gaza, was the target of the airstrike.

During more than four years of fighting, Israel carried out dozens of airstrikes on militant targets in Gaza. But violence has dropped dramatically since the cease-fire went into effect, although fighting has begun to

flare up in recent weeks.

Israel published a list of the Palestinian prisoners to be released on Thursday, which included 93 detainees serving terms of five years or more on charges including attempted shootings, the preparation of explosives and assisting attempted murder.

In the past, Israel has refused to release prisoners who have completed only a small fraction of their sentences.

Church names temporary patriarch

JERUSALEM (AP) — Leaders of the Greek Orthodox church in the Holy Land on Monday unanimously selected a temporary replacement for its embattled patriarch, who has steadfastly refused to heed growing calls for him to resign.

The Greek government, meanwhile, turned up the already fierce pressure on the patriarch, Ierineos I, to resign, issuing him a new passport that changed his title to "former patriarch."

Greek Foreign Ministry officials said, "For the past two months, Ierineos has been embroiled in a controversy over the long-term leasing of choice church property to Jews trying to expand their presence in disputed Jerusalem. Reports of the leases have aroused the furor of the Palestinians, who make up most of the Orthodox congregation, because Palestinians claim the eastern sector of Jerusalem as the capital of a future state."

Ierineos has repeatedly declared he would not step aside, even though the controversy has prevented him from wielding the powers of a patriarch. World Orthodox leaders, in a special meeting in Istanbul last week, decided they would no longer recognize him.

Bolestered by that vote, the Holy Synod in Jerusalem on Monday named Archbishop Cornelios, the head of the church's ecclesiastical court, to take Ierineos' place until a permanent replacement is found.

Legally, church leaders cannot dismiss Ierineos: Only the governments in areas where his congregation lives have the power to do that, by withdrawing recognition of him.

Guantanamo transcripts note tales of abuse

LONDON (AP) — One Guantanamo prisoner told a military panel that American troops beat him so badly he wets his pants now. Another detainee claimed U.S. troops stripped prisoners in Afghanistan and intimidated them with dogs so they would attempt to militant activity.

Pages of alleged abuse and forced confessions are among some 1,000 pages of transcripts released to The Associated Press under a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.

Rocket attack, bombing shake Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two blasts rocked the Afghan capital Monday, with a rocket slamming into the headquarters of NATO's 8,000-member security force, heading a building but causing no casualties, and a bomb exploding on a busy road, wounding seven civilians, officials said.

In southern Afghanistan, fighting between Afghan troops and suspected Taliban rebels left at least 10 insurgents and a soldier dead, a government spokesman said.



British soldiers inspect a car that was hit by a roadside bomb in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday. Seven civilians were injured near a U.S. military base by a bomb, which was attached to a bicycle and detonated by a timer.

The rocket hit a military barracks at the International Security Assistance Force base in central Kabul, which is near the U.S. Embassy and other diplomatic missions, said spokeswoman Lt. Col. Karen Tissot Van Patot.

The attack came shortly after midnight, and the sound of the blast reverberated around much of central Kabul, home to about 3,000 foreign aid workers, diplomats and others. Sirens wailed for about 30 minutes after the blast.

The second explosion, after dawn, was on a road near a U.S. military base and a U.N. compound.

The bomb, detonated by a timer, was attached to a bicycle and exploded as a taxi drove past, police chief Gen. Mohamad Akbar said.

Four of the injured were in the taxi, while the three others were passers-by, he said. Two of the injured men were in serious condition, he said.

The clashes in southern Afghanistan broke out in Zabul province's Arghandab district after the rebels ambushed an army patrol. Local government spokesman Ali Khalil said.

He said 11 soldiers who were earlier reported missing had turned up after walking out of

mountains in the area. Khalil said that in addition to the 10 insurgents killed, three had been captured, including a district Taliban commander.

A purported Taliban spokesman, Mullah Latif Haidimi, claimed responsibility for the attack in a telephone call to The Associated Press and said two Taliban insurgents were also killed in a firefight that followed the ambush. He claimed 11 Afghan soldiers were killed, although this could not be verified.

Haidimi often calls news organizations to claim responsibility for attacks, often with information that proves exaggerated or untrue. His exact tie to the Taliban leadership is not clear.

After a winter hull, loyalists of Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime and other militants opposed to President Hamid Karzai's U.S.-based government have ramped up their insurgency with a series of bombings and other attacks. U.S.-led coalition forces and Afghan troops have hit back hard, killing nearly 200 suspected insurgents and capturing dozens since March.

Col. James Votis, the U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan, said insurgents were increasingly attacking "soft targets" such as the United Nations, the international community and civilians, because the U.S.-led coalition and Afghan forces were being more aggressive in their tactics.

General defends prison policies.

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under a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit — a second batch of documents the AP has received in 10 days.

The testimonies offer a glimpse into the secret world of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where about 520 men from 40 countries remain held, accused of having links to Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. Many have been held for three years.

Whether the stories are true may never be known. And it wasn't immediately clear how many abuse allegations had been logged from the tribunals or how many of them had been investigated. Dozens of complaints have surfaced from detainees, but the government couldn't offer a breakdown Monday.

One detainee, whose name and nationality were blacked out like most others in the transcripts, said his medical problems from abuse have not been taken seriously.

"Americans hit me and beat me up so badly I believe I'm severely dyslexic and I don't know if I'll be able to sleep with my wife or not," he said. "I can't control my urination, and sometimes I put toilet paper down there so I won't wet my pants."

"I point to where the pain is. I think they take it as a joke and they laugh."

The tribunal president promised to take up the man's medical complaints in five pages of questioning, never brought up the alleged abuse.

The panel members were charged with determining whether the men were enemy combatants — not with investigating abuse allegations, said a military spokeswoman, Navy Capt. Debi Brenten. She said tribunal members are supposed to forward abuse allegations to the Joint Task Force running the detention mission, which then forwards them to U.S. Southern Command in Miami.

In a statement Sunday, the Pentagon said many of the men have been trained to lie. U.S. troops treat detainees humanely and "U.S. policy condemns and prohibits torture," the statement said, adding that authorities take claims of abuse seriously.

Since its construction three years ago after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the prison camp at Guantanamo has come under scrutiny by critics who contend it has outlived its usefulness, producing scant intelligence information and stoking anti-American hatred.

The government had refused to provide the bulk of the testimonies made during the hearings unless reporters traveled to the remote base in eastern Cuba. It was only after the AP's lawsuit and the tribunals that ended in January that the government released dozens of transcripts.

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Investigators have lead in identity of 'Piano Man'

Los Angeles Times

LONDON — British health officials are investigating a possible breakthrough in the enigmatic case of the "Piano Man," the silent musician whose identity has remained a mystery since he was found wandering confused in the rain on an English Isle in early April.

Several musicians from the Czech Republic said they believe that the form figure, who has not spoken to the doctors caring for him but has played for hours at a piano, is Tomas Strnad, a classically trained musician known for long solitary sojourns at the piano playing Rachmaninoff and other composers' works from memory.

The possible connection came to light more than a week ago, when an old friend of Strnad's now living in Ohio contacted the Los Angeles Times, as well as other newspapers, following an appeal by British medical authorities for information about the patient, whom they believe may be suffering from amnesia.

Richard Kryspin, 38, who emigrated to Columbus, Ohio, in the late 1980s, had seen the photographs of the Piano Man in the press and said he immediately thought of Strnad, with whom he had played music nearly two decades before. Kryspin called his brother, Klaudivis, who also had been in the band.

Klaidius Kryspin, now the drummer for "Secret" Viber (Prague Select), the Czech Republic's best-known rock band, was skeptical at first. But after studying a photo of the patient standing at the twin hospital grounds, he became convinced that it was Strnad.

Besides the two Kryspin brothers, at least one other person has identified the Piano Man as Strnad.

Trade dispute leads China to revoke increase to textile tariffs

BEIJING (AP) — China on Monday scrapped concessions meant to avert a trade war with the United States and Europe, withdrawing a plan to sharply increase export duties on Chinese-made textiles that are flooding foreign markets. The turnaround followed new import controls imposed by Washington and the European Union, while Chinese commerce minister on Monday called a violation of World Trade Organization rules.

The U.S. and Beijing would "firmly protect" its legal rights, though he didn't say what steps his government would take.

Ana

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merchandising empire she shares with her twin sister to seek help for her own eating disorder.

"Put on your Ana bracelet and raise your skinny fist in solidarity!" one "pro-Ana" blogger wrote shortly after Olsen entered treatment.

The movement has flourished on the Web and eating disorder experts say that, despite attempts to limit Ana's online presence, it has now grown to include followers — many of them young — in many parts of the world.

No one knows just how many of the estimated 6 million to 11 million Americans afflicted with eating disorders have been influenced by the pro-Ana movement. But experts fear its reach is fairly wide. A preliminary survey of teens who've been diagnosed with eating disorders at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University, for instance, found that 40 percent had visited Web sites that promote eating disorders.

"The more they feel like we — the others — are trying to shut them down, the more

On the Net
National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders: <http://www.anad.org>
National Eating Disorders Association: <http://www.nedac.org/>

united they stand," says Allison Barlow, a licensed psychologist and supervisor of clinical training at the Renfrew Center in Coconut Creek, Fla., a residential facility that focuses on eating disorders.

Experts say the Ana movement also plays on the tendency people with eating disorders have toward "all or nothing" thinking.

"When they do something, they tend to pursue it to the fullest extent. In that respect, Ana may almost become a religion for them," says Carmen Hehal, director of the eating disorders clinic at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

She and others point to the "Ana creed," a litany of beliefs about control and starvation, that appears on many Web sites and blogs. At least one site encourages followers to make a vow to Ana and sign it in blood.

People with eating disorders who've been involved in the movement confirm its cult-like feel.

"People pray to Ana to make them skinny," says Sara, a 17-year-old in Columbus, Ohio, who was an avid organizer of Ana followers until she recently entered treatment for her eating disorder. She spoke on the condition that her last name not be used.

Among other things, Sara was the self-proclaimed president of Beta Sigma Kappa, dubbed the official Ana sorority and "the most talked about, nearly illegal group" on a popular blog hosting service that Sara still uses to communicate with friends. She also had an online Ana "boot camp" and sold girls what they could and couldn't eat.

"I guess I was attention-starved," she now says of her motivation. "I really liked being the girl that everyone looked up to and the one they saw as their 'inspiration.'"

"But then I realized I was helping girls kill themselves." For others, Ana is a person — a voice that directs their every move, when it comes to food

and exercise. "She's someone who's perfect. It's different for everyone — but for me, she's someone who looks totally opposite to the way I do," says Kasey Brinkus, a 19-year-old college student from Hot Springs, S.D.

To Bridus — athletic with brown hair and brown eyes — Ana is a wispy, blue-eyed blond.

"I know I could never be that," she says, "but she keeps telling me that if I work hard enough, I CAN be that."

Dr. Marc Sokol often treats young patients in her Omaha, Neb., practice who personally their eating disorder beyond just Ana. To them, bulimia is "Mia." And an eating disorder often becomes "Ed."

"A lot of times they're lonely and they don't have a lot of friends. So Ana or Mia become their friend. Or Ed becomes their boyfriend," says Sokol, who is director of the eating disorders program run by Children's Hospital and Creighton University in Omaha.

In the end, treatment can include writing "goodbye" letters to Ana, Mia and Ed in order to gain control over them.

But it often takes a long time to get to that point — and experts agree that, until someone with an eating disorder wants to help themselves, treatment often fails.

Tulow at the Renfrew Center, says it's also easy for patients to fall back into the online world of Ana after they leave treatment.

"Unfortunately," she says, "with all people who are in recovery, it's so much about who you surround yourself with."

Some patients, including Bridus, the 18-year-old South Dakota, have had trouble finding counselors who truly understand their struggle with Ana.

"I'd tell them about Ana and how she's a real person to me. And they'd just look at me like I'm nuts," Bridus says of the counselors she's seen at college and in her hometown. "They wouldn't address her ever again, so it got very frustrating."

"Half the time I'm, like, 'You know what? I give up.'"

Other days, she's more hopeful. "I gotta snap out of this eventually if I want to have kids and get a job. One day, I'll get to that point," she says, pausing. "But I'll always obsess about food."

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Hutchison, 26, whose second child is due in June. Hutchison, a stay-at-home mother, has placed notices on the Web sites Craigslist and eBay seeking bids of at least \$1,000 for the rights for one month.

