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Missing girl found

The Associated Press

COEUR d'ALENE — More than six weeks after she disappeared from a home where family members were blindfolded to death, an 8-year-old girl was found safe Saturday sharing a meal with a registered sex offender at a Denny's restaurant in her hometown.

Shasta Greene was being reunited with her father, but her 9-year-old brother, Dylan, remained missing and was feared dead, Kootenai County Sheriff's Capt. Ben Wollinger said.

"Our initial information is that he may be deceased," Wollinger said, adding that officials were continuing the search for him.

Investigators believe Dylan was alive when the children vanished in mid-May.

"We always believed when the children left the house they were alive,"

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Denny's waitress Amber Deahn stands Saturday outside the Denny's Restaurant in Coeur d'Alene where Shasta Greene, 8, missing since May 16, was found. Deahn recognized Greene, who was sharing a meal at the restaurant with a registered sex offender, and called authorities.

Pre-empting the precursor

Local officials consider regulating ingredients used to make meth

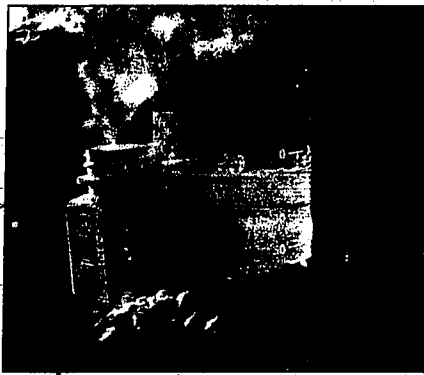


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Meth Facts

Methamphetamine use increases energy and alertness and decreases appetite. The intense rush and high felt from meth results from the release of high levels of dopamine into the section of the brain that controls the feeling of pleasure. The effects can last up to 12 hours.

Chronic use results in a tolerance buildup, and consequently users might try to intensify the desired effects by taking higher doses, more frequently, or by changing method of ingestion. Chronic abuse can lead to intense paranoia, auditory hallucinations and out-of-control rages resulting in violence. Some users develop sores on their bodies.

A few hundred dollars in over-the-counter medicines and various chemicals will produce thousands of dollars of methamphetamine.

- Between 1999 and 2000 there were 17 meth lab busts in Blaine, Cessie, Jerome, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties. These counties belong to a law enforcement area called Region 4. Region 4 has seized the least amount of meth labs in Idaho.
- Across the state in 2000, there were 186 meth lab busts, while in 2004 there were only 33. Twin Falls Staff Sgt. Steve Benkula said that indicates people who cook meth are resorting to portable labs, which are harder to nab.
- Meth lab cleanup typically costs between \$3,500 and \$5,000, but some cleanup can cost upwards of \$20,000.
- According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in 2002 more than 12 million people age 12 and older (5.3 percent) reported that they had used meth at least once in their lifetime. Meth use is concentrated in the West and Midwest.

Source: Idaho State Police

The ingredients needed to make methamphetamine, including pseudoephedrine, are available at most convenience stores. Some local officials would like to restrict access to pseudoephedrine in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls councilman seeks to address 'terrible social problem'

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some Twin Falls addiction counselors say putting pseudoephedrine products in the pharmacy would be a great thing.

The way it is now, "any time you walk into a convenience store, it's right there in your face," says Chris C. Gibson, who counsels teenage addicts at the Walker Center in Twin Falls. "There's no age limit on buying. I call it legal speed over the counter."

Last winter the Legislature pondered a law that would have forced pharmacists to dispense most pseudoephedrine products, though prescriptions would not have been required. People wanting those cold medications would have had to get them at the pharmacy, and they would have had to sign for the stuff. In the end, the legislation failed.

"So now a Twin Falls city councilman is looking into a city ordinance to force the issue. Sometimes it takes two or three years to get legislation

Drug companies reformulate cold medicine.

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Why regulate the drug?

Pseudoephedrine is a legal ingredient that is found in several over-the-counter cold and allergy medications. It's the substance cooked into the highly addictive street drug methamphetamine — Idaho's drug of choice — that gives users their high. More than 10 percent of all the methamphetamine used in this state is cooked right here in

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Department offers plans for plutonium

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

The three alternatives.

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You can comment

Aug. 29, 2005 marks the end of the public comment period.

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Batteries may be for space weapons

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Defense analysts say the long-lasting, plutonium-powered batteries the Department of Energy wants to produce at a new \$300 million facility in Idaho could eventually wind up in everything from space-based satellite killers to battlefield laptop computers.

"That's contrary to how the agency says the batteries will be used. But because of the program's classified status, the Bush administration won't say specifically what types of national security programs the batteries are needed for, only what applications they won't be used in: nuclear weapons, non-nuclear weapons, missile defense systems and military satellites.

"The primary driver for us to start production for national security requirements," said Tim Frazier, director of the energy department's radioisotope power systems program in Washington, D.C. "As to what those national security applications are, I would just prefer to say not in space."

But military and space policy analysts say the radioisotope thermoelectric generators — sometimes called space batteries — to be made from new supplies of plutonium-238 produced at the Idaho National Laboratory are a key component to future warfare systems, both in the heavens and on earth.

And since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, they argue there's no real distinction between national security and national defense.

"You have to ask: what is national security that is not military?" said John Pike, the former director of space policy for the Federation of American Scientists who now heads the Virginia-based think tank GlobalSecurity.org. "Our government is perfectly capable of lying in the sense that if this is for an unacknowledged

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Sacked! Can spuds turn around a losing football program? Monday

Bottling cancer Child keeps positive attitude. Tuesday

Rice is nice It's the perfect summer dish. Wednesday

On the prairie: Sharp-shooting in Wyoming for prairie dogs. Thursday

Friends and neighbors Kimberly celebrates Good Neighbor Days. Friday

Faith and works Are they the keys to heaven? Saturday

Are superheroes good for your kids? Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Warm, partly sunny and breezy. Highs low to 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and comfortable. Lows mid to upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Another sunny and warm day. Highs middle 80s.

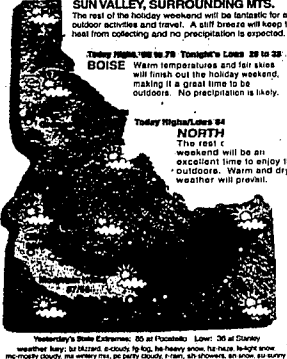
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy and warm with a blend of sunshine and clouds. Highs low 80s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and continued breezy at times. Lows upper 40s.
Tomorrow: Less breezy, a little warmer and partly cloudy. Highs low to middle 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The rest of the holiday weekend will continue for any outdoor activities and travel. A stiff breeze will keep the heat from collecting and no precipitation is expected.

BOISE Warm temperatures and fair skies will finish off the holiday weekend, making it a great time to be outdoors. No precipitation is likely.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Warm, partly sunny and breezy	Mostly clear and comfortable	Another sunny and warm day	Heating up with no moisture in sight	Hot and muggy dry	More hot July weather
High 83	Low 56	85/58	89/67	91/58	91/59

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 83	0.00	65%	30.02	6:05 AM	1000
Yesterday's Low: 56	0.00	45%	30.02	7:55 PM	1000
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MOON PHASES

Jul 6	Jul 14	Jul 21	Jul 28
New Moon	Full Moon	First Quarter	Last Quarter

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	72-88	72-88
Idaho Falls	68-82	68-82
Jerome	68-82	68-82
Shoshone	68-82	68-82
Twin Falls	72-88	72-88

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Albuquerque	72-88	72-88
Denver	72-88	72-88
Phoenix	72-88	72-88
Portland	72-88	72-88
San Diego	72-88	72-88

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	68-82	68-82
Paris	68-82	68-82
Tokyo	68-82	68-82
Sydney	68-82	68-82

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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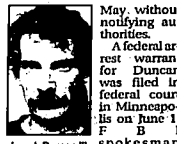
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Sex offender held in Idaho had low-profile life in Fargo

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The arrest of Joseph Edward Duncan III, a registered sex offender, was announced Saturday with an 8-year-old Idaho girl who's been missing for over a month, surprised police here who had been looking for him since May. Duncan, 42, of Fargo, was being held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, after a kidnapping charge after he was spotted at a restaurant with Shasta Greene, who disappeared with her brother six weeks ago from their home, where three people were bludgeoned to death. "We didn't have any information that suggested he might be connected with the homicides or the missing child in Idaho," Fargo Assistant Police Chief "Terms" told reporters Saturday. Duncan has a long criminal history including a 1980 sexual assault of a 16-year-old boy at a gunpoint in Washington state, when Duncan was 16. After his release, he moved into an apartment in North Fargo in 2000 and registered as a sex offender. Duncan followed the rules required of high-risk offenders and neighbors say he kept to himself. Police Capt. Jeff Williams said, "As far as we know, he was more of a less a model," Williams said. That changed last year, when Duncan was charged with molesting a 6-year-old boy at a middle-school playground in Minnesota. He was released on bail in April and left the area in



Joseph Duncan III, spokesman for Paul McCabe.

May, without notifying anyone. A federal arrest warrant for Duncan was filed in federal court in Minneapolis on June 1. Police last visited Duncan's apartment May 5 with a search warrant, Terms said. He does not believe Duncan returned to Fargo after that. Police had information that Duncan might be "well west" and out of the area, but nothing that would lead them to Coeur d'Alene, Terms said. Police had checked on Duncan on a quarterly basis, and his apartment was searched at least twice during the Becker County investigation, Terms said. Duncan enrolled at North Dakota State University in the fall of 2000, and was still listed as a student during spring semester, school spokesman Dave Walberg said. Walberg said he could not discuss Duncan's stint at NDSU, citing privacy rules. But he said Duncan had no record of problems with campus police. Duncan was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and made the dean's list twice, in fall 2000 and spring 2001, the spokesman said.

CORRECTIONS

Photo was taken by photographer Smith

A front-page photo in Saturday's paper of Alex Carter was incorrectly credited to wrong photographer. The picture was taken by Ashley Smith. The Times-News regrets the error.

Chris Carney was pictured in photo

The caption of a photo in Saturday's Religion section incorrectly identified the young man pictured. He is Chris Carney. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Missing

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Wollinger said later, "We didn't see any tracks, if they killed anybody else in the house, they would have taken the body with them."

Joseph Edward Duncan III, a registered sex offender from Fargo, N.D., was arrested and charged with kidnapping. He was being held without bond and Wollinger said, more charges were possible. Duncan, 42, had an outstanding warrant for failure to register as a high-risk sex offender and was facing charges of molesting a 6-year-old boy in Minnesota. He was released on bail in April, just weeks before the children disappeared.

"Shasta was spotted by a waitress at the restaurant just miles from the home where her mother, older brother and mother's boyfriend were discovered bludgeoned and strangled to death on May 16. Shasta's father, Steve Greene, and her oldest brother, Vance Greene, spent much of the day Saturday at the hospital with Shasta. They did not make any statements to reporters, but when asked why he was driving away from the hospital if he was relieved, Vance Greene said, "more than relieved."

Amber Saturday, 24, said she thought she recognized the girl eating onion rings, cheese sticks and chicken strips with an older man sitting at a table near the posted around town and shown in the media. "It tickled in my brain that she looks familiar," Saturday said. Deahn tried to keep the girl at the restaurant longer by giving the girl crayons, coloring paper and a mask from the movie "Madagascar," and offering the girl dessert.

"I was trying to figure out a way to keep them there so the officers would have time to get there," she said. Deahn told the Coeur d'Alene Press she was not thinking of a reward more than \$100, was offered by the FBI and community groups — when she called police.

"I just did what any red-blooded American would have done," said Deahn, who earns minimum wage — \$3.35 an hour in Idaho — plus tips. She hopes that if it was my child who was missing, somebody would have stepped forward and helped me.

It was not yet known where the girl had spent the past six weeks. She was being interviewed at a medical center but appeared physically well. "She's a little girl," Wollinger said. "Obviously she's been



Steve Greene, back to camera, hugs his son, Vance, outside Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene on Saturday. Shasta is the father of Shasta Greene, who was found alive at a Denny's restaurant in Coeur d'Alene, early Saturday. Woman at right is not identified.

Timeline in missing children case

- April 27 — License plates stolen in Newton County, Mo.
- May 4 — 2005 red Jeep Grand Cherokee stolen in St. Paul, Minn.
- May 6 — woman's issues in Fargo, N.D., for convicted sex offender Joseph Edward Duncan III, 42, who has failed to stay in touch with his probation agent. Duncan, considered a high-risk offender, was released by Minnesota authorities in April on a \$15,000 bond.
- May 15 — Last time two members of the Greene family and friend Mark McKenzie are seen alive, at a barbecue with others in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
- May 16 — Concerned neighbor hears dogs barking and calls 911. Bound bodies of Brenda Kay Greene, 40; her son Slade, 13; and Brenda's boyfriend McKenzie, 37, found inside. Dylan Greene, 9, and his sister Shasta, 8, are missing.
- May 17 — Amber Alert issued. Authorities find nothing in search of area; announces they are looking for Robert Roy Luter, 33, of Hayden, as person of interest.
- May 18 — Luter voluntarily surrenders to authorities in Coeur d'Alene and is extensively interviewed.

through a pretty traumatic time."

Tam Kraus, Brenda Greene's great-uncle in Whitefish, Mont., said family members were elated by the news of Shasta's return and hoping that Dylan also would be found alive. "Obviously, we were very excited. We were very relieved. We were very happy that we found Shasta," Kraus said. "We are hopeful they can find Dylan. We're very happy those folks at Denny's recognized her and that they found her."

Dylan and Shasta had been missing since at least May 16, when sheriff's deputies responded to their rural home after a neighbor reported that dogs were barking and the door of one vehicle was open but no one was in sight.

The deputies found the bound bodies of Brenda Greene, 40; Slade, 13; and Mark McKenzie, 37. The victims were bound and then bludgeoned to death. Investigators had interviewed hundreds of people, searched through 800 tons of trash and had more than 2,000 tips. It was not known whether Duncan had a connection with the victims. "We don't have any idea who Duncan is, other than a very very sick individual. Sick and stupid, to go to a Denny's at 2 a.m. with a child," Bob Price, Shasta Greene's paternal uncle, said by telephone from Tacoma, Wash. "We were seeking a warrant to search a stolen red Jeep that officials said Duncan had been driving. In Fargo, officers were searching Duncan's apartment in a neighborhood where a number of North Dakota State University students live, police Sgt. Shannon Burkha said. Authorities were circulating a photo of Duncan and the stolen red Jeep in hopes someone may have been in help. Burkha said she and other investigators piece together his activities over the past six weeks, Wollinger said.

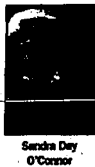
NATION

Bush faces pivotal choices on court

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush could rein the court to the right by nominating a bedrock conservative to replace the retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

He could make history—and perhaps pick up votes for the GOP—by nominating a Hispanic to the court. Or he could choose a woman and keep intact the court's current balance of seven men and two women. Bush has had nearly five years to consider how to burn the "GWB" brand on the bench of the highest court in the land. Regardless of whom he picks, the closely divided court, which often splits 5-4 on a key decisions, will very well end up with a more conservative bent.

The question is, how far to the right will the post-O'Connor court be? The answer depends on the right to which he leans once the 80-year-old Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who is set to retire in September, and possibly gives Bush a second chance to shape the court. Legal experts on both sides



Sandra Day O'Connor

speculate that the retirement of O'Connor is a critical prospect that Bush will name Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. He is not a favorite of conservatives, who continued to target the White House this weekend in their anti-Gonzales campaign, saying his views on issues such as abortion and affirmative action are not aligned far enough to the right.

"When the right looks at Judge Gonzales, they have tended to worry they are getting another David Souter," Brad Benson, a White House lawyer during Bush's first term, said about how conservatives were disappointed when Justice Souter sides with the court's more liberal members. "I don't personally think that's fair, but that is their view."

Gonzales' confirmation hearing for the Justice Department job focused on his role in developing the administration's policy on the interrogation and treatment of suspected terrorists. It is an issue sure to dominate any hearing should he turn out to be Bush's first nominee to the Supreme Court.

Yet, Gonzales is a loyal friend of the president's — and Hispanic, a member of one of the fast-growing voting blocs. Bush might be willing to accept a chilly reception from his far-right constituency to make history, reward a friend and lessen the chance of having a more conservative nominee blocked in the Senate.

Bush's options were re-arranged when it was O'Connor, not Rehnquist, who announced she was stepping down last week.

"Will politics be considered?" said Benson, a former Supreme Court clerk. "Will factors like the diversity of the court and a justice's life story be

considered? Sure. But I don't think those things are going to drive the decision."

Intellect, Character, Judicial philosophy. The prospect of being able to win Senate confirmation.

Those are the overriding issues that several legal experts and advocates on both the right and left think will guide the president, who is facing intense pressure from both sides of the political aisle.

Because Rehnquist sits on the conservative side of the court, replacing him with another conservative would not have shifted the balance of power on the nine-member court.

The same cannot be said of O'Connor. She has been the critical fifth vote on abortion and other contentious issues involving privacy, equal opportunity, the environment and religious rights.

"It is dramatically different with O'Connor retiring," Ralph Neas, president of the liberal People for the American Way, said Saturday.



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Comet collision

NASA readies space probe

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — It's a space mission straight out of Hollywood — launch a spacecraft 268 million miles so it can aim a barrel-sized probe toward a speeding comet, rain and possibly give Bush a second chance to shape the court. Legal experts on both sides

But that's what NASA expects its Deep Impact mission to do this weekend, with a goal of viewing the icy core of a comet that may hold cosmic clues to how the sun and planets formed.

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Celestial fireworks

Scientists hope the July 4 collision between the Deep Impact spacecraft and Tempel 2 will give us a peek into the early days of the solar system.



SOURCES: NASA; University of Maryland

around 11:52 p.m. MDT Monday. The comet, hurtling through space at a relative speed of 25,000 mph, will run over the probe with an impact similar to exploding nearly 5 tons of dynamite. All the while, a camera on the impactor will be taking pictures as it heads toward its doom, as will the mothership from afar.

Little is known about comet anatomy, so it's unclear what exactly will happen when Tempel 2 is hit. Scientists expect the collision to spray a cone-shaped plume of debris into space. The resulting crater can be anywhere from the size of a house to a football stadium, and be between two and 14 stories deep.

"We still don't know what this comet holds in store for us," said Rick Grammer, Deep Impact project manager.

Scientists will work feverishly to download data from the spacecraft before it makes its about 70-minute, to-the-comet less than 15 minutes after impact. Their worry is that Deep Impact could be damaged by flying debris, risking the valuable data. A trio of space telescopes — the Hubble, Chandra X-ray Observatory and Spitzer Space Telescope — and dozens of ground observatories will also view the collision and aftermath.

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Priest accused of molestation will not face new court trial

BALTIMORE (AP) — The state has decided not to retry a defrocked priest who had his conviction overturned for molesting a boy who later shot him. Maurice Blackwell, 58, was convicted in February of abusing Donnie Stokes, a former boy who shot Blackwell in 2002, nearly a decade after the alleged abuse. Two months later, the conviction was thrown out by a judge who said testimony about other alleged victims was inappropriate. Margaret T. Burns, a spokeswoman for state's attorney Patricia C. Jessamy, said Friday that the prosecutor "will not pursue the case against Maurice Blackwell."

Burns told The (Baltimore) Sun that one factor in the decision was that prosecutors don't believe Blackwell would have been sentenced to murder if a prison time fine were convicted again.

Blackwell faced a maximum sentence of 45 years if convicted of all three sex abuse counts. However, Burns said, sentencing guidelines, which are based on a person's criminal record and other circumstances, called for probation.

"For all parties, this is the right decision. Sometimes, you just have to put matters to rest," said Kenneth W. Ravenell, Blackwell's attorney.

Stokes, 29, was acquitted of attempted murder but convicted on gun charges in 2002. He was sentenced to 18 months of home detention.

Stokes' attorney, Warren Brown, said Saturday that Jessamy's "reason for the decision is ridiculous."

Companies reformulate cold medicine

Drug makers try to combat use of their products in making meth

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Under pressure from enforcement agencies and state governments, drug companies have begun reformulating popular cold medicines to prevent criminals from converting them into methamphetamine.

"This is the direction we're moving," said Elizabeth Assay, spokeswoman for the Consumer Healthcare Products Association in Washington, D.C., a lobbying organization for the cold medicine industry.

Pseudoephedrine, a main ingredient in a number of over-the-counter drugs such as Sudafed and Sinusid, can be extracted by boiling down cold medicines. Toxic chemicals are then used to turn the substance into meth.

More than a dozen states already have restricted access, either by allowing only pharmacies to sell drugs with pseudoephedrine or making retailers sell them from staffed counters. A May report by the Office of National Drug Control Policy found a 50 percent drop in the number of meth labs in Oklahoma and Oregon, two of the first states to enact such restrictions.

But law enforcement officials and others believe that reformulating the drugs can reduce the problem even more, by helping shut down the small labs operating nationwide.

Pfizer Inc., the manufacturer of Sudafed and other leading pseudoephedrine products, plans by January to reformulate up to half of them with phenylephrine.



Mike Harris, a clerk, holds a box of Sudafed from behind the pharmacy counter at Central Drugs on Wednesday in Portland, Ore. The main ingredient for many popular cold and allergy medicines could soon disappear from labels on grocery store shelves because it also turns out to be the same ingredient needed to cook up batches of illegal methamphetamine.

Lerner Health Products, which supplies generic cold and allergy drugs to retail chains such as Costco, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart, began shipping new products containing phenylephrine in June. McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals, a division of Johnson & Johnson, also is considering reformulation of a variety of its products, along with other major manufacturers, including Wyeth and Schering-Plough.

And the world's largest producer of phenylephrine — Boehringer-Ingelheim of Germany — says it can boost production capacity for the substitute ingredient by enough to meet the entire U.S. supply of pseudoephedrine could be replaced by 2006.

The meth problem is particularly severe in the Midwest, where rural areas provide cover for the pungent chemical odor from meth labs. In Missouri, law enforcement officers seized more than 2,700 meth labs last year — more than any other state.

"It's such a drain," said Mark Woodward, spokesman for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics. He said meth abuse forces law enforcement to spend millions of dollars on toxic cleanup, prisons and increased caseloads in courts.

But pharmaceutical companies are moving cautiously to make sure substitutes are effective, and to await proposed federal legislation that could affect how they reformulate some of their products, said Assay, of the Consumer Healthcare Products Association.

"It's the first step in a long process, from an industry standpoint," she said.

The meth problem has been a growing scourge in recent years. The National Clandestine Laboratory Seizure System, which collects data from state police agencies, shows the reported meth lab seizures increased from 6,777 in 1999 to 10,182 in 2003.

About 12.3 million Americans ages 12 and older reported trying methamphetamine at least once, according to the 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

The epidemic has generated plenty of interest in phenylephrine because it's one of the best and easiest substitutes for pseudoephedrine.

Phenylephrine differs from pseudoephedrine by a single pair of oxygen and hydrogen atoms, a tiny but important difference that makes it virtually impossible to transform phenylephrine into methamphetamine.

"Structurally, when just looking at the chemistry, they are very similar," said Kate Farthing, an Oregon Health & Science University pharmacist. "But if cooks at illegal labs try to convert phenylephrine into methamphetamine, they get only a useless variation, Farthing said.

Still, the cold medicine industry worries that reformulating remedies containing a combination of pseudoephedrine and some other ingredient, such as ibuprofen, would require U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval that could take three to five years.

The concern is being addressed in federal legislation proposed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo.

Under the bill, consumers would have to show a photo ID, sign a log, and be limited to 7.5 grams — or about 250 30-milligram pills — in a 30-day period. Computer tracking would prevent customers from exceeding the limit at other stores.

The latest draft of the bill, sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee this week, also would expedite FDA approval of reformulated drugs.

Scott Gerber, spokesman for Feinstein, said the proposal would ensure consumer access to cold remedies while targeting small illegal labs run by "people who are brewing up large batches of meth in their basements, cars, motel rooms and making it for their personal use or selling it."

Congressman not commenting following searches of home, yacht

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A California congressman whose dealings with a defense contractor are under investigation was taking a "personal day" Saturday and not commenting on federal authorities' searches a day earlier of his home and a yacht where he stayed while in Washington, a spokesman said. Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham didn't plan a public appearance until a Monday pancake breakfast in Encinitas, spokesman Mark Olson said.

Olson referred all questions about the investigation to Cunningham's attorney who did not immediately return phone calls. FBI agents on Friday searched Cunningham's \$2.55 million mansion outside San Diego and a 42-foot yacht

named Duke Str, according to a bureau spokeswoman, who said agents from the Department of Defense and Internal Revenue Service assisted.

Cunningham's attorney, K. Lee Blalack, released a statement saying he told the government Thursday the congressman would cooperate fully with the investigation.

"They will apparently not take 'yes' for an answer and have instead opted to use strong-arm tactics that were designed to generate headlines," Blalack said.

Authorities also searched the Washington, D.C., offices of defense firm M2M Inc. M2M's founder, Mitchell Wade, bought a home from the congressman in 2003 at what may have been an inflated \$1.7 million price.

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plications runs out in 2010.
Both the Environmental Protection Agency and DOE want to maintain that plutonium-238 is not useful for nuclear weapons proliferation.

Meth

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Ideally, according to Col. Dan Charboneau, who heads the Idaho State Police. The rest of it comes from outside Idaho, with much of it being manufactured in Mexico.

Between 1999 and October of 2004, law enforcement throughout Twin Falls County uncovered 17 meth labs, four of which were found in 2004. Charboneau said statistics from the Drug Enforcement Agency indicated to him a number of meth labs can be 10 times the number of actual busts.

Though no one can prove for sure how many labs are not being uncovered, Charboneau's assessment with Charboneau's is not. "I compare it to drinking and driving," Gibson said. "For every DUI that a person has probably driven drunk between 200 and 300 times before they were caught."

Gibson said meth is so prevalent in Twin Falls that it's not unusual to smell it, either being cooked or smoked, when you're simply walking along residential streets. "It smells like dirty socks or a dirty bathroom or car urine."

"I ask kids how they can afford to buy this," Gibson said. "They say it's being given to them. There is so much around here that they don't even have to pay for it."

She said the toughest meth addicts are young as 13. "Dr. Eric Heidenreich is a psychiatrist at Canyon View Hospital. He's been in the area for 20 years where he says about 20 percent of patients are recovering from meth addictions. Being addicted to meth is extremely painful because it damages the fast-growth nerve endings in the brain," he said.

"You don't have to go to Brazil to get your prescription changed for your opinion," Heidenreich said. Heidenreich predicted an increase in meth labs locally if he didn't clamp down on pseudoephedrine sales. As a result, Heidenreich said, he's seeing a lot of people with meth addictions.

"I've seen 10 different sized pseudoephedrine stores and pharmacies around Twin Falls. It's not just the pseudoephedrine stores that are the problem, it's the pharmacies that are selling the pseudoephedrine. It's easily extracted for cooking meth from the pharmacy. In some stores the products are out in the open."

"Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Dave Benkula said just because the meth is easy to get doesn't mean it's not a big problem. He said he's seen a lot of people who buy three precursor products at one time, he said. Some other products that go into a mess of meth include lard and sulfur from meth labs.

production to the INL site alone. A third option eventually would do the same but would be more expensive, he said. The meantime at the Oak Ridge facility.

"We would have to put some sort of barrier or do it at Oak Ridge," Frazier said. Frazier said Timothy Frazier, program director for the Department of Energy.

However, the Oak Ridge facility cannot produce enough plutonium-238 annually to be a viable alternate consolidation option, Frazier said. And, expansion is not an option, he said.

Therefore, if INL takes on the burden of plutonium-238 production, what happens to the

nuclear waste created in the process?

"We're hoping not to store it at INL," Frazier said.

Transuranic waste generated during plutonium-238 production would be shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico, Frazier said. The Department of Energy estimates that the consolidation will produce roughly 20 cubic meters of transuranic waste annually.

The 215 cubic meters of low-level radioactive waste that the DOE expects to generate could be shipped to a facility such as Envirocare, Frazier said.

"We're hoping to treat the mixed waste within the facility," he said.

DOE officials hope to have the final Environmental Impact Statement ready by November 2005. If the department decides to go ahead with consolidation at INL, construction could begin in 2008 or 2009, Frazier said.

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The Department of Energy's Proposed Plutonium-238 Consolidation Plan. The DOE lists three options in its Environmental Impact Statement for consolidating plutonium-238 operations:

No Action Alternative: The DOE would continue producing plutonium-238 in its existing manner. Currently the department completes this in a five-step process that involves the transport of materials between the Idaho National Laboratory, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. To continue this process, the Oak Ridge facility would need updating. The Department of Energy projects the cost of this alternative between \$80 million and \$90 million.

Consolidation Alternative (DOE's preferred plan): The production of plutonium-238 would be consolidated at INL, eliminating the transport of materials between their DOE sites. Processes that are currently

completed at the Oak Ridge or Los Alamos facilities would take place in Idaho. The DOE expects this option to cost \$250 million, to \$300 million and estimates that the consolidation could be completed in 2011.

Consolidation with Bridge Alternatives: Under this option, all plutonium-238 production ultimately would be consolidated at INL. However, if national security needs exceed the Department of Energy's existing inventory, the Oak Ridge facility would begin producing a small amount — up to 2 kilograms annually — of plutonium-238. This production could occur from 2007 to 2011, "bridging" the gap until consolidation occurs. This option is projected to cost between \$15 million and \$25 million more than the DOE's preferred plan for a total of \$265 million to \$325 million.

How can you comment? Aug. 29, 2005 marks the end of the public comment period. Read the draft consolidation environmental impact statement

on the Internet at http://consolidation.eis.doe.gov. Contact Timothy Frazier, document manager, at (800) 919-3706 for more information or requests for copies of the plan.

Mail written comments to Timothy Frazier, document manager, U.S. Department of Energy, NE-50/GIN Building Office, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1290.

Fax comments to (800) 919-3765. E-mail comments to Frazier at ConsolidationEIS@nuclear.energy.gov.

Attend a public meeting. The DOE will hold meetings in seven locations including Boise, Twin Falls, Fort Hall and Idaho Falls during the last two weeks in July. The Twin Falls meeting will be held at 7 p.m., July 27, in room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The Times-News will print a complete schedule of meetings when the Department of Energy finalizes the dates, times and locations.

Batteries

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stealth satellite system, they could not acknowledge that's what they are doing."

The White House is expected to soon release an updated version of the 1996 doctrine of U.S. military space policy which could relax some Clinton administration-era restrictions on research and budgeting for space weapons programs.

"You can basically get half of what you need to become a meth user at a convenience store," she said. But also, Gibson said meth users will buy pseudoephedrine at a convenience store, but to extend their highs. In addition, to escape detection meth cooks need to buy only two packages in one store, and then move on for another purchase somewhere else, and so on — since they don't have to register.

Drug stores still need to inject meth, and no accounting is required of the sales. Pharmacist Dave Nelson of Starline Pharmacy said he's critical of Maughan's desire to make the drug less accessible. Nelson's drug store is small enough that he can dispense the cold medication easily enough, but he questioned how busy convenience stores or larger pharmacies could meet the registration requirement and added customer service requirements.

In fact, it was those kinds of concerns that have caused retailers to drive the final stake in the proposed legislation at the Statehouse last winter.

What's next? He said that Idaho cities don't have the right to pass ordinances, Maughan says the council can resort to writing letters to all Twin Falls retailers that sell the stuff, asking them to voluntarily restrict sales.

"And we will heavily lobby the Legislature more than we did last year as an association of cities," he said. But will putting pseudoephedrine behind the counter stop local manufacturers? There are at least two other chemicals — one an ammonia derivative and another an amino acid — that can be substituted for pseudoephedrine in meth production.

Maughan acknowledged there is about 5 percent of the population that will consistently be looking to get high the appropriate ways. But no matter, society has to do its best to curtail it, he said.

Twin Falls Police Sgt. Matt Hicks said, "There is a real hesitancy to regulate this because people don't want to put anyone's business at risk." "But every little bit helps. Maybe some of those folks on the fence who might want to experiment, maybe it would make it hard for them to get involved."

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control and improve our capabilities." Currently, components of space batteries for peaceful applications such as NASA's mission to Pluto next year are produced at Department of Energy sites in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Los Alamos, N.M., with final assembly in Idaho. The NASA batteries use plutonium-238 purchased from Russia, but that supply is considered unreliable and projected to be virtually depleted by 2010.

The use of Russian-made plutonium-238 in national security applications is banned by international agreements.

The Bush administration wants to spend up to \$300 million to consolidate all plutonium-238 production, space battery assembly and testing in a new "Space and Security Power Systems Facility" at the

DOE's remote desert compound in eastern Idaho to reduce security risks and avoid interstate transportation of the highly radioactive material. The facility would make 11 pounds of plutonium-238 a year for both national security and space exploration needs.

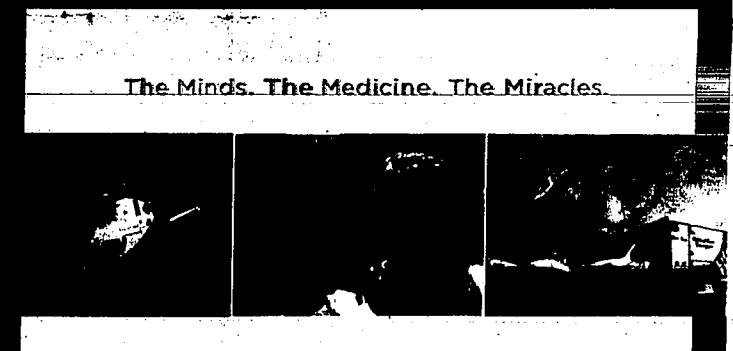
Space batteries work by converting heat from the radioactive decay of plutonium-238 into electricity. The batteries are considered the best power source for unmanned space vehicles, producing hundreds of watts of electricity for decades. The plutonium batteries aboard the Voyager 1 spacecraft, launched in 1977, were still working at 80 percent capacity when it left the solar system in 2003.

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Feds increasingly classify documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Driven largely by ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the federal government reports that the number of documents being classified jumped 10 percent last year to 15.6 million.

The numbers come from the Information Security Oversight Office in its latest annual report to the president.

Meanwhile, the number of pages that the government declassified continued to drop.

Last year, 28.4 million pages were declassified, a 34 percent drop from the previous year.

An increase in the number of documents being classified has raised concerns that the government is being too secretive, and the report notes that overclassification of documents has been a consistent issue for decades. However, the report stops short of saying that the trend runs counter to the nation's interest.

"It cannot be said conclusively from this report's data that recent increases in the number of classification decisions were due substantially to the phenomenon of overclassification," the report states.

The report, dated March 31, notes that classifying information is an essential and proven tool for defending the nation, but says that it can be a double-edged sword. For example, it said limits on information can

contribute to friendly fire deaths on the battle field, and failure to share information contributed to the government's failure to intercept the plot that led to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Simply put, secrecy comes at a price. For classification to work, agency officials must become more successful in factoring this reality into the overall risk equation when making classification decisions," the report said.

Nine-year-old boy falls to death from carnival ride

HIGHLAND, Ind. (AP) — A 9-year-old boy died after falling more than 25 feet from the gondola of a rotating carnival ride during a Fourth of July festival at a town park.

"Rider error, operator error, equipment failure — we don't know at this point," Highland Police Chief Peter Hoptel said. "His death was caused by unknown reasons."

Dakota Stevenson of Gary was pronounced dead at a Munster hospital shortly after falling Friday night from the Wind Shear, a ride in which passengers are strapped into a rotating gondola with a over-the-shoulder restraint.

All of the carnival rides remained shut down Saturday while the festival continued.

Sentencing may provide glimpse into BTK crimes

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The courtroom confession by the BTK serial killer answered many questions haunting the families of his victims, who struggled for years with the horror of their loss and the mystery about who inflicted it.

But Dennis Rader's chilling, emotionless narrative June 27 about the way he tortured, strangled, stabbed and shot his 10 victims was only one side of the story.

Prosecutors say there's much more to it, and at his Aug. 17 sentencing they plan to present more evidence about the killings and Rader's sexual motivations — details that could ensure the maximum penalty and, perhaps, help the community come to grips with the case.

Among family members hoping to get more answers is Kevin Bright, the only known survivor of a BTK attack. He surprised Rader when he accompanied his sister, Kathryn, home on April 3, 1974. He loosened his bonds and escaped, despite being shot in the head. His sister was strangled and stabbed.

Bright plans to be in court for the sentencing, said his wife, Sharon Bright.

"He still has some questions. He heard some of the answers to questions like 'Why did he pick my sister?' He has other questions he hopes will come out," she said from the couple's home at Goodrich, Texas.

