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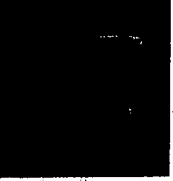


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LONG ROAD BACK



Craig Frost, 24, enjoys a stroll in his backyard in Twin Falls. Frost was in a severe motorcycle accident a year ago and doctors originally gave him only a 5 percent chance of living.

After terrible motorcycle accident, T.F. man learns to walk, talk again

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — First, police officers thought he was dead at the scene. He wasn't. Then doctors told his family he only had a 5 percent chance of surviving his serious head injuries. He survived. Then they said he'd be in a vegetative state for the rest of his life. He talks, he reasons, he even does a little math. They said he'd never walk again. Today, he's up and around with the help of a walker.

Twenty-four-year-old Craig Frost has defied all the odds. It's been a year since he crashed his motorcycle into the back of a truck just a block away from his house on Locust Street. June 7, 2004, was the day Craig set out on a long and difficult journey, first to survive, and then to mend a broken body.



Craig Frost

credits Craig's resilience to two things — "willpower and family."

Craig is back home now and living with family in Twin Falls. He took advantage of a recent sunny afternoon to toss a frisbee for his dog, Tigger, an 8-year-old Dalmatian-pit bull mix who often curled up next to him in his hospital bed in Boise, patiently waiting for his best friend to get well. It's been a long road — 11 surgeries, weeks in an intensive care unit and months of often-

He's still on that journey. Tracy Kramer first worked with Craig at the Hillcrest Care and Rehabilitation Center in Boise. She there, getting him up to walk or making his position more comfortable. But no one wants hand and foot on Craig. They know he has to do most everything himself if he's going to continue to get better. He continues to go to physical therapy three afternoons a week. He flexes a bicep. He calls it his "therapy muscle."

Craig's family has been at his bedside since the very beginning. His mother, Diane Engmark, was shopping at a store when she saw a sign for a physical therapist. She called the therapist, and she found Craig's family. She said she was "in tears" when she saw Craig. She said she was "in tears" when she saw Craig. She said she was "in tears" when she saw Craig.

painful rehabilitation. "It's a never-ending battle. It's like climbing up a never-ending rope," Craig said. "You can't beam me up Scotty."

Kramer, now the girlfriend of Craig's brother, Chris, has moved to Twin Falls and lives and works with Craig at the family home. When Craig shows the slightest hint he might be in pain, she's right there, getting him up to walk or making his position more comfortable. But no one wants hand and foot on Craig. They know he has to do most everything himself if he's going to continue to get better. He continues to go to physical therapy three afternoons a week. He flexes a bicep. He calls it his "therapy muscle."

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Stuffed animals and flowers cover the rural mailbox Sunday at the home where three people were discovered bound and bludgeoned to death on May 16, as a Kootenai County Sheriff's car is parked nearby near Coeur d'Alene.

Questions linger in Coeur d'Alene

By Nicholas K. Goranios
Associated Press writer

COEUR D'ALENE — A day after missing 8-year-old Shasta Greene turned up with a registered sex offender at a Denny's restaurant in her hometown, investigators struggled with a troubling question: What happened to her 9-year-old brother, Dylan? The man with Shasta, Joseph Edward Duncan III, was arrested and charged with kidnapping, but he has requested a lawyer and is refusing to talk to authorities, Kootenai County Sheriff's Capt. Ben Wolfinger said Sunday.

Duncan would be appointed a public defender until a hearing Tuesday, Wolfinger said. In the meantime, the search for Dylan continues, though investigators say the information they have points to the boy being dead. "Our goal is to find Dylan one way or another," Wolfinger said.

Investigators haven't revealed what they believe happened to Dylan or how long they believe the boy was alive after the children's mother, 13-year-old brother and their mother's boyfriend were bludgeoned to death in their home on May 16. "There was no sign of the boy

when Shasta was found around 2 a.m. Saturday in the restaurant with Duncan.

Shasta was recognized by a waitress at the restaurant, who called police, and the little girl was reunited that afternoon with her father, Steve Greene. She was reported in good condition at the hospital Sunday, Wolfinger said. The girl's father has declined requests for interviews.

The arrest of Duncan, a 42-year-old from Fargo, N.D., who had spent more than a decade in prison for raping a boy at gunpoint, has raised many questions and provided few answers.

"Where have Duncan and Shasta and Dylan been the last six weeks? Was Duncan involved in the triple homicide? Were other people involved? If so, who and where are they?" Wolfinger said.

"I think 'why' is probably the biggest question we have," he said. Shasta spoke at length with authorities on Saturday, but gently, Wolfinger said. "She's a little girl who's been through who-knows-what in the past six weeks," he said. Authorities believe Duncan, who was raised in Tacoma, Wash., remained in the Pacific Northwest with the children during the six weeks they were missing.

Simulations seek options in event of terror attack

The Washington Post

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — Deep inside the cave-like laboratories of the legendary research center that created the atomic bomb, scientists have begun work on a Manhattan Project of a different sort. In the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, they have been constructing the most elaborate computer models of the United States ever attempted. They are virtual worlds inhabited by millions of virtual individuals who go to work, shopping centers, soccer games and anywhere else their real life counterparts go. And there are virtual power grids, oil and gas lines, water pipelines, airplane and train systems — even a virtual Internet.

The scientists build them. And then they destroy them. On a recent weekday at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, researcher Steve Fernandez took several power relay

plants in the Pacific Northwest offline with a keyboard while Kristin Onberg and Brent Daniel were working up mathematical models that calculated the worst places to release biological agents in San Diego.

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For some, athletics are the key to overcoming war injuries

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Eight months ago, Ramon Estrada, a 21-year-old Army hospital bed, his legs neatly blown off by roadside bombs in Baghdad. He thought his life was as good as over. But not long after the ending of his deployment, Estrada, a doctor, demonstrated what a Vietnam War veteran was intrigued enough to try another active hand: "I've never met a veteran with the arms."



Ramon Estrada, 22, who lost one leg and had to have the other fused after the October attack, is participating in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games on June 28 in Minneapolis.

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TWIN FALLS 10-DAY CAST

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TWIN FALLS 1-DAY FORECAST

Today: More sunny, dry and warm weather. High 85. Tonight: Mostly clear and pleasant. Low 67. Tuesday: Heating up with no moisture in sight. High 80/80. Wednesday: Hot, sunny and moist. High 81. Thursday: More hot, dry weather. High 83/80. Friday: Sunny, hot and dry with some light showers. High 93/88.

BURLEY/RUPERT 10-DAY CAST

Today: Partly cloudy and warm independence Day. Highs middle 80s. Tonight: Partly clear and comfortable. Great for viewing fireworks. Lows low 50s. Tomorrow: Warming several degrees under a blend of sun and patchy clouds. Highs upper 80s.

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Warm, partly to mostly sunny and dry weather will prevail through the next several days. Conditions will be great for an afternoon picnic of this great spot.

NORTHERN UTAH

Heat outside if you're not in it this week. Warm, partly to mostly sunny and dry weather is expected.

MOON PHASES



REGIONAL 10-DAY CAST

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Comeback

Continued from A1. Costco that morning when her cell phone rang. It was her oldest son, Chris. He told her a nurse at the hospital had called him and said Craig had been in a motorcycle accident and was being flown to Boise. Diane and a friend were on the road a "short time later."

Terror

Continued from A1. The government is using the simulations to provide options in the event of a real terrorist attack. The information is so sensitive that most of the lab's work is classified, and the physical facility is secured with its own experimental technologies.

Games

Continued from A1. Spring, Md., who lost one leg in Vietnam, Crosby struggled at first with flipping the wheelchair. But Miller cheered from the sideline as Crosby made a couple of baskets.

Games

His view was supported by Alan Lewis, 24, a double amputee Iraq veteran who also participated in the practice basketball game. "I'm feeling better."

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Insurgents kidnap second envoy

FOURTH OF JULY FUN

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents in Iraq drew a brutal line under their tactics Sunday to keep Iraq's U.S.-backed government in diplomatic limbo, with the second kidnapping of an Egyptian envoy in the streets of Baghdad in a year.

Witnesses and officials said that al-Sherif, 51, chief of the Egyptian diplomatic mission in Baghdad, was grabbed by about eight gunmen after he stopped to buy a newspaper in western Baghdad, witnesses said.

Al-Sherif, who had been in the country since June 1, was pistol-whipped and forced into the trunk of a car Saturday night as the assailants shouted that he was an "American spy," the witnesses said on condition of anonymity.

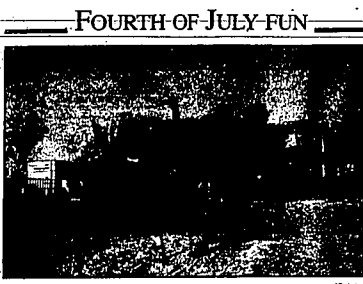
Also, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry confirmed the diplomat was missing and said contacts were underway with the Iraqi government to get "all others" to win his release.

One of Iraq's most prominent Sunni Arab political organizations, the Iraqi Islamic Party, quickly condemned the kidnapping and demanded al-Sherif's "immediate release."

Al-Sherif was the highest-ranking foreign official to be kidnapped in Iraq, although a lower-ranking Egyptian diplomat was held briefly by insurgents last summer. He was freed after Egypt reaffirmed that it would not send troops to Iraq.

Washington has been urging Arab nations to resume diplomatic relations with the sovereign, elected Iraqi government, and al-Sherif's abduction appeared to serve as a warning against responding favorably to such overtures.

Last month, the Egyptian government said it would upgrade its mission in Iraq to full embassy status headed by an



U.S. soldier Peter Mahoe, from Hawaii, pitches horseshoes in Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday. To begin the 4th of July weekend, U.S. soldiers spent the afternoon relaxing outside a former Saddam Hussein palace which is now part of the U.S. military base Camp Victory.

ambassador, which would have made al-Sherif the first Arab ambassador to Iraq's new government, although the timing of the move was uncertain.

In a message relayed by a deputy Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said al-Sherif was "Egypt's representative to the whole Iraqi people and that his legal status is the chief of the diplomatic mission and not ambassador."

Also Sunday, insurgents killed at least three Iraqi policemen and wounded two American soldiers in a series of attacks across the insurgent heartland, as U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales praised Iraq's commitment to democracy during a surprise visit to the capital.

More than 1,400 people have been killed in insurgent attacks

since Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari announced his new government, dominated by Shiites and Kurds, on Aug. 28.

In the latest violence, a car bomb killed three Iraqi policemen Sunday near the northern city of Kirkuk, and two U.S. soldiers were wounded in a suicide attack near a checkpoint in the volatile western city of Ramadi.

Late Sunday, Iraqi police reported a suicide attack on an Iraqi patrol along the dangerous Baghdad airport road. Police had no immediate casualty report. Five mortar rounds blasted an Iraqi army base in western Baghdad but there were no casualty reports, police said.

Also in Ramadi, a U.S. military helicopter caught fire Saturday night, destroying the \$13.5 million CH-47 Chinook

and injuring one crewman, the U.S. military said Sunday.

Also Sunday, two senior officials of the biggest Shiite party, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, were gunned down near Baquba, police said. It appeared the killing was the latest in a series of Shiite insurgent attacks against Shiites.

Gunmen killed Shiite cleric Adil al-Janabi and one of his bodyguards in a drive-by shooting Saturday night in Baghdad, police said.

Also in Baghdad, gunmen fired Sunday on a car carrying police Brig. Gen. Abdul Hussein Hamid Khalaf, wounding him and killing his son, police said. Industry Minister Osama Abdul Aziz Najid escaped an assassination attempt Saturday night when gunmen fired on his convoy in western Baghdad, but four bodyguards were wounded.

The fresh attacks occurred a day after suicide bombers struck in Baghdad and a Shiite city south of the capital, killing 30 people and injuring nearly 50.

In the first attack, a bomber with explosives strapped to his body blew himself up outside a recruiting station for police special forces in western Baghdad, killing at least 18 other people and wounding 22.

In Hillah, a mostly Shiite city 60 miles south of Baghdad, two suicide attackers struck Saturday night. The death count increased to 13, including 11 policemen and the two attackers, and 31 wounded, police said Sunday.

A Web statement in the name of al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility for the Baghdad and Hillah bombings, although its authenticity could not be confirmed.

Gonzales: FBI will help Iraqis investigate killings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq is working out a deal with the U.S. to help investigate the killing and kidnapping of government officials, U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Sunday after a surprise visit amid tight security.

The informal agreement covering the criminal investigations came after Gonzales met with Iraq's prime minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, as well as police and judicial officials during a six-hour visit to the Iraqi capital. Word of the arrangement followed the abductor's top envoy to Iraq.

"There are still some high-level crimes, murders and kidnappings that are not being prosecuted. One reason is that the evidence is not available," Gonzales said in an interview on his return trip to Washington.

While details still need to be worked out, investigators from the FBI and other U.S. law enforcement agencies would join their Iraqi counterparts at crime scenes and in other aspects of

the probes, Gonzales' aides said.

Gonzales' visit took place under extraordinary security precautions, including a news blackout until Gonzales was safely inside the heavily fortified green zone where Iraqi and U.S. officials work.

Yet the visit almost was scrapped because bad weather temporarily grounded helicopters that were to take Gonzales and his entourage from the airport to the city. Driving the eight miles from the airport on a stretch that risks bombings and other attacks — was considered too dangerous.

On his first trip to the country, Gonzales praised Iraq's commitment to democracy in the face of sustained deadly attacks by insurgents.



Alberto Gonzales

Iran accuses U.S., Israel of smear campaign against president-elect

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran accused the U.S. and Israel on Sunday of a smear campaign against its president-elect and warned Europe, which is in tricky nuclear negotiations with Tehran, not to join in the mudslinging.

The ultraconservative Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who won a landslide presidential election victory, has been accused of taking American hostages in 1979 when radical students seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Iranian exiles and an Austrian politician are alleging he was involved in the 1989 slaying of a Kurdish leader and two associates in Vienna.

Iranian officials have denied these allegations. "The charges are so evidently false that they don't deserve an answer. It's clear that it's mere lies," Iranian Foreign Minister spokesman Hamid Fatahi said Sunday at a news conference in Tehran.

Security forces kill top al-Qaida militant in Saudi Arabia

RIVADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — In a swift and telling victory, Saudi anti-terror forces killed al-Qaida's top leader in a gunbattle Sunday, but experts warn the kingdom still faces a surge in attacks despite its two-year crackdown on militants.

The 90-minute battle in the eastern Riyadh district, an upscale neighborhood in the capital Riyadh, was the latest

blow dealt to Osama bin Laden's group in Saudi Arabia, whose leaders have either been killed, captured or arrested since authorities launched an unrelenting offensive against it in 2003.

Moroccan Younis Mohammed Ibrahim al-Hayari was killed in a dawn raid by security forces in an area where suspected militants were hiding, an Interior Ministry official was

quoted by Saudi Press Agency as saying.

Three other suspected militants were arrested, a security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. He said the three men were on a recently issued list of 36 most-wanted terrorists.

SPA, quoting an unidentified official, reported that al-Hayari

Saudi Arabia

headed al-Qaida in the kingdom.

He (al-Hayari) was nominated by his peers and following the death of those preceding him, to be the head of sedition and corruption in the land," the official said in the SPA report.

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NATION

America's Junior Miss fails to save her world

Los Angeles Times

MOBILE, Ala. — Underneath grand crystal chandeliers, gold-framed portraits line the empty hallway of America's Junior Miss antebellum headquarters.

A week ago, the 49-year-old pageant held its last annual final. You might not have seen it — the live broadcast was local and the national feed went out a couple of days later on PAX-TV.

Somewhere along the way, America lost its enchantment with the wholesome young woman. In an era when

The networks felt as they want viewership, sighed Lynne Bellwe, executive director of America's Junior Miss, as she contemplated the faces of former pageant winners.

Neatly attired in a lime-green top, flowing skirt and gold sandals, Bellwe exuded the cool pose of a pageant contestant as she explained the program's challenges: how to adjust to changing times without compromising its traditional values.

"We didn't want our girls eating bugs or taking their clothes off," Bellwe said. "We decided to draw a line in the sand."

America's Junior Miss was a pageant meant to honor an age-old innocence. Contestants were girls just graduated from high school — not the more worldly women you would find

in, for instance, Miss City at the Miss America contest. None of its winners had to turn in her crown after nude pictures popped up on the Internet.

Yet the show's popularity has dwindled since its heyday in 1965, when it began a 23-year run as a national, daytime, syndicated, and sponsored by Coca-Cola and Kodak. This year, Junior Miss relied heavily on local television coverage, with the state and county of Mobile providing one-third of the program's \$1-million budget.

After experimenting with a behind-the-scenes "reality" TV concept last year, the program was told it needed more cultural competition.

"They tell us they want more backstabbing," Bellwe said, "but ugliness and viciousness is a problem for us. Those things would have to be staged."

The contestants, she said, delivered the best reality they could. Yet even the program's most devoted fans admit the show's format was stilted.

Last week, as Bellwe was watching the televised show, a volunteer turned to her and said, "I did not know the girls. I wouldn't watch that for two hours."

Traditional competitions are falling helplessly behind more sensational contests such as Miss USA, which teamed up with "Fear Factor" in 2007 to show viewers wearing contorted drums of live worms and fish oil. The Miss USA program, which is owned by Donald Trump, attracted 5 million viewers in April.

"Donald Trump has a different product," Bellwe said. "He doesn't try to change what Miss USA is. Part of that is a smart move: to embrace who you are."

Senate Dems: Filibuster not out of the question

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Judiciary Committee members crystallized their debate over Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's replacement on Sunday, making clear that a hard-line conservative would trigger a furious battle on Capitol Hill that could touch off a Democratic filibuster.

The division emerged amid a conservative lobbying campaign against one possible pick, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, a longtime Texas friend of President Bush, who is considered to moderate by right-wing Republicans.

"I don't think the social conservatives ought to prejudice Attorney General Gonzales. Attorney General Gonzales may not even be in the picture," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said on ABC's "This Week."

Specter said he thinks Bush will consider "the gender factor" in making a selection, and the fact that O'Connor was a pivotal swing vote.

However, it is unclear what the president will consider. Bush has said in the past that conservative Justice Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas are the kind of people he admires on the Supreme Court.

Bush was at Camp David mulling over his options while Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer of New York was urging a summit between senators from both parties and the president.

Asked whether he would support a filibuster if a hard-liner is chosen, the Judiciary Committee's ranking Democrat, Sen. Patrick Leahy, said, "I would hope that we don't reach that point."