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Shelter makes a valid plea for county dollars

For county residents living outside the Twin Falls city limits, it's time to pay the pound.

The Twin Falls Animal Shelter is planning its first entire-budget year in the new quarters on Victory Avenue. And to no one's surprise, it's going to cost more money.

But not too much. Animal shelter officials are requesting \$155,960 from Twin Falls city and \$42,100 from the county, for a total sum of \$198,060.

In addition to the \$198,000 of support from city and county, the shelter receives an annual donation of \$257,000 from People for Pets. City licenses and fees will contribute another \$13,000. More revenue will come from an array of services, including spray-neuter services, rabies certificates and impound fees.

Our view: If the Twin Falls animal shelter is treating more rural pets, it's reasonable to require licenses for county pets.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

But that's not enough revenue for the shelter. That's where a new suggestion — for county pet registration — comes in.

If 27 percent of the shelter's business originates from animals outside the city limits, as Blackwood claims, then it's reasonable to ask county pet owners to get licenses.

Blackwood estimates that county residents would bring in at least \$4,000 and possibly \$10,000 more in revenue.

The licensing program not only helps pet owners identify lost cats and dogs, but also plays a major role in the shelter's education campaign for pet population control. And pet population issues are a major issue for the county's rural areas. If populations are controlled through spaying and neutering, that will reduce the number of animals coming into the shelter.

In addition to a higher appropriation from the city and county, the shelter should seek some kind of license revenue from county residents. Otherwise, the shelter will be living off every scrap it can get.

Gay or female, Uncle Sam should want you

At a time when the Army and Marine Corps are struggling to fill their ranks, many conservatives are determined to limit the ability of women and gays to contribute to the war effort.

Are they more concerned with winning culture wars at home or winning the war on terrorism abroad?

MAX BOOT

The issue of women in combat has arisen again because the Army wants to assign mixed sex support units to work with combat battalions.

Almost all jobs in the military already are open to women.

They're allowed to serve as fighter pilots and medics, truck drivers and police officers. But Pentagon policy keeps them out of ground-combat battalions and some attendant support units.

Anti-feminist activist Elaine Donnelly charges that "politically correct group-thinkers and Clinton-promoted generals" are conspiring to reduce this policy.

To block this nefarious plot (actually hatched by Rumsfeld-promoted generalist, some House Republicans introduced legislation to prevent the Pentagon from opening any more slots to women and to resign 22,000 women already serving in forward-support companies).

Opposition from the Army, which wants the flexibility to assign personnel as needed, killed this measure.

Ranking minority member Ike Skelton rightly called the bill "a solution in search of a problem."

The role of women has been steadily expanding since — no coincidence — the end of the draft in 1973.

An all-volunteer military can't afford to ignore half of the population. The integration process was not always smooth, as scandals like Tailhook attest.

But today, 212,000 women (15 percent of the active-duty



force) play an integral role in the military.

Keeping them out of combat is impossible, whatever the law says, because in a place like Iraq everyone is on the front lines.

Thirty-five female soldiers have died in Iraq and almost 300 have been wounded.

Even as women have taken on roles once reserved for men, the disastrous consequences predicted by neo-conservatives have not come to pass.

In 2000, the late Col. David Hackworth wrote: "What the British longbow did to the French army at Crécy in 1346, the failed military policy on gender integration has done to the U.S. armed forces at the end of the 20th century: near total destruction."

Yet in the last five years, "near total destruction" has been the fate of the U.S. armed forces but the Taliban and Basists they have battled.

Far from being crippled by the presence of women, the military has found that female soldiers can perform some jobs that men can't, such as

searching Iraqi women. As long as standards are not compromised to allow women into jobs beyond their physical capacity, I don't see why we should reverse the trend toward greater opportunities for women.

I also don't see why we are still hating all gays and lesbians from serving openly.

Between 1994 and 2003, according to the Government Accountability Office, the military discharged 9,487 homosexuals, including 322 with badly needed knowledge of such languages as Arabic, Farsi and Korean.

In other words, the fight against gay rights is hurting the fight against our real enemies. That's a compelling reason to change the law, even for those of us who used to be supporters of the gay ban.

In 1993-94, when the current "don't ask, don't tell" policy was promulgated, I was persuaded by the warnings of Colin Powell and other generals that opening this door to gays and lesbians would hurt morale and cohesion.

But in the intervening decade, society has become

more accepting of homosexuality.

In a survey of the military last year, 42 percent of respondents said gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly; 50 percent said they should not.

Among junior enlisted personnel the figure was 50 percent in favor of acceptance. It's 73 percent.

I suspect that in a year or two, attitudes will tilt even more in the pro-gay direction, making the existing policy unsustainable.

It may still make sense not to assign gay personnel to ground combat units, where they might have trouble fitting in, but why kick out gay translators or technicians?

Sooner or later, the U.S. military will follow the example of Australia, Britain and the Netherlands, who on openly gay service members.

In the struggle against Islamic fanatics, we can't afford to turn volunteers away.

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LETTER

New comics just might hit the funny bone

I am responding to Ms. Mary Powell's letter that was printed on Friday, May 6. I agree that some of the new comics are not as humorous as intended, but I felt it necessary to defend those that I enjoy reading, some of which are Zits, Non Sequitur, Frank and Ernest, and Strange Brew.

Ms. Powell mentioned in her letter that she did not read Zits, Strange Brew, Pearls Before Swine, Baldo, Elderberries or Non Sequitur because the names sound sickening.

Though the names may sound gross, some of those comics are really clever and funny; you just have to look past the names. Take Shakespeare's Julius play, Romeo and Juliet, for example. Even though Romeo was a Montague and the sworn enemy of Juliet's family, she looked past his name and realized how much she loved him.

Ms. Powell also wrote that she doesn't read the aforementioned comics. I think it is unwise to criticize something when you haven't even read it. I know that sometimes the comics can be pretty dumb and maybe don't even make sense.

However, I think you should try to ignore the titles if they bother you and read the actual comic. You might find that some of them will tickle that funny bone of yours!

Also, something that isn't related to anything previously said is a non sequitur. And there's your word for the day.

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The fallacy of the reaction to Fallaci's book

Let's hear it for outrage to religion. So goes my prayerful response to news that Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci will be prosecuted on charges of "outrage to religion." Apparently, the outspoken Fallaci, now in her 70s, has offended some die-hard Muslims with her book, "The Force of Reason," and, by Allah, they intend to see she pays for it.

At least they didn't shoot her.

You'll recall that last year in Holland, filmmaker Theo van Gogh was fatally shot and murdered by a group of Muslims named Mohammed B. confessed to the murder. Recently, two more suspects, both Chechen citizens believed to be linked to a group of Islamic fundamentalists, were arrested in connection with the crime.

Both of these incidents followed another high-profile episode of perceived offense to Islam.

In 2002, French author Michel Houellebecq faced trial for calling Islam "the dumbest religion," and for saying the Koran was so badly written it made him "fall to the ground in despair."

The courts acquitted him, but the result is clear: Criticize Islam and face jail or justice at the hands of a true believer. Is it possible that radical Islam really does hate freedom?

Now, to Durham, N.C., where Wednesday night three crosses were burned in different places around town — in front of an Episcopal church, at a downtown intersection



KATHLEEN PARKER

and on a dirt pile near a construction site.

Americans know what burning crosses represent beyond desecration of a religious symbol, and most are disgusted by the act.

Most also figure the perps are the sort of folks who, if they banded, would need toilet brush and a silo of kerosene.

We might wish the world were rid of these creeps, but alas, life is imperfect and God apparently is still shuffling the deck of human DNA. I say cut and deal." But then I'm a mere mortal.

Meanwhile, let's be abundantly clear: You can still burn a cross in this country (qualifiers to follow), or flush a Bible down the toilet, or insult Islam's writing, or burn a burqa in your front yard and live to see the morrow.

So far.

It is, in fact, illegal to burn a cross on someone else's private property without the owner's permission. (It's a misdemeanor in North Carolina.) But otherwise you can burn to your heart's content as long as you're making a general statement and not trying to intimidate anyone specifically, according to a 2003 Supreme Court decision.

We call that freedom of

We call that freedom of speech in America, though that freedom is under assault here, too, every time someone demands compensation for hurt feelings, or takes too literally an "offensive" cartoon and tries to get the artist fired, or resents criticism of some pet policy and insists on stifling the insult.

speech in America, though that freedom is under assault here, too, every time someone demands compensation for hurt feelings, or takes too literally an "offensive" cartoon and tries to get the artist fired, or resents criticism of some pet policy and insists on stifling the insult.

Our own laws against hate speech, though perhaps inspired by virtue, are nevertheless first steps toward the sort of tyranny that now threatens to bring down Fallaci.

And for what? Because some thin-skinned fanatics find her words too painful — or too truthful — to bear?

Fallaci fans know her to be a take-no-prisoners journalist who writes as if she knows she is thinking but dare not utter aloud. I haven't read the book in question, but I have a copy of her previous book, "The Rage and the Pride," on my desk and it is no valentine to Islam.

Nor to others Fallaci finds ethnically weak, in her words, "insects who, disguised as ideologists, journalists, writers, actors, commentators, psychoanalysts, priests, warbling crickets, rattains a page, (that is, polished shells, only say what they are asked to say," just to give you a taste.

She is equally blunt in her warnings that to the world's jihadists, "... the West is a world to conquer and subjugate to Islam."

You may agree or disagree. You may criticize her writing style or impugn a rhetorical approach that may result in few converts.

But there's no defensible reason why she shouldn't be permitted her say.

Better to see and hear hatred in the daylight than to let it fester in the dark. Thus, "outrage to religion" isn't a crime, but is a testament to our faith in freedom of speech.

Let's keep it that way, and long live Oriana Fallaci.

Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, welcomes comments via e-mail at kparker@kparker.com.

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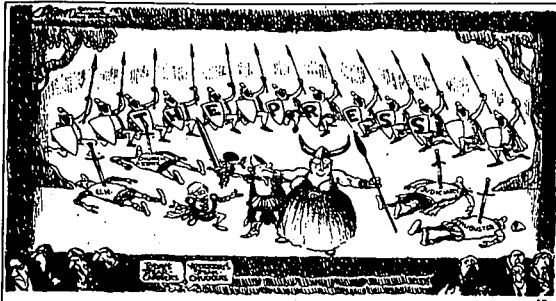


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Bush's new 'history' demeans our past

On Memorial Day, many Americans will commemorate past war sacrifice. Sadly, more Americans will watch TV oblivious to our sacred national history.

But what's new for Memorial Day 2005 is the recasting of America's past in such a way that "blasphemes" our civil religion of service and sacrifice. That's the view of historian Michael Vlahos of Johns Hopkins University — making a sharp thesis, using a cunning argument.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

Vlahos starts by pointing to George W. Bush's speech to the International Republican Institute on May 18 in which the president attempted to contextualize the current violence in Iraq. "As we push the freedom agenda, we must remember the history of our own country," Bush declared. "The American Revolution was followed by years of chaos." He went on to assert that the Articles of Confederation, governing the United States from 1781 to 1788, "failed miserably." Yes, Vlahos responds, we must remember our own history — but remember it correctly.

Young America, in the wake of George Washington's victory at Yorktown, was not "chaotic" in the way Iraq has been for the past two years. America in the 1780s was a place of vibrant, but peaceful, debate. In that decade, Alexander Hamilton and others wrote *The Federalist Papers*, arguing for a robust constitution. Their eloquence and scholarship was so rich and detailed that the papers are still required reading for political scientists around the world.

So why is Bush making these comparisons? Why is he drawing a dubious parallel between America and Iraq? Vlahos answers that the president and his neoconservative advisers have two unconservative objectives. First, they must defend the current Iraq situation — rising body counts, falling poll ratings — by making the violence seem expectable and thus acceptable. Second, and more brazenly, they seek to deconstruct American history, making way for constructing a newly fashioned vision of America's future.

Bush is not alone in seeking to soften the public's assessment of his Iraq policy by means of hardening its assessment of American history. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld vowed away the lawlessness in Iraq with an airy "Freedom's untidy." But one might ask: Did Ethan Allen and Francis Marion fight Redcoats so Americans could loot and kill? The Founders would weep at Rumsfeld's conflation of liberty and anarchy.

