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I was Deep Throat

A G-man's journey from Twin Falls to Watergate to redemption



ABOVE: Mark Felt poses for a classic G-man photograph. Felt revealed last year that he was the source for Washington Post reporters who exposed the Nixon White House cover up of a bungled burglary at the Watergate Hotel. LEFT: Felt and his daughter, Joan Felt.



By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the shadows of a parking garage just outside the nation's capital, he gave a reporter the leads he needed to expose the wrongdoing of a president and his men.

The former No. 2 man in the FBI, the man the world would come to know as "Deep Throat," lives the quiet life now with his daughter, Joan, in a picturesque northern California town. Now 92, W. Mark Felt enjoys a relaxing afternoon drive with his caregiver, watching CNN in the comfort of his easy chair, a glass of red

wine in the evening. He's the kind, elderly gentleman who goes out of his way to make the plumber feel comfortable, his daughter says. A year after finally revealing, following decades of speculation, that it was indeed he who helped Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein expose a White House coverup that would lead to the resignation of a president, Felt is a man finally vindicated, finally able to put the demons to rest.

"It feels good," Felt said in a telephone interview from his daughter's Santa Rosa, Calif., home. "I think it's a good thing for me to do."

But more than 30 years ago, the decision to be a confidential source for a story that would come to be known as Watergate was a most difficult one for a man his peers called "the king of conduct," said his attorney, John D. O'Connor.

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Mark Felt's wife, Audrey, with daughter, Joan, and son, Mark Jr.

Bush: New Iraqi leaders will make U.S. more secure

By Nedra Pickler
Associated Press writer

WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. — President Bush said Saturday the new Iraqi government "will make America more secure" and suggested it could be the beginning of an eventual drawdown of American forces from Iraq.

"The new Iraqi government will assume greater responsibility for their nation's security," Bush told reporters upon his arrival here for an agency event.

"It will have the popular mandate to address Iraq's toughest long-term challenges," said Bush, standing in front of his helicopter. "These are major challenges and the new Iraqi government will not face them alone."

The president offered congratulations to the Iraqi people. He cast the day as a milestone in Iraq's path to democracy and as a victory in his war on terror.

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"The Iraqis are now well on their way to formation of a government of national unity."

— Condoleezza Rice, secretary of state

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**Rumsfeld OKs new anti-terror plan
A glance at Iraq's new leaders**

IRS, Social Security could slow down illegal immigration

By Liz Chandler
Knight Ridder News Service

How?

WASHINGTON — Two federal agencies are refusing to turn over a mountain of evidence that investigators could use to indict the nation's burgeoning workforce of illegal immigrants and the firms that employ them. Last week, immigration experts interpreted the arrests of nearly 1,200 illegal workers in a massive sting on a single company, but they admit that they relied on old-fashioned confidential informants and an unsolicited tip to get their investigation going.

It didn't have to be that hard. Please see IMMIGRATION, Page A2

The IRS and the Social Security Administration routinely collect strong evidence of potential workplace crimes, including names and addresses of millions of people who are using bogus Social Security numbers, their wage records and the identities of the bosses who knowingly hire them.



During a scrimmage for the annual croquet match between the U.S. Naval Academy and St. John's College of Annapolis, Md., St. John's player Ian Hanover has an audience of Navy team members as he makes a shot.

Navy wins! Navy wins!

The Washington Post

The croquet match held every spring on the lawn of St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., is a perennial inside joke. Long ago, the commandant of the U.S. Naval Academy challenged a St. John's freshman to find an athletic contest the bookish, hirsute Johnnies could actually win. And win they have, virtually every year since 1983.

But with two surprise victories in the past five years, the academy's midshipmen are turning the tables on the annual St. John's-Naval Academy croquet match, also known as the Annapolis Cup, spoiling the joke. They're practicing — with an actual coach — and fielding players who have more than a few weeks' experience.

What's next? No more gin and tonics on the field? "They just kind of got it in their heads that they were going to win," said Matt Mangold, a St. John's senior from Winfield, Kan., who is his team's imperial wicket, or captain. Sunday marks the 24th time the tiny "gentle boys" college has faced off against the mighty service academy across the street for a contest some call "chess on grass," although croquet may in fact be slower. The match transforms the lawn along College Avenue into a sea of Gatsbyesque suits, pajama-striped shirts, ankle-length gowns, sun hats, parasols, champagne and wine by the box.

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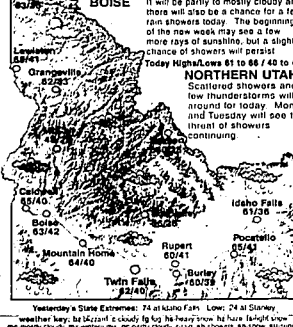
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies with showers and afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Lows in the lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy skies. A slight chance of a passing shower. Highs in the lower 60s.

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Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and maybe a thunderstorm. Highs in the lower 60s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a shower or two possible. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: A mix of clouds and sun with a shower possible. Highs in the upper 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today will be another dry day for unsettled weather. Expect mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow showers and a slight chance of a foggy thunderstorm. A chance of showers continues Monday.
Twin Falls: High 47 to 48. Tonight: Lows 28 to 29.
Boise: High 47 to 48. Tonight: Lows 28 to 29.
It will be partly to mostly cloudy and there will also be a chance for a few rain showers today. Monday through Wednesday will see the start of a new week may see a low chance of showers but a slight chance of showers will persist through the week.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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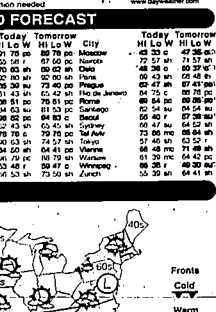
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Iraq's top leadership positions filled. A look at leaders confirmed by parliament on Saturday. Includes photos and names of key figures like Jalal Talabani, Nuri al-Maliki, and Tariq al-Hashimi.

Iraq: Continued from A1. "This historic achievement by designated Iraqis will make America more secure," he said. Bush said the agreement represented compromise, consensus and the will of the Iraqi people. He spoke hours after Iraq's president designated Jawad al-Maliki to form the new government.

Rumsfeld OKs new, expansive plans for war against terrorism

The Washington Post. U.S. embassies in more than a dozen countries in the Middle East and Latin America, where they do operational planning and intelligence gathering to enhance the ability to conduct military operations where the United States is not at war. And in a subtle but important shift contained in a classified report last year, the Pentagon gained the leeway to inform — rather than gain the approval of — the U.S. ambassador before executing military operations in a foreign country, according to several administration officials.

Immigration

to alert citizens whose Social Security numbers are being used by others. Evidence abounds within their files, according to an analysis by Knight-Ridder Newspapers and The Charlotte Observer. One internal study found that a restaurant company had nearly 4,100 duplicate Social Security numbers for workers. Other firms submit inaccurate names or numbers reports for nearly all of their employees. One child's Social Security number was used 742 times by workers in 42 states.

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ANALYSIS

Chinese president's visit was carefully calibrated

By Ted Anthony
Associated Press writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — In the stately stone hall, Yale University flutist Wang Mingzhu, solemn in a glimmering black dress, played her instrument quietly, deliberately, pitch-perfect. A half-block away, hundreds of agitated demonstrators in T-shirts and headbands banged tin snare drums and chanted for the demise of the Chinese Communist Party.

The scene, moments before China's president spoke at one of America's most venerable campuses, was a perfect metaphor for the two narratives that define modern China — control vs. chaos, the red poker face in the cordoned-off spotlight as roiling masses gather outside, volatile and unpredictable.

In China, of course, the masses can't protest against the state. But this was the United States, belly of the beast that Hu Jintao was busy sweet-talking. On his first official visit as his nation's leader, Hu did his utmost last week to exploit his fleeing bully pulpit and explain China — its motivations, its goals, its history — to America, China's biggest "export" market and biggest potential rival.

More and more Americans are following with interest China's progress and development. Understanding leads to trust, Hu said Friday. "I hope this will help you gain a better understanding of China."

Anybody who pays attention to how stories are told, particularly in this age of global media, knows history favors the storyteller who can captivate his audience. In the words and images Hu chose during his visit, he made clear he knew he was characterizing China for an era. It was a unique opportunity. When else can the chief of Earth's largest autocracy commander Americans' attention for something other than the trade imbalance, currency disputes or human rights? Odds are Hu was keenly aware he had to offer up a good performance. "We've seen in the Hu visit that Americans and others, in

western Europe in particular, expect more of Chinese leaders than they did five years ago," said Deborah Davis, a member of the National Committee on U.S.-China relations.

At every step, sometimes quite subtly, Hu told the story of a modern China that is racing to undertake one of the greatest transformations in modern history," in the words of former Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo, a Hu acquaintance who now runs Yale's Center for the Study of Globalization.

The 2006 edition of Hu Jintao seems more relaxed than the man who inherited China's top post from Jiang Zemin in 2002. His appearance — dark suit, pleasant but nondescript face, stiff but in-change demeanor — makes him seem like the vanilla CEO of a corporation. It's a perfect image for a country whose foreign investment-fueled experiment in capitalism, dubbed the "socialist market economy," needs a non-threatening front man to be not only diplomat but occasional global salesman.

In Seattle, Hu toured Boeing, which makes the most basic instruments of globalization — airplanes. He stopped in to talk with Bill Gates, Intel entrepreneur success, and let loose a quip that resonated with American cubicle jockeys everywhere: "I am dealing with the operating system produced by Microsoft every day."

With President Bush on Thursday, Hu played the tough but open-minded leader, yielding no ground but extolling the importance of talking. At Yale, he touted the rise of an outward-looking China that wants



Yale University President Richard C. Levin, left, and People's Republic of China President Hu Jintao, second from left, look over one of the books that President Hu presented to Yale University during his visit to the university in New Haven, Conn., Friday.

its people to benefit from the "well-ordered society" promised by his generation of leaders.

Hu even seeded the official English translation of his Yale speech with echoes of Lincoln's most poetic moment, saying development in China "must be for the people and by the people, and its benefits should be shared among the people."

But the more traditional story remained: Hu reminded the audience at every turn that China is 5,000 years old — the implication being that the United States is a toddler by comparison.

America being the chaotic democracy that it is, Hu's precisely calibrated narrative was interrupted here and there by other storytellers who have different views of today's China.

At the White House on Thursday, a reporter for a newspaper tied to the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement shrieked for several minutes at a clearly nonplussed Hu before Secret Service agents arrested her.

Despite his performance, the front man for the most closely watched developing economy in the world remained an enigma.

"The question we have to ask the Chinese leader is, 'Who are you?'" Harold Hongju Koh, the dean of Yale's law school and the top human rights official in the Clinton administration, said at a symposium after Hu left. Those assembled laughed at the pun.



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AROUND THE NATION

VOTER TURNED AWAY



Eighteen-year-old Dana Young, a freshman at Spelman College in Atlanta, reacts after she was turned away at her polling place in New Orleans Saturday after riding all night on the The Freedom Caravan to vote in the New Orleans mayoral election. She had hoped to vote for the first time, but was told by poll workers they had no record of her registration.

New Orleans residents to vote for mayor

NEW ORLEANS — Still staggering after Hurricane Katrina ravaged their city, voters on Saturday were selecting the candidate they want to lead one of the biggest reconstruction projects in U.S. history.

Twenty-two candidates — including Mayor Ray Nagin, who has sometimes been criticized for his freewheeling and occasionally inflammatory speech — will appear on the ballot in the first municipal election since Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast Aug. 29.

If no candidate gets more than 50 percent, a runoff between the top two vote-getters will be held May 20.

The winner faces a host of politically sticky and racially charged decisions about where and what to rebuild in a city where whole neighborhoods remain uninhabitable.

Four-fifths of the city was flooded, and large parts of New Orleans are still woeful tracts of ruin. Rebuilding plans — and the federal money to pay for them — are still being debated. Nearly all the public schools remain closed, and the tourism business, long the economy's mainstay, has drawn few conventions.

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who admitted leaking classified information that led to a Pulitzer Prize-winning story about a network of secret CIA prisons, government officials said.

The officer was a senior analyst nearing retirement, Mary McCarthy, The Associated Press learned. Reached Friday evening at home, her husband would not confirm her firing.