"That's why we're going to meet with the president in about a week, going to urge that he put somebody who would unite the country, not divide the country," said Leahy of Vermont.

"I have no intention of filibustering, but it depends on who the president sends," said Democratic Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware.

On ABC, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., jumped to answer a question intended for Specter, prompting Specter to joke, "I heard the filibuster starting a little early."

With Republicans holding power in the White House and Congress, conservatives see the Supreme Court as the final obstacle to controlling all branches of the federal government.

By contrast, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist was in the majority only three times, as his conservative bloc splintered again and again.

Of course, the top news from the court was the retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She announced on Friday that she would leave as soon as President Bush's nominee is confirmed.

It is the first vacancy on the court since 1994, the longest stretch since the early 1800s.

Bush could have a second chance to set a seat to fill himself should the 80-year-old Rehnquist, who has shouldered a heavy load to step down, too. The widower announced his illness in October and his future on the court is very much in doubt.

O'Connor's pending departure means Breyer finally will shed the "junior justice" title he has held for 11 years. As the newest member of the court, he is saddled with such menial duties as answering the door when justices hold weekly private meetings.

But there was nothing backbench about the performance by the Clinton appointee this session.

The 66-year-old former college professor and congressional lawyer was a pivotal vote in two cases that set a new standard for religious displays in government buildings.

Breyer, known for his amiable sense of diplomacy that salvaged federal sentencing guidelines. It was an important decision because about 64,000 people are sentenced in federal courts each year.

"It has such a well-developed sense of diplomacy that it's not surprising to see his long-term moderate vision is now being embraced by the court," said Georgetown University law professor Neal Katyal, a former Breyer law clerk.

Among Breyer's surprises this term was his critical role in two Ten Commandments cases decided on the final day of the term. Together, the rulings made clear that overt religious displays are unconstitutional, but historic ones are allowed.

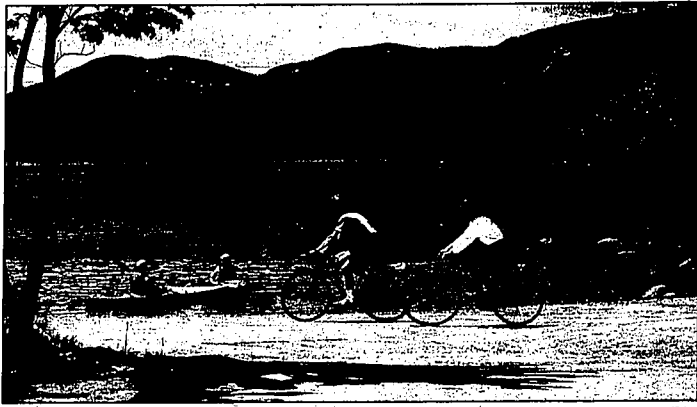
Breyer was the only justice in the majority on either.

He has become the most pragmatic person on the court. He has a way of taking the temperature of the court, said Marc Hamilton, a former O'Connor clerk whose new book is "God vs. The Gavel," about courts and religion.

Overall this session, the court ruled in about 80 cases; one-third of them were resolved on 5-4 votes.

Usually the five conservatives, sometimes known as the "Rehnquist five," vote together in about half of the 5-4 decisions. This year they were together in just five such rulings.

UNHAPPY CAMPERS



Bikers Arthur, left, and Mary Varricchio, of Lynnfield, Mass., cruise along a path while kayakers John, left, and Laura Bruszel, of Syracuse, N.Y., set off on Eagle Lake in Acadia National Park on Mt. Desert Island, Maine, on June 21. Nationwide, camping at national parks fell 12 percent between 1999 and 2004. Tourism experts blame a fast-paced society with a short attention span and a trend by baby boomers toward cushier vacations.

Number of campers drops at national parks

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK, Maine (AP) — Arthur and Mary Varricchio used to pitch a tent when they visited Acadia National Park. These days, they're more likely to get a motel room with air conditioning, clean sheets and a soft pillow.

"We were taught 20 years ago," Arthur said as he and his wife took a break from a brisk ride on mountain bikes through the woods on the park's dirt paths. "Now we're gravitating toward 'Isn't this a nice mattress?'"

The Varricchios, who are in their 50s, illustrate a growing trend of baby boomers forgoing camping, especially in tents, when they head outdoors.

Tourism experts say boomers' preference for cushier vacations is contributing to a decline in campers and other visitors at national parks.

Camping at national parks fell 12 percent between 1999 and 2004.

The aging population is just part of the reason, said Jim Gramman, a professor at Texas A&M University and the visiting chief social scientist for the National Park Service.

Other factors include hectic lifestyles, competing recreational options, an uncertain economy, a fall in international visitors, shorter vacations and even an increase in ethnic populations unfamiliar with the park system.

"As people get older they may stop visiting parks for health reasons, or because they've already been, and the younger visitors who are more technologically sophisticated and who have grown up in a digital environment may not be attracted," he said. "People are asking 'Do you have wireless in your campground?'"

Boomers are opting for recreational vehicles, dude ranches and lodges. They're also taking amenity-filled vacations on cruise ships and buying vacation homes near the beach or mountains, said Derrick Crandall, president of the American Recreation Coalition in Washington, D.C.

The declines don't mean the parks are deserted. There were 276.9 million visits to the National Park System last year. Many parks have reached carry capacity and can barely handle more visitors.

People still like to get out, but they often want to take quick trips, to get back to their cell phones, and the Internet.

That's especially so for kids, said Bruce Street, who runs the National Park Service's statistics office.

"These kids are looking for high-powered stuff, and the idea of watching a sunset is boring for them," Street said. "I don't think they understand that the idea is to give your mind a break."

Study: DNA evidence underutilized by agencies

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Ophelia McKnight was last seen alive on Jan. 5, 1988, in downtown Seattle. Her body was found a month later.

In June, 17 years after the crime, DNA evidence pinpointed a 47-year-old Joseph Tice to confess to killing her.

Such outcomes could be much more common, but a new study by researchers at Washington State University finds that forensic DNA analysis is woefully underutilized in the United States.

The study estimated that 250,000 unsolved rapes and homicides in the United States since 1982 — more than half of such crimes — have yet to be subjected to DNA testing.

"The effectiveness of forensic DNA has created a tremendous testing demand that is not met by the available supply," said Travis Pratt, a criminal justice professor at WSU.

The reasons for low use include lack of money, trained personnel and other resources for performing the complicated tests. The researchers' survey also found that some law enforcement agencies were reluctant to take and store DNA evidence.

Pratt and his fellow researchers from WSU gathered numbers from 120 crime labs and about 3,400 law enforcement agencies in all 50 states, using a grant from the National Institute of Justice, a government research agency.

Camp bus filled with children rolls over on Maine highway

TOPSHAM, Maine (AP) — A school bus taking kids from a summer camp to an amusement park rolled over Sunday, injuring several children.

All 37 children aboard were taken to hospitals for treatment or as a precaution, said Maj. Randy Nichols of the Maine State Police. None of the injuries was considered life-threatening.

The two campers most seriously injured were transported to a hospital in Portland, one by lifeguard helicopter and the other by ambulance.

The other children, ages 12 and 13, were taken to hospitals in Brunswick and Lewiston. McCausland had no count of how many children were hurt, but said most of the injuries appeared to be bumps and bruises.

The road was closed to traffic for nearly three hours while crews righted the bus and troopers reconstructed the accident. McCausland declined to speculate on the cause of the crash until police interviewed the driver.

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Jewish settlers begin leaving homes

GANIM: West Bank (AP) — Houses and streets are deserted. Boxes stuffed with old magazines, toys and towels — remnants of a life — are piled on a porch. Residents in this tiny West Bank settlement marked for demolition are leaving one by one, without waiting for troops to remove them by force.

At least eight settler families have packed up on a truck, but one that heralds the implementation of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to pull out of all 21 settlements in Gaza and four in the West Bank in August.

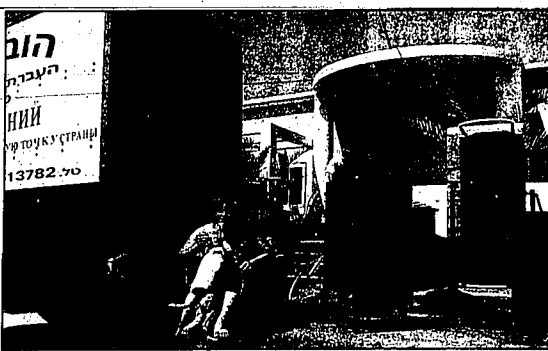
Ganim, one of the West Bank settlements to be evacuated, sits near to the Palestinian town of Jenin, a hotbed of violent militants.

While most of the 9,000 settlers slated for evacuation have vowed to oppose the pulling out, the residents of Ganim have mostly decided to leave quietly. Cardboard boxes and garbage bags filled with old magazines, books, towels and children's toys sit on a porch. Garden furniture lies discarded in a large green garage can.

Unlike the majority of settlers who claim an ideological attachment to the biblical land of Israel, many of the residents now leaving came to these settlements to get away from the city and live in a small pastoral community with their own homes and land.

"By the end of the month I will no longer be here," said Gershon Bloomberg, a Ganim resident for 12 years. "Three-quarters of my belongings are already packed up."

Five families have moved out of Ganim since Thursday, and five more are expected to leave in the coming days, said Rami Mansour, the mayor of the community. Many of the families waited for the beginning of



A Jewish settler sits with her belongings before loading them on a truck as she leaves her house in the Gaza Strip on Sunday.

the summer school vacation, which started this week.

Some of the 30 families who once lived in Ganim fled over the last four years, driven away by the violence when the settlement and the single road that connects it to Israel were frequently attacked. Now those who kept the community alive are leaving, and the place is starting to look like a ghost town.

Streets are empty, the silence broken only by an occasional army patrol. Weeds cover once neatly terraced gardens of the hillside community. An old exercise bicycle rusts under a tree near the shell of a car, cannibalized for parts.

Despite enduring more than four years of fear and frequent

attacks, the departing residents are sad and disappointed. "It's a horrible feeling. We are leaving a place that was our shelter, a place of friends with a real culture of community," Bloomberg said.

Last Thursday, the residents had a farewell party. They sat around in the community center, drinking beer and reminiscing while children sang songs and danced. "We are the children who have spent our whole lives here," said one young girl.

The residents complain about the government that sent them there and now is making them leave.

"The compensation we are receiving is not enough to replace what we are leaving

behind," said Anita Kobi, who has booked movers to take her to a new home in the nearby Israeli town of Atula.

But not all the residents of Ganim plan to leave voluntarily. Mansour, the settlement secretary, estimated that seven families would remain until the end.

"I have nowhere to go," said Yefim Weintraub, 55, who has lived here since 1998.

His daughter was killed in a shooting attack on the road to Ganim in 2001.

"I can't imagine never being able to come to this place where my daughter lived and died," he said, pointing to her house. "This violence did not just kill my daughter, it killed a whole community."

Israeli Cabinet turns back effort to delay Gaza pullout

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Cabinet easily defeated a proposal to postpone next month's pullout from Gaza at a meeting Sunday that reflected fears of violent opposition to the withdrawal — each minister was fitted for a bulletproof vest.

The 18-3 Cabinet vote found Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the author of the pullout, opposing Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a powerful rival who was once premier and wants the job again.

The mid-August start date for the withdrawal means opponents are stepping up their campaign. Though Sharon says the pullout will strengthen Israel's hold on its main West Bank settlement blocs, settlers and their backers believe he will be forced into further pullbacks if he goes ahead with this one.

The withdrawal would mark the first time Israel removes western settlements from the West Bank or Gaza. All 21 Gaza settlements and four in the West Bank are to be emptied of their approximately 5,000 residents.

Opposition tactics range from harmless orange ribbons on car antennas to blocking highways in sitdown strikes and attacking Palestinians in Gaza.

UN AIDS chief says Papua New Guinea on track for Africa-level AIDS epidemic

KOBE, Japan (AP) — Papua New Guinea is at risk of an African-level HIV/AIDS epidemic, while other Asia-Pacific nations like Malaysia, Vietnam and Myanmar are doing well because of their infection numbers continue to rise, the head of the U.N. AIDS agency said Sunday.

The epidemic is not as diverse as the region itself, with sex and injected drugs its main engines.

But there's simply not enough data to create a clear picture of the infection in many areas where other factors — such as men who have sex with men — could be contributing to rising numbers. Dr. Peter Piot, head of UNAIDS, told The Associated Press on the sidelines of a regional AIDS conference.

Asia has the world's second largest number of people with HIV/AIDS, after sub-Saharan Africa. The WHO says that could be infected in the region over the next five years if nothing is done to slow the epidemic's pace. UNAIDS has said.

The impoverished Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea faces the region's biggest problem because the disease appears to have moved into the general population, and an estimated 1.7 percent of the country's adults were living with HIV last year, a UNAIDS report said.

It's "the one that I would see that could have an African-type of epidemic," Piot said during the Seventh International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, held in Kobe, Japan. "That's the one country I would say I think is really getting out of hand."

He said the epidemic there is heterosexually driven and largely connected to gender inequality and violence, along with unemployment and a lack of family planning.

In places like Vietnam and Malaysia, people who inject drugs are a major force behind rising numbers. Piot said that leadership must get involved to make a difference, and that countries should move away from incarcerating drug users and sex workers — instead, arming them with "education and treatment," including offering them clean needles and methadone.

The Times-News: Your guide to life in Magic Valley

Philippines' president battles for survival amid opposition

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The birthplace of "people power" about to see a third incarnation?

After two massive "people power" uprisings in 2001, ousted a dictator and a corruption-tainted president, debate is afoot over whether the Southeast Asian nation is on the brink of another political upheaval amid pressure for President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to step down.

Some 10,000 people took to the streets Friday in Manila's financial district, demanding her

resignation. It was the largest protest since allegations emerged last month that Arroyo rigged the May 2004 election in a scandal dubbed "Glorigate."

Sullied by the protest was a fraction of the size of the popular uprisings that forced out dictator Ferdinand Marcos in 1986 and Joseph Estrada in 2001 on corruption allegations. And it fizzled out after a few hours, unlike the days-long "people power" gatherings.

Opinions are divided on whether another popular out-

burst is imminent.

"There is not enough gunpowder for 'people power 3,'" said Alex Magno, political science lecturer at the University of Philippines.

The important catalyst in the previous two uprisings is a failed and dysfunctional presidency, but the material for scandal in this case is really thin.

There are reasons to be disgruntled, and people are a little bit outraged, but there are not enough reasons to overthrow the government."

Villagers pass by an overturned truck in floodwaters at Umaroth, about 53 miles east of Ahmadabad, India, on Sunday.

Floods in India, Pakistan maroon tens of thousands

AT LEAST 131 DEAD

NEW DELHI (AP) — Monsoon floods in India's western Gujarat state have inundated more than 7,200 villages, about 175,000 homeless and killed at least 131 people over the past week, officials and news reports said Sunday.

One of the world's 359 remaining Asiatic lions also was found drowned Friday near Gujarat's Denshwar, dam, down river from its home in the Gir wildlife sanctuary, according to the Hindustan Times newspaper.

Soldiers were helping police and civilian rescue workers in the area, while air force helicopters aided in rescue missions and dropped supplies. Most of the left homeless in Gujarat are poor villagers who also lost their cattle and belongings.

The state flood response center has recorded 131 deaths in Gujarat over the past week. India's monsoon season begins in June and continues until the end of September. Downpours have lashed Gujarat since last weekend, submerging vast areas in neighboring Pakistan, troops in life jackets used motor boats to help food and rescue

thousands marooned by flash floods that have inundated dozens of villages in the country's North West Frontier province, an official said. No casualties have been reported.

Flash floods washed away two homes, several rice paddies and maize fields on Sunday in Swat district, said Abdul Wali Youzafai, an official at the flood warning center in the provincial capital, Peshawar. No one was reported hurt.

Fresh rains in neighboring Afghanistan are swelling the Kabul River.

"We are expecting more flooding," Youzafai said, adding flood alerts were issued Sunday in the districts of Peshawar, Charsadda and Nowshar. Meanwhile, the provincial government appealed for financial aid to provide a shelter, food and medicine for those affected by the floods.

"We are using our own resources, but they are limited. Therefore, the central government and the international community should help the poor where they stand passively," said Siraj-ul-Haq, the province's finance

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Syria says extremist, two soldiers die in clash near Lebanon border

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syrian security forces have killed an Arab extremist who was trying to illegally cross into neighboring Lebanon with other suspected militants, Syria's official news agency SANA reported Sunday.

Two Syrian soldiers were also killed in the clash that erupted after the Arab man, identified only by his first initials as M.Z., opened fire on a Syrian border patrol, SANA said. No details were provided on the nationality of the slain man, when the clash happened and where along Syria's border with Lebanon.

The agency added that

34 extremists of various nationalities were also arrested following the clash.

Security forces searched an isolated house near the border, allegedly used by the extremist group where they found passports, identity cards and photocopies of personal documents belonging to various nationalities, SANA said.

Syria has been under intense pressure to crack down on suspected "militants" who the United States and Iraq claim are using Syrian territory to infiltrate into neighboring Iraq to fight coalition forces.

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GOOD INTENTIONS GONE BAD

G-8 gathering can learn lesson from the past

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Africa is filled with good intentions that ended badly. Half-completed hydroelectric dams covered with weeds, empty irrigation pipes decaying in the equatorial sun and roads that literally lead to nowhere dot the continent — testaments to corruption and bad judgment. Despite billions of dollars in aid, Africa has gone backward since the 1970s on every measurable level.

When the leaders of the Group of Eight wealthy nations (G-8) meet this week in Scotland to discuss helping the poorest people on the planet, they will try to ensure any new pledges will not be good money following bad.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Commission for Africa say that times have changed, and the world now has a chance to reverse the continent's economic and social decline. But there is a vast range of opinions on how to avoid the mistakes of the past.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi — who serves on Blair's commission — had advice for both donors and recipients.

"The donors should use development assistance not to prop-up all sorts of unsavory leaders simply because of their geopolitical or other interests, but to support actual development," Meles said, referring to the Cold War years when African leaders pocketed development money from either the United States or the Soviet Union with impunity.



A young boy holds a broken bicycle on Friday in the Kibera slum in Nairobi. When the leaders of the world's wealthiest nations meet during the G-8 summit to discuss helping the poorest people on the planet, they will try to ensure any new pledges will not be good money following bad.