First lady Laura Bush went on Al-Arabiya television last week and compared the struggle throughout the Middle East to another episode in American history, the decades leading up to the Civil War. Those words are an insult to the brave Americans who fought to free themselves

and follow Americans. "It's an irony," Vlahos observes, "that a conservative administration has launched a radical campaign of reshaping American historical thinking." The Bush Doctrine, he continues, aims to change the world — but the first step is that America must be diverted from its tradition of governmental prudence and realism in the setting of objectives, at home and abroad.

The ironies of American history were far from perfect. But the job of the nation's president is not to practice historical revisionism. Instead, he is the custodian of our civic faith, which has sustained us as a democratic republic for more than two centuries. For America's commander in chief to sully our historic achievements is to dishonor past sacrifice, to undo the meaning of Memorial Day — and to discourage service, present and future. Down that disrespectful road lies even further trouble with military recruitment and retention.

Defenders of the administration may say that the new Bush policy is popular, even necessary. Yet if America's leaders feel the need to rework history in order to make way for the new desired future, it's inevitable that other historical markers of memory will be flattened. If so, the noble mission of Memorial Day, to venerate publicly our warriors and their sacrifice, is likely to be part of that collateral historical damage.

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Legislators turned their back on siting laws

Idaho's top elected officials and legislators failed citizens during the 2005 legislative session by refusing to institute a siting bill which would help protect people and communities from negative impacts. Sempra Energy's proposed coal-fired plant. A proposed siting bill put forth by Sen. Clint Stennett could not get support to move forward. Lawmakers were likely swayed by Sempra officials and their professional lobbyists. Unfortunately, legislation or the lack of it is often influenced "under the radar" before the general population realizes what happened.

Sempra has been carefully laying groundwork for months. When lawmakers adjourned without recognizing the need for siting laws, Sempra pounced on Jerome County for its proposed coal plant. Now, Sempra's public relations experts will begin their dog and pony shows to convince county officials, and the public, that they are doing Idahoans a favor by allowing us to provide power to other states at the expense of our children's health.

Sempra is a California-based market industry. Without siting laws, it can enter a county, gain approval from county commissioners, obtain permits and set up shop. Magic Valley, Wood River Valley, Boise and beyond will be impacted.

The coal plant will affect outlying areas that will not share Jerome's increased tax base. The large influx of construction workers will require services (schools, police, health-care facilities, etc.) for the short term, leaving property owners to pick up the tab after the plant is built. Permanent remaining jobs would not justify negative impacts.

Burning coal releases toxins including Mercury, a neurotoxin, is linked to brain damage in children. It also has serious effects on fish and the environment. Nitrogen oxide is a component of smog that causes lung damage and asthma attacks.

Sulfur dioxide forms acid rain. It damages our ecosystem, which includes aquaculture, agriculture, beef and dairy cattle.

During the past four years, our country's clean air policy

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has been seriously compromised in favor of reducing emissions standards for coal plants. This enables the coal industries to obtain better profit margins while sacrificing our health and environment. If this plant is approved, Idaho will essentially become Sempra's dumping ground to provide power for California and other states.

Contact Gov. Kempthorne and your legislators to find out where they stand and why. Do they represent their constituents or Sempra? It is imperative to stand up for Idaho immediately.

KAREN ARKOOSH
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Wal-Mart fights tough with competitors' prices

In spent 22 years in large department-store management with two national rivals of Wal-Mart, I managed stores in seven states from 1977-1989. Garts in my career. I heard of Wal-Mart, but it did not impact cities where I worked until the late 1980s.

You hear about Wal-Mart's predatoral nature. I can't comment firsthand since I haven't worked for it. Nor did I discuss its corporate strategies with two Wal-Mart store directors I knew while managing competing stores in Denver. I do, however, know about the impact its stores had on two national chains that competed with it when vying for profitable operations and the effect on smaller stores dependent on those shopping center anchors.


The first store I managed was in the shopping region of a new Wal-Mart, before Super Wal-Marts developed, which is essential to note. It suffered 30 percent to 40 percent sale losses weekly for 6 months. While managing another store within

the same company in the same region, I witnessed greater losses in sister stores approaching 50 percent for months.

As a retailer, preparing for some customer exodus that's impending, you become "Wal-Mart competitive" overnight. You re-train employees to offer even better customer service to demonstrate you know it is imminent. As rivals, our strategy was to match prices as closely as possible on like goods, but you must be accurate to demonstrate your competitiveness to your valuable customers.

At that time, the Wal-Mart stores in Denver's region wouldn't allow any rivals to do price comparisons. You could walk aisles in their stores to check prices, but if you were noticed writing them down or if suspected you were deriving prices by any other means, you were immediately asked to leave. That made it very difficult to compare prices across broad lines of goods. I don't know if that practice is followed in Wal-Mart stores today.

In essence, most competing retail operations, all sizes, according to store managers I spoke to in Denver, suffered considerable sales losses initially and long term, unless their merchandise mix was unique or incomparable and wasn't found in abundance at Wal-Mart. Additionally, with trickle-down theory, many smaller merchants that benefited from customer traffic from the larger anchor stores mentioned also suffered some huge losses. During my career, I witnessed multiple store closings in my company and several management careers that were altered or lost from the dominant and ascendant effect of such a mega-retailer. RANDY R. JENSEN
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Broadcast violence gets new scrutiny

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Radio and television station owners, already grappling with government crackdown on sex and profanity, expect to face new scrutiny soon over excessive violence in programming.

Broadcasters are bracing later this year for a Federal Communications Commission report on media violence ordered by Congress that some fear will be used to push for new restraints on violent programming.

"Right now, we are in a climate where the government is in favor of content controls as a solution to any problem," said Jonathan Hinitz, executive director of the Center for Creative Voices in Media, a Washington group that represents Hollywood writers and producers.

Concerns about media violence have ebbed and flowed for decades, with Congress holding hearings as far back as 1952. Now, many parents say they find it hard to shield children against violence in films. TV shows, the Internet and video games.

A recent talk conducted by the Los Angeles Times found that violent death is commonplace on several popular television shows. The show, a single episode of CBS' "NCIS," for example, was seven. Fox's "24" featured six deaths, while NBC's "Medium" killed off four people.

The latest government rumblings are the most notable since the 1999 shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado prompted President Clinton to order the Federal Trade Commission to examine whether entertainment companies were properly shielding children and teens.

FCC Commissioner Michael Copps, a Democrat who has also championed indecency crackdowns, said he believed some kind of government or industry intervention was needed to control violent programming.

"Like indecency, I think there is a role for all of us to play," Copps said. "We've got 60 years of studies — most of which conclude there is a connection between violent behavior and violence in the media."

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer has gone so far as to investigate radio station WQHT-FM's "Smaucker," in which two people take turns slapping each other in the face to compete for \$5,000. Spitzer is looking at whether state law was violated because promoters had no boxing license. Owner Emmis Communications could face fines up to \$1,000 for each incident.

But experts say the government faces an uphill battle because violence is difficult to define and because of free speech protections. In documents submitted to the FCC last fall, the National Association of Broadcasters joined the Motion Picture Association of America and other media trade groups to argue that any attempt to regulate violence in the media would violate free speech rights.

Nevertheless, Congress last year was concerned enough to nearly pass a measure that would have required the FCC to adopt new regulations to restrict television violence.

After the proposal was removed from bill to raise broadcast indecency fines, 39 lawmakers directed the FCC to study the problem of TV violence and report back to Congress this year.

The FCC staff has begun drafting a response and is expected to weigh whether to urge the industry to police itself more vigorously, recommend a greater reliance on electronic program blocking technology or seek new authority from Congress to regulate violent content. A final report is likely to be delayed several months until new FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin appoints a permanent head of the agency's media bureau.

Meanwhile, some broadcasters are taking steps to help defuse the situation. NBC last month reversed its opposition to labeling the type of violence in shows it airs.

The network said it would add descriptors, such as the letters "FV" for fantasy violence, to the age-based viewing ratings system to give parents more information. In announcing the move, NBC Universal Chairman Robert Wright said: "We serve our viewers best by ensuring that they are fully informed about the content of our programs."

Following crane standoff in Atlanta, murder suspect faces additional charges

ATLANTA (AP) — The Florida murder suspect who was part of a 56-hour standoff with police high atop a construction crane has been released from the hospital and now faces additional charges.

Police subdued Carl Edward Roland, 41, with a stun gun as he crawled toward an officer for a cup of water early Saturday. He was lowered to the ground

from the 350-foot crane and transported to an area hospital.

Roland, of Clearwater, Fla., left the hospital Sunday and faces new charges of criminal trespassing, reckless conduct and first-degree criminal damage to property, said Fulton County sheriff's Sgt. Nikita Adams-Hightower.

Roland already is facing a murder charge in Pinellas

County, Fla., where his girlfriend, 36-year-old Jennifer Gonzalez, was found in a pond the day before Roland climbed onto the crane in Atlanta.

Authorities said Roland was uncooperative during interrogations with Atlanta and Florida police, requesting a lawyer rather than answering questions. His first court appearance was slated for Tuesday at the jail.

Woman finds \$3,000 in bills hidden in garage-sale purchase

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Linda Stafford has been going to garage sales for 30 years, and taking good-natured ribbing from her family all the while.

Now, the tables have turned. Stafford has found more than \$3,000 in bills dating from 1928 to 1953 in the bottom of a high-backed chair she bought at a garage sale — for two bucks.

She made the discovery while trying to make room in

her garage for more furniture. When one of her daughters, Mandy Rath, heard something rattle in the chair, they removed the bottom. Placed inside a compartment were two paper packets, one with \$10 in coins, the other with \$3,000 in bills. But, Stafford was not sure how she would spend the money.

"Who knows?" she said. "I might spend it all at garage sales."



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Nevada woman dies in car crash

HOLLISTER — A Nevada woman died Monday in a collision on U.S. 33 north of Hollister. Audrey Brooks, 24 of Fernley, Nev. was driving south on about 11:45 a.m. in a 1987 Ford sedan when she entered the north-bound side of the road, according to a news release.

T.F. council discusses city's water supply

TWIN FALLS — The City Council is meeting at 4 p.m. today to hear from engineer Chuck Brockway about the city's projected water supply for the next 10 years.

During the past five years, the city's main source of drinking water — the Blue Lakes spring on the north side of the Snake River Canyon — has dropped about 10 percent from 150 levels. Since the '50s, the spring has dropped about 30 percent.

Blaine County Schools holds housing meeting

HAILEY — Neighbors are invited to an open house on the Blaine County School District's plans to build affordable employment housing.

The district is in the process of building eight to 12 houses that teachers or employees could own if they can't afford to live in the area. The houses would be adjacent to a new elementary school on Woodside Boulevard in southeast Hailey.

The school district seeks community input on the project.

The open house will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at the school district office's conference room at 118 W. Bullion St. in Hailey.

Organization honors film school director

GOODING — The Volvo for Life Awards has recognized Michael Clair of Western States College for his work in education and underprivileged youth.

Clair's nomination was ranked No. 22 out of 1,450 nominations from the United States. The top 100 was accompanied by a metal plaque noting he is in the top 100 heroes in America for his work.

New campground will open for July 4

TWIN FALLS — People who enjoy camping will be able to enjoy a brand new campground. The new Porcupine Springs Family Campground, located approximately 30 miles south of Fossil, will be available by the fourth of July weekend.

The campground features a single and four double units. Two restroom facilities and a water system have also been added.

Rupert considers 'pay to play' plan

Council will hold public hearing on new policy

By Rose Marie Parsons For The Times-News

RUPERT — Residents can tell civic leaders what they think about a proposal to increase fees for use of some city recreational facilities.

The City Council will hold a public hearing June 7 on the proposed "pay to play" policy.

Some charges would be increased by more than 5 percent and new charges would be added.

City Administrator Roger Bagley said.

enough to support upkeep of city facilities, but heavy demand for new and expanded services and rising costs have made it difficult to maintain the existing level of services.

Bagley said user fees are a primary way to generate revenue when "the public's demand and expectations for use of the facilities exceeds government's ability to offset it with its tax base."

In some cases, fees set by the new policy would remain the same but no longer be refunded.

The city charges \$25 to reserve a park shelter and refunds the fee if it is left in good condition.

Under the new policy, the shelter deposit would remain at \$25 but would not be refunded.

Fees for use of the Civic Gymnasium and the city's ball fields for organized events would not change, but the fee for reserving the Historic Square and gazebo would double to \$50 and would not be refunded.

A charge of \$100 for use of the gazebo's lights would be added.

Compensation for city electrical costs would be another new charge for events held in city parks — \$75 to connect power cords and \$150 for hard-wired connections.