Almost immediately the firing turned political. Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., praised the agency for identifying a source of the leaks and encouraging vigorous investigation of other open cases. "Those guilty of improperly disclosing classified information should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Roberts said.

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., called on President Bush to hold accountable those in his administration who leaked information about the Iraq intelligence in the run-up to the war and ousted undercover CIA operative Valerie Plame. "Apparently, President Bush doesn't believe what's good for the CIA is good for the White House," Menendez said.

In McCarthy's final position at the CIA, she was assigned to its Office of Inspector General, looking into allegations the CIA was involved in torture at Iraqi prisons, according to a former colleague who spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is under investigation.

Student says rumors rampant before arrests
RIVERTON, Kan. — A student at the small-town high school where five teens are accused of planning an attack said that rumors were rampant on the day before their arrest, prompting some schoolmates to tell the suspects: "Whatever you do, don't shoot me."

Freshman Nathan Spriggs, 15, also said his friends, who are suspected of planning to shoot fellow students and school employees, told him they had posted a threat on the Internet as a joke and feared they would be suspended or expelled for doing it.

Riverton High School officials were taking no chances. Five boys, ages 16 to 18, were arrested Thursday the anniversary of the Columbine massacre, authorities said.

"The sheriff's office believes it is the real thing," said Superintendent David Walters.

Air Force One subject of Internet hoax
WASHINGTON — A startling Internet video that shows someone spraying graffiti on President Bush's jet looked so authentic that the Air Force wasn't immediately certain whether the plane had been targeted.

It was all a hoax. No one actually sprayed the slogan "Still Free" on the cowling of Air Force One.

The pranksters responsible for the grainy, two-minute Web video — employed by a New York fashion company — revealed Friday how they pulled it off: a rented 747 in California painted to look almost exactly like Air Force One.

"I wanted to do something culturally significant, wanted to create a real pop-culture moment," said Marc Ecco of Marc Ecco Enterprises. "It's this completely irrelevant, over-the-top thing that could really never happen: this five-dollar can of paint putting a plimpe on this Goliath."

— Photos and stories by The Associated Press

A TRICK
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NATION

From Pine Bluff to Timnath

Small-town America joins the no-smoking trend

By Jamie Kiziro and Mike Stobbe
Associated Press writers

LIVERNE, Ala. — If New York City can ban smoking in bars and restaurants, why not the town of Liverne?

"We don't see why a small rural town can't do the same thing," said Al Snellgrove, a former Liverne councilman who helped enact the ban last year. The town's residents adapted, said Mark Grant, a smoker who owns Liverne's On House restaurant. He's only had to tell a couple of people to put out their smokes, both visitors passing through.

Some locals still grumble. "It's a small community," Grant said. "They've got to have something to complain about."

Last year, five states and 82 towns, cities and counties approved smoking bans, according to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, a California-based nongovernmental group that has the best data on the issue.

It was a record year, surpassing 2004, when four states and 71 cities and counties began enforcing smoking bans. All together, 17 states now have no-smoking laws in effect, as do 461 towns, cities and counties elsewhere. The latest state to join the trend was New Jersey, with a new law that took effect April 15. That means it's now illegal to smoke in about 40 percent of bars, restaurants and workplaces. And at many other job sites, employers have voluntarily barred smoking in enclosed spaces.

Public health advocates are pleased not just by the volume of bans but also the geographic diversity. Legislating towns include Sitka, Alaska; Laramie, Wyo.; Victoria, Texas; Sulphur, La.; Pine Bluff, Ark.; Gainesville, Ga.; and Timnath, Colo. (population 223).

In Alabama, bans took effect last year in Birmingham, Cantonwood, Headland and Liverne. Citronelle instituted a ban last month. Opelika has one pending in next month.

"It's the trend, and we've caught the train," said Barry Riddle, tobacco prevention coordinator for the Alabama Department of Public Health.

It's more than a trend, said Peter Jacobson, a University of Michigan professor of health law and policy.

"In the Deep South, states traditionally have not welcomed this kind of regulation," Jacobson said. "This suggests to me that all the tobacco control efforts made in the last two decades have permeated and changed the culture."

There are thousands of U.S. smoking ordinances across the country, which call for non-smoking areas or other restrictions. But tobacco control advocates and public health officials prefer total bans.

"Separate sections of the same room are much less effective in protecting

Smoking slowly being rubbed out

New Jersey is the newest state to join a growing number of others to place a ban on smoking. Currently, there are 17 states with no-smoking laws in effect, along with 461 towns, cities and counties.

State no-smoking laws

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Banned in either workplaces, restaurants or bars

Locality with a no-smoking law



On the Web:

American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation:
http://www.no-smoke.org/

Sitting outside Crenshaw County Hardware on a bench downtown, Johnny Jones watched cars drive by and voiced his approval for the ban. More people are becoming health-conscious, he noted.

"I love it," said Jones 50, who manages the store and is also a minister.

Attorney Charles Kettler, 72, said the ban was no big deal. He comes from a family of smokers, but dropped the habit years ago.

"I grew out of it," he said.

SOURCE: Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights

nonsmokers from exposure," said Terry Pechacek, senior scientist for tobacco-related issues at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Smoking bans are believed to be the primary reason studies show a big drop in chemical measures of tobacco smoke exposure in nonsmokers. Health officials believe — and are trying to prove — long cancer cases in nonsmokers have gone down, too, Pechacek said.

Currently, health officials estimate secondhand smoke causes about 3,000 cases of lung cancer in American nonsmokers each year.

Full-scale smoking bans began popping up in 1990, mainly in California, Granddaddy cities and counties in a few other states joined the list, many in Massachusetts.

Then, a turning point: In 2002, Delaware banned smoking in all workplaces, bars, restaurants and even the state's three racinos — facetracks that have slot machines.

"What happened in Delaware was really critical," a tough statewide ban in the middle of the East Coast, said Daniel Smith, the American Cancer Society's national vice president for government relations.

In 2003, local smoking bans ballooned by 62. Two of the new bans proved extremely influential, tobacco control advocates said. One was New York City; the second, Lexington, Ky.

"Lexington was kind of a 'shot heard round the world,'" a complete ban of smoking in bars and restaurants in a city in the heart of tobacco country, said Bronson Brick, associate director of Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights.

And New York? New York is perhaps the country's most blunt-spoken, culturally diverse, politically challenging city, Smith said. "If something can be done in New York, it can be done anywhere," he said.

Washington, D.C., this year enacted a law modeled on the New York ban. Officials in

many other cities have noted New York's action, Smith said.

Liverne is on a highway that connects Alabama's state capital to Gulf Coast beaches. Many of the town's residents — about 2,600 — are retirees who don't smoke, said Grant, the restaurant owner.

Town officials looked at smoking ordinances from nearby cities. But the ban was triggered not by national trends, but by townspeople fuming about smoke in local cafes, said Snellgrove, the former councilman.

"It just got very difficult to enjoy a meal, and then you hear it from people at church, school and on the street," he said.

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Iraqis turn to blogs to share views

By Mariam Fam
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Zeyad is a 27-year-old dentist. He works for a government clinic with broken dental chairs and no anesthetics. At home, when gunfire rattles his neighborhood, Zeyad's family covers in one room murmuring prayers while he types away on his computer.

Zeyad is a blogger. Unheard of in Saddam Hussein's Iraq, blogging is providing ordinary Iraqis with a voice — a chance to vent and reflect on the changes reshaping their country.

In the outside world, the generally anonymous postings offer raw insider views and insights in which sorrow and joy, hope and despair, fear and defiance coexist as the violence of the insurgency and now sectarian divisions swirl around Iraqis.

"The West should listen to the opinions of the simple Iraqi people. They only hear from analysts and politicians," said Zeyad, who agreed to discuss his blogging only if his family name wasn't revealed for security reasons. "This is a good window into the world."

Zeyad penned his first entry in his Healing Iraq blog in October 2003 about Iraq's new currency, calling it "wonderful and so symbolic" that the distribution of the new dinar coincided with the anniversary of a referendum that re-elected Saddam. He has gone on to chronicle his thoughts on all aspects of life in the new Iraq.

A self-described agnostic born into a Sunni Muslim family, Zeyad reacted angrily in 2003 when the then-interior minister announced that people found guilty of public during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan would be detained for three days and fined.

"I wanted to kill someone after reading all that," Zeyad wrote. "Free country my ass."

In later postings, he scolded at the growing influence of Muslim clerics, saying it made him fear for the future of freedom in Iraq. "I want to be able to buy my vodka without having to look left and right. I want to be able to walk with my girlfriend in the street while holding hands together without people glaring at me. Is this TOO MUCH to ask?" he wrote. "Do I have to immigrate and leave my country for wanting to do all that?"

But there were moments of pride and exhilaration, too.

One came when Iraqis voted for an interim legislature in January 2005, their first democratic election in decades.

"Hold your head up high. Remember that you are Iraqi," Zeyad wrote that day.

"My mother was in tears watching the scenes from all over the country," he added. "Iraqis had voted for peace and for a better future, despite the surrounding madness. I sincerely hope this small step would be the start of much bolder ones."

More recently, his blog has tackled gimmer subjects: elections, assassinations, street fighting — common themes in many Iraqi blogs.

"Please don't ask me whether I believe Iraq is on the verge of civil war yet or not," Zeyad wrote. "All I see is that both sides

are engaged in tit-for-tat lynchings and summary executions." Zeyad said Health Ministry officials deem the trip to his clinic on the outskirts of Baghdad too risky. That is why the chairs have not been fixed and the anesthetics were not provided. "We don't work," he said.

Still, Zeyad knows that under Saddam's regime, he could not have dreamed of criticizing the government.

Like Zeyad, who moved with his family to Britain when he was 1 and returned to Iraq at 7, most Iraqi bloggers seem relatively young and well-educated — and they write in English.

While they often mull over the same events, their opinions vary, often along sectarian lines. Take a March 26 raid by U.S. and special Iraqi forces on a mosque compound in northern Baghdad during which at least 16 people were killed.

Zeyad wrote simply that American soldiers clashed with Shiite Muslim militiamen who resisted the search, but another blogger who uses the pen name Hammorabi took a sharply different view.

"American forces' crime against the worshippers," screamed a headline in Hammorabi's blog. "The killing of the worshippers in al-Mustafa mosque by the American forces should be investigated and those who are responsible for it should be punished."

Some bloggers scorn the "men in black," a gibe at Shiite militiamen accused by many Sunnis of targeting them. Others lash out at "terrorists," an apparent reference to Sunni insurgents frequently attacking Shiites.

The third anniversary of the invasion of Iraq also evoked emotions among bloggers. While lamenting the violence in Iraq, a blogger who uses the pseudonym The Mesopotamian praised the war that ousted Saddam.

"The blood and sacrifices by the American soldiers and people will never be forgotten," The Mesopotamian wrote. "It was right, it was just and it was ordained by God that a murderer and tyrant should be overthrown."

Not really, argued a woman blogger who calls herself Riverbend. Writing in her Baghdad Burning blog, she said the war "marked the end of Iraq's independence."

"I don't think anyone imagined three years ago that things could be quite this bad today," Riverbend wrote.

Riverbend's writings brought international attention to Iraqi blogging. Some of her blog entries were published in a book that is available in the United States and Britain and that won her a Letter Ulysses Award for the Art of Reportage. Her Web musings, often critical but also sprinkled with humor, have drawn mixed reviews, with some readers questioning whether she really is an Iraqi woman.

She has not been deterred, offering up her dismay at the hours of daily blogging.

"The thing most worrisome about the situation now is that discrimination based on sect has become so commonplace," Riverbend wrote. "The typical Iraqi dream has become to find some safe haven abroad."



An unidentified Iraqi man makes use of one of the many Internet cafes in Baghdad.

Some entries on Iraqi blogs

Some entries from Iraqi blogs, as they were posted by the writers in English:

"Please don't ask me whether I believe Iraq is on the verge of civil war yet or not. I have severe experienced a civil war before, only regular ones. All I see is that both sides are engaged in tit-for-tat lynchings and summary executions. I see governmental forces openly taking sides or stepping aside. I see an occupation force that is clueless about what is going on in the country. I see politicians that distrust each other and continue to flame the situation for their own personal interests. I see Islamic clerics delivering fiery sermons against each other, then smile and hug each other at the end of the day in staged PR stunts ..."