African efforts to fight corruption and modernize their economies, the international community agrees to forgive debts and expand trade opportunities and aid for projects developed by Africans for Africans.

Critics of the report and NEPAD say the ideas are not new and that passing out cash is not the answer.

Michael Clough, an Africa expert and author on U.S.-Africa relations, points out that the countries who received the most aid during the Cold War now have the biggest problems, with Liberia, Sudan and what is now called Congo, topping the list.

"The countries that are emerging are those that did not receive a lot of assistance," he said. "So the whole premise that providing more assistance is going to be the key to development doesn't prove to be true."

Too often, Clough said, aid is granted based on the relationship between a country's leader and the international donors, not on the ability of the nation to use the aid properly. Favored with international support and aid, these leaders too often become more authoritarian because they control the nation's financial and natural resources.

In nations that have not received a great deal of aid, African leaders have been forced to compromise with their opposition and to use resources wisely to remain in power, he added.

"The governments have to be responsive, representative and save the interests of their people," Clough said. "As simplistic as that seems in a way, that is the ultimate precondition for development. Unfortunately, that is not, and has not been, the case for a lot of African governments."

Protesters from the Stop the War in Iraq campaign hold a rally at the National Monument in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Activists say leaders neglect to seek reform

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Anti-globalization activists accused Prime Minister Tony Blair Sunday of seeking only crumbs of aid for Africa instead of trying to change the system that has impoverished the continent.

Many of those gathered at an "alternative summit" just days before Blair hosts the heads of the Group of Eight meeting of wealthy nations at the Glemaggs resort in Scotland said they did not trust the leaders to make fundamental reforms.

The activists said they disagreed with the idea of politicians from rich nations coming together to make decisions that would affect the rest of the world. Some said Blair's involvement in the U.S.-led war in Iraq had destroyed his credibility on Africa, despite his efforts to urge the G-8 to tackle the continent's problems when it meets on Wednesday.

"The G-8 meet as spokespeople of big business around the world," said Gary Daulton, a leading one of three "alternative summit" forums being held around Edinburgh. They're not spokespeople for ordinary people."

Britain's Treasury chief Gordon Brown played down the ability of the G-8 nations to provide quick solutions for African poverty, saying that solving the continent's problems will take a lifetime of

empowering local communities.

"It is not a week's work at the G-8 that is going to determine the long-term future of Africa or the developing countries," Brown told BBC News 24's Sunday program.

"It is a lifetime's work where we empower the people of Africa and the developing countries to make decisions for themselves," he added.

Brown noted, however, that agreement in two key areas — 100 percent debt relief and a doubling of aid for the poorest countries — already had been reached, and he credited public opinion for some of the progress.

Blair has said the poverty in Africa is a "scar on the conscience of the world" and is pushing for concerted international action when leaders from the United States, Russia, France, Germany, Canada, Italy and Japan join him for the three-day summit.

World leaders' forums were part of a week of activism focused on the upcoming summit.

On Saturday, hundreds of the world's top performers and more than 1 million fans united for 10 free concerts across the globe aimed at fighting African poverty, while about 200,000 anti-poverty demonstrators marched through the medieval Scottish capital of Edinburgh.

On Africa, Bush is very much the activist president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Africa has received intermittent U.S. attention over the decades, with periods of neglect interspersed with spasms of activity. To the surprise of many, President Bush has been very much in the latter camp.

As he heads into the Group of Eight summit meeting this week in Scotland, Bush seems almost to have a fixation with getting the troubled continent on the right track.

The administration said two weeks ago that aid to Africa has fallen since 2001. It plans to double the 2004 level to \$8.6 billion by 2010.

"Helping those who suffer and preventing the senseless death of millions of people in Africa is a central commitment of my administrations," Foreign Secretary Rumsfeld said recently, with British Prime Minister Tony Blair at his side.

Blair has pushed the president to join with other G-8 leaders to attack Africa's suffering. In Scotland, he will seek agreement with his colleagues on Africa aid plans.

The Blair-led Commission for Africa issued a report in March that called for doubling foreign aid from wealthy nations to Africa to \$50 billion per year by 2010. It also recommended a second \$25 billion increase in aid to Africa, to \$75 billion annually by 2015.

Bush has rejected the proposals, saying an incumbent government cannot tell a future government how to spend money. Blair's proposal, he said last month, "doesn't fit our budgetary process." Bush's own Africa aid targets are far higher than any previous administrations.

Generosity toward the less fortunate in Africa appears to play well among some important domestic constituencies. It is particularly welcomed by some conservative Christian allies of the president.

But there is a strategic component to the policy as well. The

Sept. 11 attacks called attention to the way in which terrorists can thrive in unstable environments on an continent, and there is a greater stability problem than Africa.

Money alone will not eliminate poverty in Africa, said Andrew Natsios, administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Changes in how programs are managed and the rule of law also are needed, he said, citing corruption as an impediment to economic development.

"If you don't have these other conditions, you can put huge amounts of money into aid programs and they will be ineffective," Natsios told CNN's "Late Edition" on Sunday.

Natsios said if the U.S. were to provide a portion of its gross domestic product, as some allies have suggested, it would be criticized for "imperial aid" and dominating the African assistance system that occurred during relief efforts for victims of the Asian tsunami, he said.

"They were criticizing us for providing too much assistance," he said.

Conflict throughout Africa has created suffering on a mass scale, as well as the need for costly U.N. peacekeeping operations.

Six of the world's seven most at-risk countries are in Africa, according to a recent study by the Fund for Peace and Foreign Policy magazine.

Among them was Sudan, where tens of thousands have died and more than 2 million displaced since 2003, mostly as a result of a brutal counter-insurgency campaign waged by government-backed Arab militias against black African rebels. Bush has made peace in Sudan a high administration priority.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The excitement of new places, fresh faces and escape from routine is exhilarating. Your good judgment and optimism makes you a welcome addition to any crowd and attractive to romantic partners.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cast a glamorous spell on those within reach. It is a perfect evening for pleasant dinners for two or to spend quality time with an admirer. Create a soothing atmosphere for best results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let money become an issue or give in to moments of irrational possessiveness. Top off this holiday weekend with quiet moments of contemplation with an attractive companion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Perhaps early in the day you won't get your way—or in-laws and techniques spoil the mood. Harmony is restored by the evening so you and a lover can set off your own fireworks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make the most of this holiday by being understanding and sympathetic with your close companions. Don't be deterred by small blowups. Love is in the stars tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keeping the peace in the community is open by being fair and nonjudgmental might earn you more than your fair share of luck. Late evening is perfect for hand holding and warm kisses.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Seek togetherness with a special someone when romantic stars line up brightly late this evening. Matters to do with love and affection thrive—especially when you employ understanding and tact.

Jefferson and Adams died on July 4, 1826

July 4, 1826, was a big day. On the Declaration of Independence's 50th anniversary, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died, and American songwriter Stephen Foster was born.

This day in history: On July 4, 1862, math professor Charles Lutwidge Dodgson was rowing on England's Isis river with the three Liddell sisters, daughters of the dean of the Christ Church College of Oxford University. Alice, the youngest, got bored of the boat ride. So Dodgson told a tale featuring a girl named Alice. Urged to write it down, he called it "Alice's Adventures Under-ground."

Other Fourth of July presidential milestones: James Monroe died July 4, 1831, exactly five years after Adams and Jefferson. President Zachary Taylor celebrated a hot July 4, 1850, with speeches and too much picnic food, then took to his bed with acute indigestion and died five days later. And Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1897.

Although the Declaration of Independence was passed on July 4, 1776, most of those famous signatures weren't added until nearly a month later on Aug. 2.

July 4, 1888, was the date of the first organized rodeo. The first to charge admission and offer prizes to participants, the cowboy competition took place in Prescott, Ariz.

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

On July 4, 1969, John Lennon released "Give Peace a Chance." The United States isn't the only country that celebrates independence on July 4. The Philippines were granted political independence by the Americans on that day in 1946.

Madame Curie died, a victim of her own experiment in radioactive material, on July 4, 1938.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point opened on July 4, 1802.

Children watching ants at a Fourth of July picnic in 1956 inspired Milton Levine to invent the ant farm.

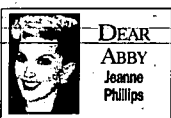
"Yankee Doodle Dandy" songwriter George M. Cohan claimed that he was "born on the Fourth of July 1878, but his baptismal record says it was really July 3.

On July 4, 1845, author Henry David Thoreau declared his own independence as he began a two-year experiment of living simply on Walden Pond.

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American flag should be in good condition

DEAR ABBY: My neighbors don't know how to fly an American flag that is literally in shreds. You can no longer tell that it has red stripes because it is all a faded pink color. This upsets me greatly because I feel it is disrespectful to our country and inconsiderate to veterans.



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—PEEVED PATRIOT IN MARYLAND

DEAR PEEVED PATRIOT: Yes, your neighbor. According to the American Legion Flag Etiquette brochure, when a flag is damaged or faded it should be retired and replaced. According to the brochure, "When a flag has served its useful purpose, it should be destroyed—preferably by burning." Many American Legion posts conduct disposal of Unserviceable Flag ceremonies every year, a dignified and solemn way of disposing of flags that are too

worn to be displayed. Some local Boy Scout troops also provide this service as part of their training.

Before approaching your neighbor, contact your local branch of the American Legion—or visit the Web site www.veteran.org—for more useful information about proper display of, and respect for, the American flag.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 23-year-old woman on the brink. I have toyed with the idea of becoming a nun for the last few years because of my horrible luck with love and men. I have never had a significant other. I was sexual-

ly abused as a small child, was never allowed to date in high school, and was too intimidated and busy in college to date. I always thought that having a boyfriend was a rite of passage that I was somehow excluded from because I'm not good enough.

I waited until a year after college graduation to lose my virginity, feeling very superior because I had waited until adulthood. Well, I made one mistake, contracted a sexually transmitted disease, and now I feel dirty and stupid. I had unprotected sex with a stranger just once, and now my life feels like it's going down the drain in a fast, hard spiral.

I feel my only hope would be to move into a convent and pursue becoming a nun. Abby, please help me. I'm sick and tired of feeling sick and tired.

—LOST AND HOPELESS IN LEWISTON
DEAR LOST AND HOPELESS: Feeling dirty, stupid, sick

and tired are not indications of religious calling. However, they can be classic signs of depression. Far be it from me to discourage you from entering a convent. If you wish, however, you would be doing yourself and the church a huge favor to resolve some of your personal issues before you do. The stronger you are, the more you will have to offer the religious community, and it appears you have some healing to do.

Your first step should be to talk to your doctor about what you have told me. With counseling and medication you will start to feel better about yourself and resolve the issues that have brought you to this point. Only then should you decide where to direct your future.

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Woman keeps would-be thief from stealing her dog

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A bag of books and a swift kick helped a 73-year-old woman save her little dog.

Police say the woman fought off a man who tried to steal her dog by beating him with a bag of books and kicking him in the groin, police said.

The woman, who was not identified by police, was pushing a shopping cart around 10:45 p.m. Tuesday when a man on a bicycle snatched a bag from her cart that contained the

dog, according to San Diego police Sgt. Jim Schorr.

It is not clear whether the man realized there was an animal inside the bag.

As he rode away, the woman swung her book bag, knocking the man off his bike, then kicked him in the groin and reclaimed her dog and her bag.

The man retaliated by hitting the woman in the head and escaping on his bike, police said.

Neither the woman nor the dog were injured.

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OTHER VIEWS

USDA shouldn't seem so reluctant on mad cow test

Nobody who worries about the risk of contracting brain-wasting disease by eating meat from mad cows ought to eat meat in the first place. The risk of a heart attack from cholesterol-clogged arteries is much greater. For that matter, so is the danger of choking on a gob of meat you find so tasty you can't waste time chewing before swallowing.

Their view: This guest editor from the Missoulian (Mont.) says the strength of beef industry may ride on credibility of U.S. testing program.

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

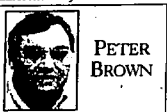
more, more conclusive test initially related by agriculture officials. The department's sense of vigilance brings to mind an image of a bawling calf being dragged to the branding fire. Agriculture Secretary Michael Johanns cites the 388,000 cattle tested last year and emphasizes just the one proved positive. That's supposed to bolster our confidence, but we can't help but wonder whether it wasn't just one case more than the department intended to find. Nothing about USDA's testing program has been over-eager in attempting to detect the extent of BSE in America.

The problem, at least at the moment, isn't that we might all be eating tainted hamburgers. Rather, it's that federal regulators have carried out their duties in debatable, reluctant, secretive and sometimes incompetent ways that will come back to haunt America's beef producers if there's ever a serious outbreak. If USDA can't instill much confidence when the problem is small and isolated, there'll be no hope if something big or more widespread surfaces sometime in the future. We might care a little less about that if cattle weren't Montana's No. 1 agriculture product.

The beef industry describes America's meat as the world's safest, a claim that has currency in the world marketplace. The best way to protect that reputation is to also establish a reputation for the best, most dependable BSE testing in the world.

A toast to 229 years of marriage

As Americans celebrate the nation's 229th birthday, Europeans are showing us how lucky we are to have led the national knot when we did.



PETER BROWN

Had we tried to unite in today's global economy, where no one does anyone else favors for fear of hurting competitive positions, it might be a much different story.

The United States was a marriage of love. The colonialists had common values and an emotional attachment to forge a future. It didn't hurt that a common enemy made their regional disputes worth resolving.

But those regional disputes were not the product of centuries of cultural, religious and political differences, as is the case today in Europe. The colonialists were relative newcomers who had made their journey for similar reasons.

The 25 nation-members of the European Union were not just an incrementally better one.

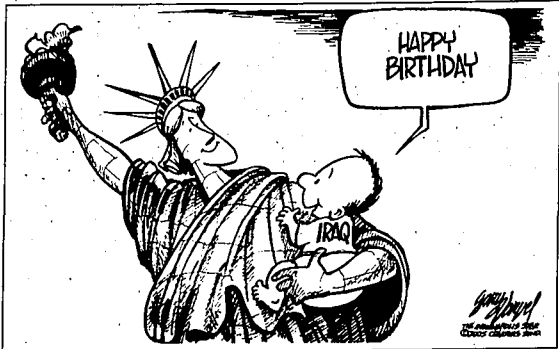
The recent collapse of efforts to create a United States of Europe from 25 already-existing countries shows how difficult it is to have a successful arranged marriage, these days.

Simply put, no one can afford the dowry, and few want others telling them how to live.

The 25 nation-members of the European Union were not just an incrementally better one.

That ended talk of a confederation with a common foreign policy and a central bureaucracy that would override the laws of sovereign nations.

Sounds like the U.S. system of individual states with a centralized federal government



empowered to override regional differences.

In addition, the subsequent European Summit ended in acrimony and without agreement on key budgetary questions that strike at the heart of the notion of a united continent.

That makes it even less likely that anyone can get the wedding back on schedule.

Of course, the EU will continue to be an economic force with its own money—the euro—but without a central government behind it.

That might have been the case here had the colonies won the Revolutionary War and thrown off the British but not signed the Constitution and instead existed as separate nations, as Vermont did for several years before joining the Union.

A United States of America in which various ethnic and regional rivalries are put aside for the greater good is a reality today because the hard work was done in an earlier, simpler time.

We certainly have our differences. All I have to do is talk with my relatives in New York to see how large some of the cultural and political chasms are that separate my part of the

country from theirs.

Yet even though we often disagree, we all see ourselves first as Americans because we have been reared that way and understand the benefits that come with the deal.

It is not hard to see why Europeans, to which a majority of our citizens owe their ancestry, is so different today.

Yes, we fought a War Between the States to settle regional disputes, but that was 140 years ago. In the interim, Europeans have fought two wars and more minor, but very bloody, clashes.

Despite our blue-state/red-state divide in the United States, there is a fundamental agreement on the major questions in this society relating to democracy and capitalism.

Leaders of the various states today were writing a U.S. Constitution, they too, might face the same impossible task as their European colleagues in getting people with their own customs and cultures to agree to centralized control.

It is not hard to see enormous, perhaps insurmountable, disputes between representatives from Michigan and Mississippi because of the widely different structures of

their economies and population.

The European Constitution has become a pipe dream because various nations on the Continent have very different visions of what they want and how they see the proposed confederation functioning.

One group—England and many of the former Soviet-bloc nations—is committed to free-market policies. Others—the Germans and French, most prominently—want to keep generous social-welfare systems and economic subsidies that are incompatible with free-market capitalism.

Can you imagine the folks in Detroit, where manufacturing is king and jobs are being lost to cheaper foreign factories, agreeing to a 40 percent subsidy for growing cotton?

That is the type of problem preventing the EU from becoming the United States of America.

Be happy our Founding Fathers took care of such things before cable television could make us, as a nation, behave like the runaway bride.

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LETTER

Bush critic must have failed history
Matt Smith of Twin Falls (Monday June 27) must have gotten an "F" in history class, or perhaps is the product of revisionist history. Just when did Hitler's German army march into Moscow? Stalin's government vanishing into the vast Russian

countryside would have been an interesting sight! It was Democrat President Johnson who got us deeply involved in Vietnam; it was a Republican President Richard Nixon who got us out! Do you think that maybe Matt's evaluation of Iraq is just slightly skewed?
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Wal-Mart tactics take away U.S. Jobs

I was recently watching an educational channel and was educated on some Wal-Mart issues that I would like to pass along.

The story was concerning a small rural town that relied heavily on a factory that manufactured components for televisions. Sony being one of their strongest customers. The employees had mostly been employed there all their adult working lives and earned a very respectful wage.

All was going well until Wal-Mart announced that they needed to reduce the cost of the televisions that were being purchased by them or Wal-Mart would shop elsewhere. In order to save their account with Wal-Mart, Sony was forced to purchase the components currently being made and sold from the small community from China at a greatly reduced price.

This, in essence, closed the small community manufacturer and destroyed the town.

When Wal-Mart attempted to do the same thing to another manufacturer, they in turn fought back and sued the U.S. government, claiming an unfair situation of foreign televisor products allowed in this country.

In court, Wal-Mart testified on behalf of the Chinese. Yes, again on behalf of the low-paying and for the Chinese. Incredible. Luckily, the U.S. company won.

Wal-Mart's tactics are taking away U.S. jobs and its process of the eradication of higher-scale manufacturing jobs in Ameri-

ca, is slowly forcing us to shop at its stores with its "low prices" because, in the end, that is the only place America will be able to afford.