Rupert Fourth of July Committee member John Doxter said he agrees the city needs to recoup its electrical costs, but those fees are not included in the contracts he has with vendors this summer.

He said adding those charges this year would be a problem.

Bagley said the fees are not approved yet, and the City Council can make the policy effective after July 4.

The policy would allow the city to reduce or waive fees and charges when it is "in the best interest of the city or a specific project."

Making sure fees do not discourage use of city facilities is a policy goal. Basic services and facilities will continue to be free and funded by general tax revenue.

Basic services include playing in the playground and using open spaces and trails. Un-scheduled, unlighted and unmarked ball fields and unreserved picnic tables are considered basic facilities.

TOP OF THEIR CLASS



Gooding High School seniors Nicole Kasamatta, left, Megan Flores, Katie Haffner and Nick Tiller laugh while watching classmates goof off Friday at a school barbecue. Both Haffner and Tiller, who are dating, finished at the top of their class.

Couple plans to stick together in college

By Heather Pilkinton Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Nick Tiller and Katie Haffner are a study in contrasts. She is blonde and bubbly, and he is dark and introspective; but the way they compliment each other has put these two Gooding High School seniors at the top of their class.

"I don't say this often," Principal Gail Yakovac said about the couple, "but there is definitely something there."

Both Haffner and Tiller have had their share of impediments yet obstacles that many would see as insurmountable are viewed as nothing more than slight inconveniences by the pair.

Haffner suffers from ocular albinism, a disease where not enough melanin pigment is produced in her eyes. According to the National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation, ocular albinism is a genetic disease in which the fovea, the part of the retina that affects acute vision, does not develop properly.

People with ocular albinism usually have low eyesight or are legally blind.

With correction, Haffner's eyesight is 20/60. However, when she's racing Tiller down the school hall to get lunch, one would never guess she has any vision problems at all.

Gooding High School graduation

Gooding seniors graduate today. The ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Intricate quilt pattern, Haffner is the picture of the all-American kid.

"Things have always come easy for me," Haffner said. "That's what I love about Nick. He challenges me, makes me think, when something new would come up, I would tell him, 'I don't want to do it; it's too hard.' He'd tell me, 'So what?'"

She said Tiller has driven her, both academically and personally, to achieve more with her life.

"We are pretty much each other's advocate," Haffner said. "We've had to be so self-reliant. It's nice to have someone to be there for you."

"They've been together about 14 months. Tiller credits Haffner

at with being his main source of support for what has been a very tough year.

"When it gets overwhelming, I like to close up," he said. "Katie won't let me do that. She makes me open up."

Despite facing substance abuse problems within his family, holding down a part-time job and helping to financially and emotionally support his two younger brothers and younger sister, Tiller has managed to maintain a 3.92 grade point average and will graduate as salutatorian.

As if that isn't enough, he is president of the Honor Society, and Drama Club, and plays guitar in a band whose name, according to Tiller, changes on a daily basis.

When one isn't around to be the other's base, there is a wide range of friends willing to offer their support in rather odd sorts of ways.

Two such friends are Andrew Rigby and Anthony Hanallo, who enjoy telling stories about

Tiller and Haffner to anyone who will give them a chance.

"Yeah, we got Nick a hammer and a sandwich maker from Idaho Youth Ranch store for his birthday," said Rigby. When asked why, Hanallo answered, "Why not? He didn't have them."

Both Haffner and Tiller served as pages this year at the Legislature, and both will be attending Lewis and Clark College in Oregon on scholarship in the fall. Haffner is thinking about majoring in political science; Tiller is leaning more toward math with a minor in drama.

"I love drama and the theater," Tiller says. "But after high school, there really isn't a whole lot you can do with it."

Haffner said attending the same school was not exactly a planned thing.

"We both applied for the scholarships, and we both got them," she said.

Haffner also said she is looking forward to possibly studying abroad, and eventually joining the Peace Corps.

Tiller, however, says he is just focusing on getting through the next year.

"This is a really strange time," he says. "Things are just now settling down, yet at the same time, everything is changing again."

Council expedites park improvements, library program

By Renee Wells For The Times-News

BURLEY — United Electric will help the city of Burley complete its Centennial Park on time.

Councilman Don Dean offered the assistance of a crew from United Electric to lay conduit and wires for the park.

Council members were concerned that taking city crews away from work at the Burley-Heyburn Industrial Park could delay the opening of Gossner Foods' cheese plant at the industrial park.

Dean told council members at a special meeting Thursday that his crews could lay the conduit if the city manager would have his staff trench the area. The council agreed that it would be a great public contribution on the part of United, which serves numerous customers in Burley.

Storms deluge Oakley again

By Renee Wells For The Times-News

OAKLEY — From the pulpit Sunday of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Oakley, residents were asked to participate in a thanksgiving fast for the rain that has fallen in the valley this spring.

Later that day, many of those same residents were working frantically to keep floodwaters inside the canal and ditches and out of homes after a thunderstorm dumped 1 1/2 inches of rain in 30 minutes.

Two storm cells moved through the area Sunday, and the National Weather Service office in Pocatello issued 24 warnings for Cassia County, Blaine County and southwestern Power County and part of Oneida County, meteorologist Mike Huston said.

The service recorded sixty-three hundredths of an inch between 8 and 11 p.m., he said, but the measurement was taken several miles south of Oakley.

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Washington state potato commission head resigns

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP) — Patrick Boss, executive director of the Washington State Potato Commission for the past seven years, has resigned to pursue consulting jobs and other work.

The commission based in Moses Lake announced the move Thursday and said a formal vote to accept the resignation would be taken in a meeting Tuesday, along with a discussion of how to choose a replacement.

Karen Bonaldi, assistant executive director, has been chosen as interim executive director, commission chairman Allen Floyd of Obalco said.

The 13-member panel, which has an annual budget of more than \$3 million, engages in marketing and promotion of the state's potato crop, the second-largest in the nation, and lobbies on behalf of about 300 growers while working on other issues ranging from research to transportation.

Boss, who previously worked for the Washington State Potato Commission and in the apple industry, joined the potato commission as government affairs director in September 1998 and became executive director in December 1998.

"It's time for me to move on. I did it for nine years and I'm looking for new challenges," he told the Columbia Basin Herald. "I'm already talking to some folks in the area about some certain consulting activities I could be doing."

Boss said he was happy with the panel and its accomplishments, especially opening more foreign markets for Washington potatoes. He also was instrumental in winning private and congressional aid for a rail car pool program to cut shipping costs for the state's apple, potato, onion and other crops.

"It just was a time to move ahead, go on to a new phase in my life," he said.

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN



William Huest, 5, helps veteran Roy Higga place flags on graves of veterans at Coeur d'Alene Memorial Gardens on Friday in preparation for Memorial Day.

Aviation academy begins on June 27

The Times-News

BOISE — Navigating small airplanes, launching a near-earth satellite balloon and exploring Blackhawk helicopters are all part of the Aviation Career Education Academy to be held June 27 to 30.

Participants will experience a variety of activities and lectures from experts in various aviation-related fields. Tours of the Boise Airport, local aviation business and flight operations, the Idaho Army and Air National Guard and the Warhawk Air Museum are scheduled. The academy is capped off with flights to nearby airports.

Ages 14 to 18 are invited; space is limited to 30 teens. The application deadline is May 30. The fee is \$60; scholarship assistance is available.

The academy is hosted by the Department of Aeronautics, Sponsors include the Federal Aviation Administration, Idaho Military Nites, Warhawk Air Museum, Lynn Clark Memorial, Idaho Business Aviation Association, International Aeronautical Association Chapter 103 and Idaho Aviation Association.

For more information, call (208) 334-8775, id.idaho.gov (click on "Aeronautics," then "ACE Academy").

Researchers find skulls of Cretaceous sauroptiles

Discovery of big dinosaurs with little heads was a first in N. America

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The first known North American skulls of Cretaceous era sauroptiles — big dinosaurs with little heads — have been uncovered in recent years by Brigham Young University and Dinosaur National Monument researchers.

About a dozen sauroptile skulls are known from the early Jurassic era, but these are the first in North America for the Cretaceous, the final 80 million years of the dinosaur period.

The four Cretaceous sauroptile skulls or parts of skulls were found close to each other at the monument, which straddles the Utah-Colorado border.

"We've really got a remarkable find," said Dan Chure, Dinosaur National Monument paleontologist. "If there's one thing you would not expect to find... it's sauroptile skulls, because they're so rare."

Also, the fossils have fine preservation, he said in a telephone interview with the Deseret Morning News. "It's kind of hard to overstate how amazing this is."

All four are the same type, a new species and genera, Chure said. They lived around 100 million years ago, or possibly a little earlier.

The new sauroptile, which has not yet been formally named, may have been 25 feet long with an 18-inch skull.

In comparison, the approximately some specimens of which once were called brontosaurus, could exceed 80 feet long.

A sauroptile skull is not a single bone but a series of delicate bones. "It seems that as soon as they die, the head falls off,"

Chure said. The bones fall apart and the pieces may wash downstream or become scattered by scavengers.

"They rot away because they are too thin to be easily fossilized."

Parts of North American sauroptile heads had been recovered previously, but not full skulls.

Brooks Britt, assistant professor of geology at BYU, said, "Sauroptile skulls are among the rarest of dinosaur finds because they have the thinnest bones, the most delicate skulls."

In the 1970s, visiting paleontologists discovered the site where the sauroptile skulls were later uncovered, which is on the Utah side of the monument in the general vicinity of the visitors center.

About 2000, monument dug up the first preserved, articulated (not separated in pieces) skull.

"It's slightly distorted, but it's certainly an outstanding specimen," Chure said.

About a year and a half ago, crews dug out a giant slab of sandstone from the quarry, because they could see traces of fossilized bones in the rock. The slab was around 6 or 7 feet long, 4 feet wide and 3 feet thick. It weighed thousands of pounds.

They found the snout of a third sauroptile of the same species, and at the quarry, scientists recovered the brain case of a fourth.

More specimens may await discovery in the quarry.

The articulated skull is so well preserved that eventually it may be used to make a mold, which could be cast.

The cast could be placed on display.

Vacation island turns out to be good investment

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A private island on Lake Pend Oreille that sold for \$33,000 in 1962 is back on the market.

The island, for the same acreage, includes 13 acres of bluffs, beaches and pine trees — plus an 80-year-old cabin: \$16 million.

If the asking price holds, the property will have returned more than 100 percent of its original value every year since the sale by the Knight family of California.

Jack and Helen Knight came to the island in 1952. Jack Knight spotted the shikho-shaped property with the sandy beach on the inside of the "I" during a fishing trip.

His guide for the day hap-

pened to be a local real estate agent, and the island just happened to be for sale.

The couple, has since died, but one of their children, John, said the sales price at the time was considered outrageous by local residents. "In the 1960s, you could buy a waterfront lot for \$600."

He fondly remembers summers spent on the island as a teenager. Later, he lived year-round in the cabin, which was built in the 1920s.

"I've been a good steward of the property for a long time, and we'd like someone like-minded to be the new owner," Knight said. "I don't think that's impossible. We can be picky." The property's \$16 million

price tag is the third highest listed in the area during the past year. A secluded estate near Hope was recently advertised for \$15.5 million, another waterfront acreage in Dover was listed for \$18 million.

But Memorial Island may have more important historical and cultural significance.

The name "Memaloose" refers to "the dead" in the trade language of the Chinook Indians. Indian burial sites were noted in a state archaeological survey of the island done several decades ago.

Idaho law prohibits the desecration of graves or removal of funeral artifacts. A professional survey would be required to ensure that nothing is disturbed,

said Ken Reid, the state's archaeologist.

Knight disputes the idea that Indians used the island as a burial ground. He said longtime residents have told him that Indians left their dead on the island in liters, but later retrieved the bones for interment elsewhere.

Whether the island's connection to the past will help or hinder the sale remains to be seen.

It didn't stop Coldwell Banker agent Perel McDowell of Sandpoint from listing the property with his company.

"It's not often that a completely private island comes up for sale," McDowell said. "It's what you'd call a niche market."

Utah man earns reward by biking to work each day

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Rick Burgin is a no-polluter commuter.

In a 56-year-old Pleasant Grove man who rides his bicycle 75 minutes to work each day, has been honored as the Salt Lake City Commuter of the Year Award for 2005.

Burgin's been riding avidly for more than 30 years, saying he does it not just because of high gas prices, but because he loves the sport.