— March 24, Healing Iraq blog, <http://healingiraq.blogspot.com>

"I would like to say to all our friends in the West and America in particular, this: have no fear; the battle is far from being lost. The land of Sumaria, Akkad, Babylon, Ur, Nimrod and Ashur will never die. The land where the Old Testament was written and the Aramaic of Jesus Christ was spoken cannot become extinct. The Capital of Harun al-Rashid and the Arabian nights cannot die."

— March 17, The Mesopotamian <http://mesopotamian.blogspot.com>

"After 3 years; is Iraq better or worse? There is no easy way to answer this question. ... The existed situation is much worse than in 2003. However this should not be taken as that Iraq is better under the previous dictator regime. Iraq and the region is certainly better without one of the most tyrant regimes in the area but the existed leaders of the different parties and groups showed no difference from the other dictators in their mentality. They are responsible directly for the delay of formation of government based on the December election!"

— March 20, Hammorabi, <http://hammorabi.blogspot.com>

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Felt

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But when Felt saw the investigation into a corrupt presidential administration being blocked at every turn, he knew what he had to do. The way Felt saw it, he wasn't out to hurt his beloved FBI; he was out to save it.

"There were a lot of factors that developed," Felt said. "Felt it was necessary."

Felt knew what he was doing could cost him his stellar career, and perhaps even more.

"Felt I was risking my life," Felt said. "There were a couple of times it was kind of close. I barely got away."

But this was a man who was scared of nothing, a man who once did a loop in an airplane his first time up in the pilot's seat during FBI flight training. To this former G-man, Watergate might have seemed tame.

"It was frightening, but it was kind of exciting," Felt said.

An innocent time

It's been a year now since Felt revealed himself in a Vanity Fair magazine article written by O'Connor. The reporters have finally quit sipping out on the front lawn. There are no more microphones in his face, no more clamoring for soundbites. "A G-man's Life," the 337-page memoir written by Felt and O'Connor, which includes a compilation of Felt's writings, old FBI memos and news material, will be in bookstores Monday. There's even talk of a movie starring Tom Hanks.

"We explain Watergate and give people the real story of what Watergate is about," O'Connor said. "Some of the book looks at Felt's early years in Twin Falls, where those small-town values like honesty, being of service to others and doing the right thing were bred into Felt by his father, Earl, a building contractor who helped construct the downtown Presbyterian church, and his mother, Rose, a homemaker and much-loved duplicate bridge champion. Homing out the family were his younger sister, Janet, and their Aunt Edith, Rose's unmarried sister and the town librarian. Rose's father later joined the family, working as a custodian at the Presbyterian church."

It was an innocent time, and Felt's childhood was typical for a boy growing up in a small Idaho town in the 1920s. He and his friends waded away the hours chatting bees in Mason jars, digging swimming holes and daring each other to climb the bridge over the river. Felt remembers climbing a bridge, though he doesn't remember just which one, only that it was "a big one."

"The Christmas tree in their living room at 160 Ninth Ave. N. was always aglow with real candles. There were church socials and concerts in the park on warm summer evenings. Every Fourth of July, Felt and his sister would get a shiny new dime to spend as they wished. As a teenager, Felt's tall Felt shot hoops with the Twin Falls High School basketball team and worked as an usher at the downtown Orpheum Theater.

"I remember a lot of pleasant times," he said. "It's all very pleasant."

Betty McCulley Swanson, a former Twin Falls girl who now lives in Vancouver, Wash., was one of Janet Felt's childhood friends. She recalls the days early years in Twin Falls as a very innocent time. "Everybody knew everybody else," Swanson said. "It was a very patriotic city. Janet was such a sweet girl and she was very talented on the piano. Janet's mother had drawers of old clothes and hats and we'd go over and play dress-up. We'd get together and maybe go for a ride in the country."

But there were hard times. The family cookie jar took a big hit in the late 1920s when Earl Felt lost his savings and was forced to file bankruptcy after a Salt Lake City slick salesman out in the miles of a major housing project. Luckily, Earl Felt had already built a home for his family so they didn't lose the roof over their heads. His son took it all in stride.

"He was well-liked and popular," O'Connor said. "He didn't skip a beat. He was blasé about the fact his dad went bankrupt."

But the experience did teach W. Mark Felt the value of a dime, and by the time he was a high school senior, he'd managed to sock away \$800 of his allowance and usher money for college, a nice chunk of change back in 1931. He lost it all when the bank went bust in the Great Depression. His family came up with the \$122 to pay for his first semester at the University of Idaho, but then he was on his own. He worked his way through schooling, fraternity houses and striking the bolters.

"His whole life, he worked hard," O'Connor said. "I worked hard, but he still managed to be come president of his fraternity. Mark found time for everything. He never minded hard work."

It was at the U of I that Felt first laid eyes on the beautiful Audrey Robinson, a Gooding gal. But it wasn't until a few years later, after law school at George Washington University and after he landed a job working in the nation's capital for former Idaho Sen. James Pinkeyne Pope, that he would run into Audrey again and ask her out on a date.

"He said he had to go to Washington to marry an Idaho girl," O'Connor said.

The two exchanged vows in 1938. Daughter Joan arrived in 1943, followed a few years later by a son, Mark Jr.

Summer vacation

Joan remembers well those long summer drives to grandma and grandpa's house in Twin Falls back in the 1940s and '50s. Her father was working in the FBI's Seattle office and every summer, the family would pile into the car and head south to her father's hometown and to the house her grandpa Earl built back in 1916.

After graduating from the University of Chicago, Earl Felt decided the best place to build his future would be Klamath Falls, Ore., or Twin Falls, Idaho. He tossed a coin. Twin Falls won.

"He came to Twin Falls because it was a good spot for irrigation projects in the West," O'Connor said. "It's a story of America and how a man came out to discover the emerging technology."

Joan remembers watching the high desert landscape roll by out the car's back window. As they got closer, she'd see the farms and then the town and finally her grandparents' house, the one with the steps leading up to the front porch.

"We loved going to Twin Falls, my brother and I," Joan Felt said. "I remember the family homestead. The house was so cozy and comfortable."

She said her grandmother, Rose Dygert Felt, was a willful but kind woman, definitely the one in charge.

"The family dinner was a big occasion," Joan said. "There were napkins, rings and beautiful plates and cups."

Grandma Rose also was the world's best cook, and everything on her table was made from scratch. Joan especially remembers her grandma's homemade desserts.

"She remembers her grandpa Earl listening to the ballgame on the radio and walking downtown to the local cafe to talk politics with his retired friends."

"Everything in Twin Falls seemed a little quieter and from the past," she said.

Joan said to this day, whenever she notices that same kind of ceramic dinnerware, "It brings back sweet memories."

"He was in the newspaper a lot," Joan remembers. "I can remember being with him in the car and he'd make some traffic error. He'd get stopped by a policeman and he'd say, 'Oh, Mr. Felt, Oh... Oh...'"

There was also a certain amount of glamour to her father's profession.

"Every night he would come home from work and take off his suit coat and there would be his gun under his arm," she said.

And while most teenagers in town were working at fast-food joints to earn their movie money, Mark Felt Jr. landed a different kind of job.

"In Kansas City, Dad hired me to clean the Thompson machine guns and other firearms when the agents came in from practice," Mark Jr. wrote in an e-mail to *The Times-News*.

It certainly beat working at the local McDonald's.

"I loved growing up as a G-man's son," Mark Jr. wrote. "I can remember a lot of prestige and confidence and some jobs I wouldn't have gotten."

The family eventually moved to Washington, D.C. Joan and Mark Jr. went off to college, married and had a son of their own. The second father became the FBI's No. 2 man. And the rest, as they say, is history.

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Felt married the love of his life, Audrey Robinson, a Gooding gal, in 1938.



Felt, left, was the No. 2 man to J. Edgar Hoover, third from left.

Telling the world

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When San Francisco attorney John D. O'Connor first saw the word "Watergate," the former FBI man sat silent, gripping the arms of his easy chair.

W. Mark Felt had denied the rumors for years, even to his children, Joan Felt and Mark Felt Jr. Each year on the anniversary of the Watergate scandal, he would come knocking, but they always left with empty notebooks, with no sound bite. Now, it had been more than 30 years since President Richard Nixon waved goodbye from the steps of the Marine One helicopter before flying off to a sunny California retirement, 30 years since his closest advisers were sent off to serve their short sentences in white-collar, federal prisons. After being released, most of the president's men led comfortable lives supported by million-dollar book deals and lucrative speaking engagements. Meanwhile, Felt, once second in the FBI command under J. Edgar Hoover, spent those years a deeply conflicted man, torn between his loyalty to those he served, and that voice inside him telling him he had to do the right thing, even if he risked his own life doing it. For more than three decades, he carried the secret that he had been the confidential informant who helped two Washington Post reporters expose a White House cover-up that would come to be known as Watergate.



O'Connor

"Dad never confirmed during all that time that he was Deep Throat, but on some occasions, he would open up a little and talk about Deep Throat, the character of the man and the trials and tribulations one must personally accept and overcome when you decide to go it alone," wrote his son, Mark Jr., in an e-mail to *The Times-News*.

"He also said that Deep Throat was a man of great courage — a man with the courage to operate totally on his own, without a safety net, and that without such a person, a 'Lone Ranger,' he said, the Watergate investigation might have stalled in the deliberate attempts by the White House and the Justice Department to kill the investigation."

The fact that his father never included any of this in his 1979 memoir, "The FBI Pyramid," made Mark Jr. begin to suspect his father might indeed be Deep Throat.

Meanwhile, Joan Felt, a professor of Spanish, world literature and Latino literature at Sonoma State University, had no idea — not even an inkling — that her father was Deep Throat. She thought Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward was just like any other reporter who came to the house every year. "What a Bob Woodward doing in a Daley's parking lot in California?" Joan said one day of her friends said, "Don't you know who Bob Woodward is? He knows who Deep Throat is."

"I thought, 'Oh my God,'" Joan said.

Her dad finally admitted it to her. She and her son, Nick, along with O'Connor, started digging telling his story in his own words, rather than leaving it to someone else after he was gone.

"I'd be able to speak in his own words so he could die with a clear heart — no unresolved secrets, no unresolved conflicts in his past," Joan said. "He could tell the story in his own words so he could reap some of the benefits — so he could receive the acknowledgment and praise."

On May 31, 2005, Felt, with O'Connor's help, let the world in on the secret that except for a few Washington Post insiders, he'd carried alone for three decades.

The response has been overwhelmingly positive. His daughter said today, a year later, "I'm amazed at the heartwarming messages on the answering machine. His actions have even been honored by the First Amendment Coalition and the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice."

"This revelation has really energized him," O'Connor said. "He's really a changed man as part of this process. He's at peace and content with himself. No part of him is fighting."

The FBI —

then and now

What does Felt think of today's FBI, post-Sept. 11?

"I think they're a high-level organization and they do an excellent job," Felt said. "I think they're doing very well."

O'Connor takes it one step

Watergate timeline

The story that came to be known as Watergate unfolded in the summer of 1972 with a break-in at the national Democratic headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein pursued the story with the help of leads provided by a secret source named W. Mark Felt, a 1951 Twin Falls High School graduate who had risen to the No. 2 position at the FBI. The Washington Post nicknamed Felt "Deep Throat" because the information he provided was on deep background.

June 17, 1972: Five men are arrested in a break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate Hotel in Washington.

June 20, 1972: President Nixon and aide H.R. Haldeman discuss Watergate. Later, reporters find an 18-minute gap in tape of that conversation.

Sept. 15, 1972: Seven men, including two former White House aides, are indicted in Watergate break-in.

Jan. 23-30, 1973: Five of the men plead guilty to conspiracy, burglary and wiretapping. Two stand trial and are convicted.

April 30, 1973: Haldeman and Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman resign. White House aide John Dean is fired.

July 24, 1973: Testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee reveals that all of Nixon's White House conversations were taped.

July 24, 1974: The Supreme Court rules that the tapes must provide the tapes and documents subpoenaed by special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox.

Oct. 20, 1974: Cox refuses to compromise on the tapes and Nixon orders Attorney General Elliot Richardson to fire Cox. Richardson refuses and resigns in protest. Acting Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy becomes known as the "Saturday Night Massacre."