For once, the City Council needs to stop taking the "It's all about the revenue and taxes" stance and think of our town.

Keep fighting for us. If people choose to shop at Wal-Mart and contribute to the destruction of our downtown area and all the small-town folks who have lived and worked here most of their lives, and to the ultimate day when all products will be made in China or somewhere other than the USA, they can go to Jerome.

PATTY MORROW
Twin Falls

Callous leadership ignores cost of Iraq

President Bush says the bloodshed in Iraq is "worth it." I guess that all depends on whose blood it is. It would never be his or Cheney's, or Rove's—they've already proven their willingness to defend our country.

See if you can recognize the tendencies in the description of the psychopath:

"With manipulative"—let's have an obit—up to show how down-to-earth I am!

"Decisive"—there is overwhelming factual evidence of this; this administration condemns itself with its own words. See Downing Street memo.

"Profound lack of empathy"

—this is why we increase corporate profits through every means possible, even removing the average American's ability to recover from devastating medical expenses by manipulating bankruptcy to benefit the credit industry.

"Use other people callously and remorselessly to their own ends"—Iraq and every other policy dear to his heart.

"No sense of guilt or remorse"—"But I have never made a mistake."

"Insensitive to hurting society or others"—Classic Bush, et al.

"Coldness displayed by dramatic emotional covers which are actually playacting"—Oh, those tears for the families of dead soldiers.

I do believe my favorite of his ever-changing reasons for war is that he has managed to isolate all of the destruction and terrorism there, rather than here. Never acknowledged that there were no Iraqis involved in 9/11; most were from the country of his business partners, Saudis. Refuses to admit that he has contributed enormously to the creation of terrorism. Continues to enrich his big business friends (Halliburton to build another prison) through this war.

This is no longer your America.

AIMEE NEW
Gooding

Recently added comic strip belends with swine

I am a strong defender of freedom of speech and press, but I was completely horrified and sickened by the comic strip

"Pearls Before Swine" that appeared in issue 27 *Times-News*. The comic depicted the most "out-of-touch family in America" and Osama bin Laden sitting at the dinner table and saying grace. The drawing was a thinly veiled insult to the "Family Circus" cartoon showing a mother, father and children along with bin Laden who is corrected for his closing of a prayer by saying "Death to America!" instead of "Amen."

I cannot believe that *The Times-News* even entertained the thought of printing that junk let alone actually doing it.

"Family Circus" is one of the very few cute and innocent comic strips left. There is nothing so often remotely amusing about Osama bin Laden. The only satisfying way he could ever be depicted in the media is to report his extermination. He is a vermin and a plague to our planet.

There are editing errors that are regrettable and there are those that are inexcusable. This is one of the latter. There should be an apology and that support should be dropped. Empty space is better than that garbage.

To say that a traditional family with mother, father, children and grandchildren openly showing their faith is somehow "out of touch" in America is undecipherable. After that most credible lapse in editing, I don't know what *The Times-News* thinks its target audience is, but I can say proudly that the vast majority of my Magic Valley neighbors are "out of touch."

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How to keep pro-American allies

ANNE APPELBAUM

So familiar are the numbers, and so often have we heard them analyzed, that last week's release of a new poll on international and Americanism caused barely a ripple. Once again the Pew Global Attitudes Project showed that most Frenchmen have a highly unfavorable view of the United States, that 60 percent of Spaniards prefer China to America, and that Canadian opinion of the United States has sunk dramatically.

And once again the polls told only half of the story. Even the most damning polls always show that some percentage of even the most anti-American countries remain pro-American. According to the new poll, some 43 percent of the French, 41 percent of Germans, 42 percent of Chinese and 42 percent of Lebanese say they like us. Maybe it's time to ask Who are they?

When pro- and anti-American sentiments are broken down by age, income and education, the picture emerges. It turns out, for example, that in Poland, which is generally pro-American, people ages 30 to 44 are seven times likely to support America than their compatriots. This is the group whose lives would have been most directly affected by the war and experience of the Solidarity movement and martial law events that occurred when they were in their teens and twenties — and who have the clearest memories of American support for the Polish underground.

In some more anti-American countries, such as Canada, Britain, Italy and Australia, people older than 50 are far more likely to feel angry at the United States than their children and grandchildren. This generation, of course, had positive experiences of U.S. cooperation or occupation during World War II. Surely there's a lesson here: Although

anti-Americanism is often described as if it were mere fashion, or some sort of contagious virus, Americans who live overseas, whether support for anti-American movements or allied cooperation, does matter. But the polls also make clear that direct political experience isn't the only factor that shapes foreigners' perceptions of the United States. Advertising executives understand ordinary women who read magazines filled with photographs of clothes they could never afford: They call such women "aspirational." Clearly there are classes of people who might also be called aspirational. They are upwardly mobile, or would like to be. They tend to be pro-American, too.

In Britain, for example, 57.6 percent of those whose incomes are low believe the United States has a mainly positive influence in the world, while only 37.1 percent of those with high incomes believe the same. Breaking down the answers by education, a similar pattern emerges. That trend repeats itself across Europe and in many other developed countries. Those on their way up are pro-American. Those who have arrived, and perhaps feel threatened by those eager to do the same, are much less so.

In developing countries, the pattern is sometimes reversed. Indians are much more likely to be pro-American if they are poor than rich. Poorer and wealthier and better educated: Because India has only recently been open to foreign investment, younger Indians have had the experience of working with Americans, whereas their parents have still

untouched by globalization, but the middle and upper-middle classes — those who see for themselves a role in the English-speaking American economy — are aspirational, and therefore pro-American. Some 69 percent of Indians with high incomes think the United States is a mainly positive influence in the world, and only 29 percent of those with low incomes agree.

This same phenomenon may also account for the persistence of a surprising degree of popular pro-Americanism in such places as Vietnam, Indonesia, Brazil and the Philippines. They're getting wealthier — like Americans — but aren't yet so rich as to feel directly competitive.

These pro-Americans may not be a majority either in the world or in their own countries. But neither are they insignificant. Pro-Americans will vote for pro-American politicians, who sometimes live, even in Europe. They will also purchase American products, make deals with American companies, and so forth. In the United States, if we give them visas, they're worth cultivating, with presidential speeches or diplomatic visits, because their numbers may even grow if their economies expand, if their markets grow faster, if they visit, because their numbers may even grow as a promise and not a threat.

Before Americans brush off the opinion of these "foreigners" as unworthy of attention, they should remember that whole chunks of the world have a natural affinity for their land, if they are poor. In the United States, it's Happy Fourth of July.

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Congress must measure progress made in Iraq

President Bush is facing an early legal deadline to deliver what he has been most resistant to providing: a set of specific benchmarks for measuring progress toward military and political stability in Iraq.



DAVID BRODER

— could judge what is happening.

Under a little-noticed provision of the defense spending bill passed by Congress in May, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has until July 11 to send Capitol Hill a "comprehensive set of performance indicators and measures of stability and security" two years after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

A Pentagon spokeswoman, responding to my inquiry, said last week, "We are working toward completing the report by the due date."

If and when it comes in, it could do much more than the president's Tuesday night speech at Fort Bragg to provide a factual basis for judging how close we may be toward reaching our goals in Iraq.

In that address, Bush once again demolished a straw man, denouncing any talk of a deadline for withdrawal of U.S. and coalition forces and any timetable for phasing them out. While public support for a pullout has grown, almost no one in Congress is advocating such a step.

What serious people are asking of the administration is a set of yardsticks by which the situation in Iraq can be realistically measured — and accountability established for a strategy to reach those goals. That is something the president has refused to provide, beyond his clichéd declaration that "the United States will stay as long as necessary — and not one day longer."

It is hard to understand his resistance to this perfectly reasonable demand for a set of metrics by which all concerned — Congress and the administration, servicemen and their families, and the general public

It orders the first detailed status report on July 11 and follow-ups every 90 days thereafter. The information required is specific and detailed. It includes measures of the security environment, including the number of engagements per day, the count of trained Iraqi forces, the estimated strength of the Iraqi insurgency and the role of foreign fighters.

It orders up indicators of economic activity, including unemployment levels, electricity, water and oil production rates, hunger and poverty levels. It requires detailed information on the training of Iraqi military and security forces, their equipment, and their capabilities — and the timeliness for achieving full readiness.

It aims to end the confusion over Iraq's forces by asking specifically which Iraqi battalions are capable of operating independently, which can fight if supported by coalition forces and which are not ready to conduct counterinsurgency operations even with help. It also requires documentation on their absence rates and calls for similar information on the Iraqi police forces and their training.

Finally, it directs Rumsfeld to provide — either in public or in classified annexes — an estimate of U.S. military forces needed in Iraq through the end of calendar 2008 and the criteria the administration will use to determine when it is safe to begin withdrawing forces from that country.

As a senior congressional aide told me, "If the Pentagon takes the law seriously and responds as robustly as it is capable of doing," we may finally begin to learn where we stand. Candid answers could restore the trust required to sustain the effort in Iraq. Bush's speeches don't meet that test.

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Some additional points on Iran, bankruptcy

My letter on Iran's nuclear capability and on the recent "bankruptcy reform" legislation signed into law by our current president appears to have riled at least five individuals.

Three persons reproved me either in person or by letter, and two persons wrote letters to *The Times-News*. One of the writers mentioned me by name, so I'll mention his name: Mr. Dow B. Bond. The other writer chose to leave me anonymous, so I'll call him Mr. A.N. Other.

Both Mr. Bond and Mr. A.N. Other digressed from my rebuking of President's Ford and G.W. Bush by having things to say about Presidents Carter and Clinton. (They, both of them, must presume that I am a Democrat.)

I agree with the gentlemen on Presidents Carter and Clinton, but I hurriedly point out, again, that my subject matter had zip to do with Carter and Clinton.

Mr. A.N. Other expressed a

LETTER

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commonly held belief that some persons who file bankruptcy do so to escape the consequences of their nefarious acts. I wonder how he has determined that.

Mr. A.N. Other also stated that if I'd loaned a large sum of money and — the debtor repudged by declaring bankruptcy.

Amazingly, he is almost completely correct because I have, in the past two weeks, written letters to my debtors forgiving them of their debts.

Was I being altruistic? Not on your life — I'm not so sure there is such a thing. I could no

longer live with the heartache of holding it will to send my quiet friends. I live in a small community and I didn't want those persons avoiding me like the black death any longer.

New I too digress with an in-your-face, two-faced diatribe (thank you, my friend) on President Ronald Reagan. (I believe Messrs. Bond and A.N. Other believe that all things Republican have paramount worth.)

Here goes: That faked smiley-faced, sleepy-headed, indelicately challenged "Ronnie" (he claimed that "facts are such stupid things"), who, because of his conspiracy with North and Pincheter and their cabal of thieves and murderers, caused the deaths of thousands of Nicaraguan men, women and children.

Had the Iran-Contra conspiracy taken place 60 years ago, the perks probably would have rightfully experienced a similar to Joschinn Von Ribbentrop's.

Anyone disagree? JOHN WALSH BURLEY

LETTER

Idaho isn't living up to its 'enduring' motto

Esto Perpetua, reads the motto on the seal of the state of Idaho. There seems to be a few different interpretations of its meaning. Some say it means "May it endure forever." Others say "It is perpetual." In 1920, H. Hovley, editor of the "History of Idaho: The Gem of the Mountains," wrote, "Miss Emma Edwards of Boise, now Mrs. Emma Edwards Greene, who designed the state seal, says that the words Esto Perpetua, 'breathe the prayer that the bounty and blessing of this land may forever benefit its people.'"

There seems to be some hope in whichever of the above interpretations one chooses that Idaho and its vast and wondrous resources will be around for some time, that future generations may be blessed by its bounty. But sadly, that's not likely to happen if we continue down the path of resource rip and rape chosen by the bulk of our political and business leaders.

My interpretation of Idaho's motto seems to be centered on the word "endure." Not the definition that means, "will last," but rather the definition that says "remain firm, under suffering or misfortune without yielding." It is the type of enduring an abusing spouse

hopes of the abused spouse. Letters ago, I challenged our growth for growth's sake leaders, those who worship the almighty buck to put forth their vision of where they are taking us. Gov. Kempthorne has a highway plan to make it easier to get from place to place. It is a new and improved grade to Albion is an example of his vision, then we must stop now. You come off the grade and onto the stretch of an industrial dairy.

The Legislature weakened our ability to discuss important issues surrounding the use of the public water. They failed to come up with power plant siting legislation despite open knowledge that issue was hot. They restricted the Department of Environmental Quality from setting stricter than federal standards to protect our air quality and thus our health. The Idaho Department of Water Resources over-appropriated our water and the crybabies who made it happen will want the taxpayers to bail them out.

Will Idaho's air, land and water be abundant and healthy and the wildlife that share this place with us endure such recklessness? I doubt it. Will the people of Idaho endure irresponsibility for long? I hope not.

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NASA probe on high-speed collision course with comet

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A NASA space probe was bearing down on its comet target Sunday in a side-by-side mission scientists hoped would give them new insight into the origins of the solar system.

The 620-pound copper probe was the first peak at the heart of one of the icy celestial bodies.

The "impactor" probe separated from the Deep Impact spacecraft late Saturday and began a 500,000-mile dash toward the sunlit section of Tempel 1, a pickle-shaped comet half the size of Manhattan and 43 million miles away from Earth.

The mothership, meanwhile, fired its thrusters to slightly change course and skirt out a front-row seat 5,000 miles from the high-speed collision, expected to occur at 11:52 p.m. EDT on Sunday.

Scientists released the first picture of the solo probe taken

On the Net

Deep Impact mission:
http://www.nasa.gov/deepimp-act

by the mothership shortly after separation on Sunday, showing the probe as a bright, distinct dot surrounded by blackness.

The probe was designed to shoot close-up pictures at a relative speed of 23,000 mph until hitting the comet. After that, the mothership was to take over recording the scene through its high-resolution telescope.

"We anticipate a little bit of a bumpy ride," said systems engineer Jennifer Rocca.

Among challenges workers in mission control at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena were facing was the probe's switch to autopilot two hours before Sunday night's encounter, relying on computer software and thrusters to steer itself into the path of the on-

rushing comet.

About 15 minutes after the probe's impact, the mothership was to make its closest flyby of the comet nucleus, approaching within 310 miles. Scientists expected it would be bombarded with flying debris and will stop taking pictures, turning on its dust shields for protection.

NASA's brigade of space-based observatories, including the Hubble Space Telescope, Chandra X-ray Observatory and Spitzer Space Telescope, also were pointing toward the comet to record the impact.

Little is known about comet anatomy, so it wasn't clear what exactly would happen. Scientists expected the collision to spray a cone-shaped plume of debris into space with a resulting crater ranging anywhere from the size of a large house to a football stadium and be between two and 14 stories deep.

Deep Impact blasted off in January from Cape Canaveral, Fla., for its six-month, 268 million-mile journey.

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Forget midterms; what about midriffs?

Teacher attire is a touchy subject

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Teachers are expected to bear long days, challenging students and demanding parents. Now, apparently, some teachers are baring too much of themselves. School boards and superintendents increasingly are pursuing dress codes for teachers. At issue is the same kind of questionable attire most often associated with students.

In some districts, teachers can get dressed down for wearing skimpy tops, short skirts, flip-flops, jeans, T-shirts, spandex or baseball caps. Spaghetti is fine in the cafeteria, but shirts supported by spaghetti straps are not welcome in the classroom.

District 11 in Colorado Springs, Colo., for example, prohibits sexually provocative items. That includes clothing that exposes "cleavage, private parts, the midriff or undergarments," district rules say.

In Georgia's Miller County, skirts must reach the knee. Elsewhere in the state, hair curlers are disallowed in Harris County and male teachers in Talbot County must wear ties two or three times a week.

"There's an impression that teachers are dressing more and more — well, the good term for it would be 'bared,'" said Bill Scharff, director of bylaws and policy services for the Michigan Association of School Boards. "Another term for it would be 'sloppy.'"

Regulating dress is touchy, teachers say. Teachers may view policies that get too specific as restrictive and demeaning. And what to do about broad policies that are enforced inconsistently? What works for a physics teacher may not fit a kindergarten teacher who sits with students on the floor.

School administrators say inappropriate dress is most often an issue with younger teachers, whose trendy clothing and casual style can make it hard to distinguish them from their students.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Firefighters keep busy Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Firefighters had a very busy day Sunday. Between 7 a.m. and presstime Sunday, firefighters had responded at least 16 fire calls, according to Dee Silver, a supervisor at Southern Idaho Regional Communications.

Police, paramedics respond to rollovers

TWIN FALLS — Law enforcement agencies and emergency crews were busy Sunday responding to several one-vehicle rollovers. One vehicle was eastbound on Interstate 84 when it rolled near the Jerome exit at about 7 a.m. Sunday. One person in the vehicle was taken to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, according to Dee Silver, supervisor at Southern Idaho Regional Communications.

Fourth of July brings several closures

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed for Independence Day. Here's a rundown of what will be closed or open today:

Red Cross will hold blood drive this week

TWIN FALLS — An American Red Cross blood drive will be held this week at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. Different days are scheduled for this drive because of the Fourth of July holiday.

Did you grow up with Harry Potter?

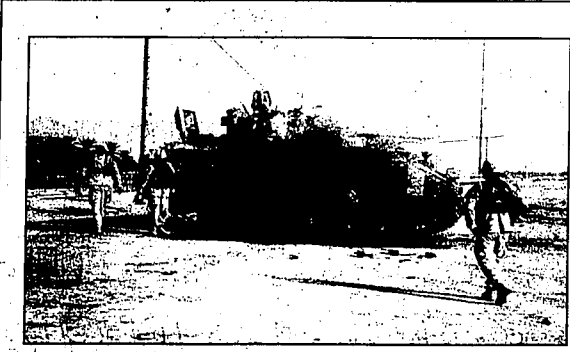
TWIN FALLS — Were you age 10 or 11 when the Harry Potter book series started in 1997? The Times-News would like to hear from Harry Potter fans who grew up with the books for a story on the release of the sixth book in the series.