"I am a long-distance cyclist," Burgin said. "I began biking to work when gas was only 25 cents."

Employees at Custom Covers in Holladay only recall a few times that Burgin had to drive to work over the past two years. Last week, Burgin was given the commuter award by the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office in conjunction with "Ride to Work with the Mayor Day." Burgin

and more than 100 other bicyclists rode from Liberty Park to Library Square in Salt Lake City when Mayor Rocky Anderson's honor.

A committee from Salt Lake City the Utah Transit Authority and Mayor Rocky Anderson's Bicycle Advisory Committee made the selection. Committee members took into account not only the impact of the commuter's ride, but also the example they set for others.

"He has worked for me for a little over two years, and has committed to work on his bike nearly every day, even in some of the coldest months of winter," said Custom Covers owner Justin James. "There are a couple of us who are now commuting to work via bicycle and we are also starting Wednesday night bike rides where everyone is invited for some sort of a ride."

In addition to the award, Bur-

gin also received a T-shirt, safety light and a parking sign for his bike, and a free UTA bus pass for the rest of the year.

Burgin has four to five routes that he can take while biking from Bluffdale to Holladay each day.

"Salt Lake City has built very nice bike paths," Burgin said. "Every time the city builds a new road, they add a bike lane. They have also fixed up the Jordan River Trail and put bike racks on almost all buses."

Burgin says the commute helps him train for the long-distance rides he frequently participates in. He recently rode his 100-mile fun ride sponsored by Salt Lake City. His longest ride began one day at about 5:30 a.m. and ended about 15 hours and 200 miles later.

"Biking for me is the best thing to keep me in shape," he said. "I feel like a kid and I can go forever. It keeps my blood pressure and cholesterol down. It's fun and healthy."

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Church will open donation drop-off station at dump

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Officials with St. Vincent de Paul are hoping to get more donations by opening a drop-off station at the local dump.

St. Vincent de Paul worked with the Kootenai County Solid Waste Department to put the donation trailer at the Ramsey transfer station. The trailer will be staffed every weekend, allowing residents to see if they have any donation-worthy items before they drop at the dump.

Officials say the effort will reduce the amount of garbage filling up the landfill and will

help put needed items back into circulation.

Lynn Peterson, the executive director of St. Vincent de Paul's Coeur d'Alene office, said it's too soon to tell whether the plan will bring in enough items — and money — to justify having a St. Vincent employee at the transfer station two days a week. But Peterson is optimistic.

"Even if we come out even, it's a good thing," she said. "One of our missions is to take things out of the waste stream. The more clutter you take out, the better the universe is."

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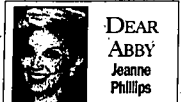
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MORNING BREAK

Man needs to change his attitude

DEAR READERS: A 38-year-old man wrote to me saying he's never married — that when he was in his 20s, women ignored him or told him he was "nice, but boring," or that he didn't have enough money...



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

bands to women who made unfortunate choices in the past. I know, because I married one. — HAPPY MOTHER OF FOUR IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HAPPY: I agree, he is "stuck." And until he makes up his mind to live in the moment, he will stay that way.

DEAR ABBY: I have encountered the same attitude that describes me and the women weren't all shallow or conceited. They simply believed they were due more than a decent, loyal and honest guy...

DEAR ABBY: Please suggest to that man that it's possible the women he mentioned have never matured and realize what qualities are important in a mate, father and role model.

Frankly, I found his attitude offensive. I advised him that if he was still dating women as shallow as those he'd tried to date in his 20s, he should not involve himself with any of them...

Some readers left I didn't look deeply enough. Read on.

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Venus flytraps eat more ants than flies

Despite the name, a Venus flytrap is not a cat. This day in history: On May 31, 1889, a dam burst and water rushed into the town of Johnstown, Pa. More than 2,000 died.



write books, the Bronte sisters Charlotte, Emily and Anne — first published their work using male pseudonyms.

"Atlas" on your bookshelf got its name. However, note, though, that in ancient Greek mythology Atlas holds up the sky, not the Earth.

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Economists worry about interest-only mortgages

WASHINGTON — Economists warn that new loans that let borrowers pay back only the interest, delaying for years repayment of any principal, are essentially a gamble that home prices will continue to rise at a brisk pace...

Nationwide, about 23 percent of home buyers are using the new kind of mortgage, according to LoanPerformance, which tracks data from more than 80 percent of U.S. lending institutions.

After the initial interest-only period, the buyer must begin repaying the principal in a higher rate that reflects the delay in principal payment.

The loans are attractive because their initial monthly payments are tantalizingly low — about \$1,367 a month for a \$320,000 mortgage, compared with about \$1,810 for a traditional 30-year, fixed-rate loan.

There's an overwhelming trend toward the use of interest-only loans, said Mark Carrington, director of information products at LoanPerformance.

When they are done, the scene is similar to one Greg Peterson found recently on his 31 acre near Port Gilbert, where he discarded branches stickling up from the ground and two missing maple trees.

"It's a game of musical chairs," said Allen J. Fishbein, director of housing and credit policy at the Consumer Federation of America. "Who's sitting in the chair is going to have the chair pulled out from under them when they find prices have leveled off."

Many homeowners are beginning to worry the loans could hurt consumers, lenders and the economy.

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Mark Zand, chief economist of Zand Associates, said economists are turning to interest-only loans because real estate has become so expensive — but that real estate is becoming so expensive partially because of

the use of these new products. "It largely reflects the inability of economists to afford a home with a plain-vanilla mortgage," Zand said.

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Capricorn: Try just going with the flow

IT MAY BE YOUR BIRTHDAY: Will Uranus, master of change and revolutionary ideas, dancing in tandem with your area of the zodiac, you don't really need to be swept away by new philosophies...

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be philosophical and trusting, but don't take things too literally. It shouldn't affect your piggy bank.

significantly other experiences unforeseen events or suddenly changes his or her tone. It shouldn't affect your piggy bank.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't change your plans where money or love is concerned. Or at least get good advice from a trustworthy adviser before you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Head 'em off at the pass. If you notice bills will send out line or unusual activity in the bank account, grab the phone and check things out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect the unexpected. Just when you think you've got everything planned, someone or something might throw you a curve.

PICES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is a good thing you have reliable partners and steadfast friends who are in a charitable mood. Be appreciative of the support of others and don't waste time trying to do things on your own.

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Thieves cut valuable maple trees from private property

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP) — The thieves typically come at night, sometimes illuminating their work with headlamps or muffling the sound of chain saw exhaust by attaching a hopsonator to the bucket.

special three-dimensional graph that is covered by guitar and fiddle makers around the globe.

When they are done, the scene is similar to one Greg Peterson found recently on his 31 acre near Port Gilbert, where he discarded branches stickling up from the ground and two missing maple trees.

Officials say craftsmen may pay hundreds of dollars for a couple of trees. They are often the opposite of what a timber company would want for saw logs — gnarly, twisted, old, with knots, rot, and a Mike Cronin of the State Department of Natural Resources.

The theft on Peterson's property is one in a string of crimes that have drawn the attention of Kitsap County authorities in recent months.

The measure requires a permit for transporting "specialty woods."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Seminar for rodeo royalty is Saturday

RUPERT — A rodeo queen seminar will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Horse Pro Shop, 361 S. 200 W., Rupert.

The seminar is open to all girls interested in running for rodeo queen and princess. Royalty available from Minidoka, Cassia and Oakley will answer questions and make recommendations.

For more information, call 434-4404.

Reservation deadline is today for bus trip

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Senior Center is going to Jackpot, Nev. on June 4.

The cost is \$6. The bus will leave the center at 3 p.m. and return at 9 p.m.

To make reservations, or for more information, call 734-5084.

Reservations should be made today if possible.

Club will sponsor a gymkhana fund-raiser

RUPERT — The Bridle Brats 4-H Club will hold a gymkhana at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the 85 E. County Fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road.

Classes are for all ages and will include barrel racing, pole bending, speed ball, rope race and an egg race. The cost is \$3 per class.

There will also be hot dogs, chips, water and soft drinks for sale.

Proceeds go towards the Donna McGuire Sportsmanship award, the horseless horse camp held site in January and the 4-H program.

For more information, call Bob Hooker at 436-0732 or Tina Fox at 436-1349 or 670-1183.

Church raises money for Relay For Life

BURLEY — Tickets are on sale for a \$50/50 fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Half the proceeds will be donated to the Relay For Life, the other half will be divided into three cash prizes.

Tickets are \$1 each, eight for \$5 or 20 for \$10.

The winning ticket must be presented at 8 a.m. June 11 at the Burley United Methodist Church held site at the Relay For Life event.

The team will also have an on-site art gallery at the Relay For Life.

One photo can be displayed for \$15.

Photos will be enlarged and displayed throughout the evening.

For more information, to purchase tickets or to submit a photo, call Judy Morgan at 678-4355.

Encaustic painting class begins June 17

HAILEY — The Sun Valley Center for the Arts is offering an encaustic painting class from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 17 to 19 at the Wood River High School Art Room, 1050 Fox Acres Road in Hailey.

The cost is \$200 for Center members and \$250 for non-members. There is a \$75 supply fee.

The registration deadline is June 3.

Scholarships and teaching assistantships are available.

Encaustic is a painting medium that has become increasingly popular in the past 10 years, the center reports.

Multiple layers of wax and pigment give encaustic paintings a textural, organic quality with luminous surfaces.

Students will learn about the history of the technique, basic safety concerns and studio set-up.

The class is a combination of hands-on studio time and demonstration.

No previous art experience is necessary.

For more information, call the Sun Valley Center at 726-9491, ext. 10.

— compiled from staff reports

EXCEPTIONAL ESSAYIST

Students will attend Boys and Girls State

GOODING — Thirteen high school Juniors from Bliss and Gooding will represent the Gooding American Legion Post 30, Auxiliary Unit 30 and Gooding County at Girls and Boys State in June.

David Butler, Danny Smoke, John Burk, Kasie Bales, Mackenzie Amen and Michelle Elliott are attending from Bliss.

Zamis Rockstahl, William Pickens, Lana Engstrom, Samantha Hobday, Dana Nelson, Stephanie Beuhm and Meleah Huggins are attending from Gooding.

Boys State will be held June 5 to 11, and Girls State will be held June 12 to 18.

After interviewing all the applicants, Post 30 decided to allow all five boys to attend.

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Kelly Buddecke, third from left, waits to receive a history writing award from the Daughters of the American Revolution writing contest during the sixth-grade graduation ceremony Friday at Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls.

Sixth-grader wins consecutive competitions

By Jaml Whitred
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Kelly Ann Buddecke beamed with pride as she stood in front of her peers to receive recognition for her winning essay for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

For several years, the DAR has held a state history contest for children in grades fifth through eighth. Kelly, 11, has dominated the contest for the last two.

Last year when she was in the fifth grade, she wrote an essay based on the premise if she were Thomas Jefferson writing his final document.

She especially liked her ending.

"I said, 'Even though I know this is my last document, I so hope my country can stay safe and free. God bless America,'" Kelly said. "It was something I thought he would say."

The essay was selected as the state's first place winner.

This year as a sixth-grader, her writing again won the state's first place. The topic, "Along the Trail with Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery, May 1804 to September 1806." The essay was selected based on historical accuracy, complete with dates of the expedition, as well as originality, creativity and imagination.

Kelly's imagination certainly was involved. Instead of writing about Lewis and Clark, she chose the explorer's Newfoundland dog, Seaman.

Kelly said she got the idea from thinking about Lewis and Clark and who they might talk to at night about their day and who she talks to about hers.

"It was the perfect idea," she said. "It makes it fun to write because I had something fun to write about."

It also made it fun for judges

to read.

Kelly spiced up her story with dates and historical facts, while writing about how Seaman saw the expedition, including how Indians and salmon were found; how excited Seaman got when the hunting parties returned; and how he jumped into the St. Louis River.

"I think the main part in writing is the beginning and ending," Kelly said. "The beginning so people aren't bored and the ending has to be so you're not just dropping it."

She enjoys history and writing, even though it can be difficult.

"The hardest part is probably writing it," she said.

Kelly's other interests include politics, soccer, volleyball, piano, spending time with her

family and friends and traveling.

At her sixth-grade graduation ceremony, she received an academic award for her grades, a national physical fitness award, a gold cup for the Twin Falls Music Festival solo and she and the rest of the sixth-grade students received \$50 scholarships for college.