July 24, 1974: The Supreme Court rules Nixon must hand over the tapes.

July 27-30, 1974: House Judiciary Committee approves three articles of impeachment: obstruction of justice, misuse of powers and violation of his oath of office and failure to comply with House subpoenas.

Aug. 9, 1974: Nixon resigns. September 8, 1974: President Ford pardons Nixon.

Source: The Associated Press

Further, he said if Felt had been the FBI's No. 2 man in the years just before Sept. 11, chances are those planes never would have reached their targets.

"If he would have stayed in power as the No. 2 man, our domestic security would have been tremendously strong," O'Connor said. "He used to say, 'Don't get complacent. There's a good chance we might have avoided 9/11.'"

In 1980, Felt was convicted on federal charges of having authorized illegal break-ins — "black bag jobs" — during the early 1970s on suspected members of the Weather Underground, a radical group with foreign ties. He also authorized black bag jobs on members of the Palestinian Liberation Army.

O'Connor said Felt's black bag jobs worked.

"They had a list of FLO members," O'Connor said. "They'd round them up, take their mug shots and book them. Then they'd ship them out of the country. The black bag jobs were successful. At the very same time as Watergate, he was a hero on domestic security."

Felt was pardoned for his actions in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan. O'Connor said Felt still blames the stress of those years for the 1984 death of his beloved wife, Audrey.

Ironically, what Felt did back in the early 1970s would be perfectly legal under today's Patriot Act, O'Connor said.

Felt's G-man days have long since passed. Does he ever miss them?

"I miss them as old as I am," he said.

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RUPERT SQUARE CENTRAL TO TOWN'S START

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The trail of history in arid southern Idaho almost always leads to water.

Rupert's birthday party on the square Friday and Saturday celebrated 100 years of history in the very spot the town began. Settlers established Rupert around Minidoka County's first well.

It provided potable water in the middle of the desert six miles from the Snake River. People stopped for an early 20th century fill up and to water horses.

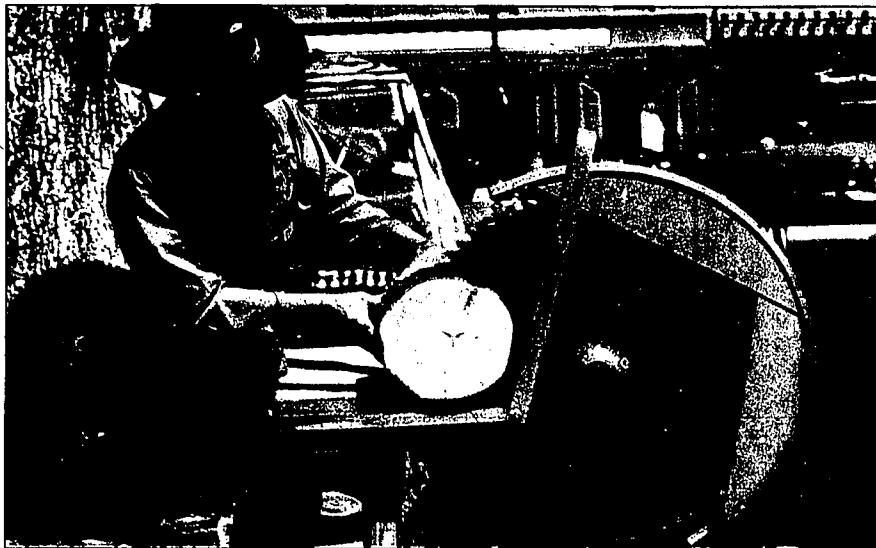
"As it turns out that becomes the meeting spot," explains Gary Schorzman, co-chairman of the Rupert Centennial Commission.

Developers and settlers conducted business there as men pinned hopes of fortune — or at least a decent living — on the promise of irrigation water. The Minidoka Project was one of the country's first federal reclamation campaigns. Construction at Minidoka Dam began in 1904.

Retail businesses began to develop around the county well, housing it in an all four sides. About 60 businesses had set up shop by the time Rupert was incorporated on April 12, 1906, said Schorzman, who researched Rupert's history in anticipation of the centennial. There was a wallpaper shop, a paint shop, two mercantile stores, dress shop, meat market, confectionery, hardware store, post office, dentist, doctor, livery stable, and more.

Early buildings often were built on skids, Schorzman said. An industrious shop owner who wanted to expand —

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Bob Bean, 70, of Rupert cuts wood Saturday with an old Montgomery Ward saw at the Rupert Centennial Days.

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the GATHERING PLACE



Franky Vega, 4, enjoys a bite of cotton candy.



Harise Novarez, 11, of Twin Falls and her cousin Matthew Mascorro, 14, of Burley take the stage to perform a traditional Mexican dance as their cousin Gabriele Mascorro, 9, leaves the stage.



Colton Normand, 3, of Rupert, takes a swing at a piñata as other children wait their turn Saturday afternoon.

Woman always made art and beauty an important part of her life

By Trena Tegan
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Art and beauty were an ever-present asset in the life of Nola Phillips Evans.

She passed away April 14, 2006, at the age of 90.

Nola was born in Dayton on Dec. 4, 1915. Nola's ancestors had been among the original settlers of the area. Her parents, William and Millie Phillips, bought a farm near Murtaugh, moving the family to the area when Nola was just a year old.

She married Richard "Dick" Evans in 1935 and they moved to the Burley area. In 1939 they bought a farm where they lived the rest of their lives. The family rented-out part of the 40-acre farm and kept the rest in pasture.

They had dairy cows for a time on the property and also raised chickens. Nola would gather the eggs and sell them to neighbors and to stores in town.

Dick worked for Gordon Construction as a heavy-equipment operator, leveling ground for farms and roads, often traveling out of the area. When

the children were young — and during the summer months — Nola and the children often accompanied him, staying in a travel trailer near the work site.

Nola was a hard worker and seemed to be handy at anything she tried. She was known for her cooking, baking and sewing.

She would frequently make items for bazaars for her church and other events. She sewed clothes and blankets for her children and grandchildren and always put her own creative touch to everything she made. A specialty she had was "Boden candy," a recipe handed down from her grandmother who had owned a candy shop in Brigham City, Utah. She also built some furniture pieces, including bookcases and even a chest of drawers. If there was a need, she would make, bake or build something to fill it.

Both flower gardens and vegetable gardens were always present at Nola's house. She prided herself on her roses and always had numerous prize-winning entries in the county fairs.

When Nola was in her 50s, she turned to something she had dreamed of doing for years: oil painting. She had

worked with textiles for quite some time and had always had a love of art.

"Even as a young child in school she would rush to finish her school work so she could draw pictures," Ann Evans, her daughter-in-law said. She took classes whenever she could, sometimes from individuals and other times through the College of Southern Idaho or Idaho State University. She enjoyed taking classes and learning styles and techniques from others.

She became good friends with some of her instructors and was often asked to help organize other classes for them. She worked under several well-known artists, including Olaf Moller. She traveled several times with ISU's Arts on Tour and has sold her paintings at numerous art shows.

She had said that she didn't care if she made a lot of money with her paintings, as long as it helped pay for her brushes, paints and canvas. Painting was a passion for her and her paintings, like her flowers, always found a place at the county fairs.

"When we would visit she would always say 'Come see what I did!'" her daughter Vonda Tanner said. "She was

always enthusiastic about her painting."

In the 1980s, she helped organize the Acquila Art Guild and taught classes for the members of the group. She was a member of the Desert Art Guild for 30 years, during which time she served twice as president and once as secretary.

Nola loved spending time with her family and held painting classes for her grandchildren on occasion. She had a unique sense of humor and loved to tease both her children and her grandchildren.

"It was often hard to get the children to go home when they visited grandma," her daughter, Vonda, said. Nola stayed active and busy, even after undergoing heart surgery in 1991. Though it slowed her activities, it couldn't keep her down. She continued to care for a garden and spend time with her grandchildren. She taught her family well the value of hard work and to never give up on their dreams.

Trena Tegan writes for the South Idaho Press. She can be reached at 678-2201.


aLife
remembered

Nola Phillips Evans

Born: Dec. 4, 1915
Died: April 14, 2006
Survivors: Her children, Vonda (Arlyn) Tanner of Paul, Clint (Ann) Evans of Heyburn, and Dixie (Fern) Browning of Rupert; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Nola Evans loved to paint and traveled with Arts on Tour through Idaho State University on numerous occasions, pointing on location and showing and selling her paintings.

Nola Evans sold one of her many paintings to a bank in Burley for display in the lobby.



MINI-CASSIA



Bee Stuart, owner of Bee's Book Been in Twin Falls, wears a fezzin hat and a perfect costume from the early 1900s Saturday at her book booth at the Rupert Centennial Days.

Rupert

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but was hemmed in by neighboring buildings — pulled his business across the street to the center of the square. Other entrepreneurs convinced him to move back to maintain an open center area.

For most of the 20th century the square was a vibrant hub of the Minidoka County community. Bands played the handstand Saturday nights while stores stayed open late for shoppers.

Diane Nielson, whose family has a 99-year history in Rupert, co-chairs the Centennial Commission with Schorzman. She has an aunt who tells of the days when families would ride in the wagon to town. There was a grocery store called Disney that sold a hard, frosted gingerbread-type cookie. Children sat on the grass under shade trees and waited for parents to do the shopping.

Today, Rupert's square remains a natural setting for community events such as the centennial party, but many storefronts stand empty and it's not the center of social life as it once was.

Centennial organizers hope the focus on the town's past will generate excitement to make Rupert flourish for the next 100 years.

"I'd really like to see some new businesses come in and see Rupert be a thriving town again," Nielson said.

The town was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2001, and community efforts are focused on a renaissance that includes restoration of historic buildings.

Hunter kills mountain lion

BURLEY (AP) — A hunter shot and killed a mountain lion this week after a DHL delivery driver reported the animal chased him as he tried to leave a package at a home on Highway 81 near Malta.

Undersheriff Cary Bristol said Cassia County Deputy Larry Thompson went to look for the lion because the department was worried about children returning from school. He heard growling at him from a bush — so he asked for permission to have it killed.

Officials called Malta resident Ken Jafek, who hunts mountain lions, and Jafek killed the lion.

Thompson said there were about nine cats that roam along the Coterel Mountain ridge line.

Dixie Tate receives Soroptmist award

BURLEY — Dixie Tate was recently presented with the "Lacking a Difference for Women" award by the Burley Soroptmist.

Tate has been a valued member of the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Probation Department team since December 1995. She graduated from Boise State University in 1995 with a social science degree with an emphasis in sociology and communications and her first assignment with the department was as a juvenile probation officer for Cassia County. She became a social worker in 1999 and completed her social worker licensure process in December 2001.

Tate assisted in bringing the Parent Project to the Mini-Cassia area, and has been the director of a local gender-specific program for female offenders called "Our Girls" for the past seven years.

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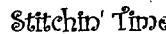
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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

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

Driving under the influence sentencings

William Mack, 49, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Randy R. Butler, 36, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, excessive, pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 120 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 30 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol.

James G. Kaldia, 39, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, under 21, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Jeff K. Short, 23, Mountain, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$700 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Michael A. Fairchild, 55, Bulli, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Cady N. Goodwin, 19, Filer, driving without proper license, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Christina A. Hayden, 44, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

James W. Robinson, 39, Twin Falls, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Tony Teller, 26, Bulli, malicious injury to property, pleaded guilty; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 21 days in jail; credit for time served.

Anna A. Lindstromer, 19, Haseley, failure to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident, pleaded guilty; \$100 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Donald H. Schultz, 39, Twin Falls, trespass, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Ricky J. Walker, 49, Twin Falls, failure to have medical card in possession, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Robert A. Lunn, 45, Bulli, theft by receiving/possessing stolen property, pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months probation.

John L. Bickers, 51, Twin Falls, motor carrier safety violation, pleaded guilty; \$72.50 costs.

