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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

NASA space probe slams into speeding comet

The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — A space probe hit its comet target late Sunday in a NASA-directed, Hollywood-style mission that scientists hope will reveal clues to how the solar system formed.

It was the first time a spacecraft had ever touched the surface of a comet, igniting brief Independence Day weekend fireworks in space.

The successful strike, 83 million miles away from Earth, occurred at 11:52 p.m. MDT, according to a mission center at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Scientists on

Right, the Tempel 1 comet is shown after the probe from the Deep Impact spacecraft collided with the comet early Monday.



the mission — called Deep Impact, like the movie — erupted in applause and exchanged hugs.

A lot of people said we couldn't do this or wouldn't be able to pull it off," project manager Rick Grammier said later at a pre-dawn Monday press conference. "It happened like

clockwork and I think that's something to be proud of on America's birthday."

A cloud of debris was hurled into space by the collision. When the dust settles, scientists hope to peek inside the comet's frozen core — a composite of ice and rock left over from the early solar system.

Below left, Rick Grammier, project manager, left, Gentry Lee, chief engineer, center, Principal Investigator, Dr. Mike A'Hearn, back, and Dave Spencer watch images come in before the collision of NASA's Deep Impact spacecraft with the comet Tempel 1 Sunday night in Mission Control at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Canada Flintridge, Calif.

On the Internet

Deep Impact mission:
<http://www.nasa.gov/deepimpact>

Remains found in Montana

Searchers looking for missing boy find body; officials send remains for DNA analysis

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — Seven weeks to the day after Shasta and Dylan Greene were reported missing, Shasta was seen cuddling in the arms of her father, while authorities said Monday they had found human remains that might be her missing 8-year-old brother.

Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson said "possible" human remains had been found at a site in western Montana, and had been collected and would be sent to the FBI crime lab in Virginia for DNA analysis. That is expected to take three days.

Watson declined to answer questions, but the fact that he called a press conference, the

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City revives talks about monument

Court ruling gives hope to backers of Ten Commandments

By Terry Smith
Times-News correspondent

ROBERT — A U.S. Supreme Court decision that in some cases allows displaying the Ten Commandments on government property could resurrect an initiative to place such a monument in front of the Mindoka County Courthouse.

"We haven't had a meeting yet, but we'll probably bring it up," said Don Murray, a Robert American Legion official.

Murray led an American Legion campaign two years ago to place a Ten Commandments monument on the front lawn of the courthouse.

He now favors renewing the plan in light of the Supreme Court findings.

"The initiative is renewed it could face a legal challenge from the American Civil Liberties Union."

The Supreme Court ruled on Monday that displaying the Ten Commandments on government property is constitutionally permissible in some cases, but not in others.

In two separate decisions the high court ruled against Ten Commandment displays at two Kentucky courthouses but voted to allow a display at the Texas capitol, where there are 17 monuments of various types.

The court held that exhibits cannot allow government promotion of religion, but said that displays must be scrutinized case by case.

Murray said he's optimistic about the court findings. "I think it's about time. I think it's the right thing," he said.

"I just hope that preacher from Kansas doesn't get involved again."

Murray was referring to Pastor Fred Phelps of the Please see MOMENTS, Page A2

NIGHT ABLOOM



An American flag on Blue Lakes Boulevard aways in the breeze as Fourth of July fireworks cascade above the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Canada's most infamous female inmate released

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Canada's most notorious female inmate was secretly spirited from prison on Monday after serving 12 years for the rapes, torture and murders of three teenage girls, including her younger sister.

Karla Homolka, 35, received the relatively light sentence in return for her testimony against her ex-husband Paul Bernardo. Homolka told the court and psychiatrists she was a battered wife who took part in the rapes

and murders to protect herself and her family.

Months after prosecutors made the deal, however, Bernardo's attorneys handed over homemade videotapes of the couple that indicated Homolka was a willing participant.

"I don't want to be hunted down," Homolka told RDI, the CBC's French language news network, after her release. "I don't want people to think I am dangerous and I'm going to do something to their children."

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A salesman watched an interview with Karla Homolka on television station RDI on Monday in Montreal.

Boomers should take stock of health

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush turns 59 on Wednesday — and with just one year left before officially becoming a senior citizen, it's one of those birthdays that marks a good time to take stock of your health.

People Bush's age can expect to live another 22 years, or so. The goal isn't just to get all those years but to make them quality ones, and live independently as long as possible.

That's important both for individuals and for society as next year the first of the 70 million baby boomers begin turning 60.

"People become a little bit more conscious of their health as they move into their 60s, because they begin to notice limitations in their ability to do things they've always done," says Dr. L. Edward Hill, president of the American Medical Association.

This is the period when joints often start to stiffen, and it can take a little longer to dredge up memories from a brain overloaded with experiences. Simply getting older increases risk of illness: 30 percent of people 65 and over have three or more chronic diseases. But age doesn't dictate health, especially if you took care in earlier decades.

The president approaches this milestone with an advantage: Despite some extra pounds and mild artery stiffness found at his checkup last winter, he's very fit, with a love of exercise that doctors wish his fellow graying boomers would emulate.

He also gets better health care than lots of Americans, and has 10 physicians at his annual physical.

Most of us don't need 10 docs hovering at once. But there are some basic steps for everyone entering their senior years.

First, keep physically active — whether you're approaching 60 or 90. It's doctors' top advice because exercise affects so many of aging's consequences: It improves heart and lung function, slows arthritis, fights weight gain that can spur cancer, improves balance — falls are a major cause of seniors' disability — and helps keep bones strong and the brain sharp.

No grandmothers don't have to start jogging. Gardening or dancing counts; so does a daily walk. The more you can do, the better. Please see BOOMERS, Page A2



TWIN FALLS WEATHER

Today: Sunny skies and warm. Highs up to 80s.
Tonight: Fair skies. Lows up to 50s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and very warm. Highs near 90.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 89, Low 58).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Humid and sunny. Highs near 90.
Tonight: Bright fair skies. Lows in the 50s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and very warm. Highs near 90.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
High pressure will block any high pressure
temperatures with little or no significant rain chances.

Weather forecast for Boise and Northern Utah. Includes icons for sun, clouds, and rain. Text: 'Sunny and quite warm through the next several days with high pressure will build over Idaho and surrounding states.'

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for July 8, 14, 21, 28. Includes icons for moon phases.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Lists times for various cities.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: U.V. Index, Description. Shows index levels from Low to High.

POLLIN COAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Pollen Count. Lists pollen counts for various cities.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for Boise, Burley, etc.

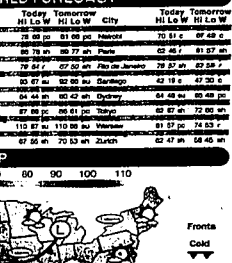
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for Chicago, Denver, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for London, Tokyo, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG HENNINGSON'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The ability to read a headline and get the outline of the story is a skill that is essential for a good journalist. It's not just about getting the facts, it's about understanding the context and the implications of the story.'

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for Toronto, Vancouver, etc.

U.S. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: U.S. Index, Description. Shows index levels for various U.S. cities.

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Groene

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Following the Groene story were followed the Groene story indicated officials believe the remains were related.

older brother and mother's boyfriend were found at their rural home near here. Shasta was spotted by alert employees and customer early Saturday morning eating breakfast with a man at a Denny's restaurant in Coeur d'Alene.

Monument

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Tupeta, Kuy-Westboro Baptist Church, which at the time was pursuing placement of anti-homosexual monuments at public buildings in the West.

the service of their country." Many Durand, legislative counsel for ACLU of Idaho, agrees the Supreme Court findings are confusing, but said the organization would likely oppose placement of new Ten Commandment monuments on government property in Idaho.

Studies bolster evidence linking TV to poor academic performance

CHICAGO — Too much TV-watching can harm children's ability to learn and even reduce their chances of getting a college degree, three new studies suggest in the latest effort to examine the effects of television on kids. Critics faulted the research for not adequately considering the content of the TV viewing, but experts said it bolsters advice that children shouldn't have TVs in their rooms.

Boomers

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"We need to start thinking of exercise as a daily routine just like brushing your teeth and combing your hair," says the American Geriatrics Society's Dr. Sharon Brangman, geriatrics chief at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University.

On the Internet

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notice declining health early, call your doctor as if specialists prescribe duling drugs. Then there's diet. Cutting fat and eating more fruits and vegetables can counter aging-slowed metabolism that may be shedding pounds harder, says Brangman. Plus, roughage prevents constipation, another hazard of needed. Serve for foods high in brain- and heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, such as fish. Ask your doctor if you need a vitamin D supplement for bone health.

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The legion then wanted to purchase a small plot of courthouse ground for placement of the monument. Their request was immediately followed by a similar request from the Westboro Baptist Church.

"I don't have to be religious to be a patriot," Durand said. "If I don't have to be religious to be a patriot, then there could be some litigation," Durand said. "If the purpose is to promote religion, that's something we would oppose."

Homolka

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Speaking in slightly accented French, Homolka said in the interview, that "often I cry." "I'm unable to forgive myself. I think of what I've done and then often I think I don't deserve to be happy because of this," said Homolka, who appeared drawn and tired.

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year to 10 years, depending on which test is used. Among government-recommended screenings:
—Blood pressure, at least every two years, more often if it's high.
—Cholesterol, at least every 5 years.
—Diabetes, if you have such risk factors as high blood pressure or cholesterol, a diabetic relative, are overweight, or are black, Hispanic, American Indian or of Asian descent.

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Finally, get a durable power of attorney. Advance directives specify what you want if you're unable to "live" will, to help ensure your health care wishes are followed should you become too ill to communicate them, Hill stresses.

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NATION

Hospital releases shark victim

On the Net

Pediatrics: <http://www.pediatrics.org>
 Task Force: <http://www.preventionresources.org/>

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — An Austrian teenager who was bitten by a shark off the coast of Boca Grande last week has been released from the hospital. Armin Grojer, 19, of Baden, Austria, was released Sunday, said Alex Reichert, an administrative supervisor at Lee Memorial Hospital. Grojer was bitten on his right ankle as he stood in chest-deep water in the Gulf of Mexico on Friday. He was airlifted to the hospital, where he underwent surgery to repair damaged ligaments, tendons and blood vessels. The attack came days after two other shark attacks, some 80 miles apart in the Florida Panhandle. On June 25, 14-year-old Jamie Marie Dagle of Gonzales, La., was mutilated and killed by a bull shark near Destin. Two days later, 16-year-old Craig Adam Huoto of Lebanon, Tenn., had to have his leg amputated after he was bitten off Cape San Blas.

Church passes resolution in favor of gay marriage

ATLANTA (AP) — The United Church of Christ's rule-making body voted overwhelmingly Monday to approve a resolution endorsing same-sex marriage, making it the largest Christian denomination to do so. The vote is not binding on individual churches, but could cause some congregations to leave the fold. Roughly 80 percent of the representatives on the church's 884-member General Synod voted to approve the resolution Monday, a day after a smaller committee recommended it. The Rev. John H. Thomas, president of the United Church of Christ, said with the vote on Independence Day, the rule-making body "acted courageously to declare freedom." The resolution calls on member churches of the liberal denomination of 1.3 million to consider wedding policies "that do not discriminate against couples based on gender."

It also asks churches to consider supporting legislation granting equal marriage rights to gay and lesbian couples and to work against laws banning gay marriage. A small group of conservative congregations had proposed an alternative resolution defining marriage as between a man and a woman, and suggested that supporting gay marriage could lead to the church's collapse.

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TRIBUTE
Nelson recalled as father of Earth Day

Gaylord Nelson, a former governor and U.S. senator from Wisconsin and the founder of Earth Day, died Sunday at his home in Kensington, Md. He was 89.



Nelson was recognized as one of the world's foremost environmental leaders.

Early days — Grew up in Clear Lake, Wis.; learned to love outdoors "by osmosis."
Career — 1948, Wisconsin state senator; 1956, elected governor; 1962, U.S. Senate.
Achievements — As U.S. senator championed conservation policies, including legislation to preserve the Appalachian Trail and create a national hiking system; started Earth Day as an environmental demonstration; first Earth Day, April 22, 1970, attracted an estimated 20 million people.

Awards — Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1995 for environmental efforts.

National cemetery expands for first time in a decade

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — For the first time in a decade, expansion is coming to the pre-eminent military burial ground in the United States. It means a major upheaval. Arlington National Cemetery is adding 26,000 graves to the roughly 215,000 already in place on the sweeping lawns across the Potomac River from the nation's capital. An additional 77,000 cremated remains are in columbariums. The work is necessary to accommodate the large number of veterans from World War II. Arlington holds about 6,400 funerals a year.

Pet of the Week



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Earth Day founder Nelson dies at 89

MILWAUKEE (AP) — During the Vietnam War, Gaylord Nelson looked at the anti-war teach-ins and got an idea: Why not try the same thing for the environment? The result was Earth Day, and with it the start of the modern environmental movement. Nelson, the longtime Democratic senator and former governor best known for founding Earth Day 35 years ago, died Sunday at his home in the Washington suburb of Kensington, Md., said Bill Christofferson, his biographer and family spokesman. He was 89. A conservationist years before wens fashionable, Nelson was recognized as one of the world's foremost environmental leaders. In the Senate, Nelson had a reputation for cocktail party stunts, like ripping up a Milwaukee phone book (there was a trick to it) or doing one-arm push-ups. "He was just an incredible person: humble, funny, proud of his roots in Clear Lake, Wisconsin, and never changed by the power and pomp of the offices that he held," Gov. Jim Doyle said in a statement Sunday.