In a nearly hourlong confession on Monday, Rader said sexual fantasies drove him to kill 10 people in the Wichita area between 1974 and 1991. BTK — Rader's self-styled moniker for "Bind, Torture, Kill" — lured media and police with cryptic messages that became increasingly frequent in the months before his arrest.

Prosecutors want to make their case even though Rader's lawyers aren't opposing Kansas' "hard-40" sentence, which means life in prison with no chance of parole for at least 40 years. That law applies only to the last killing, committed in 1991; state law at the time of the other slayings carried a maximum of life with eligibility for parole after 15 years. Kansas said no death penalty when the crimes were committed.

The only real question is whether he will be ordered to serve his 10 sentences consecutively or concurrently. District Attorney Nola Foulston wants Rader to get the longest possible sentence — a minimum of 175 years without a chance of parole.

Given Rader's age of 60, and lack of defense opposition, there is little practical reason to push the evidence, said Brian Whitrow, an associate professor of criminal justice at Wichita State University.

"If the district attorney says 'I want him to have a hard-40' sentence, she's convicted says that is fine, there is no reason to have any kind of a hearing," Whitrow said.

After Rader's confession, Foulston told reporters that in other serial killing cases, such as the Green River killer in Washington state, the community was deprived of information when the suspect pleaded guilty.

Foulston said she wants Wichita to know the facts behind his "sexually sadistic murders," and hear details of the investigation that led to his arrest.

"I suspect she wants to help the community deal with the issue," Whitrow said. "This is a 30-year victimization and it is going to take a lot of years for us to feel comfortable in our homes again."



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Deadly attack puts focus on women in military

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — When Holly Charette enlisted in the Marine Corps after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, her family was uneasy about her decision — and told her so.

"We just said that it's dangerous, and things are getting crazier and crazier in the world," Edward Roberts recalled after his stepdaughter's death. But the blonde former cheerleader wanted to join, motivated partly by a sense of patriotic duty and partly by a desire to make a difference.

The 21-year-old Marine from Rhode Island was killed June 23 when her convoy was ambushed by a suicide car bombing in Fallujah. It was the single largest attack on American fighting troops in Iraq, killing three women and a crew chief.

Though Pentagon policy bars women from serving in direct combat roles, the nature of the war in Iraq, with no real front lines, has seen women soldiers take part in close-quarters combat more than in any previous conflict.

Charette's death and the deaths of more than three dozen other servicewomen in Iraq has made it clear that women are very much a part of the war on the ground — even if they didn't expect to be. "It's not like World War II where you go to the front, you dig in and you shoot at the enemy across a barbed-wire fence," said Lt. Col. Ellen Krunkle, a spokeswoman for the Department of Defense.

Charette — who served as a mail carrier in Iraq and had said she planned to apply for a job at the U.S. Post Office when she left the military — was part of a team of Marines assigned to checkpoints in Fallujah.

She made an unlikely Marine, according to those who knew her. Douglas McGinnis, who taught Charette in high school chemistry, said she wasn't the type to carry a gun.

"She was beautiful, and she was very feminine," Col. Clyde said.

Army Col. Carrie French, a 19-year-old ammunition specialist from Idaho, said she was headed for a peacekeeping mission and never expected to go to Iraq, her boyfriend had said. She was reassigned to a bomb truck driver vehicle.

Army Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester thought she would be patrolling, guarding the job. She headed to Iraq, according to her father, Jerry Hester, of Bowling Green, Ky. He said his job quickly became "more or less front-line combat."

Last month, the 23-year-old became the first female soldier



In this photo made available by the U.S. Department of Defense, Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, vehicle commander, 617th Military Police Company, Richmond, Ky., stands at attention before receiving the Silver Star at an awards ceremony at Camp Liberty in Baghdad, Iraq, on June 18.



In this photo released by the U.S. Marines-March 26, Lt. Cpl. Holly Charette, 21, is seen at Camp Blue Diamond in Al Ramadi, Iraq, Charette, died June 23, after a vehicle carrying explosives struck her vehicle in Fallujah, Iraq, the Defense Department said.

to win the Silver Star Medal, awarded for heroism in combat, since World War II. Her unit was ambushed but counterattacked through enemy fire, and she killed at least two insurgents with her rifle, according to her award citation.

"I really doesn't have anything to do with being a female. It's about the duties I performed that day as a soldier," Hester told the American Forces Press Service, a military-run information service. Karen Johnson, executive vice

president of the National Organization for Women, said it was ridiculous to think that women in war could be shielded from danger.

"It's our culture, which somehow says that women need to be protected and kept away from warfare," Johnson said.

But Elaine Donnelly, president of the Center for Military Readiness, a group that studies military policy, said she believed most women in the military don't want to be exposed to the same life-threatening combat as their male colleagues.

She said she believed women are not as physically capable as men of surviving combat unaided.

"Women do not have an equal opportunity to survive or to help fellow soldiers survive in a close combat environment," Donnelly said. Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Willye L. Wright, who served administratively in Vietnam and is now president of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, said enlisted women should not be restricted from combat, as long as they're physically capable.

"The pay is the same for the same position, and I believe that when you go in, you go in to serve," Vaught said. "If you're assigned to a job that requires that you deploy and be in harm's way, that's part of being in the military."

Roberts said his stepdaughter, Charette, never expressed fear of what lay ahead in Iraq. "She just said that she knows what she wants to do and she was very strong-willed about it," he said.

Afghanistan progress in danger of unraveling amid violence

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan was held up as an example of U.S.-led nation-building just a few months ago. But that optimism has succumbed to near-daily ambushes, bombings, execution-style killings and this week's downing of a U.S. military helicopter.

From U.S. and U.N. officials to Afghan villagers, fear is growing that this country may be at a defining moment — with the barrage of violence in danger of overwhelming three years of state-building.

The presidential elections last year, everyone was optimistic that we were heading toward a stable, peaceful democracy. But it no longer seems that way," said Malalai Juha, a female candidate in September's upcoming elections. "Everyone is scared now. Security has been getting worse and worse by the day."

The resurgence of the Taliban insurgency could not have come at a worse time — with just 10 weeks remaining before key legislative elections that are the next step toward democracy after a generation of war.

Tuesday's downing of a special forces helicopter — and the loss of an elite military team still missing on Saturday — rein-



U.S. soldiers search a house for weapons in Bagh village, in Shakaran Valley, Zabul province, Afghanistan, on June 26.

forced concerns that while American casualties here are far fewer than in Iraq, the rebellion may be fast becoming a mirror of the insurgency there.

Stability also is threatened by a rise in crime, such as gangs kidnaping foreigners in Kabul, Opium and heroin trade is

booming and resentment is growing toward the presence of U.S. forces, which erupted into deadly riots in May.

But it's not all bad news. The first democratically elected president, Hamid Karzai, took office after actively peaceful elections last October. The economy, at least in cities, is growing. Construction is on the rise in Kabul, cell phones are spreading and trade with neighbors Pakistan and Iran is lively.

One significant development is the emergence of the U.S.-trained Afghan army, which now numbers 26,000 and regularly fights alongside troops from the 20,000-strong U.S.-led coalition.

A separate NATO-led force of 8,000 soldiers is responsible for security in Kabul and the country's north and west. It plans to expand into the volatile south next year, freeing up American forces to go after Osama bin Laden, still thought to be hiding in the rugged mountains along the Afghan-Pakistan frontier.

The government has warned that bin Laden's al-Qaida fighters and the Taliban rebels have launched a campaign of violence to subvert September elections.

U.S. bombs suspected Taliban hideout

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Warplanes pounded a suspected Taliban compound in the Afghan mountains near where an elite U.S. military team disappeared last week, and violence elsewhere left 38 rebels and Afghan security forces dead in a fighting rose ahead of fall elections.

A transport plane flew home the bodies of 16 U.S. troops — eight Navy SEALs and eight other troops — killed when their helicopter was shot down while trying to rescue the missing team, U.S. officials said Sunday.

It was not clear if there were any casualties in the airstrike site Friday near Asadabad town. Kunar province, close to the Pakistani border, is U.S. military

spokesman Lt. Col. Jerry O'Hara said a "battle damage assessment is ongoing."

"We conducted an airstrike on a target we deemed we had to hit immediately. The target was an enemy compound in Kunar province," he said. "The bombing was done using precision guided munitions. The target objective was intelligence driven."

O'Hara declined to say whether the airstrike was directly related to the missing military team, which was last heard from in the same area Tuesday.

A purported Taliban spokesman, Mullah Laif Hakkani, claimed Friday that militants had captured one of the men and said he was a "high-ranking American"

caught in the same area as where the helicopter went down. He reiterated the claim Saturday in a phone call with The Associated Press.

"The soldier is being held in Kunar. Taliban leaders will decide what to do with him," Hakkani said. "He is being kept in a home. His health is all right."

When asked to provide evidence that the soldier was in captivity, he said, "Tomorrow we will give proof."

Hakkani, who also claimed insurgent fighters shot down the helicopter, often calls news organizations to take responsibility for attacks, and the information frequently proves exaggerated or untrue. His exact tie to the Taliban leadership is unclear.

Suicide attackers strike in Iraq Attacks in Baghdad and Hillah leave 26 dead

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Six suicide bombers struck Saturday in Baghdad and a Shiite city south of the capital in attacks that killed 26 people and injured nearly 50, Iraqi officials said. One of the attackers targeted bystanders and police who had earlier rushed to the scene of an earlier blast.

In the first attack, an attacker blew himself up outside a recruiting station for police special forces in western Baghdad. Minutes after the 60-mile south of Baghdad, police and hospital officials said. Another 21 people were injured. One of the attackers targeted bystanders and police who had earlier rushed to the scene of an earlier blast.

The other attacks occurred in Hillah, a mostly Shiite city 60 miles south of Baghdad. Police Capt. Muthana Khalid Al said the first blast occurred when a suicide bomber set off a belt of explosives at a police checkpoint in the city center.

Six policemen and the attacker died in the blast. Al said. About 10 minutes later, a second suicide attacker blew himself up in a crowd of police and civilians who had earlier rushed to the scene of the first blast. Al said. Twenty-six people were injured, but only the attacker died, according to Dr. Hashim Saleman of the Hillah General Hospital.

Hillah is a largely Shiite city about 60 miles south of Baghdad. On Feb. 28, a suicide car bomber struck a crowd of police and army recruits in Hillah, killing 125 and wounding more than 140 in the second deadliest attack since the 2003 fall of Saddam Hussein.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the Hillah attacks. However, a posting on an Islamic Web site claimed responsibility for the Baghdad blast in the name of al-Qaida in Iraq, led by Jordanian cleric mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The statement's authenticity could not be confirmed. Al-Zarqawi's group is believed responsible for numerous suicide bombings and kidnappings and beatings of foreign hostages in Iraq.

In other violence Saturday, three Iraqi soldiers were killed Saturday in a roadside bombing northeast of Baghdad, their commander said. Gunmen also assassinated a police lieutenant colonel in the northern city of Mosul, officials said.

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The 3-foot, 10-inch Marc Yu needs a special extender to reach the piano pedals. He practices at least six hours a day.

Marc plays the cello, which he took up at age 4, in the living room of his Monterey Park, Calif., home. Practice sessions on the instrument are limited to 20 minutes to avoid possible hand strain.

Grand skill

Six-year-old's piano talent is on prodigy scale

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — If a genie ever granted him three wishes, Marc Yu knows what he would want. He'd ask to play with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. And then he'd like to play at Carnegie Hall.

Marc plays back on the piano from memory. On cello, he glides through *Vivaldi*. He practices at least six hours a day. He has memorized more than 15 works, including a piece more than 20 pages long. He has composed 10 short pieces.

Marc is 6. His grandparents, emigres from China, had wished that Marc would play soccer and video games and watched television. They had hoped he'd be well, like other boys. And in some ways he is.

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He loves spaghetti and meatballs. His favorite color is red. He likes to play hangman. He wears bluejeans and wire-rim glasses. When he thinks something is funny, he wrinkles his nose and flashes a wide, gap-toothed grin.

He stands 46 inches tall and weighs 40 pounds. His hands are too small to reach an octave on the piano. His legs are too short to reach the pedals — he uses a special extender — but he uses a special extender — he uses a special extender — he uses a special extender.

Marc is a prodigy. He began piano at age 3 and cello a year later. In Marc's case, he could be the next household name pianist," said Jeffrey Bernstein, director of choral music at Occidental College and assistant conductor of the Pasadena Symphony in Southern California.

"Plenty of music majors at college don't have his facility at the keyboard. I believe anything is possible for him." Bernstein met Marc when the boy was 4. He had noticed that he began attending rehearsals of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony last fall. The 2 1/2-hour sessions usually ended at 9 p.m. Marc sat rapt. After a few rehearsals, he asked Bernstein for a copy of the score. One night, he played a Mozart piece for Bernstein.

"It blew me away," Bernstein recalled. "I never heard someone do this accomplished at this age. It's startling."

History is punctuated by prodigies, children who flourish at an adult level before age 10. Coached, everyone wonders, or born gifted?

"You really can't make a prodigy," said Ellen Winner, professor of psychology at Boston College. "Prodigies have a precocity and a need to master, a very intense drive, a passion."

"Prodigies learn not just faster but more independently than peers, Winner said.

But for these gifted children, a parent's role is both critical. In Marc's case, his mother's life is so entwined with his that he has practically braided into one.

"I don't know where he begins and I end," said S u z a n n e Duarte Jones, M a r c ' s kindergarten teacher. "But he's definitely a driven little boy."

Most prodigies don't become famous adults. In their teens, child prodigies often face a crisis. They are no longer pint-sized musicians playing Mozart. Suddenly, peers have caught up.

"You're in a different world, and you're not the youngest anymore," said Mac Randall, 33, a writer and former prodigy who started reading at age 2, writing with a typewriter at 3, and wrote his first play when he was 4.

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Chloe, 13, knows the odds, but she believes her boy will beat them. She remembers Marc turning to her when he was 3 and saying that he wanted to be a musician; every step since then has been to achieve his goal.

Periodically, Marc awakens in the night. Sometimes it's because he has heard a new piece and can't sleep because he hangs to hear it again. He once woke Chloe at 4 a.m., say-

ing he needed to practice a Bach prelude that he had just learned.

"Not too many people can be that persistent and dedicated," Chloe said. "With that attitude, I think he'll succeed."

What if he doesn't? "I haven't really thought about that."

Marc may be destined for darkness. He has no interest in popular music. He sneers video games. And at his first recitals his mother dressed him in a pink suit — because a feng shui expert told her that pink, purple and red were Marc's lucky colors.

Marc says he has two best friends, both adult musicians: Bernstein and his piano teacher, Steve Cook of the Colburn School of Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

He also likes his cello teacher, Jennifer Goss. Marc and Chloe live in a tiny 2-bedroom home with a stamped lawn in Monterey Park, a largely Asian community eight miles east of Los Angeles. The living room is taken over by two pianos perched perpendicular to each other. Chloe, who is separated from Marc's father, traded houseplants, some furniture, and a small refrigerator for the second piano, a used Yamaha. A glass dining table is littered with Marc's math and writing workbooks and his latest stash of library art books. Bars cover the windows and closed blinds banish the sunlight. There are no toys in this room.

On a recent morning, Marc got up about 6:30 a.m., took a shower and practiced for about 45 minutes before eating breakfast. As Marc played, Chloe held a metronome and sat in a desk chair by his side. Patiently and methodically, she asked him to practice certain passages of a Bach concerto. She directed him to play the difficult passages five times before moving on. He played from memory as if he had the sheet music. They spoke to each other in Cantonese, the language Marc learned from birth.

After breakfast, Marc practiced an additional 90 minutes. As a reward, Chloe told him he could play the piece along with a CD. He beamed. She had several recordings from the library. Marc chose one.

On the keyboard, Marc's tiny fingers flew across the keys. When the piece finished, he grinned, saying, "That was fun."

"Told it was time for a break," Marc asked to play soccer in the yard. Despite several game at-

tempts, he kept missing the ball when he tried headers. He kicked the ball for 10 minutes with little control but great enthusiasm.

Does he play on a team? "Oh, no," his mother said. "That's far too dangerous."

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Marc asked a visitor, abbreviating a *Franny Youngman* joke.

"Practice. Practice. Practice." He chortled, scrunching his nose. The old saw has become a mantra for Marc, who practices six hours a day. Chloe is sensitive about this. Marc wants to practice, she says, and if anything she has to make him stop. Piano practice sessions don't usually last more than two hours and cello sessions are just 20 minutes to avoid possible hand strain.

Marc's regimen is extreme. Martin Chalifour, now concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, says he started violin at age 4 but never practiced more than 75 minutes each week until he was 12.

Piano teacher Cook said Marc "practices an enormous amount by anyone's standards. His whole existence revolves around music and his love of music."

Chloe, soft spoken and petite, grew up in Macao in the Guangdong province of southern China. As a child, she had

begged her parents for piano lessons. Her father was a newspaper editor. He and her mother declined, believing music lessons were frivolous.

"If my parents had been more supportive, I would have succeeded with music," she said. "I don't want to do to Marc what my parents did to me. If he likes music, I'll be as supportive as I can."

Until February, Chloe and Marc lived with Chloe's in-laws. Not fans of classical music, they put Marc's piano in the garage and asked that he also practice cello there.

Today Chloe is raising her son as a single mother. When her divorce is final, Chloe expects to receive \$800 in monthly child support. She does not work; she pays \$500 a month for rent.

Chloe has devoted herself to nurturing Marc's intellect. She wakes early so she can read up on subjects in which he has expressed an interest. She carries a notebook so she can jot down his questions and find library books to help satisfy his curiosity.

Recently, he asked her about 16th century Flemish painter Peter Bruegel, after spotting one of his paintings in a museum.

"He is curious about everything," she sighed. "Sometimes he's tough. I'll say, 'Can you wait? I'll study!'"

Not everyone thinks her dedication is healthy. Strangers and the boy's father have scolded her for robbing Marc of his childhood because he practices so much. ("I don't make him practice. I have to make him stop," she says.) They have chastised her for not working (a job, Chloe believes, would mean sacrificing Marc and that is a price she's not willing to pay).

She consoles herself with the thought that these outsiders don't know her or her son. They don't know that talented musicians, even young ones, must practice long hours.

"Every minute counts, I think," she said. "I complain to (Marc) that. These are special years. Not everyone can play as you do. But it's a very competitive world out there. It's like a race. If you slow down, they'll catch up."

In the fall, Chloe plans to home-school her son because she wants the flexibility that would afford. This way, when he's preparing for a concert, she would not need to pull him out of first grade.

Where does Chloe imagine herself in 10 years?

"If I'm not lucky, I'll be old and ugly and wrinkled," Chloe said. "If I'm lucky, my son will be going to play his debut at Carnegie Hall."

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Luther Vandross dies at 54

CHICAGO

There's no telling how many babies were conceived, hearts healed and lovers reunited to the suave soul ballads of Luther Vandross, who died Friday at 54.

Even a seductive smoothie like Smokey Robinson once acknowledged Vandross as the master of the late-night slow-burn: "There are vocalists, and then there's Luther. Luther's in a class by himself."

Vandross died at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, N.J. The singer suffered a stroke in his Manhattan home on April 16, 2003, and was rarely seen in public afterward.

His legacy was already assured. The "prince of pop" sold more than 25 million albums since the early '80s, and established himself as a classic multi-octave soul singer who made heartbreak his home away from home.

One of his idols, singer Dionne Warwick, simply called him "The Voice of the Home." Vandross' silky tenor stood out as a singular instrument during an era when explicitness and his authentic voice came only once in a century.

Yet Vandross always considered himself the consummate entertainer. His concerts were the essence of call-and-response, where the singer turned his interaction with his band and the audience into an art form. Where other singers shouted and screamed for attention, Vandross wooed his fans with understatement.

"If any show should be like any great play with a central figure," he once told the Chicago Tribune. "The essence of what I am is not compromised but enhanced by the other singers and musicians. It's like Dorothy had the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion. I have great helpers of long standing."

That self-effacing attitude came from decades toiling in the shadows from April 20, 1961, in New York. Vandross worked behind the scenes for most of the '70s. He sang commercial jingles and was a back-up singer



Luther Vandross

Grammy-award winning vocalist and arranger for Warwick, Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand and seen in public afterward.

Besides his multi-octave voice, Vandross also had a knack for songwriting, and he was a catalyst in Bowie's soul-inspired album "Young Americans" in 1975.

On tour, Bowie told me to go out there and sing five original songs every night with the band before he went on, and for 45 minutes each night I'd hear, "Bowie!" Vandross told the Tribune, "I said to him, 'Listen, man, if you want to kill me, just use cyanide, but don't send me out there and sing five original songs every night with the band before he went on, and for 45 minutes each night I'd hear, 'Bowie!'"

After several failed attempts at launching a solo career, Vandross reeled off seven million-selling albums in the '90s. He scored No. 1 R&B hits such as "Never Too Much" and

"Here and Now" but his signature moments were soft covers of the Burt Bacharach-Iral David ballad "A House Is Not a Home"—originally sung by Warwick, and Leon Russell's "Superstar" a hit for the Carpenters in 1971. Warwick called Vandross' version of her 1964 hit "definitive."

Those landmark interpretations distilled Vandross' recurring theme: the tangle of heartbreak and hope in adult relationships. Few singers of the last 25 years have approached that subject with greater nuance or empathy.

Vandross' weight fluctuated wildly throughout his career, and he battled hypertension and diabetes. He said his weight gains correlated to the times when he was getting over a break-up. Music, he told the Tribune, was a balm during these crises.

"Sometimes it's like a third hand that you have, a world that can't be respassed," he said. "Thank God for the gift of music—that insulates me."

Vandross kept scoring hits in the last 15 years, including his highest-charting pop singles, "Endless Love" (with Mariah Carey) and "Power of Love/Love Power" (with Baby Face Nelson). He continued to climb acclaim. In 2004, he was awarded four Grammys, including best song for "Dilemma" and best R&B performance for "Because I Believe in the Power of Love."



Jon Bon Jovi performs during the Live 8 concert in Philadelphia on Saturday. The Live 8 concerts are part of a campaign to get the world's richest nations to cancel debt, increase aid to developing countries and promote fair trade.

Live 8 concerts rock the globe

LONDON (AP) — Bono effortlessly worked the crowd. Half a globe away, Bjork strutted the stage. Bill Gates was cheered like a rock star. And on the continent that inspired Saturday's unprecedented Live 8 extravaganza, Nelson Mandela outshone them all.

From Johannesburg to Philadelphia, Berlin to Tokyo, Rome to Moscow, hundreds of the world's top musicians and more than 1 million of their fans gathered for a music marathon designed to pressure the world's most powerful leaders into fighting African poverty. Twenty years after he masterminded the legendary Live Aid concert, rocker Bob Geldof delivered on his promise to deliver "the greatest concert ever" broadcast live around the world on television and the Internet. But his ultimate goal went far beyond music to squeeze debt forgiveness, trade concessions and \$25 billion in aid for Africa out of next week's Group of Eight summit meeting in Scotland.



Singer Keith Urban entertains spectators during the Live 8 concert in Philadelphia on Saturday.

"We're not looking for charity, we're looking for justice. We cannot fix every problem, but the ones we can, we must."

Geldof appeared onstage to introduce Microsoft billionaire and philanthropist Gates, whom the crowd greeted with a rock star roar.

"We can do this, and when we do, it will be the best thing that humanity has ever done," Gates said. The crowd joined in as REM sang "Man on the Moon," then heard U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan declare: "This is really the United Nations ... The whole world has come together in solidarity with the poor."

Geldof's claim that 3 billion people around the world were watching Saturday seemed overblown, as did talk in Philadelphia that a million people were on hand. But Live 8 was huge nonetheless, with a mile-long crowd stretching from the front steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and more than 5 million page views on America Online's music site, www.aolmusic.com, which broadcast all 10 concerts in their entirety. AOL said more than 150,000 people simultaneously streamed its video, the most in

Internet history. The first concert kicked off in Spain, where Bjork and Good Charlotte joined local bands for a show that failed to generate much interest in Asia's only G-8 nation. Despite Bjork making her first live performance in two years, the crowd of 10,000 people was only half of what the hall in the Tokyo suburb of Makuhari could hold.

"Still, 'We believe passionately in what this is about,'" Bjork said. "Just the acknowledgment of the problem is an important step."

Live 8 then rolled on to Johannesburg. That show, plus one featuring African artists in southwest England, were organized following criticism that African artists had been left out of an event aimed at their own continent.

"Africans are involved in helping Africa, which doesn't happen too often," Cameroon-born singer Oumou Koussie said before the England show. "We're presenting a different image of Africa."

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Canada's most notorious prisoner set for release

In Russia, 'hunt for cops' claims 26 victims

MONTREAL (AP) — The most reviled woman in Canada is set to walk out of prison Monday, despite death threats and rage from the public that bitter she only served 12 years for the rapes and murders of teenage girls, including her younger sister, Karla Homolka.

Her release and subsequent whereabouts, a move that will be challenged by media attorneys in a Montreal courtroom on Monday.

Many in this French-speaking city believe Canadians have done her time, and should be given her second chance at life, which she got after making a deal with the state in exchange for testimony against her ex-husband.

Dubbed "English-Canada's monster," by Quebecois, the 35-year-old former veterinarian assistant who grew up near Niagara Falls has said she intends to settle in Montreal, hoping for anonymity amid those perhaps less familiar with her name.

Those offenses, when made public through her testimony at her ex-husband's murder trial in 1995 and from hundreds of newspaper articles, knocked the wind out of the nation.

Homolka, unaccustomed to the grisly crimes they typically attribute to their neighbors to the south, felt as if they had lost a touch of innocence.

Renewed interest in the killer, who now calls herself Karla Teale, has reached beyond Canadian borders. The Internet search engine Google reports Homolka was among their top 10 search subjects last week, just after Michael Jackson and Angelina Jolie.

Homolka was convicted of manslaughter in 1993 and given the relatively light sentence of 12 years for her role in the rapes and murders of Ontario teenagers Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy. In return, she agreed to testify against her husband Paul Bernardo, a Toronto bookkeeper serving a life term in an Ontario prison for two counts of first-degree murder.

Homolka's role in the crimes cutos also considered her role in the 1990 death of her 15-year-old sister, Tammy, who died on Christmas Eve after Homolka held a drug-soaked cloth over her face while Bernardo raped her.

Several psychiatrists who interviewed Homolka in prison were often beaten by Bernardo with a slew of hospital photos to prove it — claimed she was suffering from battered woman syndrome. She was given further leniency for her own mental state.

She does seem to be very perturbed, yes, but she's done her time and either the system works or it doesn't," said Christian Immer, whose family lives next to the Elizabeth Fry Society halfway house for female inmates in the leafy Montreal suburb of Notre Dame de Grace.

Homolka has received court orders to stay in the home, where she could stay in privacy while she finds a place to live and attempts to elude reporters.

The police and women who run the halfway house have refused to reveal whether Homolka will stay there, and insist on any concern about the possibility.

"I have three kids and the

thought crosses my mind, but she's probably the least of our fears in this big metropolis," said Immer, wishing a car outside his home.

A criminal attorney, Immer blames the media for fueling the hysteria over Homolka's release from a prison just outside Montreal. One photo of Homolka glaring menacingly into the camera from beneath blonde bangs, has been printed and shown on television so often it's hard for most to picture her otherwise.

But Immer acknowledged the images of Homolka's sister, Tammy, won't soon be forgotten.

"I think people just can't fathom what she did to her sister, the idea of offering her sister to her husband for rape," Immer said. "It was a horrible, horrible act."

Months after prosecutors made the so-called "deal with the devil," Bernardo's attorneys hunted for her to help videotape by the couple. One indicated Homolka had offered up Tammy as a Christmas gift to Bernardo in 1990; it showed Homolka performing oral sex on her unconscious sister after slipping sleeping pills in her alcohol. Tammy died choking on her own vomit.

In the following two years, the couple kidnapped and videotaped the rapes and beatings of 15-year-old Kristin, then 14-year-old Leslie, who was strangled by Bernardo with an electrical cord while the teenagers hunted for her. Homolka had given her for comfort.

By the time the videotapes were revealed, the Homolka plea bargain had been sealed. During Bernardo's trial, the prosecution insisted he had repeatedly beaten their star witness and threatened her family so Homolka had only pretended to enjoy the sexual abuse of the girls in an effort to protect herself, her other sister and parents.

Detectors said she had numerous chances to leave Bernardo. Letters to friends not after Tammy's murder complained that her parents grieving for their youngest child was casting a shadow over her approaching wedding day.

The murder of Notre Dame de Grace borough said he received dozens of e-mails, letters and phone calls from concerned citizens, most pleading that Homolka not be allowed to live among them.

Michael Applebaum said police assured him that Homolka would be kept in another part of the city until the media frenzy dies down. "She won't be walking the streets anytime soon," Applebaum said.

The mystery surrounding Homolka's deal assured him that Ontario prosecutors last month to seek, successfully, heavy restrictions on her movement and activities.

Homolka intends to appeal those restrictions, calling them a violation of her plea deal. Her lawyers also plan to return to court Monday to try, for a second time, to ban the media from reporting on her whereabouts once she is released from the penitentiary in rural Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, about 10 miles north of Montreal.

"I believe some people wish to do the public a favor by killing me," Homolka said in an affidavit accompanying the request for a media ban. "The thought of being relentlessly pursued, hunted down and followed when I won't have any protection makes me fear for my life."

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — Residents of the capital of the poor and chaotic Russian province of Dagestan have come to call it "the hunt for cops" — more than two years of bold and brutal attacks on police.

Who's conducting it, what the motives are and even if it's a coordinated campaign are unknown. But the violence proceeds. On Friday, 10 soldiers were killed when their truck was blown up as it pulled up to a public bathhouse, not 11 as reported earlier, rescue officials said.

Col. Akhmedilav Aklov was one of the first to feel the fury of the attacks. In September 2002, as his car approached his office at the regional police headquarters, masked gunmen in a passing car opened fire from Kachinikov assault rifles, instantly killing the head of the police's anti-extremism and anti-terrorism department. The assailants, who also killed Aklov's driver and a passer-by, made a safe getaway.

The bold, daylight killing was seen as a reflection of the high



An injured person is put in a truck at the site of a bomb explosion that targeted trucks carrying Russian Interior ministry troops in Makhachkala, Dagestan, southern Russia, on Friday.

level of everyday violence in the mostly Muslim Dagestan region, which borders on Chechnya.

But it also marked the opening salvo in what has become a long series of murders specifically targeting police in Dagestan, a mountainous region of numerous small ethnic groups bordering the Caspian Sea.

Six officers from Aklov's department were killed in the three months following his murder. 26 police officers have been killed in gun and bomb attacks this year alone in the "hunt for cops."

The motives behind the attacks are unclear. Some blame the killings on Islamic militants working in cahoots with Chechen rebels attacking military targets while others say the violence could be rooted in rivalry between some of Dagestan's clans and ethnic groups.

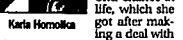
Suit officers, including some prosecuted for the crimes, say the attacks are revenge for unbridled police brutality.

"I did not kill your son," suspect Gurbil Abidov told the regional parents of a murdered police officer during a court hearing last year, before he was sentenced to

20 years in prison for the killing. "But believe me, if I'd had a weapon, if I'd had the slightest possibility, I would have killed him. If you knew how he treated people in the interrogation cells, you'd have cursed him."

The roots of the hunt reach back to fall 1999, when Dagestan authorities moved to fight back against growing criminality by forming a special police division to combat kidnapping. It was soon expanded to work against extremism and terrorism — the biggest threats facing the southern Russian republic, which suffered a spate of abductions, explosions and contract killings. The following year, Chechen-based rebels raided Dagestan twice before being forced out.

The new division was under pressure to show results, and its officers regularly started employing torture to squeeze confessions out of suspects, said an officer in the regional prosecutors' office who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.



Karla Homolka

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Three explosions rock Kosovo capital; U.N. building targeted

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — At least three blasts rocked the center of Kosovo's capital on Saturday, and one targeted the U.N. mission headquarters.

An Associated Press reporter saw at least three U.N. vehicles hit in the parking lot of the U.N. mission headquarters in Pristina.

There were no immediate reports of any injuries after at least three near-simultaneous blasts, said Hua Jiang, chief U.N. spokeswoman.

The second blast detonated near the building of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the OSCE, which is a block away from the U.N. compound.

The third blast went off near the Kosovo government building, which also was damaged in the parliament and damaged it slightly, said Jiang. She

did not say what caused the blasts.

Police sealed off the areas after the explosions, and said Kosovo has been administered by the U.N. mission and patrolled by NATO-led peacekeepers since 1999 after ceaseless bombing of Serb forces waging a crackdown on separatist ethnic Albanians.

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EDITORIAL

Some other freedoms to consider this holiday

America, how do we love thee, let us count the ways.

With all due respect to Jefferson, Madison, Franklin and Betsy Ross' banner of red, white and blue, there's a whole bunch of freedoms to be thankful for this Fourth of July.

Ask most Americans what's great about this nation and you will hear the appropriate responses: life, liberty, pursuit of happiness; freedoms of speech, religion, press, petition and assembly; apple pie, baseball and drive-in theaters.

But there's a whole lot more that makes the land of the free. Starting with Freedom to disagree — Let's face it, in order to have a melting pot, you must have heat. America's apt skill for heated debate boils over into culture, opinion, politics, art, religion, any number of things.

Sure, some ideas may not settle well, and there should always be a stark line between offense and personal attack. But while American freedom of expression isn't always tidy, it certainly makes more sense than the fact of political correctness.

Freedom to buy — Odds are when you go to the grocery store this weekend, you'll pass by 40 varieties of sodas, dozens of plants to chips, a wide array of hot dogs and meats, and a selection of fruits and vegetables from across the nation (if not the globe).

What's great about free enterprise is how it works as a two-way street: supply in one lane, demand in the other. Consumers choose the goods or services they want from merchants who are free to provide it for them.

Freedom to recreate — In what other country can you jump over a canyon bridge with a parachute?

Whether you paddle a river, check full of rapids, water-ski behind a boat, or climb a mountain peak, the freedom to play makes part of our lifestyle even if it includes a risk to life and limb.

The fact that America has so many parks, monuments, forests, recreation areas and wilderness areas, is a testament to the desire we have to live in the primitive land. Here in Idaho, those opportunities are seemingly endless.

Freedom to participate — A community thrives when its citizens go outside their self-interests to assist in improving the greater good. That spirit helps elevate the school, city, neighborhood or congregation and provides a sense of unity — be it in the Boy Scout Club or in the Cub Scout den.

Giving back to the community is a cherished right nationwide. Usually, the only limit to our public participation is ourselves. Keep freedom alive this Fourth by celebrating more than a holiday, but the promises that make America a constant land of opportunity.

U.S. can no longer stomach casualties

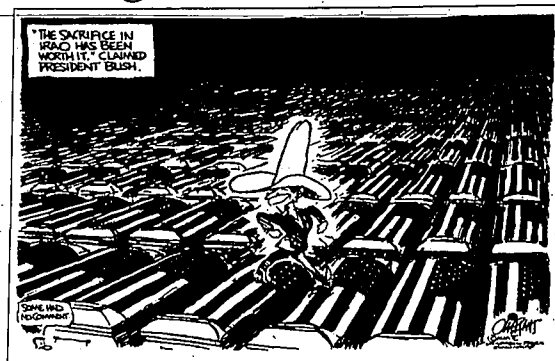
Americans have always had a high tolerance for military casualties. So said President Bush in his Iraq-war speech Tuesday night. But in point of fact, Americans haven't been holding firm in recent decades. And there's an underlying demographic logic to that softening, which Bush, as well as future presidents prosecuting future wars, will have to take into account.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

Bush's speech will surely boost popular support for his Iraq campaign, but what's most striking is the steep decline in support over the last two years. A Washington Post/ABC News poll found that 53 percent of Americans now believe the Iraq war was "not worth fighting" — the seventh consecutive poll over the last nine months to show such a majority. A further poll in the last two months finds that 69 percent of Americans view the level of U.S. troops in Iraq as "unacceptable." And yet by historical standards, in the sweep of U.S. history, the Iraq casualties — about 1,750 killed in the last 27 months — are, to put it bluntly, negligible.

During the Civil War, Union forces lost 360,000 men, out of a population of 22 million. Which is to say, almost 2 percent of the entire Northern population was killed in four years. For President Abraham Lincoln hung on to his support and was re-elected by a landslide in 1864. Of course, public opinion polls and television didn't exist back then. But there's another factor, too: big families. In 1860, more than 40 percent of the population of the United States was younger than



19. It's a cold fact that if there are a lot of kids around the household, it's easier to give some over to war. But the long-term trend toward smaller families has undercut this demographic "surplus."