Kevin J. Bowman, 20, Twin Falls, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Felony sentencings

Kenneth "Doc" W. Whitton, 56, Twin Falls, grand theft, pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary, three years determinate, two years indeterminate; \$2,000 fine; \$500 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Ernesto Arango-Santana, 19, Twin Falls, domestic violence, pleaded guilty; ten years penitentiary; two years determinate; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Larry W. Thomas, 12, Leah, Idaho, one count burglary, pleaded guilty; six years penitentiary, two years determinate, four years indeterminate; \$2,000 fine; \$500 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Benjamin C. Hamilton, 23, Twin Falls, one count possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Stephen Bann, 42, Twin Falls, one count driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

John C. Hightower, 26, Twin Falls, one count provide false information to an officer, pleaded guilty; fees waived; 30 days in jail, credit for time served; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty; 30 days in jail, credit for time served.

Amy M. Jenkins, 29, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

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establishment where alcohol is the main source of income, submit to alcohol/drug testing, \$40 per month compliance fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Nicholas Tortuno-Garcia, 23, Twin Falls, grand theft, pleaded guilty; eight years penitentiary, three years determinate, five years indeterminate; \$2,000 fine; \$500 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

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Philip D. Fleeger, 46, Twin Falls, grand theft, pleaded guilty; four years penitentiary, two years determinate, two years indeterminate; \$2,000 fine; \$500 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Blank L. Fairchild, 40, Filer, delivery of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty; six years penitentiary, four years determinate, two years indeterminate; \$2,000 fine; \$500 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

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D. Duke, Rebecca West, Beverly Wietmeyer, Deena Duke, 30; forgery, dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations.

Joseph Shores, 18, Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance, dismissed by prosecutor.

George Werts vs. J. Don Reedy LLC, Gary Nelson, John and Janice Dues, 18 months; 18. Seeking judgment against the defendants for \$11,700 plus interest; attorneys' fees and costs. Plaintiff alleges that defendants have failed to pay commission on the sale of a house that plaintiff produced a buyer for. Plaintiff alleges defendants are in breach of contract by failing to pay said amount.

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:

Michael W. Enter, Seeking establishment of paternity; \$535 support plus 83 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; private medical insurance; \$273 for uncovered medical costs.

Ans P. Avlar and her C. Avlar, Seeking establishment of paternity; \$395 monthly support plus 31 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; private medical insurance; \$6,742 for uncovered medical costs.

Clarisba Gaston, Seeking establishment of paternity; \$204 for child support and foster care costs.

Travis N. Thomas, Seeking establishment of paternity; \$724 for child support and foster care costs.

Michelle L. Thomas, Seeking \$335 for child support and foster care costs.

Jason W. Cramer, Seeking \$3,254 for child support; \$69 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; private medical insurance.

Divorces filed

Christina G. Larvas vs. Lupe Larvas, Maria J. Hernandez vs. Santos Hernandez, Jessica Clark vs. Lori A. Clark, Jennifer Hankins vs. Marc A. Hankins, Robert H. Moore vs. Ana M. Moore, W. Ray Reynolds vs. Jennifer A. Reynolds.

Shane D. Dickard vs. Kelly L. Dickard, Rick E. Mallon vs. Claniel M. Mallon, Dawn L. Fennwald vs. Michael D. Fennwald.

Daniel A. Schmid vs. Shawna Y. Schmid, Lynda Anderson vs. Tracy Anderson, Julie M. Vaughan vs. Jonathan H. Vaughan, Joleen L. Shoup vs. Leroy M. Shoup.

Dana L. Peterson vs. William C. Peterson, Alysha B. Delong vs. Joshua DeLong, Jill A. Lindquist vs. Lynn W. Tilting, Lisa.

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Labor group launches TV ads emphasizing pay discrepancy

By Will Lester
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A coalition of breakaway unions is launching a national campaign that highlights the gulf between pay and benefits for executives and middle-class workers with television ads and a drive to organize millions in service industries.

The campaign set to begin

Sunday is the first major initiative of the Change to Win labor federation.

"This is a permanent campaign to correct the aspirations of working people in multiple industries," Greg Tarplin, executive director of the federation, said Saturday.

The federation is spending more than \$500,000 airing an ad that will point to huge salaries for chief executives. It will run

on network news shows on Sunday and on cable news channels during the week, Tarplin said.

MSNBC and Comedy Central declined to run the ad because of a policy against running "issue ads," he said.

The 30-second ad, called "Make Work Pay," shows shrinking images of workers as a narrator talks about the gulf between the rich and poor.

"They don't have golden parachutes or stock options," the narrator says.

"They are tens of millions of hardworking Americans. But while their companies' profits get fatter and fatter ... and their CEOs get richer and richer ... workers get left farther and farther behind."

The ad says average chief executive pay, already in the multimillion-dollar range, rose

sharply in the last year. The ad campaign is being combined with a high-profile push by labor chiefs like Andrew Stern of the Service Employees International Union and James Hoffa of the Teamsters to organize new workers.

The seven Change to Win unions are integrating their organizing efforts. Leaders from one union are supporting or organizing efforts for another and

taking a prominent role in such efforts.

Stern joined a fast of junior-aid workers from the University of Miami on Friday, showing his support for a hunger strike that has gone on for more than two weeks.

"This is the first, second and third reasons Change to Win was formed," Tarplin said. "To redirect the labor movement's focus on organizing."

A balancing act for Democratic leader

By Liz Sldott
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Howard Dean, long known for bucking the establishment, has spent much of his time as Democratic chairman trying to situate the party's message in Washington — and his rank and file loves him for it.

"He is truly nationalizing the Democratic Party and he's looking to the future," said Steve Achelpohl, head of the Nebraska state party.

Dean's approach, however, does not sit well with some Democratic critics in the nation's capital. They grumble, in private, that Dean persists in not focusing enough on fundraising for House and Senate races in November, particularly when the party sees an opportunity to reclaim power in Congress.

"When you first elected me, I said that we were taking our country back vote by vote, block by block, and neighborhood by neighborhood," Dean told members of the Democratic National Committee on Saturday. "We are making progress toward our goal."

He said the party no longer is just about building up presidential candidates.

In practice, that means part of the DNC's attention — money and manpower — is going to state parties to try to elect Democrats to office at local levels, from city hall to Capitol Hill and the White House in 2008.

In the speech that ended a three-day meeting, Dean drew comparisons to a late party chief, Ron Brown, who in 1989 pledged to rebuild so Democrats could win elections in every part of the country and at every level.

The current strategy, Dean said, has meant that more than 175 workers, paid for by the DNC, are scattered across all 50 states where they are organizing and reaching voters. He then listed mayoral and gubernatorial races where Democrats have seen in states that lean Republican — the red states.

Dean gets high praise from state party leaders for sending resources their way in hopes of positioning Democrats to be competitive. While giving Dean some credit for that goal, some Democrats in Washington are concerned that congressional races this year may get short shrift.

"There's a natural tension and I think we have to get beyond that," said Iowa Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson, who also heads the state's Democratic party. "I don't think it's an either-or equation. We have to do both. I think that Democrats will step up to the plate and put the money necessary into House



Sen. Mary Landrau, D-La., from left, Donna Brazill, Al Gore's campaign manager in the 2000 election and a longtime Democratic Party activist, and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco listen to Howard Dean, the Democratic National Committee chairman, speak during a meeting of the Democratic National Committee in New Orleans on Saturday.

and Senate contests, she said.

Democrats see a chance to retake Congress this fall, encouraged by President Bush's low approval rating and opinion polls that show public disapproval of the majority Republicans.

But fundraising totals show that the Republican National Committee holds a huge edge over the DNC. That raises questions whether the Democratic Party is raising enough money to supplement the efforts of the campaign committees for Senate and House candidates.

Dean congratulated Democrats for bringing in \$18 million in the first three months of the year. He said it was a record for the DNC in that period in a nonpresidential election year.

Left unsaid, however, was that the DNC has \$16.5 million on hand compared with almost \$43 million the RNC has available seven months before congressional elections.

Senate Democrats have \$32.1 million and are maintaining a 2-to-1 advantage over their GOP Senate counterparts. House Democrats have \$23 million in the bank and are slightly trailing the GOP House campaign committee.

DNC members at the New

Orleans meeting defended Dean's approach.

"It's doing very well," said Mitchell Cesar, a former Florida Democratic Party chairman. "We're winning races in red states, places where we, frankly, haven't won anything in 30 or 40 years."

Andrew O'Leary, executive director of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party in Minnesota, said that because of Dean, the DNC now is paying the salaries of four organizers now working in Minnesota.

"It's raising the money necessary to be competitive. He's just spending it in ways the party's never seen before," O'Leary said.

"Howard Dean has put his money where his mouth is," added Jay Farnley, a former Oklahoma Democratic Party chairman who is working in Mississippi as a DNC-paid organizer. "He's delivered on his promises to help state parties reach out to our counties and precincts."

Dean has reason to keep state party chairmen and other DNC members happy. They are his constituency — the Democrats who will decide whether he gets to keep his job beyond his current four-year term. He was elected in 2005.

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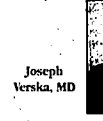
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EDITORIAL

School funding initiative usurps legislative power

Step one in the Idaho Education Association's sales tax initiative appears complete. The battle however, may have just begun.

Teachers, union staffers and parents collectively gathered more than almost 70,000 signatures to qualify for this November's general election. The initiative has already secured 47,811 signatures to qualify.

That's a good sign of support for the extra one-percent sales tax proposal. The union's initiative is pushing for an extra one percent on the state sales tax rate — currently 6 percent. The idea of boosting teacher pay and public school funding has popular support in Idaho. That's helped the initiative clear its first hurdle.

But the serious flaws aren't with the creation of the sales tax, but in the initiative's certain requirements on the Legislature for all school funding. The legalities and the politics surrounding those questions will make a hotly fought battle in the fall.

The initiative makes promises to spend the funding, at least portions of it, on class materials, textbooks, college prep courses, new computers, art and music programs and routine maintenance.

Those are valid and worthy goals. But the initiative assumes a greater portion of the appropriation process than what is permitted under the Idaho Constitution.

Can an initiative dictate to legislators how to augment revenues created by the extra sales tax?

The proposed language reads so. The initiative requires that the appropriation "augment, rather than replace K-12 public school support." New tax funds "are to be provided

In addition to the state's general account appropriation ... and not in place of any part of that appropriation."

That's not all. The initiative requires that the annual appropriation from the Legislature include annual increases in state urban growth. Those appropriation funds would be outside the revenues generated by the sales tax increase.

The initiative also limits the Legislature can reduce public school spending only to those years that see a decline in student enrollment.

Our view: The IEA's 1 percent sales tax initiative goes too far with its mandates on state legislators.

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

greater than 10 percent statewide for two or more consecutive years.

Under those terms, supporters are dreaming up the impossible: The duty to cut, save or spend money from the state's general fund is a task that belongs to legislators. We don't believe in, believe the Idaho attorney general's office.

"The multiple provisions expressing limitations and duties for the Legislature are problematic," wrote Deputy Attorney General Theodore Spangler in an advisory certificate review. "Efforts to direct or limit actions by future sessions of the Legislature are of no legal effect. The initiative process in Idaho is limited to proposing and adopting changes in statutory law."

Teachers and union officials can push for an extra tax. But their initiative is shooting for the moon if they expect legislators to spend other tax funds. That's a constitutional power granted to the legislative branch, and as Spangler wrote, "a statute may not usurp a constitutionally granted power."

Even if lawmakers support a sales tax for schools — and many won't — don't expect them to surrender their constitutional duty.

A sour salute from the generals

Last time around, the anti-war left did not have a very high opinion of generals. A popular slogan in the 1960s was "It's important to be left to the generals." It was the generals who had advocated attacking Cuba during the missile crisis of October 1962, while the civilians preferred — and got — a diplomatic solution.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

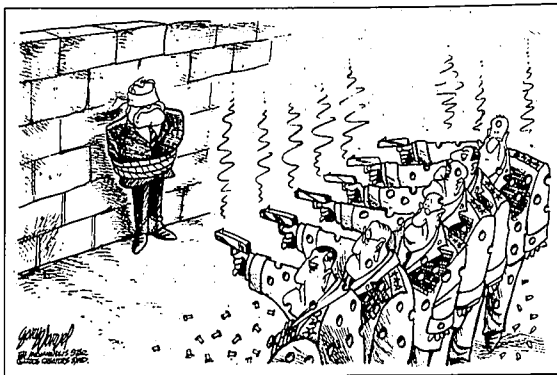
In popular culture, "Dr. Strangelove" made indelible the caricature of the war-warred general. And it was I-know-better generals who took over the U.S. government in a coup in the 1960s best-seller and movie "Seven Days in May."