Panel says don't rely on body mass index

Height-weight ratio doesn't always tell the whole story

CHICAGO (AP) — A respected medical panel is urging pediatricians not to focus only on height and weight in determining whether a child is too fat. Leading groups of family doctors and pediatricians endorse routine screening using the height-weight ratio of the body-mass index. But there's no evidence that all children with high BMIs need to lose weight to be healthy — and there's no evidence that pediatricians' weight counseling results in weight loss and better health, according to a report from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a non-governmental panel of researchers.

The report comes amid growing concern over how to stem the nation's rising obesity. Some 15 percent of U.S. schoolchildren are estimated to be obese, and 30 percent are believed to be overweight.

BMI can be fairly effective at identifying children who likely have weight problems, said task force member Dr. Virginia Moyer. But it can't determine if body mass is mostly fat or lean tissue, and not all children with high BMIs need to lose weight, said Moyer, a pediatrics professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston.

She recommended doctors investigate rapid increases in weight that are not accompanied by increases in height. "The weak link is we don't know what to do about it," she said in a telephone interview.

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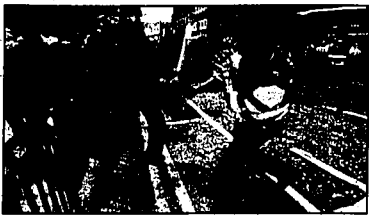
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WORLD



A masked protester clashes with a police officer during the 'carnival for full enjoyment' demonstration Monday in Edinburgh ahead of the forthcoming G8 summit.

Anti-G8 protest ranges from angry to bizarre

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Some pelted police with earth from flower beds. Others kissed officers' riot shields, leaving lipstick marks. A man serenaded protesters with a bagpipe.

Anger, humor and the bizarre coexisted through Monday's demonstrations by hundreds of black-clad anarchists and other protesters in Scotland's capital, as they sought to keep the pressure on world leaders ahead of the summit of G-8 industrialized nations.

Police wearing shields or on horseback locked down entire streets in Edinburgh. Authorities

advised businesses to close, describing the protesters' behavior as threatening.

Groups of up to 200 demonstrators, some dressed as clowns, roamed — Edinburgh, banging drums, blowing whistles and taunting officers. A protester dressed in a rabbit outfit waved a carrot at police horses. Police said they had arrested nearly 30 protesters.

The protests were aimed at Wednesday's meeting of the Group of Eight industrialized nations at the nearby Gleneagles Hotel, where world leaders will discuss African poverty and ways to deal with global warming.

U.S. official denies claim by Afghan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An Afghan provincial governor claimed Monday that a second member of a missing elite U.S. military team had been located near the Pakistan border, but a U.S. official in Washington said that was not true.

The comments came a day after the announcement that one of the American servicemen who disappeared last week had been rescued.

Kumar Gov. Asadullah Wafa also said a U.S. airstrike last week in the region killed 17 civilians. The American military confirmed civilians died but said the attack was targeting a known terrorist compound.

Citing Afghan intelligence sources, Wafa said the second U.S. service member was believed to be wounded and had taken shelter in a house in a remote part of the region.

"He is in a civilian's house. He is injured," he said. "Afghan soldiers and officers are trying to reach the area to rescue him."

U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Jerry O'Hara declined to comment on the governor's comments, except to say "we hold every hope for those who are still missing."

He said American forces were still in the area searching for the missing men.

Brothers held in Aruba released

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — A judge in Aruba on Monday ordered the immediate release of two Surinamese brothers held for nearly a month in the disappearance of an Alabama teenager.

A third detainee, the 17-year-old son of a top justice official in Aruba, was ordered held for 60 more days, court officials announced.

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Sharon may be in danger, says Israeli president

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's president warned Monday that Jewish extremists opposed to this summer's pullout from Gaza and part of the West Bank could assassinate Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

President Moshe Katsav issued the warning as settler leaders tried to rein in extremists by issuing a code of conduct for opposing the pullout, and a court extended the detention of Jewish youth filmed in Gaza snoring a Palestinian who was already unconscious.

As the mid-August start date for the evacuation nears, opponents — many driven by religious beliefs — are readying more extreme measures to try to stop the pullouts, most of them Orthodox Jewish teenagers, have blocked main highways several times. Police say they foiled plots to sabotage water and electricity supplies.

An extremist Israeli opponent of concessions to the Palestinians assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995, and Katsav told Army Radio it could happen again.

Italy denies it was informed of kidnapping

ROME (AP) — The Italian government denied new media reports Monday that it was informed before the alleged CIA kidnapping of a radical Egyptian cleric in 2003.

Rome newspaper La Repubblica quoted the former head of the CIA's Osama bin Laden unit, Michael Scheuer, as saying the CIA received authorization from Italy's secret service, SISMI, before the operation.

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EDITORIAL

New office plan means a smoother T.F. city hall

As Twin Falls becomes a bigger city, the city hall is probably going to see the same growing pains.

City officials already sense frustration among members of the building community, who have to apply for various permits and forms from building, engineering and planning departments. When seeking information from one city department, permit applicant must go to other offices to ask other questions and gather other material.

Much of that confusion and inconvenience could be erased with a consolidated process in the city offices. That's the idea of City Manager Tom Courtney's proposal to create one-stop shopping in city offices for the building community. Council members approved the plan to hire an architectural firm and plan for new consolidation of offices. The plan makes good sense, considering the puzzling configuration of services right now. Currently, the building department is in the fire department next

door to city hall, and the engineering department is separated on two floors in city hall.

"I think we need to organize the workspace so that it allows us to be more responsive," Courtney said.

Streamlining those offices could be more convenient for city hall workers as well. City officials want to preserve the open-door atmosphere between city government and its residents. But sometimes the interruptions bog down the work they do. Consolidating the offices could expedite the application process and answer questions and concerns in a more timely fashion.

Our view: A proposal to consolidate Twin Falls' building and development services is a step in the right direction for future construction.

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

Shelling out \$9,000 for an architectural study, and paying for additional renovations, would be a small investment to make for the city. In return, local officials would send a welcoming message to builders and developers that they're careful and managed growth is a vital part of a thriving city. One-stop shopping for these services is common in other cities. It's definitely a good move for a bustling town like Twin Falls.



Pass an amendment to protect private property

BILL FERGUSON

This is the time of year when the Supreme Court tends to get busy and hand down its biggest decisions. Not coincidentally, it's also the time of year when a lot of people get really upset with the Supreme Court.

I can't recall any decision from our highest court generating as much outrage as their ruling that week on the subject of eminent domain. I wasn't born yet when they outlawed organized prayer in schools and I wasn't old enough to comprehend such things when they legalized abortion, but I can only imagine that public reaction in those cases was comparable to what we're seeing now.

One thing is for sure — people are upset, and well they should be. Plain and simple, the eminent domain ruling means that your local government has the right to take your property on behalf of other private parties, that is, to use it in a manner that would generate more tax revenue than what it is currently being used for.

I'm not going to waste your time by pointing out why this decision is wrong-headed and dangerous. Anyone with a whiff of common sense can see this as the unmitigated disaster for private property rights that it obviously is.

Our judiciary has gone derelict in its duty to protect some of our most basic constitutional rights. What I want to

know is how our legislative branch, the body that is supposed to provide check and balance to this off-kilter judiciary, is going to respond to this outrageous decision.

So far the response in congress has been underwhelming. Bills have been introduced in the House and Senate encouraging states to pass laws protecting private property rights, but these laws would amount to mere window dressing. They would do nothing to impede state and local governments from re-actively defining the meaning of "public use" to fit their own agendas.

I think such an amendment would clarify things nicely and make all of us sleep a little better at night. If anyone has a better solution, now is the time to offer it. Something needs to be done, because I believe the repercussions from this decision could be tragic.

This is an intrusion on one of our most basic freedoms and some people are going to resist this decision, likely with force in some cases. What happens when some American refuses to vacate his home when the government tries to seize his property to make way for a gas station or an used car lot? Do the police haul him off to jail, or shoot him?

Here's a suggestion on how such an amendment might read:

"No government agency within the United States shall have the authority to condemn, seize or otherwise interfere with the ownership of property by citizens unless said property is required for the construction of public roads, schools, fire

and police departments, or other facilities that benefit the general public. The involuntary seizure of private property by any government agency for the purpose of private development, even when said development would increase tax revenue or otherwise increase the perceived value of the property shall not be construed as a valid 'public use' as defined in Article V of this document and is hereby prohibited."

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LETTER

Sawtooth National Forest champions access

Congratulations in order to the Sawtooth National Forest for the new policy announced on June 9 that a "trailhead pass" will no longer be required at any of the trailheads on the Ketchum Ranger District and Sawtooth National Recreation Area. There will no longer be "hiking fees" required in dispersed backcountry areas of your national forest. Common sense has prevailed. This clears the decks of a contentious issue that was unnecessarily on the public's plate the last seven or eight summers.

One might ask the question that since fee-demo started as a "trial program" in 1996, why did it last nine long years? I am not sure at this juncture. The convoluted answer lies in Washington, D.C. After three years, Congress kept authorizing the program with extensions. The fee program was set to expire in 2005. In the fall of 2004, Rep. Ralph Regula, Ohio, the only national forest land in his district) inserted a stealth midnight rider onto the omnibus spending bill extending the fee for one more year. Any rider on a bill ought to be banned — period! This act is called the Federal Lands Recreation Access Act and it is with us as law today. Fines for non-compliance can be up to \$5,000 and/or six months in jail. My view is that Congress should repeal it.

Make no mistake, this whole business has not disappeared. The Forest Service at the national level, using a newly invented and legally questionable concept, will continue to begin and end the fee program for a wide range of products, goods and services in places they deem to be "high impact recreation areas." Best stay alert.

The crux is this: It is the ethical, moral and financial responsibility of Congress to step up to the plate and adequately fund outdoor recreation management. Heretofore, the Congress has been treating the public lands like a forgotten stepchild. Nothing will change without big pressure exerted by the citizens on Congress to re-ignite the importance of public lands. Remember, the only thing that gets results in these hard times is "big pressure, endlessly applied." Only you can apply that pressure.

Locally, our Sawtooth National Forest officials have been absolutely the right thing here and deserve a loud round of applause. Call up your local ranger or the forest supervisor and say "thank you" to fit their common sense policy decision.

SCOTT PHILLIPS
Hill (Editor's note: Scott Phillips is a retired Forest Service professional in outdoor recreation management.)

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LETTER

Know the facts about mental health issues

The mental health community responds to Tom Cruise's 'Psycho' Show interview.

"While we respect the right of individuals to express their own points of view, they are not entitled to their own facts." Mental illnesses are medical conditions that affect millions of Americans. Over the past five years, the nation has more than doubled its investment in the study of the human brain and behavior, leading to a vastly expanded understanding of post-partum depression, bipolar disorder and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Much of this research has been conducted by the National Institutes of Health and the nation's leading academic institutions. Safe and effective treatments are available and may include talk therapy, medication or a combination of the two. Rigorous, published, peer-reviewed research clearly demonstrates that treatment

works. Medications can be an important and even life-saving part of a comprehensive and individualized treatment plan. As in other areas of medicine, medications are a safe and effective way to improve the quality of life for millions of Americans who have mental health concerns.

Mental health is a critical ingredient of overall health. It is unfortunate that in the face of this remarkable scientific and clinical progress that a small number of individuals and groups persist in questioning its legitimacy. Mental illnesses are highly treatable and seeking help is a sign of strength.

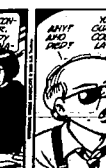
It is irresponsible for Mr. Cruise to use his movie publicity tour to promote his own ideological views and deter people with mental illness from getting the care they need.

LEE WOODLAND
Albion
(Editor's note: Lee Woodland is the executive director of the National Association for the Mentally III of Idaho.)

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LETTER

Protect the people's government here at home
 All of us who served in the military forces or government agencies pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic

for which it stands, one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. If we call ourselves a republic, why are we continually trying to influence all other nations to become a democracy? If you study history, it seems that a democracy works well for a while but

then, after a period of time, becomes a socialistic, democratic state and, from there, it becomes, in some cases, a communist philosophy and, finally, a form of dictatorship. What the American people want, in my opinion, is a government of the

people, for the people and by the people. A government elected by certified voters with laws and regulations that represent the will of the people. These laws and regulations should also be made and administered by the government closest to the area involved. Less

government is better government. Someone from Wyoming, California or the city of Washington, D.C. should not be making laws regarding Idaho. That is taxation without representation. **JACK STREETER**
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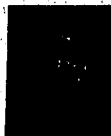
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Judge Robinson

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Public comments may be given to the commission by obtaining an evaluation form from Haven Edwards, clerk of the district court, 824 Main St. in Gooding, or Linda Wright, trial court administrator, Theron Ward Judicial Building, 4227 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls, or by calling 736-4088.

All evaluations, which are confidential, must be signed and mailed back to Wright by July 22.