That's the underlying reason Americans did not "hold firm" in Vietnam, and why they do not seem to be holding firm in Iraq. Then and now, American forces were not in danger of losing on the battlefield. But the home front was, and is, a different story.

The first Americans were killed fighting in Vietnam in 1957. By summer 1965, total KIA's in Vietnam reached the same level they are in Iraq today. Yet four decades ago, support for the war stayed stronger longer. A majority of Americans didn't say Vietnam wasn't worth fighting for until August 1968, by which time some 30,000 American soldiers had been killed. So while Lyndon Johnson's Vietnam War

was one-hundredth as costly as Lincoln's Civil War, on a relative basis — the 36th president, unlike the 16th president, was thwarted in his bid for reelection.

The percentage of children in the country was a key factor in these shifting war-presidency fortunes. By 1965, the share of under-19-year-olds had fallen sharply, by 27 percent. So in 'Nam, each combat fatality — magnified, of course, by the media — was felt more strongly. Today, the under-19 percent is up to 27. Families that once had five or six kids now have a couple at most. Poll numbers on Iraq — and plummeting enlistment rates — show the impact of demography on the polity.

These long-term trends, and their political implications, were evident to one far-sighted thinker more than a decade ago. In 1994, Edward Luttwak, a professor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in

Washington, D.C., surveyed the U.S. experience in Vietnam, Lebanon, and Somalia. He concluded, in a Foreign Affairs article, that America had entered its "post-heroic" era, in which the public would have a permanently low tolerance for casualties.

In his piece, Luttwak considered possible responses to this new reality, such as recruiting more non-Americans, a la the French Foreign Legion, or learning to ignore "tragedies and human casualties" when they occur around the world. In this Luttwakian scenario, the United States would need either mercenaries or a less interventionist agenda.

Bush, and probably most Americans, would likely reject both these options, in which case, the challenge we're faced is squaring a heroic foreign policy with a post-heroic demography.

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LETTER

White House adheres to Iraq-9/11 myth

In September 2003, many months after the invasion of Iraq, the government, in response to a journalist's query, belatedly made the shameful admission that there was no evidence that Iraq was connected to the 9/11 attack. Yet, this same government, on the 21st of this June, said, "We went to war because we were attacked." But notably didn't mention Afghanistan, bin Laden, al-Qaida and Taliban as the actual perpetrators of the attack. Instead, government continued to boast of the removal of Saddam Hussein from power in a further decrease of cynicism and reinforcement in the public mind that it was he that attacked us.

Along, this government has been aware of the public's misconception that it was Iraq that attacked us; this government knew all the polls confirmed this misconception. Instead of dispelling it, the government has taken political advantage of the public's misconception by remaining largely silent about it.

This lack of candor by this government is, at a minimum, dishonest. This government's statements are carefully edited in such manner as to reinforce the impression in the public mind that it was Iraq that attacked us. It is, in essence, lying. This deceptive silence, this appropriation of bias already existing in the minds of inattentive, busy citizens, is one of many propagandistic ploys that Joseph Goebbels employed 65 years ago. It has not been that long enough, it even-

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Finally become stuck in the popular mind as "fact." At various times, polling showed that about 60 percent of the nation thought that Iraq was behind the 9/11 attacks. A poll conducted by the University of Maryland in October 2004 found approximately 75 percent of those who support this government's foreign policy believed that Iraq provided significant support to the terrorists. In addition, and more conclusive, these beliefs persist in spite of the findings to the contrary by the bipartisan commission appointed to investigate matters surrounding 9/11. The commission and other investigators cleared Iraq of any involvement in 9/11.

Doesn't misconception remain misconception if a government doesn't proactively end it by opportunely emphasizing the actual facts? Isn't government bias and error inevitable at best or deliberately misleading at worst if it doesn't make an all-out effort to set the record straight about any misconception in its populace? If government neglects this basic obligation, is it truly demonstrating freedom, democracy and open government recently boasted of in Russia? JACK HARTLEY
Twin Falls

Security the top priority for Iraqis — LETTER —

George Bush did not limit his withdrawal during last year's presidential campaign when it looked as if Iraq might cost him his political career. The withdrawal will be so as a second-term president. Americans know that. But the world may not. Particularly as it keeps hearing congressional speeches calling for withdrawal, timetables and exit strategies.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Hence the president's nationally televised address to the nation Tuesday on Iraq. One purpose, of course, was to state our position, the case for our war. But the most important line was the restatement of his position on withdrawal before the answer to that will be no as a second-term president. Americans know that. But the world may not. Particularly as it keeps hearing congressional speeches calling for withdrawal, timetables and exit strategies.

So now we do have the timetable for withdrawal. We are signed on to Iraq into 2008, when the contract comes up for renewal. If we are in roughly the same position in Iraq then as today, the 2008 campaign will become a referendum on withdrawal.

And if we are no further ahead in securing Iraq's democracy three years from now, the American voter will cancel the contract. But success is more likely, I believe, as the U.S. East scholar Fouad Ajami reported recently upon returning from the region: "The insurgents will do what they are ordered. But no one in Iraq really believes that those dispensers of death can turn back the clock... By a twist of fate, the Iraqis who are not back seemed ever marked for brutality and sorrow now stands poised on the frontier of a new political world."

But there is one new law in the agenda for this new political world: writing a constitution. Americans are constitutionally averse to such things. And they are generally a good idea. Ours has worked well. But we had practice and lots of time. The Iraqis have not. The deadline is Aug. 15. That leaves six weeks. It took three months just to form a government after the elections, and over a month to find a formula for including Sunnis on the drafting committee for the con-



It will be impossible to write it in the next six weeks, particularly because, as the price for joining the drafting process, the Sunni delegates demanded that all decisions be made by consensus, not by vote. Not is the six-month extension permitted by the interim constitution the answer to that. The answer is to shelve it indefinitely. This is not the time for constitution-writing. This is the time for finessing. Iraq is too fractured along sectarian lines, too specially ruined by 30 years of totalitarianism, too new to the habits of democracy to be able to record in stone the kind of great cosmic compromises that are the essence of constitutions.

Even America, which had a century of self-government before independence, needed 13 years before it could draft a viable and durable constitution. And even that one ultimately floundered (albeit, three-score and 11 years later) over the insoluble problem of slavery.

Right now, Iraq is working on ad hoc national understanding. The Iraqis are not a part of the country is essentially an autonomous Kurdish zone outside the control of the central government. For now, that works. But no constitution is going to ensue such an arrangement. Why force a fledgling democracy to disrupt the Iraqis' fragile, but necessary, working arrangement in the name of high principle when there is no possible principle right now that can accommodate the needs of the central government and the Kurds.

Similarly, the vexing problems of oil rights and the ethnic divide between Kurds, the central government of Islam, and perhaps most crucially, the question of mili-

Independence Day in Iraq

the Kurds have theirs, as does the main Shiite party. Not the most desirable arrangement, but they are trained, cohesive and motivated to fight the insurgency.

Both Iraq's president and prime minister endorsed their retention a few weeks ago. Constitution-drafting can only do the job of legitimizing. No constitution will legitimize sectarian militias. Why force the issue?

And why force the other issue? Better to have the constitutional committee simply draft, for now, one part of the constitution — a new electoral law for the coming 15 elections for a permanent government.

That can be done by Aug. 15 and would actually be useful. Trying to get a newly elected constitutional committee to decide once and for all, say, the role of militia or the legitimacy of militias, will be deeply destructive, at the least, an enormous distraction, at the best, a political smokescreen should be directed toward building a government and an army, assisting reconstruction and fighting the insurgency. Written constitutions are swell. But lots of successful places (Britain, for example) get along without one. So should Iraq, at least for now.

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Retiring CSI president leaves lasting legacy

I want to publicly congratulate College of Southern Idaho President Gerald Meyerhoeffer for all he has done over four decades to foster the academic and economic growth of southern Idaho.

The doors had barely opened when he joined the faculty in 1966. Considering his contributions to life in the Magic Valley, it was appropriate for the first job to be in vocational guidance counseling.

From a handful of students studying at night in the Twin Falls High School to over 10,000 students on a 300-acre campus, at three off-campus centers and linked to professors through an advanced distance-learning system, he can rightfully take pride in the evolution of post-secondary learning in the state's working over.

President Meyerhoeffer and his allies convinced people that they could get quality education and training that would earn them good jobs without leaving the valley for Boise, Moscow, Potlatch or some other larger institution in another state.

The information technology, health sciences, trade and industrial training CSI offers, to cite a few examples, has been a major factor in the steady expansion of the region. Dr. Meyerhoeffer has been a great partner with the state and especially Idaho Commerce & Labor in promoting economic development by ensuring the existence of the skilled and committed labor pool every company relies on.

We at Commerce and Labor wish him the best in his retirement. He has been an endowment for us all in the years to come.

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Despite its faults, many in the world still look to U.S. for hope

FANNIE FLONO

As this Fourth of July approaches, I've been thinking a lot about whether we are residents of Freiburg, Germany.

In 1993, Botcher was the chubby, grandfatherly vice mayor of the picturesque village with cobblestone streets in eastern Germany. It's about a 30-minute drive from Dresden and about a 90-minute drive from Berlin.

In an emotion-filled speech before 10 or so U.S. journalists — I was one of them — and about a dozen Freiburg residents, he talked about what America meant to his city. He ended with this: "We understand you are the world's oldest democracy, and we won't forget the role you played in bringing freedom to this part of Germany."

I was so moved I wrote down those words and occasionally read them and remember fondly the warm and grateful townspeople I met a dozen years ago.

Most Americans have no real concept of what this country has meant to so many who live elsewhere in the world. The United States has been a beacon for others seeking liberty, justice and, yes, democracy for almost as long as it has been a country. We have not always stayed true to these principles at home, and we've even stood in the way of them for other countries. But our persistent pursuit of those goals — despite our failings — continues to provide inspiration for many across the world.

Of late, that's been hard to see. America's image has taken some lumps on the world stage, mainly because of our decision to go to war with Iraq and our dogmatic approach to world issues.

A new poll underscores the extent of anti-Americanism in many countries. The Pew Global Attitudes Project surveyed about 17,000 people in the United States and 15 other countries from April 20 to May 31. What it showed is not all that surprising, but disappointing and disturbing nonetheless.

Residents in only six of the 16 nations gave the U.S. a 50 percent or better favorable rating. Amazingly, communist China included for the first time in this poll, received favorable ratings from 11 of the 16.

Much of the anti-U.S. feeling is politically based, with many questioning both the war in Iraq and the larger U.S.-led war on terror. Some view America less favorably because George Bush was re-elected.

But others said Americans simply have bad character traits. Many in other countries view us as rude, greedy and dishonest. We Americans even slipped that about ourselves.

We must acknowledge and address those image problems, and tackle the real policy issues driving our negativity. Being the major player on the world stage makes us a prime target for the ire and disdain of others.

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of them have inspired the world.

I am reminded of that — and encouraged — every July Fourth and every time I think of Arndt Botcher and Freiberg.

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Adults play large role in playground troubles

I want to congratulate the Wendell School District for putting an end to bullying at school and school-related activities. I feel adamantly about making an absolute "no tolerance" policy toward bullying. It is my opinion that bullying is not only a nationwide and should have been done years ago. In our times, children are already under more stress than any child of those days. In what used to be called a "childhood."

However, I read one comment made by the middle and elementary school counselor in the article that I did not agree with. I can't quote it word for word, but it was something to the tune of "if a child does not respond, it is bullying, and if a child says something back it is a fight." He also mentioned instances where a child has taken harassment from someone for so long that he finally blows and therefore ends up being the one in trouble. Those are contradictory statements.

Having a child who is harassed within the school, I have seen firsthand what this does to a child and his or her self-esteem. It is angering and heart-breaking. This carries over into the child's activities like baseball and a simple trip to the pool. Being a former employee of the Wendell Elementary School, I can attest firsthand that the problem does not always lie in the hands of the bully. I have witnessed several acts of unfairness and inconsis-

tency in disciplinary actions. I have heard staff members tell students "go away," "you probably deserved it," "don't worry about it," etc., on many occasions. I have seen kids be completely disregarded, called a tattletale or just flat out ignored for entrusting a staff member with a problem.

To be sure, staff members actually watch a fight on the playground because I assume she thought the other kid deserved it or maybe she thought it was funny. Favoritism is no secret at this school among the staff. It shows through to the high school level. It is my opinion that the problem lies in the hands of the adult staff members and 25 percent in the hands of the bullies.

If a child cannot get help, reassurance, validation or trust from the adults at school, then who should he call? And why should we as adults expect respect out of a child who is not respected by his peers or authority figures?

MICHELLE CHAVEZ
Wendell

Leadership must come clean on Iraq war

I think it is time President Bush should be honest with the American people. It has been proven that Saddam Hussein had no connection with Osama bin Laden, that Osama bin Laden was responsible for the 9/11 attacks. So why are we in Iraq? We are fighting the wrong terrorist.

The word is already out that

Bush planned a war on Iraq before the 9/11 attack. Bush is using the war in Iraq and getting our soldiers killed to get oil because his oil wells went dry. The American people and our decorated soldiers are paying the price for his greed.

Also we need new leadership in Idaho since Crapo, Otter, Craig and Simpson all back Bush on the war and since they have all voted for the drug benefit, privatizing Medicare and privatizing Social Security. We need leadership in Idaho that cares about our soldiers getting killed, our children's education, our seniors' retirement and medical, and protecting our borders from the terrorists.

If lying to the American people almost impached Clinton for one lie, then Bush should be impeached.


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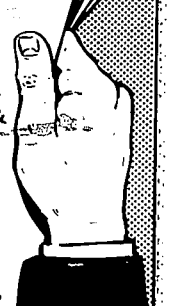
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WORLD

For Iran, fervor over embassy takeover has faded

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — For Iranians, fervor over the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover — a central event in their stormy Islamic Revolution — has faded. If the country's new president participated, he'd be one of many former hostage-takers who entered politics.

Many of the organizers of the embassy seizure are now leading advocates of democratic reform and closer ties with the United States.

In fact, the election of hard-liner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the end of an era in which former hostage-takers held key positions in the government and parliament. Most of them have already lost their posts in the backlash by Iran's clerical regime or will leave with the ousting of a reform president.

The official Iranian media yesterday said Friday about demands by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad Thursday that the new president explain

his role in the embassy seizure. Six former hostages, after seeing Ahmadinejad in photos or on television, said they believe he was among the hostage-takers. One American said Ahmadinejad helped interrogate him.

The state news agency, radio and television made no mention of Bush's comments. Iranian newspapers do not publish on Fridays, a weekend day in Iran. Ahmadinejad's aides have denied he had a role.

The students who carried out the embassy takeover said Ahmadinejad didn't participate in the taking or holding of 52 American hostages for 44 days.

If he had been involved, Ahmadinejad likely would have played it up in his presidential campaign to increase his appeal to hard-liners, the only ones who might still support the student leaders.

"If he had played any sort of role in any part of it, he would have used that 1,000 times in the past 25 years to take advantage of it," Abdi told The Associated Press on Friday.

While a traumatic event for Americans, the embassy seizure and the revolution that surrounded it were, for Iranians, similar to the 1960s in the U.S. and Europe: a turbulent period that forged today's leaders.

And like many post-Baby Boomers in the United States, sick of hearing about the 1960s, many young Iranians have little interest in the capture of the "Den of Spies," as the revolutionaries called the U.S. Embassy.

"I was a little kid when the embassy seizure happened," said Reza Hossainpour, a Tehran shopkeeper in his late 20s. "I don't want to hear about it anymore. It's part of the past history. There has been enough hostility between Iran and America."

In past years, the annual celebrations to mark the Nov. 4, 1979 seizure of the embassy have attracted crowds only in the hundreds — many of them children bused in for the event.

The students that carried out the takeover were fervent supporters of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Shiite theologian who became Iran's supreme leader and imposed an Islamic government. The students seized the embassy to protest the U.S. refusal to hand over Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Iranian leader who had been ousted from power that year.

Over the past decade, many of the students formed the core of the Iranian reform movement that sought the loosening of the theocracy's hold on power and contacts with the United States.

Many, like Abdi, are members of the Islamic Iran Participation Front, the largest reformist party, which helped bring outgoing pro-reform president Mohammad Khatami to power in 1997.

Khatami's brother, Mohammad Reza Khatami, was also a hostage-taker. But now, leading the party and was vice speaker of parliament after his brother took office.

Former agent: Hostage-taker was not Iran's president-elect

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A top Iranian former secret agent said Saturday that the hostage-taker in a 1979 photograph that has come under intense scrutiny is not President-elect Mahmoud Ahmadinejad but a former militant who committed suicide in jail.

Saeed Hajjarian, a top adviser to outgoing President Mohammad Khatami, identified the man in the photo dating to the 1979 U.S. Embassy siege as Thaj Mohammadi.

Iran's newly elected president has been accused of being a main participant in the taking of American hostages at the embassy. Six former U.S. hostages who saw the president-elect in photos or on television said they believe Ahmadinejad was among the hostage-takers.

The White House said it was taking their statements seriously. President Bush said "many questions" were raised by the allegations.

International media have compared photos of Ahmadinejad, who won a presidential runoff election last week, with a black-and-white picture of one of the hostage-takers, a young man with a thin, bearded face and dark hair that sweeps down across his forehead.

But Hajjarian told The Associated Press they were not the same person.

This man is Thaj Mohammadi, a militant who later turned into a dissident and committed

suicide in jail," he said, pointing to the 1979 photo.

He said Mohammadi was a militant who joined students in the embassy takeover. Mohammadi was later arrested on charges of involvement in the 1981 bombing in Tehran that killed the country's president and prime minister, and committed suicide in prison, Hajjarian said.

Hajjarian's comment follows statements by a number of the former Iranian students who carried out the U.S. Embassy seizure

and held Americans hostage for 444 days that Ahmadinejad had no role in events.

Hajjarian, considered the brains behind Khatami's democratic-reforms program, is a former top official in the Intelligence Ministry or the secret service. Both supporters and opponents describe him as the "walking memory" of Iran's recent history because of his access to classified information and secrets within Iran's ruling Islamic establishment.

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It's time for us cyber-twits to get it together

There's a bank in my neighborhood where, every Saturday morning, dozens — sometimes hundreds — of vehicles line up waiting for the two tellers working the drive-through windows.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

The lobby of the bank is closed Saturdays, but outside is a drive-through automatic teller machine outside. Since it happens to also be the place where I bank, I know that particular ATM. Trust me, you can conduct any financial transaction on it short of getting a mortgage loan. So I'm guessing that 95 percent of the motorists waiting in that line every Saturday don't know how — or are at least afraid to try — to use an ATM. That's astonishing in this day and age. We're surrounded by techno-ninnings. I can say that because I am a practicing, card-carrying cyber-not. I've yet to successfully program a VCR, and now they don't make them anymore. But jeez, how do all the folks in that line get through the day. If they're afraid of a little bit of numbers? How do they get in through the security door at their workplaces? How do they check their bank balances? Look, if we were up to me we'd still all have Christmas club accounts and savings passbooks, but Bill Gates and Steve Jobs didn't ask me before they started the cyber-revolution that strook the financial services industry down to its nicksels. And sometimes, darn it, a guy's just gotta have 20 bucks when the bank's closed. Shoot, I'd even pay my bills online if I had the first idea how to go about it.

The folly of ignorance was brought home to me the other day when I had problems with my laptop computer and signed on to the manufacturer's technical support chat room to see if I could get it fixed.

As a result of some minutes, a technician named Rajiv came online. As you may have heard, many computer makers' call centers are now located in India, and after a minute or so it became apparent that Rajiv and I did not have mastery of the same language.

So I logged off and called the manufacturer's tech-support 800 line. The number, as I checked, a charming woman by the name of Sanji Sanji and I also had our problems connecting so — really — a broad of my long-ago high-school friend — I asked her if she spoke any other languages.

"Yes," she replied cheerfully. "I speak Punjabi and a little French."

Then I asked her, in the neighborhood of French, how to go about resetting the memory of my ailing laptop. At least I thought that's what I asked.

"There was a long-pause at the end of my line. 'I'm not sure if I'm permitted to answer that,' she said finally in English.

"Why not?" I wondered. "Because you asked me if my sister wears rubber boots to bed," she replied.

"I'm not sure if I agree that our communications issues were insurmountable, and she suggested that I call back and speak to another customer service representative.

"Technology is a wonderful thing," I said by way of parting. "But I guess it's always gonna be hard to communicate with a girl in India."

Once again, silence. "Sir," she said at length, "I'm in Kansas City."

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Rupert attorney faces new charges

By Terry Smith
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Prosecutors will likely move to consolidate new charges of procurement of prostitution with earlier cases against a Rupert attorney. He was arrested on similar charges four months ago. "It makes a lot of sense to run them together from our standpoint, but ultimately it's up to the judge," Mindok County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker said Friday. Raymond C. Pena, 47, was not arrested on the latest charges. Instead, his attorney received a summons ordering Pena to appear for arraignment on Aug. 1. "We are going to appear and enter my guilty plea and I fully expect that Mr. Pena will be exonerated," said Andrew Parnes, the Ketchum attorney represent-

ing Pena. Pena was indicted Wednesday by a Mindok County grand jury on three new felony charges of procurement of prostitution. He is accused of reducing legal fees or representing that cases would go better for two female clients in exchange for sexual services. He is accused in the third count of co-acting sexual services from a client and another woman in exchange for reducing legal fees for a friend of the two. Pena was arrested on two other procurement of prostitution charges in February after similar allegations were made by two other female clients. One of those counts was dismissed last week and the second was reduced to attempted procurement, a lesser offense but still a felony. No further court proceedings are cur-

rently scheduled for the earlier charge. Pena pleaded innocent to that charge in April. Under Idaho law procurement of prostitution is punishable by a fine ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and imprisonment from two to 20 years. Attempted procurement is punishable by half those amounts. Court documents relating to dismissal of one of the earlier charges remain sealed under court order. Walker said he can't comment on the reason the charge was dismissed because the action took place during a court hearing closed to the public. He said the information cannot be made public at this time because it involves discussion of sealed grand jury transcripts of proceedings, which historically have remained confidential.

Walker explained that the Pena indictments have been handled through a grand jury because of case sensitivities. "The main reason we used a grand jury was to make sure it was both fair to the defendant and to the community because of the nature of the charges," he said. "We have to make sure that it doesn't look like the prosecutor's office is just out to get someone," Walker said. Pena declined to comment Friday on the new indictment. He remains free on his own recognizance and continues to practice law in a partner in the Pena Law Offices in Rupert. Times-News correspondent Terry Smith mainly covers the Burley-Rupert area. He can be reached by e-mail at tdunehat@yahoo.com.

Boom OR bust



Above, Jack Johnson jokes with the sales staff at the Phantom Fireworks stand in the Rita Aid parking lot, while his 14-year-old daughter, Arianna, looks on Saturday in Twin Falls. Johnson spent around \$130 on fireworks. "I Love the Fourth of July," he says. Top, Phantom Fireworks has a large selection of fountain fireworks to choose from.

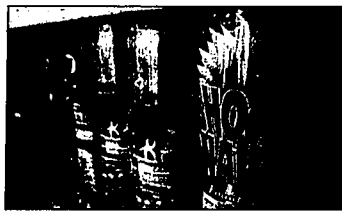


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Fireworks retailers experience feast and famine

By William Adams
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Snappers, smoke balls, cracklin' balls, whistlers and fountains — they all await eager fireworks buyers. Surrounded by myriad colors and enticing packages, fireworks retailers hustle to satisfy expectant customers — small and large. For Marty and Cherry Hurd, independent operators of a Fat City fireworks stand, it's a new experience. This is their first year running a

fireworks stand, said Marty, and he was surprised how much parents and adults want to get their own fireworks. The Hurd's stand seems like it should be sitting on prime real estate, in front of the Oasis Shop-n-Go and J's Express Car Wash on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, but sales haven't been as plentiful as they thought. Hurd said. Sales usually pick up around 3 p.m. each day, but sales had been slow until Friday. "I just don't think people are spending money on fireworks this year," Marty said. "Either they're not spend-

ing money this year or they're waiting until the last minute." Things could have been more lucrative if they had been selling illegal fireworks. "On the first day, one guy wanted to spend \$700 on illegals and another guy was willing to spend \$1,000," Marty said. "I wouldn't be a bit surprised if some buyers aren't undercover cops. It's not worth it." The Hurd's expect to earn a little extra money through their fireworks sales. Please see FIREWORKS, Page B7

No compromise on South Canyon Road

Shovel Brigade locks horns with Forest Service. Great Old Broads again

By Adella Harding
For The Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — The Jarbidge Shovel Brigade now says it will drop its appeal over the controversial South Canyon Road if the U.S. Forest Service agrees to keep the road open to Snowalide Gulch. "We're not willing to do that," Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Service Supervisor Bob Vaught said Friday afternoon. His decision calls for keeping the 1.5-mile South Canyon Road in a primitive state and closing four-fourths of a mile to motor vehicles from Urdahl Camp-

ground to Snowalide Gulch. "I still feel it's the best compromise," Vaught said, explaining that he believes the final segment of road to meet environmental requirements would be too costly. Brigade attorney, Grant Gerber, told Deputy Forest Supervisor Edward Monning earlier in the day that the brigade and individuals filing the appeal would be satisfied if Vaught "just took out the road-closure language" in this decision. "We're not demanding a paved highway. We're willing to go along with a primitive road." Please see CANYON, Page B7

Senators secure \$3M for Jarbidge

Officials get money for road work

By Adella Harding
For The Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — U.S. Sens. Harry Reid, D-Nev., and John Ensign, R-Nev., have announced that they have secured \$3 million for road work at Jarbidge. "This is pretty good news," said James Wintry, special projects coordinator for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. He said the U.S. Forest Service had been working with Reid's office to find funding to implement Forest Supervisor Bob Vaught's decision on South Canyon Road. Wintry wasn't sure, however, about details of the funding and whether South Canyon Road would benefit from this appropriation. The project description is for 1 1/2 miles of Jarbidge Canyon Road, including 5.1

miles managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The Forest Service manages 3.5 miles of the main road into the town included in the funding description. Elko County Manager Bob Stokes said he heard about the \$3 million allocation but didn't have details. He understood the money was for Jarbidge Canyon Road heading north toward the Idaho border. South Canyon Road is about two and a half miles long and branches off from Jarbidge Canyon Road. According to a description from Reid's office, Jarbidge Canyon Road is subject to washouts during annual spring runoff, as well as chronic erosion due to poor road drainage. At least 80 sites have been identified where the road is fail-

ing and eroding into the West Fork of the Jarbidge River, the description states. Routine road maintenance procedures with the existing road design and construction investment to the river, which is harmful to the threatened bull trout population, "the project decision states. The \$3 million will go to the Forest Service, which can share it with the BLM and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, according to Reid's office. The senators stated in their announcement that one goal of the grant is preservation of the bull trout in the Jarbidge River. The allocation is part of \$7 million for Nevada that Ensign and Reid secured in an appropriations bill. The Senate approved last week. Adella Harding is a reporter with the Elko Daily Free Press in Elko, Nev.

Scotch thistle infesting islands

By Laurio Welch
For The Times-News

DECLO — Two counties and multiple agencies are battling an outbreak of Scotch thistle on islands in the Snake River. "With all the fishing in the Snake River it is out of control," said Michael Otley, a Bureau of Land Management range technician.

Otley said that prior to the flooding in 1998, there were no major outbreaks of Scotch thistle on the big islands and several smaller islands in the Snake River in Mindok and Cassia counties. The number of visible islands changes each year depending on water levels.

Along with the BLM, weed control officials for both Cassia and Mindok counties, Idaho Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are working to stamp out the rampant thistle crop infesting the islands.

"It takes several years to get it under control," Otley said. Floodwaters carried the seed and stirred up the dirt and activated seed, which lie dormant in the soil for up to 40 years.

For two or three years, inmate labor was used to chop out thistle plants on the islands. Otley said they would climb down the ladder on Jackson Bridge and cut the Jackson Island chopping thistle.

Herbicide is used now. "Spraying the chemical and using herbicide is a three-day project into a one-day project," Otley said. Many people use the islands for fishing and camping, and Otley said wildlife on the islands is affected by the noxious weed.

"The thistle is left alone. It will go to seed and can travel on the wind for great distances. "It gets into the water and then gets on the ranches," Otley said.

Each year, the group sprays about 475 gallons of 2-4-D herbicide mixture on the island thistle.

"We didn't treat it. It would take over the islands," he said.

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Dr. Gerald Lyman Hale



RUPERT — Dr. Gerald Lyman Hale, 73, of Rupert, passed away July 1, 2005, at his home due to cancer. Gerald was born April 4, 1926, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Lyman and Lucila Quinn Hale. He married Barbara Jean West on April 21, 1948, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. He served in the United States Navy during World War II, where he was stationed in the South Pacific. Gerald worked for IBM as an electrical engineer and as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. Throughout his life, he lived in such places as Billings and Helena, Mont., Binghamton, N.Y., Pocatello, Idaho, and Rupert, Idaho, where he settled with his wife, Barbara Jean. They raised their family in Rupert, where he was a doctor of chiropractics. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he served as a member of a bishopric, Sunday school president, and Quorum president, state executive secretary, and as a teacher. Gerald enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. Gerald is survived by his wife,



Barbara Jean of Rupert; his six children, Stephan (Diane) Hale of Portland, Ore., Michael (Loretta) Hale of Heyburn, Idaho (Greg) Robinson of Boise, Wendy (Andy) Dean of Rupert, Todd (Angela) Hale of Rupert and Ron Pine of Pocatello; his 17 grandchildren, Brandy (Jennifer) Hale, Amanda Hale, Nathan Hale, Jennifer (Larry) Davis, Jonathan Hale, Stawna

(Ernie) Chinn, Brindy Hale, Lynne Robinson, Nicole Robinson, Rachel Robinson, Emily Robinson, Cody Dean, Sady Dean, Alice Hale, Logan Hale, Makale Hale and Sarah (Jose) Ortega; three great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Hale, Dominic Davis and Josiah Davis and his five brothers, Verle (Helen) Hale of Washington, Norman (Martha) Hale of Utah, Alan (Carolyn) Hale of Idaho, Garen (Stacie) Hale of Idaho and Leon (Loretta) Hale of Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Braxton Hale; one great-granddaughter, Isabella Davis; and one brother, James Edgar Hale. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at the Rupert LDS 10th Ward with Bishop Gary Meacham officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. The family would like to thank HCC Hospice for all the care they gave. The children would also like to thank their mother for all the love and devotion she gave their father.

DEATH NOTICES

Janet Lucille Shiner
TWIN FALLS — Janet Lucille Shiner, 73, of Twin Falls, died Saturday July 2, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A graveside inurnment service will take place at a later date at the Price City Cemetery in Price, Utah. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Herculano Fredric 'Harpo' Alves
BUHL — Herculano Fredric "Harpo" Alves, 89, of Buhl, died Sunday at 2:28 p.m., at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A prayer vigil with rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 8, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Deacon John Hurley officiating. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1631 Poplar St. in Buhl with Father Kenneth Hein as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Reflection of History Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until time of the rosary Friday at the funeral chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

SERVICES

Carolyn Allen McCord of Houston, Texas, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Holy Trinity Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave. Friends may call from noon until 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church (Hassmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Lella "Lee" Amelia Johanna Mletzner Hartwig of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Church, 400 Irene, Kimberly.

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The family of **Loni Neerdaels**
would like to express our thanks to all of the Magic Valley for the overwhelming support during our recent loss. Thank you for the food, plants, flowers, cards and all the support through your thoughts, prayers and visits, as well as the many donations to the Jordyn Neerdaels College Trust.

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George Raymond Goff Sr.



TWIN FALLS — George Raymond Goff Sr., 69, of Twin Falls, died Friday, July 1, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was born July 6, 1935, in St. Louis, Mo., the son of George and Pauline Pullin Goff. He was raised in St. Louis and was educated in Glenco, Mo. He served in the United States Air Force in Korea. He married the love of his life, Virginia Qualls, in St. Louis in 1961. They lived in St. Louis until moving to Twin Falls in 1976. Mr. Goff was a welder throughout his working career and retired from Nucor Windows in Twin Falls in 1995. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed restoring cars, buying things, racing, and movies, but his greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Virginia; one daughter, Rebecca (Gene) Sellers of St. Louis; Mo.; five sons,



the funeral will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 7, 2005 at White Mortuary, "Created by the West," at 144 S. Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Interment will follow in the Magic Valley Veterans Memorial Cemetery with many friends by the Magic Valley Area Veterans and auxiliaries. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

Cecilia Sharp



TWIN FALLS — Cecilia Sharp, 60 of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, July 1, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Cecilia was born July 20, 1944, in Twin Falls, the daughter of D.W. and Minnie (Pisano) Benkula. She graduated in 1962 from Murthaugh High School in Murthaugh, Idaho, and then attended one year of college at Idaho State University. In 1963, she married Don Sharp and to this union were born two sons, Jeff and Chuck. She and Don were later divorced. She then met Bruce Cannon and they have been together for the last 10 years. During her life, Cecilia was a farm wife and later worked as a medical biologist at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. In her spare time, she loved to golf and had a lot

and Robyn and Jenna. Kelsey and Alec Sharp (children of Chuck and Terry); her brothers, Al Benkula and Karl (Pat) Benkula; sister, Carmen Garg and several nieces and nephews. Her parents preceded her in death. The funeral for Cecilia will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, with Pastor Gene Lindsay officiating. Interment will be held following the service at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Junior Golf Program, c/o First Federal Savings Bank, Twin Falls Main Branch, Attn: Lynn Heuberg.

of fun golfing with friends, family and her grandchildren. Surviving Cecilia are her two sons, Jeff (Robyn) Sharp and Chuck (Terry) Sharp; her grandchildren, Austin and Alyson Sharp (children of Jeff

Randy J. Wodskow



HEYBURN — On the morning July 1, 2005, Randy J. Wodskow passed away at his home of cancer in the presence of his loving family. We were blessed to have Randy in our family for 51 years. Randy was born Aug. 27, 1953, in Rupert. He was the son of Walter and Emma southern Woodcock. Randy was raised in Heyburn and attended special schools in Portland, Ore., Rupert and Burley. At the present time, he was attending MDC in Burley, where he had many loving friends and a special walking buddy, Theresa. Randy loved people and all those who knew him will always remember him and his sense of humor. He had a great love for animals and always had a faithful dog at his side. Randy is survived by his mother, Emma of Heyburn; two brothers, Lonnie (Diane)

Walter Jr. and three sisters, Nonnie LaRoe, Lillie Ann and Connie Mae. The family would especially like to thank his caregivers Manilla and Dale at Mindoko Home Health and Hospice for the wonderful care they gave Randy and his family. We would also like to thank Dr. Miriak, Dr. Culler and Dr. Sinclair for all their special help and care they gave Randy. Thank you one and all. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 7, 2005, at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 530 Villa Drive, with Bishop Berkeley Orton officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hassmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Wodskow of Paul and Burt Wodskow of Heyburn; two sisters, Beverly (Robert) McLaren of Portland, Ore., and Alath (Glen) Angus of Fernley, Nev.; and many special extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter; one brother,

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TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

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

Driving under the influence sentences

Valery A. Protopov, 32, 427 Second Ave. N., No. 47, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, amended to driving under the influence, consecutive; pleaded guilty \$1,000 fine, 90 days in jail with 150 suspended, credit for 90 days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Verny Key Vincent, 42, P.O. Box 2415, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, consecutive; pleaded guilty \$1,000 fine, 90 days in jail with 150 suspended, credit for 90 days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Ray Gene Depeck, 53, 4899 N. 1000 E. No. 7, Buhl, driving under the influence, consecutive; pleaded guilty \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended, 90 days in jail with 150 suspended, credit for 90 days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Ray Gene Depeck, 53, 4899 N. 1000 E. No. 7, Buhl, driving under the influence, consecutive; pleaded guilty \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended, 90 days in jail with 150 suspended, credit for 90 days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Steven Ross Alving, 35, 166 Concord, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, consecutive; pleaded guilty \$750 costs, 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for 90 days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Steven Ross Alving, 35, 166 Concord, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, consecutive; pleaded guilty \$750 costs, 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for 90 days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Misdemeanor sentences

Emanuel Paul Santok, 19, 2913 E. 3600 N., No. 47, Twin Falls, with concealment; pleaded guilty \$100 fine, \$63.50 costs, 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for 90 days served; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Nickolas Howard Tenga, 20, 247 Second W., Heziburg, one count failure to purchase/possess a controlled substance; pleaded guilty \$100 fine, \$63.50 costs, one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty \$100 fine, \$63.50 costs, 90 days in jail with 180 suspended, 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; one count failure to appear; pleaded guilty \$30 fine; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Amber Rose Sprang, 17, 1401 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, failure to purchase/infringe driver's license; pleaded guilty \$100 fine, \$63.50 costs; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Dorel Waters, 21, 409 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, domestic battery, amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty \$100 fine with \$100 suspended; \$63.50 costs; credit for 24 days in jail already served; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Shane Jon Willett, 31, 389 Diamond, Twin Falls, driving without privileges; pleaded guilty \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$750 costs; 90 days in jail with 176 suspended, credit for 140 days served; driving privileges suspended for 140 days; 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Shane Jon Willett, 31, 389 Diamond, Twin Falls, driving without privileges; pleaded guilty \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$750 costs; 90 days in jail with 176 suspended, credit for 140 days served; driving privileges suspended for 140 days; 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

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Charles P. Brumback, Gregory Charles Grink, 41, 500 W. 15th, Jerome; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$750 costs, 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Robert Christopher Elias, 22, P.O. Box 371, Hazelton; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$750 costs, 90 days in jail with 135 suspended, credit for 180 days in jail with 135 suspended, credit for 180 days in jail with 135 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; 335 per month probation fee; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Brandon Eugene Hempleman, 18, 645 Fawnbrook, unit 2252, Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Gregory Edward Haas, 40, 2581 Carousal Circle, Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty \$63.50 costs, unconditional; 60 days in jail, credit for 24 days served; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Lindsay D. Schofield, 23, 614 112 S. Fourth Ave., Halley; petit theft; pleaded guilty \$400 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 costs, 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Chastin Don Robbins, 45, 1401 Oak St., Rena, Nev.; disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty \$250 costs, waived; two days in jail, credit for time served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Alfredo Tejero-Soria, 30, 1625 Maple St., No. 39, Buhl; open container; pleaded guilty \$63.50 costs, waived; 10 days in jail, credit for two days served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

John Mackay, 24, 706 W. 14th, Buhl; driving under the influence, dismissed by prosecutor, insufficient evidence; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Sherril Rene Johnson, 42, 924 Fair Road, St. Buhl; one count possession of a controlled substance, one count open container, one count driving without privileges, dismissed by prosecutor, insufficient evidence; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

John Paul Saranta, 32, 617 Elm St., Twin Falls; violation of no contact order; dismissed by prosecutor, state unable to find no contact order prohibiting contact with complaining witness; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Christopher Lee Murock, 26, 219 Walnut, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, dismissed by prosecutor; defendant filed a restricted driver's permit issued by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Ryan James Jay, 11, 503 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; false 911 call, dismissed by prosecutor; state is unable to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant made a false 911 report; Magistrate Judge Buhl/Lander.