Another war, another take. I-know-better generals are back. Six of them, retired, are denouncing the Bush administration and calling for President Bush's resignation as secretary of defense. The anti-war types think this is just swell.

There are three possible complaints that the military brass could have against a secretary of defense. The first is that he doesn't listen to or consult military advisers. The six generals make that charge, but it is thoroughly disproved by the two men who were closer to Bush's decision-making, week-in-week-out, than any of the accusing generals: former Joint Chiefs Chairman Richard Myers, and former Marine Lt. Gen. Michael DeLong. Both attest to Bush's continual consultation and give-and-take with the military.

A second complaint is that the defense secretary disregards settled, consensual military advice. The military brass recommends X and SecDef willfully chooses Y. That in itself is not necessarily a bad thing.

Rumsfeld's crusade to "transform" a Cold War-era military into a fast and lean fighting



force has met tremendous resistance within the Pentagon. His canceling several heavy weapons systems, such as the monstrous Crusader artillery program, was the necessary overriding of a hidebound bureaucracy by an innovating civilian on a mission.

In his most recent roadside, retired Army Maj. Gen. John Batiste accuses the administration of "radically altering" the results of 12 years of deliberate and continuous war planning on Iraq. Well, the Bush administration threw out years and years and layer upon layer of war planning on Afghanistan, improvised one of the leanest possible attack plans and achieved one of the more remarkable military victories in recent history. There's nothing sacred about on-the-shelf war plans.

As for Iraq, it is hardly as if the military was of a single opinion on the critical questions of de-Baathification, disbanding Saddam's army, or optional coalition troop levels. I have seen divisions of opinion among the military as there were among the civilians, and indeed, among the best military experts in the country. Retired generals are in the different camps. That's what

secretaries of defense are supposed to do.

What's left of the general's revolt? A third complaint: He didn't listen to me. So what? Lincoln didn't listen to McClellan, and fired him. Truman had enough of listening to MacArthur and fired him too. In our system of government, civilians fire generals, not the other way around.

Some of the complainers were on active duty when these decisions were made. If they felt so strongly about Rumsfeld's disregard of their advice, why didn't they resign at the time? Why did they wait to do so from the safety of retirement and with their pensions secured?

The Defense Department waves away the protesting generals as just a handful of out of over 8,000 now serving or retired. That seems to me too dismissive. These generals are no doubt correct in asserting that they have spoken to and speak on behalf of some retired and, even more importantly, some active-duty military.

But that makes the generals' revolt all the more egregious. The civilian leadership of the Pentagon is decided on Election Day by the secret whispering of generals.

We've always had discontented officers in every war and in every period of our history. But they rarely coalesce into factions. That happens in places such as Saddam's Iraq. Pinochet's Chile or any man-of-the-mill banana republic. And when it does, outsiders (including the United States) do their best to exploit it, seeking out the dissident factions to either stage a coup or force the government to change policy.

That kind of dissident party within the military is alien to America. Some other retired generals have found it necessary to rise to the defense of the current administration. Will the rest of the generals, retired or serving, now have to declare themselves as to which camp they belong to?

It is precisely this kind of division that our tradition of military deference to demonstrate radically altered civilian leadership was meant to prevent. Today it suits the anti-war left to applaud the rupture of that tradition. But it is a disturbing and very dangerous precedent that even the left will one day regret.

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Show data proving wolves decimate elk

Again, the "big bad wolf" cry is being heard. Yet where is the conclusive evidence that wolves are the single cause of declines in elk populations? Many factors affect population sizes of wild animals annually. For example, over the past decade or more, what has been the survival trends in elk calves? Annually how many elk die from old age, disease, injuries, attacks from grizzly bears or mountain lions, bad weather events, lack of adequate food supplies? What about the pressure from hunting, human encroachments into elk habitats from logging, recreation or herbivore elk population counts done scientifically in relation to the number of hunting permits granted? Are elk herds relocating due to habitat changes?

Likely, there are other factors, some which may be unknown, that affect elk herd sizes annually.

It just seems again the "scientific method of investigation" has been set aside for some unknown reason. Focus is directed toward "wolf factor" for elk (wolves) out of a much larger ecosystem picture. Emotionalism has its place but not in an important issue such as wolves are the sole cause of elk population declines. If evidence will "scientifically" support such a claim, then I am willing to sign the petition for wolf removal.

DONALD K. LARSON, PH.D.
Goodyear
(Editor's note: Donald Larson is a retired agricultural economist.)

National security must tackle immigration

It seems to me that in our efforts to supply cheap labor for American industries that we are overlooking the potential danger of terrorist attacks.

Our borders and ports are sieves. Tons of illegal drugs are smuggled in every month. How much bomb-making material could come through? Uneducated and illiterate illegals come through in hordes every day. How simple would it be for trained terrorists to do the same?

The Soviets have had for decades an iron curtain that runs from Finland to Korea through many satellite countries speaking many languages. Surely we are smart enough to

accomplish security on our borders.

If we need workers in periodic surges of the year to get our crops harvested, why can't they be recruited at the borders with a full check on their honesty and their ability to do the jobs available? Every worker who is sent to a specific job, and when the job is completed, he would go back to wherever he came from. Employers would be responsible for the medical bills, and welfare payments to illegals would be cut to nothing.

Seventy-seven percent of our permanent alien residents have entered our country. How many school buildings and repairs could be made with the money used to warehouse these people? Another thing that I do not understand is that only one of the terrorists was from Iraq, are they nice enough to come to Iraq so we can shoot them?

MATT SMITH
Twin Falls

CSI art department kept the focus on art

Kudos to the College of Southern Idaho art department for providing a learning environment that is respectful of each student and their vision of their work.

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Facts show fair arena is a needed venue

Wow, letters from the Lancaster family opposing the Pioneer Event Center. How unexpected. It would seem, though, if one were taking the time to write a letter they would try and make it factual and accurate.

Secret meetings? Men with white hoods? Not being up front with information? Hidden costs?

Could it just be possible that the purpose of the countywide meetings and the brochures were to inform the public for the event center and the cost to as broad a base of taxpayers as possible?

One would think a taxpayer would be interested in what we all would welcome an event center located in the county, especially with today's fuel costs. Surely, with the variety of events capable of being held at the Pioneer Event Center, there will be at least one or two attractive to everyone.

Also, I would like to the city of Filer is all that is necessary to find its sewer system is adequate for the event center and that it welcomes it.

Concerning Commissioner Grindstaff and his supposed threats and intimidation — how about a newspaper article with the name of the article? Did the fact that Mr. Bruker is backing Commissioner Grindstaff's opponent have anything to do with the article? Of course not — just a coincidence, I'm sure! Dirty politics? Surely not! Reason enough to keep Commissioner Grindstaff in office? You bet!

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Win a trip with a Pulitzer winner

Nicholas Kristof writes a main column. As he describes his life twice a week in the New York Times, Kristof (who just won this year's Pulitzer Prize for commentary) answers just the facts that seduced us all into the column rackets in the first place. Partying all night while accepting large checks from business men who don't want to be mentioned in print and movie stars who do? No, no. That fantasy comes later. I mean: stripping down to your loincloth and swinging daisy through the trees to some distant place of misery that those other lazy bastards are too fat and old and weak to get to, and rescuing victims of oppression with your superpower of worldwide publicity. No joke, he does good. But also: Cook Not That Kristof ignores women's issues, either. He opposes rape, for example.

So naturally I was intrigued by a promotion the Times has running: "Win a Trip With Nick Kristof." Gosh, Me! On a trip with Nick Kristof? Wowie, Nick himself writes: "I'm looking for a mascot, if your dream trip doesn't involve a five-star hotel in Rome or Bora-Bora, but a bedbug-infested mattress in a malarial jungle as hungry jackals yelp outside—then read on." He adds, "Don't expect comfort so much as diarrhea." How on earth did Kristof know about my bedbugs-and-jackals-and-diarrhea fate? Ron Woodward promised me he wouldn't tell anyone else.

The rules say you have to be over 18 and an undergraduate or graduate student, but I can fake both of those. And Nick reassures us that those "boring" lawyers have "nixed" some of his usual favorite activities such as "hiking through Afghan minefields, riding a camel through Darfur, or sneaking illegally into Zimbabwe." And it takes is a 700-word essay on "why you're the perfect traveling companion for Nick Kristof."

Very funny, but I wouldn't have to tell them that I snored. And I could use a few tips on how to win a Pulitzer Prize.

Then I try to picture the scene. It's the middle of the night. We're in a small tent pitched on the rocky slope of a mountain trail. Me, Nick, our trusty guide, three prostitutes we've rescued from a life of sex slavery and four local businessmen unjustly accused of insider trading on the village's primitive, hand-pumped stock market.

Outside, the jackals are yelping. Inside, nature is calling. Urgently. Am I man enough to face the jackal or mosquito brave enough to wait until morning? Answer: Whatever. I'm tough. I can handle either of these. But ultimately, the jackals are less threatening than the thought of one more minute listening to Nick's tales of all the real adventures he's been on that make this one seem like a game of patty-cake. I flee the tent, am devoured by the jackals and Kristof gets a column out of it.

No, in the end, I have to be honest with myself: These days, my dream doesn't involve bedbugs and jackals but a five-star hotel in Rome. That's why I've decided to let you know about the Times' next contest: "Win a Trip With Tom Friedman."

Tom writes (I imagine): "The world, as you know, you're not afraid to fall off the edge, if you dream of running up travel expenses that would finance Hannibal's army. If you fantasize about meeting presidents and prime ministers and reminding them that the world is flat, if you can go to Davos and Aspen and Bilderberg and still get it up for the Bohemian Grove, then you may be the right person to accompany me on a unique 'World is Flat World Tour.' We'll be staying in the best hotels and interviewing world leaders day and night.

Very funny. You're discussing in *Leaning* about the flatness of the world with a group of Saudi princes, or even asking them to "pope himself," you agree with Tom Friedman that the world is flat?" All it takes to apply is a 700-word essay on "Why the World is Flat." Tom himself will choose the winner, and they'll immediately be off to

MICHAEL KINSLEY

St. Petersburg, where you will get to operate the PowerPoint for Tom's presentation entitled: "Flatter Will Get You Nowhere: The Limits of World Flatness."

Or maybe I should wait and hope for Win a Trip With Mautrec. David Mautrec writes: "Are you girl enough to come shopping with me and my best friend Bill? Can you dis the Defense Department and find the shoe department at the same time?"

The Washington Post has chosen, so far, not to subject its columnists to this kind of embarrassment. But how long can it hold out? I'm psyched for "Win a Trip With George Will." Finally admitting his uncanny resemblance to Mr. Peabody, the scholarly time-traveling dog on the "Rocky and Bullwinkle" cartoon show, George takes a

lucky companion back to the 18th century where they will explain the original meaning of the Declaration of Independence to his signers.

Join David Broder in a tour of Midwestern capitals. You'll interview more lieutenant governors than there are stars in the flag. Or take seething lessons from Charles Krauthammer. Or write an essay on "Why I have no interest in a trip with Robert Novak." Novak writes: "I'm looking for people who want to travel with me as little as I want to travel with them." The lucky winner won't have to.