Kelly likes being challenged and setting the bar high.

"Every year, I challenge myself to do better than last year," she said.

And even though she didn't win the Northwest DAR competition, she was still more than happy to receive the state award.

"I was really honored I won out of all the people in the Magic Valley and state," she said. "It's really cool to learn about how people did things in the past and the comparisons with today."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI M-C Center will offer aromatherapy series

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is accepting registration for "The Aromatherapy Series," which will cover essential oils.

Students can register for the series for \$40 or pay per course. They include:

"Perfect Sense" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. June 7 and covers how to enhance and support the immune system with essential oils. The cost is \$10.

"Aromatherapy II" will feature hands-on demonstrations and familiarization with oils, their applications and calming ingredients.

This class is from 6 to 8 p.m. June 14. The cost is \$10.

"Bodies in Balance" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. June 21 and includes the role of pH balancing as an anti-aging, weight-balancing and disease management lifestyle. The cost is \$10.

CSI M-C Center accepts kids' college registration

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is accepting registration for summer Kids' College classes.

"Spanish for Kids" offers songs and phrases children can use every day.

The class for ages 6 to 8 will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. and the class for ages 9 to 12 is set from 7 to 8 p.m. June 8 to 29. The cost is \$20.

"Watercolor" will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. from June 13 to 17.

The cost is \$10 and students should bring watercolor paper and a box of watercolors to class.

"Paper, Glue, Scissors and You" will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. June 13 to 17.

This course combines creativity and art into a variety of projects.

The cost is \$10 and students should bring scissors and a bottle of white school glue.

"Comic Monster Art" will run from 4 to 5 p.m. June 13 to 17. Students will learn the elements of drawing.

The cost is \$10 and students should bring a spiral sketchbook, No. 2 pencils and a box of colored pencils.

"Take Center Stage" is scheduled from 2 to 3 p.m. June 20 to 24.

Students will learn how im-

portant visual elements are to the theater, use body awareness and cooperative problem solving and create costumes.

They also will perform for their families.

The cost is \$10.

Classes have limited enrollment.

Register by phone using a credit card or stop by the center at 1600 Park Ave.

For more information, call 678-1400.

Grandparents as Parents holds potluck picnic

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Grandparents as Parents will hold its summer family potluck picnic from 6 to 8 p.m. June 6 at Cascade Park on the 1800 block of Stadium Blvd.

Participants are asked to bring a dish.

For more information, call Fern Warren 736-8856 or 404-4174. This will be the last meeting until fall.

Spring Carnival

At the Paul Elementary School 22nd annual Spring Carnival, students sold more than 25,000 tickets that raised more than \$8,900. Grand prize winners and representatives from local businesses that donated the grand prizes are, from left, back: Marlin Davis, Nancy Pollard (Paul Swenson's), Daran Wilkins, Todd Wheeler, Karl Kioepfer (Kioepfer's in Paul), Chris Martson (Hun's Do It Best), Marty VanTassel (Vantage Dairy Supply) and Beau Twiss (Magic Valley Tire, Paul); front: Amy May and Vanessa Harper (raffle coordinators), Hayley VanTassel, Brogan Smith, Patrice May, Faye Franssen, Nacey Young and Nathan Barclay (Barclay Truck Rebuilders).

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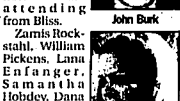
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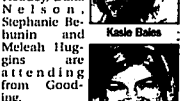
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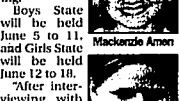
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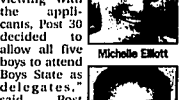
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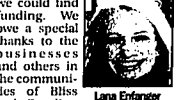
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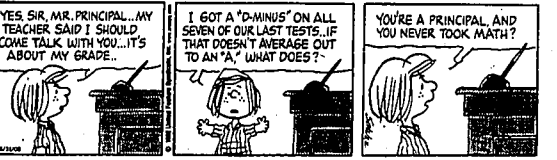
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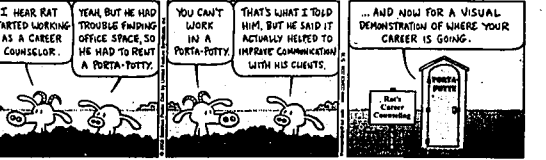
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Tuesday, May 31, 2005

THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

"You can never plan the future by the past."
— Edmund Burke

Had declarer combined his chances on this deal from a team-of-four match, he would have succeeded in his contract.

Against three no-trump, West led the heart five to East's 10 and South's queen. Declarer entered dummy with a club to play a diamond to his 10. West won with the jack and continued with the king of hearts. South won, performed, then entered dummy again in clubs, intending to repeat the diamond finesse. When East showed out, the contract had to fail.

Declarer was unlucky to find both diamond honors outside, but he had failed to make the most of his assets. If clubs had broken 3-3, only one diamond trick would have been needed, as there is then time to knock out the spade ace before the last heart stopper is removed.

And, although it would not have helped on this particular deal, the safety play in diamonds is to cash the ace first, catering to a singleton honor.

Therefore, the order of play after winning the first trick should have been the diamond ace, then the top three clubs in dummy. When the clubs break, diamonds are abandoned in favor of spades.

Had clubs failed to be friendly, a diamond would now be led toward the queen. Incidentally, if East had held the diamond king and played it on the second round — of the suit — South would have had to be careful to unblock the diamond 10 from his hand, retaining his diamond two as an entry to dummy.

NORTH 03-31-A
 ♠ 10 9 8
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 6 5 4 3
 ♣ A K Q

WEST
 ♠ 3
 ♥ K 9 7 5 4
 ♦ K J 8
 ♣ J 9 4

EAST
 ♠ 7 8 5 4 2
 ♥ 10 8 6 3
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 10 8 6

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ A Q 10 2
 ♣ 7 5 3 2

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♦ 1♥ 2♥ Pass
 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart five

BID WITH THE ACES

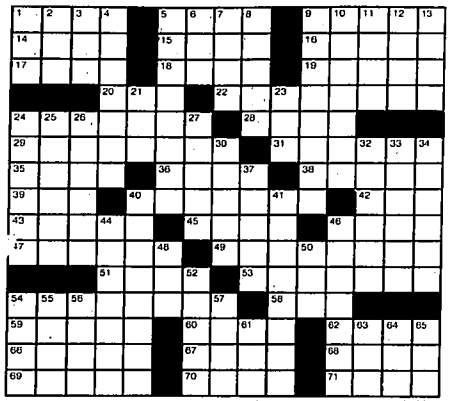
03-31-B

South holds:
 ♠ K Q J
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ A Q 10 2
 ♣ 7 5 3 2

South West North East
 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2NT Pass 3♦ Pass
 ?

ANSWER: Bid four spades to emphasize your good trumps. If slam is in the picture, you may need to convince partner of your good spades to get him excited. On this auction he would not expect to find you with such good support unless you advertise the spade quality at once.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com
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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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YOMSS
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GEESI
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HOYLUR
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HERBTO
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: THE [] [] [] [] [] (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Answer: RAINY SUEDE PIGEON INFUSE
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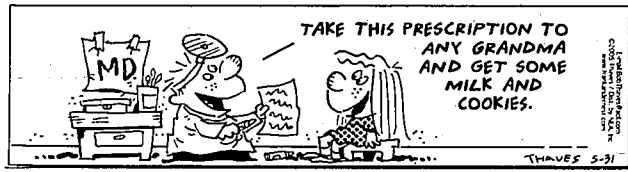
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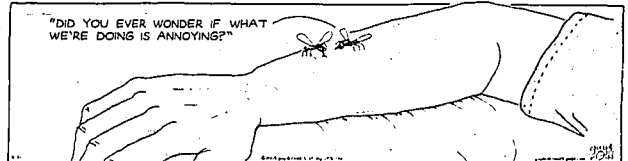
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SPORTS

Coming Wednesday

The latest from MLB and the NBA Playoffs.

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Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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I've always heard about 'the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.' If the TV people ever do anything with 'the agony of victory,' then I guess I have the footage for them.

99
— Infiniti Pro Series racer Jaime Camara after inadvertently driving into Indianapolis Motor Speedway's inside wall during a post-race victory spin-out Friday.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Four-time Indy 500 winner Rick Mears is from what California city?
..... answer below

IN BRIEF

Benefit Hold 'em tournament soon

TWIN FALLS — A benefit Texas Hold 'em tournament will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 9 at Senior Center in Twin Falls. Proceeds from the tournament will help Twin Falls winner Grayson Stone travel to junior national competitions in Fargo, N.D. in early July. Tickets for the tournament are \$25. Prizes donated by local businesses will be awarded during the night. Pre-purchase tickets at Senior Center on Filer Ave. or by calling Stone at 735-5533.

Jerome man cards hole in one Saturday

JEROME — Brad Cook scored a hole in one on No. 15 at the Jerome Country Club Saturday using a 6-iron. The witnesses were Gary Cook, Nate Cook, and Christopher Cook.

Sandlot sports offered in Jerome

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District is offering a new program this summer for the kids entering grades 1-6. Sandlot sports is a variety of different sports and activities with an emphasis on fun (no umpires or coaches). The fee will be \$20 entering grades 1-6 and \$35 for both sessions. Session 1 is each Tuesday and Thursday, June 7-30 from 10 a.m.-noon. Session 2 is July 5-28 from 10 a.m.-noon. For more information, call Pat Parker at 324-3389.

Bruin volleyball camps scheduled

TWIN FALLS — The Bruin Developmental Volleyball Camps will be held for athletes entering grades 1-6 on July 6-8 from 9 a.m.-noon plus an optional session from 1-4 p.m. on July 8 and for grades 7-9 on July 11-13 from 9 a.m.-noon plus an optional session from 1-4 p.m. on July 13. Cost is \$45 day of camp or pre-pay \$40 by June 20 and will include a camp T-shirt. Contact Nik Walker at 733-2166 or e-mail walnikern@cableone.net to register.

One-pitch softball available in Jerome

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District is offering a one-pitch softball tournament on Saturday, June 18. The fee is \$150 per team and is due by June 13. There will be a double elimination one-pitch tournament. Mail check to JRD, Box 289, Jerome, ID 83338 or call 324-3389 to pay by Visa or MasterCard or for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Bakersfield.

Ultimate Frisbee sheds its hippie roots



University of Colorado open ultimate player Colin Gottlieb, left, defends against Brown's Daniel MacArthur in the championship game of the Ultimate Players Association college tournament, Sunday, in Corvallis, Ore. Brown won the game.

By Justin Pope
Associated Press writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — It's springtime of senior year and Josh Zipstein — "Zip" to everyone — is tossing a disc with his closest friends on the Brown University campus. But Zip doesn't look happy. "Work harder!" he barks. This is no lazy afternoon on the quad. It's a late-season practice for Brown's ultimate Frisbee team, one of the nation's best, and Zip has gathered everyone together after a passing drill breaks down. It could be the wind, but Zip blames lazy fundamentals. As perhaps the country's top college player, it's his prerogative to say so. "I won't drop it if it's in your breadbasket," he says sternly. His teammates head back out and run the drill again. Not so long ago such a scene would have seemed out of place in ultimate, a sport known for much of its history as the laid-back national pastime of the Hippie Kingdom.

At Brown, the team's cheer used to be "have fun, players traveled New England in a beat-up VW van and they once went a year-and-a-half without winning a game. Mostly, one player from the late 1970s recalls on the team Web site. "We drank a lot of beer and smoked lots of pot." But over the last decade, Brown has become one of the country's top college teams — the No. 3 seed in this weekend's Ultimate Players Association College Championships in Providence. Please see FRISBEE, Page D4

Suns stay alive in conference finals

By Jamie Aron
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — Even if the Phoenix Suns don't come all the way back and make the NBA Finals, they're guaranteed of having at least one good memory from the Western Conference finals.