Darwin Thomas Egerton, 35, 264 Locust St. N., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, dismissed by prosecutor, plea negotiations; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

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Qwest expands call center

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Qwest Communications is expanding its Idaho Falls call center with 90 new jobs.

Company officials made the announcement Friday. The call center is already its largest in the state.

The jobs are expected to be added in the next two to three weeks, bringing the number of workers at the center to 490, said Qwest spokesman Bob Gravely.

The jobs will begin at \$8.50 an hour, plus full benefits. After training, the pay will increase to \$10 an hour.

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Plane crashes off Lopez Island, Washington

LOPEZ, Wash. (AP) — A twin-engine plane carrying five members of a Sisters, Ore., family crashed and sank off the southwest tip of Lopez Island in the San Juan Islands. Two people died and three were injured, a San Juan County sheriff's officer said.

Four of those aboard the Beech 55 escaped from the plane Friday evening and reached shore in the Davis Bay area. Undersheriff Jon Zerby said, A 17-year-old girl, the least seriously injured, reportedly made her way to a nearby house to call for help. The male passenger pronounced dead on the shore was identified by the sheriff's de-

partment early Saturday as William Reed, 57. The body found by divers inside the plane in about 25 feet of water was identified as of Janet Marie Stuart Reed, 55.

Two other survivors — pilot William Ryan Reed, 23, and Ashley Brooke Reed, 25 — were evacuated for medical care at a young woman to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle and the pilot to St. Joseph Hospital in Billingsham.

The plane reportedly was en route to Friday Harbor in the San Juans from Redmond, Ore., on a Kaden Byrd, a Federal Aviation Administration duty officer in the Seattle suburb of Renton.

Mike Reed of Sisters, Ore., reached by telephone Friday night, said he was the owner of the plane but declined to discuss details. A Coast Guard helicopter and

one from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island responded to the crash, as did the Coast Guard cutter Wahoo, Lopez Island fire and aid personnel and sheriff's deputies, Zerby said.

Bell's Family Books advertisement for 'The Mist of Quarry Harbor' by Liz Adair, featuring a book cover image.

Large advertisement for 'About your health...' featuring a stylized 'h' logo and the name 'MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER'.

Advertisement for 'Walk! Twin Falls - Community Walk' including details about the partnership with MVRMC and the College of Southern Idaho.

Advertisement for 'Outpatient Lab Services for the West End' listing available services and locations.

Advertisement for 'Reduced Price Cardiac Risk and Glucose Profiles' detailing the blood test procedure and results.

Advertisement for 'HeartSaver CPR Class' providing information on the class schedule and location.

Advertisement for 'Ongoing Classes' listing various educational offerings such as pregnancy classes and parenting classes.

Advertisement for 'Outpatient Lab Services for the West End' (repeated) listing available services and locations.

Large advertisement for 'www.mvrmc.org' featuring a stylized 'h' logo and contact information for various services.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

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

Driving under the influence sentencing

Margie J. Garcia II, 38, 4432 1/2 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls, driving under the influence; arrested in driving under the influence; pleaded guilty. \$100 fine with 120 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; \$750 fine; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Diana F. Cavillo, 20, Key Meadows, No. 10, Bulli; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty. \$100 fine with 120 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

John Paul Green, 43, 240 Ostrander St., N. Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty. \$100 fine with 120 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Ray Gene Lewis, 48, 4922 N. 1000 E., No. 2, Bulli; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty. \$100 fine with 120 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Colin Michael Dickerson, 45, 979 Mehta Drive, Lewis, Nev.; driving under the influence; arrested in driving under the influence; pleaded guilty. \$1,000 fine with 180 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Kevin Robert Morris, 24, 770 N. McDermond; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty. \$300 fine with \$150 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

John Wayne Peterson, 20, 162 Maple No. 32, Bulli; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty. \$100 fine with 120 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Donald Clark Hughes, 51, 700 North Ave. N., Bulli; petty theft; dismissed by prosecutor. Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Lois E. Brigham, 47, 629 Elgin N., Bulli; petty theft; dismissed by prosecutor. Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

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Dickie Clark, 2218 Dickie Clark, Elgin; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor. Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Felony sentencing

Francisco Lopez-Pendleton, 57, 265 Severin; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty. Five years indeterminate; two years determinate; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Christy Erin Smith, 22, no address available; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty. Five years indeterminate; two years determinate; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

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Felony dismissals

Donald Shane Thrift, 47, 506 Blue Lakes N., Twin Falls; murder; one count dismissed by prosecutor. District Judge G. Richard Brown.

Michelle Howard, 29, 1717 1/2 Adams Ave. W., No. 1, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; methamphetamine; pleaded guilty. Four years indeterminate; two years determinate; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

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Juvenile arraignments

Johnny A. Shores, 17, 106 Monroe St., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; methamphetamine; public defender appointed; general hearing July 27; Magistrate Judge John Vait.

Dakota Collins, 16, 208 Morningdale Drive, No. 1, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; public defender appointed; hearing July 12; Magistrate Judge John Vait.

Justin Ann Marie Whelan, 17, 106 Fifth St., Filer; petty theft; pleaded guilty. Informal adjustment granted; 10 informal adjustments fee; Magistrate Judge John Vait.

Brendley Anderson, 17, 1575 E. 4200 N., Bulli; aggravated battery; pleaded guilty. Informal adjustment granted; 24 hours community service; \$100 Charby Opinion fee in lieu of community service; 10 informal adjustments fee; Magistrate Judge Roy Hillwig.

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Dickie Clark, 2218 Dickie Clark, Elgin; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor. Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Felony sentencing

Francisco Lopez-Pendleton, 57, 265 Severin; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty. Five years indeterminate; two years determinate; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

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Felony dismissals

Donald Shane Thrift, 47, 506 Blue Lakes N., Twin Falls; murder; one count dismissed by prosecutor. District Judge G. Richard Brown.

Michelle Howard, 29, 1717 1/2 Adams Ave. W., No. 1, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; methamphetamine; pleaded guilty. Four years indeterminate; two years determinate; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

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Juvenile arraignments

Johnny A. Shores, 17, 106 Monroe St., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; methamphetamine; public defender appointed; general hearing July 27; Magistrate Judge John Vait.

Dakota Collins, 16, 208 Morningdale Drive, No. 1, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; public defender appointed; hearing July 12; Magistrate Judge John Vait.

Justin Ann Marie Whelan, 17, 106 Fifth St., Filer; petty theft; pleaded guilty. Informal adjustment granted; 10 informal adjustments fee; Magistrate Judge John Vait.

Brendley Anderson, 17, 1575 E. 4200 N., Bulli; aggravated battery; pleaded guilty. Informal adjustment granted; 24 hours community service; \$100 Charby Opinion fee in lieu of community service; 10 informal adjustments fee; Magistrate Judge Roy Hillwig.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Francis Robert George Eugene Gerrens. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as the court deems best. Plaintiff contends even after plaintiff informed them that his wife could no longer have the agreement because she was incapacitated by cancer and passed away at the time said agreement was allegedly renewed.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Jodie Lynn Green. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$20 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$30 attorney's fee and costs.

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Misdemeanor sentencing

Anthony J. Shaver, 19, 258 James, Twin Falls; one count burglary; arrested in petty theft; pleaded guilty. \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Kevin Robert Morris, 24, 770 N. McDermond; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty. \$300 fine with \$150 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

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Mark L. Beane, Jason Applewhite, Beams Flooring, Home Improvements & Flooring

Leo S. Fryson, Home Improvements, Commercial/Residential, Kitchen Time-Up, Home Improvements & Wood Care

Richard G. Pava, 29, 153 Elgin Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; methamphetamine; pleaded guilty. Four years indeterminate; two years determinate; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain alcohol abstinence; one court appearance; a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

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ENDANGERED SALMON

Future of species leads to dispute over dams

The Washington Post

LITTLE GOOSE DAM, Wash. — Behold the slab of concrete called Little Goose — a ground zero in the salmon wars that are escalating across the Pacific Northwest.

Little Goose has turbines for power, locks for river transport and a Rubé Goldberg device for distilling young salmon out of the river, sorting them by size, and tossing them into trucks and barges for passage downriver.

This hulking gizmo has become part of the "environmental baseline" here on the Snake River. At least that is how the Bush administration characterizes Little Goose and 13 other federal dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers.

This characterization, though, hangs in the air of a federal judge. In his courtroom in Portland, Ore., U.S. District Judge James Redden described the administration's 2004 biological opinion — it says dams are an ineluctable part of the river's environmental baseline — as a document written "more in cynicism than in sincerity."

The sincerity of the administration's policy is also being questioned by some scientists who work for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service, according to a survey of agency employees released last week by the Union of Concerned Scientists and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. It found that about two-thirds of those surveyed did not believe the agency responsible for protecting endangered fish and their habitat, was effectively doing its job. More than half of respondents said they knew of cases in which "commercial interests" or senior administration officials have "inappropriately" influenced agency decisions.

Results of the survey, which went to 460 science professionals and had a response rate of 27 percent, are similar to those of a survey early this year of scientists at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The chief science adviser at NOAA Fisheries challenged the latest survey, saying it obtained responses from only 6 percent of more than 2,000 agency scientists. Steven Murawski said the survey itself is poor science because it was not sent to "the overwhelming number of our science professionals."

In Portland, Redden has tossed out as "legally flawed" the administration's 2004 biological opinion for the Columbia and Snake. He declared that it "ignored the reality of past, present and future effects" of dams on 12 species of endangered fish. Before the dams were built, these rivers were conduits for the world's premier salmon run.

"As currently operated, I find that the DAMS strongly contribute to the endangerment of the listed species and irreparable injury will result if changes are not made," Redden wrote.

At that end, he supported a request from the National Wildlife Federation and other salmon advocates, ordering that water be spilled over Little Goose Dam and other dams in the lower Snake. The spill started June 20. Spilling water over dams keeps migrating juvenile fish in the river, while keeping them out of turbines that often kill them. When less water goes through its turbines, Little Goose produces less electricity.

Through the end of August, this dam will spill water that would be worth \$267,288 a day. If it had been fed into turbines to generate electricity, said Carl Gnaak, operations manager at the dam.

The total tab for the spill ordered by Redden will come to about \$67 million, according to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), which sells power from federal dams in the Northwest and adamantly opposes the spill. For the average electricity customer whose utility buys all its power from BPA, the cost will be an increase of about 1.2 percent in the monthly bill (about 87 cents), said Ed Sheets, BPA's constant with expertise in the Northwest hydro system.

The spill — and Redden's coruscating language in tossing out the government's approach to running the river — appears to have angered the Bush administration. The Justice Department tried last month — and failed — to persuade the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco to issue an emergency motion to stop the spill. Last week that court also ruled against the administration on another salmon dispute, upholding a Seattle federal court decision that found that the Environmental Protection Agency violated the Endangered Species Act by failing to protect salmon from harmful pesticides.

In the dispute over the spill, the 9th Circuit has ordered an expedited hearing on the government's appeal to the Redden ruling.

The Justice Department argues in its appeal that keeping endangered salmon in the dammed-up river — rather than barging or trucking them around federal dams — is "judicially inappropriate." Research has shown that nearly all fish transported around the dams survive the ride, but it has not convincingly shown that trucking or barging them is better or worse for the longtime survival of salmon as compared with letting them swim in the river and negotiate the dams.

If the government does not win its appeal, Disherson said, it might make a rarely used provision of the Endangered Species Act, which would convene a Cabinet-level committee initially called the "God Squad." After a lengthy public process, the committee could decide that economic concerns justify the extinction of endangered fish.

Given the judge's decision, Disherson said, "It may not be possible to come up with a way to avoid jeopardy for these fish."

"Lawyers for the environmental groups" that sue the government argue that it is absurd for the Bush administration to argue that keeping salmon in the river is an "unlimited and risky plan."

"The science is clear. If we want to bring the salmon back, we have to be willing to make hydroelectric work money. Use a natural river," said Todd True, a staff attorney for Earthjustice. "The Bonneville Power Administration thinks it owns the river, and they don't want to give it up — not one drop."

Behind the legal arguments that are swirling this summer around the river system lie two long-held and diametrically opposed views about what should happen to Little Goose and three other dams in the lower Snake River.

Woman 'probable' West Nile case

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — A Spokane-area woman in her 20s was briefly hospitalized for an illness that has been listed as a "probable" case of West Nile virus, the state Health Department says.

The woman, who was not identified, had not traveled out of the Washington area before falling ill. No other human cases of West Nile have been reported to be acquired in Washington, the Health Department said Friday.

Additional tests are being done at the state Public Health Laboratories and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

The woman is reported to have tested positive for the infection but since private lab tests for West Nile can be misleading the infection is not confirmed until the CDC completes its tests, the health department said.

Mosquitoes can transmit the disease to people, horses and birds. It is not spread person to person.

Most people infected show no symptoms at all, but about 2 out of 10 have symptoms that include fever, aches, nausea and vomiting. About 1 in 150 people develop more serious symptoms and some die, according to the CDC. Although people of any age can become severely ill, the risk is highest for people age 50 and over and for organ transplant recipients.

West Nile virus has spread across the country since it was first detected in 1999. Infection was confirmed in four dead birds and two horses in Washington in 2002.

"We've been expecting West Nile virus to begin affecting people in our state," said Dr. Maxine Hayes, state health officer. "Human cases were reported in Idaho and Oregon last season, so it's no surprise that the disease may come to Washington."

The disease has appeared in birds, horses and mosquitoes in 14 states so far this year, the CDC said.

Police release names of crash victims

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Authorities have identified the two people who died in a four-vehicle crash as 29-year-old Jason Richards, of Pleasant Grove, and 12-year-old Timothy Littlefield, of St. George.

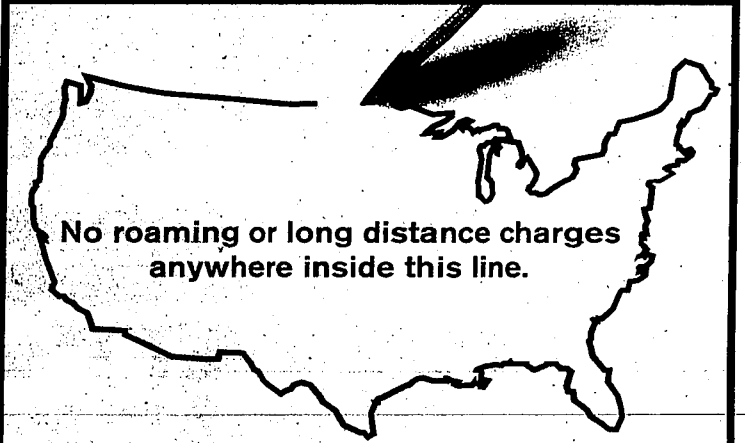
Police say Richards was speeding on a motorcycle and struck 100 feet while trying to stop for a sports utility vehicle turning in front of him. Richards was thrown from the bike, and the collision caused the SUV to swerve and hit a van and car that were in the intersection.

Littlefield was a passenger in the SUV. No other injuries were reported.

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Utah man organizes to 'protect' borders well off the Mexico line

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Wally McCormick never really thought about it at age 68 he had become a political activist. But there he was last month, outside a suburban bank with about 100 people at a protest he helped organize for a cause he says he's prepared to die for.



Wally McCormick, of the Utah Minuteman group, displays a sign before an education committee meeting June 15 at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City.

This particular action targeted banks that use identification cards to use identification cards issued by the Mexican government to open up accounts. Others are planned for businesses and even state for allegedly hiring undocumented workers.

For McCormick, a Utah Minuteman organizer, it's always about illegal immigration, which he blames for the spread of new diseases, booming crime, unemployment among American citizens and crippled social welfare systems.

brought the Minuteman Project home, with a Utah chapter that he said drew about 50 people to each of its first two meetings.

It's an issue gaining steam nationally, and organizers say they'll have 14,000 to 20,000 border guards at an upcoming patrol in October.

For McCormick, that zest extends to Utah, which has no international border and is 500 miles from Mexico. Even so, he told a reporter his group is prepared to shut down Utah's more

than 1,400 miles of state borders "if it comes to that" to enforce immigration laws, though no firm plans for such action have been made yet.

"The first thing they do when they walk over that line down there is they break a law," McCormick said, referring to the illegal entry itself. "Why are we giving them all these benefits that they're all criminals? That's aiding and abetting."

Tony Yaplas, a community activist and former director of

Utah's Office of Hispanic Affairs, said the group is fabricating numbers to scare people.

"Because of the color of our skin, they have targeted us. They're not targeting Asians. They're not targeting Europeans or Canadians," he said.

McCormick said he's been called a bigot and vigilante, but insists all he wants to do is protect the country from what he sees as its single greatest threat — not immigration, but illegal immigration by undocumented workers who absorb medical and other benefits while collecting tax-free wages off the books.

State Rep. Duane Bourdeaux, D-Salt Lake City, said everyone had a right to First Amendment expression, but he worries the immigration rhetoric will inflame racial tension.

"If these groups are continuing to grow, it's going to divide our community," he said.

Since returning from the Minuteman border watch, McCormick and other organizers have staged protests and lobbied the Legislature and state officials, hoping to keep the issue squarely in the public eye.

Gary Cole, operations manager for the national Minuteman

Project, said Utah's chapter is one of the most active so far. That makes sense, he said, because illegal immigrants crossing the border "are in Salt Lake City two days later."

Marc Rosenbaum, a political science professor specializing in immigration at the University of New Orleans, likened the Minuteman trend to earlier political movements of the last two centuries, when citizens complained about an invasion of unskilled workers who didn't speak English.

"I think the real motivating factors that inspire the Minutemen and others... are much more cultural than economic," he said.

McCormick is careful to stress he has no personal grudge against illegal immigrants and his group won't tolerate members who are racist or hot-tempered. He said he can't blame migrant workers for seeking a better life in America, and faults the federal government for not keeping them out.

"We left the door open for them," he said.

McCormick expected only about 40 people to show up at his new group's protest against two banks that accept multilateral consulate cards issued by the Mexican government as identification. He was pleasantly surprised when more than 100 people came.

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Snake flows to drop this week

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — The Bureau of Reclamation plans to reduce the amount of water flowing out of Jackson Lake after the Fourth of July weekend.

That's good news for the Snake River's anglers — but bad news for its boaters.

The reason for the reduction is heavy rain that has filled reservoirs downstream. Water managers are also keen on saving water in case of a drought next year.

"Who knows whether that's valuable water or it's water we won't care about?" said Mike Beus, a hydraulic engineer with the bureau.

News of the lower flows has delighted anglers, who have had less luck in recent years because of abnormaly low flows. Lower flows should make for optimum fishing this summer, said Jay Jones, owner of 147th Country Club.

The bureau maintained flows of 3,500 cubic feet per second out of Jackson Lake Dam for much of last summer. That much water stirs up sediment, makes it hard to find fish and "speeds" fishing boats" downstream, Jones said.

After Monday, the bureau is planning to cut back to 1,700 cfs.

Boating companies aren't happy to hear that. It means that later this summer, when less water is provided by the Snake River's tributaries, navigating the usual three to four trips per boat per day will become more difficult.

By August, the river gets two-thirds of its water from Jackson Lake, according to Frank Ewing, owner of Barker-Ewing River Trips.

Judge cancels order for justice official to testify

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal judge has canceled an order that would have required a high-ranking justice Department official to testify about records relating to the death of a Utah man's brother.

U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins had set a July 13 date for Noel Hillman, chief of the department's public integrity section, to explain under oath the delay in declining which documents can be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

On Friday, he rescinded the order, noting that the official has said his review is complete. However, the judge warned the request is temporary and said the government will have to produce documents relating to the 1995 death of Kenneth Trentadue.

His brother, Salt Lake City lawyer Jesse Trentadue, was being investigated a theory that Kenneth, who had served time for bank robbery, was killed during an interrogation gone awry after authorities picked him up on a parole violation.

He alleges authorities mistakenly suspected his brother was part of a gang that robbed banks to finance stocks on the government, possibly including the Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.

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Boise radio station hands out free beer

BOISE — On-air personalities from a radio station will head out behind closed doors to floaters on the Boise River in protest of the city's recent drinking ban.

The Boise City Council voted a few weeks ago to enforce the city's ban on open containers of alcohol in public places.

But in a combined publicity stunt and protest, deejays from KKGJ-FM "The Eagle" will float a small amount of beer to floaters from a bridge over the river.

"We think it's OK if you want to go out and have a beer on the river," said Scott Souhrada, the station's program manager.

Idaho in brief

Pocatello officials claim water is safe to drink
POCATELLO — An official report has some residents concerned about contaminated drinking water, but city leaders say there is nothing to fear.

The 2004 Drinking Water Quality Report went to Pocatello residents last week. The report said that last year, five out of 60 samples from random locations throughout the city showed higher-than-allowed levels of chlorine bacteria in drinking water.

But Cindy Campbell, a testing engineer with the water department, said the department

believes the problem was caused by a sampling or laboratory error, not by the water itself.

Chloriforms are naturally occurring bacteria that indicate if other, potentially harmful bacteria may be present in a water source.

"Pocatello has good quality water I can say honestly that we do," Campbell said.

The city's water comes from an underground aquifer, which is less vulnerable to contamination than surface water supplies, she said.

There were no other water quality violations last year.

Compiled from wire reports

Officials commit to clean up arsenic near Atlanta

ATLANTA, Idaho (AP) — Atlanta Gold Co. has promised to clean up 25 mine openings to help reduce the amount of arsenic-polluted mining waste flowing into a creek running through the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The commitment came after the Idaho Conservation League filed a lawsuit demanding that the company get a permit for the arsenic runoff from its claim on federal forest lands.

Mining began on Atlanta Mountain in 1864 and continued until 1966 under several different companies. The orange, arsenic-laden water began flowing from an adit, or mine opening, into Montezuma Creek in 1917.

When Atlanta Gold Co. began exploring the region for new mining potential in the 1980s, the company built a settling pond to handle the volume of arsenic released by the mine.

Now company officials say they have found 25 different adits on the site, and will clean them all, even though they haven't officially been given the OK to begin mining.

"It makes no difference if we are permitted to open the mine at Atlanta, we are committed to

cleaning up these adits," said Bruce Thornthwaite, Atlanta Gold general manager.

Atlanta Gold Co. plans to spend \$41 million to mine more than 500,000 ounces of gold in about five and a half years. The company would use cyanide to leach the gold from the ore, and maintains it won't affect the Boise River or damage habitat for the endangered bull trout.

The U.S. Forest Service is conducting an environmental review of the company's plans.

Low levels of arsenic in water can cause cancer, skin problems, blood diseases and other ailments, according to the World Health Organization.

The polluted Montezuma Creek runs past the tiny community of Atlanta and eventually meets the Middle Fork of the Boise River, a growing source of drinking water for Boise and more than 1 million people.

Atlanta resident and retired Boise policeman Merlin Lotts said he's skeptical that the mining company can operate without threatening the Boise River. Still, he said, the company's promise to clean up arsenic may improve his view of Atlanta.

"It would impress everybody if they did that," he said.

Wildfires pose danger to desert tortoise

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Wildfires burning in the Southwest are threatening federally protected desert tortoises. But their stressing a species that already has lost much of its population to drought.

At least two of the animals died this week and more could turn up as biologists search the charred landscape.

"I think these fires are going to put a lot of pressure on local populations and we're going to be faced with some challenges," said Roy Averill-Murray, desert tortoise recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The tortoise, which was plucked on the list of threatened species list 25 years ago, roams across millions of acres in Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah. It is considered an indicator of the health of the desert environment. Tortoise deaths have been linked to invasive species, habitat loss, drought, loss of desert land to development and predation by other animals.

The government spent three years ago said it was difficult to come up with an accurate number of living tortoises, mainly because the habitat stresses areas a four-state area. That also makes it difficult to know if the \$100 million plus spent by the government to help the species make a comeback was working.

But wildfires are definitely not helping.

In Nevada, firefighters on Friday said huge blazes burning in



A desert tortoise finds relief from the sun under a bush in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve north of St. George, Utah, seen in this, April 18, 2004, file photo. Fires burning in the desert Southwest are endangering habitats for the desert tortoises, whose populations have decreased significantly this decade because of drought.

a vast area inhabited by desert tortoise and bighorn sheep were about half contained.

Among the many fires that burned tens of thousands of acres in southwestern Utah in the last week, one that burned in the middle of the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve.

The 61,000-acre preserve in the southwestern corner of the state with scenic rock cliffs and lava flows provides prime habitat for about 1,700 Mojave Desert tortoises, officials for the private reserve estimated. Just three years ago, before drought took its toll on the state, there were an estimated 6,000 to

8,000 tortoises on the reserve.

The extent the 3,000-acre reserve fire will be difficult to measure. Biologists will scour the area looking for survivors or remains.

Bekke Mogown, a fire biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said Friday two turtles were known to have died in the fire, but at least three survivors had been found.

"That's very encouraging," she said.

Animals that burrowed deep enough into the ground were probably safe from the fire, but tortoises in shallow burrows or out in the open had little chance

Canyon

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Assemblyman Bill Carpenter, R-Elko, said in a meeting with forest representatives regarding the appeal.

"There isn't a great deal of people who go up the road, just leave it open, but if you want to fight it on principle, we're ready to do that," he said.

Vaught said he can't simply take out the road closure wording, however. He said he would have to write a new decision and go through all the steps again.

worlds, the Forest Service believes it now has the legal right to close a portion of the road.

Gerber also contended that Vaught's decision on, South Canyon Road, is a violation of faith on the part of the Forest Service, because there weren't any public hearings on his proposal to "close" the road.

One of the issues that came up in court was whether South Canyon Road is an RS 2477 road. If it is, the U.S. Forest Service cannot close the road before the Forest Service began managing the land at Jarbridge.

Gerber said the appellants that Vaught's decision doesn't interfere with the RS 2477 issue, and Vaught said his decision is at least a temporary solution until the road ownership issue is decided.

Gerber also argued the decision to close the road includes "a lot of people who violate the law to tell people part of the road would be closed."

News not all bad for rancher with infected cow

HOUSTON (AP) — For the unidentified Texas rancher who recently learned one of his animals had a brain-eating disease, the case of mad cow disease, the news is not all bad.

Speculation of gloom and doom that coincided with the initial U.S. mad cow discovery 1.5 years ago in Washington state never happened. The beef market stayed strong. People never really paid attention. The farmer there was reimbursed for his losses.

"It would be interesting to see if this disease had a different name how it would be seen," said Kate Sandhoe, spokeswoman for the Washington Department of Agriculture.

The U.S. Agriculture Department announced last week that a 12-year-old beef cow that tested positive for mad cow disease in November came from Texas. The ranch and owner weren't named.

About six weeks after federal officials in December 2003 an-

nounced a cow in Washington had bovine spongiform encephalitis, or BSE — a brain-eating disease, the investigation was completed.

About 255 so-called "animals of interest" — herd mates or relatives of the diseased cow — were identified at 10 locations in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. All were "dispopulated," the federal program. U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesman Jim Rogers said. There were 400,000 animals tested; just under 200,000 animals had; and we've found one case. Now we're very confident to say if it's here, it's at an extremely low level," he said.

Different procedures also are in place now to protect food safety, the ultimate goal, Rogers

said. Animals that can't walk or downed animals are banded from going into the food supply, and the brains of cows with BSE — brains, spinal cords, eyeballs — must be removed before slaughter.

Neither the Washington cow nor the Texas cow entered the food supply. The safeguards now in place seem to the plus most consumers at ease, said Dave Mayes, with the Agriculture Extension Service at Texas A&M University.

After the Texas announcement, the beef market went down and then went up, Mayes said.

"I think the general public continues to surprise our experts. People aren't in a panic mode on this. They discern it's not, at least from what's reported so far, it's not a cause for real concern. It's a fairly isolated issue," he said.

Texas is the nation's biggest cattle state, accounting for 15 percent of the U.S. cattle inventory, or about 13.8 million head. The industry contributes \$8 bil-

lion to the state's economy, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

But the 2003 mad cow discovery, fears were high in Washington that the state's cattle market would crater. Foreign government experts suggested the industry nationwide could lose \$15 billion and academic experts speculated it would not be surprising if a million more infected animals were found.

Several countries banned U.S. beef imports, but the market remained strong, Sandhoe said.

"What happened was just the opposite," Sandhoe said of the economic impact. "Beef prices still are at an all-time high."

The infected Texas cow was sold through a livestock market last November and taken to a slaughterhouse where it was dead on arrival, the Agriculture Department said Friday. The cow was unloading and presented to the slaughterhouse because it was dead, the department said.

South Canyon Road

South Canyon Road has been in poor shape for a decade — since flooding washed out the road in 1995 — and it has been a hot spot since the late 1990s, when Trout Unlimited challenged the Forest Service effort to repair the road.

Elko County brought its own equipment to the road in 1999, and that action led to lawsuits and court battles that may still not be over.

The court action also led to the Shovel Brigade opening the road on July 4, 2004, after a hearing in which the Forest Service couldn't close the road.

First on road

Gerber and Dahl both said Friday they would be the first to drive on the road if Vaught's decision is upheld, even though Mountain City Ranger Dan Dallas said people who violate the closure would be ticketed.

"I'll let them know when I am going," Dahl said.

Gerber took offense at Monnig's comment that such action would be civil disobedience, and he pointed to a court decision against a Forest Service policy of allowing John Eickhof of Wendell in 2003 for driving on the road.

Dallas countered Eickhof was ticketed for damaging resources, not for driving on the road.

Carpenter said he recommended to Vaught the road be hardened in places to keep sediment out of the Jarbridge River, among other ideas, and he didn't want one of the bridges removed. He said he also wanted it to be an ATV trail.

"I don't see a great big issue here," he said, adding that if the Forest Service keeps the road open, "we can fight the Great Old Broads together."

He also said he thought Vaught was "blowing him off" with his response.

Vaught said later in the day he didn't mean to give that impression. He said Carpenter's comments came after he had issued the decision on the road.

Fireworks

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"It's just another branch of retail," Marty said.

Besides the sale, the people from as far away as New York and Georgia. Lots of people from California buy because they can't get anything there, Marty said. "The people from Georgia said his kids have never seen fireworks, so he brought them \$40 or \$50 worth of fireworks."

Further south on Blue Lakes Boulevard near to OK Auto Systems, Steve Moore of Twin Falls is buying fireworks from the Phantom Fireworks stand for his three children. He's been here for the last two years and has bought fireworks from Phantom both years.

"We try to keep our budget at \$30 or less," he said. Usually he lets his brothers-in-law spend the money and he provides the bucket of water and the hose.

He said his family is planning not only on lighting fireworks, but also on watching the fireworks at the College of Southern Idaho. Last year was

the first year we did that, and it was fun," Moore said.

Chris Moore, operator of the Phantom Fireworks stand, has sold fireworks since he was 12, and he said, "My father bought me Phantom boots in (1942)," she said. "We're the last of 'the locally owned booths, so the money stays in the community. People love it."

Postfinger said last her brother Steve Weaver, got into selling fireworks some years ago and she and the Phantom brand offered the largest quantity and quality of safe and sane style fireworks. She will only know her product, but knows her customers as well. Phantom operators want their customers to get what they want and to go home happy and satisfied.

"Every year I remember my customers. I know what they like, what they kids like," Postfinger said. She knows her product well and can recommend based on what customers prefer. She personally tries each new product not only for fun, but to bolster product

knowledge. Besides knowing what to recommend, "I'll tell them it's not good," she said.

"People's money is so tight, they're not going to be sold, they're going to get what they want. So I've had to get to know my customers and they come back year after year."

Some people aren't satisfied to just be customers of Phantom

Fireworks. Kenneth Goodline, 14, has gone from customer to part-time employee. He enjoys the experience.

"Most of the time it keeps me out of trouble," Goodline said.

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Court decisions

Gerber said the court decision against road closure is in effect, and Vaught doesn't have the authority to close the four-tenths of a mile at the end of the road.

But Monnig said Friday morning the Forest Service believes the environmental impact statement requirements for South Canyon Road meet court requirements. In other

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Public appearances of "Sam," shown in Santa Barbara on Tuesday, and crowned the "World's Ugliest Dog" for three years in a row at the Sonoma-Marlin Fair, might be numbered. The 15-year-old pedigree Chinese created breed might make his last formal appearance in Monday's Santa Barbara Fourth of July Parade, according to his owner, Susie Lockheed of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Spike in border crossings may hurt pronghorn further

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Biologists are concerned that an increase in migrant traffic on the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge could have deadly consequences for the endangered Sonoran pronghorn.

The biologists say they have noticed a spike since early spring during which traffic has gone from a handful of crossings a night to 200. The number of

Border Patrol agents assigned to the refuge has doubled at the same time.

The refuge shares a 60-mile border with Mexico but the increased migration has been funneled through a single, narrow valley.

That's the same area where biologists and volunteers have been installing watering holes and irrigation plots to bolster

the native plants that pronghorn graze on as their main source of food and water.

John Hervert, a wildlife biologist with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, fears the traffic could scare the desolate pronghorn away from their best chance for survival.

"It doesn't take much to disturb the animals," he said. "Whether it's somebody doing

law enforcement, somebody smuggling drugs or people, it's that encounter. If it's the wrong kind of encounter, if the pronghorn were to run during the heat of the day for a couple of miles, there's no doubt in my mind that it can lead to the death of the animal."

Only 58 adult Sonoran pronghorn survive in the United States today.



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Francis Scott Key

As we celebrate Independence Day, we are once again reminded that freedom is not free. Just as America fought for independence in 1776, American troops continue to defend freedom around the world today. July Fourth is a day to honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect our liberty. It's a day to proudly celebrate our great country and the ideals it represents.