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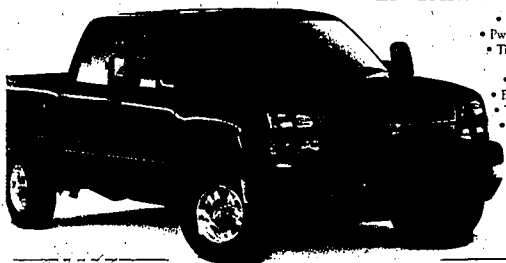
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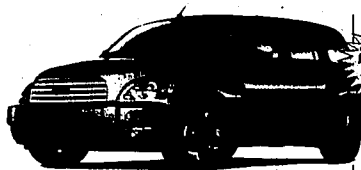
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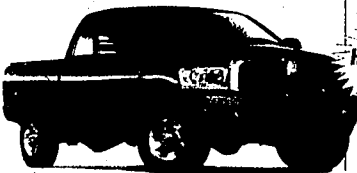
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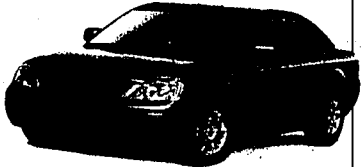
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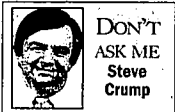
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Here's a travel tip: Stay home

My wife and I are going to Florida later this week for my son's college graduation, so I've been surfing travel Web sites to find out what to expect in the Sunshine State, where I've never set foot.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

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Cody McKay, center, and Justin Lovv, right, both of Preston, try to pick up a rock with their Mars rover Saturday morning as the rest of the 'Mars Marauders' team looks on during the rock collection course at the Idaho Tech Mars Rover Challenge on the campus of CSI.

Students learn science the rover way

By Bob Kirkpatrick Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It wasn't exactly Kennedy Space Center, but the gymnasium at the College of Southern Idaho worked just fine Saturday as the hub of the 2006 Idaho Tech Mars Rover Challenge.

More than 200 fifth and sixth-grade students from across southern Idaho put their design and engineering skills against one another as they vied for the chance to construct the best Lego-based Mars rover vehicle.
"Our goal is to expose children at an early age to NASA-related education and research in the state of Idaho," CSI program coordinator April Christenson said.
"We have 42 teams that are made up of four to six members each who participate in the contest."
Christenson said the teams — consisting of boys and girls — have been working on their projects for more than three months without any help from parents.
She said it is important to include girls in the competition because national educational standards indicate a significant drop in female interest in science after the sixth grade.
Christenson said approximately 46 percent of the participants this year are female.
"Our team is called the 'Space Cadets,'" said Claire O'Brien, 12, of Holy Rosary

Idaho Tech Mars Rover Challenge

- It is part of the NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium program
• The program enables teachers to help student teams design and construct motorized Mars Rovers
• Teams have up to six members from the fifth and sixth grade level
• The first through fourth place winners compete in the state championship April 29 at the University of Idaho

School in Idaho Falls. "This is the first year that we have competed in the competition, but we have all known each other since pre-kindergarten."
O'Brien said she first learned of the contest from her brother, and was glad that she got involved because it's fun and that she likes to do science-related things.
Entrants of the Mars Rover Challenge are judged in seven different categories. They must all create a poster presentation and keep a lab notebook that includes the design of the rover and the budget to construct it. The teams are provided with 200 Lego kits and cannot exceed \$50 in additional Lego components.
They are also judged on the weight of the rover (must be under 400 grams), the speed of the vehicle, hill-climbing capabilities, rock collecting and blind-driving ability — the operator is blindfolded while other team members assist with course navigation.
Each category is given a point value, with 100 points being the most a team can earn.
The top four finishers will compete at the state competition next weekend at the University of Idaho, where they will get a chance to meet NASA's Elizabeth Spencer, who trains astronauts in the space shuttle program at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.
The Men for Mars team from Lowell Scott Middle School in Meridian took first place Saturday in the Idaho Tech Mars Rover Challenge. The Kung Fu Koalas — also from Lowell Scott Middle School — finished second. The Amazing Martians from Preston Junior High School in Preston took third, and the Rock Star Rovers from the Pioneer School of the Arts in Boise finished in fourth place.

Times-News writer Bob Kirkpatrick can be reached at 735-3376 or by e-mail at bkirkpatrick@magvalley.com.

Declo City Council will raise electric rates

By Mary Lynne Bristol Times-News correspondent

DECLO — City residents will be paying more for electric beginning May 1 as a result of a resolution passed last week during the April meeting of the Declo City Council.
The new rates become effective May 1, 2006. The 5 percent increase raises the rate for the 300 watt hours from \$19.95 to \$20.95 and the cost per kilowatt hour from .049 to .051.
Blaine Hamilton, along with his two sons, attended the meeting to discuss the development of property just north of the Declo city limits. They are considering creating a 23-acre subdivision and inquired if they could connect to the city water and sewer systems. They also wanted to know if

the city would be willing to annex the subdivision.
The council said that they could look into the two systems, but that property would not be annexed unless the service lines to the lots had been put in at their expense.
"The city cannot afford to do this," Mayor Jay Darrington said. They were also informed that the council would like to see the plan for the project.
City Attorney David Shirley was asked to check into the annexation laws and requirements.
Robert Moore asked the council if he could purchase a piece of city property next to the city lagoons north of Declo, which is near his home. He distributed drawings of the triangular-shaped property and the studio he would like to build on it. The city attorney

explained the process for the sale of real property by a city.
Maintenance supervisor Gene Fries reminded the council that sewerlines cross the property, but he did not know the exact location. The council members asked Fries to check this before they take any further action.
Discussion was held about the need to create a Comprehensive Plan for the city. Councilman Lawrence Gillette and Ron Knowles were asked to co-chair the committee and select community members to serve on it. City Clerk Terri Koyle provided copies of plans from several nearby cities for them to use as guides.
Resident Deputy Eric Nebecker handed in his report. The mayor told him that parking by students between the Declo High School and shop and seminary is much improved after students were informed that they would be ticketed for illegal parking. He was also reported that Kelly Kidd, a DJIS teacher, plans to have his government students paint over graffiti.
In other business, the mayor announced that the estimated cost to build an addition to the fire station for housing a new fire truck is about \$30,000. Also, approval was given for electronic withdrawals to pay USDA loans for the water and sewer systems and the clerk announced that the public hearing for the 2006-07 budget will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 prior to the council meeting.
Mary Lynne Bristol lives in Albion and can be reached at 673-5369 or by e-mail at bristolcouncil@hotmail.com.

Albertson Foundation wants partners to start community colleges

The Associated Press
BOISE — The chairman of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation is looking for partners that will help the Boise area get a community college as quickly as possible.
"We are willing to put money on the line," said Joe Scott. Lawmakers earlier this month voted against a plan to create a statewide community college system, and instead told a committee to spend the next several months studying the issue.
The matter doesn't need to be studied more, Scott told the Idaho Statesman.
The foundation has given

more than \$270 million for Idaho education in the past decade. It is willing to put millions more into a community college. Several area colleges have submitted proposals to the foundation.
Scott said he doesn't care who comes up with the plan — it could be a consortium of corporations, a non-profit, or a for-profit entity that is in Idaho or from somewhere else. But he said any plan would need sustained funding.
"We'd like to see proposals from anybody who can come in here and make this happen," said Scott. The grandson of gro-

cery magnet Joe Albertson, who started the foundation with his wife, Kathryn.
In March, as community college legislation appeared stalled in the Statehouse, the foundation met with State Board of Education President Rod Lewis and offered \$15 million to start a Treasure Valley community college. But lawmakers would have had to find a way to sustain funding for the school, and the foundation to be sure the school would be independent of other universities in a couple of years.
"That plan did not go ahead. Now the foundation is search-

Concert to raise money for police fraternity

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When rookies join the Twin Falls Police Department, they are given a badge, a gun and a spirit from the president of the local chapter of the country's largest police organization.
Irene Wright, a Twin Falls police officer and president of Lodge 22, the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, tells all new officers about the fraternity.

"I show them the benefits we provide for them and give them a brief history of the organization," he said.

At 7 p.m. on Monday, Lodge 22 will throw its annual Twin Falls concert at the CSI gymnasium to raise money for community projects. The concert was formerly put on by the Police Benefit Association. FOP has been the "voice" of police professionals since 1915, according to its Web site.
With roots on the East Coast, the group only began cropping up in Idaho in the late 1990s, and Twin Falls took the place of the Police Benefit Association in 2002.
"We joined them because they have a lot of resources that we didn't have access to," said Wright. "They provide an affordable legal defense plan that covers police in civil actions. To provide that benefit on our own was more than we could afford."
Increasingly, civil actions target individual police officers rather than their departments, according to Wright.
By paying a yearly premium, 80 percent of city police are guaranteed they will have a competent defense if a case ensues against them.
As with other lodges, Lodge 22 raises money to take care of the family of injured or killed policemen and to help the community.
Lodge 22 has hosted an Easter egg hunt, sponsored youth baseball, installed a carpet at Safe House, a boarding house for the homeless, and every year, Lodge 22 sponsors a ceremony in City Park to commemorate fallen officers.

"We want the public to know that police officers play an active role in their community," he said.
"We pick projects as they come along and decide what we have time for."
The annual concert has been running for about two decades. This year, performing on stage are country musician Jamie Frisvold and the Bruce Williams and Terry Ree performing "The Indian and the White Guy."
The national FOP is a highly organized, powerful political machine.
With 321,000 dues-paying members at 2,100 lodges, it is the nation's largest organization of police professionals.

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Where: College of Southern Idaho gymnasium
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Lyle 'Smoke' Udy

ELBA — Lyle "Smoke" Udy, a 78-year-old resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, formerly of Elba, died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at Millcreek Health Center, where he had resided the past three years.

Lyle was born April 15, 1928, to Leo Smith and Ann Marie Rich Udy. He and his twin sister, Loleta, were born at Elba, Idaho, in the ranch home. He attended school in Elba and completed his education at Burley High School. He became seriously ill, which was diagnosed as osteomyelitis. He was bedfast and in body casts for several years. He gradually recovered when penicillin was discovered. He married Tessie Irene Lewis in 1950 at Ketchum, Idaho. They had four children, three sons and one daughter. They were divorced. Lyle worked for the



railroad for several years, was a security guard, a butcher and had worked for Anderson Feedlot on one time.

He is survived by his children, Garth (Cathy) Udy of

Grantsville, Utah, and Ivan (Roxanne) Udy of Salt Lake City, Utah; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Josie Spiers of Oakley, Arthola Warren of Burley and Loleta May Merrill of Albion; and a brother-in-law, Wayne Hayden of Burley. He was preceded in death by his parents; two children, Diane and Norris; two sisters, Norma Bedke and Pat Hayden; and one brother, Darl R. Udy.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, where friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday. Officiating will be Bishop Lonnie Downs. Burial will follow at the Grand View Cemetery in Elba.

Edgar 'Ed' Eldredge

TWIN FALLS — Edgar "Ed" Eldredge, 52, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at his home.



Ed was born June 25, 1953, at Twin Falls, to Edgar and Beth Eldredge. He attended grade school in Twin Falls and later moved to Burley, Idaho, where he attended high school. Ed had a love of truck driving. He worked for H.J. Simplot in Heyburn, Idaho.

He eventually moved back to Twin Falls and drove for different companies for two years. Ed was in charge of driving the road truck and he drove until he became ill and had to stop driving. He then went to work for his father and step-mother at R.V. Park & Map in Twin Falls until the company was sold. Most recently, Ed was working for Discovery Research in Twin Falls.

Ed loved fishing and shooting guns. He attended The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints until he left the church and then he and his family would read the Bible at home.

Ed is survived by a daughter,

Anna Eldredge; a son, Lloyd Eldredge; both of Twin Falls; a son, and a daughter, Mary Beth Krommenhoks; his mother, Beth Burton; brothers, Roger Eldredge of Twin Falls and Joe Eldredge of Washington; sisters, Janet Hollaway of Washington, Debbie Olsen of Rexburg, and Vicki Hansen of Glenns Ferry; two granddaughters, Shelby and Kyra; two grandsons, Creed and Brian; and his soon to be wife, Vera Eldredge. He was preceded in death by his father, Edgar Eldredge; his grandparents; and step-father, Dayvayne Burton.

Memorial contributions may be made in Ed's name to help defray final expenses to Anna and Eldredge, 404 E. 290 N., Jerome, Idaho 83338.

Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Lelle E. Poppleton

TWIN FALLS — Lelle E. Poppleton, 60, of Twin Falls, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at home surrounded by her loving family after a courageous nine-month battle with ovarian cancer.



Lelle was born to Freeman Estes and Mary Louise Estes on January 10, 1946, in Boise where she grew up and attended school. At the University of Idaho she was active in Alpha Chi Omega sorority, graduating in 1968, with a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1969, Lelle began her teaching career in Family and Consumer Science. She taught at Meridian Senior High School, Jerome Senior High School, the College of Southern Idaho, and Robert Stuart Junior High School. In 1990, she joined the faculty at Twin Falls High School and continued teaching there until her death. She achieved National Board Certification in 2004.