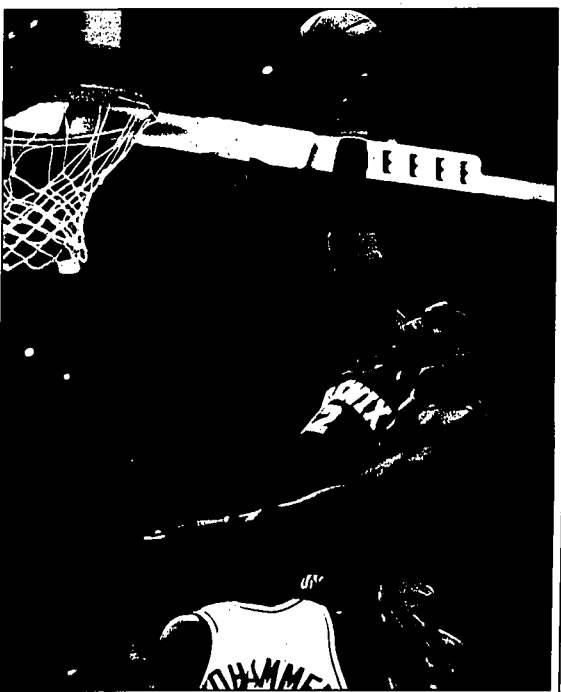
No, make that a great one. Finally getting out on the fast break and doing a better job on defense, the Suns showed a never-quit spirit from start to finish — especially the finish — to beat the San Antonio Spurs 111-106 Wednesday night and prevent being swept in four games. Amare Stoudemire was far better than his statistics (31 points, five rebounds) showed, making a series of big plays down the stretch. He held Tim Duncan to just 15 points, only four in the second half, and leaped above the rim to block his dunk attempt with 36 seconds left that would have brought San Antonio within one point.

"Unbelievable," Phoenix guard Steve Nash said. "Even as a teammate, you were just in awe. He was all over the place. He made spectacular plays." Phoenix went up by 12 points, its biggest lead of the series, midway through the third quarter and never gave it up, despite the Spurs doing their best to pull off their third fourth-quarter comeback of the series. San Antonio made it 102-101 on a 3-pointer by Robert Horry and 107-106 on a 3 by Bruce Bowen with 1:03 left as the Suns refused to go down.

The victory ended Phoenix's longest losing streak since dropping six straight in January and, more importantly, sent them home for Game 5 of the series Wednesday night rather than going home to start their offseason.

"We are sad. We are angry," said Manu Ginobili, who led San Antonio with 28 points. "We're all over the place. We go in great shape. The goals to go to the Finals, not to sweep them."

Suns coach Mike D'Antoni maintained for two days that his club just needed to iron out some kinks to get past the Spurs and he proved to be right. They finally led after one



Phoenix Suns power forward Amare Stoudemire dunks over San Antonio Spurs center Nazr Mohammed (2) in the third quarter of Game 4 of the Western Conference finals in San Antonio, Monday.

quarter, 26-23, something they hadn't done in nine games, since the opener of the last round. They got 28 points from their open-court game, saw Shawn Marion return to form and made the big plays in the closing minutes.

Nash had 17 points and 12 assists, more normal numbers for

the MVP after having just three assists last game, the only one that wasn't decided in the closing minutes. Joe Johnson scored 17 points on 10-of-15 shooting, Quentin Richardson scored 14 and Marion had 11, including several in transition and a 3-pointer that capped a 15-2 run in third quarter.

Stoudemire had his first season points against the Spurs all season and had just five rebounds, none in the first half. But he got the final rebound that mattered, grabbing a miss by Johnson away from Ginobili in the final seconds, preventing the Spurs from getting the ball back down by three.

Patrick gives Americans new hero in foreign-dominated IRL

By Mike Harris
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Danica Patrick lived up to the hype. Now that does she do for an encore?

Patrick stole the show at the Indianapolis 500, giving the world a real run for its money and nearly grabbing the biggest purse in auto racing before finishing fourth.

The 5-foot-2, 100-pound rookie drilled the 300,000 or so spectators at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway who spent much of the final laps on their feet screaming and cheering as she tried to pull off the biggest upset in 89 years of Indy history.

Some of the fastest speeds in practice and qualifying fourth — the 23-year-old Patrick was almost good enough to take the checkered flag. She led three times for 19 laps and overcame a stalled engine in the pits and a crash on the track before a newly empty fuel tank finally cost her this first shot at racing immortality.

"I think that if I could have run full fuel ... we'll never know," she said wistfully. "You know I'd like to think that we could have maybe won it." So much for the critics who said the tiny woman, who had never raced for more than 300 miles, would fade at the end of the long Indy event. She did make those rookie mistakes, but Patrick wasn't so much upset by that as by the fact they put her back in the pack.

Patrick, who barely had enough fuel to finish, was not discouraged. "I think what might have showed the most is that I was able to pass and I was able to learn how to set someone up better," she said. "Yeah, I definitely got a lot of experience in different situations. So it was frustrating to be leading the race with so few laps to go and not be able to finish hard and just hang out up front and win the thing."

Patrick, the fourth woman to race in the Indy 500, helped ABC generate the best TV ratings for Indy in nearly a decade. The other leaders pitted. And it looked like it was all over for Patrick when Wheldon passed her for the lead on lap 186. But, with the crowd in a frenzy, she zoomed back on top on a restart on lap 190 and began to pull away — until she was ordered to slow to conserve fuel. Her laps speeds dropped from 226 to 221.



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

The overnight rating from the nation's top 55 markets was 6.6 with a 17 share — meaning 17 percent of the people watching TV tuned in to the 500 at some point during the three-hour race. That was up 40 percent from

Sharapova surges in Open

By Steve Witell
Associated Press writer

PARIS — Maria Sharapova slugged her way into the French Open quarterfinals Monday and one of the first questions she was asked was about her makeup, her dresses and feeling beautiful.

Momentarily nonplussed, she started to answer, then laughed. "That's such a non-tennis question," she said. Sharapova plays 2003 champion Justine Henin-Hardenne in the match Tuesday. She said she propels the 18-year-old Russian toward her second Grand Slam title and first anywhere on clay. When someone asked if she's too young to be "a global product," Sharapova volleyed back, saying, "Unfortunately, it's too late."

Winning Wimbledon last summer is bringing Sharapova fame, fortune, endorsements and a never-ending stream of goody questions, even during tournaments where she's trying to show that she's all business when it comes to tennis.

The match Tuesday, Russian (took all of 10 minutes to sweep the final three games and complete a 6-2, 6-3 victory over 64th-ranked Justine Henin-Hardenne in a match suspended Sunday because of rain. It was more evidence that the slender, 6-foot, 160-pound Sharapova can adapt her game to the rough conditions and grass, to the demands of the clay courts that, she has said, expose her few weaknesses.

Henin-Hardenne surely won't underestimate her, especially after the 10th-seeded Belgian's clutch past another Russian teen, reigning U.S. Open champion and No. 6 seed Svetlana Kuznetsov, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 7-5 in a grueling 3-hour, 15-minute duel.

Men's phenom Rafael Nadal of Spain, who turns 19 on Friday, matched his first Grand Slam quarterfinal and runs his winning streak to 21 matches by completing a rain-interrupted 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 victory over No. 23 Sebastian Grozjan of France. The match was halted for 10 minutes when a chair umpire's ruling against Grozjan brought sustained jeers from the center court crowd before it was suspended in the third set Sunday because of the rain.

"The crowd yesterday didn't really behave as they maybe should have when watching a match," said the first seeded Nadal, who next faces No. 20 David Ferrer. "But this is France, it's not Spain. I've never seen anything like that in Spain, that's for sure. It was just a really silly thing. The umpire was absolutely right."

In a tournament in which top players have fallen early and often, the fourth round featured the departures Monday of defending champion Gaston Gaudio and the Argentine compatriot he beat in the final last year, Guillermo Coria, as well as

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Israel vs. Amanda Guerrero, IBF super bantamweight championship, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

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Orioles at Red Sox, ESPN, 8 p.m.
 Cubs at Dodgers, WGN, 8 p.m.
 Blue Jays at Mariners, FSNW, 8 p.m.

Basketball

NBA Finals, Heat at Pistons, TNT, 6:35 p.m.

Tennis

French Open, quarterfinals, ESPN2, 4 a.m.

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Sources: Mike Brown offered Cavaliers' Job

CLEVELAND — Indiana Pacers assistant coach Mike Brown was offered Cleveland's head coaching job, two sources with the NBA told The Associated Press on Monday.

Brown, who has been Rick Carlisle's top assistant the past two seasons and in the NBA for 13 years, was selected by owner Dan Gilbert to become LeBron James' next coach. Brown is expected to be introduced as Cleveland's coach in the next few days, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The 35-year-old Brown, who did not immediately respond to a phone message, would be the second-youngest coach in the league after New Jersey's Lawrence Frank. He would succeed Brendan Malone, who took over as interim coach March 21 after the firing of Paul Silas.

Players' association will resume Wednesday and Thursday in Toronto, first in an attempt for the fifth straight week, a schedule they plan to keep until a new collective bargaining agreement is worked out.

Last week in Chicago, progress was reported after two small-group meetings — the first in small-group setting — with the players' association. Last week in Chicago, progress was reported after two small-group meetings — the first in small-group setting — with the players' association.

It will be the first time the respective leaders are in the bargaining table since two days of marathon talks on May 19-20 that lasted 22 hours in New York.

The sides are trying to reach a new collective bargaining agreement with a salary cap.

Struggling Royals fire hitting coach

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The struggling Kansas City Royals fired hitting coach Jeff Pentland on Monday after the team's sixth straight loss dropped their record to a major-league worst 18-38.

Kansas City's team batting average of .246 is the fourth-worst in baseball, and the Royals' on-base percentage of .314 is next to last in the majors.

Andre David, the team's minor league hitting instructor since 1995, will replace Pentland for the rest of the season.

The 58-year-old Pentland is the second manager of Kansas City's coaching staff to leave this season. Manager Tony Pena resigned on May 10.

Baylor's Dorsch, Georgia doubles out win titles

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Baylor's Matt Dorsch held off a determined comeback from Pierrick Ysem of San Diego to win the NCAA men's doubles title Sunday, 7-6 (6) on Monday.

After dominating the first set, Dorsch was leading 6-1 in the second set when Ysem held off a determined comeback from Pierrick Ysem of San Diego to win the NCAA men's doubles title Sunday, 7-6 (6) on Monday.

In the doubles championship, Georgia's top-ranked duo of John Isner and Nicolas Pietrangolo defeated LSU's Mark Grocott and Ken Skupski 7-6 (4), 7-5. It was the fourth win for the tandem in four meetings.

The school didn't specify what the violations were. The violations will also not affect Dorsch's status in Division I-A. The Golden Panthers are in the second year of a transition period into college football's upper echelon and will join the Sun Belt Conference in football this fall.

Marlon Jones expects to improve in Milan

MIAMI, Fla. — The numbers are clear, and Marlon Jones understands what she has to do: She must run faster. Jones fully expects to improve performance in the FBK Games when she races in the 100 meters on Wednesday at the first of three races in Lombardia.

In her European debut this season in Hengelo, Netherlands, Jones finished the 100 in 1:29 seconds on Sunday, second behind The Bahamas' Chandra Sturup. Jones' personal best is 1:05.78, set in 1:29 seconds on Sunday, second behind The Bahamas' Chandra Sturup.

NCAA places FIU on three years probation

MIAMI — The NCAA placed Florida International's three-year probation Monday after the school's internal investigation revealed offseason football recruiting violations.

The school didn't specify what the violations were. The violations will also not affect Dorsch's status in Division I-A. The Golden Panthers are in the second year of a transition period into college football's upper echelon and will join the Sun Belt Conference in football this fall.

Ronaldinho dropped from Brazil's roster

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Ronaldinho was dropped from Brazil's roster for two World Cup qualifiers next month and the Confederations Cup.

Ronaldinho claimed personal problems that prevent him from dedicating himself to the Brazilian team at the moment. Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said.

Gratie will take the roster spot of the three-time FIFA Player of the Year for the qualifiers against Paraguay on Sunday and at Argentina on June 8. Julio Cesar will replace Gratie in the starting lineup for the Confederations Cup, an eight-nation tournament to be held in Germany from May 15-29.

NHL labor talks to resume in Toronto

NEW YORK — Negotiations between the NHL and the players' association will resume Wednesday and Thursday in Toronto, first in an attempt for the fifth straight week, a schedule they plan to keep until a new collective bargaining agreement is worked out.

Ghostzapper returns to races with Met Mile win

NEW YORK — Ghostzapper won his second straight race on Monday, cruising to the lead entering the turn and easily winning the \$750,000 Metropolitan Handicap at Belmont Park.

The reigning Horse of the Year needed a few extra minutes to be loaded into the gate for the fifth straight week. Ghostzapper returned to the lead entering the turn and easily winning the \$750,000 Metropolitan Handicap at Belmont Park.