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“ I know a lot of this started because I'm a chick in a race car. Now it's turning into, 'Look what this rookie can do.' ”

— Danica Patrick

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Before the Lakers chose Andrew Bynum, 17, with the 10th pick Tuesday, who was the youngest player chosen in the NBA draft?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Legion baseball
2005 Cowboy Classic
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IN BRIEF

Jerome chamber hosts scramble

JEROME—The 2005 Jerome Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble on Saturday, July 16 at the Jerome Country Club with a 8:30 tee off. There will be a barbecue lunch and a silent auction.

The event is sponsored by the Jerome Chess Co. Prizes will be given for the low net team, men and women's closest to the pin, men and women's longest drive, and for any hole in one. There will be free beverages on the course.

Team sponsorship is \$50 per golfer or \$200 per team. Proceeds benefit the Junior Ambassadors Scholarship Program and other chamber programs.

RSAs make your own golf cart arrangements by calling Jerome Country Club at 324-5281. For more information, call the chamber at 324-2711.

Jerome co-ed softball tournament scheduled

JEROME—The Jerome Recreation District's Annual Summer Sizzler Co-Ed Softball Tournament will be July 16-17. This upper and lower division tournament offers Fairies, team trophies, MVP and home run derby prizes. The fee is \$100 per team with a three game guarantee and the registration deadline is Tuesday, July 12 at 5 p.m.

Fees may be paid by check or cash at the JRD office at 2032 S. Lincoln, July 9 at the Blazers Golf Course Marina. The cost is \$25 if registered by June 30. The public may attend free of charge. Food will be available from 7-8:30 a.m. Riders' meeting will be at 8 a.m. Action starts at 8:30 a.m.

RSAs must be registered before riders' meeting to participate. Riders under 18 must have parental waiver signed at the Blazers Golf Course marina ramp will be closed that day until 5 p.m.

Wake in the Snake approaches

BURLEY—Idaho Water-sports will hold their Wake in the Snake Wakeboard Competition, July 9 at the Blazers Golf Course Marina. The cost is \$25 if registered by June 30.

The public may attend free of charge. Food will be available from 7-8:30 a.m. Riders' meeting will be at 8 a.m. Action starts at 8:30 a.m.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jermale O'Neal, now with the Atlanta Braves, also was 17 but about two weeks' older when he was drafted in 1996 by the Portland Trail Blazers.

Kleinkopf has his weekend



Brett Kleinkopf tees off of the third hole during the men's championship final of the Latham Match Play Championships Saturday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. Kleinkopf won the competition 4 and 3 over Bob Lutz.

Simmons wins Latham Match Play women's title

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Out of bounds. And not just OB, but way OB. We're talking off the clubhouse, onto the pedestrian walkway, and almost under a parked golf cart OB. That's exactly where Brett Kleinkopf's approach shot to the 10th green landed during Saturday's Latham Match Play Championships semifinal match against Matt Phillips. It resulted in a stroke penalty, a three-hole playoff, and eventually, Kleinkopf winning his first ever men's championship title in the three-day event.

"I think the biggest thing for the second round was I had a lot

of momentum going in from the first round and having the playoff," Kleinkopf said. "I mean, from Hole 11 on or 12 on, I don't think I missed a shot from what I had pictured in my mind. Even the second shot on 18, when it went out of bounds, I still hit it how I wanted to. I just got unfortunate with the lie, or with the result. I just didn't miss, or a shot for a long time, so I took myself (to the final) with a lot of momentum."

Kleinkopf played heavily solid golf to beat a game Bob Lutz 4 and 3. With his ball sitting on the 15th green's fringe and the match in his hands, Kleinkopf sank a six-foot putt to end the match in stunningly quick fashion. The day's final match took just over two hours to complete.

"I really don't know what happened," Kleinkopf said. "It really went so fast. Just being out there with no one in front of you, we played every hole fast." Kleinkopf started fast indeed, with an eagle on No. 1. By No. 7, he had a three-hole lead, though an errant drive would lead him to eventually concede the hole. Lutz scripped back to one-down on No. 8, after Kleinkopf missed a par-saving putt. Kleinkopf would reel off three consecutive wins on Holes 9-11, as Lutz struggled with the flat stick. "He made a couple mistakes by missing a put or two," Kleinkopf said. "I just felt in control of what I was doing, which made it not easy, but made me feel really good, really

confident about everything." After years of close finishes, the Boise State University senior finally has his Latham title. Sitting outside the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course's clubhouse, Kleinkopf was congratulated by Mike "Turbo" Magellan, who posed the question, "What took you so long?" "That's just Turbo giving me crap because he's beaten me in this tournament," Kleinkopf said. "A couple years ago, I missed a two and a half-foot putt on 18 that would have beat him. I went up there to putt, and in his mind, he was already planning out the rest of his weekend. It just goes to show that everybody has their days, and I just had a good weekend." Extending champion Michael Ericson defeated last year's No. 2 finisher, Marc Ved-

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Armstrong starts strong in Tour stage

The Associated Press

NOIRMOUTIER-EN-LILE, France — Lance Armstrong had an impressive start to his final Tour de France, finishing second Saturday in the opening stage.

Armstrong, bidding for his seventh straight Tour victory before he retires, was 12 seconds behind fellow American and Utah resident David Zabriskie on the 11.8-mile course in Western France. The 28-year-old Zabriskie posted the fastest time trial in Tour history, clocking 20 minutes, 51 seconds, to take the yellow jersey as overall leader.

Though Armstrong didn't win, he opened up important time gaps over his main rivals — including 1997 winner Jan Ullrich.

The 33-year-old Armstrong overtook Ullrich even though the German started one minute ahead of him.

"It's incredible what he has done today," said Armstrong's team coach, Johan Bruyneel.

Bruyneel wasn't the only one in such a jubilant mood. Armstrong's race star girlfriend, Sheryl Crow, snapped photos to capture the moment.

"I started slowly but I found my rhythm," said Armstrong, who had a slight mishap at the start when one of his feet popped out of the pedal. "I saw Jan in front of me at the first time check and I thought, 'It's going well today.' I had him in my sights. Then I did my maximum."

Ullrich placed 12th, 1:06 slower than Armstrong, and may have been affected by a crash in training on Friday, he slumped into the back of one of his team's cars and cut his neck. Alexandre Vinokourov, Ullrich's teammate and another

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Stage 2
TV: OLN, 8:30 a.m. start



Twin Falls Cowboys catcher Drew Barnhard swings and misses against the Casper (Wyo.) Oilers at Walker Field Saturday night. The Cowboys lost 9-6.

Casper blows by Cowboys

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After opening the 2005 Donnelly's Cowboy Classic with a pair of decisive wins, Twin Falls met its match Saturday, prevailing against a good, determined Casper team, falling 9-6 on Jim "Skip" Walker Field.

"We've got to tip our caps to those guys. They came out from the gate go," said Cowboys coach Tim Stadelmeier. "They were fired up and ready to go." Just one day after pasting Lehighridge 12-2, however, Twin Falls came out just the opposite way.

2005 Donnelly's Cowboy Classic
Saturday's results
Colorado 10 beats 7, Palo Verde 2
Cherry Creek 10, Lehighridge 9
Coquillum 8, Nampa 7
Casper 9, Twin Falls 6
Sunday's games
at Walker Field
Twin Falls vs. Palms Herdies
10 a.m., third place
Casper vs. Colorado Kheos,
1 p.m., championship
at Brada Field
Lehighridge vs. Nampa, 10 a.m.,
seventh place
Cherry Creek vs Coquillum,
1 p.m., fifth place

Unfortunately, so did the Casper batters. Backing up four hits, which included a two-run double from left fielder Jesse Miller, the Oilers exited the second frame up 5-0. Things didn't look any brighter for the hosts on offense, with Oilers pitcher Zach Bolger controlling the game on the hill to down the Cowboys 1-2-3 over the first three innings. "Zach did a heck of a job up on the mound," said Casper coach Ryan Ellidge. "He struck out seven and only allowed four hits. He did a great job out there on the hump. And when you

defense is playing behind you and your offense is swinging the bats, good things are bound to happen." Tim Mealer took the mound in the third for Twin Falls and held the Oilers scoreless over the next two innings, but Casper posted two more runs in the fifth to go up 7-0. But Twin Falls managed to find a spark of daylight in the bottom of the inning, a spark which would grow large by game's end. "With the Cowboys' first big play of the game, Nick Carr belt

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Venus edges Davenport for Wimbledon title

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Venus Williams mounted one last comeback, capping her career revival by winning another Wimbledon title.

Williams overcame an early deficit and a championship point Saturday to beat top-ranked Lindsay Davenport 4-6, 7-5 (4), 9-7 for her fifth major title and her first in nearly four years.

At 2 hours, 45 minutes, the women's final was the longest on record at Wimbledon. Williams became the first woman since 1935 to win the title after facing a match point in the final.

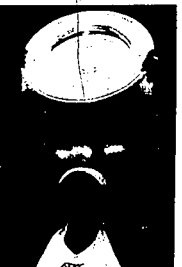
"I just spent so much time behind," Williams said. "The only time I think I was in front was when I won the match." When Davenport hit a forehand into the net on the last point, Williams raised both fists and grinned. After the players hugged, Williams hopped, sank to her knees and patted the grass. Then she rose and hopped some more, laughing all the while.

"I could have jumped for a lot longer," Williams said with a laugh two hours after her victory. "I was just so excited. I can't help myself when I get excited. I show it."

In the postmatch ceremony, Williams was presented with the championship trophy that coincidentally bears her first name — the Venus Rosewater Dish. She also won Wimbledon in 2000 and 2001, and was runner-up to sister Serena in 2002 and 2003.

The men's final Sunday will be a rematch of last year, when Roger Federer beat Andy Roddick to win his second straight title. Roddick completed a two-day semifinal suspended overnight because of rain, defeating Thomas Johansson 6-7 (6), 6-2, 7-6 (10), 7-6 (5) on Saturday.

The Williams-Davenport match climaxed with the



Venus Williams, of the USA, celebrates winning the Ladies' Singles final at Wimbledon Saturday.



Men's Singles Final
TV: NBC, 7 a.m.

longest third set in a Wimbledon women's final since Louise Brough beat Margaret Osborne duPont 10-8, 1-6, 10-8 in 1949, and it was full of suspense.

Davenport's back tightened and bothered her for several games midway through the set, and she required treatment from a trainer when ahead 4-7.

Williams reached championship point leading 5-4 and receiving serve, but Williams kept the match alive with a backhand winner, then another to win the game for 5-all.

Both players held to 7-all. One rally lasted 25 strokes, by far the longest of the match, with both players running acid.

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SPORTS



Annika Sorenstam of Sweden hits a shot onto the green on the second hole of an HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship quarterfinal against Candie Kung, Saturday, in Gladstone, N.J. Kung won, 1-up.

Sorenstam blows lead, falls out of Women's World Match Play

GLADSTONE, N.J. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam tumbled out of the HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship on Saturday, blowing a two-hole lead with four to play in her quarterfinal match against 23-year-old Candie Kung. After conceding a 2-foot par putt to Kung on the par-4 18th, Sorenstam still had 8-foot par putt right of the hole to end the match. "Of course I'm disappointed," Sorenstam said. "I had a great chance — 2-up — with four to go. Candie played very well. Sometimes it just doesn't go your way. To finish with a bogey doesn't make you very happy." Both players missed the green with their approach shots, with Kung's ball finishing hole-high to the left and Sorenstam ending up above the green on the right. Kung, the former Southern California star who won all three of her LPGA Tour titles in 2003, nearly took the lead on the par-3 17th, but her 15-foot birdie try tripped out. Kung made a 16-foot birdie putt on the par-4 15th to pull within a hole and squared the match with a par on the par-4 16th after Sorenstam drove into the left rough, failed to reach the green in two and two-putted for a bogey. "I just told myself to hang in there," Kung said. "I felt confident with my game. I was hitting my shots closer than her most of the day and just wasn't reaching the putts." The eighth-seeded Kung will face 60th-seeded Marisa Baena in the semifinals Sunday morning. Baena beat six-time major champion Karrie Webb 2 and 1.

Bodine wins shootout for first truck victory of year

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Todd Bodine whisked a series of late restarts, then pulled away from the pack in a three-lap shootout to win Saturday's NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race at Kansas Speedway. It was the first victory of the season and third in the series for Bodine, a former Winston and Nextel Cup driver who also owns 15 Bush series wins. It was also the first win for Toyota this year, breaking Chevrolet's five-race streak. "My truck was so strong on restarts that I could run wide open," said Bodine, who led 91 of 170 laps. "A green-white-checker is basically two laps, and I know I could run it wide open for two laps." Rookie Todd Kluever won a back-and-forth battle with Travis Reutimann in the late laps to take second — his best



wheel on the apron. Sutton, whose 33rd career start broke the series' record for race appearances by a woman, got out of the trap for row, both she and Fontaine were checked and cleared at the infield medical center, although Sutton said she would see a doctor Tuesday for a CAT scan. "You just hold on to the steering wheel real tight," Sutton said. "I was watching it slide across, and I saw the wall coming, and I thought, Oh, man, don't hit it too hard. Then it flipped back over." Rain delays Daytona Nextel Cup race DAYTONA, Fla. — A rain delay forced a late start for the Pepsi 400 Saturday night by 2 hours and 36 minutes. Results will be published in Monday's Times-News.

Roddick earns rematch against Federer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Andy Roddick is 1-8 against Roger Federer and has lost their last four meetings, including last year's Wimbledon final. So does Roddick have something new in mind for Sunday's rematch at the All England Club in 2007? "I might try to push him into a wall or something before we go out on court," Roddick said with a laugh. Barring a run-in with Roddick, Federer goes into the match a heavy favorite. The two-time defending champion has a 35-match grass-court winning streak, a 20-match winning streak in tournament finals and an extra day of rest. Federer had Sunday's respite after beating Lleyton Hewitt in the semifinals, while Roddick played three-plus sets to complete his return from a significant victory over Thomas Johansson 6-7 (6), 6-2, 7-6 (10), 7-6 (5). "I think it's a little bit of an advantage" for Federer, Roddick said. "We played three pretty hard sets." Roddick is 32-0 on grass since 2003, with four losses to Federer at Wimbledon. "I will look at the last two matches here in Wimbledon. I've played him, but also try to remember the other matches I've played against him, what worked, what didn't work," said Federer, 4-0 in Grand Slam finals. "I'll definitely have a sort of game plan against him." Roddick's game plan Saturday was to beat Johansson and get another shot at Federer. "I've watched bits and pieces of pretty much all of Federer's matches. You know, he's a pretty good tennis player. But when I see him, I feel like I'm playing pretty well. Today I thought I played 'very well.'" Roddick started the day lead-

Buhl sweeps Idaho Falls Rangers A squad

The Times-News IDAHO FALLS — Perry Hanson led a Triple-A squad as Buhl swept the Idaho Falls Rangers A squad Saturday, 11-6 and 17-0, in American Legion baseball action. Hanson, 32, clubbed a grand slam during the nine-run seventh inning in Game 2 and hit two doubles on the day. Buhl (17) is 2-1 Wednesday at Jerome at 5 p.m. Wednesdays for a single conference game.

Cowboys

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Latham

Continued from C1 LATHAM, Ind. — In his 21st holes to take this year's consolation title. On the women's side, Boise native and Montana State University golfer Stephanie Simmons went through her own high drama to defeat defending champ Lauren Darrington on the 18th hole. After Darrington's drive found a home in the Par 5's fairway bunker, Simmons spent a little extra time over her bag teeing, offering to take her second shot. "I knew she wasn't going to be able to make it with the green," Simmons said. "That's why I didn't go over the trees. I left it on the left side. When she hit out (of the sand) and got right behind the tree, I knew that I would just have to get on the green and have a two-putt par and that would probably win it." Simmons put her third shot on the fringe and had a five-footer left for par before Darrington conceded the hole and the championship to the Bobcats sophomore and 2004 Timberline High School graduate. Though Simmons' resume includes a state championship in the 2005 Idaho Class A state tournament, this is her first major win. "This is my first big win ever-acting like it's the first because I had to get through two really good players. I beat

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Cherry Creek 10, Lethbridge 9

The Cherry Creek Bruins of Denver, Colo., picked up the win in the tournament Saturday afternoon, edging Lethbridge 10-9 in a slugfest. Bruins first baseman Jake Fox drove the winning run with a two-RBI single in the bottom of the fifth to go up 10-9. "He sent me an outside curveball and I just got the ball on it and I flared it to right," said Fox. "We came to center, started playing like a team. They scored five runs on two hits, three walks, a sacrifice fly, a wild pitch and a throwing error by the pitcher." Morales was 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles, two RBIs and three runs scored. David King had two RBIs and added a double for the Reds. Designated hitter Beau Jensen was 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs while a pair of RBIs for Reds. "We average about nine left on base a game," said Colorado coach Scott Hormann. "I attribute a part of it today to using the wooden bats."

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto racing: GP2 Championship Series, SPEED, 4:30 a.m. FI, Grand Prix of France, SPEED, 8:30 a.m. IndyCar Series, ESPN, 11 a.m.

Golf: European PGA Tour, European Open, final round, TGC, 6 a.m. Nationwide Tour, Lake Erie Charity Classic, final round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.

Tennis: Wimbledon, men's championship, NBC, 7 a.m.

Cycling: Tour de France, OLN, 6:30 a.m.

Baseball: Nationals at Cubs, WGN, 12:30 p.m. Rangers at Mariners, FSX, 2 p.m.

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Padres send May, Redding, cash to Yanks: SAN DIEGO — The Padres' season is struggling to get off to a good start with the New York Yankees, acquiring recently demoted reliever May and Tim Lincecum for cash.

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Overlooked Palmeiro poised to join elite batting fraternity

BALTIMORE (AP) — During a marvelous major league career that almost certainly will earn him a place in the Hall of Fame, Rafael Palmeiro has amassed an impressive list of accomplishments: power, consistency and longevity.

He has played in nearly 2,800 games, hit more than 560 home runs and batted 300 in six different seasons.

Through it all, though, Palmeiro often has been overlooked, overshadowed and unappreciated.

"He is a real talent, one that I think has really gone under the radar over the years for whatever the reason," New York Yankees star pitcher Randy Johnson said. "He's hit a quiet 500 home runs."

Palmeiro's ability to crush a baseball is not the only product of his smooth, flawless, left-handed swing. He has the average, a quality that has brought him to the brink of one of the most exclusive groups in baseball history.

In the Baltimore Orioles began a four-game series Tuesday against Cleveland, the 40-year-old Palmeiro stood 100 feet short of joining the likes of Farners Willie Mays, Hank Aaron and Eddie Murray as the only players with 3,000 hits and 500 home runs. It is a feat that will certify the first baseman's stature as one of the game's great hitters.

But Palmeiro hasn't received even a small portion of the accolades heaped upon players with far less impressive numbers.

"It doesn't bother me," he insisted. "I've done a good job in my career. As long as you can look at myself in the mirror and say I've given it all I got, that's what matters to me."

Palmeiro was a three-time All-American at Mississippi State, but 21 players were selected ahead of him in the 1995 amateur draft before the Chicago Cubs called his name. B.J. Surhoff, now a teammate of Palmeiro on the Orioles, was the No. 1 selection that year.

Surhoff has put together a solid career, but his statistics don't even begin to measure up to those of Palmeiro as compiled over the past two decades.

"His numbers are almost unparalleled," Surhoff said.

Fans apparently haven't noticed. Palmeiro never has been voted to start in the All-Star game and hasn't experienced a fraction of the adulation given to former Oriole star Cal Ripken, who played in a record 2,632 consecutive games but was not as threatening at the plate as Palmeiro.

"I had the pleasure to play with Rafly and watch him hit each and every day for several years. He is one of the most natural hitters I have ever seen, and he has one of the sweetest swings in the game," Ripken said. "The fact that he reached 3,000 hits and 500 home runs shouldn't surprise anyone. He will end up in the Hall of Fame one day, unless he plays forever, which seems like a real possibility."

When he came to the United States from Cuba as a youngster in 1971, Palmeiro just hoped for a comfortable life in a foreign land. Upon his arrival in Chicago in 1986, he didn't foresee putting up lofty numbers or playing into his 40s.

"If anyone told you when they were 19 or 20 that they were going to hit 500 home runs and have 3,000 hits, they were just dreaming," he said. "You don't think about those things. You just want to establish yourself and try to make a career."

What a career it has been. Palmeiro hit his 500th homer Tuesday to tie the Reggie Jackson for ninth place on the career list; he has hit at least 20 in each of the last 14 seasons and seems a shoo-in to go again.

Palmeiro started the season with a lifetime batting average of .289, and while he's no Ripken, he has played in at least 140 games in 16 seasons — including the last 10 in a row.

During that time, Palmeiro has been one of the stars of such hard-hitting first basemen as Mo Vaughn, Mark McGwire, Jose Canseco, Jason Giambi and even former Mississippi State teammate Will Clark.

"In baseball, we all are very respectful of what he's done," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "But his playing a position where there have been a lot of

big boomers that have gotten a lot of attention. Palmeiro is more of a line-drive guy that hits his home runs; there's really not a lot of fanfare that goes with it. Still, to play that long at that level is very special."

His peers have noticed, even if most baseball fans have not.

"Rafael Palmeiro is a role model for myself, for anybody

who respects the game and for anyone who strives to be a great player," Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez said. "He is one of the icons. When you think of guys like Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds, you've got to put Rafael Palmeiro as one of our all-time greats."

Palmeiro is on the verge of doing what no exclusively left-



Baltimore Orioles' Rafael Palmeiro follows through on a hit against the New York Yankees, June 27, in Baltimore. Palmeiro is on the brink of a milestone, becoming the 4th player in baseball history to have 3,000 hits and 500 home runs, joining Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Eddie Murray.

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Diamondbacks snap four-game losing streak

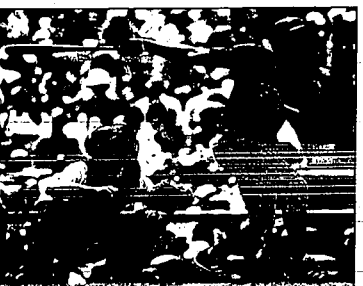
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jose Cruz Jr. hit one of four solo homers off Derek Lowe and added an RBI double as Arizona snapped a four-game losing streak.

Arizona left fielder Luis Gonzalez preserved the victory by diving into the dirt to catch Jason Phillips' bid for a game-tying, two-run homer in the eighth.

The win was just the fifth in 16 games for the Diamondbacks, while the Dodgers lost for the 23th time in 28 games.

The four homers were in the most Lowe (5-9) given up in 414 major league appearances — 136 starts.

Clayton Vargas (3-4) won his third straight start, giving up six hits and four runs, two earned, in five innings. Two of his hits were to homers by Drew, who drove in three runs.



Arizona Diamondbacks' Jose Cruz Jr. follows through on an RBI double to left field off Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Elmer Dessens in the fourth inning in Los Angeles, Saturday. Shawn Green scored on the play.

base safely in 10 consecutive plate appearances, tying the club record set by Derek Lee in September 2002.

Nationals 4, Cubs 2

CHICAGO — Jose Guillen homered and Tony Lincecum won a rebound for the first time in more than two years, leading Washington to its fifth straight victory.

Guillen (4-4) had his own road start since April 10, 2003 — at Wrigley Field — and had been 0-6 in 10 starts since. He went 1-0 in the opener, Houston allowing seven hits and two runs.

Chad Cordero pitched 2 2/3 perfect for his major league-leading 29th save. He's converted 26 straight save opportunities.

Rockles 3, Cardinals 1

ST. LOUIS — Jamey Wright pitched effectively into the seventh inning as the Colorado Rockies won their 11th game in 12 games with the NL's best record, moving into position for their first road series win of the year. They are 0-11-1 in road series this season.

J.D. Closser added his third home run and Todd Helton had three hits to extend his hitting streak to 11 games for the Rockies, who are 7-32 on the road.

Brewers 5, Pirates 3

MILWAUKEE — Rickie Weeks homered late to snap a 10-week losing streak for the Brewers Saturday night to give Milwaukee Brewers a 5-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Weeks, one of the top draft picks in 2003, hit a three-run home run in the seventh on Friday night with the score tied at 3-3. The White Sox went on to beat Pittsburgh 8-4.

Phillies 6, Braves 3

PHILADELPHIA — Brett Myers took a shutout into the ninth inning and the slumping Philadelphia Phillies beat the Atlanta Braves 6-3 Saturday.

Pat Burrell and David Bell homered for the Phillies, who

Astros 4, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Adam Dunn hit a two-run homer, and Felipe Lopez led a double short of the cycle Saturday night as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Houston Astros 4-3, earning a doubleheader split and snapping a six-game losing streak.

A throwing error by Houston starter Ezequiel Astacio, recalled earlier Saturday, led to four unearned runs. That helped the Reds rebound from a 4-3 loss in the opener of the doubleheader, forced by a rain-out Thursday night.

Reds starter Aaron Harang (4-7) fell to 0-5 in his last six starts.

Marlins 7, Mets 3

NEW YORK — Juan Encarnacion led four hits and three RBIs, finally producing some run support for Brian Moehler (3-0).

Pinch-hitter Paul Du Ducan added an RBI single in the sixth inning when Florida took advantage of a key error by full-first baseman Jose Offerman and scored four times.

Encarnacion has reached

Gibbons' homer helps Orioles rally past Indians

BALTIMORE (AP) — Daniel Cabrera pitched seven innings of four-hit ball and Jay Gibbons capped a shelling rally with the winning homer, helping the Baltimore Orioles beat the Cleveland Indians 4-0 on Saturday.

Cabrera (6-7), who had been 0-3 in his last four starts, won for the first time since June 25 at Detroit. He walked two and struck out five, becoming the first Oriole starter to record a victory since Rodrigo Lopez on June 2.

Tim Lincecum pitched the eighth and B.J. Ryan worked the ninth, finishing the Orioles' fifth shutout in 11 starts.

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in the seventh, helping the Chicago White Sox snap a 10-game losing streak with an eight-game winning streak with a 5-3 victory Saturday night.

Garland (13-3), who pitched a complete game, four-hitter in a 6-0 win over the A's in the Coliseum on April 25, threw three shutouts in the mid-90s most of the game and had the A's off-balance and swinging early in the count to win in his second try.

Crede connected for his 12th home run of the season with two outs in the seventh, a solo shot left to center.

Dustin Hermanson threw seven pitches in the ninth for his 19th save in 20 chances as the White Sox won for the fourth time in five games.

Angels 5, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bartolo Colon allowed one hit through seven innings, then walked off the field with the team trailing after surrendering three more in the eighth of the Angels' victory.

There was no immediate indication what if anything was wrong with the right-hander. Retiring 19 in a row in one stretch, Colon (11-4) wound up going 7-3 in innings and giving up three runs and four hits, with five strikeouts and no walks.

Red Sox 6, Blue Jays 4

BOSTON — Manny Ramirez hit a double and two-run homer in the seventh inning, lifting Boston to a comeback victory.

It was just Boston's third win in 10 games against Toronto this season and came one night after the Red Sox lost 15-2.

Johnny Damon had a pair of doubles, extending his hitting streak to 18 games for the Red Sox.

Major League Baseball

All Times MDT													
AMERICAN LEAGUE													
East Division													
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr				
Boston	46	33	.582	-	2-73	W1	24-13	22-20	12-6				
Baltimore	44	38	.538	2.5	2-93	L1	24-18	20-18	8-10				
Toronto	41	40	.506	6	2-64	L1	20-16	21-24	8-10				
New York	40	39	.506	6	2-46	W1	14-24	16-21	11-7				
Tampa Bay	27	54	.333	20	2-97	L4	19-23	8-31	3-15				
Central Division													
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr				
Chicago	54	25	.684	-	2-73	W1	27-12	27-13	12-8				
Minnesota	44	34	.564	9.5	6-4	W2	25-18	10-18	9-10				
Cleveland	43	38	.529	11	6-4	L1	24-17	17-23	7-8				
Detroit	37	40	.481	16	2-97	L1	19-21	18-19	9-9				
Kansas City	26	53	.329	28	1-9	L2	15-23	11-30	9-9				
West Division													
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr				
Los Angeles	49	31	.613	-	2-82	W2	24-14	25-17	12-6				
San Diego	42	37	.532	6.5	5-5	W4	23-16	19-21	9-9				
Oakland	39	41	.488	10	6-2	L1	26-16	13-25	6-8				
Seattle	33	48	.418	15.5	2-89	L7	19-22	14-24	10-8				
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Atlanta	44	37	.545	5.5	6-4	L1	24-12	22-25	12-6				
Florida	41	37	.526	7	2-73	W1	23-17	19-20	10-5				
Philadelphia	41	40	.506	8.5	2-87	L1	19	24	17-23	7-8			
New York	40	40	.500	9	6-4	L1	25-17	15-23	10-9				
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St. Louis	59	30	.665	-	5-6	L1	26-16	24-14	10-5				
Chicago	40	39	.506	9.5	4-6	L3	21-20	19-19	6-9				
Milwaukee	38	42	.475	12	2-73	W1	15-25	15-27	8-7				
Houston	37	47	.438	12.5	2-73	L1	24-13	17-23	7-8				
Pittsburgh	34	45	.430	15.5	2-8	L5	17-19	17-26	5-7				
Cincinnati	31	49	.388	19	2-4-6	W1	24-21	7-28	7-8				
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Los Angeles	38	42	.475	5	2-9-5	L1	22-19	19-23	8-13				
San Francisco	37	44	.455	8	5-5	W4	17-22	17-23	6-12				
Colorado	28	51	.354	14.5	6-4	W1	21-19	7-32	6-6				

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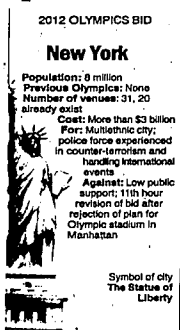
NYC believes Hillary factor will boost Olympic chances

SINGAPORE (AP) — Other cities are bringing presidents, prime ministers and royalty in hopes of landing the 2012 Olympics. New York is bringing Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The city's bid leaders praised the decision by the New York senator and former first lady to join the delegation for Wednesday's vote by the International Olympic Committee.

"I think there is no question that everyone here will know who she is," said Dan Doctoroff, the bid chief and deputy mayor. "All over the world, she is perceived as a real leader in the world, someone who is admired around the world."

New York is competing against four other world-class cities: front-runner Paris, London, Madrid and Moscow, all to be represented by heads of state or government in Singapore.



Symbol of city The Statue of Liberty

Paris will have French President Jacques Chirac in its corner; British Prime Minister Tony Blair will support London; Queen Sofia and Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero will lobby for Madrid; and Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov will push for Moscow.

President Bush will appear in a taped video message in Wednesday's final presentations to the IOC.

Clinton was invited to Singapore by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. She is to arrive Tuesday and spend a full day in meetings with IOC members and have a role in the presentation to the IOC the next day.

Clinton led the U.S. delegation at the 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway, and attended the flame-lighting ceremony in Greece in 1996 for the centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

"She has always been a passionate believer of the Olympic movement and sees in the

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Olympic movement a reflection of the New York," Doctoroff said.

The 250-strong New York delegation will also include Muhammad Ali — who won a gold medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics and lit the cauldron at the Atlanta Games — and dozens of Olympians, such as Australian swimmer Ian Thorpe, gymnast Nadia Comaneci and track and field star Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

While Paris and London are regarded the main contenders, Doctoroff senses New York in good position.

"I think this is going to be extremely close," Doctoroff said. "I will be surprised if it doesn't get four rounds. From everything we can tell, it's going to be very unpredictable. We're very optimistic."

IOC members will vote by secret ballot until one city gets a winning majority. The city receiving the fewest votes is eliminated after each round.



Six-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, pedals during the 1st stage of the Tour de France cycling race, an 11.8-mile individual time trial between the coastal town of Froumentin and the island of Nolmoutier, western France, Saturday.

Armstrong

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top contender to unseat Armstrong, placed third. But he was on seconds slower than the Texan.

"The feeling of being passed by Lance is not good," Ulrich said. "The Tour is still three weeks long, I'll battle."

Zabriske surprised them all with his remarkable performance on the first day of his first Tour.

He rode at an average of 33.98 miles an hour, besting the time trial record set by Greg Lemond in 1989. Lemond needed an average speed of 33.89 mph over a time trial course that was 3.4 miles longer, on route to his second of three Tour crowns.

"This feels really great," said Zabriske, who considered quitting cycling after a bad crash last year. "I never thought it would happen, never, ever, ever."

Zabriske still has scroves in one of his knees from a crash in 2003 when he was hit by a sport utility vehicle in his hometown

of Salt Lake City, breaking his leg and wrist.

He switched from Armstrong's camp to Team CSC this year, and won a time trial at the Giro d'Italia in May.

"We just witnessed the birth of a real champion for the time trial event," said his teammate and fellow American Bobby Julich, who placed 11th. "He just cranked everybody."

Italy's Ivan Basso, who placed third in the Tour last year and was the only rider to beat Armstrong in the Pyrenees, was 1:24 slower than Armstrong, placing 20th.

"Such a disadvantage will be difficult to make up. Butte, Mont.'s Levi Leipheimer took 14th, 1:13 off the pace.

Ulrich also might have a hard time catching Armstrong, especially if his accident was to blame for his performance.

"Maybe it's the crash," said Luis Esguerra, Ulrich's team spokesman. "It's a little demoralized. He doesn't really know what happened."

Event celebrates decade of corn pone competition

By Rita Bynum
 Associated Press writer

EAST DUBLIN, Ga. — In his garage, Melvin Davis keeps 230 trophies he's won racing motorcycles, go-karts and pickup trucks. But he's best known for a sport that earned him four trophies topped with crushed Bud Lite cans.

"Yeah, looking back on it I'm proud. But when I done it I felt like a little silly," said Davis, 68. "People were going. There's the bobbing-for-pigs-feet championship."

Bobbing for pig feet, the mud-pit belly-flop, the armpit grenade — they're all part of the Redneck Games, a series of good ol' boy events that the area is celebrating their 10th year in middle Georgia.

Started as a Southern-fried-spoon of the 1995 Atlanta Olympics, with a propane torch lighting a ceremonial barbecue grill, the gag games draw thousands of devotees to a backyard bug-zapper.

Organizers estimate 95,000 attended the event during their first decade in East Dublin, a rural stop of 4,500 residents between Macon and Savannah.

What started as a gathering of about 500 during the 1996 Olympics, swelled to 10,000 by 2001 and reached an estimated 15,000 last year. More are expected when the 10th Annual Redneck Games are held next Saturday, July 9.

"It's hard to put your finger on why it blew up to what it is today," said Jeff Kidd, program director for WOZY, the country radio station that cooked up the Redneck Games as an Olympic publicity stunt.

Local media coverage from MTV to London's BBC has beamed word-of-the-games around the globe.

"It's weird. Media comes to our reunions around the Redneck Games. We've had weddings in the past," Kidd said. "I don't think anybody takes it seriously. Everybody has fun with it, and that's what it's all about."

The actual events, which have changed little over the



Contestants jump into a mud pond, July 7, 2001, during the Redneck Games in East Dublin, Ga. The 10th anniversary of the Redneck Games is scheduled for July 9 at Bucky Park.

years, new to self-deprecating stereotypes and backwoods bawdiness.

The mud-pit belly-flop judges contestants on their flabby form and sonic splat as they drop gut-first into muddy water, splattering nearby spectators.

The armpit grenade rates children on their musical skills pumping air through a damp rag beneath their underarm.

The 12-year-old winner in 2000 squeezed out a recognizable rendition of "Dixie."

"There's also hubcap hurling — they're so dang silly," Davis said. "Every year it's hot, four or five people fall down from heat exhaustion. All they've got is porta-potties, and they smell so bad you've got to hold your breath until you get out."

Frank L. Fraser, publisher of Redneck World magazine, sees the games as another example — alongside the popularity of country music, NASCAR and the country television show "Blue Collar TV" — of folks embracing their inner good-ole-boy without the baggage of rural stereotypes.

"When I first started, a redneck is a guy whose dadgum hobby is hanging phone wire from trees," said Fraser, who esti-

mates his magazine has 350,000 readers in 43 states. "Most rednecks I know are just hard-working people who like barbecues and the outdoors."

Kidd says some locals, "the country-club people," have looked down on the Redneck Games as giving Laurens County a backward image of dirt roads and outhouses.

Many have stopped sneering, he said, because it's hard to bash proceeds from the \$5 admission fee and the outdoors.

Willie Paulk, president of the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, said no economic impact studies have been done on the Redneck Games, though she says it's the third-largest public event in the county, beat at the transfer of economic activity to local businesses.

"While we appreciate the novelty of the Redneck Games, I don't think it should be looked at as the transfer of economic activity," Paulk said. "So far it hasn't stopped our industries from locating here, which is wonderful."