According to state law, all magistrates must satisfactorily complete an 18-month probationary period.

The Magistrate Commission must conduct at least one appraisal of the magistrate judge's performance during this probationary period.

Murtaugh will meet about drinking water

MURTAUGH—The city of Murtaugh will have a follow-up review on its Drinking Water Protection Plan at its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. July 13 at the Murtaugh City Hall, 106 Fourth St.

The plan is an effort to protect local drinking water resources from potential contamination to city and county residents.

John Bokor of the Department of Environmental Quality and Jim Eberington of Granite Sciences, will be present to further explain the importance of the plan.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Buttons for folk festival go on sale

HAYLEY—Booster buttons for the 28th annual Northern Rockies Folk Festival are now on sale.

The festival will be Aug. 5 and 6 in Hayley City Park. The buttons cost \$18 in advance and \$20 at the gate, and they are good for both days. Kids under 12 and seniors over 65 get in free.

Buttons are available at Iconic Bookstore in Ketchum and Halley, Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum and Big Bad Bills in Halley.

T.F. Public Library seeks new board member

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Public Library board is seeking members to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of board member Ed Szanto.

The City Council will appoint a new board member to complete this term of office through Dec. 31, 2008.

Interested candidates who reside within the Twin Falls City limits can call Interim Library Director Susan Ash at 733-2964, ext. 118.

Formal letters of application can be delivered to the library at 201 Fourth Ave. E. through July 8.

Group offers camp for kids with cancer

BOISE—The American Cancer Society offers a free week-long summer camp to children who have been diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives, according to a news release from the organization.

Campers will enjoy a week-long escape from the rigors of their illness at Cathedral Pines, north of Ketchum, the week of Aug. 7.

The American Cancer Society's Camp Rainbow Gold is a unique camping experience for Idaho children ages 6 to 18 who have been, or have been, diagnosed with cancer, providing wonder-filled camping experiences free of charge to approximately 75 kids every August for 21 years, the news release said.

For more information, call Meg Omel, camp manager, at (208) 943-6069, or e-mail her at McOmel@cancer.org.

For more information on the American Cancer Society, see the Web site at www.cancer.org.

—compiled from staff reports

RAW PERFECTION



Photos by AMBER BURT/The Times-News

Joachim Jude Houpt prepares a meal at Sushl Ya in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls sushi chef makes edible art

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Joachim Jude Houpt lays pieces of cucumber and crab across a sheet of seaweed covered in rice.

Houpt, one of two sushi chefs at Sushl Ya, rolls the food and presses it together with a bamboo mat, which looks like a place mat to the untrained eye. He slices the roll in half, then folds the two parts back together and slices them to produce four pairs of sushi rolls. It's one variation of many in the branch of Japanese cuisine.

When the lunch orders slowed down, he took out a carrot and started to slice around it in a circle to make a thin sheet of vegetable.

"This is a cut my father-in-law taught me," he said.

Houpt uses the same knife most of the time because he knows the feel of it. He also works with his bare hands so he can feel the fish and how much water is in the rice.

After several minutes of work, he put together three sheets of carrot and made roughly toothpick-shaped pieces.

"I'm not happy with this," he said. "It's not thin enough."

Presentation is a big part of making sushi.

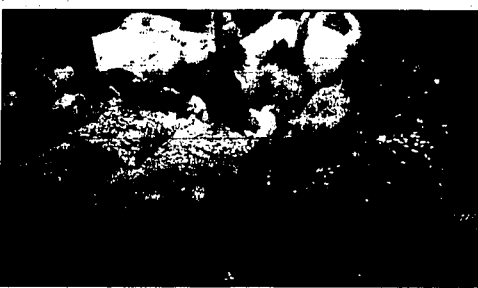
"If it looks good, it tastes better," he said.

For him, the best part of his job is giving people what they want and "hearing that quiet when the plate hits the table."

Houpt was born in San Francisco and grew up in West Oakland. He joined the Army at age 17 in 1987 and was sent to Fort Benning in Georgia. He did jump school with the 101st Airborne Division and was stationed in Friedberg, Germany, protecting the Fulda Gap.

Eventually, he got sick of Army life. He fell off a building, strained his back and one leg and suffered a concussion that put him in a coma for four days. When he woke up, he wanted out. Part of the deal for his leaving was training three squads of soldiers on the eve of Operation Desert Storm.

He finished in January 1992 and returned to the Bay Area. In the first week, he got a tattoo, a skateboard, a leather jacket,



This sushi dish features several menu items including the Godzills, New York Shrimp, Spicy Cucumber and 48er's maki rolls.

a Swiss Army knife and a "whole lot of beer," he said.

He started studying culinary arts at Laney College and worked at an Italian restaurant in the evenings. Later, he went into catering when he discovered he could earn more money and learn more.

When he had almost finished culinary school, he met his now ex-wife. The two had a son named Jude and Houpt found himself immersed in life with his Japanese wife and in-laws.

He started to learn Japanese and his father-in-law taught him to make sushi while they prepared to open a restaurant in San Francisco. He learned what he could on the job with the old restaurant's owners for about two weeks. Then he had a month to practice while they renovated the building.

The restaurant, The Country Station, Sushl Cafe—was across the street from a market, so he was able to buy whatever he needed.

One of the things he learned was that he has big hands, so at first he had to adjust the size of the rice balls he made for nigiri sushi, the slices of raw fish that sit on top of

rice. That made him lose time, but he got better with practice and worked there about three years. After his divorce, he left Oakland.

Houpt had never been to Idaho, but he had friends in Burley. So he went there about two years ago. After stints at a couple of restaurants including Price's Cafe and Chadwick's Grille in Burley and Johnny Carino's in Twin Falls, he found his way to Sushl Ya.

Betsy Bai, one of the owners of the restaurant, said it's tough to find sushi chefs here because it's a small town.

"We're lucky to find him," she said.

Outside of work, Houpt is engaged and occasionally plays the drums in local bands.

He said living in Twin Falls is a lot nicer than Oakland.

"I haven't heard a gunshot in anger. I had to get used to quiet again," he said. "Dry socks is all I have to worry about."

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Jerome will extend hours at pet shelter

City aims to improve adoption rates by hiring new part-time employee

By Dible Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

GEROME—In an effort to increase adoptions of homeless dogs, the city of Jerome has hired Tom Carlson to work 16 hours a week to keep the Jerome Animal Shelter open longer.

Carlson's employment now allows the shelter to be open from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Prior to Carlson's hiring in May, visiting the shelter had to be done by appointment.

"This gives people who work a chance to come by the shelter after work or on weekends," Carlson said.

The shelter has 14 cages, but has housed up to 18 animals at one time.

"When that happens we have to double the cages. We put buddies together, litter mates or puppies together or small dogs together in one cage. We try to avoid putting big dogs that do not know one another together in the same cage," Carlson said.

About a dozen dogs are impounded at the Jerome Animal Shelter today. Since the beginning of the year 250 have spent time in the shelter. Of that 250, between 60 and 70 have been adopted out to new homes, 18 have been euthanized and the rest have been returned to their owners.

Animal Control Officer Gordon Leininger said the euthanized animals had either been hit by cars, were vicious or were sick and had to be destroyed.

"We want to return the animal to the owners or if their owners cannot be found, to adopt them out," Carlson said.

"We only euthanize the sick or vicious dogs," Carlson said.

Carlson cleans cages, feeds and waters the animals, and works with the dogs on leash training in the shelter. A neutered male pit bull, about a year and a half old, arrived at the shelter about three weeks ago.

"He's a very strong dog, and although not mean, was a little headstrong and unruly when it first came in," Carlson said.

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Interested in adopting?

Anyone interested in adopting a dog from the Jerome Animal Shelter can view the city Web site at www.jeromeidaho.net to view some of the animals. Click on "departments" followed by "animal shelter," then click "adopt a pet."

Cosmic fireworks spark interest

By Morgan Ford
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—About 75 visitors to the College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences kicked off their July 4 fireworks viewing a little early Sunday evening.

They witnessed a NASA probe collide with the Tempel 1 comet, a body half the size of Manhattan, about 65 million miles from Earth. The event marked the first time any spacecraft has ever scratched the surface of a comet and could help scientists learn how the solar system was created.

The doom to the Herrett observatory opened promptly at 9:03 p.m.

People dressed in space suits and hats, some holding up cameras, were seen throughout the event.

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The floats and marchers and

NASA space probe slams into speeding comet.

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10 p.m., flooding visitors in an eerie red glow that would help them maintain their night vision. Chris Anderson, the observatory's coordinator, led visitors to the observation deck.

There, the visitors could peer through various telescopes and also watch live coverage from NASA's control room on a number of monitors.

Volunteer Ken Thomason assisted both ardent children and adults.

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Community will hear Wal-Mart appeal rebuttal

By Garrett Hyton
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The next step in Wal-Mart's attempt to open its store in Twin Falls will play out today in City Council chambers.

During a 6 p.m. public hearing, Gary Slette will request to appeal the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission's decision to uphold the sign restrictions in the North Haven FUD Agreement on the behalf of the Billar family.

Bill Haines, co-chairman of the Concerned Citizens League of Twin Falls, group that has been Wal-Mart's strongest opposition, predicted there would be between 60 and 80

people in attendance at the meeting.

"We are showing up in mass to show our support for the planning and zoning commission's decision," Haines said.

During the hearing, several members of the group are expected to speak against any special concessions that would allow for Wal-Mart to move ahead with its plans to build a store in Twin Falls.

"We have a vibrant economy in Twin Falls," Haines said. "Historically, traditionally, wherever Wal-Mart goes in, local businesses suffer."

The enforcing of the sign restrictions has so far kept Wal-Mart from locating to Twin Falls. The company submitted plans in April to build the store in the park at the southwest corner of Washington Street North and Pole Line Road.

If the sign issue was overturned, the door would be open for the retail store juggernaut to move in.

Aside from the public hearing, the advisory board will deliver reports and Dave Woodhead, Dexter Ball and Curtis Eaton will be up for reappointment to the Urban Renewal Agency and the Industrial Development Commission.

The meeting starts at 5 p.m. Tuesday at 305 Third Ave. E. and is open to the public.

Floats, antique cars highlight Sagebrush Days celebration in Buhl

By Megan Hinds Myers
Times-News writer

BUHL—If you thought this year's Sagebrush Days celebration was big, just wait until the centennial celebration next year.

"This was the sentiment at Buhl's annual summer celebration on Monday.

Floats and antique cars in this year's parade — not to mention the other activities spread out over the entire weekend — are just a fraction of the fun that next year promises, said Buhl's mayor, Barbara Gletzen.

"But this year's parade was pretty spectacular," Gletzen said. The mayor and her husband, Bob, had premier seats at the festivities on Monday, re-

ing in lawn chairs right at the intersection of Main Street and Broadway Avenue.

"This is the place to be on the Fourth of July," Gletzen said. While many Magic Valley towns hold Independence Day celebrations, Sagebrush Days draws in folks from all over," Gletzen said. Families from Shoshone, Wendell, Gooding and Twin Falls made up the

crowd lining Buhl's streets.

"We get a lot of people from Twin," Gletzen said.

The parade had 150 entries this year, slightly more than last year. That meant the celebration stretched out longer than in hours.

"People were lining up at 6:30 this morning to get a good spot along the route," Gletzen said. Jan Hodge of Gooding

danced a sun visor and won her husband, Ed, show off their prized 1953 Chevrolet truck at the Antique Car and Truck Auction. The Antique Car and Truck Association will hold an exhibit as part of the Sagebrush Days events.

"We just like to get out there and have fun," Hodge said.

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YOUNG GLORY



Eight-month-old Lauren Leigh waves her American flag as she watches the Fourth of July parade from the comforts of her stroller Monday in Anchorage, Alaska.

Blood tests show lead levels in Idaho children are decreasing

“We can't make parents take kids in to be tested. We can ask, mail brochures. But it's still their decision.”

— Tom Shanahan, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spokesman

aged lead levels of 65 micrograms per deciliter.

“Under high as it was in the 1970s and '80s, but it's still out there, and people should pay attention,” Cobb said.

Shoshone County is part of the Silver Valley region, which was one of the most economically devastated landscapes in the nation after a century of underground mining. Lead, heavy metals like lead and zinc in the areas soil and water. Children became exposed to lead just by playing in their yards or inhaling household dust. The region was declared a Superfund site and for three decades efforts have been under way to remove and replace lead-contaminated soil.

share the problem, Cobb said. “Idaho is a fairly young state in housing. Most of the new housing stock is post-'70s when they banned lead-based paint.”

“It's not out there in the rest of Idaho. The limited resources available for screening could be spent more judiciously.”

Now members of the Idaho Pediatrics Society are ready to ask the state to push for a waiver to the federal blood lead screening requirement, Neff said.

“It's the impression of the pediatricians in the state that lead is not a major health issue. If there's no problem, let's move on,” he said.

Barbara Miller, leader of the Silver Valley Community Resources Center in Kellogg, said the state should do more for families hurt by lead exposure, not just for children.

Lead exposure is “a serious health problem especially for children,” Miller said. “Education and awareness is important” and people are not even getting the consideration of being informed.

“The Department of Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said Medicaid needs cooperation from doctors to comply with the federal requirement.