Find a Fourth of July activity

- Twin Falls
• Fireworks: 10 p.m., College of Southern Idaho campus.
• Entertainment: The Twin Falls Municipal Band will perform at 8 p.m. on the lawn north of the Taylor Administration Building.
• Traffic control: If you're planning on watching the fireworks show on the CSI campus, arrive early. The Twin Falls Police Department will begin closing sections of Falls Avenue and Washington Street North surrounding the campus at 9:15 p.m. North College Road will be closed at 7 p.m.
Please be patient. Several thousand people routinely attend the fireworks and most of them drive to the event. It may take several minutes for the police to direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic off the campus safely. In addition, drivers may be routed in a different direction than they normally travel.
Police say the area around the campus will be heavily patrolled for drunk drivers.
■ Burley
Fireworks: At about 10:15 p.m., the park next to the Burley Municipal Golf Course.
■ Jerome
Fireworks: At about 10:15 p.m., Jerome High School football field.
■ Halley
Fireworks: At about 10:30 p.m. (or following the rodeo) in Quigley Canyon east of Halley. Food: Boy Scouts' pancake breakfast will be from 8 to 10 a.m., Upper Big Wood Grange Hall, 540 S. Third Ave. (\$5 for adults, \$3 for kids under 12, \$15 for families and \$3 for seniors); Burton Barbecue, Hog Porter Park, following the noon parade (\$9 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children 12 and under); Ice cream social, Halley Cultural Center, 314 Elm St., 1 to 3 p.m., free.
Parade: Noon, south on Main Street from Myrtle to Cedar streets.
Rodeo: Final go-round of the Sawtooth Rangers Riding Club Rodeo, 7 p.m., Halley Rodeo Grounds (\$17 for reserved tickets, \$12 for general admission, \$6 for kids).
Other fun: Old Frontier Gang "shootout with a Shotgun," 11:30 a.m., Main and Coy Streets.
■ Rupert
Parade: 11 a.m. (down Sixth Street, east on Sixth to Rupert Square, around the square and north on F Street to Eighth Street, and west on Eighth to Minidoka Memorial Hospital).
Food: Food booths open at 10:30 a.m., Rupert Square.
Other fun: Carnival, Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 1 p.m.

A pioneer of the Idaho potato dies at age of 91

RUPERT — Many people remember Max Herbold as a pioneer of the potato industry. From its beginning, Herbold was an influential part of its growth and built a successful company that remains one of the most respected in the business. Herbold owned Max Herbold Potatoes and served many organizations as a driving force in the potato field. He died on his birthday, June 23.



Army Spc. Christopher Staffen of Jerome was the gunner in this Bradley, an armored fighting vehicle, when it caught fire after being hit with an improvised explosive device on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq. Though injured, he managed to help save the life of his staff sergeant who was wounded by shrapnel.

A Purple Heart

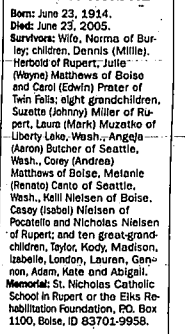
Injured local soldier helps save wounded sergeant

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The soldiers of the U.S. Army's 141st Bravo Company had passed their donkey cart several times on their patrol that day. It was an October afternoon in the city of Abu Gharih, a suburb on the outskirts of Baghdad, and the platoon was finishing up for the day and on its way to pick up some soldiers who were on foot patrol.
Spc. Christopher Staffen, a 27-year-old Army gunner from Jerome, was inside the armored Bradley fighting vehicle carefully scanning the surroundings when the donkey cart came into his sights again.
"I started having a eerie feeling something wasn't right," Staffen said. In a phone interview from Fort Riley, Kan. "The next thing I knew, I woke up."
The donkey cart had looked innocent enough. There were no wires, nothing to warn the soldiers of what was about to happen. Staffen said the explosive was probably activated by a remote device.
"Waking up after the blast, I couldn't hear anything," Staffen remembered. "I kept screaming and opened the hatch. I was scared out of my mind."
That's when he saw Staff Sgt. George Embrey, unconscious but standing upright in his hatch, the right side of his face ripped by shrapnel.
"His was slumped over on his arm," Staffen said. "His arms were the only thing holding him up."
Staffen remembered the pact the two had made after

Army Spc. Christopher Staffen, with wife Milam and daughter Makayla, the day he left for Iraq in June of 2004.

arriving in Iraq the previous June. They would look out for each other, and if one was injured, the other would take him to safety.
"Had to stop the bleeding the best I could," Staffen said. "I was yelling and screaming for him to keep his arms on me to keep him from going into shock. He had shrapnel all over the right side of his face. All I could think of is I've got to save him."
"I tipped off my gear and used my uniform top as a bandage. I put it up against his head. The vehicle was still moving at the time. The driver got us to the check-point where the dismounts were at."
It was only then that Staffen looked behind him.
"All I could see was a big dust cloud," he said. "The Bradley was on fire."

a life remembered
Max. V. Herbold
Born: June 23, 1914.
Died: June 23, 2005.
Survivors: Wife, Norma of Burley children, Dennis (Miller), Harold of Rupert, Julie (Wayne) Matthews of Boise and Carol (Edwin) Prater of Twin Falls; eight grandchildren, Surette (Johnny) Miller of Rupert and Mark (Mark) Gumbell of Rupert; and ten great-grandchildren, Taylor, Kody, Madison, Isabelle, London, Lauren, Genison, Adam, Kate and Abigail.
Member: St. Nicholas Catholic School in Rupert or the ERS Rehabilitation Foundation, P.O. Box 1100, Boise, ID 83701-9958.



In his early 20s, Herbold became a potato buyer for Brooks-Gudmundson in Burley and later joined Jack Simplot at J.R. Simplot Company as a potato buyer and warehouse manager.
Herbold and Simplot remained lifelong friends even though he left the company in 1940 to start his own potato fresh-pack business in Rupert, Max Herbold Potatoes.
A savvy businessman, Herbold used Chrysler and Dodge vehicles to transport potatoes, and when he had the opportunity to co-own Bill Thomas Motor Co. and Rupert Auto Inc., he took advantage of the benefit to purchase vehicles at cost.
He also had successful farming and real estate ventures.
He was very successful in buying and selling property," said Dennis Burks, a family friend. He was short, clean man most and when he made a trade it was usually in his favor."
Burks met Herbold when he retired in Rupert in 1947; Herbold owned a piece of property and the two became fast friends.

Scouts raise birds for Jerome sanctuary

By Dicie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent
JEROME — Boy Scouts from Troops 93 and 94 have embarked on a wildlife project to raise baby pheasants for release in an animal sanctuary being created on 17 acres within the city of Jerome.
Troop 93's Dallin Briner, Michael Gilbert, Payson Lott and Dallin, and Mark Mensa, with Dominic Pruit of Troop 94, released four 3-day-old pheasants on chicks from Kent Bartholomew, a certified grower for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, who also is the scoutmaster of Troop 93.
Outdoorman Russell Howell organized this bird-raising project. Howell recently received the city's blessing to create the animal sanctuary near the city wastewater treatment plant. He's also a former scoutmaster.
Bartholomew grows a wide variety of pheasants on his farm north of town. He showed the scouts how to tell the newly hatched males from females by the rings around their neck or the shape of the ring around their eyes. The scouts were given a mix of both male and female chicks, along with food, water, heat lamps and detailed instructions on the birds care.
"The new birds have access to grit and small pieces of gravel because they have no teeth and need gravel in their gizzards for digestion," Bartholomew told the boys.
"Put rocks in the watering dishes because the babies aren't big enough to climb out of the dish. If they fell in, they would drown."
Howell told the boys they would have to keep a log of the time of feeding and watering and the amount of food given to the birds.
"It won't be long before their flight feathers come in," Bartholomew told the boys.
Howell already has released four pheasant hens in the project area and has found one nest of eggs. The scout's birds will be released at eight weeks of age, about the time school starts in August, Howell said.
"Once the birds are released in the sanctuary area, they will seek out the best habitat for their survival," Bartholomew said.
Pheasants originally came from Asia, and individual birds can live nine years or longer if they have adequate habitat and are left alone, Bartholomew said.
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The Burks and Herbold families went to eat together, B.D. fished and traveled together.
"We had a lot of fun together," Burks said. "He was a good friend and proud of his accomplishments in the potato-packing business."
Burks added that Herbold was one of the first to use an automatic potato harvester.
"He was on the right side of the market all the time," said Burks. "He was one of the first to use automatic potatoes than other growers."
As busy as he was, Herbold always found a way to spend time with his family, travel, fish, camp and play checkers or gin.

Times-News correspondent Dicie Thomas Reale can be reached by e-mail at diciar@maglink.com.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST SERVICES

Dr. Gerald Lyman, Hale of... funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home... Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday...

Carolyn Allen McCord of Houston, Texas, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Oakley Snake 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...

Cecilia Sharp of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home... Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

George Raymond Golf Sr. of Twin Falls, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home...

SERVICES

Thursday at White Mountain in Twin Falls, Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

Randy J. Wodkowski of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 530 Villa Drive... Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday...

Herculeano Fredric "Harpo" Williams on Remembrance...

DEATH NOTICES

William Penn Fisher B.U.H.L. - William Penn Fisher passed away Sunday, July 3, 2005 at the Magic Valley Memorial Center in Twin Falls... Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Idaho.

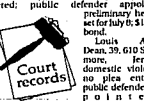
Virginia L. Lamb

BLISS - Virginia L. Lamb, 91, of Bliss, died Saturday, July 2, 2005 at Magic Valley Manor in Wendell. Services are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

TWIN FALLS ARRANGMENTS

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls includes the following:

Richard B. Innes, 38, 280 E. Carolina, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, open container, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for July 19, 5:00 bond.
Dana Garcia Martinez, 22, 4050 N. 1100 E., Hault, aggravated battery, no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for July 8, 3:00 bond.



Louis Albert Dean, 29, 610 S. Jerome, domestic violence, no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for July 19, 5:00 bond.
Jani Lee Jorgensen, 42, 1 N. Elm St., Twin Falls, aggravated assault on a peace officer, no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for July 19, 5:00 bond.

TWIN FALLS ARRANGMENTS

Alfredo Trejo-Solis, 30, 1825 Maple St., 29, 230, Idaho Falls, Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home...
Justin Charles Higginbotham, 25, 204 Richardson, Twin Falls, obtaining a controlled substance, public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for July 19, 5:00 bond.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today - Campus closed for Fourth of July holiday. Vendors begin selling food for Fourth of July events, 6 p.m., campus center.

Tuesday - Campus reopens at 8 a.m. Herrett Center summer hours, 1 to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Wednesday - Monthly construction update.

Thursday - More Than Meets the Eye, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. CSI and Department of Health and Welfare foster and adoptive pre-service training, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.

Friday - More Than Meets the Eye, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. The Search for Life in the Universe, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday - CSI Ag Department Farmers Market (local produce and crafts), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., across from Eldon Beans Expo Center.

Sunday - More Than Meets the Eye, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Twin Falls Lions Club Miss Magic Valley schoolchildren program, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Monday - Believe Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 S. Main. Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St.

Tuesday - Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 225 S. Main. Blaine County commissioners, 7 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hault.

Wednesday - Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Jerome County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Thursday - Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., city hall, 480 E. Ave. N. Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council center.

Friday - Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Saturday - Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., city hall, 110 W. Main. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

ON THE AGENDA

Believe Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 S. Main. Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison.

Friday - Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Saturday - Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main.

Monday - Glenn Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30. Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., city hall, 110 W. Main.

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MINDOKA COUNTY COURTS

RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Magistrate Court in Mindoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals - Kevin D. Larson, 41, allows dogs to run at large, dismissed; District Judge Mark Ingraham.

Misdemeanor dismissals - Robert C. Dixon, 38, one count driving with privileges, found guilty; District Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Matthew Nathan Saylor, 35, one count driving under the influence, 180-day suspension; District Judge Rick L. Bolter.

CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Driving under the influence sentencings - Robert Leon Arraga, 28, one count driving under the influence, 180-day suspension; District Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Misdemeanor dismissals - Jason L. Hood, 28, failure to carry hunting or fishing license on person, dismissed; District Judge Rick L. Bolter.

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Your cleanser isn't making you lose face

DEAR PAULA: I often refer to your reviews of skin-care products, and I've read in past "Dear Paula" letters as well as in your book that if a potential skin irritant is applied over a long



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period of time, damage can be taking place beneath the skin's surface even though you may not be able to see it. Does this statement apply to facial cleansers as well? If a product is just being rinsed off the skin, can it still do actual damage to it? This question has been on my mind for some time and I have been purchasing many different cleansers in an attempt to find a "safe" one, but to no avail. I appreciate your time and hope to hear from you.

— J., VIA E-MAIL

DEAR J: Yes, as a general rule keeping problematic, irritating or sensitizing ingredients off the face is very important to healthy skin. Yes, irritation or inflammation of any kind is damaging, despite the fact that your skin neither feels it nor reacts to it in any visible negative way. Yet underneath, your skin's collagen is being depleted and your immune cells are being destroyed. However, that doesn't mean you should stop using the cleanser you are using. Most likely, the amount of these ingredients is so negligible it doesn't really affect skin in the least, not to mention, as you suggest, that in a cleanser they would be rinsed down the drain before they could ever impact your skin.

I always warn about potentially problematic ingredients in skin-care products to paint a clear picture of what they really can and can't do for skin. Often the amounts of these ingredients aren't significant or they're present in rinse-off products, but I still feel it is important to understand the potential problems, especially when we can't know exactly how much is really in the product. I regret that I haven't always made it clear that it is not a significant issue when those ingredients are in a cleanser.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetologist Without Me (6th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 1030 SW 34th Street, Suite A, Benton, Okla., or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

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 "Hulk"? If your child is a fan of superheroes, we'd like to talk to you. The *Times-News* is seeking an article about whether superheroes are good for kids. If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 733-3223 or e-mail scrumpt@timesnews.com.

Star beauty: Score celebrity beauty, makeup tips from the pros

Knight Rider News Service

MIAMI — These days, star watchers went way more than Bertie Davis' Eyes; they want Nicole Kidman's Impassioned Kisses, Lindsay Lohan's Adorable pugnose and Pamela Anderson's...upper regions.

Attitude But, alas, without the help of a MAC MAC Flusher, you may never be able to achieve such perfection. Something you can do? Snag key beauty tips from the pros.

If you want...Ashanti's bedpost eyes: Your accomplices in making those peepers look bigger than your DNA intended: liner and mascara. One Ramona of MAC Cosmetics moved over a product called MAC Flusher, a gel formula that comes in a jar that you apply in a "flip and stroke" motion with a small-angle brush, like MAC No. 263 (10). To get Ashanti's striking cat-eyes, line the bottom of the lid, then "wing it" out at the corner. For a true area around your tear duct, Ramona prefers Smolder Eye Kohl, \$13, which leaves a "pearly, rich finish and brings it all together."

Get the final power lift with "non-chumping" Zoom Lash mascara — lots of it! (\$9.50). Her secret tip: "Apply multiple coats while it's still wet." Available at MAC, select department stores, or maccosmetics.com.

If you want...Jessica Alba's goddess flush: That healthy glow just doesn't come from standard-issue rouge. Credit Tarte's Cheekstain, \$28, a push-up stick that's gotten major props in *InStyle*, *Cosmo* and *Self* magazines. Alba reportedly likes it so much, she would eat it if she could.

Cheekstain was made for the everyday woman — it's goof-proof," said Tarte's Lallie Harley. Roll it on like a deodorant over applies of cheeks, forehead, tip of nose and chin. It's available in a slew of universally-flattering colors — They're fair complexioners, Flusher, Sunkissed (both for darker skin), Blushing Bride (neutral), Tinkled Pink (for rosy skin) and Dollface (yellow tones) — at tartecosmetics.com or [If you want...Jessica Simpson's amazing complexion: Word is Simpson scoops up pieces from Laum Mercier's Flawless Face collection every time she gets a few minutes away from her busy schedule of paparazzi dodging. The line contains 10 products — primer, pore-foundation, tinted moisture, highlighter, camouflage, concealer, under-eye, setting powder and finish \(all about \\$30 each at department stores, \[www.laumermercier.com\]\(http://www.laumermercier.com\), or 800-MERCIER\). That's a whole lot to shell out, so Mercier recommends two essentials: primer and foundation, especially in the summer heat.](http://sophon.com.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Massage primer all over face before foundation to ensure it lasts," she said. Another tip: "Keep makeup in the fridge, because the coolness is extra refreshing and helps reduce puffiness."

If you want...Eva Mendes' sunkissed glow: Self-bronzers have come a long way since so-called tans-in-cans transformed pale riders into Sunkissed oranges. Revlon has recently come out with the bronzo Abaze limited-edition collection of polishes, glosses, lipsticks and blushers to keep you brown through the summer — without a patch of sun (sold at drugstores).

Jennifer Garner locks lips with Ben Affleck in the 2003 movie "Daredevil!" On the revlon.com Web site, you can drag your mouse over an image of the "Hitch" star to see what products are making her look so dang good. Ticia Doyle, Revlon's manager for product development, tells you how to apply it: "What Please see ATTITUDE, Page C2."

"Potatoes are positively nutritious — and their skins are an excellent source of potassium, great for cardiovascular health."

— Lori Johnson, dietitian

Sacked!

Losing Iowa high school football program seeks free Idaho spuds

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

Is eating enough potatoes a cure for bad football? Brian Phillips, the assistant principal of Saydel High School in Des Moines, Iowa, hopes so. While his primary function is overseeing the academics of approximately 480 high school students, he has also become an active supporter of some 60-70 students participating in the school's football program.

Hoping to turn his football team's losing streak around ("They've had two wins over the past six years"), Phillips is looking to the Idaho spud for nutritional support.

But why potatoes? "Potatoes are an excellent source of energy," he told *The Times-News* in a telephone interview.

"So, Phillips asked for "free Idaho potatoes — and a lot of nutritional support."

The Idaho Potato Commission was happy to oblige.

"As educators, we understand the importance of learning both in school and in life — but why limit the education to required subjects?" Phillips said. "Why not talk to these kids about how to eat right and how to take care of their bodies so that they live long and productive lives — far beyond their high school years?"

He began calling around, and before long Phillips was in touch with Ralph Isham of Eastport, Idaho, Potatoes, and Mike Kingston of the Kinging Corp. Plans were soon under way to send a pallet of potatoes to Saydel High School.

"If there is any way that Idaho potatoes can help teach these kids how to eat better in life, we're in favor of it," Mike Kingston, who works for his family's potato marketing company in Idaho Falls. "And if we somehow manage to turn their losing streak, that's certainly a major bonus."