Big-name soccer players may be on the move

By Santos A. Perez
 The Miami Herald

MIAMI — With European leagues in hiatus until August, reports abound on the confirmed and possible moves of high-profile players.

The notable eyebrow-raiser of the week was Chelsea's pursuit of AC Milan striker Andriy Shevchenko. Deep-pocketed Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich reportedly offered a \$103 million transfer to bring Shevchenko to Stamford Bridge.

But Milan has no plans to part with its signature player, re-buffing Abramovich's bid, which Chelsea also has rejected.

Heran Crespo, on loan from Chelsea, staying an additional season with Milan.

Chelsea have asked us for Shevchenko, but we have told them no," Milan vice president Adriano Galliani said in Agency France Press.

"Shevchenko is not for sale."

Abramovich has made no secret of his admiration for Shevchenko, the 2004 European Player of the Year.

He reportedly was intent on offering Shevchenko a four-year contract. The deal would have paid Shevchenko \$272,000 a week.

The Shevchenko transfer bombshell is the latest of frantic negotiations between the British and Italian powers.

Milan wants to retain Crespo for another season, but reportedly has agreed to pay part of the Argentine striker's wages.

Chelsea also was unable to land AC Milan defender Kakha Kalidze, who has agreed to a three-year contract with Arsenal.

Abramovich's willingness to pay premium cost for talent helped Chelsea win the Premier League title in 2004-05.

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Tiki Barber makes trip to Israel, visits with children

TEL AVIV (AP) — Giants running back Tiki Barber arrived in Israel this past week at the invitation of former Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

One of his first orders of duty: teaching children how to throw a ball and throw the ball.

Barber visited the Palestinian territories Wednesday and was greeted by dozens of giddy children who begged him to play football, but no one knew how to use it. Soon, Barber began showing the children how to catch and throw the ball.

"I though, 'Now I feel comfortable, now I'm home,'" Barber said Thursday. "I was telling them keep their elbows up," they did well."

The nine-year NFL player went to Israel thanks to Peres, who met the football player during a trip to New York earlier this year.

Barber visited religious shrines and also made an appearance on behalf of the Center for Peace. One of the ways the center tries to improve relationships between Israelis and Palestinians is through children playing sports together.

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Notebook

Gault made a name for himself in the NFL with the Chicago Bears and Los Angeles Raiders, using his speed to become one of the top playmakers in the league. Now he is using his speed for something else.

Gault set the American 40- and older record in the 2000 meters at 21.80 seconds on June 11 at the Southern California Invitational.

The 44-year-old Gault won USAF's oldest of the week honors for his performance. Then last Sunday at the U.S. championships in Carson, Calif., Gault won a masters exhibition 110 hurdles race in 13.87.

Of course, Gault is no stranger to the track. He started in football and track at Ten-

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Area athletes perform well at Junior Olympics qualifier

The Times-News

NAMPAs — Several athletes performed well at the Region XI meet qualifier for the national Junior Olympics in Indianapolis later this month.

The event was held at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, June 23-25.

Brandon McNeely of Twin Falls took home three golds in the intermediate boys division. He won the high jump, long jump and triple jump. Russell Crane of Kimberly took second in the high jump and fifth in the long jump.

In the young men's class, John Bark of Bliss garnered a silver in the 400 run and fifth in the 1,500 meters. Logan Lynch of Twin Falls took fifth in the 100 dash and eighth in the long jump. Alexian Nay took fifth in the long jump.

Sybrand Cussion of Wendell took second in the long jump in the intermediate boys division.

For the girls, Twin Falls' Rissa Casperson took home golds in the 100 and 200 dashes and a silver in the shot put in the young women's division.

Abigail Bark of Bliss took third in the 800-meter run and 100 hurdles in the youth girls division.

RESULTS

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Photo courtesy of BOB, RETIARD CLUB

The Buhl Rotary Club baseball team bounced back from a first-round loss to claim the 2005 minor league tournament title by defeating two-year star Acevedo 24-10 and 20-26.

BOB, RETIARD CLUB... 2005 USA Track & Field Junior Olympics Region II

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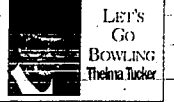
More to bowling than meets the eye

TWIN FALLS — We all understand that the object in bowling is to knock down those 10 pins with the first ball of each frame. Well, that takes know how and there's when you don't get those pins that spare needs to be converted.

Bowling lessons will help with these objectives. A bowling course objective will include: mechanics of the game, bowling fundamentals, outcomes, terminology, safety, rules, as well as scoring techniques.

Mechanics of the game and bowling fundamental objectives are: Starting position of the hand and ball while bowling. Starting position, approach and footwork, pendulum swing, timing release and finishing position. It also includes spot bowling, picking up spares and scoring techniques.

Balls vary in weight from 6-16 pounds. The heavier ball provides greater pin action. Slightly



higher balls provide better control and accuracy. A bowler needs to determine their finger grip. Conventional, finger tip or semi-finger grip. Your thumb should come out of the ball easily and finger span and spacing under pin needs to be determined.

During a bowling lesson you pick up and hold the ball before to determine the function of the ball. Double balling the machines is a no no. Be sure to confine your activities to the area of the lane on which you are bowling. It is very important to follow rotation and bowlers turns. Understand the proper delivery and dead ball pin rest.

It is necessary that you understand the make up of the lanes. What is the length of the lane? What is the foul line? Target arrows, locator dots? The pins and gutters, kick back and finger gutters. What are bumpers? If you thought that just picking up the ball and rolling it down the lanes was all there was to the game of bowling, think again. To be a true sport bowler it takes knowledge of the game and ability. The true way to get that is by taking lessons. Talk to your local bowling center about lessons and see how you can improve your game. More on this subject next week. So... "Let's Go Bowling!"

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

M.V. youth exhibit Angus cattle

DENVER, Colo. — Four Magic Valley-area youth will co-exhibit Angus cattle at the 2005 National Junior Angus Show from July 17 to 23 at the National Western Complex in Denver, Colo.

Celeste Armstrong of Hansen, Britton Curtis of Twin Falls, and David Wiseman and Michael Wiseman, both of Filer, are the junior members of the American Angus Association, headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo. They are among the 694 young Angus breeders from 36 states who have entered a total of 1,494 head in the show.

The National Junior Angus Show is the largest single-breed registered beef cattle show in the world. This year's event will host a beef cook-off, team sales competition, public speaking, photography, graphic design, writing and poster contests and the traditional cattle show.

The National Junior Angus Show is sponsored by the American Angus Association and the National Junior Angus Association and hosted by the Western States this year.

Chamber sponsors beautification contests

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the "Business is Blooming" and "Industrial Strength" beautification contests for area businesses.

The industrial strength category, judging will be for exceptional landscaping for a business located in an industrial zone. Landscaping must have been in for a year.

For Business is Blooming, judging will be for businesses that have made special efforts to add beauty to the city by adding flowers and color to their landscaping. Awards will be given for container or in-ground plantings.

All Twin Falls-area businesses (chamber membership not required) are eligible to enter. Judging criteria include creativity, uniqueness of design, overall appearance, use of color, appropriateness of plant variety and quality of maintenance. Categories are primarily containers, primarily in-ground and industrial area.

To enter, provide the business name, location, phone number, contact person and category entered to the chamber of commerce. Deadline is July 20. Judging will be at the end of the month.

Entries can be mailed to the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or faxed to 733-9216.

CSI holds career planning workshop

TWIN FALLS — A free Career Planning Workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Friday, at the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

Registration deadline is Tuesday. The workshop is for individuals interested in learning more about the labor market, training programs and wage potential. Participants will identify their interests, investigate different careers and make a plan for success.

For more information or to sign up, call 733-6800 or (800) 680-0274, ext. 6680.

Most dads would put careers on hold

Nearly two thirds of working fathers, 62 percent, said they'd put their careers on hold to be stay-at-home Dads, according to a recent survey by The Centers.com, a New York-based job site for positions paying \$100,000 and more per year. But the working world was particularly generous with paternity leave. Almost half the respondents, 45 percent, said their companies offer no time off for the birth of a child. Eighteen percent said their employers offer as much as two months off and 12 percent said they could take off a month.

— compiled from staff and wire reports



Photos show three different Super Wal-Mart stores with different designs. Wal-Mart, faced with controversy when it moves into new towns, created a new prototype that features a broken plane — different levels of roof tops — enabling it to be more easily customized to different communities.

AP photo

Big-box retailers embrace new designs

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Wal-Mart Stores Inc. began looking around Freehold, N.J., company officials assumed it could just move into town with a standard super center and Sam's Club warehouse store. They were wrong.

Aiming to protect its rich heritage from retail sprawl, the town — established in 1693 — had adopted an ordinance in 2002 that dictated new commercial construction would have to embrace traditional architectural styles — colonial, Federal, Georgian or Victorian.

At first, Wal-Mart balked, arguing that it would be too costly to redesign its standard concrete block buildings, according to town officials. But after a year of debate, the world's largest retailer finally came up with a faux-red brick colonial design that satisfied the township committee. Both stores are set to open in early 2006.

Wal-Mart officials were not enthusiastic about the ordinance, but town officials would not back down, said Tom Antus, township administrator for Freehold. The result was "reasonably attractive — for a big box," he said.

"Big boxes are the latest rage. We know they were coming into our community. It was just a question of when," said Antus. The ordinance at least would minimize the visual impact of the store, he said.

Such adjustments are becoming more commonplace as communities across the country are adopting stricter ordinances dictating size and design of retail outlets. The laws, aimed squarely at curbing behemoth retailers, force them to scale down stores and conform to the local landscape.

The so-called "big-box" retailers are learning to be more flexible in order to open the new stores they need to meet annual sales growth targets. But local activists argue the designs merely dress up the same old retail sprawl.

The trend began in resort areas like Bal Harbour, Fla., but now mountain-themed or seaside versions of big box stores are popping up in ordinary towns like Freehold and Galtersburg, Md. Wal-Mart has a store with a timber facade in Centennial, Colo.; an art deco store in Long Beach, Calif.; and a design in Round Rock, Tex., meant to resemble a series of Main Street storefronts. Target has a colonial-style store in Galtersburg, Md., and the Home Depot Inc. opened last summer a seaside-themed store near an inlet in West Vancouver, Canada.

Fast-food outlets have also been a target, forcing McDonald's Corp. to give up its golden arches for colonial architecture in Maine and adobe style in Arizona.

Stores are "learning from these towns and learning they can push the envelope," said Tim Bruce, senior vice president of development at Developers Diversified Realty Corp., which is building the Wal-Mart stores in Freehold and created the art deco Wal-Mart in California. "But community activists aren't buying it."

"It's a skin-deep change. It's like putting a tuxedo on Frankenstein. The monster is still there," said Al Norman, president of Sprawl Busters, an organization that works with local communities to fight unwanted store development.

Norman is pushing for communities to limit the size of these stores to no more than 50,000 square feet, with a 25,000-square-foot limit per floor. By comparison, a typical Wal-Mart super center averages 187,000 square feet and a Home Depot store averages about 100,000 square feet.

Retailers are finding novel ways around those limits. Faced with limitations that would block plans for a 145,000-square-foot store in Dunkirk, Md., Wal-Mart proposed this past spring to split the store in two — a retail section and a garden center side by side and sharing a parking lot.

Shopping along miles of aisles

A look at how the floor space of three selected retailers size up against one another:

	Target*	Home Depot	Wal-Mart**
Number of stores	136	1,018	1,713
Total square feet (in millions)	24	233	320
Average square footage per store (in thousands)	177	105	187

* SuperTarget only

** Supercenters only

SOURCE: The companies

But the retailer backed away from the idea after it caused an uproar in the community. It is now proposing one store that meets the town's 75,000-square-foot size requirement.

Mia Masten, a spokeswoman for Wal-Mart, said the company is not ruling out the option elsewhere — the first arrangement of its kind for the discounter.

"We have to maintain all our options and be flexible, to be where the consumers are and where they want the stores," she said.

Last year, Wal-Mart came up with a new prototype that can be easily customized to a particular community.

"We are finding that there are many areas that have higher expectations for the types of stores that are coming in," said Bill Correll, director of architecture at Wal-Mart. The behemoth retailers have no choice but to work with city leaders if they want to open new stores. They need in order to meet their sales growth targets, Wal-Mart has seen sales slow because of higher gasoline prices and a still uncertain job market, factors that have weighed heavily on its consumers.

Meanwhile, local opposition to big-box stores has become bolder and more successful. Wal-Mart, in

particular, has faced increasingly vocal community and labor groups in places like Inglewood, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles which rejected a super center last year.

Emmie P. Kozloff, an analyst at Bernstein Research Call, wrote in a report that successful attempts at blocking new big box stores have grown at a 21 percent annual rate over the past two years. If this trend continues over the next five years, she projected 321 stores will be blocked in 2005 through 2009, compared with only 132 from 2000 to 2004.

In Freehold, N.J., it took several attempts over a year for Wal-Mart to get the designs to meet the township committee's approval, which occurred in February 2004.

Mayor David Salkin, who helped draft the township's ordinance, said that the helped Wal-Mart out by supplying pictures of colonial Williamsburg Va., and various federal buildings after a second version that the retailer presented was not much different from the first.

What does he think of the final faux-colonial version, with its corncobs, archways and columns?

"As far as Wal-Mart goes, it will be one of the better ones in the country," said Salkin. "Am I thrilled they are here? Not particularly."

Reserve's rate-hiking policy has experts divided

By Danielle DiMartino
The Dallas Morning News

Wall Street is getting jittery as it tries to figure out how this game will end.

The uncertainty goes deeper than the fact that the Federal Reserve's rate-hiking campaign is headed into extra innings, as Dallas Fed President Richard Fisher recently suggested.

As legendary Fed chief Alan Greenspan approaches his 18th anniversary on the job, many investors are beginning to wonder about the financial landscape after his expected retirement in January.

Meanwhile, they continue to send mixed signals. Low long-

term bond yields seem to dare the Fed to keep raising rates. The big stock averages remain in the red for the year.

Experts are divided over whether Fed policy will offer a lift or a lashing for investors.

"The Fed needs to be very careful here," said Paul Kasriel, chief economist at Northern Trust in Chicago. "If its intent on pushing the federal funds rate to a percent this year, it'd better be ready for a recession in 2006."

On the other end of the spectrum, Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economic.com, sees no threat to the economy if the Fed continues on its measured path of the past year.

"I think interest rates will rise at a slow and moderate pace over the next year," Zandi said. "The Fed will continue raising the fed funds rate until it gets to 4 percent this year, and after that they could continue into next year until possibly 5 percent."

The two economists also represent the diverging perceptions of the economy under the Fed's stewardship.

"There is no doubt, monetary policy has started to gain traction, and the economy has started to slow down," Kasriel said. "Important economic indicators are suggesting that policy is much more restrictive than it was at this time last year."

As for Zandi, he said the economy is in fine shape.

"I think the economy will stick to a pretty good script," he said. "Economic fundamentals are strong, businesses are flush, and they have the wherewithal to expand."

Of course, stock market investors benefit most if Zandi's sanguine outlook proves on target.

"The current environment suggests a positive inclination towards stocks," said Tobias Levkovich, chief market strategist at Smith Barney. "The question is, what's the catalyst?"

A signal from the Fed that it has completed its rate-hiking cycle tops his and many others' list.

Other possibilities on his short list include:

- A decline in oil prices.

- Upside surprises in second-half corporate earnings.

- Greater money flows from foreign investors.

- Pension fund inflows as bond yields remain inadequate to achieve return targets.

"You never know what variety of options will unlock the upside in a given environment," Levkovich added. "But it's not like we're bereft of potential reasons for the market to go higher."

Brett Gallagher, co-manager of the Global Equity Fund at Please see POLICY, Page D3

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Renea Remaley

HANSEN — Renea Remaley was awarded the 2004-2005 Shining Star Award for Prevention Conference in April. Shining Star of Prevention is an annual award sponsored by the Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools Statewide Advisory Board. It recognizes an outstanding individual for making extraordinary contributions to improve the lives of youth.

Remaley also was recognized as Teacher of the Year by the Idaho Association of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

She is a health and science teacher and Safe and Drug-Free School coordinator at Hansen High School and is the founder and advisor for the Natural Helpers organization, which was honored as an outstanding program at the conference. She has been in education for 30 years.

Randy Acker

SUN VALLEY — Dr. Randy Acker was named Idaho Veterinarian of the Year for 2005 by the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association during the association's annual summer meeting, the Jackson Hole Veterinary Rendezvous.

Acker was nominated by Dr. John A. Sifing, president of the Magic Valley Veterinary Association.

Acker has practiced veterinary medicine for 25 years. He received a bachelor's degree in microbiology and his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Colorado State University, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Honor Society. He is a member of the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association, Veterinary Orthopedic Society, American College of Veterinary Surgeons, American Animal Hospital Association, Magic Valley Veterinary Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Veterinary-related accomplishments include completion of the KYON Hip Teaching Course and instructing the course at the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in Fort Collins, Colorado. He has been a national speaker for the Pfizer Pain Management Series and lectured for the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association. His chief interest is orthopedic surgery.

He is owner and medical director of Sun Valley Medical Center in Ketchum and co-owner of Sawtooth Animal Center in Bellevue.

Bankers

TWIN FALLS — Jerry L. Olson was named vice president and manager and David L. Green was named a business relationship manager at Wells Fargo South Central Business Banking Center.

Olson is responsible for managing a team of business banking relationship managers in the South Central Business Banking Center. He joined Wells Fargo in 1999 and previously served as a senior business relationship manager at the South Central Business Banking Center. He has experience as a loan officer and branch manager for Eastern Idaho Agricultural Bank of Association. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from the University of Idaho and graduated from the Western Agricultural Banking School in Pullman, Wash.

Green is responsible for developing and maintaining accounts relationships with business customers and helping them succeed financially. A 20-year financial services veteran, he comes to Wells Fargo from Zions Bank in Salt Lake City, where he served as retail loan center officer.

largest bank in deposits and is the only bank in the United States to receive the highest possible credit rating, "Aa," from Moody's Investors Service.

Jennie Koch

BURLEY — Jennie Koch of Jensen Jewelers completed a course of study through the "Diamond Council of America" of Nashville, Tenn., and received the designation of Certified Diamondologist.

The 21-lesson course includes the four C's of color, clarity, cutting and carat weight, diamond treatments, synthetic diamonds and facts about diamond jewelry, and focuses on customer service and professionalism in the retail jewelry business.

Koch is a sales associate at Jensen Jewelers in Burley.

College instructors

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at CSI welcomed Mark Jones, Jarrod Ball, Charles Wright, Chris Reardon and Justin Willis as instructors of the "Real Estate Investment — Insider Secrets" course for the fall semester.

Jones has his real estate license for 16 years and also has a degree in advertising and marketing with a minor in psychology from Boise State University. He is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Idaho Association of Realtors and the Twin Falls Area Realtors.

Ball, a native of Twin Falls, worked a technical illustration and graphic artist for an international firm in Boise while attending Boise State University. He returned to Twin Falls more than 10 years ago to help found Twin Falls Tide & Escrow Co. He then managed Gooding Title & Escrow in Gooding. He now specializes in real estate and commercial transactions in south-central Idaho. He is currently working on building a second title company in Jerome.

Wright is an attorney with the Wright Brothers Law Office in Twin Falls. He joined Wright Brothers in 2004. He was an attorney with Ropes & Gray LLP in Boston. He has negotiated over \$1 billion in various transactions on behalf of both public and private clients. Originally from Boise, he graduated from Princeton University in 1996 and Harvard Law School, cum laude, in 1999.

Chris Stevenson works for Clearlake Agency, where he is licensed in property, casualty, life and health insurance. Chris served as a member of the 2002 Idaho Torch Executive Planning Committee. He graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and advertising with a minor in marketing. Willis works for D.L. Evans Bank, where he has more than four years of experience in the commercial, agricultural and consumer lending areas, credit review, underwriting, special assets and bankruptcy collections. He has bachelor's degrees in finance and marketing from Boise State University and is a graduate of the Kauffman Entrepreneur Internship Program.

Tonya Backus

TWIN FALLS — Tonya Backus, owner of Magic Valley Realty, attended the Women's Council of Realtors' monthly meeting from May 12 to 15 in Washington, D.C., where she received the Silver Excellence Award of Achievement, and Idaho received a State Chapter of Excellence for 2004.

Backus is president of the South Central Idaho Women's Council of Realtors chapter.

Backus is a sales associate at Jensen Jewelers in Burley.

"I was able to gain a broader perspective about the real estate industry both with national information and professional development," Backus said.

Established in 1998, WCR offers professional development and a support system that helps members achieve their next level of success.

For information, visit the WCR Web site at www.wcr.org or call (800) 245-8512.

Kathy Ream

TWIN FALLS — Kathy Ream joined Wells Fargo as a mortgage consultant.

Ream has several years of experience in the banking and mortgage industry and a business economics degree from Colorado State University. She and her family moved to the Magic Valley 12 years ago and currently live in Jerome.

Ream's office is located at 1303 Adcock Ave. E. She can be reached at 733-3329 or by e-mail at kathy.ream@wellsfargo.com.

Commercial drivers

TWIN FALLS — Top Gun Truck Driving Academy has hired James Andros and James Puder, both of Twin Falls, graduated June 24 and received Class A commercial driver's licenses with endorsements.

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Physical therapists

TWIN FALLS — Local physical therapists Teresa Pribe and Dave Christiansen, both of Primary Therapy Source, Suite 2, Suite 2, completed the 14th annual conference on "The Young Child with Special Needs" conducted by Contemporary Forums in Las Vegas.

The course is devoted to the evaluation of the infant and child with developmental delay. Pribe also completed the pre-conference session, "Managing Disruptive Behaviors." The two-day pre-conference session discussed behavior associated with autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, prenatal drug exposure and abuse, and the effects on children.

Christiansen also completed the two-day pre-conference session, "Positioning for the Young Child: Total Inclusion." Pribe and Christiansen can be reached at Primary Therapy Source, 734-7333.

Jamie Benedict

JEROME — Southern Idaho Therapy Services at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center welcomed Jamie Benedict to its therapy staff.

Benedict recently graduated from the physical therapy assistant program at Idaho State University with an emphasis in orthopedic, sports injury, pediatric therapy and home health care.

Southern Idaho Therapy Services is located at 128 Fifth Ave. W. Benedict can be reached at 324-3090.

Dental workers

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Ken Patterson of North College Dental Group recently completed com-

prehensive training in the CEREC system of dental restorations in Seattle.

CEREC is a high-tech system that enables producing and seating many dental crowns and inlays at one appointment.

Dr. Bryce Ray Barbus graduated from the University of Iowa Dental College and joined North College Dental Group. He will practice general dentistry and provide comprehensive care for all ages.

Jentry File graduated from State University in May. She joined North College Dental Group as a certified dental assistant.

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Dora Watson

TWIN FALLS — Dora Watson recently moved to The Stylist Salon at 630 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in the Lynnwood Shopping Center.

Formerly of Let's Get Ready and HairMasters, Watson has 6 1/2 years of business experience and specializes in haircuts, colors and perms.

Watson's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. She can be reached at 733-1749.

MILESTONES

Lending company launches real estate funds

BOISE — Boise-based Alpha Lending LLC announced the launch of two real estate funds designed to meet private investment needs throughout the Pacific Northwest.

These enterprises have funded more than \$10 million in economic development in 1993. Treasure Valley, Valley County, Magic Valley and Incoeur d'Alene in Idaho and downtown Salt Lake City.

Alpha lending offers short- and long-term real estate investment options with fixed or variable interest return rates. Since January, it has negotiated multiple transactions throughout the Northwest, recently closing a loan in southern Idaho.

In the Magic Valley, Alpha Lending has financed a loan to assist with the acquisition of a long-established Burley area automotive center. The current owner is retiring, and the loan will provide a seamless business transition to new ownership.

Alpha Lending is an Idaho-licensed mortgage brokerage founded in 2005 by Timbre Wolfe, Steve Vaughn and Terence Woods, all of Boise. Together, they bring more than 40 years of real estate and financial expertise to Alpha Lending investment funds.

DOUBLE ZAP OPENS AT MAGIC VALLEY AIRPORT

TWIN FALLS — A Double Zap opened its first store in November 2004 at the Magic Valley Airport.

It is a new franchise based in Twin Falls and owned and operated by Jackie and Lee Zapf. Jackie Zapf is a native of Klamath Falls. Lee Zapf has been in the Magic Valley area for more than 30 years. She previously owned and operated C & J Paints for 15 years.

A Double Zap offers espresso drinks, light lunch and a full menu, a low-cost menu, gift baskets for all occasions, coffee grinding, coffee testing and delivery service for all products.

Newer stores opened since January are located inside Dell Computers and at the Locust Grove Business Park.

Jackie Zapf can be reached at 308-8589 or 733-3408.

CONTRIBUTIONS

CHAD HOEF, manager of Zions Bank's Twin Falls-Smith's branch, paints the home of Jerome resident Bernice Couch during the bank's 15th annual Paint-a-Thon service event in June.

During Zions Bank's 15th annual Paint-a-Thon from June 21 to more than 2,500 employees and their families completed 50 house-painting projects in Idaho and Utah.

The Paint-a-Thon project helps low-income elderly and disabled homeowners by fixing up their homes and enabling them to live in them. Projects to be completed during the annual weeklong event are selected with the assistance of state housing agencies, community organizations and local churches.

Launched in 1991, Zions Bank's Paint-a-Thon began as a volunteer project for a dozen homes along Utah's Wasatch Front. Not counting the dollar value of volunteer hours through the years, the bank has donated more than \$500,000 toward beautifying homes located from Boise to Pocatello in Idaho and from Salt Lake City to St. George in Utah. In addition to painting, Zions employees provide yard cleanup, pruning, mowing, planting and minor repairs as needed by homeowners. The cost for all paint and supplies is contributed by Zions Bank.

Ralph C. Burton, president and chief executive officer of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. LLC, announced Wendy M. Meiners and Gloria D. Turner have been selected as recipients of 2005-2006 Amalgamated Sugar Co. Educational Scholarships.

Meiners, daughter of Walter and Vicki Meiners, and Turner, daughter of Kim and Misty Turner, are graduates of Minico High School in Rupert.

Amalgamated scholarship program was established in 1993 to help qualified dependents of Amalgamated employees to continue their education beyond high school.

Cargill, Specialty Canola Oil awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Larry Moore of Filer.

Moore graduated from Filer High School in 2005. He will study mechanical engineering at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah in the fall.

The Filer High School library also will receive a grant from Cargill. Moore's scholarship is administered by the National Future Farmers of America organization. Cargill is based in Idaho Falls.

Ron Hahn of Kimberly supported the Ace Hardware's "Tour de Kids," a bike ride from Seattle, Wash., to Boston, Mass., to raise \$1 million for the Children's Miracle Network.

Hahn, a retail technology manager for Ace Hardware, participated in the second of the ride from Missoula, Mont. to Jackson, Wyo., from June 27 to July 2.

Being the first person in a family to attend college is thrilling, but now a number of Idaho students from area high schools have been awarded "Drive Your Future" scholarships from Mercedes-Benz USA.

Smith's Pet Club rewards Fresh Values customers for shopping at Smith's for the pets' needs. Each time customers spend \$10 on pet products, they receive a Pet Club Savings Certificate for \$9 off their next purchase and Smith's makes a \$1 contribution to the local Humane Society or SPCA.

Four Smith's stores in Idaho made a total contribution of \$1,330 for the 12-month period. The winners have been awarded one of the Pet Club's participating agencies.

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The Idaho Irrigation Association has awarded more than \$8,000 in scholarships to several Magdalen Valley area students for the 2005-2006 school year.

Students were selected on the basis of academic accomplishments, leadership and an interest in pursuing a degree in an agriculture, horticulture or landscape-related field. Recipients include the following:

Tom Bowen, son of Bruce and Valerie Bowen of Burley, \$600 to pursue degree in plant and soil science at the University of Idaho-Idaho Falls. Scholarship money was donated by PWEagle and Inman.

Alan Branch, son of Nolan and LuAnn Branch of Malia, \$600 to pursue degree in agriculture at the college of southern Idaho. Money was donated by Idaho Valley Electric Co. and the IIEA.

Danielle Breeding, daughter of David and Diana Breeding of Hazelton, \$500 to pursue degree in agriculture at the University of Idaho. Money was donated by Lindsay Manufacturing.

Dax Duffin, son of Dan and Sheila Duffin of Rupert, \$750 to pursue degree in agricultural business at Idaho State University. Money was donated by Valmont Industries and the IIEA.

Mark Hatch, son of Regan and Susan Hatch of Huhl, \$600 to pursue degree in agriculture at the University of Idaho. Money was donated by Wish, North-west Inc. and Irrigation Accessories.

Wesley Hopwood, son of Rodney and Cassel Hopwood of Kimberly, \$1,000 to pursue degree in biological and irrigation engineering at Utah State University. Money was donated by Mateo-Norcia Water.

Luke McCall, son of Jim and Laurie McCall of Heyburn, \$600 to pursue degree in agricultural systems management at the University of Idaho. Money was donated by Gheen Irrigation and the IIEA.

Leah Meeks, daughter of Jim Meeks and Sharon Meeks of Jerome, \$600 to pursue degree in resource and agricultural engineering at Idaho State Polytechnic University. Money was donated by Godwin.

Jill Darrington, Boise State University student majoring in social work.

Amanda Geary, Burley High School student going to Brigham Young University to major in Journalism.

Aubrie Ward, Burley High School senior going to BYU to major in special education.

and Schultz and Action Machinery Inc.

McKenzie Newcomb, daughter of Ross Newcomb and Karen Hyton of Rupert, \$500 to pursue degree in agricultural systems technology at Utah State University. Money was donated by the Scott Ortel.

Scott Ortel, son of Peter and Jean Shawver of Eden, \$750 to pursue degree in agricultural business and management at the University of Idaho. Money was donated by Toro Ag, Carson Industries and the IIEA.

J.J. Shawver, son of Peter and Jean Shawver of Eden, \$750 to pursue degree in agricultural business and management at the University of Idaho. Money was donated by Rainbird Agri-Products, Interstate Plastic Inc. and Priest Electric.

Joshua Walton, son of Tom and Dana Walton of Kimberly, \$500 to pursue degree in agricultural science and technology at the University of Idaho. Money was donated by Spears Manufacturing and the IIEA.

Shawn Woodward, son of Judy Woodward of Paul, \$600 to pursue degree in agricultural systems technology at Utah State University. Money was donated by Idaho Butte Irrigation, IPS Weld-On and Ag Sales.

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Cassia County Farm Bureau has announced its scholarship winners for 2005.

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U.S.-born BSE cow heightens debate

LUBBOCK, Texas — Animals in the Texas herd that produced the first homegrown case of mad cow disease will be surveyed in coming weeks to verify cattle born at the same time and the infected bovine's recent offspring.

The checks come as agricultural officials work to ensure that other cattle in the herd are not carrying the brain-wasting disease.

The infected 12-year-old beef cow was born, raised and used for breeding at the same ranch and had never left the property, authorities said Tuesday. They would not identify the ranch or the size of the herd.

Agriculture officials announced Wednesday the latest confirmed case of mad cow disease in the United States had been traced to the animal, which was a "downer" that died at a pet-food plant in Waco, Texas, in November and never entered the nation's human food supply.

It was the first time the disease has been confirmed in a U.S.-born cow. The other U.S. cases came from a dairy cow imported from Canada.

Sugar producers look to House for help

WASHINGTON — The Senate delivered an expected blow to U.S. sugar producers on Tuesday when it rejected the Central American Free Trade Agreement-Dominican Republic, which sugar producers contend seriously damages their industry.

Senate passage was expected, but the strategy for producers all along has been to try to defeat the regional free-trade pact in the U.S. House, said Jack Roney, director of economics and policy analysis for the American Sugar Alliance in Arlington, Va.

The vote with a slim margin of 54 to 45 is the tightest for any free trade agreement in recent history. The proposal now faces a tough challenge in the U.S. House of Representatives where the congressional staff still weighs in of the votes needed for passage.

The Bush administration contends NAFTA-DR would add only a tiny amount of raw sugar to the U.S. market. But the extra 120,000 U.S. tons a year of foreign sugar sales it would initially allow from Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic — would amount to the final straw, according to the alliance.

Time to check fields for corn rootworm

JEROME — Corn producers with continuous corn fields need to start checking those fields for western corn rootworm.



A cow stands in the ring during a livestock auction in Tulla, Texas, on Monday. Many numbers at the Tulla auction were down Monday, selling about 1,600 head. During peak months, as total as 9,000 have been sold. The auction was the first opportunity to see how the cattle sales in Texas were affected by last week's announcement of a second BSE case in the country, apparently the first in a U.S.-born animal. Later in the week, USDA released information saying the diseased cow was from Texas.

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's week. The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Corn rootworm larvae cause the most damage by gnawing at the plant's roots, which rob it of both its ability to absorb needed moisture and to anchor the plant in the soil. In rain-fed production areas, drought stress is common. Lodging is most often seen under fall irrigation.

Heat units, not corn maturity, determine when the larvae emerge. Typically, emergence begins around the 4th of July holiday in southern Idaho, said Dave Sasse, an agronomist with Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. in Jerome.

Only fields that have been corn-on-corn will see corn rootworm problems, Sasse recommends growers use one of two scouting methods.

Potato Field Day set for July 26 in Idaho

IDAHO FALLS — University of Idaho agricultural scientists will describe the most recent findings of their research and extension trials at the "Famous Potatoes Field Day" July 26 near Blackfoot.

Bryan Hopkins, U potato cropping systems specialist in Idaho Falls, said the comprehensive agenda will include many topics that are sure to interest Idaho's potato growers.

Hopkins said he anticipates that Certified Crop Adviser and Pesticide Recertification credits will be available to participants.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and include lunch. Participants staying for lunch should RSVP Erica Cook at (208) 322-2354 or ecook@uidaho.edu or http://extension.agg.uidaho.edu/hopkins.

The site of the field day is 7 miles southwest of Blackfoot, across from the Riverton LDS church. To reach it, turn west off I-15 at exit 69, then immediately right onto Riverton Road. Travel north for a half-mile, then west for 3 miles.

Guiding hand, man's or woman's, can lift you

The Washington Post

Few things are more valuable than good mentors. They provide the help you need to make the contacts you need and serve as role models.

For some young people, finding them comes naturally. For others, there are groups that have tried to jump-start the process, matching would-be mentors with compatible mentees. Many of these groups, especially those that target women, take gender into account, sort of like a professional Boys and Girls Club.

But does it really matter if your mentor is of the same or opposite sex?

Julia Hill, 29, said she didn't think about it when she became a high school English teacher, was a man. She met Mark Craver, a native and role model for her, which she says she needed.

"I went to him with everything, all the problems I had and he really was worried about the future and where I'd go to college, and I was having a

lot of anxiety about the fact that my parents didn't want to pay for school. He gave me a lot of great advice. I also went to him when I had my babies."

Despite stereotypes about high school girls and their crushes, Hill said that was not the case in this relationship — and that's why it worked. She admired his "very cool, dry sense of humor" and describes him as "laid back, kind of like a big, cool, Kerouac, quoting teddy bear."

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man, and it's not as if she had any choice. "She had to make her way through an industry that was heavily dominated by men," said Ebert, 34.

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Craver and Ebert, both mentor and mentee, and it made all the difference in my ability to trust them. If you're worried

about mixed signals, it becomes impossible to really relax around someone in the way you most need, and you can't mentor. This course in that matters most, you don't let stereotypes interfere with making an appropriate choice, which even emphasizes the importance of shared values over biology. According to its Web site, the group welcomes men who are willing to help mentor the group's women.

Hill and Craver certainly found that common ground. "It almost doesn't matter what gender the person is, as long as they're very, very things, and being that kind of reliable, wise sounding bond that you need," Hill said. "I don't think I ever consciously thought of him as my mentor. It just evolved that way. ... People can surprise you. If you had showed me a police lineup of high school English teachers and asked me to identify the one who would become my mentor, I doubt I would have picked him."

Policy

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Steve Barr, Julia Barr doesn't see the case for optimism. What's more likely, he said, is that stocks will continue to meander around a flat line.

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Pimco's position goes a step beyond the most optimistic Fed watcher.

"Based on the belief that long-run inflation is going to remain low, and that the economy is going to slow," Kiesel said, "we're actually looking at the Fed lowering rates as early as next year."

That's an event, in itself, that would push up long maturities should exceed, while stocks suffer.

Smith Barney's Levkovich reported that he sees three conditions in place that suggest the markets and economy are headed in just the opposite direction.