Madison group hopes to preserve 1920s-era Japanese school, history

REXBURG (AP) — When Madison School District officials bought an old farm with the intention of building a school, they didn't realize one already stood on the 160-acre property.

It's no wonder. The old building hardly looked like a school. It had a hole in the roof and a beehive tucked in one wall. Only a small brass bell and a few wooden desks reflected the structure's intention.

But the discovery of the 1920s-era Japanese Language School has given some residents an idea to resurrect the old school and use it as an educational museum or cultural library. In conjunction with the new high school slated to be built nearby.

In 1923, about 50 Japanese families lived in the area. They came to the United States to work on the railroad, and when that work was completed they stayed to harvest sugar beets or find other work in the community.

Their sons and daughters attended public schools in

Rexburg, where they learned to read and write English. But on Saturdays and all summer long they attended the Japanese Language School, where they learned to read and write in their native tongue.

“It was built by all our fathers from scratch,” said Kats Miyasaki who attended the school for five years. “As more students went to the school, they (built) three additions onto it.”

Students competed in baseball and basketball against other Japanese Language Schools around the region. Miyasaki said. In April and May, they held a Spring Festival celebrating the cherry blossom, complete with Kimono-clad girls performing traditional dances and a potluck dinner.

“We had a great time over there,” Miyasaki said.

The school also served as a Buddhist meeting house and Japanese movie theater, but it closed in 1941 as the United States entered World War II.

“It was just getting to the point where I could read some of the harder letters,” Miyasaki said.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese families saw their books burned, their rifles and cameras taken.

They had to use passports to travel from one county to another, Miyasaki said. Some families were sent to internment camps.

But now, some former students and community members say it's time to revive the Japanese school, and combine it with public education.

A committee is working with the Madison School Board to decide how best to preserve the school.

“It's very unique, a valuable piece of Idaho history,” said committee member Janet Ugaki, whose father attended the school. “We'd like to preserve the property and turn the eye toward the future and the past.”

Effred Parkinson, another committee member, said it could be used to teach today's students about the Japanese internment camps and the “tragedy of bigotry and hatred of other cultures.”

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Some health care workers say blood lead levels in Idaho children have dropped enough that routine screening may no longer be needed in most of the state.

Pediatricians around the state administer the blood tests to help Idaho comply with federal Medicaid requirements. Exposure to lead — which is most commonly found in old paint, hobby materials and dirt — can cause learning problems, damage kidneys and reproductive systems and in high doses cause mental retardation, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Terence Neff of Coeur d'Alene Pediatrics is one of the doctors who offers the tests. He said he's found little evidence of high lead levels.

“Since 2003, we've tested a few hundred kids and have not found one case of elevated blood lead level,” said Dr. Terence Neff of Coeur d'Alene Pediatrics. “It's a big expense, and we find children not at risk we need to accept that and put our dollars into making better metals like lead and zinc in the areas soil and water. Children became exposed to lead just by playing in their yards or inhaling household dust. The region was declared a Superfund site and for three decades efforts have been under way to remove and replace lead-contaminated soil.”

Though Shoshone County's lead contamination is related to a century of silver mining, the rest of Idaho simply doesn't

Spokane mayor opts out of appearances

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — In the two months since a top and ahead-of-office scandal broke, Spokane Mayor Jim West has rarely ventured out in public, leaving to others the ceremonial activities usually associated with his office.

After the Spokesman-Review raised allegations of past misdeeds, the mayor's public jobs to young men he met in a gay chat room, West was no longer in demand for ribbon-cutting appearances that are normally part of the mayor's job.

The city's Web site contains a list of the mayor's public events. It was blank for the week of June 26, and a new poll shows a majority of Spokane residents want West to resign,

something West says he won't do.

“I've put the community in a very awkward position, and that is unfortunate,” Tony Bonanzoni, Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce President and a friend of West's, said. “We have so many functions the mayor should be involved with, and it's becoming very difficult.”

West, 54, has lowered his public profile since May 5, when the newspaper began publishing his e-mails in his chairman-and-e-mail conversations the mayor had with someone he thought was an 18-year-old high school boy who he encouraged to apply for an internship in his office. The recipient was, in fact, a computer expert hired by the newspaper.

Although West has not been charged with a crime, the FBI is in the initial phase of a public corruption investigation. The Supreme Court of Washington has been asked to decide whether recall petitions can go to the signature-gathering stage.

West, a former state Senate Majority Leader known as a conservative who steadfastly opposed gay-friendly legislation, resigned from numerous city boards and commissions after his public outing.

In tightly controlled press conferences, West has acknowledged having sex with a young man and apologized for “mistakes in judgment,” but denied pedophilia or abusing his office.

Elementary teachers gather for conference

CALDWELL (AP) — Elementary school teachers from around the state gathered last week at Albion College of Idaho to learn how to use dance, music and art in the classroom.

The ArtsPowered Schools Summer Institute started in 2005 and just 24 teachers at the University of Idaho.

But last year the Idaho Department of Education and the Idaho Commission on the Arts moved the program to Albion State College of Idaho, and 55

teachers attended.

This year, 80 instructors took part. “This has really been a first for them,” said Peggy Wenner, arts and humanities specialist at the Idaho Department of Education. “We really get the teachers into creating and performing. They become the artists and you get the kind of risks with their art that we want the children to take.”

Fourth-grade Caldwell students were invited to the point where I could read some of the harder letters,” Miyasaki said.

she learned from the dance and movement class into her classroom at Wilson Elementary School.

She plans to help students understand vocabulary by creating a dance sequence that shows how verbs, nouns and adjectives work together in a sentence.

“Integrating the arts into the different subject areas is going to be very beneficial and essential for our kids and their different learning styles,” Search said.

Woman fights for tougher sex offender laws

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The mother of slain University of North Dakota student Shaista Sjedn said people need to support lawmakers who are trying to pass legislation to better track sex offenders.

Linda Walker, of Pequot Lakes, Minn., said she understands the pain of the family of Shaista Greene, an Idaho girl found over the weekend with a registered sex offender from Fargo.

“You feel the heartache and pain,” Linda Walker said Sunday. “It's something you don't want anyone else to go through.”

Shaista Greene and her brother, Dylan, 9, had been missing since May 16 when the bludgeoned bodies of their mother, her husband and their brother were found in their rural Coeur d'Alene home.

Dylan is feared dead, too. Idaho officials said Sunday that Duncan was being held on a kidnapping charge in Idaho. He was charged in March with molesting a 6-year-old boy in Minnesota.

Walker's daughter was kidnapped from Grand Forks in November 2003 and found dead near Crookston, Minn. the next April. Twice-convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 52, faces federal charges of kidnapping and killing the University of North Dakota student.

This summer, the Justice Department plans to state-by-state information on sex offenders. It will be designed to allow someone to a different search online to determine whether an individual who has been convicted in one state has moved another.

Walker said federal money needs to be behind the effort for it to be effective. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., introduced similar legislation, named “Dru's Law,” to create a national database. He said last month he would continue to push other portions of the bill, including notification for local authorities when high-risk sex offenders are released.

Searchers find unidentified remains.

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Walker also supports legislation introduced recently by Rep. DeWayne R. Fife, and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. The bill updates the nation's sex offender registration and community notification law, which is named after Jessica Westering, a Minnesota child kidnapped in 1988.

Highlights of the legislation include requiring a tracking device for the duration of their supervised release and requiring a second-time offender to wear the device for their lifetime. It also establishes a sex offender DNA database.

“It's all about our kids,” Walker said. “This is about Shaista and

Dylan and all the children who have been taken away from us needlessly and senselessly.”

“While she doesn't think Duncan should have been allowed to post bail on charges that he molested a 6-year-old boy in Pequot Lakes, Minn., she refuses to point fingers at law enforcement or the judicial system.”

“The responsibility for keeping sex offenders off the streets lies with the public.”

“It's our job as voters to make our lawmakers more accountable on our demands for what we want for our community,” she said. “It's about the rights of our children.”

SERVICES

Dr. Gerald Lyman Hale of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert LDS 10th Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Catholic Church, 1631 Poplar St., Burley. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until time of the rosary Friday at the funeral chapel.

Heraldo Fredric “Harp” Alves of Burhan, prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at Rodas Funeral Chapel, 2486 Addison Ave., Twin Falls. Funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception

Carolyn Allen McCord of Hagerman, Texas funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Days, 391 N. Center Ave. Friends may call from noon until 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Cecilia Sharp of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Lella “Les” Amelia Johanna Mietzner Hartwig of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 400 Irene, Kimberly.

Randy I. Wodaskow 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 at Rasmussen-

William Penn Fisher BURLI—William Penn Fisher died Sunday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by De-may's Gooding Chapel.

Eugene P. Hawkins TWIN FALLS—Eugene P. Hawkins, 89, of Twin Falls, died Monday at Mt. View Care Center in Kimberly. Graveside services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, “Chapel by the Park.”

George Raymond Golf Sr. of Twin Falls, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

Robert Stuart MacLachlan ALBION — Robert Stuart MacLachlan, 72, of Albion, died Monday at Park View Funeral Home in Burley. The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Charles Whitworth CAREY — Charles Whitworth, 62, of Carey, died Sunday. Services are pending and will be announced by Jones & Casey Funeral Home.

Erma Jane Rausch Starnes BURLY — Erma Jane Rausch Starnes, 81, of Burley, died Sunday. The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

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Idaho Youth Ranch holds open house

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RUPERT — The Idaho Youth Ranch will hold its annual open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 16 at the ranch, 1275 N. 400 E., which is nine miles north of Rupert on Highway 24.

The public is invited to join

Boise gravel pit becomes nature preserve

BOISE (AP) — A once-abandoned gravel pit has become a wetlands nature preserve hidden between subdivisions in urban Boise.

The Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve has pools ringed with cattails and willows and is home to herons, red-wings, black-birds and other wildlife. It's lined by houses and two busy roads, but is mostly hidden from view.

"The area is a sanctuary, an urban oasis in the city. Many people don't even know it is here," said Tom Governale, who oversees parks for the Boise Parks and Recreation Department.

All that could soon change. And that could soon change, as the city extends nearby Maple Grove road. The extension will allow passers-by to see for themselves what Governale calls a hidden jewel.

young people will show the 4-H animals they have raised and worked with this year.

The Idaho Youth Ranch is a nonprofit organization and a working ranch serving troubled youth since 1953.

For more information, call (208) 532-4117 or (208) 377-2613.

Landowner Larry Hyatt donated half of the 44-acre property to the city in the mid-1990s, and the city bought the other half.

City officials say it won't ever become a typical city park with athletic fields and playgrounds. Instead, it will have trails and observation points and bicycles, dogs and smoking will be banned.

Nine of 58 abandoned military sites cleared

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Patches of Utah held underground tanks that fueled World War II military trucks. While rangers served as experiment stations for testing nerve gases or explosives.

Abandoned military sites like these have been a focus of the Army Corps of Engineers for two decades. Fifty-eight sites in Utah were deemed likely to hold bomb fragments, toxic waste and other worrisome wartime leftovers.

"Their focus was winning the war," said the Corps' Jerry Vincent, whose agency hosted a recent open house on the sites at Utah Department of Environmental Quality headquarters. "Now, our focus is cleaning up what they did."

The Corps gave a progress report last week on nearly three dozen sites in northern Utah.

Nine of the 58 abandoned sites in Utah have been fully cleared so far. State environmental officials have signed off

on the Corps' conclusions. Rik Ombach, who monitors the Corps' work for the state Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, said 10 more sites may soon have the "No DoD Action Indicated" stamp, meaning investigators found nothing to clean up.

They include three on Salt Lake City's East Bench: the Fort Douglas Toxic Exercise Area, the Red Butte Reservoir and an old aircraft display site located at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Sunnyside Avenue.

Another no-action site is Camp Kearns, 5,643 acres used for up to 15,000 troops in World War II. The site is now used by the 2002 Olympic skating oval, homes and businesses.

"There wasn't anything left to be concerned about," Vincent said.

The Corps already has addressed some suspect sites. They include two trenches, the grave of more than 1,600 sheep

that died in 1968 after an open-air nerve-gas test at Dugway Proving Ground went awry and the agent was spread beyond proving ground.

In 2000, the Corps determined there was no residual contamination at the site or on the sheep. They had the carcasses dug up five years ago and dumped in a Wendover landfill.

Some \$3.4 billion has already been spent on the assessments and cleanups nationwide. Some estimate \$20 billion more — and perhaps a century — will be needed to get the job done.

One Utah cleanup that has dragged on is a former testing ground for bombs and chemical weapons, about 23,085 acres associated with Yellow Jacket mine ranges. Used to test bombs, to deal with Japanese soldiers who hid in hardened bunkers, the area was peppered with more than 2,800 bombs, rockets and mortars.

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curious adults who stood in line to look through the Norman Herrett telescope, the largest of the center's telescopes. The huge telescope was pointed at stars and planets thousands of light years away. Monitors around the center also were linked to what the telescope was viewing.

"I got to look through the big one twice, and I saw planets and stars," said Emma James, 5.

Emma and her mother, Janet James, drove from Eagle for the event, even though the action was taking place past Emma's bedtime.

"Emma's grandfather told us about it," Janet James said.

At 11 p.m., the visitors moved into another room where Anderson presented videos on NASA's Deep Impact program

and Herrett's observatory. The videos showed the initial plans for Deep Impact and computer simulations of what NASA scientists hoped would occur.