The current plan is to ensure that each member of the team receives at minimum a five-pound bag of Idaho potatoes to take home, says Frank Muir, president/CEO of the potato

The Atkins hangover

The Atkins and South Beach Diets may be gaining in popularity compared to the height of their appeal two years ago, but the Idaho potato continues to struggle in the wake of the low-carb craze. Idaho sold \$505 million worth of potatoes in 2004, the last year for which statistics are available. That was down from \$560 million, or 10 percent, from the year before — and the lowest potato cash receipts in more than a decade. Spuds are now Idaho's third-largest agriculture revenue producer, after dairy and cattle. Still, potatoes are the second-most consumed food in America, after milk products. Americans eat 120 pounds of spuds, on average, in a year. One serving of a potato contains 23 grams of carbohydrates. The Atkins and South Beach diets encourage restricting carbs.

commission.

And along with the special potato delivery which is scheduled to arrive in time for the team's July practice schedule, the commission plans to send along a lot of educational materials "that stress the importance of a healthy diet as part of a fit lifestyle," Muir said.

"And those 'complex carbs' should give their running backs a little more energy for that fourth quarter," Muir said.

"I call the potato 'the powerhouse nutrition,'" said registered dietitian Lori Johnson of Lupert.

"Potatoes are positively nutritious — and their skins are an excellent source of potassium, great for cardiovascular health," she said.

Potassium also helps retain calcium, which is important to build strong bones, Johnson says.

The fiber present in potatoes is another important reason for eating the tuber, she said.

"I read quite frequently how we Americans are still falling short on meeting fiber requirements which is 20-35 grams per day."



The Saydel High School football team in Des Moines, Iowa, will receive free potatoes from the Idaho Potato Commission.

she said. "One medium potato (5.3 ounces) with skin contains three grams of fiber, or 12 percent of the recommended daily intake for fiber — and they may also help reduce the risk of some cancers and possibly heart disease." Hence, Phillips is picking potatoes.

Without a winning season in six years, Phillips blames "the poor eating habits of our students." Hence, the emphasis of this program is to promote healthy

eating and provide a healthy food choice, one that's "free of charge — thanks to our sponsors," he said. "In this age of sport-supplement mania, the carbohydrates found in potatoes is a wonderful choice for students," Phillips said. And he's leaving nothing to chance. When the potatoes arrive, we plan on handing them out to football players participating in our summer weight-training

program with Head Football Coach Jeff Spotts," Phillips said. In the meantime, he's anxious to implement the team's "Five Pounds of Potatoes a Week" program, and if the players and their families respond favorably to the program, then the school may extend the program to other sports teams, he says.

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Needle felting adds lush and creative touches

When I saw a demo of needle felting machines, I was truly blown away. The process has been the buzz on the Internet circuit of fiber people for a few months now.

It took these machines accomplish was explained by Barbara Skimin, manager of Universal Sewing Center in Royal Oak, Mich.: "Needle felting uses a cluster of special, wire-tipped needles to push one fiber into another. No thread is used. You position loose yarn or roving around wool or silk fabric you wish to embellish, and simply sew on it in any direction.



"You are forcing the fiber on top down into the base fabric, quite quickly," Skimin said. "The design process opens up a whole new world of creative possibilities for the home-sewer."

The Internet has also added to my comprehension of this

technique. One person was making scarves in mixed colors of polar fleece and wool roving, all felled into silk fabric. Another thought the reverse side could be as attractive as the top, depending on preference.

Suzie Scalfidi of North Carolina has explored the process extensively and says, "A love of color and texture at your fingertips is all that's required, with visual effects that can range from very softly blended to fairly crisp."

Scalfidi has created lush landscapes and seascapes, as well as scarves and handbags. Now a teacher in this emerging

field, she explains that there are currently four brands of machines available: Baby Lock, a stand-alone machine called the Embellisher. • Bernina, with a decorative needle punch accessory that can fit on Bernina models equipped with a CB hook. This attachment has a special presser-foot-finger guard and needle plate.

• Brother, with an attachment called a Felcspacer for its PQ series of machines. • Embroidery Source, a machine made in Australia.

Prices vary, so visit your local dealer for more information.

If you want to get more familiar with the technique, check out Web sites such as these: www.fiberella.com; www.sophiegirl.com and www.delaiberant.com.

Keep in mind that although needle felting is fun and easy, it takes some practice and experimenting to see what the possibilities are.

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IMAGE

Hospitals find gold in weight-loss surgery

Los Angeles Times

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. — Jeanne Jones, a nurse at Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, gingerly felt her way down the steps because she couldn't see her feet beneath her broad belly. She waddled to the hospital lobby and pressed her plump frame into a chair. When she got up, she had to squeeze herself out.

As she made her way toward the hospital pharmacy, she spotted a nurse she had worked with for years. She was about to say hello when the nurse looked away.

She didn't recognize Jones, who helps manage the Orange Coast hospital's weight-loss surgery program, because Jones made the rounds in an actor's fat suit. Jones had rented the 45-pound disguise to get some of the physical obstacles her obese patients encountered at the hospital.

Feeling all but invisible when she was ignored, Jones confronted her colleague, saying, "Hey, don't you know who I am? She said, 'Oh my god, I'd pay attention to you because you are so fat.'" Jones recalled, "I was so shocked."

That's when Jones retooled the weight-related sensitivity training at the hospital. There are no longer any "fat" pleeplets at Orange Coast. Overweight patients and visitors now are referred to as people of "size."

In the hospital trade, big people have become the big business. Orange Coast performed 467 weight-loss operations last year, up from 19 in 1997, the year it began with one surgeon. Since then, the hospital has added three surgeons to keep up with demand. Patients have flown in from as far away as Japan and Germany for surgery.

Across the United States, stomach stapling and other weight-loss surgeries with their promise of a trim physique, have grown nearly tenfold in a dozen years. More than 140,000 patients underwent the procedure in the United States last year — at an average cost of \$25,000 — generating revenue of more than \$2.5 billion.

For many of the nation's hospitals, one-third of which are losing money, weight-loss surgery is a welcome source of

revenue. The surgeries help balance the costs of emergency rooms, providing care for the uninsured and other cash drains.

Some hospitals chase weight-loss patients the same way casinos compete for high rollers.

Fourteen years after a federal advisory committee cautiously endorsed the risky surgery, the field is getting crowded, particularly in California, where some 10 percent of the weight-loss operations are performed. At last count, the American Society for Bariatric Surgery said, at least 1,445 surgeons were performing the procedures at more than 450 hospitals across the country.

"It's a gold rush in medicine," said Roland Sturm, a senior economist at Rand Corp., a Santa Monica think-tank. "The hospital or doctor wants to be left behind."

Because the procedures are elective, a hospital can wait to verify insurance coverage, cash a patient's personal check or help them line up financing before scheduling the operation.

That makes it a tempting feat for hospitals that are swamped by unpaid bills.

But some insurers are concerned that the rapid proliferation of weight-loss surgery is jeopardizing patient safety.

"Many hospitals are setting up what we call their 'neon sign,'" said Dr. Michael-Anne Browne, a regional medical director for Blue Shield in Southern California. "A lot of hospitals are trying to get into the game, and that concerns us."

In California, HMO patients have a good chance of getting their surgery approved because their plans are required by law to cover any treatment a doctor deems necessary. But preferred provider organizations have more latitude.

Outside of California, some insurers that were delaying fee weight-loss claims have stopped covering the surgery altogether. Other plans are delaying operations by requiring patients to enroll in medically supervised weight-loss programs for six months to a year. Some plans pay for those diet programs; others don't.

"It's not like getting your appendix taken out," said Dr. Sam Ho, medical director at Pacific



Jeanne Jones, who helps manage Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center's weight-loss surgery program, holds an actor's fat suit she wore last year to help get a sense of her patients' needs.

Care Health Systems Inc., a Cypress, Calif.-based insurer. "This is a very, very complicated procedure. There are lots of risks: blood clots, stroke (and) abscesses."

Hospitals with inadequate pre- and postoperative diet and counseling programs and inexperienced surgeons can put patients at risk of complications and even death, insurers say. They point to studies showing that surgeons who have performed fewer than 50 operations have more patient

complications and higher death rates.

A recent study by Rand Corp. of 150 weight-loss studies found that one in five patients had complications, and most of them were minor. As for the serious complications — such as intestinal leaks, blood clots and bowel obstructions — they often require subsequent operations and prolonged hospitalization.

Reported death rates for weight-loss surgeries range from 0.5 percent to nearly 3 percent, said Dr. Melinda Mag-

gard, a surgeon at the University of California, Los Angeles, and a member of the Rand research team. A common cause of death in weight-loss cases is infection stemming from bowel leaks, Maggard said.

Concern about such risks has prompted insurers to bypass hospitals and surgeons without long and stellar records. The American Society for Bariatric Surgery is developing a "centers of excellence" program. Orange Coast is among the first hospitals to win the group's provisional approval.

At the hospital, Jones' concern for how overweight patients were being accommodated was plucked one day when she spotted an obese patient trying to stand up, only to fall back onto a chair with her. "I almost cried," Jones said. One of her patients also complained that normal-sized people like Jones "just don't understand what we go through." So Jones rented the fat suit.

Her experiences spurred one design change at the hospital.

Obese patients at Orange Coast used to have to trek outside to the loading dock to weigh in on a freight scale. Now, they are weighed inside on a special scale. The hospital also is replacing porcelain toilets that could snap off their anchor walls under too much weight with floor-mounted stainless steel models that can hold more than 400 pounds. Extrawide gurneys and wheelchairs regularly ply its hallways. And in the lobby and meeting rooms, steel beams hidden beneath floral upholstery reinforce the seats of some chairs that are as wide as Jove seats.

Weight-loss surgery is paying off for Orange Coast. In 2003 the nonprofit hospital turned a razor-thin operating margin of \$864,000 on \$90 million in revenue. Without the weight-loss cases, it would have been in the

red. Its 433 weight-loss procedures that year generated about \$12 million each (the rest of the fees go to doctors). All told, the procedures produced about 6 percent of the hospital's revenue.

It helps support some of the things that don't pay," Jones said.

Weight-loss surgery is one of the few procedures on which hospitals can make a profit, said Cheryl Skolnick, a health-care analyst with Fulcrum Global Partners in New York. "There are not many other places left to make money," she said.

Hollywood Presbyterian in Los Angeles launched a weight-loss surgery program 11 months ago and is now up to five cases a month, with about half of its patients paying out of pocket. "Our volume is going up pretty rapidly," said Albert Greene, the hospital's chief executive.

Another source of revenue occurs when weight-loss patients return to the operating room for plastic surgery to have extra folds of skin removed. This procedure may be covered by insurance if it's medically necessary, such as when yeast infections develop in the skin folds.

Much of the demand stems from the buzz over celebrities' experiences, starting with pop diva Carnie Wilson, whose weight-loss operation in 1999 was beamed over the Web.

Today show weatherman Al Roker said he lost 105 pounds after his weight-loss surgery. Beach Boy Brian Wilson and "American Idol" judge Randy Jackson have had the surgery.

Also striking demand are studies that have shown surgery is more effective for severely obese people than dieting and exercise alone, and can defeat diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea and elevated cholesterol.

Attitude

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 broyng powder, be generous in your application — target spots where the sun naturally hits the skin — cheeks, nose and chin. For extra oomph, sweep over chest and cleavage.

If you want ... Jennifer Garner's lipz:
 The pregnant "Alias" star has the "perfect pout," said Jillian Aldt, founder of Jillicious Cosmetics. "Full and plump, but in a natural way." Unlike a certain orally-besotted contemporary, Angelina, who may or may not be putting her voluptuous kisser to use on her sizzling "Mr. Smith" co-star at this very moment, Garner doesn't have to pump it, she doesn't slick her lips out there.

The besting look wasn't always so coveted, said Aldt. Back in the '80s, color — very rich, matte reds — was more important than shape. "When Kelly LeBrock came onto the scene, it changed everything. Then Nick

Taylor followed with her full bottom lip, thin lip up top, very attractive." Ordinary women became sketch artists, and not very adept ones, said Aldt. "I personally didn't like that trend of outlining the lips with dark pencil. It was so unnatural and obvious."
 To help lips along, cosmetics companies have come out with quick-kisser fixers that tingle, boost an increased blood flow. Jillicious has its own version — Bada Bing Tinglers (\$12.50), nonsticky flavored and scented balms of choice, including with menthol (Get 'em at Nordstrom; other stores: Jillicious.com). Plus, "They

leave you with a cool feeling and freshen your breath," said Aldt, who reports how to get a mouth that would pass muster with Don: "Use a neutral col-

ored lip liner, but don't go crazy — follow the contour you were born with. Put the balm in the center of top and bottom lip, not all over.

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However, a person's living will is often not effective if family members do not have a clear understanding of a dying person's medical and physiologic condition. Consultants with health care providers are essential. A living will gives relevant info if the dying person is incapacitated (unable to give rational directions) and is literally and figuratively "on death's doorstep."

Generally speaking, a directive in a living will to the effect that heroic procedures should be withheld or withdrawn does not apply to situations where use of these procedures will serve to restore health.

The best advice for persons concerned about the quality of end-of-life care is to execute a living will and health care power of attorney (HCPOA). The purpose of a HCPOA is to designate a person to speak for you in health care matters if you are incapacitated. Last, have heart-to-heart discussions with family members and health care providers.

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TAKING A BIG BITE

Dental implants linked to more healthful eating for the elderly

The Hartford Courant

People with dental implants eat better and seem to be healthier and enjoy life more than people who have a mouth filled with dentures, studies show.

Even people with dentures eat more healthful meals than people who have just two implants, said Dr. Jocelyne S. Feine, professor of dentistry at McGill University in Montreal, who has studied the health benefits and costs of dental implants.

"Their reactions are phenomenal," Feine said. "It makes such a difference in their lives." While technology is making implants easier to perform and the crowns that they support better-looking, their high cost keeps them out of the mouths of people who might benefit the most from them — the poor elderly on fixed incomes, Feine said.

She believes that implants — titanium screws inserted in the jaw to provide secure support for dental crowns — should become the standard of care in the United States and Canada.

"We have to find ways to provide the service at an affordable cost," Feine said. "It is good for the patients and good for the public."

Feine has an uphill fight. Most insurance companies will not pay for dental implants. Medicare also does not cover any dental costs. That means patients must pay out-of-pocket. Although the prices of dental implants and crowns vary greatly from region to region, from dental office to dental office and by procedure, they aren't inexpensive anywhere.

In some areas of the country, a single rudimentary implant and crown can run as low as \$1,500. In other markets, the cost can be \$5,000 or more per tooth for more complicated procedures. Those costs do not



David Podell gets a first look at his new upper teeth. Podell previously wore dentures for more than 15 years.

include periodontal work or bone grafts that sometimes are needed before an implant, Connecticut dentists interviewed for this article quoted costs for a single, standard implant ranging between \$2,500 and \$4,000. The high costs of implants drive patients to seek other options if they lose a tooth, a few patients decide to simply do nothing to replace it. But adjacent teeth can drift into the gap on the gum, which can lead to other dental problems. Sometimes insurance will partially

cover the costs of a fixed bridge — in which crowns replace the teeth on each side of the missing tooth, and a replacement tooth is suspended between the two crowns. Bridges are slightly less expensive than implants, although dentists say they are less desirable because they often need to be repaired. "There are some people without dental plans who say they can't afford a dental restoration and simply find somebody to take all their teeth out," said Dr. Thomas Taylor, head of the Department

of Oral Rehabilitation, Biomaterials and Skeletal Development at the University of Connecticut Health Center. "It happens all the time."

Dentures may be the least expensive option, but they fall far short of matching the chewing efficiency of natural teeth or implants, Taylor said.

"There are very good studies that show one or two implants can lead to dramatic improvements in self-image, quality of life and nutrition," Feine said, adding that blood tests of elderly subjects who have received two implants indicate an improved diet.

Dentists need to do more to educate people about the value of their teeth, said dentist Dr. Joel Rosenlicht.

The value people associate with their teeth is something that dentists have neglected, Rosenlicht said. "Patients really don't appreciate the value of their teeth until they are gone."

When they go shopping, dental patients today are likely to get a much better quality of implant than they would have just five years ago, dentists say.

New materials have made crowns sturdier and more natural-looking. Imaging scans of the mouth have improved the precision with which incisions for implants are made. The jaw, making for a better fit, and dental engineers have changed the shape and surface texture of titanium screws, which helps promote rapid bone growth and healing around the implant, Taylor said.

Implant technology has improved so much that new procedures allow dentists to insert a complete set of implants in the upper or lower jaw in about an hour, he said.

But at about \$18,000 for one row of teeth, such procedures will benefit only the wealthiest, who are also the group least likely to need implants, Feine said.

Lance Armstrong pedaling sportswear

The Washington Post

As sports gear goes, biking paraphernalia is not particularly fashionable. This will be underscored when the 2005 Tour de France begins Saturday from the town of Grenoble, starring Lance Armstrong. Unlike so many other sports, in which form has become as important as function, cycling clothes have mostly remained immune to the allure of ready-to-wear trends. Thus far, no one has witnessed a top cyclist in a time trial wearing a leather-look wind-tard. There do not appear to be any do-rags hanging from beneath riding helmets.

There is nothing particularly attractive about a pair of cycling shorts with their strategically placed panels of chamois, and the problem with bike jerseys — with their moisture-wicking capabilities, aerodynamic fit and back pockets for storing water bottles or packets of Clif energy gel — is that they function as billboards. There can be an unseemly number of brightly colored logos and garish scribbles on a relatively small piece of fabric.

The only time bike clothes enduce the eye is when they are worn by actual cyclists engaged in their sport. As their powerful legs churn and their lean torsos bend low over the handlebars to cut better through the air, cyclists are speeded by in a rainbow-colored gust of wind. In those moments, they look like beautiful, graceful, high-velocity birds.

Then they stop, and they're just some sweaty folks in synthetic fabric with padding in the most unattractive places. Cycling clothes can't make the transition from the bike to the grocery store. A pair of soccer shorts, a baseball jersey or a tennis skirt looks just fine separated from its true calling. (The popularity of bike shorts as ready-to-wear during the 1990s is an example of how poorly cycling attire plays in a mall, at the dry cleaner or infamously, on Demi Moore at the 1989 Academy Awards.) Even bowling shoes have a place away from the lanes.

But not cycling gear. It is what it is. No one looks good in it. It is through Whole Foods in a bike jersey with its inconceivably located pockets, tight bike shorts gripping the thighs and tugging them into sausage, and shoe clips clattering across the floor and sending you skidding into a pile of organic strawberries.

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Caregiver support group will meet Tuesday

The Caregiving Support Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Office on Aging Annex building, 99B Washington St., Twin Falls.