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Beckham reaches his final frontier -- soccer in America



England's David Beckham smiles during practice Monday, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In America, David Beckham can walk the streets in relative peace. In Europe, South America and Asia, he is the most well-known athlete, a combination of Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods, with a little celebrity zest thrown in because his wife, Victoria Adams, is the former Posh Spice. There was even a movie with his name in the title, "Bend It Like Beckham."

He's not just a soccer player, he's a phenomenon, oozing charm that can spin an audience like a free kick.

When he walked into a news conference in midtown Man-

hattan on Monday, photographers swarmed around him, like bees surrounding a hive, their strobes flashing at a blinding pace. But out on the streets — ah, what a pleasure for him, even though his profile in the United States is starting to become more known.

He's a natural for New York's glamour — the Beckhams named their eldest son Brooklyn because Victoria found out she was pregnant while the dynamic duo were in the Big Apple.

"I think last summer I had a problem with quite a few paparazzi here," Beckham said. "I was with my wife at the time. But walking around the shops today, it's been really good."

"People have been coming up to me and saying 'Nice to meet you' and 'It's great that you're here.' So being noticed, it's more this time than I've probably ever had. But it's been nice. It's refreshing."

The world's most recognized footballer plays his first professional game in the United States on Tuesday night, captaining England against Colombia in the final game of his nation's two-game tour.

He's not just a 30-year-old midfielder who stars for England and Real Madrid, he's a style icon.

The London tabloids track his hairstyle from buzz cut to corn rows to mohawk, note when gel or blonde dye is

applied.

He's tailed endlessly by the relentless British press — just last week of the Daily Mirror headlined a story "POSH AND BECK'S" BUBBLY BOOZATION," an account of how they supposedly spent "Thursday night in Seville, Spain."

"I've gotten used to it now. I've had it for quite a few years," Beckham said. "Sometimes you enjoy it, and sometimes you don't."

"When it involves my children, then I don't enjoy it. But when I'm here with the team, you can have some fun and enjoy it. Yeah, it's OK."

Football is just a part of being Beckham, which is a full-time job unto itself.

Adu has just the cure for those teenage blues

By Joseph White
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Just in time for his 16th birthday, Freddy Adu has the perfect cure for his teenage blues — getting away from adults.

For the next several weeks, Adu will leave Major League Soccer — where his playing time is inconstant and his team isn't tailored around his considerable talents — and join the U.S. under-20 team for the World Youth Championship in the Netherlands.

"Right now, I don't know how to put it, I feel like I'm in a funk," Adu said after D.C. United's 1-1, less 2-0 home loss to FC Dallas on Saturday.



D.C. United striker Freddy Adu, right, battles for the ball against FC Dallas defender Arturo Alvarez (12) during the first half in this AP file photo in Washington. For the next several weeks, Adu will leave Major League Soccer, where his playing time is inconstant to join the U.S. under-20 team for the World Youth Championships in the Netherlands.

Adu started for just the fourth time this season, but he was a bit player. Asked to play along the right flank he didn't get a chance to do much because the leonhearted United attack rarely sees the ball much later in the game, when his team was desperate for a goal. did Adu get move into the middle of the field and chip spark the attack.

It won't be that way with the U-20s. Even though he'll still be the youngest player on the roster, Adu will be the American team's undisputed star when the United States opens group play against Argentina on June 11.

"With that team, I'm more of a leader and everything goes through me. It's ready for that," Adu said. "That helps your confidence, when you go out there and you know you're moving and getting a lot of touches on the ball. Bam, bam — you do your thing. And the great thing is I am allowed to do my thing on that team."

That Adu doesn't get a chance to do his thing in MLS has been a source of debate since United made him the No. 1 overall draft pick last year at 16.

Although critics and fans wanted to see Adu play every minute possible, coach Peter Mullen has held him back since bringing the youngster along slowly. The rookie coach's methods were vindicated when Adu injured himself during the second half of the season — and when

on a team that just won a championship, even if that team has won only three of nine games this season.

"I've come a long way. My teammates trust me a lot more with the ball," Adu said. "You've got to earn that respect. You've got to keep your mouth shut and do what's asked of you, and that's what I've been doing since the middle of last year. I've improved. Right now, I've got to find a way to use that improvement and help the team. I'm still learning, I'm still not there yet."

It's now, though, Adu can enjoy the camaraderie of the U.S. youth team. The only drawback is that the team leaves for Europe on Wednesday, one day before Adu turns 16. Instead of a big birthday party at home, he'll have to settle for getting playfully beat by his teammates on his special day.

"We have this thing called birthday punches," said Adu, hitting his shoulder with his fist and wincing at the thought. "Everybody gets a shot in. It's going to hurt."

When he returns to the United States, he'll be a year older and ready to get his driver's license — and perhaps out of his playing funk after a good performance overseas.

"That'll get my confidence back," Adu said. "And hopefully when I come back I'll be in good form."

PHILADELPHIA — Johns Hopkins won its first NCAA lacrosse title in 18 years, beating Duke 9-8 Monday to complete an undefeated season.

Blake Byrne's goal with 13:35 left in the fourth quarter was the difference for the Blue Jays (16-0), who became the first men's team to finish the season undefeated and win the national championship since Princeton (15-0) in 1937. Earlier this month, Northwestern won the women's lacrosse championship, finishing the season undefeated with a 13-0 victory against Virginia.

Johns Hopkins had appeared in two of the last three men's title games, but this victory gave the school its first title since it defeated Cornell in 1987. Hopkins has won eight national titles.

"I am so proud of these young men and what they've endured and overcome," said Johns Hopkins coach Dave Pietramala, who played on the 1987 team. "It was a great game. It was two heavyweight swinging."

This year's championship game was a rematch of a thriller last month when Johns Hopkins beat Duke 11-10 in double overtime.

In Monday's rematch, Kyle Harrison, Kevin Hurley, Greg Peyster and Paul Rabil had two goals each for Johns Hopkins. Matt Danowski, Matt Zash and Dan Flannery led Duke (17-3) with two goals apiece.

"It was worth the wait," said Harrison, a senior midfielder. "This championship is for the



Duke's Brad Ross, left, battles Johns Hopkins player Benson Erwin during the NCAA lacrosse championship Monday, in Philadelphia. Johns Hopkins' won 9-8.

Johns Hopkins takes NCAA lacrosse title

The Associated Press

people that were seniors and juniors when our class first got here. This has been the making for the last four years and it feels great."

Duke led 3-1 after the first quarter before the teams began trading goals in the second quarter. The Blue Devils took a 7-6 lead at the end of a score from Zash with 1:33 left.

After a goal from Danowski gave Duke an 8-6 lead with 12:43 to go in the third quarter, Rabil and Peyster scored for the Blue Jays to make it 8-8 entering the fourth.

The Blue Jays made their 16th appearance in an NCAA championship game, while Duke played in its first.

Johns Hopkins defeated Virginia 9-8 in overtime Saturday to advance to the title game and the national championship and Maryland. The Blue Devils won just five games last season with an inexperienced lineup that managed into this year's record-breaking team.

"It was a good season, but it's not satisfying at all," Danowski said. "It's not satisfying to get to the national championship and lose. We expected to get here and win. We did pretty well, but not where we wanted to be."

the second-youngest manager in the majors, behind Cleveland's Eric Wedge.

Under Guillen last season, the White Sox finished 83-79. He is the first native Venezuelan to manage in the majors.

Dartmouth stayed close early thanks to a series of spectacular scoring catches. But Brown didn't have to work nearly as hard for his points, and won 15-7 (each "touchdown" was worth one point).

Short passes were Dartmouth down and set up longer ones. Like a 70-yarder that Ziperstein, after falling in the mud, caught up to and grabbed in the end zone after an extended, parallel to the ground.

Ziperstein, who played soccer and ran track in high school, said a decade ago there were barely a dozen high school teams, according to the UPA. Today there may be as many as 400 and two colleges.

Ziperstein says college players are showing up at high school tournaments to recruit — Brown has an informal pipeline from The Piedmont School in Atlanta, a top high school program.

But for all this, college ultimate isn't the fun tournaments ("The Ultimate Affair") and team names (Brown's men are "Brownian Motion") and a few from SEC football or ACC basketball.

Players occasionally write to the admissions office on behalf of a prospect, though they aren't sure what effect it has.

White Sox extend Ozzie Guillen's contract

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox extended the contract of manager Ozzie Guillen on Monday, making the move, which the team had been expected to make late in the season.

The White Sox picked up the

2006 option on Guillen's contract, added two more years and included an option for the 2009 season.

In Guillen's second year as manager, the White Sox entered Monday's game against the Los

Angeles Angels with a 33-17 record. They had been in first place in the AL Central from the first day of the season.

Guillen, 41, is the 37th manager in White Sox history and has a 116-96 record with the team. He

Frisbee

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Corvallis, Ore. Players insist they still love the fun, but their attitude also shows they're not once a laid-back way to kill a few hours has gotten serious.

The number of college ultimate teams has tripled since 1995 to more than 500, according to the UPA, which now has a contract with the College Sports TV network. Top players have Brown now have coaches, training regimens and set offensive and defensive schemes. Though ultimate is still not an official NCAA sport, informal, word-of-mouth high school recruiting is gathering steam.

The marks of popularity are being added to "observed" to settle disputes. Two college teams were disqualified this year for using ineligible players.

Players and fans say the spirit was never meant to preclude playing hard. But as the game

gets more popular, it does get tougher to make sure everyone hears the message.

"The culture gets diluted a little bit, so we have to really focus on teaching it," said Will Deaver, the UPA's director of championships.

Brown won its quarterfinal match Saturday at the college championships in Oregon, defeating Washington 15-6.

The semifinals were set for later Saturday, with the final on Sunday.

Ultimate emerged in the late 1960s and early '70s as something of a countercultural anti-sport.

In most sports, its origins are fuzzy — but it seems to have emerged out of Columbia High School in Maplewood, N.J., according to Adam Zagoria, a sports writer and ultimate historian. From there it followed its first enthusiasts to various colleges.

The sport's founding fathers include Joel Silver, film producer of "The Matrix," though Zagoria says the precise origins of the name "ultimate" are "lost in the marijuana smoke."

The game has evolved into a fast-paced sport with elements

of soccer, basketball and football. The goal is to advance the disc into the end zone by passing it.

Once they catch a pass, players must stop running and look for a teammate to throw to. If the disc hits the ground, it's a turnover.

Frequent diving catches — "laying out" — make the sport exciting, and the emerging West Coast covers play a wide-open game with long, risky throws. But Brown's more methodical "East Coast" game, relying on sharp, mistake-free passing, can be tough to stop. Brown went into the tournament with a 34-5 record.

"It's an amazing transformation," said Zagoria, co-author and editor of the forthcoming book, "Ultimate: The First Four Decades."

"When I was in college, Brown was a joke. They were not a serious team. I don't know if they played barefoot but their reputation was they played barefoot," he said. "They went from a hippie program that no one took seriously to one of the best teams in the country."

In the New England sectional final earlier this month, oppo-

nent Dartmouth stayed close early thanks to a series of spectacular scoring catches. But Brown didn't have to work nearly as hard for his points, and won 15-7 (each "touchdown" was worth one point).

Short passes were Dartmouth down and set up longer ones. Like a 70-yarder that Ziperstein, after falling in the mud, caught up to and grabbed in the end zone after an extended, parallel to the ground.

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"We don't fit the hippie-stoner stereotype at all," said Gage, his long hair and plaid shirt, in "contemplative studies" notwithstanding. "I'm more exhausted after a lot of Frisbee practices than I was after soccer."

Increasingly, Brown and other top teams are attracting players who aren't new to the game. A decade ago there were barely a dozen high school teams, according to the UPA. Today there may be as many as 400 and two colleges.

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They also hit up alumni and sell discs to raise money; their grant from the athletic department covers less than one-quarter of the budget. Unlike varsity athletes, players often pay their own way to tournaments.

Some worry that players from poorer backgrounds might be dissuaded from playing, at least on the "A" team.

But there's also an upside. High school players aren't just Brown can stop in and join practice — an NCAA no-no in other sports. And most important, the players say, they're in charge.

"A friend asked me if I had the chance to become a varsity sport, would we?" said Ziperstein, a native of Amherst, Mass., who also plays on the top Boston club team and the U.S. national team.

"I thought about it for a second and thought, I don't think so. The money would be nice because the bank account is broke."

But we decide what tournaments to go to, our team philosophy, how often to practice, what color our jerseys are — anything it's our team."