"They aren't expecting a Bruce Willis movie-type of explosion," Anderson said. "It's comparable to shooting a bullet at 23,000 mph into a speeding freight train clocking in at 60,000 mph."

Finally, the visitors were corralled into Faulkner Planetarium to anxiously await the collision. Live NASA coverage from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. and the Herrett telescope's view on the coordinates of the comet floated above visitors on the planetarium's ceiling.

At 11:52 p.m., news of a successful collision sent the NASA

mission's ground control room into an upsurge of whoops and hollers. Pictures of the collision from the probe's mother ship come minutes later to the NASA lab, giving the Herrett Center visitors their own confirmation of the impact. Visitors could also see on the Norman Herrett telescope view a soft brightening where the comet's coordinates were.

The impact of the probe into the comet sent a large plume into the comet's atmosphere, reflecting sunlight towards Earth.

The Deep Impact camera recorded a very bright explosion while telescopes on Earth saw little change in the appearance. Unfortunately for those outside the observatory, the explosion wasn't bright enough for the naked eye to detect.

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arrived," Carlson said.

Carlson tries to walk each dog at the shelter at least once a day but if the shelter is at capacity and he is busy with visitors he may walk only half of the dogs and do the other half the next day. Carlson gave the pit bull a little extra leash time. The personal training helped.

Kaleen Maughan of Twin Falls adopted a spayed female malamute recently and liked the dog so much she returned and adopted the pit bull and a neutered pug, too.

When Maughan met the pit bull for the first time at the Jerome shelter the dog was well-mannered and friendly. It sat quietly beside Carlson while Maughan filled out adoption paperwork and Maughan's small daughter danced in excitement over the prospect of a new pet.

Adopting a dog at the Jerome shelter now costs \$5. Each adopted animal receives a temporary puppy, dumper and rabies shot. The shots are good for three weeks, giving the adoptive owners time to get to a veterinarian for a more permanent vaccination.

Although the staff at the shelter encourage spaying and neutering of adopted animals it is not required.

The shelter does not have facilities to house cats.

Karen Kramer of Jerome Pet Pals said the animal shelter is always in need of clean towels,

small blankets or throw rugs for the animals to sleep on, as well as donations of dog food.

"Summer yard sales are a good place to pick up towels cheap," Kramer said. "They go through a lot of towels at the shelter. Sometimes they send a towel home with a dog when it is adopted to help keep the new owner's car clean on the trip home."

Donations can be dropped off at the shelter on Thursday, Friday or Saturday during the shelter's hours or by appointment. For information, call 324-8428 or 324-4313.

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Owner of 1913 home wants it taken off historic register

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The owner of a 1913 home has asked that it be taken off the city's historic register so he can sell it.

The avenue home is owned by Michael Kearns, former publisher of the now-defunct Salt Lake Observer newspaper. It was built for Malcolm A. Cope, a prominent Salt Lake City businessman and politician, and was listed on the city register in 1978.

"In 13 years I've never been through this process, so it will be interesting," said Elizabeth Giraud, the city's planning staffer charged with overseeing historic preservation.

Members of the Greater Avenues Community Council said city staffers did not give them enough time to comment on the proposal.

(indicating this has been in the system) for some time would seem to indicate a lack of regard for community input.

Giraud said city staffers are moving quickly because there is a sale pending on the home that is contingent on the house being removed from the register.

Kearns said in a letter to the city that he had arranged to sell the home but the buyer backed out after city staff apparently told her that he planned changes to the home likely would not be permitted.

"Essentially the city has killed the purchase of our house and has damaged us," Kearns wrote. "This usurping of the ability for us to sell our home seems to constitute an unfair taking."

Kearns did not return a call for comment from the Deseret Morning News and has since gone on vacation.

The Kearns petition will be before the Historic Landmarks Commission Wednesday and before the Planning Commission July 13. The two commissions are to forward their recommendations to the City Council, which is to vote on the matter July 14.

On Thursday, city planners asked the commission to hold a hearing on the issue at this Wednesday's meeting.

Six days' notice over a holiday weekend of an issue with long-term implications for the community is insufficient, council member Jim Jenkin said. Taken with the news that the planning commission will hear the petition in two weeks

Hunt continues for three missing Yellowstone visitors

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Park officials are volunteering to help in combing the Yellowstone River and Lewis Lake on Monday for a missing Boy Scout, park employee and canoeist.

No developments were reported, although crews were using sonar and deep water cameras to search the 139-square-mile Lewis Lake.

Joseph R. Miller, 59, a Seattle man who was last seen canoeing in the lake's rough-water section last afternoon.

His disappearance was Yellowstone's third in less than two weeks. Crews were also searching in the northern section of the park for 13-year-old Luke Sanburg, of Helena, Mont., who fell into the rushing Yellowstone River on June 24, and Candace May Kellie, 19, of Belgrade, Mont., whose vehicle plunged into the river last week.

The searches, combined with heavy holiday traffic, have stretched park resources thin, officials said.

"This is unusual to have three searches like this going on at one time," park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said Monday.

Crews on Friday combined the searches for Sanburg and Kellie, who went missing last Wednesday. Searchers in the park's southern section found a backpack, life jacket and empty canoe belonging to the missing canoeist late Saturday, but no body.

A Ford Explorer registered to Kellie was found near Tower Junction around noon Wednesday by a hiker. She was last seen that morning driving away from the Roosevelt employee housing area at Tower.

Sanburg fell into the Yellowstone River farther downstream near Knowles Falls, where two searchers on horseback spent the night Sunday. Park County, Mont., authorities focused Monday on a section of the river between Gardiner, Mont., and Yankee Jim Canyon, Matthews said.

Kellie's vehicle, which was pulled from the river Thursday, was severely damaged.

It appeared that the SUV was traveling east of Tower when it struck an embankment on the right side of the road, crossed the center line and over an other embankment, dropping more than 100 feet into the river, officials said.

On Friday, searchers found a sandal and windshield shade about a half mile downstream from where the vehicle was retrieved, but no other items were found. It was not known if the items were from the woman's vehicle.

Searchers look for missing plane with three aboard

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Searchers were looking Monday for a plane that went missing three days earlier in Southeast Alaska with three men on board.

The search was launched Sunday after the wife of John Phillips, 63, of Columbia, S.C., reported her husband had not checked in with her as expected, Alaska State Troopers said.

The other two men on board the Cessna 207 were Patrick Levert of Chautauque, S.C., and Ken O'Connor, 77, of Charlotte, N.C. Levert's age was not available but troopers said he is believed to be in his 50s or 60s.

Searchers believe the men took off Friday afternoon on what was supposed to be a short flight from Homer in the Kenai Peninsula. The men's luggage was still at the Homer hotel where they were staying, troopers said.

The weather at the time was cloudy with a light breeze and visibility at 10 miles, good conditions for "low-level flying," said Dave Vonderheide, a spokesman for the National Weather Service in Anchorage.

All three men are licensed pilots, but Phillips — a flight instructor — is believed to have been flying the single-engine plane. He is a seasoned pilot who has logged about 18,000 hours of flight time, said Maj. Mike Haller with the Alaska National Guard, whose Rescue Coordination Center was leading the search.

"That's a very extensive amount of flying. That's huge," Haller said. "It takes many, many years to amass this kind of flight time."

The men rented the 1973 Cessna from a company at An-

chorage's Merrill Field and were touring the state, according to troopers.

No flight plan was filed and no locating transmissions had been picked up as of Monday afternoon.

With the men's destination unclear, searchers were spread out over a 500-mile circle around Homer, Haller said. The Rescue Coordination Center — based at the Guard's Camp Demall at Fort Richardson near Anchorage — also was looking to the public for help finding the plane.

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Prescott Bingham shows a baby chick to Elizabeth Tellez during the Ag Expo at Burley High School. The event acquainted children with the many aspects of agriculture in the state.

Children get taste, feel of Idaho agriculture

By Trena Tegan
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Youngsters learned about agriculture with hands-on activities.

Burley High School presented its annual Ag Expo at the school, inviting all the third-graders in Cassia County to attend. The children moved from station to station, learning about the many types of agriculture in Idaho from members of the Burley High School FFA.

Children rode a tractor-drawn hay wagon, learned roping and got acquainted with the type of animals raised in Idaho.

During a demonstration of technology and safety, several boys attempted without success to bend an iron rod.

The rod was then heated to show how technology can make

many tasks easier, and a girl bent it. (The boys were not happy to be outdone.)

Children saw a tank with sturgeon and trout, showing the types of fish common in Idaho waters. This display was a contribution from the College of Southern Idaho Aquaculture Department.

The children also toured the high school's greenhouse. Linda Turner, a teacher at Mountain View Elementary School, said she was impressed with the activities.

"It impresses me the way the high school kids communicate with the kids. They are good role models," Turner said.

"Thanks to donations from businesses, the children got a taste of Idaho agricultural products as well, with samples of string cheese, yogurt, milk and kettle corn.

Girl keeps smiling while living with cancer

By Trena Tegan
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Living with cancer is never easy, especially when you're only 5 years old.

Martha Arellano was diagnosed with leukemia eight months ago. In preparation for pre-school, Martha was taken to get her immunizations. For the first week following her shots, Martha didn't feel well and ran a fever and on. Then, she began to complain that she was hurting, but couldn't say where.

Her health steadily grew worse, to the point she was so weak she could hardly walk, and her weight dropped. By the end of the second week, her parents, Frank Arellano and Rosanna Arellano, were sure something was very wrong. After observations and blood tests, she was sent to a bone specialist, who in turn sent her to a neurologist.

"By this time, some scary possibilities started to be thrown out there, including multiple sclerosis," her father said.

The neurologist in turn sent them to a pediatrician in Twin Falls. Martha went through a myriad of tests, including X-rays and blood work. The X-rays revealed a mass located at the base of her tailbone. The decision was made to fly her to Saint Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. The following afternoon Martha's parents were told "she has some abnormal cells."

"I was shocked," Frank Arellano said. "I kept thinking, 'How could this be happening?'"

Martha stayed in Boise for 12 days, going through a series of blood transfusions, physical



Martha Arellano, with her father, Frank Arellano, work hard to keep a positive outlook in spite of Martha's ongoing battle with leukemia.

therapy and steroid therapy. Martha's father made the decision to work out of his home in order to care for her.

"I didn't want to be anywhere else but with her," he said. Martha takes numerous medications each morning and evening and has had a catheter surgically implanted below her collar bone on her left side to ease chemotherapy injections, blood tests and IVs. At one time, she was hospitalized for almost four days with pneumonia.

For the first eight months, Martha had to be taken to Boise

every seven days for treatments. Her parents spent about \$300 to 400 each month on fuel.

Because her health is fragile, she could not leave the house during the winter to attend school. Teachers from Highland and Mountain View Elementary have helped Martha with schooling at home so that when her health permits and she can begin going to school, she will not be behind the other students.

There is still a long way to go. Martha will be 7 years old when her treatments are finished. Though things appear to be

progressing well, there are no guarantees.

"But thanks to the love and care she receives from her parents, Martha maintains a high level of self-esteem in spite of her hair loss from the chemotherapy treatments. Though frequently feeling sick and run-down, Martha always wears a smile."

Her eyes remain bright, even when she laments that she "just wants to be normal like other kids."

Trena Tegan is a staff writer with the South Idaho Press.

Two TFHS students earn first Miller theater scholarship

TWIN FALLS — The first Howard Miller Memorial Theater Scholarship has been presented to two Twin Falls High School graduating seniors, Kevin Markkola and Katy McKellips.

The award was established in honor of the late Howard Miller, a longtime Twin Falls High School drama teacher.

Recipients were selected on the basis of their involvement and dedication to theater, the impact of drama participation in their lives, and their plans to continue theater pursuits after high school, organizers say.

They each received a \$500 scholarship and a plaque, and their names will be engraved on a plaque at the school.

Markkola, the son of Bj Markkola of Twin Falls, has participated in many school productions as an actor and working backstage.

He also participated in district drama competitions, won



Katy McKellips and Kevin Markkola were named co-winners of the Howard Miller Memorial Scholarship. The awards were presented by Patricia and Jennifer Miller, daughters of the late Howard Miller, a longtime drama teacher.

After high school, Markkola plans to attend the College of

Southern Idaho, majoring in secondary education to become a drama teacher.

"I hope to be able to inform and inspire other high school students the way Howard Miller did for me and all others that knew and loved him," Markkola wrote in his application.

McKellips, the daughter of David and Kim McKellips of Twin Falls, has also acted in several school productions and won many honors at district and state drama competitions, including a fourth place medal at state.

She plans to attend CSI, majoring in acting and taking education courses.

On her scholarship application she wrote, "I plan on becoming a drama teacher so I can teach the lives of young ones like Howard did. The scholarship would be an honor for me and I would appreciate the extra help to fulfill my dreams."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dare to Care offers video messages for families

KIMBERLY — Dare to Care, Idaho Kids Caring for Idaho's Military Families, is inviting people to record a videotaped message to soldiers of the National Guard Army 116th Brigade serving in Iraq.

The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly City Park during Kimberly Good Neighbor Day.

There is no cost. The video will be recorded to DVD's to be sent directly to the soldiers.