The support group is for those who care for sick, disabled or elderly family members or friends. Cheryl Carr, support group facilitator, will continue the "Comfort of Home" series which will provide insight and tips to caregivers in caring for a family member or friend at home. The program will be "Financial Management and Tax Planning Planning End-of-Life Health Care."

For more information, call for the Information and Assistance Program at the Office of Aging at 735-2122 or (800) 574-8656.

'Baby and Me'

S. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer a "Baby and Me" class from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth St. in Home.

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

To do for you

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Arthritis education

The Arthritis Foundations People with Arthritis Can Exercise class will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., starting Wednesday at the Filtr Senior Center, 222 Main St., Filtr. The class will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. New participants can register on-site at the first class.

Laurie Keeley, certified PACE instructor, will lead participants through a series of range-of-motion and muscle-strengthening exercises.

The class is sponsored by Filtr Senior Haven, South Central District Health and the Arthritis Foundation.

Cost is \$2 per class. For more information, call Susie Beem, arthritis program coordinator for South Central District Health at 737-5946 or Laurie Keeley at 326-4608.

About back injuries

Back School, an educational course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 568 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on the basic anatomy of the spine, common injuries and diseases that lead to back pain, along with instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury. Participants will be provided with written materials. The class is offered on-site at local businesses, if desired.

Cost is \$25. To register, call Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Physical Therapy Department at 737-2126.

Learn CPR, first aid

The South Central District of the American Red Cross will offer standard first aid and infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses in July in

Twin Falls and Ketchum. Participants must register in advance.

In Twin Falls, the classes will be held at the Red Cross office, 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, and will include:

- Standard first aid and infant and child CPR, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and July 21.
- Standard first aid and infant and child CPR review, 5 to 10 p.m., July 14 and July 28.

In Ketchum, the class will include standard first aid and infant and child CPR, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 12 (location to be determined).

For more information on the cost or to register for a class, call the American Red Cross office at (800) 853-2570, ext. 300.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

Hooray for the red, white and blue fashions!

Knight Rider News Service

Let go of your inhibitions this season while sporting head-to-toe looks in white that are glamorous and daring.

On the cusp of July 4, we dared to think out of the box and to assemble three looks that are white-hot and embody meaningful themes associated with Independence Day. **FREEDOM** (red connotes hardiness and valor);

"Freedom is not for the timid" — Mirra Lakshminarayanan (1900-1990), Indian political leader and diplomat.

"There's something contagious about demanding freedom." Robin Morgan (1911-), author and feminist activist.

Dagny Piper, a sales associate at Hot Pink-boutique in St. Louis believes that everyone can wear white-on-white as long as they're wise about it.

"It really depends on how you pair it," Piper says. "If you're heavier, do blousy things or maybe skirts. Stay away from the white spandex, which is going to grab and tug."

"White is kind of unforgiving. If you're thin, you can wear a lot

of the form-fitting stuff. You can do white in just about anything."

LIBERTY (white signifies purity and innocence); "Liberty has set her foot on our shore, and she is not to be restricted in her walks" — Hannah Farnham Lee (1780-1865), author.

"White is comfortable, casual, classic" — note: Thibault Burns, store manager of April Correll at the St. Louis Galleria.

The ruffled-tered skirt and cami that we plucked from the store's racks proves that Burns says the airy outfit can "go from church to a picnic."

JUSTICE (blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance and justice);

"I seek justice, not in some distant tomorrow, but in some study commission, but now which I live." — Martha Wright Griffiths (1912-2003), member of Congress, politician, D-Mich.

"White is always popular in the spring and summer collections," says Ken Downing, vice president of public relations for Neiman Marcus.

We found an Elie Tahari button-down shirt with an elastic stretch-band at the waist and a pair of Theory wide-legged linen pants at the high-end department store. This season, Downing says some designers took inspiration from the Greek Isles.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-05-2687 NOTICE OF HEARING In Re: EARL OWEN KOHIZ DOB: December 3, 1988

Notice for Bid

Excavation and Construction Sawtooth Valley Rural Fire District (SVRFD) is soliciting bids for the excavation of a slope and placement of concrete retaining walls.

PUBLISH: July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2005

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-05-2687 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO: CLERK OF THE COURT A Petition, by HUNTER RACHELE BARNARD, against Twin Falls, Idaho, proposing a change of name to HUNTER RACHELE CUTLER, has been filed by and on behalf of the petitioner.

PUBLISH: July 27, July 4, 11 and 18, 2005

LEGAL NOTICE

TWIN FALLS: STORABLE under provisions of Idaho Code 26-7-210 will sell or dispose of stored items ASAP. Angela Colton, last known address: 300 W San Felipe, Pocatello, CA 93250

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 05-09087 Doc: ID #00027441612405N Parcel No. RPT000103002ZAA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. F-41020-ID-DL Loan No. 20-0051-02021-01 On 10/20/2005 a promissory note (recognition local time) in the lobby of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83401, is due for payment.

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or anyone who knows where he is call 733-4424. This is urgent!

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Monday, July 4, 2005

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Know your enemy as you know yourself and you can fight a hundred battles with no danger of defeat."
— Chinese proverb

Having reached the excellent contract of three no-trump, you receive the lead of the spade queen. You duck the trick, win the next spade, and have to decide what to do next.

The simple line is to take the club finesse, but East will win his king and clear the spades. Now, with West holding the good spades and the heart ace, you have no more than eight tricks before that player gets the lead and cashes out.

Was there anything that you could have done about it? Yes, indeed. After taking the spade king at trick two, you should play at heart next. If this holds the trick, you come back to hand with the diamond king and take the club finesse. Once you have a heart trick in the bag, you need only four club winners to bring your total up to nine tricks. If West takes the heart ace immediately and clears the spades, then you can safely finesse in clubs into the nondanger hand, knowing that if East wins the trick, he will have no more spades to lead and the contract will be assured.

The key to the deal is that West is the danger hand. The heart ace is the only side-entry he can have, so you must dislodge that card before worrying about clubs. If East had been the danger hand, you would take the club finesse before playing on hearts — for just the same sort of reason.

NORTH 07-4-A

♠ 4
♥ Q 6 4
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ A Q 8 7

SOUTH

♠ A K 5
♥ K J 3
♦ K 8 7 3
♣ J 10 4

EAST

♠ 6 3 2
♥ J 10 8 7
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ K 6 3

WEST

♠ Q J 10 9 8 7
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ 9
♣ 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East

1 NT 3 ♣

3 NT All pass

♠ negative

Opening lead: Spade queen

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ A 7 3

♥ J 4

♦ 10 7

♣ Q 9 7 5 4 3

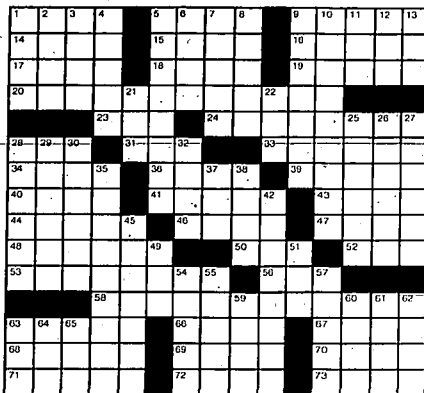
South West North East

1 ♣ 3 ♦ 3 ♣

Pass 4 ♥ Dbl. All pass

ANSWER: Lead the club nine. Partner's double, in what you know to be a weak hand, strongly suggests he has a void and needs ruffs. Since his void is obviously clubs, give him the ruff by leading an unnaturally high spot-card to let him know you have an entry in spades, not diamonds.

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

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M	I	A	M	I	D	I	P	S	B	O	O	R		
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 - Movie plg
 - Missouri feader
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 - Colorado feeder
 - Edgar Allan and others
 - Mimicry
 - Tool for many nuts
 - Baba
 - Skied a zigzag course
 - Mooncall
 - NYC arena
 - Sign of twins
 - Min. parts
 - Staff note
 - Sub finder
 - Fenway or Comiskey
 - Maliciously derogatory
 - Local yokel
 - More chilly
 - Former mates
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 - Spider trap
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 - Body powder
 - Japanese port
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 - Funerl stands
 - Infamous Ford flop
 - Mythic know-it-alls
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 - Dumbfound
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 - Large
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 - Handrail post
 - Serlous
 - Granular
 - Football great
 - Tarkenton
 - Emu's cousin
 - Bahrain leader
 - Peruse a paragraph
 - Journalist
 - Hentoff
 - Game by
 - Cub Scout subdivision

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

L A L A M

G U B E N

G O N A L O

M U E M I N

Print answer here: " _____ "

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Herb Arnold and Mike Argrion

It's like this every year.

HOW HE DESCRIBED FIREWORKS BUSINESS.

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

(Answers tomorrow)

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608 **Mobile Homes** Spacious

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Wizard of Id By Parker and Hart

Luann By Greg Evans

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

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The 2012 Olympics competition comes to a head.

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Sports Editor: Joe Paisley, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ I think this is the best part. Things quiet down, and now I'll just let my game do the talking. ”

— Andrew Bogut, who is ready to show the Milwaukee Bucks just what they got with the No. 1 pick.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Did Tom Seaver win his 300th game with the New York Mets or Chicago White Sox?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Upward camp signups continue

BURLEY Registration is now open for Upward Basketball Camp which will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life-Center, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley.

Sessions are: Camp 1, for boys and girls first through third grade, from 9:45-11:45 a.m., July 5-8; Camp 2, for boys fourth through sixth grade, 1:15-3:30 p.m., July 5-8; Camp 3, for boys and girls first through third grade, from 9:45-11:45 a.m., July 11-15; Camp 4, for girls fourth through sixth grade, 1:15-3:30 p.m., July 11-15.

The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt, basketball, water bottle and awards. Registration is limited.

To register, or for more information, call 876-7613 or come by the church office.

Burley JH volleyball camp scheduled

BURLEY — The Burley Junior High School volleyball camp will be held July 5-7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Burley Junior High west gym.

The cost is \$46 with a \$20 deposit paid in advance. The remaining \$26 is due at camp.

Checks should be made payable to Burley Junior High Volleyball.

Send applications to: Leona Phillips, 2667 Falmont Drive, Burley, ID 83318.

Please include girl's name, grade, next year, address, phone number, and name and number for parent or legal guardian.

Chadwick to host wakeboard movie

BURLEY — Idaho Watersports' wakeboard movie premier will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 at the Chadwick Grille in Burley.

The film will include footage from 2004 Wake in the Snake and Idaho Water Sports tournament.

The cost is \$5 and will include a certificate to save \$25 off the next \$100 in-store purchase.

Fun Overboard by Gator Board Films will also be held at the Chadwick, Thursday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m.

Ho-Hyperlite demo scheduled in Burley

BURLEY — Idaho Watersports' Ho-Hyperlite Demo days will be held Thursday, July 14, at the Burley Golf Course Marina.

The event will include free demonstrations. Riders under 18 must have parental waiver.

Clinics with Pro Rider JD Webb cost \$20 for a half-day or \$150 for a full day.

Webb will perform and hang out with the crowd from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Clinics are limited so early registration is recommended.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Chicago White Sox, on Aug. 4, 1985.

Twin Falls bounces back to take third

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It wasn't the game the Twin Falls Cowboys wanted to play, but it was the game they wanted to play.

The Cowboys won Sunday's third-place game of the 2005 Donnelly's Cowboy Classic with their trademark solid pitching and aggressive baserunning. Starting pitcher Chance Elam got more than

enough run support, as the Cowboys downed the Palo Verde Panthers of Las Vegas, Nev. 7-0.

Elam continued to roll through the American Legion baseball season, improving his record to 5-0 by scattering five hits through six shutout innings. He walked only one Panthers batter and struck out

one.

"This definitely wasn't the game we were wanting to be in," Elam said. "We kind of wanted to test his like districts and state and win them all, but you know, we didn't come out and get the job done last night. I was just happy with the way the other guys came out and battled this morning, because it's

tough to come back out and play like we did today."

"As they have all tournament, the Cowboys found a way to have at least one big inning on Sunday. Already up 1-0 after two innings, No. 9 hitter Tyler Anderson led off the bottom of the third by reaching base on shortstop Justin Loy's error and advanced to second on an er-

rant pickoff attempt.

Leadoff man Kenny Steelman was able to pitch Anderson in with a single to left field. Steelman then stole second before being caught by Ryan. Ryan drove him in with a one-out single. A Paul Gerber walk later led to first baseman Bo Folsingha laced a two-RBI single to make the score 5-0. Folsingha would come around to score on Tim McLaughlin's single to make the score 6-0.

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Joining the elite



Switzerland's Roger Federer collapses onto the court after winning his third-straight Wimbledon men's singles championship title Sunday at the All England Club in Wimbledon.

Federer wins third-straight Wimbledon men's singles championship

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Roger Federer felt tense before facing Andy Roddick in the Wimbledon final and jittery during it, his right arm shaking, his heartbeat rising.

Or so Federer says. "We'll have to take his word for it because there wasn't a hint of anything but cool confidence from Federer while crafting a 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-4 victory over Roddick on Sunday to become just the third man since 1936 to win three consecutive titles at the All England Club.

In a rematch of the 2004 Wimbledon final, Federer used a full assortment of creative strokes to paint his latest tennis masterpiece on the sport's most prestigious canvas and claim the fifth title in the last nine Grand Slams.

"It's hard for him because I really played a fantastic match — one of the best of my life," said

Federer, the first man in 50 years to win his first five major finals.

"Today it seemed like I was playing flawless. Everything was working."

He finished with 49 winners and 12 unforced errors, an unheard-of ratio.

He out-aced Roddick 11-7. He broke Roddick four times.

Roddick charged the net early, coming in behind second serve, chipping and charging, using deep approach shots.

But it didn't take long for the No. 1-ranked Federer to call back his passing shots, and he finished with 16.

"I'm not going to sit around and sulk and cry. I did everything I could," the second-seeded Roddick said.

"I tried going to his forehand and coming in. He passed me. I tried going to his backhand and

coming in. He passed me. Tried staying back. He figured out a way to pass me, even though I was at the baseline."

Federer's performance, filled with "How'd he do that?" moments, left everyone gushing. Three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker said: "We are watching greatness unfold."

John McEnroe breathlessly told NBC's viewers: "People think I'm kidding or that I'm just talking him up when I say he's the greatest talent of all time, but believe that."

Playing the best brings out Federer's best.

Federer is at a level where his competition lies not with the Roddicks and Hewitts, but the greats of the past.

The Swiss star joined Bjorn Borg (1976-80), Pete Sampras (1993-95, 1997-00) and Fred Perry (1934-36) as the only men in the last 90 years to triumph at Wimbledon three years in a row.

Federer's grass-court winning streak is 36 matches, second only to Borg's 41.

Federer is a little more than a month shy of his 24th birthday, just like Sampras was when he won the fifth of his record 14 major titles.

Then there's his remarkable statistic: Federer has won 21 straight finals.

The previous record was 12, shared by McEnroe and Borg.

Poor Roddick.

On grass the past three seasons, he's 32-0 against everyone else and 0-3 against Federer.

Roddick's record-setting serve and forehand were good enough to win the U.S. Open again in 2003.

He's added plenty to his game since then, improving his backhand, returns and volleying.

But to no avail Sunday.

"It's tough knowing that you're a better player than you were two years ago," Roddick said, "but not having a lot to show for it."

Armstrong avoids trouble during Stage 2

Zabriskie keeps yellow jersey

The Associated Press

LES ESSARTS, France — A master of strategy after all these rides, Lance Armstrong did what he had to: He stayed out of trouble.

Armstrong negotiated the second stage of his farewell Tour de France on Sunday, finishing safely in the pack and in 63rd place. Crucially, he avoided dangerous, steep descents of sprinters jostling for position on a day when several fell, and Belgium's Tom Boonen was the winner.

Armstrong, bidding for a seventh, straight Tour de France title, finished 11th on a tricky 112-kilometer climb from Chablans to Les Essarts, racing in the sunshine in the Vendee region of western France — once a stronghold of royalist supporters during the French Revolution more than two centuries ago.

Two years ago, Armstrong was part of a 35-man pileup on a similar flat stage early in the Tour, and was lucky to get away



Tom Boonen of Belgium, foreground right, battles during a sprint in week Stage 2 of the Tour de France, ahead of Thor Hushovd of Norway, behind Boonen, and Robbie McEwen of Australia, fifth left, on Sunday.

with scratches and bruises.

"These finishes still scare me. I won't miss them," said Armstrong, "everybody's cracking a little bit."

Boonen won in just under four hours, beating Norway's Thor Hushovd and Australia's Robbie McEwen in a hair-raising dash to the line.

Armstrong took a major step Sunday, edging Jan Ullrich and other main rivals with an outstanding ride on the opening day's time trial.

The team is in second place overall and two seconds behind fellow U.S. rider David Zabriskie of Team CSC, who had the yellow jersey for a second day.

With a key team time trial

Tuesday and Alpine mountain stages looming, Armstrong re-trained from needless risks. He has most of the 2,200 miles, Alps and Pyrenees ahead.

In those mountains, fans line the climbs and stand perilously close to riders.

A sudden loss of concentration can lead to a nasty fall like the one Armstrong had in

the Pyrenees in 2003 when he caught a spectator's bag and fell.

Flanked by his protective discoloration, Armstrong's teammates, Armstrong managed to take in some scenery Sunday.

Riders rolled side by side past wide-open fields while overtaking grazed lazily and the occasional American flag waved.

Armstrong is much in demand on his first Tour, a five-time Tour champion Bernard Hinault had to wait 15 minutes before climbing aboard the bus to see him.

Armstrong thanked his teammates for keeping him out of danger on a day when 10 riders fell.

Boonen was delighted with his victory.

"It was a sprint for the strong riders, so it was an advantage for me," he said. "It was not a problem."

He won the stage in 3 hours, 51 minutes, 31 seconds while Hushovd was 10 minutes slower. So did McEwen and Stuart O'Grady, Australians who finished third and fourth.

Monday's third stage is a flat, 131.8-mile course from La Chataigneraie to Tours — and again favors sprinters, meaning Armstrong again will try to avoid trouble.

SPORTS

The Boss mellows out at 75

Steinbrenner says public image contradicts truth

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — On the verge of 75, George Steinbrenner admits he has mellowed.

It's known for hiring and firing, scheming and scheming, a cartoon-like figure who dominates the back and front pages of New York's tabloids. But he says the public image of The Boss is nothing like reality.