Investors are still skeptical — that places sentiment on the side of contrarian thinkers, who say stocks rise when attitudes soften and are less likely to rally.

Earnings fears are very conspicuous in the market, something that also sets the stage for a rally.

Valuations are compelling, especially in light of the mountain of cash on firms' balance sheets.

"Sell in May and go away! Just won't work when the market is down like it is," Levkovich said. "We're consistent in our view that we're going to rally into the second half of the year."

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MONEY

Picking rewards deals?

Stick with one card

By Marshall Loeb
MarketWatch

NEW YORK—Customer reward programs are becoming more of a factor in credit-card choice.

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While getting something back for your purchases sounds like a good idea, be sure to do your research before signing up for a card.

Check the APR. Reward cards typically have an APR about 4 percentage points higher than other credit cards—around 14 to 16 percent. Cards with high interest charges, a rewards card makes sense if you plan to pay off the balance each month.

Look for good rewards. Choose a rewards program that will give you back something useful. If you spend a lot of time on the road, you might consider a card that will give you free gas or fuel up extra points when you fill up your tank. If you just want cold, hard cash, look for a rewards program that will give you the most for the least amount of points.

Keep yourself in check. You can't combine reward points from different cards, so try to limit yourself to one or two reward cards per year.

Find a rewards program that you can use. Visit <http://www.creditcards.com/>.

Don't let your reward points expire

By Marshall Loeb
MarketWatch

NEW YORK—So-called loyalty programs are on the rise, but unless you're careful, you can easily lose track of the rewards you've earned.

There are two kinds of loyalty programs—those that use reward credit cards and those that use membership point cards. Each program has its own conditions regarding how you earn and spend points, but there is one common factor—time, the points expire.

Reward credit cards let you earn either rebates or points for purchases you make. Major credit-card companies and banks sponsor reward cards, so they can be used anywhere, just like any other credit cards. Points are earned for their insurance tickets, merchandise or fuel reimbursement, car rebates, cash back or even contributions to a college savings plan. Membership point cards, on the other hand, tend to come from specific companies—airlines, hotel chains, restaurants and retail stores. You register for each card, and the rewards are awarded with points when you stay at the company's hotels, travel with certain airlines or shop at affiliated stores.

You probably have a list of these cards in your wallet. How can you keep track of them all?

Track your monthly statements. Points are added at the end of a billing period instead of after every purchase, so your most recent point total will be the latest.

Read the fine print. Loyalty program details will be listed on your credit-card or program agreement. Check for details on when points expire.

Check out MileTracker.com. The Web site allows you to track your point totals in 79 loyalty programs. Simply download the free program to start monitoring your points.

<http://www.credit-reviews.com/> or <http://www.creditcenter.com/> allow you to search for and compare available credit cards.

UNHEALTHY WORK FORCE

Companies look for ways to save on health insurance

By Katie Marx
Knight Rider News Service

The cost to provide insurance rose an average of \$582 per employee this year, according to the consulting firm Towers Perrin, and the average annual cost to insure a single employee rose to \$3,936, the firm said.

DETROIT—Smoke, eat, sit on the sofa. You'll likely pay more for your health insurance. With health insurance costs rising an average of 12 percent last year and 8 percent this year, employers across the country are struggling for some way to continue offering medical coverage without going broke.

That has companies taking a long, hard look at some of their most costly workers—those who smoke, overeat and don't exercise.

Most businesses have rejected a Michigan company's controversial solution to simply fine all of its smokers early this year. But the idea of requiring employees to change their unhealthy habits or pay more for their insurance—is gaining favor.

At some companies, such as Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Milwaukee, plans pay more for health and life insurance. At others, workers who participate in a healthy-living program are discounted.

At Jackson, Mich.-based manufacturer Orbiflorm, for example, workers can have their health insurance rates cut in half if they take a health-risk appraisal and agree to meet with a health coach twice a year to monitor and improve their health.

"They can choose not to take" the appraisal, but then they pay 10 percent of their health care benefit," Orbiflorm President Mike Shirkey said. "There's no one telling you you have to do this... We have 100 percent participation."

Helen Darling, president of the National Business Group on Health in Washington, expects the majority of U.S. companies to go the way of Orbiflorm in the next five years and encourage people to live healthier lives by offering incentives that include paying more of their health-insurance premiums.

They're just on the cusp of an explosion of employee and employer saying we want healthy lifestyles," Darling said. "Bested by ruthless pressure to do this... It costs 25 percent less, down, employers are using incentives to reward employees who eliminate unhealthy habits, and it least improve upon their behaviors."

Technically, that's what Okemos-based Weyco Inc. did when it gave employees a choice between smoking and not smoking. Weyco founder Harold Weyers told workers they had 15 months to quit smoking or they would lose their jobs in June 1, 2005. Weyco provided whatever smoking-cessation programs employees wanted, including hypnosis and acupuncture, Weyers said. But in the end, 100 employees chose smoking over

and offering weight-loss and smoking-cessation programs. Even better, the firm reports that it has seen a 30 percent reduction in five risk factors: poor fitness, obesity, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol and smoking.

Reducing the spending on tobacco and obesity-related diseases alone could take a significant bite out of health-cost inflation, said Tommy Thompson, the former Health and Human Services secretary.

Nearly 442,000 deaths and \$159 billion in spending annually are linked to tobacco-related diseases, Thompson said.

If trends continue as they have, the cost of obesity-related disease soon could surpass that, he said.

The Insurance Information Institute's report "Obesity Liability Insurance" says that "overweight and obese individuals have more chronic health problems than normal-weight people, resulting in tens of millions of lost work days annually."

Michigan Spurgeon General Health Insurance told the state that 64 percent of Michigan adults are overweight or obese. The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control estimates that 25 percent of the population in 2000 was obese.

And the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that \$117 billion in health care costs were linked to obesity-related disease.

Weyers said employees with unhealthy habits cost him money in health insurance premium increases and in sick days. After firing all the smokers at his company, which manages employee-benefit plans for other businesses, he worried that he might get rid of overweight employees, too.

But Weyers said he isn't planning to fire anyone based on weight. For one thing, Michigan law doesn't allow him to. As with race and gender, Michigan employers may not discriminate based on weight.

But Weyers is trying to help employees live healthier lives by offering nutritious choices in the work cafeteria, a personal trainer for people with eating disorders and a variety of sports and fitness offerings at the office.

Lunches and after-work hours at Weyco are filled with three-on-three basketball tournaments. Weight Watchers classes, Pilates workouts and after-work high-intensity fitness classes.

The benefits are shared, Weyers said... If he can get his employees to eat right and stay healthy, it keeps costs down and they live better lives, he said.

If they continue with unhealthy habits, I have to pay for it eventually," Weyers said.

Many employees have expressed similar frustrations. But now, some are looking for ways to reward employees who take better care of themselves.

Companies are beginning to charge lower health insurance premiums to people who exercise, have annual physicals, don't smoke and let their employers monitor their health.

The new trend toward offering incentives could improve participation in company-sponsored programs and drastically cut costs, said Dee Edgington, director of the Management Research Center at the University of Michigan.

Edgington has been tracking health risks and costs for 25 years. His database includes 2 million people from such places as General Motors Corp. and the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Jackson.

He's been studying GM's health costs since 1993 and is convinced that the automaker could cut 25 percent of its health costs by making its workers just a little bit healthier.

Edgington, who has studied health care use and costs for 300,000 GM workers, said the average GM worker has 2.6 risk factors, which include such factors as being overweight and having high cholesterol.

GM says 25 percent of its 1.1 million beneficiaries, slightly less than the national average, are considered obese, and that those people cost the company about \$1,500 a year more in health services on average than beneficiaries who aren't obese.

"We have data that shows if you could move all of those people from 2.6 risk factors to 2.0 risk factors, GM's health costs could be reduced," Edgington said.

"To move everyone to that low-risk level would probably take five to 10 years, he said.

"Over a three-year period, I think we could see up to a 5 percent reduction in health care costs," Edgington said.

The Detroit law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone reports that 75 percent of its staff are overweight. It has a health and fitness program since it began offering free health screenings during work hours, reimbursing employees for \$100 of the cost of health club dues, providing free annual physicals

How to shop for variety of 'travel-size' items

By Marshall Loeb
MarketWatch

NEW YORK—"Travel-size portions" abound—you can find miniaturized versions of everything from mayonnaise to mouthwash to dish detergent.

Some are a waste of money. Others save you the hassle of overloading your luggage with weighing full-size containers of items that spoil (such as ketchup and other condiments you might buy for a week-long timeshare vacation). How can you separate which is which?

Travel guru Susan Foster, author of "Smart Travel Tips for Today's Traveler," recommends the following:

Sample sizes are most worthwhile for seasonal and location-specific items that you won't need for year-round travel. For example, in hot, humid weather Foster likes to carry travel sizes of baby powder (to stay cool and fresh) and towels of insect repellent.

Choose carefully when it comes to sample sizes of makeup, lotion and other items

that may irritate your skin. This is especially true if you have allergies, says Foster. You're better off with a brand of sunscreen you know and trust than finding out you're allergic to something you break out in hives.

If you opt to pack a container from a larger-sized canister, make sure the container is clearly labeled. You don't want to mix up your conditioner with your lotion. And you certainly don't want to mix up your shampoo to investigate that mysterious "white powder" in a plastic bag also known as your powdered coffee creamer, she says.

Recent travelers could invest in durable small containers for their toiletries and other travel needs. You'll spend less money on replacing small containers with shampoo than buying 12 travel-size bottles.

For good deals on travel-sized items, visit www.minimus.biz. The Web site specializes in small sizes of plenty of anything you can think of. You can also buy individual items that are usually packaged in packs of 10 or more.

Keep track of your possessions

By Marshall Loeb
MarketWatch

NEW YORK—Having a list of all your possessions will let you know at least some of the burn-off you'll have if you ever the victim of burglary, fire or other disaster. Regularly updating that list can mean the difference between many thousands of dollars from your insurance company and nothing.

Here are some steps to create a comprehensive household inventory:

Go through every room. Open each drawer and carefully list everything along with its location. Don't forget your attic, basement and garage. Pay close attention to things you might normally overlook, such as vintage furniture or rugs. Also include outdoor items, such as a pool and patio furniture or expensive landscaping or gardening materials.

Describe each item in detail.

Record identifying information, such as the serial number, age, brand name, size. Record your date of purchase, the amount you paid and how much it would cost to replace it. Don't forget to include things of sentimental value—such as photographs or 25-cent postage stamps.

Visual records. Photographing and videotaping your possessions can be helpful and will spare you having to write down all descriptions. Some independent claim companies will provide, for a fee, a video inventory of your home. Although you may want to do it yourself to secure your privacy.

Make sure you have appraisals for jewelry and other valuables. The American Society of Appraisers, at www.Appraisers.org, can help you find a local appraiser to suit your needs.

SHOPPING AND PRIVACY

Consumers know little about what companies know about them

By Jeff Gelles
Knight Rider News Service

PHILADELPHIA—Whether you shop online or at the mall, companies you deal with know much more about you than you probably imagine. They may sell that information to other firms.

And wherever it lands, it can be used to target a higher price for you than from the next customer—even someone buying the exact same thing.

Those are key conclusions of a new study by researchers at Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center, who set out to compare marketplace realities with perceptions and to explain how well consumers understand some surprising fall-out from the information age.

There is a disconnect, the study found, that ignorance is common and that far from bringing bliss, it leaves many consumers vulnerable to marketplace abuse because they don't understand how information about them can affect the prices they are offered, for worse or for better.

There is a disconnect between what people know, what they expect, and the trends in the marketplace," said Joseph Turow, a communications professor at Penn's Annenberg School for Communication and lead author of the study, "Open to the Public: An Open Shoppers Online and Offline."

The study, to be released Wednesday, says a majority of consumers don't know, for instance, that travel Web sites often show you the best prices their search engines find—or that no laws require a Web site or an traditional retailer to charge the same prices to different people, even those shopping at the exact same time.

Nor did most consumers know that a grocery or drugstore that collects or distributes information about its customers' buying habits it collects from your "frequent shopper" card or other magazines and charities, such as the names of subscribers and donors.

Turow said he was especially disturbed that three of four people misunderstand the term "privacy policy" to mean a company promises to protect your personal data rather than the truth: that many are disclosing information directly by requesting data to drop the term "privacy policy" and instead offer a notice titled "Using Your Information." The study says.

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But as similar methods have entered retailing, they have grown more sophisticated than even the savviest shoppers are likely to have noticed, he said, such as trying to drive away "cherry pickers" who hunt for sale items.

"Bluntly stated, some stores want your business and others such as Target want to increase their sales and then charge higher prices."

He quotes an official of one major grocery chain who said the company had discontinued weekly promotions and essentially fired 1,500 customers who came to the stores

hunting for bargains." At the other end of the spectrum, the report says Bloomingdale's uses software to identify its 5,000 regular customers.

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LAND OF SHITE

Tension rises anew between Shiites and Sunnis in wake of Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Shiite mourners were crying for blood, threatening to burn down a Sunni town where dozens of Shiite travelers had been slain. Their rage boiled over after a fresh spate of bombings killed nearly 40 people in Shiite neighborhoods in Baghdad.

A senior Shiite politician, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, appealed for calm, telling the 2,000-strong crowd that Sunnis and Shiites must live in peace together. Yet he had sent a very different message just two days before, suggesting Shiites set up vigilante groups to track down "terrorists" in the Sunni-led insurgency and report them to security authorities, which are dominated by Shiites.

Tensions between Shiite Arabs and the Sunni minority are rapidly worsening, pushing the country closer to a civil war that could disrupt its young democracy and lead to its breakup.

Since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime more than two years ago, tensions have flared several times. But each time, historical ties binding the two groups, and appeals for calm from religious leaders, have averted conflict.

In the face of spiraling violence, however, anti-Sunni sentiments among Shiite leaders are being articulated publicly with impunity and tacit approval from powerful political circles.

On Tuesday, a Shiite lawmaker joined al-Hakim's call for vigilante groups, finding so much support in parliament that some fellow Shiites forfeited their turn to speak so he could finish.

"The rage of our young people is putting pressure on us," said Khidir al-Khoozi, who warned Sunni Arab political parties not to remain silent over the Baghdad bombings.

The bombings last week in the Shula and Karadah districts, and the killing Tuesday of a Shiite legislator in his 80s, have pushed anti-Sunni sentiments to levels never seen since Saddam's ouster. Beside making the rounds of parliament, the issue had also been discussed in the home of Shiite spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

"There is a terrifying amount of sectarian tension in Iraq these days," warned Adnan al-Nabulsi, a senior Sunni Arab legislator and a moderate.

Mohammed Abdul-Hassan al-Shammari, a 37-year-old tennis pro, was among the victims of the Karadah bombings. Mithaq Salem, his Sunni colleague and friend of 13 years, was with al-Shammari's family for four consecutive days to help with the funeral, sitting with family and friends under an outdoor tent drinking bitter coffee and listening to Quranic verses.

"Everyone was cursing the Sunnis and praying to God that He takes revenge on them," Salem recalled. "But what can I do? Not all of us are terrorists. Mohammed and his brother Fayez taught me everything I know. We are like brothers. This Shiite-Sunni thing never came up."

In Shula, storekeepers have taken matters into their hands, prohibiting parking in parts of the neighborhood by placing tires, metal containers and palm tree trunks alongside sidewalks.

There's virtually nothing in looks or speech to distinguish between ordinary Sunnis and Shiites, yet Salem Lazem Hussein, who runs an electrical supplies store by the site of one of last week's car bombs, said, "We have become so alert now that we can tell who is an outsider right away."

"I close the store when I hear the call to sunset prayers. You cannot see your enemy in the dark, so I stay home," said the 37-year-old father of six.

Shiite-Sunni tensions were most palpable at the June 26 ceremony marking the bombing deaths in Karadah and Shula. It was held at the offices of Iraq's biggest Shiite party, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

Many in the 2,000-strong crowd cheered the Badr Brigade — a Shiite militia associated with al-Hakim's party and which many Sunnis accuse of targeting their community.

Most of their ire was directed at sheik Huthir al-Dhari, leader of the association of Muslim Scholars, an influential Sunni group known to have ties to the Sunni-dominated insurgency.

"Al-Sistani led to the ouster of the Shiites, if he gives the order, we will burn down Latifiyah," they chanted, alluding to the Sunni town south of Baghdad notorious for killings of Shiites.

The mood of the crowd appeared to



Iraq security guards stand next to debris left on the street at the site of a suicide car bomb attack at a checkpoint outside the offices of Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's Islamic Dawn Party on Friday in Baghdad, Iraq. One person was killed and at least four were injured in the attack. The prime minister was not in the building at the time of the attack.



At a ceremony held at the offices of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq on June 26 in Baghdad, Shiites Muslims commemorate the deaths of nearly 40 Shiites in bombings of the city's Karadah and Shula neighborhoods. Tensions between Iraq's Shiite and Sunni Arabs are threatening greater violence that could disrupt the country's passage to democracy.

reflect the angry tone of al-Hakim's June 24 statement in which he called on Shiites to set up "popular committees" in their neighborhoods to "uncover terrorist cells" and report them to security forces — most of which are Shiite-dominated.

The call for vigilante groups appeared to suggest a system very similar to what was used by Saddam's Baath party and security agencies to ferret out critics of the regime.

Shiite tribal sheiks, meanwhile, have been begging al-Sistani to issue a fatwa, edict permitting them to go after

Sunnis who kill their fellow Shiites, according to Iraqis familiar with the meetings held at the cleric's home in the holy city of Najaf.

Al-Sistani, whose law is law for many Shiites, has refused to grant such permission, but has signaled his concern about the rising tensions.

He told Shiite and Sunni politicians who met him Monday at the holy city of Najaf that it was "unacceptable" from a religious viewpoint for Muslims to kill each other.

Over the past century, Iraq's Sunni Arab minority dominated the country

— pushing the Shiites and Kurds to the sidelines. That ascendancy ended with the ouster of Saddam, their last patron. The domination by Sunnis of the two-year insurgency, and the rise to power of a Shiite-Kurdish alliance after elections in January, have deepened the rift.

Sunni Arabs account for up to 20 percent of Iraq's estimated 26 million people. Their inclusion in the political process — drafting a constitution, putting it to a vote in October and holding a general election two months later — is essential for its credibility and success.

If Sunni-Shiite tensions burst into conflict, the process will be derailed, throwing the country's political future into doubt and possibly causing the breakup of Iraq.

Already the process is troubled over problems of sectarian nature — Shiite opposition to come of the Sunnis on the committee drafting Iraq's constitution, and a growing desire in the oil-rich, mainly Shiite south of Iraq for autonomy modeled on Iraqi Kurdistan.

There, 14 years of self-rule have reduced Baghdad's authority to virtually nothing. Replicated in the south, it could spell the breakup of Iraq, a country that has existed in its present shape for less than a century.

For some, the marble plaza outside the Shiite Kazimiyah shrine in northern Baghdad offered some respite from the mounting pressures. Here, large families of robed women, children and men plucked on rice, lamb and vegetables as worshippers prepared for the sunset prayers.

"Peace and tranquility are found here," said Abu Bilal al-Basri, a silver-bearded man who came with a friend to pray. For us, it's the only safe place in Baghdad.

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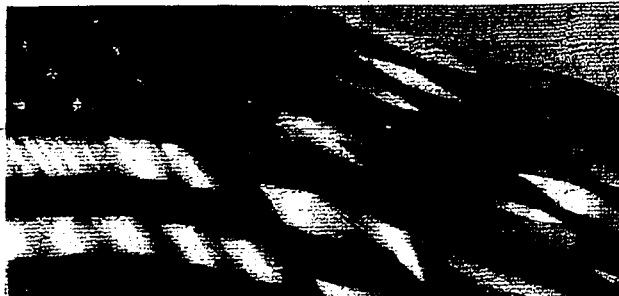
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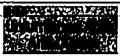
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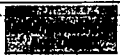
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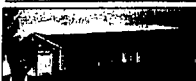
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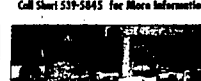
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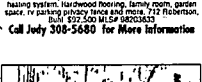
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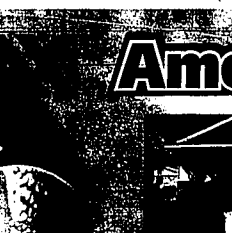
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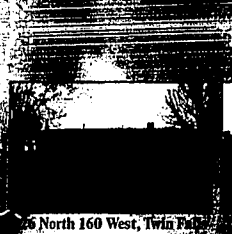
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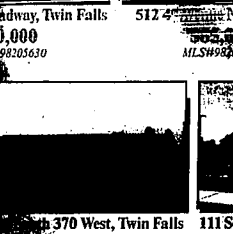
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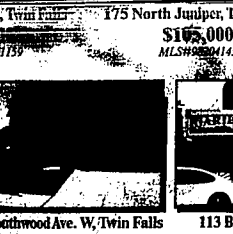
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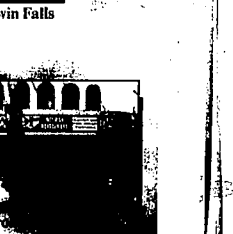
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4 bedrooms, 2 baths
Lovely home near canyon on
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Park & schools with walking distance.
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4 bedrooms, 1 bath
Lovely yard, deck, & hot tub
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3 bedrooms, 2 baths
Charming home, large lot, RV parking
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2.92 ac. in home on a nice with water
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1.5 acre, split lot, great view, covered patio
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NOTICE OF Trustee's Sale
T.S. No. 200403872-23481 Loan No. 5028838 On 10/11/2005 at 11:00 a.m. (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: in the lobby of First American Title Company, 269 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Exhibit A Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 13, beginning at the Northwest corner of the NE1/4SE1/4 of said Section 13, thence West along the North line of the NE1/4SE1/4 485 feet; thence South parallel with the East line of the NE1/4SE1/4 1000 feet; thence East 485 feet parallel with the North line of the NE1/4SE1/4 to a point in the East line of said NE1/4SE1/4; thence North 1000 feet along the East line to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom a Parcel of land described as that part of NE1/4SE1/4, Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, lying Northernly from the centerline of the Twin Falls Canal No. 1000154, 1/2 of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-1113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 4401 North 900 West, Idaho 83316 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Robert L. Scovell and Karen M. Scovell, husband and wife, as grantors, to Pioneer Title Company of Ada, County, Idaho, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Norwest Mortgage Inc., now known as Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 07/15/1999, and recorded on 07/22/1999, as Instrument No. 1999-137211. The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that this is, or is not, the present or best price of the real property set forth herein. In Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 07/15/1999, the monthly installments for principal, interest and impounds, if applicable, of \$463.00 due per month for the month of 09/2004 through 12/2005, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation at the rate of 7.25% per annum from 08/01/2004. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accretions to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust and all accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell the real property set forth herein to satisfy the obligations of the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sale and exclusive remedy shall be the return of the purchase price and the successful bidder's tender shall have no further force. Motmet Default Services Inc. the Law Offices of Steven J. Melmet, 1820 E. First Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706-Sale-Information: 916-434-5238 and Fax: 916-434-5235. If you are a creditor with any information obtained WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dates: 04-9-05 Idaho Title Insurance Company By: Kathleen M. Naylor, Asst Sec ASAP707751

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The 2005 harvest target for hatchery fish in the Little Salmon River is expected to be achieved at the close of fishing hours on July 4. Pursuant to its authority under Idaho Code Section 36-106(a)(6)(A), the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Director hereby closes the spring chinook salmon season at 10:00 a.m. on the following hours on July 4 in the Little Salmon River from a point boundary at the mouth of the Little Salmon River upstream to the intersection of Highway 95 bridge near Smyok Boulder Ford. Copies of Order 05-10 are available at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise, Idaho office, 600 South Walnut Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83720. Dated this 28th day of June 2005. IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME /S/Steven M. Huffaker, Director

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LOST (2) dogs, 2 year old male hory Lab, 1 female, 2 to 10 week old male black Lab named Bubbe at 850 E. 200 E. Rupert. Reward! They are part of our family & our "Mutt" pet. Please call Julia or Kathy, 208-542-1140, 208-542-1199 or 452-3009, mtg4@comcast.net
LOST Australian Shepherd, male, red, wearing leather collar. Lost near Rockport. Call 208-558-1600.
LOST Blue Heeler, male, wearing a blue collar. Found between Idaho County line & Murtaugh, 731-5700 or 208-432-5668.
LOST Border Collie, female, grey. Lost June 29th on 3100 E. in Kimberly. Please call 541-910-6100.
LOST cat, female, light grey Siamese, strange teeth missing. Lost from East side of 500 South Road Jerome. 324-7993.

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Sunday, July 3, 2005

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:
How should one play a redouble of a cuebid in a slam-guess auction? Should that promise first-round control; or can it merely show second-round control?

Sophisticate, Union City, Tenn.

ANSWER: My view is that the redouble should show first-round control (by either hand). A pass of the double by second hand should be constructive. Some people play this sequence to promise second-round control, and that is certainly sensible enough, though it requires agreement. Whether you play this way or not, reversion to the trump suit is the weakest option always, and a new cuebid denies any control in the doubled suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I have just retired and would like to consider joining a bridge club or regular card game for beginners. I loved playing bridge in college about 45 years ago. Any suggestions?

Stan the Man, Olympia, Wash.

ANSWER: Go to the ACBL website and you will be able to find details of clubs at www.acbl.org/play/findClub.html. Good luck and good hunting!

Dear Mr. Wolff:
With ♠K-10-2, ♥A-Q-6-4-3, ♦10, ♣A-Q-7-4, would you overcall one diamond with one heart, or would you double? And what about over a two-diamond opening — or, indeed, a three-diamond opening?

Calling In, San Antonio, Texas

ANSWER: I would bid one heart over one diamond, probably planning to come in again by bidding a second suit or doubling, as appropriate. But over a pre-empt I guess I would double. I may get one other chance to bid, and the takeout double conveys more information about my hand, al-

though I do not get the fifth heart across.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Are you a big fan of leading shortage (singletons as opposed to doubletons)? And how about active as opposed to passive leads?
Tosuzp, Palm Springs, Calif.

ANSWER: Always assuming there is no standout alternative, I tend to lead singletons against suit contracts frequently, and doubletons when I have trump control — or if everything else is unattractive. Leading passively is far harder to do than it might seem, and it rarely works for me at no-trump — or for that matter at suits as well — unless both opponents are known to be stretching.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I found myself with a rebid problem, holding ♠A-3-4, ♥7, ♦A-Q-10-8-5, ♣K-Q-9-3. I opened one diamond and rebid two clubs over my partner's one-heart response. When he raised to three clubs, was it right for me to bid three no-trump? The opponents cashed five heart winners against this contract!

Leaky Boat, Honolulu, Hawaii

ANSWER: Your call was very reasonable, I'd say. The alternative is to temperize with three diamonds (any continuation on this auction is forcing) and wait to see where partner goes. Three spades by you would ask in spades, not state, so that is impractical. I think you were just a little unlucky, though.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@minidrop.com.
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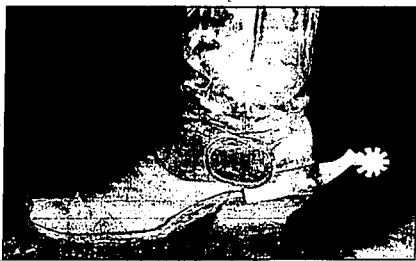
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Photos by David Stocklein, from "Dude Ranches of the American West" (Stokes Publishing, Inc. 2004)



CM Ranch, Dubois, Wyo.

City slickers

Blaine County photographer Stocklein explores modern-day dude ranches

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — "I'm on vacation!" Billy Crystal famously protested while being dragged along behind a calf in the 1991 movie "City Slickers."

Just so.
"I met families who have been visiting dude ranches for three or four generations," said David Stocklein, a Blaine County photographer who has just produced "Dude Ranches of the American West." "They're a real Western institution."

Stocklein, a 55-year-old transplanted Easterner who's found fame and fortune producing a series of lushly illustrated coffee table books about the disappearing West, didn't think so at first.

"When they first contacted me, I told them I wasn't interested," he said. "My focus has always been on the real West, and I didn't think dude ranches had anything to do with that. But they kept contacting me, and I finally agreed. And was surprised by what I found."

Stocklein visited 27 dude ranches in seven states and British Columbia and found they were not only real, but special.

"Dude ranching is a thriving culture of its own and is a huge part of the overall culture

of the West," he writes in the forward to the book.

It's a venerable tradition, based on simple economics: In the high, dry American West, cattle alone sometimes don't pay the bills.

So more than 100 years ago, Western ranches began attracting the likes of Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Russell, Easterners seeking for a Western experience.

"Some dude ranches are still cattle operations," Stocklein said. "But each one of them has a personality of its own."

The two Idaho dude ranches featured in the book, the Twin Peaks Ranch near Salmon and the Hidden Creek Ranch near Harrison in the Idaho Panhandle, are distinct even among dude ranches.

"Dude ranches were originally large cattle operations that augmented their income by taking in fashionably dressed Easterners who briefly wanted to get a taste of the open range," Stocklein writes. "On the other hand, Twin Peaks Ranch was established when sportsmen, in ever-increasing numbers, sought new and unspoiled outdoor challenges after the end of World War II ... They scouted for properties in a mountainous setting suitable for a comfortable lodge and cabins with existing open range, pastures and facilities for horses and mules. However, in the vast wilderness and national forest lands there was little private property to be found. Twin Peaks Ranch was one exception."

The DuPont family — yes, those DuPonts — bought the property in the 1950s and built a lodge, six cabins, a swimming pool, a stocked pond, and of course, hous-

ing for servants. They sold it after a few years, and the new owners turned it into a dude ranch.

"It was one of the last lands that became available as private property through homesteading," Stocklein writes. "The sloping land of its mile-high rolling valley — the foothills of the surrounding towering peaks — proved very difficult to irrigate and farm. Thus, the setting for a private dude ranch was perfect."

By contrast, Hidden Creek Ranch isn't 15 years old. Developed as a dude ranch that specializes in corporate retreats, it's complete with a 58-foot climbing wall and a high ropes course.

Hidden Ranch is open to singles, couples and families, but it's a fairly New Age operation, featuring a children's program that teaches kids a Native American style of learning. There's also a well-being program offering physical fitness, yoga, meditation, breathing and relaxation techniques, and "centered riding," which "teaches mindfulness (that) allows participants to be present and in partnership with their horse."

"There's very little of 'City Slickers' in real dude ranches, Stocklein says. "Dude ranching is all about families and couples and individuals coming out to ride and bond with horses and other guests," he said.

In fact, a considerable number of the guests end up marrying the ranch hands, Stocklein says. There is a fair amount of — gosh, what's the right word? — *familiarization* on modern dude ranches.

"I told them I was going to put that in the book, and they said, 'Oh, please don't!'"

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Breakfast, Bar M Ranch, Adams, Ore.



"Dude Ranches of the American West" by David Stocklein is published by Stokes Publishing and sells for \$80. It's available in most south-central Idaho bookstores, by phoning (800) 727-5192 or online at <http://www.publishing.stockleinphotography.com>

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THE FENSTERMAKERS



Dave and Darlene Fenstermaker

BURLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fenstermaker of Burley will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at their home, 1749 Monroe Ave., Burley. The family requests no gifts.



NYE-HUTCHISON

MALTA — Carol and Andrew Nye of Malta announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Nye, to Tyler Bo Hutchison, son of Linda and Terry Hutchison of Malta. Nye and Hutchison both attended high school at Raft River and graduated in 2001. Nye is currently employed at Sun River Retirement Community in St. George, Utah, as executive secretary in the activities center. She graduated from Dixie State College in 2003 with an associate's degree in travel systems and business. Hutchison served an LDS mission in Venezuela and attended Utah Valley Community College. He is currently working for the Bureau of Land Management in St. George, Utah. The wedding is planned for Friday, July 8, in the Beautiful LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at the Robert Lightfoot home, 1456 S. 2200 E. in Malta, in case of inclement weather, the reception will be held at the Malta LDS Church. The couple plans to reside in St. George.



Amber Nye and Tyler Hutchison

PATTERSON-SWICK

BUHL — Sam and Joyce Jones of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Martina Patterson, to Sherwood Swick, son of Art and Nancy Becker of Eden. Patterson is a graduate of Valley High School. She is employed at ABC Seamless in Jerome. Swick is a graduate of River Valley High School in Mohave, Ariz. He is employed at S&D Automotive in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Friday, July 8, in Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony.



Martina Patterson and Sherwood Swick

PATTERSON-SMITH

TWIN FALLS — Russell and Lisa Patterson of Burley and Jake and Grace Jones of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Grace Patterson, to Nathan Dean Smith, son of Darl and Debbie Smith of Bend, Ore. Patterson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the University of Idaho. She is employed at Nordstrom Inc. in Seattle, Wash. Smith is a graduate of Boise High School and the University of Idaho. He is employed at DeLoitte Consulting in Seattle. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 16, at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Keetchum. A reception will follow at Warm Springs Golf Course.



Nathan Smith and Allison Patterson

THE JOHNSONS

SHURZ, Nev. — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Shurz, Nev., and formerly of the Mini-Cassia area, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 4. Johnson and Gladys Marie Gurnow were married June 4, 1955, in Sparks, Nev. The marriage was solemnized June 30, 1961, in the Mesa, Ariz., LDS Temple. He is a retired electrical engineer and she is a retired elementary school teacher. The couple has 10 children, 29 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Gladys and Robert Johnson

THE SEARLES

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Searle, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a potluck reception at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Dwayne and Linda Meyers. Searle and Wilma Jones were married June 23, 1945, in Jerome. They have lived in Arco, Pocatello, Jerome and Twin Falls. She graduated from Nevada High School in 1945. She attended Twin Falls Business College and worked 35 years in three area lumber yards. He attended high school in Arco and was inducted in the U.S. Army in 1944. He was stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Fort Benning Ga., where he received parachute training. He served with 802nd Engineer Battalion in Manila, Philippines, and also with the 11th Airborne at Sendai, Japan. He graduated in 1951 from trade school at Idaho State Col-



Wilma and LaVerne Searle

WESTFALL-MCLAUGHLIN

BURLEY — Steve and Joyce Westfall of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Kay Westfall, to Scott Allen McLaughlin, son of Robert and Carolyn McLaughlin of Yakima, Wash. Westfall graduated with a degree in theater design from Central Washington University. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in speech language pathology at the Idaho State University Center in Boise. McLaughlin graduated with a degree in graphic design from a CNU and will be pursuing his career in the Boise area.



Scott McLaughlin and Erin Westfall

WYATT-EREST

FILER — Ray and Ruby Auferheide of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Karri Wyatt, to Jeremy Ernest, son of Fred and Lyle Ernest of Tomedale, Wyatt is also the daughter of the late Ron Wyatt. Wyatt is a graduate of Filer High School. She is employed at Deagle Amtec Co. in Twin Falls. Ernest attended Gem State Adventist Academy. He is employed at Agrilance in Kimberly. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 23, at the Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. July 23 at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom in Filer.



Karr Wyatt and Jeremy Ernest

GROESBECK-BERRETT

TWIN FALLS — Alan and LAnita Groesbeck of Manhattan, Okla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Groesbeck, to Brandon T. Berrett, son of Alice and Kaylene Loredy of Twin Falls and the late Thomas E. Berrett. Groesbeck is a graduate of Springville High School, in Springville, Utah. She is employed at the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Green Acres Pet Center in Twin Falls. Berrett is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending CSI. He is also employed at CSI. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 9, at the Mount



Brandon Berrett and Allison Groesbeck

RICHINS-JOHNSON

BURLEY — Boyd and Theresa Richins of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Richins, to Matt Johnson, son of David and Gay Johnson of Boise. Richins is a 2000 graduate of Burley High School. She is currently attending Boise State University majoring in education and will graduate in May 2006. She is employed at Saint Alphonsus Early Learning Center in Boise. Johnson is a 1997 graduate of Capital High School and a 2001 graduate of BSU. He is employed at Yanke Control Systems in Boise. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 9, at the River Rock Ranch in Star. An open house to honor the couple will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at the home of Ken and Andrea Richins in Burley.



Matt Johnson and Katie Richins

WEST-KOYLE

TWIN FALLS — Sierra Ann West and Shane Otis Koyle were married April 16 at the Twin Falls Nazarene Church. A reception to honor the couple was held at the Nazarene Community Life Center following the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Cynthia West of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of Kathy and Jerry Uker of Twin Falls, Richard Koyle and Donna Hawkins of Rupert. The bride is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2005 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho certified nursing assistant program. She is employed at the Twin Falls Care Center. The groom is a 2002 graduate of Minico High School and is employed at Commercial Property Maintenance. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.