For more information, call Maryanne Barrett at 423-4729.

T.F. Senior Center needs lunch delivery volunteer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., is in need of volunteers to deliver meals.

For more information, call Karen at 734-5084.

West Milnco club seeks vendors for craft show

PAUL — West Milnco Middle School's Technology Student Association Club will sponsor "Crafts on the Green" on Saturday at the school.

Vendor booth spaces range from \$25 to \$45. Food vendor spaces are \$45.

Electricity will not be available and vendors must supply their own tables, chairs, display boards and shade. Vendors can

set up from 8 to 10 a.m. and the show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information or to register, call Vanessa at 679-3168.

Motorcycle jamboree will benefit children

DECLO — The eighth annual Southern Idaho Bros Club Motorcycle Jamboree and Rodeo will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, behind Travel Stop 216, Declo.

The event is a fund-raiser for children and open to the public. Admission is \$10 at the gate. Children under age 13 are free.

Music will be provided by the Kap One Band Friday and Saturday night.

Friday will also be a horse-shoe tournament, bike show and "shine, music" and raffles.

Saturday will be club runs, a bike rodeo with \$500 in prizes, wet T-shirt contest and live music. Sunday will be a morning breakfast by donation.

Vendors are welcome.

For more information, call Red at 439-2690 or 431-4524.

Hagerman community center seeks volunteers

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center is in need of volunteers to help in the center, 140 E. Lake.

A person is needed in the thrift shop to unpack, display and sell donated items. A delivery driver is needed to take delivery of meals to home-bound people in the Hagerman Valley.

For more information, call Mary at 837-6120.

Heyburn holds handgun safety, handling class

BURLEY — Registration has started for the "Handgun Safety and Handling" class to be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 23 at the Heyburn Public Department, 1800 J.

The course is recommended for anyone seeking a concealed weapons permit. Certified

firearms instructors, Dan Soto and Wayne Winder, will cover care and cleaning weapons, fundamentals of marksmanship, safety and handling and legal force.

The class includes four hours of classroom instruction before moving to the firing range for weapons and skill practice.

Participants should bring a holster, handgun, hearing and eye protection and ammunition.

No ammunition is allowed in the classroom.

Class is limited to the first 12 applicants. The cost is \$50.

For more information, call 678-1400.

Humans Society holds pet adoption Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The People for the Planet Valley Humane Society will hold a mobile pet adoption from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at D & B Supply 2564 Addison Ave. E.

Buhl High School will hold 10-year reunion

BUHL — Buhl High School is holding its 10-year reunion on July 22 to 23 at the Blue Rock Vineyard & Wines, 4060 N. 1200 E., Buhl.

The reunion is open to all 1995 Buhl graduates or earlier classes.

For more information or to receive a registration form and

letter, call Janet Savage Hofmann at (775) 425-2452 or e-mail to jhofmanns@hotmail.com.

Gooding woman will celebrate 95th birthday

GOODING — Hazel Perron of Gooding will celebrate her 95th birthday from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at 2253 S. 1400 E. Gooding.

Hazel Johnson was born Oct. 15, 1910, in Marley, on Nov. 15, 1930, she married VF Perron (deceased), and has lived in the Magic Valley for 95 years.

She had six children, Harold (Don), Wayne (Carolyn), Darlene who is deceased (Lorne Hubsmith), William (Vernon, deceased), Vernon (Kathy) and Pettis (Deanna). 27 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Her children are hosting the event.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"As for disappointing them I should not so much mind; but I can't abide to disappoint myself"
Oliver Goldsmith

On today's deal you may have expected partner to contribute rather more on defense than he is going to, but that is no reason not to try your best to set your opponent's contract.

When you lead the club jack against South's four spades doubled, a revoltingly good dummy appears. Dummy wins with the ace as partner plays the six and declarer the queen. Declarer next plays a spade to his queen, partner discarding the club four.

Partner must surely have eight clubs headed by the king. His middle spot-cards at the first two tricks, when high or low cards would have carried a suit-preference overture, should tell you he does not have either red-suit king. So where will the fourth defensive trick come from?

As a matter of general principle, you should duck the first spade to try to disrupt declarer's communications. When you win the spade king, you should work out that the only chance for two further tricks comes from the diamond suit, and that requires partner to hold the diamond 10. So notwithstanding the unnaturalness of the play, you must switch to the diamond two at once.

This is the only play to give declarer a problem. Should he play low, catering for you to have A-10-fourth or fifth of diamonds, or should he rise with the jack, which is right against your actual holding of A-Q-fourth? Whether or not you defeat the contract, you will have forced declarer to guess, and that is the best you can do here.

NORTH 07-5-A
 ♠ 7 2
 ♥ A Q 9 4 3 2 -
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ A 10

WEST
 ♠ K 9 8 6 3
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ A Q 4 2
 ♣ J 7

EAST
 ♠ J 8
 ♥ 10 7 3
 ♦ K 9 8 5 4 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q J 10 5 4
 ♥ K 7 6
 ♦ K 8 5
 ♣ Q

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: East

The bidding:
 South West North East

4 ♠ Dbl. All pass

Opening lead: Club Jack

BID WITH THE ACES

07-5-B

South holds:
 ♠ K 9 8 6 3
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ A Q 4 2
 ♣ J 7

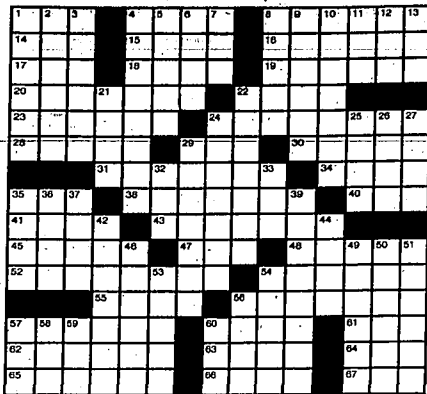
South West North East
 1 ♥ Pass Pass
 2 ♣ Pass Pass

ANSWER: Double to show cards, and let partner decide where you belong. You have the classic shape for this auction. Partner will not pass without trump tricks, and if he bids, you will be happy to hear him name any suit.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspoint.com.
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ACROSS

- Borden's Elsie
- Sunrise
- Fill with dismay
- Small bill
- Writer Wiesel
- Prohibited
- Lamb's mom
- Adorable
- Bluish
- Kidnappers' demands
- Low voice
- Babies, at times
- Graveyard
- Excessive fluid retention
- Charged particle
- Motherless calf
- List
- "The Right Stuff" org.
- Turf
- Noteworthy
- Molnes
- Tract of land
- Implement
- Rap-sheet datum
- Exist
- "The Last Supper" for example
- Tailless falines
- Tranquil
- Seethe with anger
- Throat-soothing candy
- Leone
- Drunkard
- Pull along
- European
- vipers
- Brutal lid
- Time period
- Saunters
- Dash or marathon
- Calendar increment



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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| 39 15 degrees of longitude | 53 Accumulate |
| 42 Exempt from duty | 54 Type of boom |
| 44 Tempt | 56 Peru's capital |
| 46 Scamper | 57 Sleuth Spade |
| 49 Leased | 58 Wedding vow |
| 50 Type of goat | 59 Asner and Wynne |
| 51 Wiggle room | 60 Children's card game |

JUMBLE

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

KERAM

TURBS

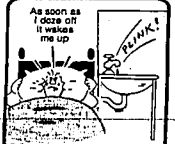
PREEWT

TONKYT

Answers: KRAMER, TURBS, PREWT, TONKYT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By Henri Arnold and Mike Argrillon



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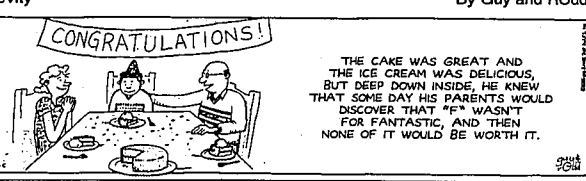
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By Bob Thaves



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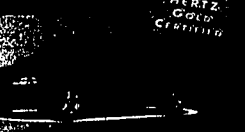
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

And, here the Houston Astros are today, bloodied and shuffling inexorably forward like the night stalkers in George Romero's latest zombie-fest. Dead men walking.

Richard Oliver of the San Antonio Express-News on the Astros resurgence

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Name the only major league player to win the batting title in his first two full seasons.

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball
Twin Falls A at Focellate Rebels, DH, 5 p.m.
Minico at Idaho Falls Russells, DH, 4 p.m.
Highland A at Wood River, DH, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Oregon team downs Cowboys

ROISE - The Twin Falls Cowboys Class A team lost 9-6 to Eaglepoint of Medford, Ore. to conclude their stay at the Boise Tournament. Eaglepoint jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the bottom of the first inning and held on.

"I'm proud of them," said Cowboys coach Devin Kuz. They battled hard and didn't quit against an older team. That's a good sign.

Josh Burnes hit a two-run double for the Cowboys, who travel for a conference double-header at Pocatello at 5 tonight. Backe and Romington, Pullin each had two hits on the day.

Wake in the Snake is Saturday in Burley

BURLEY - Idaho Watersports will hold their Wake in the Snake Wakeboard Contest July 9 at the Burley Golf Course Marina. The cost is \$25 if registered by June 30. Admission is free. Registration is from 7-8:30 a.m. A riders' meeting will be at 8 a.m. Riders must be registered before riders' meeting to participate. Riders under 18 must have parental waiver to participate.

Kimberly booster club sets 3-on-3 signups

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Booster Club 3-on-3 event held during the Kimberly Good Neighbor Days will be Saturday, July 9. Forms may be picked up at the Kimberly City Hall or teams can register the morning of the event prior to the parade. For more information, call George Piew at 423-1387.

Burley HS volleyball camp is this weekend

BURLEY - The Burley High School volleyball camp will be held July 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The camp is for boys and girls entering grades 3-6 next year. The cost is \$30 per child and will be held in the Burley High School gym. Each child will receive a T-shirt on the last day of camp.

For more information, call Coach Tiffany Green at 878-2307 or participants can sign-up on the July 6 between 8-9 a.m. at the camp.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Tony Oliva of the Minnesota Twins, who batted .323 in 1964 and .321 in 1965.

Coach Hank Stram dies at 82

The Associated Press
NEW ORLEANS - Hall of Fame coach Hank Stram, who took the Kansas City Chiefs to two Super Bowls, died Monday at age 82. Stram had been in declining health for several years and Dale Stram attributed his father's death to complications from diabetes. He died at St. Tammany Parish Hospital, near his home in Covington, across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans. He built a home there during his two-year stint as coach of the Saints and retired there.

"Pro football has lost one of its most innovative and creative coaches and one of its most innovative and creative personalities as well," Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt said in a telephone interview. Stram was the Chiefs' first and winningest coach. He took over the expansion Dallas Texans of the upstart AFL in 1960 and coached them through 1974, moving with them to Kansas City where they were renamed the Chiefs in 1963. The gregarious, stocky, blazer-wearing Stram carried a rolled-up game plan in his hand as he paced the sideline. He led the Chiefs to AFL titles in 1962, '66 and '69 and to appearances in the first Super Bowl, a 35-10 loss to Green Bay, and the fourth, a 23-7 victory over Minnesota in 1970.

He had a 124-76-10 record with the Chiefs and in 17 seasons as a head coach was 131-97-10 in the regular season and 5-3 in the postseason. Stram was credited with the two-light end offense that provided an extra blocker. He was the first coach to wear Please see STRAM, Page D2



Hall of Fame coach Hank Stram is pictured in his Covington, La. home in this 2002 file photo.

Grinding it out



Robbie McEwen of Australia, right, struggles against eventual third-place finisher and compatriot Stuart O'Grady during the final sprint in Stage 3 of the Tour de France Monday in western France. McEwen had crossed in third but was penalized for intentionally impeding O'Grady.

Armstrong eyes yellow jersey after Stage 3; now two seconds behind Utah's Zabriske

The Associated Press
TOURNAI, France - Lance Armstrong pedaled beside the overall leader of the Tour de France and admitted his champagne wasn't yet kicked out in yellow again, and he might fight back to win long. "Regardless of how many I've had in my day, it's still a jersey I cherish," Armstrong said. Armstrong was content to ride safe in the main pack again Monday. He finished in 87th place in the third stage while Belgium's Tom Boonen sprinted to victory for the second straight day, the route marked by towering great castles, endless green fields and dozens of vineyards.

There will be nothing cautious about the key time trial Tuesday, Armstrong is a mere two seconds behind leader David Zabriskie of Utah and will be looking to gain more ground on his rivals, and perhaps move in front again. Then, Armstrong - who has worn the leader's jersey more than 60 times - will truly consider himself a serious contender for the overall title before retirement. For the past two years, Armstrong's team won the team time trial for the U.S. Postal Service squad. Now he wants to win for new sponsor Discovery Channel in the nine-man discipline - a 41.9-mile ride from Tours to Blois.

"It's critical in that you can gain time and even second counts," Armstrong said. "It's good for the morale and good for the team to show they are strong. We've been lucky enough to win the last two years and we'd like to try again." A strong showing could bolster his advantage. The Texas leads Jan Ullrich by 66 seconds. Alexandre Vinokourov by 51 and Ivan Basso by 84. "I can't go to bed at night thinking 100 percent were going to win," he said. "I think we're up against some strong teams. It's critical at the end to ride steady because the course will be going up and down."