"I'm really 95 percent Mr. Rogers," he said, and only 5 percent "Oscar the Grouch."

George Michael Steinbrenner III, who turns 75 Monday, acknowledges he was impatient when he was young and made mistakes. He defends his intense management style, says he has no idea when he will stop running the Yankees and says he has designated son-in-law Steve Swindal as his successor.

"I haven't always done a good job, but I've always been successful — but I know that I have tried," Steinbrenner said, answering a series of questions from The Associated Press.

At one time, spokesman Howard Rubenstein. A Yankee Doodle Dandy born on the Fourth of July 1930, in River Hill, Ohio, Steinbrenner now is the senior owner in the major leagues, presiding over a 32.5-year reign of bedlam, woe and excess in baseball. Since he took over, the New York Yankees have produced six World Series titles, 10 American League pennants and 14 first-place finishes in the AL East, their value increasing more than 100-fold from the \$8.7 million price his grandfather paid.

Presidents, financiers and members of high society fill his owner's box. At the June 15 news conference announcing plans for a new \$600 million Yankee Stadium he hopes to open in 2009, politicians fawned over him, repeatedly calling him "King George."

New York newspapers plant reporters outside the ballpark on days he attends games. Just in case he stops to speak. New



New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner watches his team play the Atlanta Braves during Game 1 of the 1999 World Series.

York Daily News cartoonist Bill Gallo draws him as Gen. Von Steingrabber, a Prussian aristocrat.

The television show "Seinfeld" in the 1990s portrayed him as the eccentric employer of George Costanza, a fictional assistant to the Yankees' traveling secretary.

When Steinbrenner's group bought the team from CBS Inc. on Jan. 3, 1973, he proclaimed, "We plan absence ownership as far as running the Yankees is concerned. We're not going to pretend we're something we aren't. I'll stick to building ships."

It didn't quite work out that way. Steinbrenner's team has had 20 managerial changes and 29 shifts in pitching coach, but none since Joe Torre and Mel Lottor were hired following the 1995 season. When Brian Cashman replaced Bob Watson in 1998, it was the 15th Yankees coach since 1963.

His employees, including players, rarely mention his name, referring to him as that

disappeared from what became known throughout baseball as the Bronx Zoo.

Yankees of Steinbrenner and his obsessiveness remain everywhere, from the workers with blowers who clear stray leaves every day from the sidewalks outside Yankee Stadium and the Legends Field spring training complex, to the signs that have adorned the ballpark walls, such as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's declaration: "There is no substitute for victory."

No detail is too small for his involvement, from ordering an artificial turf carpet outside the clubhouse in Tampa to prevent players in spikes from slipping, to personally going through the seating for World Series games, to directing traffic outside Yankee Stadium in 1997, to pulling 50,000 copies of the 1981 team yearbook because he didn't like his picture in it. He wants his employees to be just as fixated.

But he has learned from his mistakes. "Do you want to be anything? Don't be surprised of anything, because if you are, it's your fault," Torre said.

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"Mr. Steinbrenner" or "The Boss." Cashman guards his teeth in his sleep, a sign of stress.

Even as a senior citizen, Steinbrenner insists fear. "I think he has been sort of stoic, stoic to the skeletons a little more because the team has been winning for the last 10 years or so," said Bernie Williams, who has worked since 1991 and is the longest tenured of the current Yankees.

"But now that we're not playing as well, I think it's back to track to where he was before."

He's just as involved, Yankees employees say, but a lot less public, and they insist that he hasn't lost any mental sharpness.

The early years were defined by his battles: Boss vs. Reggie, Boss vs. Billy, Boss vs. players, Boss vs. umpires, Boss vs. commissioners and league presidents, Boss vs. other owners.

He hired Billy Martin as manager five times. He feuded with Reggie Jackson and Dave Winfield, whom he dubbed "Mr. May" — a caustic reference to his lack of production in key late-season games.

Steve Stern, fired Red Bob Butcher, the 12th of his 13 team spokesmen, after Butcher decided to go home to Ohio for the Christmas weekend.

Butcher returned in 1995 rather than stay in New York for a potential news conference to announce David Gooden's signing. When Butcher returned for the announcement, he was told he had been terminated.

Gooden, who has been declining to people, particularly pundits, commissioner Lita Peepers, former commissioner Peter Ueberroth said during Steinbrenner's death season as owner. "He tends to be abusive to employees at times."

As evidenced by this past Tuesday's annual meeting at Legends Field, he still has the final say.

"We've disagreed on more things than we agreed upon, but if never affected our personal relationship," commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday.

"George has been a very charming, controversial owner. But look, he did what he set out to do — he restored the New York Yankees franchise."

60th-seeded Baena wins World Match Play title

GLADSTONE, N.J. (AP) — Marisa Baena completed a surprising run from 60th seed to first-time LPGA Tour winner Sunday, holding off South Korean rookie Meena Lee 1-up in the HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship.

A year after successfully finishing giving up tour, Baena became six higher-seeded opponents for the breakthrough victory on Hamilton Farms Highlands Course. The 28-year-old Colombian earned \$500,000 for her first victory in 152 career LPGA Tour events and also received a three-year tour exemption.

"It has been a great week," Baena said. "I have no words in the morning seminars." Baena rallied to beat eighth-seeded Candie Kung 2-up. Baena opened the 64-player tournament July 1 with a fifth-seeded Natalie Gulbis and also beat No. 37 Grace Park, No. 21 Jennifer Rosales and No. 29 Karrie Webb.

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He was the first player to use a metal wood in competition on the PGA Tour in 1981.

Jim Almy had the best closing round, a 6-under 65, and he caught Streck at 14 under on the 15th hole, but it wasn't enough as he finished at 13-under 200, one stroke behind Streck after three trips around the 6,989-yard Red Course at Eisenhower Park.

Streck's win ended the Champions Tour's run of four straight playoffs. He won \$225,000 from the \$1.5 million purse. He started the day 65th on the money list with \$39,243. His best finish this year was a tie for 21st last week at the Bank of America Championship.

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Red Sox dominate all-star selections

NEW YORK (AP) — Kenny Rogers might soon be surrounded by even more cameras, selected Sunday for a new role All-Star game that has 11 first-time starters and four from the World Series champion Boston Red Sox.

Rogers was picked for the AL All-Star team two weeks ago. Texas pitcher was suspended for 20 games and fined \$50,000 for an angry fit that sent a television cameraman to a hospital and prompted a police investigation.

Rogers, who has mostly retired to speak with reporters this year, gets a \$50,000 bonus for making the All-Star team. Because he asked the players' union to appeal the strategy, he will be allowed to participate in the July 12 game at Detroit, baseball spokesman Pat Courtney said. Rogers had not decided whether he will go, according to Rangers spokesman

Rich Rice. Cincinnati Reds first baseman Derek Lee and Baltimore second baseman Brian Roberts, who lead their leagues in batting average, were among 11 players elected to start for the first time, tying the record set in 1976, the commissioner's office said.

Among the perennial All-Stars missing this year because of injuries or substandard seasons are Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, Ken Griffey Jr., Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling. Derek Jeter wasn't picked but could enter in the final AL player through Internet balloting.

Boston became the first team to have four starters since the 1976 Cincinnati Reds had five, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"I think it's great because last year there was nothing but Yankees in the clubhouse," Red Sox

designated hitter David Ortiz said, joking.

The NL champion Cardinals have six All-Stars, more than any other club, and the most for St. Louis since 1959.

Also elected by fans to start for the first time in the AL were Sox catcher Jason Varitek, Yankees first baseman Alex Rodriguez, and Baltimore shortstop Miguel Tejada.

Yankees first baseman Alex Rodriguez will be joined by only two of his Yankees teammates on the AL team, reliever Mariano Rivera and outfielder Gary Sheffield. The Yankees have not had as few as three All-Stars since 1996, but Jeter and Hideki Matsui are joined by Yankees' Torii Hunter, Chicago's Scott Podsednik and Tampa Bay's Carl Crawford on the list for the first time.

Angels outfielder Vladimir Guerrero also was elected to

start the game, which for the third straight year will determine home-field advantage in the World Series.

All three NL outfielders were elected to start for the first time — Philadelphia's Bobby Abreu and the New York Mets' Carlos Beltran and St. Louis' Jim Edmonds, who was Cardinals shortstop David Eckstein.

Plazza was elected to his 11th start, surpassing Johnny Bench and Ivan Rodriguez as the most among catchers. It will be Plazza's 12th trip overall.

Dodgers second baseman Jeff Kent, St. Louis' first baseman Scott Rolen also were chosen to start for the NL.

Houston's Roger Clemens and Philadelphia's Ryan Howard, who spent years squaring off as Yankees-Red Sox rivals, are teammates for only the second time in 1998. Howard was the first of the AL team that won 13-8 at Colorado.

Reds off to worst first-half mark in 71 years

CINCINNATI (AP) — Roger Clemens (7-3) threw seven shutout innings for his first win and got two hits as the Houston Astros sent the sloppy Cincinnati Reds to their worst first-half record in 71 years with a 9-0 victory Sunday.

The Reds are 31-50, their worst record after 81 games since the 1934 Reds were 27-54 on their way to finishing 52-99.

Marlins 3, Mets 0
NEW YORK — Dontrelle Willis became the National League's first 13-game winner, pitching a three-hitter to lead Florida past New York.

Willis (13-3) allowed just two batters after the first inning and three in his next league-leading fourth shutout of the season in his 17th start.

Nationals 5, 42 Innings
Cubs 4, 42 Innings
Chicago — Brian Schneider hit a solo homer in the 12th inning, and Washington overcame Chad Cordero's first blowout in more than two months to complete a three-game sweep of Chicago.

Cardinals 5, Rockies 4
ST. LOUIS — Abraham Nunez

single home the winning run in the ninth inning, and St. Louis drew its first AL first road series win of the year.

Albert Pujols extended his hitting streak to five games, his 13th straight. Scott Rolen had two hits and an RBI for the Cardinals.

Padres 9, Giants 6
SAN DIEGO — Small Greene drew in four runs and Brian Giles had three hits and three RBIs for the San Diego Padres, who toughed up Jason Schmidt in beating San Francisco.

Tim Lincecum (2-4) won for the first time in nine starts.

Pirates 11, Brewers 10
MILWAUKEE — Matt Lawton had four singles and snapped an eight-inning odyssey by scoring on a wild pitch as Pittsburgh rallied from a six-run deficit to beat Milwaukee.

American League
Mariners 2, Rangers 1
SEATTLE — Kenny Rogers lost in his first game since a two-month stint in the minors. Willie Bloomquist singled leading off the eighth inning and scored on a sacrifice bunt, leading the Seattle

Mariners over Rogers and the Texas Rangers 2-1 Sunday.

Yankees 1, Tigers 0
DETROIT — Chen-Ming Wang allowed five hits in seven innings and Gary Sheffield drove in the game's only run, leading New York to its first in 28 tries, three seasons when scoring three runs or fewer.

Wang (5-3) walked one and struck out two. It was the first time the rookie did not allow a run in a start.

Blue Jays 5, Red Sox 2
BOSTON — Roy Halladay pitched eight strong innings for his 12th win, leading Toronto to its eighth win in 11 meetings this season with first-place Boston.

Halleby (12-4) escaped jams in the fifth and sixth to hold the highest-scoring team in the major leagues to one run and five hits. He walked two and struck out six in lowering his

AL-leading ERA to 2.33.

Twins 3, Devil Rays 2
MINNEAPOLIS — Matthew Leidy homered to lead the Twins to their seventh straight win as Minnesota improved to 6-0 against Tampa Bay this season.

Mike Redmond drove the go-ahead run in the seventh inning for Minnesota.

Athletics 7, White Sox 2
OAKLAND, Calif. — Barry Zito pitched eight solid innings, and Oakland sent Mark Buehrle to his first loss in nearly three months.

Indians 9, Orioles 4
BALTIMORE — Ben Broussard homered in a five-run first inning against Stephen Fausen (7-6) and Travis Hafner added a two-run shot in the seventh, as Cleveland took three of four from Baltimore.

Braves 4, Phillies 3
PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Langerhans hit a leadoff triple and Billy Wagner struck out the ninth-inning and scored the breaking on Wilson Betemit's sacrifice fly, sending the Atlanta Braves to a starting victory Sunday night over Philadelphia.

Classic

Continued from D1
Drew Bernhard would not talk on the game's final day in the morning seminars. Baena rallied to beat eighth-seeded Candie Kung 2-up. Baena opened the 64-player tournament July 1 with a fifth-seeded Natalie Gulbis and also beat No. 37 Grace Park, No. 21 Jennifer Rosales and No. 29 Karrie Webb.

"Coming out of this tournament, our key was to get out short game down, which we did," Cowboys head coach Tim Steadmeier said. "We just have to find our consistency."

"Right now, we have 28 conference games and we've only played 10 of them, so we have 18 left in hoping to get our way we can go up and play Rye and Upper Valley and get the job done."

Zedapp-Smith came in to finish the game, striking out two batters and finishing the bottom of the seventh one-two-three. Steadmeier continued his solid play, finishing 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two stolen bases, while Folkings went 2

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Highland racing
 •New England Grand Prix, 8 p.m.
Baseball
 •Orioles at Yankees, ESPN, 11 a.m.
 •Mets of Nationals, ESPN2, 11 a.m.
 •Reds at Giants, ESPN2, 2 p.m.
 •Cubs at Braves, ESPN, TBS, WGN, 5 p.m.
 •Mariners at Royals, FSNP, 6 p.m.
 •Red Sox at Rangers, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Cycling

Tour de France, stage 3, 6 a.m., 6:30 a.m.

BASEBALL

American League

At Fenway Park

Team	W	L	Pct
Boston	41	57	.417
New York	41	57	.417
Chicago	37	61	.379
Minnesota	37	61	.379
Seattle	37	61	.379
Los Angeles	37	61	.379
San Diego	37	61	.379
San Francisco	37	61	.379

At Yankee Stadium

Team	W	L	Pct
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Red Sox	37	61	.379
Blue Jays	37	61	.379
Toronto	37	61	.379
White Sox	37	61	.379
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BASEBALL (cont.)

National League

At Petco Park

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Arizona	37	61	.379
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At PNC Field

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FLORIDA

MAVERICKS & METS

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STEWART FINALLY WINS

Nextel race at Daytona
 DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — After numerous frustrating finishes, Tony Stewart finally won at NASCAR's most famous track.

Stewart dominated the rain-delayed Pepsi 400 on Saturday night, but still needed a dramatic four-wide pass to move to the front, then cutting into a restart with nine laps left to seal his first Nextel Cup victory in 14 starts at Daytona International Speedway.

The only thing that could top this would be winning the Daytona 500 or a race — any race at his beloved Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

But Stewart will settle for this for now, and celebrated by climbing the fence into the flag stands to claim the checkered flag.

"I'm too damn fat to be climbing fences, but I had to do it once," Stewart said. "I finally got me a Daytona trophy."

It was his second consecutive victory and also the 2006 NASCAR series champion will be a contender again this year.

He started from the pole, led a race-record 151 of 160 laps, and moved to third in the standings.

Jamie McMurray finished second and was followed by Kyle Busch Jr., who was far from the dominating driver he has been in recent years.

But the finish was encouraging for Busch, who is still in a long-term slump, but matched his best finish of the year — here in the season-opening Daytona 500.

Rusty Wallace was fourth in his final scheduled start at Daytona, followed by Dale Jarrett and Jimmie Johnson.

GOLF

ISBC Women's World Match Play

At Hamilton Farm Golf Club, Hamilton, Ontario

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PHILLIES OF CHARGED

With assaulting police

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia outfielder Jason Michaels was charged with assaulting a police officer outside a city nightclub.

Michaels, 29, spent nine hours in custody before he was released on his own recognizance at about noon.

Philadelphia police officer and wrestled him to the ground, in the process pulling Michaels out of his uniform shirt, "I took four officers to control him."

Police were dispersing a crowd of fans after a tournament district just before 3 a.m. and everyone moved on willingly except Michaels.

Michaels was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, simple assault and reckless endangerment. He is due to appear in court on Thursday.

Officer Timothy Taylor sustained minor injuries in the incident.

Michaels, a native of Tampa, Fla., is listed at 6 feet and 205 pounds. He has a 297 average over three seasons and 18 RBIs in 158 at bats this season.

MARINERS CUT 3-TIME

All-Star 2B Bret Boone

SEATTLE — Three-time All-Star second baseman Bret Boone was cut by the Seattle Mariners on Sunday after a half-season of struggles at the plate.

The 12-year veteran, who has hit .187 with batting average for assignment, Seattle has 10 days to trade him or put him on waivers.

Boone, 36, is hitting .231 with seven homers and 34 RBIs. He was benched for four games two weeks ago to work on his swing with batting instructor Don Baylor. On his return, he played well during a three-game series in San Diego, but manager Mike Hargrett said recently "he has reverted back to where he was before."

Seattle is responsible for the remainder of his \$8.25 million salary this year.

Shortstop Jose Lopez and outfielder Chris Snelling were recalled from Triple-A Tacoma.

Boone hit .331 in 2001 with 37 home runs and 141 RBIs. He finished third in the MVP vote behind Oakland's Jason Giambi. The runner-up was teammate Ichiro Suzuki.

PATRICK FALLS OFF POLE

pace early; Kanaan wins

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — The pole and the crowd might have belonged to Danica Patrick. The trophy — and the last word — went to Tony Kanaan.

No sport has been cut for the Summer Olympics since polo in 1936, and many IOC members believe there is no reason to make any changes now.

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Ferrie wins European

Open by two strokes

STRAFFAN, Ireland — Kenneth Ferrie shot a 2-under 70 Sunday for a two-stroke victory in the European Open golf tournament.

Ferrie, 35, shot a 65 on Sunday to finish at 138, one stroke ahead of runner-up Ian Woosnam, who shot a 70 on Sunday.

Ferrie's winning score of 138 is the lowest in the tournament's history.

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Auto racing

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Stewart dominated the race, leading 151 of 160 laps and finishing first.

Other drivers in the top 10 include Kyle Busch Jr., Jamie McMurray, and Rusty Wallace.

The race was held at night and was a record-breaking event.

Baseball

Atlanta Braves

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The Braves defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 4-1.

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Baseball

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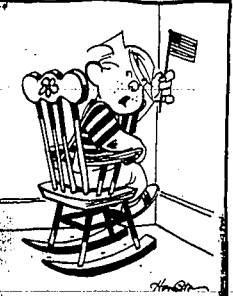
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