Sierra and Shane Koyle

CORDER-HOLBROOK

TWIN FALLS — Nathan and Laura Corder of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Corder, to Jeffrey Holbrook, son of Earl and Vickie Holbrook of Nampa. Corder is a 2001 graduate of Idaho State University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. Holbrook will graduate in December from the University of Idaho with a degree in computer science. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 16, at Magic Mountain Ski Lodge. The reception will be held at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.



Jeffrey Holbrook and Jessica Corder

ENGAGEMENT

TRACY-PETERMAN

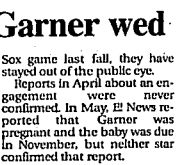
RUPERT — Robert Tracy and Vicki Asher, both of Rupert, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jackie Marie Tracy, to Derek Peterman, son of Brett Peterman of Paul and Julie Peterman of Burley. Tracy is a graduate of Minico High School. She is employed with Dr. Kevin Banner. Peterman is also a graduate of Minico High School. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 9. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 7 p.m. July 9 at the Rupert Elks.



Derek Peterman and Jackie Tracy

Affleck and Garner wed

NEW YORK (AP) — After more than a decade of speculation, Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner have tied the knot — and she's pregnant. Representatives for both actors confirmed the marriage to Thursday. Their publicists, Ken Sunshine and Nicole King, also confirmed that Garner is pregnant with her first child. Sunshine and King would not give any other details. The confirmation came after US Weekly reported that Affleck, 32, and Garner, 33, were wed Wednesday at the Parrot Cay resort in the Caribbean islands of Turks and Caicos. The National Enquirer also released photos it claimed showed Garner arriving on the island with her "A-list" co-star Victor Garber. In stark contrast to Affleck's much publicized relationship with Jennifer Lopez, he and Garner have been tightlipped about their romance. Aside from appearing at a Boston Red Sox game last fall, they have stayed out of the public eye. Reports in April about an engagement were never confirmed. In May, E! News reported that Garner was pregnant and the baby was due in November, but neither star confirmed that report.



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner

More engagements on E6

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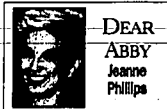
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Family turmoil never ends

DEAR ABBY: As far back as I can remember, my family has been in turmoil over issues of abuse, bitter sibling rivalries, and worse. Not surprisingly, I entered into a relationship with a man who was the author of "Go back, take your beating, and give that baby a home!"



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Dad and Mom commute two hours to work five days a week. The physicality is emotionally tired from worrying and waiting for him every night. Adam threatens to hurt us physically because he's the strongest person in the family. He won't listen to any of us and becomes furious if we ask where he's spending the day. I'm writing this on behalf of my parents, because it hurts me to see the pain my brother is causing them.

DEAR ABBY: I'm suffering, but the situation hasn't changed. Do you think I should attend her funeral or mourn privately for her passing?

—WANTS TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT
DEAR WANTS: Do what is right for you and your daughter, and discuss the ramifications of attending your mother's funeral with your therapist. Funerals are meant to bring out the worst in people, and from your description of them, your family could serve as poster models for dysfunction. If you feel the need to pay your respects—as far as I'm concerned, you and your daughter can visit her grave the following week. I suggest you set yourself up for any further demonstrations of hostility.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a senior in high school, the oldest of three children. My 14-year-old brother, "Adam," is causing our whole family grief. My parents can no longer control him and he's lost as to what to do. Although Adam is still in junior high, he stays out until nearly midnight almost every night.

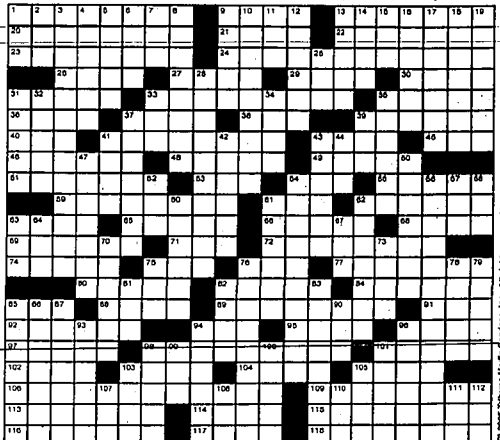
WORRIED SISTER IN SAN JOSE
DEAR WORRIED SISTER: Your brother's behavior is a cry for help. Even though your parents stop ignoring it and assert themselves, most cities have a curfew for youth, and another one assumes that he can get counseling and supervision.

Your parents need to find out whether his problem is anger, depression, or a combination of the two. Under no circumstances should intimidation or violence be tolerated. Please tell your parents to consult their doctor for referral to a mental health professional. Your brother needs possible family counseling for all of you.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

EIGHT FOURTHS OF JULY By Joiah Breward, Scranton, Pennsylvania

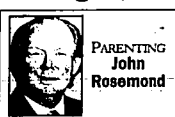


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Advice for middle-aged, first-time parents

Q: After 15 years of marriage, my wife and I are considering starting a family. She is 43 and I am 45. We walked this long due to health concerns, which have since been resolved. If we go through with this, the child assuming we don't have twins — will likely be our one and only. Are there potential problems associated with having a child at this stage of the game, and if so, what can we do to prevent them?



PARENTING
John Rosmond

I always advise that irrespective of their age, people who are planning to have children should get on the same page well before the first child is born. Discussing and coming to a mutual agreement on how bedtime, family meals, and discipline will be handled will serve to prevent many of the most common parenting problems and make for a much happier parenthood (and childhood).

JULY TWENTY-THREE is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1029 E. 86th Street, Suite 268, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosmond.com/>

Cancer: Get family, friends together

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

Interest in exotic delights. Pay attention to inspirations that pop into your head.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): With today's heat, it's a perfect time to hold cookouts or family gatherings. An eccentric friend might drop by so be prepared to share a meal or cope with minor changes in plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A creative mind sees opportunities, not obstacles. The good-natured theme of the day may compel you to be extravagant with cash, but a wise SCORPIO will find resourceful ways to economize.

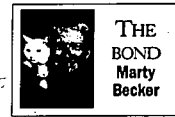
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Remaining fair and open-minded wins influential friends and assistance that can be banked upon. If you want this weekend to be fun, take a short trip or otherwise get out of your rut.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make the most of pleasant celestial conditions and show off your success by being a bit over the top.

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Why dogs scoot on their rears

In a worst-case dinner party scenario, all is well until Fido drops his rear end on the floor, sends his hind legs flying in the air, and scoots across the floor to the amused or astonished looks of your guests.



THE BOND
Marty Becker

The scoot is a behavior that is often associated with anal gland issues. In a worst-case dinner party scenario, all is well until Fido drops his rear end on the floor, sends his hind legs flying in the air, and scoots across the floor to the amused or astonished looks of your guests.

of traumatic fireworks injuries, injuries from pets running through windows, escaping from the house or yard and being hit by cars, not to mention dog attacks and colitis from severe stress.

Express the anal glands (like screws in a skyscraper) are located at about 4 and 8 o'clock around the dog's anus) when you both the dog or more often for dogs prone to the problem. Scooting can be a pet's rear end for wiggle tape worm segments or the rice-like appearance of dried segments.

Keep the hair trimmed short around the anus.

While the human family is catching on to eating space probe, many family pets are frightened out of their wits. Such sheer terror keeps veterinarians' doghouses overflowing with the country very busy with cases

Keep the hair trimmed short around the anus.

Hype and reality of comet crash

Back in 2003, a reader criticized me for my low-key account of Mars' close approach that summer. With the mass media's penchant for overstating the visual impressiveness of astronomical events, I took responsibility to avoid raising expectations. When events don't live up to the hype, it might lead to a bad taste in the mouth of a space agency or scientist.

SKY WATCH
Chris Anderson

as fast toward its fatal rendezvous. In short, the impactor will become cosmic road kill as the comet overtake and obliterate it. The impact will place the comet's crust, releasing primordial material for scientists to study but leaving the comet's path essentially unchanged.

Sky calendar

One hour before sunrise:
Mer: SE, mid-high
One hour after sunset:
Mercury: NW, extremely low.
Very close to Venus all week.
Mercury: SE, low.
Very close to Mercury all week.
Jupiter: SW, low
Moon:
New moon, Wednesday, 6:02 a.m. CE, to Venus and Mercury Friday evening.
Other date: Earth at aphelion, 94,512,050 miles from sun - Monday, 14 Aug.

Do your kids love superheroes? Share your story

Is your child wild about 'Batman' or does he or she adore 'Spider-Man,' 'Superman' or the 'X-Men'?

If you child is a fan of superheroes, we'd like to talk to you. The Time-News is preparing an article about whether super-

heroes are good for kids. If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223, or e-mail him at scrumpp@nugget.com.

COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Lexander Michael Hanes, son of Amy and Jeff Hanes of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, June 3, 2005.
Daniel Anthony Parraz, son of Monica Griselda and Daniel Martin Parraz of Burley, was born Tuesday, June 14, 2005.
Ashton Glen Silvers, son of Ashley Jean and Nathan Shane Silvers of Jerome, was born Thursday, June 23, 2005.
Zander Jon Schilder, son of Andrea Joy and John Eric Schilder of Burley, was born Thursday, June 23, 2005.
Kierly Ann Ames, daughter of Charissa Ann and Larry Todd Ames of Twin Falls, was born Friday, June 24, 2005.
Chance Thomas Coates, son of Yvonne Lynn Cheeney of Twin Falls, was born Friday, June 24, 2005.
Alden James Emery, son of Sarah Jean and Kenny James Emery of Oakley, was born Fri-

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whitted The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.
More information? Call Jami at 735-3278

Renee Fay and **Joshua Ryan Rydahl** of Twin Falls, was born Friday, June 24, 2005.
Arvin Sephiri, son of Rezvan Moosavi and Siamak Sephiri of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, June 25, 2005.
Haedyn Ella Mills, daughter of Jessica Lynn and Nathan J. Mills of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, June 25, 2005.
Julian Paul Nacendo, son of Krista Marie Naclero of Jerome, was born Sunday, June 26, 2005.
Vanesa Judith Frías-Ayon, daughter of María Octaviana Ayón-Ferrer and Eduardo Frías-Rubio of Wendell, was born Sunday, June 26, 2005.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Niko Julius Charles Hathaway, son of Larry and Kristina Hathaway of Heyburn, was born Monday, June 6, 2005.



LAURE WELCH by The Times-News

Leonard and Betty Martin will lead the 79th annual Rupert Fourth of July parade this year as grand marshals. The parade will be held at 11 a.m. Monday. The theme this year is 'This Land is Your Land.'

Parade marshals enjoy rich Rupert July Fourth memories

By Laurie Welch For The Times-News

RUPERT — Leonard and Betty Martin have many rich memories of Rupert's Fourth of July celebration and this year, could be another.
 They will lead the 79th annual Fourth of July parade as the grand marshals.
 "We are thankful and overjoyed that people thought of us," Leonard said.
 Betty was born 7 miles east of Rupert. Leonard was born in Paul and says, "I never left town. This is a wonderful place to live and we have the best neighbors in the world."
 The Martins, who have been married 46 years, met while Betty worked in the Old Rexall Drug Store on the Rupert Square.
 "He was reading a lot of magazines," Betty said.
 "The first time Leonard asked her out, she had to tell him 'no' because she had a date with another fellow. The next time he

asked her, she went out with him.
 The couple married soon after and the family settled on 80 acres northwest of Paul, adding more land over the years. The Martins also have between 1,000 and 5,000 head of cattle.
 Their quiet country home is a refuge and Leonard said he especially enjoys going out on their deck and hearing the birds sing in the early morning.
 They raised four children, Douglas, Brendi, Randee and Melody, and have 12 grandchildren — and — four great-grandchildren.
 "We raised our children with a good work ethic," Leonard said.
 His parents raised him the same way and as a young man, one of his chores was to milk the cows by hand.
 "I always hated those cows," Leonard said.
 But, he now appreciates the hard work that the hard work taught him, and he fondly re-

members his father, Henry.
 "My father would always tell you about how he came to America on a boat when he was 7 years old. He must have told me that story 50 times through my life and it must have all been true because he always told it exactly the same way," Leonard said.
 The Fourth of July is one of Betty's favorite holidays and her kitchen is closed from breakfast, June 30, to breakfast, July 5, while the family enjoys the fare on the Square.
 Betty also has many childhood memories of attending the Rupert July Fourth celebration with her parents, Bessie and Amos Anderson, including winning a quarter or two in the sack races.
 "That was big money for a kid 7 or 8 years old," she said.
 Leonard also recalls celebrating the holiday there as a child.
 "We didn't have any money to buy a hamburger. But I remember I would have to go home and milk those cows and then come back."



Among those recognized at the MVRMC Foundation Legacy Society dinner were, from left, front row: C. Alan Horner, First Federal; Donna Griffith, MVRMC Admit; and Sallie Middaugh, Middlekauff Automotive Group; back row: Bill Koch, 2004 Foundation president; Mary Heida, Box Canyon Dairy; Cindy Van Holland; MVRMC and Seasons With Style; and Debbie Hetherington, 2005 Foundation president.

MVRMC Foundation honors donors

TWIN FALLS — At an annual dinner, the Magie Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation recognized the generosity of businesses, organizations and individuals who make up the Legacy Society.
 Each has provided accumulative gifts of at least \$1,000 through the foundation.
 This year's dinner, underwritten by KeyBank, recognized past donors, as well as 92 donors who have moved to a new donor category. All Legacy members are recognized in one

of three areas: The McKain-Kin-Remembrance — Rose Garden, Cancer Center Wall of Honor and Legacy Society Wall of Honor.
 First Federal, Gary's Freeway RV, Salice Middlekauff, Mary Heida, Cindy Van Holland, Donna Griffith and Drs. Rod Kack and Marilyn Rightt were recognized for their outstanding efforts in supporting the foundation mission during 2003/2004 and previous years, the foundation reported. Their efforts and those of all the Legacy

Society members are reflected in the financial support that the foundation is able to provide to the hospital and community. Between Oct. 1, 2003, and Sept. 30, 2004, the foundation awarded \$396,359 in health-related grants for education, equipment, hardship assistance and wellness programs for all ages.
 For more information about the foundation or the Legacy Society, contact Larry M. Buxter, foundation executive director, at 737-2460.

TOYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Laura Evans bags toys gathered by members of the Twin Falls Optimist Club, who challenged each other to bring the toys to their weekly meeting May 26. More than 1,600 toys were gathered for children brought into the emergency room at Magie Valley Regional Medical Center. Longtime member Bill Kyle added to the number with a donation from McDonald's restaurant.



Photo courtesy of DORIS BOONER

Jerome resident earns National Collegiate Award

Linda Hastings of Jerome has been named a U.S. National Collegiate Award winner in surgical technology by the United States Achievement Academy.
 Hastings attends the College of Southern Idaho and was nominated by James Milligan, assistant professor. The honor is based also on a student's academic performance, interest, leadership qualities and citizenship among other criteria.
 Hastings is the daughter of Lincoln and Virginia Hastings of Gooding.

Fitzhugh graduates from Harvard business school

Jonathan Fitzhugh has graduated with a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School in Boston, Mass.
 Fitzhugh received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., in 1998. He will work for the Boston Consulting Group in New York City, N.Y.
 He is the son of Dr. Williams and Jan Fitzhugh of Twin Falls.

WRHS graduate receives degrees from UI

Max Paisley, a 2001 Wood River High School graduate, has received degrees in management, human resources and marketing from the University of Idaho in Moscow.
 He will be living in Dallas, Texas, working as a buyer/planner for Stryker Medical Devices.

T.F. woman helps students with prom

TWIN FALLS — Pam Maughan of Twin Falls is starting "The Cinderella Project" to supply young women who cannot afford to go to their senior prom or graduation with dresses or gowns, hair styles, make up, manicures and accessories.
 Maughan seeks donations of prom dresses, prom shoes, dress shoes, stockings, jewelry, hand bags and other items. Gift bags with supplies, hair spray, combs, brushes and other items will be given to the girls.
 For more information or to make a donation, call Maughan at 733-1667 or 404-1973 or e-mail her at pammyk45@hotmail.com.

Former coach celebrates 80th birthday this week

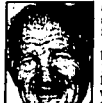
TWIN FALLS — Glen Sheen, a long-time teacher and coach, will celebrate his 80th birthday on Wednesday with his family.
 He was born and raised in Bingham, Utah. He served in the Pacific during World War II.



Glen Sheen

Fairfield man celebrates 80th birthday on July 16

PAUL FIELDS — Wes Fields will celebrate his 80th birthday at 2 p.m. July 16 at the Flie 4's home-stad on Wheatnash Road, 4 miles west and 3/4 miles south of Fairfield.
 Fields was born on July 15, 1925, in Fairfield. He was married to Doris, who is deceased, and is now married to MaryPat.
 He has been active in the cattle association, Health and Welfare



Wes Fields

Valley House announces board members

TWIN FALLS — Valley House Homeless Shelter has celebrated its 10th anniversary.
 Officers and board members include Tim Obenchain, president; Sharon Breshears, executive director; Lori Bergsma, first vice president; Dennis Moon, second vice president; and Karen Tusscy, Brenda Slade and Kimberly Hallen, board members. For more information, call the shelter at 734-7736.

CSI of campus centers hold science camps

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho centers in Halley, Burley and Gooding will hold science camps for fifth-through eighth graders.
 The camps allow students to experience hands-on experiments and fun with physics, chemistry, geology, biology and more.
 The science camp at the North Side Center, 202 14 Ave. E. in Gooding, will be July 1 to 12. The camp at the Halley Community Center, 1050 Fox Acres Road in

Volunteer drivers needed for Mini-Cassia veterans

BURLEY — Volunteer drivers are needed for the Mini-Cassia veterans transportation van to transport area veterans to the Boise Veterans Administration medical center for doctor's appointments.
 Drivers do not need to be veterans, but should have a valid Idaho drivers license, proof of insurability, a safe driving record, and be able to pass a drivers physical supplied by the VA medical center.
 For more information or to volunteer, call Norma Ehart at 422-1000, ext. 7555, or Dick Dalton at 878-2565.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

T.F. Library Foundation completes fiscal year
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation has completed its fiscal year with \$55,799 going towards support of the library.
 The foundation reported that purchase of books and materials totaled \$52,013, which included adding 2,487 books; furniture and equipment purchases totaled \$3,332; and \$455 went to library programs.
For more information, call 735-2964.
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Woodrow 'Woody' Lashley offers up a treat to a customer at his ice cream stand in Fairlee City, Va. Lashley has owned the stand in the auto business. He owned a dealership and some body shops, and when he retired, he opened Woody's outside one of them.

Baby boomers hit the retirement age

Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — About 10 days after students burst out of Fernbrook Elementary for the summer, Principal Jim Hoogheem was preparing for his own graduation from the Maple Grove, Minn., school.

Dressed in khaki shorts and a tropical-print shirt — a departure from his school principal uniform of a shirt and tie — Hoogheem was in his office, cleaning out the last of his papers and computer files.

Thirteen boxes of books and memorabilia already had made their way to his home in Maple Grove. Hoogheem packed the various patchwork of rectangular shadows on one wall — a reminder of pictures that used to hang there.

"You can tell I've been here a long time," he said.

After 37 years as an educator, the past 17 of them as Fernbrook's first principal, Hoogheem is retiring. His departure coincides neatly with his turning 59 and a half, the age when many investors can start withdrawing money penalty-free from tax-advantaged accounts like IRAs and 401(k) plans.

Hoogheem stands to have plenty of company. On July 1, the first of a growing wave of baby boomers hit 59 1/2. Like Hoogheem, they will be weighing whether they've built up enough of a nest egg and how much it last for the next 20 to 30 years.

"For a lot of people, this is when the math changes. They're going from accumulation to distribution," said Craig Brimhall, vice president of retirement wealth strategies at Minneapolis-based American Express Financial Advisors. Primary goals include keeping up with inflation, not putting assets at risk and preparing for a likely rise in health care costs, he said.

"Investments like an IRA or 401(k) used to be the cake, now it's the icing," said Jon Guyton, a financial planner with Cornerstone Wealth Advisors in Eden Prairie, who said he rarely sees clients with defined-benefit plans.

...IRA's or 401(k)'s are to be the icing on the cake. Now they are the cake.

— Jon Guyton, financial planner

Most people typically spend more than they had anticipated during their retirement years, Brimhall said. Some celebrate wildly by splurging on a big trip or other expense, but many simply underestimate how much it will take to maintain their lifestyle, he said.

Primarily because of health care, older people should figure that their consumer price index will rise about twice as much as the CPI reported by the government, Brimhall said. The current rate, that means expenses for someone retiring today could double or even triple over the next 30 years, he said.

But experts say there's plenty of other variables in figuring living expenses, such as the number of years left on a mortgage or car loan, or costs of caring for a dependent or aging parent.

Robert Klosterman, a finan-

cial planner with White Oaks Wealth Advisors in Minneapolis, said he works with clients to establish living expenses, then counsels them to try living within those limits for a year or two before retiring. "We are testing the premise," he said.

Hoogheem, who said he has loved "every minute" of his career, is eager to travel, do more volunteer work for his church and enjoy his first grandchild, who will be born this summer. When Hoogheem began thinking about retiring last summer, adviser Brad Melly prepared a detailed list of all his expenses. "I included everything, right down to the electric in the garage hills," Hoogheem said.

He now has a cash reserve in his pension plan and is checking and checking accounts to cover six to 12 months of expenses, but will add that through deposits from his pension plan and dividends and interest from nonretirement investments. Brimhall said clients should keep two to three years of expenses in cash equivalents.

Stick with a plan

Brimhall thinks most retirees should limit yearly account withdrawals to 4 to 5 percent of their retirement fund assets.

Guyton's retirement asset management program allows for a slightly higher annual withdrawal rate of 5.5 to 6 percent. It assumes a portfolio of 55 percent stocks, with the equity basket made up of large- and small-cap growth stocks, large- and small-cap value stocks, international stocks, and real estate investment trusts.

The key is adhering to three basic rules: Never boost a withdrawal in the year after a down year for the portfolio, cap inflation-adjusted increases in withdrawals at 6 percent and redjust the portfolio to maintain the 65-to-35 mix. Proceeds from assets that perform so well they exceed their target allocations should be reinvested in new assets for future withdrawals.

Guyton has tested the approach in theory, assuming a 30-year retirement starting in 2007. The model included two severe bear markets and an extended period of high inflation. He also has used it successfully with clients, such as one retired couple who came to him several years ago looking for a way to maintain homes in Minneapolis and Denver. Guyton told them to consider their real estate asset to be much like a fixed asset. As a result, they didn't need to hold a lot in bonds but could increase their stock holdings to generate higher returns so they could pay the costs of the two homes.

Guyton said that for every client like this couple who were too conservative, there's a client with a portfolio too heavily exposed to risk.

"People need to remember that the best way to strike out is to try to hit a home run," he said. "That's particularly true during retirement."

Twin Falls Senior Center
530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non to seniors under 60 and \$2 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Lounge room available for television, cards, and reading.
Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Roast Beef Sandwich, ranch potato, diced beets, bread, fruit salad, dessert.
Wednesday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, apple salad, bread, cake.
Thursday: Lasagna, three-bean salad, french bread, Italian vegetables, cobble.
Friday: Chicken or fish, fried potatoes, peas, bread, salad, fruit bar

Activities:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday, Blood pressure
Wednesday: Elks Card Club, quilting class
Quilting
Thursday: Center pinocchle
Friday: Quilting
Lunch bingo
Blood pressure
Saturday: Super bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Chicken wings, potato, french fries, melted plate, melon, dessert
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Korean barbecue, rice, spring roll, salad, fruit, dessert

Activities:
Tuesday: Closed
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
Regular board meeting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Fruit clinic
Blood pressure, 1:15-4:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Fler Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors.
Home to delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinner served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, pickled beets, fruit, doughnuts
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese with ham, Jell-O with fruit, fruit cocktail, cake
Thursday: Chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, green salad, apple crisp
Friday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, corn, mixed vegetables, oatmeal, raisin salad, blueberry squares

Activities:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocchle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Pizza, tossed salad, watermelon and cantaloupe
Wednesday: Hamburgers, pork and beans, chips, ice cream cup

Activities:
Monday: AA meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 1:15-5 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
306 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menu:
Monday: No meal
Tuesday: Chicken strips, potatoes, gravy, carrots, tossed salad, pudding, bread
Wednesday: Cmb salad, deviled eggs, Jell-O with fruit, cookies, garlic bread
Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered beets, green salad, cookies, applesauce

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Putlak 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
T.O.P.S., 4 p.m.
Pinocchle, 7 p.m.
Music with June Koonce, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Left over smorgasbord, noon
Hand and foot, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake.
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, but for seniors \$1 and children under 12, \$2.

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, salad, fruit, peas, rolls, birthday cake
Friday: Chicken Malibu, bun, rice pilaf, vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Menu:
Tuesday: Hamburgers, macaroni salad, baked beans, salad, fruit, cookie
Thursday: Chicken and noodles, mashed peas, fruit salad, colcassau

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menu:
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green salad, garlic sticks, frosted cake
Wednesday: Chef salad, watermelon, banana cream pie
Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered beets, green salad, cookies, applesauce

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early to bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, egg salad sandwich, watermelon, chicken noodle soup, apple pie

Gamas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 to 11 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non to seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 is \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Menu:
Tuesday: Pizza, green salad, peaches, dessert
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, spinach salad, Jell-O, fruit, white bread, dessert
Friday: Spare ribs, baked potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, salad, bread, dessert

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Pool
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jigsaw puzzles
Bridge class
Wednesday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Pool
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jigsaw puzzles
Thursday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Art class
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Pool
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jigsaw puzzles

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Potato bar, vegetables, pudding
Wednesday: Fingersteaks, corn, rolls, ice cream
Thursday: B.I.T., green beans, cottage cheese, sherbert
Friday: Smorgasbord

SOCIAL SECURITY Q&A

Knights Herald/Tribune News Service

Q: My wife and I have just received an application in the mail for extra help in paying for Medicare prescription drugs. I am unsure if we would be eligible for this program. Is there any way to determine if we might qualify before we complete and mail the application?

A: Yes, Social Security has created a "Qualifier Tool" on its Web site at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Simply by entering information about your income and things that you own, the qualifier tool tells you whether you probably qualify or probably do not qualify for extra help with prescription drug costs. Or you can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask a representative to review your information on the worksheet, "What You Need To Complete The Application For Help With Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs."

Q: I worked as a teaching assistant for a couple of years in the 1970s, and then quit to raise

a family. I am now working again but plan to quit work when my husband retires. I will only have about 18 years of work under Social Security to receive a minimum Social Security retirement benefit.

A: There is no minimum number of Social Security benefits. Your benefit is calculated based on your highest 35 years of earnings, and in years when no earnings are reported, zeros are added in. However, you should know that a spouse is entitled to up to one-half of the retired worker's full benefit. If you are eligible for both your own retirement benefit and for benefits as a spouse, we always pay your own benefit first. If your benefit as a spouse is higher than your retirement benefit, you'll receive a combination of benefits totaling the higher spouse's benefit, or more information, visit Social Security Web site at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: I get Social Security retirement benefits and a friend at our local senior center told me I might be due some suppl-

mental Social Security benefits. What is that all about?

A: Your friend was probably referring to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. SSI is not a Social Security benefit. It is a needs-based program intended to supplement any income you have, up to certain limits that depend on your living arrangements and the state in which you live. Call us at 1-800-772-1213 for more information.

Q: I have been receiving Social Security disability benefits for just under two years because of a severe back injury and other ailments. Can I use my Social Security checks to

buy a wheelchair?

A: You can spend your disability benefits in any way you deem appropriate. But you will qualify for Medicare coverage once you have received disability benefit payments for two years, so you might want to wait until then because part of the cost of a wheelchair might be covered by Medicare. To learn more about Medicare coverage, visit its Web site at www.medicare.gov.

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FAMILY LIFE

Coach's dream client: A parent with a newborn who sleeps like a baby

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Claire Shipman is at that new-mom place where the exhaustion from the feeding routines has descended into the bones, and the thought of sleep — real, uninterrupted, soul-satisfying sleep — feels decidedly like the promised land.

Shipman, senior national correspondent for ABC's "Good Morning America," and her husband, Time magazine correspondent Jay Carney, have a 4 1/2-week-old baby and a 3 1/2-year-old toddler. They celebrate five-hour sleep nights, they're not sure where they left things — maybe it's somewhere over there in the kitchen — and they don't know when they'll next have time for each other, let alone themselves.

But they have Suzy. "You have to get Suzy," or "You won't survive without Suzy," they had to wait a few weeks after newborn Della came home from the hospital because Suzy booked with a client who had twins ("You can't compete with twins," Carney explains). But now it's their turn.

Shipman says, "Is she guru," Suzy is Suzy Giordano, a 41 "baby coach," an underground legend in the Washington area for her ability to teach newborns how to achieve that burning nirvana: sleeping through the night.

Sleeping through the night: Only four simple words, but what power they wield over the exhausted, stressed-out parents of newborns. The end of 2 a.m. feedings, of nights spent rocking, holding, pacing, pleading.

It's possible, in this era, to outsource a tremendous amount of the work of parenthood, far beyond the more basic necessities like child care and homework help. There are people who will teach your child how to ride a bike. There are day-care centers that take over the potty-training process.

This is different. This is another category altogether. This is about sleep, that great restorative for body and soul. As D.H. Lawrence wrote: "And if tonight my soul may find her peace in sleep, and I may go to bed with a clear morning, wake like a new-opened flower, then I have been dipped again in God, and new-created."

If it's possible, she swears that at approximately 12 weeks of age, your baby will start sleeping through the night — and, by that, she means in the neighborhood of 12 consecutive hours.

But for Giordano's converts, it's not just about their own sleep. It's about giving their babies the first building block of life: the gift of true, un-zonked-out. That's what Giordano tells them, from day one.



'Baby coach' Suzy Giordano has made a cottage industry out of helping the parents of newborns like 4-month-old Elizabeth Scheider teach their children to sleep through the night. They are shown in Elizabeth's home in Falls Church, Va.

"If you just want to have a baby nurse or a night nurse where the goal is really 'I need to sleep,' this is not what having Suzy is about," Shipman says. "You're getting your child to learn how to sleep... Sleep is so important. It's teaching your child a basic life skill."

Getting babies to sleep is a cottage industry. There is Ferberization — that term cry, cry, cry until they learn. There are co-sleeping advocates, who believe babies should be in bed bonding with Mom and Dad. There are people who believe in this schedule or that one, this feeding process, that response.

Giordano's goal is to teach the parents her process and let them learn to implement it, though she's happy to do most of the night work for them as well.

So there are feeding logs and plans based on a baby's weight and age. About eight weeks, when a baby has passed the nine-pound milestone, Giordano shifts into what she calls "baby boot camp," when nighttime feedings are gradually spaced apart and phased out, and late-night and early-morning wakings are handled without the baby getting picked up and held. Instead, she rubs the babies, pats their bellies, helps gently move them into more comfortable positions.

"I never let it escalate to the point where they actually wake up," she says. She works with whatever schedule

matches a family. Many want the standard 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. breakdown. She worked for a musician who wanted 11 p.m. to 11 a.m. so he could see his baby before bed despite his late hours. Parents who work long hours often have later bedtimes, so there is baby bonding time in the evening.

My own feeling is that I would like to follow the baby rather than superimpose our needs on the baby," says child-care expert T. Berry Brazelton, co-author of "Sleep: The Brazelton Way." But on the other hand, I understand in working families, when both parents have jobs, the stress is so great that this is the way they try to preserve the parent-child relationship."

It's both time in the suburban Schneider household, and Abigail is fussy.

"I think maybe she's had some gas pain," her mother, Debra Schneider, explains to Giordano. Abigail and her twin, Elizabeth, are 4 months old.

For the first 11 weeks of their lives, the twins have been handled from 11 a.m. to 7 a.m., four nights a week. By Giordano or one of the extended family members or friends she has trained to help manage business.

That is not a cheap proposition — Giordano's prices were \$25 per hour for twins, \$22 for singletons, but with increasing demand, she's planning to offer consulting or overnight care packages that can range as high as \$210 per week.

"But 'we saw it as a good investment,'" says Paul Schneider, a chef.

Abigail and Elizabeth have been doing pretty well. Asleep by 10 every night, up around 8:30 or so. Maybe not quite 12 hours, but better than the new parents had hoped. This is the delicate point, the time when the parents worry. What if the magic leaves when Suzy leaves?

"We really didn't know what we were doing," says Donna, a producer at NBC. "Suzy told us that the first four weeks would be this, then four, five and six would be this. When you're at the beginning and you think that they're not ever going to sleep through the night —"

Giordano interrupts: "It will happen. I'll be all right."

Raised in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Giordano, 43, was married and had her first child at 18. By 28, she had a 9-year-old, a 7-year-old, a 2-year-old and a baby on the way.

Or so she thought. She delivered twin boys.

"In that culture," she says, "husbands do not help at all. I cooked, I did the laundry by hand. I was supposed to have the kids clean and fed and look pretty when he came home. I had two cribs on one side of the bed."

At one point she went to her parents'

house, exhausted, miserable, desperate. "My dad said, 'Why don't you give the babies to me and go get some sleep?'" Giordano remembers.

She went to bed and slept. And slept. She woke up 24 hours later in a panic.

"What about the babies?" was the immediate jolt in her gut. She was breast-feeding; they hadn't been away from her before, how had her father managed?

"And my dad said, 'I just went to the supermarket and got some formula.'" She says she was just fine.

So were the twins.

"I realized then that I had to have a plan," she says.

The key elements: a schedule that worked for the whole family, not just the babies. The belief that babies could learn to self-entertain if encouraged to. And the decision to involve her older children in their care.

She learned that if she slowly stretched out the babies' feeding schedule, they would adapt. She learned that if she didn't pick the babies-up-the-minute they cried — if she tried to nudge them toward self-soothing — that eventually they would learn to do it. It was a radical change from the way she handled her firstborn, Camilla, who got picked up the moment she cried and was constantly entrained.

"I carried that child until she was 4," Giordano says. "Everybody gave in to her. Everything I've learned, I've learned from my own mistakes."

She and her husband, they divorced five years ago (immigrated in 1990, shortly after her brother, a Navy SEAL, was shot while on assignment and lost the use of both legs. He was recovering at Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital, and the family settled nearby).

About a year after her arrival, her brother mentioned that he had a friend struggling with triplets who weren't sleeping well and asked her to go help. She fixed the problem within weeks. That family told a friend, and then they told a friend, and 14 years later, the whispers are stronger than ever.

"I had a hard time turning people down, so I got my mom involved," Giordano says, "then she got booked, so I got my sister involved, and she got booked."

Giordano now has a whole team: mom, daughter, sister-in-law, close family friends. She and former client Lisa Abidin have just completed a short book outlining Giordano's system. ("Teaching Babies to Sleep 12 Hours by 12 Weeks: A Step by Step Recipe for Baby Sleep Success" will soon be available online at www.babycoach.net.)

"It's not me," Giordano swears. "Any parent can do it. It's like a cookbook: If you follow the recipe, I guarantee it will work."

ENGAGEMENT

BURTON-HUETTIG

HAZELTON — Blaine and Robyn Burton of Grace announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Burton, to Brian Huettig, son of Larry and Nancy Huettig of Hazelton.

Burton is a graduate of Grace High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at JM Kitchens in Twin Falls.

Huettig is a graduate of Valley High School and the University of Idaho. He is farming in Hazelton.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 16, at Sunrise Ranch in Rupert. A reception will



Brian Huettig and Andrea Burton be held following the ceremony. An open house will be held Saturday, July 23, at Jean Burton residence in Grace.

Growing trend of pet law gives animals their day in court

Chicago Tribune

The veterinarian botches routine surgery and now the family cat resembles something out of Stephen King's "Pet Sematary." Or that miniature poodle puppy you got from a breeder has grown to 60 pounds and looks more like a dingo-bulldog mix.

Pet owners traditionally had little legal recourse in situations such as these. In every court system, animals have been considered property. But animal and pet owners are making headway in getting the legal system to recognize what society increasingly believes: Pets are just animals are more than just

property. They're like family.

Today, people are seeking out lawyers like Chicago's Amy Breyer who specialize in the growing field of animal law and will pursue cases such as veterinarian malpractice, animal abuse or landlord-tenant issues with as much aggressiveness and skill as any other type of legal claim. And as the animal law landscape grows, so do the questions about who is headed and what pet owners can or should do.

"It's a big, complex issue. It's not cut and dried," said Sharon Granskog, spokeswoman for the American Veterinary Medical Association, which represents more than 72,000 veterinarians.

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