Ullrich and Vinokourov will ride for the T-Mobile team while Basso races for Team CSC. Ullrich does Zabriske. Zabriske finished in 56th place in Monday's 133-mile leg, which started near La Chataignerie in western France and snaked toward the medieval city of Tours. Boonen won in 4 hours, 36 minutes, 9 seconds and kept the green jersey as the best sprinter. Peter Wrolich of Austria was second and Stuart O'Grady of Australia was third. Armstrong loathes such flat stages and was relieved simply to have avoided an accident. Two years ago, he was caught in a 35-rider crash on the Tour and was lucky to escape with cuts and bruises. "Days like today aren't necessarily my idea of a great time," he said. "Everybody does something a little bit crazy in front of you on the finish." Armstrong stayed in the middle of the pack as farmers put down their tools and villagers gazed from stone houses at the mass of cyclists streaming past in a militarylike unit. He even found time to chat with Zabriske, his former teammate at U.S. Postal. "Lance was telling me to just enjoy the yellow jersey," Zabriske said. "He asked me if he could have a turn." Zabriske fears Armstrong's turn is imminent. "Holding onto the lead is going to be really tough," he said. Time losses are limited during the team time trial after a rule change was put in place before the 2004 Tour. The last of the 21 teams competing will concede a maximum of three minutes no matter how far behind it finishes. The team placing second loses a maximum of 20 seconds while third and fourth place give away no more than 30 and 40 seconds, respectively. This softens the blow in case of a heavy loss, but it also nullifies the impact of catching Armstrong on a bad day. The main threat to Armstrong's team are Team CSC and Phonak - led by his former U.S. Postal teammate Floyd Landis.

All-star snub won't spoil Floyd's big season

The Associated Press
NEW YORK - Cliff Floyd is chafing at a cell phone as he cruises through the New York Mets' clubhouse. His "plopp" down at his locker, a massive man in a manager's coat and sunglasses straight ahead at a stack of bats. Moments later, he snags the phone - no more time for distractions. For the first time in years, he can focus on baseball, just baseball, and that's a relief. "I think the most important thing for me is to stay mellow," Floyd said. "It's all coming around for me." With a healthy body and a level swing, the oft-injured outfielder finally sounds satisfied these days, though never complacent. The subject of trade rumors all winter, he's been the best everyday player on a much-improved team, and his easy smile shows just how much he's enjoying it. Starting 283 with 21 homers and 63 RBIs going into Monday's game against Washington.



New York Mets outfielder Cliff Floyd hits a solo home run against the Washington Nationals in this April 22 photo.

against Philadelphia. "He certainly has been putting on some kind of show this year," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said. Still, Floyd was deprived of an All-Star spot Sunday (costing him a \$50,000 bonus) because the National League is loaded with power-hitting outfielders. Never one to hide his feelings, he didn't protest, didn't blame anyone, just handled the oversight with grace. "Players with better stats than mine have been left off the All-Star team," he said. He wasn't always so modest. In 2001, he had a huge first half for Florida and was outraged when then-hits manager Bobby Valentine left him off the NL roster. Floyd claimed Valentine had told him he would make the team, promising the slugger to buy tickets \$16,000 worth of plane tickets for family and friends. Valentine eventually selected Floyd as an injury replacement. Please see FLOYD, Page D2

2012 bid campaigns heat up

The Associated Press
SINGAPORE - Charlie Bateman, a veteran Olympic lobbyist and key member of New York's 2012 bid team, surveyed the swirl of politicking, grid-handling and schmoozing and shook his head. "It's almost a frenetic and frenzied atmosphere," he said Monday as the five-city campaign moved into the final 48 hours. "This is the most competitive and high-profile race they've ever had. It just bound to reach this critical mass."

The International Olympic Committee votes Wednesday to decide whether Paris, London, New York, Madrid or Moscow will host the 2012 Summer Games. Paris, which long been considered the favorite, with London the main challenger. But many IOC members say the race remains wide open.

With many of the 100 or so members apparently still undecided, the bid cities are making a late frantic push for support. Political leaders, royalty and sports stars were trotted out Monday to promote the candidates.

"I think it's very fluid," said IOC vice president Jim Easton, the highest-ranking American on the committee. "Because there are so many good cities, there is no slam dunk in this thing. Even though some of the cities think they're way ahead, I don't think that's true."

A potentially ugly spat arose between Paris and London after two expert consultants for the article bid criticized the Stade de France, considered a centerpiece of the IOC capitals project. Under French rules, cities are prohibited from criticizing each other.

(Jim Sloman and Rod Sheard, Australian consultants for London, were also criticized by the signifiers for spectators at the French stadium, built for the 1998 soccer World Cup.)

York Mayor Michael Bloomberg gave a Fourth of July pep talk for his city, flanked by a row of boosters that included a woman in a Statue of Liberty costume, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Muhammad Ali are due in town Tuesday.

Bloomberg said he hopes to convince undecided voters that holding the games in New York would be an economic boost for the Olympics and international sports federations.

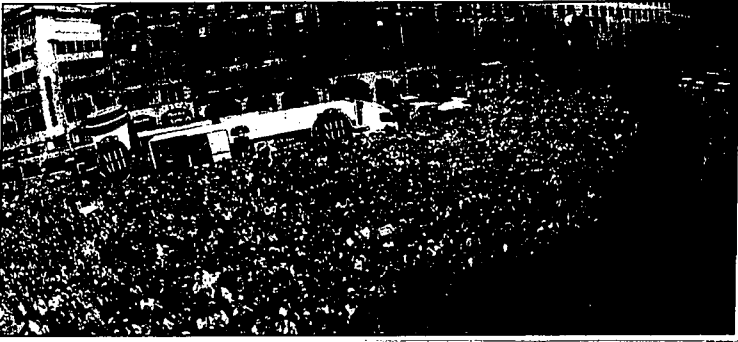
"America is the biggest sports market in the world - it's a market that they have to approach," he said. Bloomberg also said New York's 11th-hour change in stadium plans was evidence of the city's resilience. After a state panel rejected a proposed new stadium in Manhattan last month, the city's bid team came up with a new plan for a stadium in Queens.

"That's what great teams do - they adapt," Bloomberg said. "No one starts out with a game plan and ultimately follows it to the end."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Princess Anne held separate news conferences to state the case for taking the Olympics back to London for the first time since 1948. England soccer captain David Beckham, and wife Victoria, also were present. Please see BIDS, Page D2

SPORTS

Federer's reign only beginning



World No. 1 men's singles player and three-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer is greeted by thousands of fans outside his hotel in Basel, Switzerland on Monday.

USA's Roddick, others must work hard to keep up

WIMBLEDON, England — A day before Wimbledon began, Andy Roddick stood on a slope overlooking the practice courts of the All England Club. Down below, Roger Federer was going through a training session, and Roddick sneaked a peek. Two weeks later and a short walk away, Roddick got the most closer look in the Wimbledon final, after absorbing a lopsided loss to fall to 2-3 against Federer, the American arrived at two conclusions:

Federer is better than everyone at everything, and Roddick would love nothing better than to keep trying to defeat the man who's by far the No. 1 player of their generation and now being judged against the greatest of generations past.

"It's probably as close as he's been to unbeatables," Roddick said Sunday after losing to Federer at Wimbledon for the third consecutive year.

"I just don't crack at him till my record is 1-1 that year at the age of 21, and now make it to the final at the All England Club two straight years — the only time I've won Wimbledon in a row."

But that's OK. No one can on grass. And no one can, consistently, in an any-surface year. "The bad news," as three-time Wimbledon winner Boris Becker put it, "is Roger is only going to get better."

Since June 2004, Federer is 99-5 (a 951 winning percentage) with 15 titles that have taken on grass, hard clay and indoor courts. None of the losses came in finals (Federer's won a record 21 in a row), though two were in semifinals at this

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year's Grand Slams, against Marat Safin at the Australian Open and Rafael Nadal at the French Open, the only major he has yet to win and now will focus on adding to his collection.

Unprompted, Federer mentioned those setbacks during the on-court trophy ceremony Sunday after fast close-to-perfect performance beat Roddick 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-4. He said the losses in Melbourne and Paris meant "the pressure was on" at Wimbledon.

After making 33 winners and only three unforced errors through two sets and whipping passing shots by Roddick at will, Federer was told that just when it seems as if he can't get any better, he does.

"It seems like it, yeah," Federer said, drawing laughter from the Centre Court crowd.

"What's vital for Roddick is that he keeps trying to catch up. And that's what he plans to do. There's things that Andy could do to be effective against Roger. It's all a learning process and it's obviously gaining confidence in his new things. He was trying against him. Roddick's coach, Dean Goffidine, said, 'His net game is getting better and that's obviously one of the keys. If you sit back there and let Roger hit from the baseline and don't pressure him, his toughness.'"

What's troubling about Federer is that he's so versatile, he can beat anybody in any way, including a demoralizing tendency to one-up opponents in their strengths. In the quarterfinals, Federer faced No. 21-seeded Fernando Gonzalez, who hits every shot



Andy Roddick wipes his face after losing to Roger Federer 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-4 in the Wimbledon men's singles final Sunday.

or if it's his last. Federer matched Gonzalez power for power, and displayed dazzling defense to win in straight sets. In the semifinals, Federer faced No. 3-seeded Leyton Hewitt, widely considered the best returner in the game and a baselinic expert who's as speedy as they come. Federer looked every bit as quick and adept in lengthy rallies, faced only one break point, all match while earning eight, and broke Hewitt three times to win in straight sets.

In the final, Federer faced No. 2-seeded Roddick, owner of the fastest serve and one of the biggest forehands in the game. Federer produced more aces (11-7), more forehand winners (14-3), and broke Roddick four times to win in straight sets.

"All of them are trying as hard as they can," Federer said. "Obviously, for the next few years, I'll definitely be a huge favorite also for this tournament. Doesn't not necessarily I'll take them all." "It's he's got a touch of a cham-

plion's arrogance, he's earned it. Bjorn Borg and Pete Sampras are the only other men in the past 60-plus years to win three consecutive Wimbledon titles. And Federer clinched his fifth Grand Slam championship at the same age — 23 years, 10 months — that Sampras was when he won the fifth of his record 14 majors.

"He loves playing at Wimbledon," he loves the game," Federer's mother, Lynette, said at the All England Club on Sunday. "I hope the tennis world can reap benefits from what he is showing on court."

It should, because Federer's sublime tennis and A-Rod's super 'tude are both good for the game. From 1983-88, the two top-seeded men never met in the Wimbledon final, now it's happened in consecutive years.

There's little reason to think it won't happen again. Howard Fendrich covers tennis for The Associated Press. Write to him at hffendrich@aop.org

Stram

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a microphone during a Super Bowl on Gary's sideline antics, captured by NFL Films, helped bring the league into the video age.
Stram later coached two seasons with the Saints and enjoyed a successful second career in CBS' television and "Football Night" radio booths as an analyst.
Stram made his mark in the booth by consistently telling critics what would happen before it did.
"I think they'll go deeper here," he would tell his partner, Jack Buck.
"Elway to throw!" Buck would respond.
His looking deep. He throws deep. Caught by Steve Sewall on the 11-yard line. You called that one, Coach.
"John just saw what I saw!" Stram would say.
Stram was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2003. The then-80-year-old had to be pushed onto the stage in a

wheelchair and his induction speech was videotaped.

In an interview that year, Stram said he would accept another coaching job in a moment's notice. "I've lived a damn fine life," he said. "I married the only girl I ever loved and did the only job I ever loved."
Stram's son, the Hall of Fame quarterback who played under Stram at Kansas City, also called him an innovator.
"He was responsible for doing a lot of the things in the '60s that teams are still using now," said Dawson, citing the moving punnet and the triple stack defense.
"His whole life was football that's what he was born for, I think. He had a passion for it, not just a liking," Dawson said. "He was really sincere when he talked about the team being a family. Everybody really loved him."
Stram is survived by his wife Phyllis, sons Henry, Dale, Stu and Gary, daughter Susan, and three grandchildren: Mary-Ann, Mary-Ann, and a sister, Dolly.

Floyd

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leading to a reconciliation. But maybe the feud made an impact, because this time the left fielder was all class.
That's been the case all year in the Mets clubhouse, where the 32-year-old Floyd cleaves around with both buddies. Keith Cameron and still draws plenty of respect from teammates young and old.
"I don't think he feels good about being responsible, being the guy in the middle of our lineup that we depend on," manager Lyle Mitchell said.
That's what the Mets were looking for when they signed Floyd to a \$28 million, four-year contract in December 2004. But his first two seasons in New York were cut short by injury, a common theme throughout his 13-year career.
He's been on the disabled list seven times, six because of leg injuries since a broken wrist in 2002. One glance at his physique, and maybe there's an explanation.
A star basketball player in high school just outside Chicago, the 6-foot-4 Floyd is blessed with awesome power and impressive speed for a man his age. His arms are broad and muscular, but his legs are relatively thin. It just looks as though they must have a hard time holding his 230-pound frame over the field.
Floyd doesn't buy it. "This game is funny like that. Anything you step on the field, you can get hurt," he said. But still, Floyd was so frustrated by aches, pains and losses last season that he grumbled publicly about retiring soon.

and it was something to talk about," he said. "This year, you're not going to see that." And by the way, there's no secret formula behind his healthy first half — no new workout, no magic potion.
"I just play smart, you know when to bust it," Floyd said. "I'm happy that my body is coming around for me."
It was a monster right now. After hitting only 18 homers in each of his first two seasons with the Mets, Floyd has just one in 30 at the plate that pitchers are routinely brushing him back or working around him to face Mike Piazza.
"Hitting after him, I'm starting to get an inferiority complex," Piazza said recently. "His just has come around."
Floyd could have been doing all this for a different team. His hometown Cubs expressed interest last October, but there was talk of a trade for Sammy Sosa.
New general manager Omar Minaya lured Pedro Martinez and Luis Lugo from the Cubs to the Mets (40-41), but right now it appears one of his best moves was simply keeping Floyd, who bounced from Florida to Montreal to Boston in a three-week span back in 2002.
"I'm made a legit. He needs love," Mets GM Minaya said the night and the talent, he's been hurt a lot, and that's unfortunate, but you can always look at players and they're just not there, something a little different than just batting practice," Randolph said.

"I know going in that if we were going to win some games and be somewhat successful, we needed him to really be a step-up guy."

Bids

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former Spice Girl, slipped into town to back the bid.
Madrid Mayor Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon and soccer star Raul Gonzalez, Beckham's teammate at Real Madrid, talked up the Spanish capital's chances.
Massow Mayor Juan Luis Luchovsky and French Sports Minister Jean-Francois Lamour did the same for their cities. French President Jacques Chirac arrives Tuesday.

felieve they've got to make the right choice. I don't think there are any wrong choices. To me there is the potential of a little bit of whimsy."

"Whoever wins, it's going to be a prestigious city," IOC president Jacques Rogge said. "I'm often questioned who might be the winner and I'm always inclined to say the winner is the International Olympic Committee."
But Rogge is less enthused by the stream of sports celebrities joining the live-bidding show. "I would like to see Olympic champions," he said. "Yes, I like to see Olympic champions. I don't think the whole bidding process must be one of glitter and glam."
Battle, the New York City's international relations director, was widely credited with helping Moscow become the best bid for Atlanta in its winning campaign for the 1996 Olympics.

"As you wander around this hotel, it does seem to me there must be a better way of selecting a host city," he said. "Inevitably when you've got five such large cities and so much is at stake, you can see why it's so frenetic."
Mills was surprised at how many members are still undecided. "I'm surprised by the pressure on the cities to lobby until the end and give an impressive performance in Wednesday's 45-minute final presentations to the IOC."
"It's very tempting to be over-confident," Mills said. "We take notice of one candidate over another. Strange things happen in Olympic elections, and anything could happen this time, too."
Under the IOC voting system, the city receiving the fewest votes is eliminated after each round until one candidate obtains a winning majority. Picking up votes in the second and third rounds could be crucial.

"They don't have any choices that they probably couldn't live with," he said. "In a way there's not a lot of pressure on them to

"Being a good second choice is a pretty important place to be," Mills said.

Ostwalt makes his All-Star at-large bid

HOUSTON (AP) — Roy Oswalt made a strong case for late All-Star voters, picking a five-hitter to lead the Houston Astros past the San Diego Padres 4-1 Monday.

Craig Biggio hit a go-ahead, three-run homer for the Astros, who have won eight of 11. It was Biggio's 2,722nd hit, moving him past Lou Gehrig for 51st on the career list.

Oswalt (11-7) threw his third complete game this season and the eighth of his career, lowering his ERA to 2.44. He struck out seven and walked two to win his fifth straight start and eighth decision in a row at home.

Hoping for his first All-Star berth, Oswalt is one of five pitchers eligible to earn the final spot on the National League team. In Internet balloting this week:

Mets 5, Nationals 2
WASHINGTON — Demoted from leadoff to seventh in the lineup, Jose Reyes responded with two hits and scored three tying and go-ahead runs, helping New York beat Washington.

The loss snapped the Nationals' four-game winning streak. It was the first four of July game in the nation's capital in 37 years.



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Miguel Pena hit a three-run homer in the fourth that extended his career-best hitting streak to 10 games. Griffey hit his 16th homer of the season and No. 517 for his career leading off the third, moving within four of tying Willie McCoavy and Ted Williams for 14th on the all-time list.

Phillies 12, Pirates 1
PITTSBURGH — Bobby Abreu celebrated his All-Star selection by hitting a grand slam during the first of two breakout Philadelphia innings against Pittsburgh starter Dave Williams, leading the Phillies to a matchup of slumping teams.

Cardinals 10, Dbacks 3
PHOENIX — Matt Morris earned his 10th win. Scott Rolen hit a two-run double and St. Louis won for the seventh time in 10 games.

Albert Pujols had an RBI and extended his hitting streak to 16 games for the Cardinals.
Brewers 3, Marlins 2
MIAMI — Ben Sheets struck out 10 in his first win in six

starts, and Milwaukee scored the go-ahead run in the ninth inning on catcher Paul Lo Duca's error on a play at the plate.

With the scored 2-all, Milwaukee's Chad Moore led off the ninth with an infield single off Todd Jones (1-3) that drove stop Alex Gonzalez couldn't reach. Pinch-runner Trent Durington stole second and advanced to third on Shoemaker's sacrifice. Brady Clark hit a grounder to Gonzalez, who threw home with plenty of time to get Durington. But Lo Duca couldn't hold the ball when he applied the tag and the Brewers went ahead 3-2.

Braves 4, Cubs 0
ATLANTA — Kyle Davies out-pitched Kerry Wood, and Adam Lincecum homered twice to lead Atlanta.

Davies (4-2) pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning, helping Atlanta pull within 4.5 games of first-place Washington in the NL East. He walked four but held an opponent scoreless for the fourth time in nine major league starts, lowering his ERA to 4.05.

Mariners to a 6-0 victory Monday night.

Rangers 6, Red Sox 5

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kevin Mench had an RBI single with one out in the ninth inning, and the Texas Rangers rallied against struggling closer Keith Foulke for a 6-5 win Monday night over the Boston Red Sox, who lost for the fifth time in seven games.

The Rangers scored twice in the ninth against Foulke (5-5).

Yankees 13, Orioles 5
NEW YORK — Jason Giambi had his first multihome game in two years and Bernie Williams hit a debauchering single in a seven-run eighth inning as the New York Yankees best the Baltimore Orioles 13-8 Monday after shedding a big lead.

Guy Sheffelin, Hideki Matsui and Giambi homered to help New York go ahead 6-0 after two innings against Bruce Chen.

Indians 9, Tigers 3
CLEVELAND — Travis Hafner hit his third home run of the day. Coco Crisp added an inside-the-park homer, and the surging Cleveland Indians spoiled the major league debut of Justin Verlander with a 6-0 victory over the Detroit Tigers to sweep a day-night doubleheader Monday.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Jason Lantieri hit a delectable three-run double and finished with a career-high six RBIs. Ken Griffey Jr. homered and Cincinnati

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Baseball

Orioles at Yankees, ESPN, 11 p.m.

Mariners at Royals, FSNB, 8 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA: Phoenix at San Antonio, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Boxing

Middleweights, Ian Gardner (18-20) vs. Mohammed Said (16-3-0), ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Cycling

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

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	Pct
Boston	46	51	.474
Tampa Bay	42	57	.424
New York Yankees	39	59	.398
Seattle Mariners	38	60	.386
Los Angeles Angels	38	60	.386
Oakland Athletics	33	65	.337
Texas Rangers	32	66	.330
Minnesota Twins	32	66	.330
Cleveland Indians	29	69	.297
Chicago White Sox	29	69	.297
Kansas City Royals	26	72	.263
Detroit Tigers	24	74	.245

National League

Team	W	L	Pct
San Diego Padres	43	53	.446
St. Louis Cardinals	43	53	.446
Los Angeles Dodgers	42	54	.437
Florida Marlins	42	54	.437
Chicago Cubs	39	57	.406
Atlanta Braves	36	60	.375
Philadelphia Phillies	36	60	.375
San Francisco Giants	35	61	.364
Colorado Rockies	34	62	.354
Pittsburgh Pirates	32	64	.333
Arizona Diamondbacks	29	67	.300

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

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Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake made its debut when they April 18 in front of more than 25,000 fans. Last month, a doubleheader featuring the U.S. national team against Costa Rica followed by Real hosting Dallas Ford 40:58, near filling Rice-Eaton Arena for the first time.

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Draw on disabled list, awaiting doctor's report

DENVER — The Los Angeles Dodgers placed L.J. Drew on the 15-day disabled list with a bruised right arm on Monday. He was awaiting a doctor's report to determine whether the outfielder would be lost for the season.

After the game, one Dodger said Drew told teammates he'd be out six to eight weeks. On Monday, manager Jim Tracy said his prognosis had been confirmed.

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Rogers was a players' choice for the American League team on a roster before the Texas Rangers left-handed shovled two cameramen last week in an angry outburst that earned him a 30-game suspension and \$500,000 fine.

As July 5 was it, it doesn't change what he's done on the mound.

And with his penalty under appeal and not scheduled to be heard until after the All-Star break, Rogers says he's not hard-serving Swede Joachim Johansson is seeded second.

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THEY'RE MUCH MORE LIKABLE THAN THOSE ON OTHER REALITY SHOWS.
BALDO, YOU'RE WATCHING THE NEWS.
NEWS. HMMM... INTERESTING CONCEPT.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

TAKE IT EASY, SARGE, THEY CAN HEAR YOU IN THE NEXT COUNTY.
OH YEAH? WHO SAYS SO?
THE PEOPLE FROM THE NEXT COUNTY!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

UHM, THIS HEAT-LOVE SHOULD SELL OUT IN NO TIME.
YES, IF BIGNOOD LEAVES ANY FOR OUR CUSTOMERS.
YOU, BUT HE'S ALLES AWAY IN HIS OFFICE. HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY KNOW THAT YOU JUST LOVE HEAT-LOVE SANDWICHES?
I DECIDED TO DROP BY FOR LUNCH.
I DEEPAT, IF THERE'S ANY LEFT OVER FOR OUR CUSTOMERS.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

GET TO WORK!
RANCID W. VEEBLEFESTER.
A MAN IN NEED OF A MUTE BUTTON!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

I'M TIRED OF DATING PRETTY BOYS WHO'RE IN NEED TO LOOK AND ACT MY BEST ALL THE TIME.
I WANT A GUY WHO KNOWS HE CAN'T DO BETTER THAN ME, NO MATTER WHAT I LOOK LIKE.
MORE BREAD!!!

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Dear Duty: I am a VERY senior citizen, confined to my home. I'm interested in raising rattlesnakes for extra income.
I think they'd make nice gifts. Any advice?
Three things, Warren: keep the rattlesnake cool room...
Secondly... they need live food every day. Lastly... take me off your gift list.
-Duty

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

SCRATCH SKRITCH SCRAPE SKRITCH SKRITCH.
KUNGA!
THIS IS A SNEAKY APPROACH. PREPARE WHILE WE GO DOWN TO A DULL HOUSE.

Garfield By Jim Davis

YOU'RE COLLECTING DUST.
IT'S JUST MY LITTLE WAY OF KEEPING BUSY.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHAT DOES THAT LITTLE SIGN SAY?
"THIS DOOR IS MADE FROM PRICELESS 2000-YEAR-OLD TEAK. DO NOT SCRATCH OR SCRAPE. IF SOILED RUB GENTLY WITH A SOFT CLOTH!"

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

A GOLD STAR?
IT'S FOR ALL OUR CUSTOMERS WHO PAY THEIR BILLS ON TIME!
HEY! WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

THIS IS THE LATEST FAD... I SAW THEM DOING IT IN TOWN...
"VELCRO JUMPING! OUCH! OOOO!"

Pearls Before Swine By Stephen Pastis

Halloo, er, hello... listen... today being the 4th of July... Get "Nashville Kool-A-Zade Day"... Me know as bad news for you, but dat day was cookie crumble.
WELL, THAT'S ODD BECAUSE MY CALENDAR HAS IT'S "ALL RECORDS ARE UNCHANGED-HEADARTISTS WHO GO ON TO A-WAFFLE-IRON-IN-TURNAL PURSUIT"-AND SHOULD THEREBY STRIVE TO-DEATH- DAY... I GUESS WE HAVE A CONTACT...
... Me bet his calendar no really say dat.

Pickles By Brian Crane

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GRANPA?
I'M DOING MY STRETCHING EXERCISES.
WHY?
AT MY AGE IT'S IMPORTANT TO STAY LIMBER.
OTHERWISE, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BEND DOWN TO TIE MY SHOES.

2 1/2s By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

YOU ARE HAPPY THAT PAPERES NOW COME IN COLORS AND PATTERNS RIGHT?
MY WARDROBE IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"ME AN' JOEY THINK IT'S A PERFECT PRY FOR YOU TO MAKE SOME COOKIES."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

"You can't have any ice cream, Barfy, but you can lick my fingers."

Non Sequitur By Wiley

BEAUTIFUL!
BEAUTIFUL...

Strange Brew By John Deering

HERE, JUST DOCTORS. MR. SHERMAN, WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT YOUR HMO POLICY, EITHER.