She influenced the lives of many students in and out of the classroom. Groups she advised included cheerleaders, Pep Club, student teachers, state and national Family, Career and Community Leaders of America officers, local and state Job's Daughters officers, and student peer counselors. Lelle received many awards of recognition from her colleagues for innovative programs she developed such as The Hungry Bear Student Restaurant at TFWHS and the Magic Valley Student Leadership Program.

She traveled from coast to coast presenting professional development workshops and presiding over student FICCLA meetings. Numerous organizations honored Lelle with outstanding teacher awards. The University of Idaho Margaret Ritchie School of Family and Consumer Sciences Distinguished Alumna citation was one of which she was most proud.

Lelle was very generous with her time and talents. She gave to the community through her participation in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Festival of Trees, Chamber of Commerce Success Breakfasts, Student Ambassadors, PEO Sisterhood, Delta Kappa Gamma for Women in Education, South Central Idaho Curialdo Community, Ascension Episcopal Church, and the Twin Falls General Hospital.

As a teenager, Lelle obtained her pilot's license and throughout her life her love of adventure took her to all fifty states and many foreign countries, including Africa where she climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. Winning a Fulbright Memorial Scholar award enabled her to

participate in family life in Japan. She was selected to join a group of teachers permitted to observe the education facilities in Cuba.

Lelle married Grover Edward Poppleton on November 27, 1971. To this union was born Anna Eldredge and Sara Lelle. Her grandson, Jarrod Edward, brought Lelle her greatest joy in life. To Mom/Nana, our beloved Princess, you will be greatly missed. We will always love you.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are recommended for (1) the support of ovarian cancer patients residing in the Magic Valley; these gifts may be sent to MYRMC Foundation, P.O. Box 2231, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301; or (2) the Culinary Arts Program at the College of Southern Idaho, CSI Foundation. In gifts, in Lelle's name, are to be mailed to P.O. Box 1230, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Memorial contributions may be mailed or given to funeral chapel staff at the services.

A celebration of Lelle's life will be Saturday, April 29, 2006, at 3 p.m. at the Roper Auditorium on the Twin Falls High School campus, followed by a reception at Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive North, Twin Falls, Fr. Brian Thom and Fr. Fred Edwood will be officiating the celebration. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Lelle's family would like to express their appreciation to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center Home Health & Hospice for the compassionate care given to Lelle.

Robert Thomas (Bob) Nail



Washington, and their two children, Michael and Marie; daughter Angie Wenzel and husband Steve of Nampa and their three children, Wenzel, Tam and Leahy; son Matt and wife Ana of Merrittau; and their two children, Whitney and Ashley; sister Erma Shropshire and husband Jack of Kimberly; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Bob will be held Monday, April 24, 2006, at 2 p.m. at the Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum with Pastor Dale A. Metzger officiating. Friends may call Sunday, April 23, 2006, from 2-4 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The family suggests donations be made to Friends of Stricker Ranch Inc., P.O. Box 2218, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Legion Post 76 and Friends of Stricker Historical Society Board.

He is survived by his wife, Willette, of 63 years; his son Monte and wife Janet of Richland,

RUPERT — Otha E. McGill

Otha E. McGill



91, completed his work on McGill and peacefully joined his beloved wife, Agnes Mae Burnham McGill, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2006, surrounded by his children and the caring staff at Autumn Haven Assisted Living Center in Rupert.

Otha moved to Paul at age 5 with his parents, Wheeler and Ada McGill from McClintonsboro, Illinois. He was the owner of Magic Valley Sand and Gravel until his retirement in 1979. Otha served in the United States Army. He was a lifetime member of the Wilbur C. Hall Post No. 77 American Legion, the Paul United Methodist Church,

and he was the founder of the United States Flag Education

Program.

Survivors include his children, Linda (Don) Frank, Diana (Barry) McGill, Jim (Lorelei) McGill and Mike (Brenda) McGill; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild, and one great-great-granddaughter on the way. Otha was preceded in death by his dear friend, Kate Loosle.

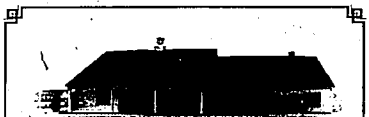
A celebration of Otha's life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2006, at the Paul Pine Chapel at the Paul Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Steele officiating. Instrument will follow, with military rites by the local veterans. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

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DEATH NOTICES

Penny Lou Hepworth

TWIN FALLS — Penny Lou Hepworth, 63, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 22, 2006, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

William 'David' Denton

KIMBERLY — William "David" Denton, 64, of Kimberly, died Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Donald 'Don' May

JEROME — Donald Norman "Don" May, 90, of Jerome, died Saturday, April 22, 2006, in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Bernice Kreps

SHEPHERD — Bernice SHERIDON Kreps, 76, of Shoshone, died Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by DeMarney Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

John William Shrum

GLENN'S FERRY — John William Shrum, 72, of Glenn's Ferry, died Friday, April 21, 2006.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church in Glenn's Ferry. A viewing will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rex Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home.

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS — Ketchum fills seats on BKHA

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

Daniel R. McMahon, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; pretrial hearing set for May 23; released on own recognizance.

Cody L. Edwards, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 9; \$100 bond.

Marvin Young, 23, homeles; trespassing; pleaded innocent; waived counsel; pretrial hearing set for May 9; released on own recognizance.

Miguel A. Dedios, 22, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 9; \$1,000 bond.

Kody A. Gambard, 18, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; excessive; pleaded guilty; waived counsel; sentencing hearing set for May 16; released on own recognizance.

Jeremy Rozman, 29, Denver, Colo.; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for April 28; \$50,000 bond.

Romero Trevino, 23, Twin Falls; ob-

struction; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 9; \$500 bond; failure to appear-open container; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 9; \$500 bond; failure to appear-driving without privileges; inattentive/reckless driving; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 9; \$2,500 bond.

Ryan S. Jolley, 19, Twin Falls; two counts lewd conduct with a child under 16; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 28; \$50,000 bond.

Mack I. Tubbs, 23, Burley; failure to appear-grand theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 28; \$1,500 bond.

Ben N. Hall, 43, Maturangi; attempted strangulation; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 28; \$5,000 bond.

Brad H. Hill, 43, Twin Falls; domestic battery; attempted strangulation; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 28; \$5,000 bond.

Katherine S. Severa, 35, Jerome; arson in first degree; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 28; released on own recognizance.

Krista L. Bailey, 38, Twin Falls; child custody interference; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 28; \$5,000 bond.

released on own recognizance. Rosendo Mirales, 36, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded guilty; public defender appointed; sentencing hearing set for May 16; released on own recognizance.

Christopher D. Livingston, 23, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 9; \$1,000 bond.

Iray D. Taylor, 24, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 9; released on own recognizance.

Declaine B. Kreeper, 43, Twin Falls; grand theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 28; \$5,000 bond.

Jessica L. Smith, 19, Twin Falls; grand theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 28; released on own recognizance.

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KETCHUM — Susan Passovey, a Ketchum resident, and Michael Itous, a Sun Valley resident, accepted positions recently on the Blaine-Ketchum Housing Authority. The Ketchum City Council approved Passovey and Itous for the positions. They are replacing those lost in the wholesale resignation of the BKHA board of directors more than a month ago.

Passovey, a San Francisco commercial real estate lawyer who has owned Blaine County property since 1980 and has been skiing Sun Valley since 1966, said she's "almost retired." Itous, a Sun Valley resident

since 1995, served on the Sun Valley Elkhorn Association board of directors and owns a business in Ketchum that manufactures sporting goods items. With the appointment by

county commissioners of John Flattery, Wood River Land Trust board chairman, as its second of two representatives to the BKHA, the organization has almost a full slate of members.

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Salt Lake City man dies after incident with Taser

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake City man died after police allegedly used a Taser to subdue him during a struggle.

Four Salt Lake City Police Department gang officers have been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation of the incident, which happened Friday, department spokesman Robin Snyder said.

Investigations will be conducted by Salt Lake City's internal affairs and homicide offices, as well as the Salt Lake County's District Attorney's office.

An autopsy will be conducted by the State Medical Examiner's Office, Snyder said. Tasers, which deliver a 50,000-volt shock, are used by police departments as an alternative to firearms. The weapon is marketed by its manufacturer, Taser International of Arizona, as a non-lethal device. It is believed to be used by more than 5,000 police departments nationwide, including dozens of Utah agencies.

In January, Salt Lake City announced it would expand its use of the stun-guns, which in the past few years have only been carried by SWAT or gang unit members. The department said it would give the weapons to its 140 patrol officers, but also tighten guidelines for Taser use.

The city's policy allows Tasers to be used only when a dangerous or violent subject aggressively resists or attempts to flee.

Police will not release the man's name until after autopsy results are available and the investigation is complete, Snyder said.

On Friday, Snyder said two officers were near Iona Street, west of downtown Salt Lake City, between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. when they spotted the man and tried to arrest him on an outstanding warrant. The man fled

on foot, and then fought with police, she said.


Officers first used pepper spray and batons to subdue the man. They also called for two additional officers. But when the man continued to fight, a Taser was used, Snyder said.

She did not know if multiple Tasers were used or how many times the man may have been hit.

Officers saw the man in distress and called for paramedics, who administered CPR. The man was taken by ambulance to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead, Snyder said.

It was later learned that the warrant issued for the man had been revoked by the courts, Snyder said.

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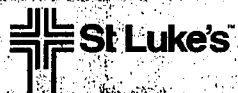
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"Just as well take mine."

Denise? Grandma replied, "Because unless you gonna lose my shirt, too."

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223 or scrump@magicvalley.com.

MAGIC VALLEY

Every 2007 baby gets a quilt

Jerome seeks donations for centennial plans.

By Elaine Lacallade
North Side News writer



The Jerome Centennial Committee wants every baby born in Jerome during 2007 to have a little something extra to commemorate being born during the city's 100th birthday. Want to help? Donations being collected include finished baby quilts, or receiving blankets, materials, fabric, batting or any other related items.

JEROME — The Jerome Centennial Committee has something special planned for every baby born at St. Benedict's during 2007: The young ones will have something to keep them warm upon their arrival into the world and a historic keepsake marking their birth year. A grand total of 250 baby quilts are being collected, or made by the citizens of Jerome, to celebrate the Centennial.

If more than 250 babies are born in Jerome next year, then more quilts will be made because every baby will have one. Every baby quilt will be marked with "Jerome Centennial 2007." The centennial committee's goal is to try and involve the entire community of Jerome in this service project. The collection of quilts is one of the many activities planned by the committee to celebrate 100 years of community spirit in Jerome, Idaho.

Donations being collected include finished baby quilts, or receiving blankets, materials, fabric, batting or any other related items.

Any material donations to this cause will be accepted, but the preferred quilt dimensions are 45 x 45. In order to be prepared, the deadline for submission will be Nov. 1, 2006.

The committee is seeking anyone interested and willing to produce quilts made by hand, on a machine, or tied. Mother/daughter teams, father/son, senior citizens, social groups or high school seniors looking for a senior project, are encouraged to participate. Quilting, by nature, is a social event and there are quite a few quilting clubs in the area that could collaborate on the project.

Speechreading this centennial project is Ann Egbert. She was recruited by the centennial committee and is acting as chairperson for this project. Egbert thought it would be a fun

project and since she operates a quilting business out of her home, it was a perfect fit. Her business card says, "I Quilt. You Quilt. Come Have Fun." An avid quilter, Egbert is in possession of a long-arm quilting machine. Quilters are welcome to use the machine and are charged by the size of quilt.

"It's really fun," said Egbert. "A lot of people come over to use it."

Egbert has been using the long-arm machine for six years and says it is very different than quilting by hand. Egbert doesn't claim to be a professional quilter, commenting, "A lot of quilters know more than me. I enjoy taking classes from them."

Quilts produced by hand obviously take more time, but Egbert says sometimes it is fun to "get together and spend the day tying." Computerized sewing machines allow a quilter to put the materials on the machine, take a break and when they come back, the quilt is complete in a couple of hours.

"I don't have that luxury," said Egbert. "At times I would enjoy using a machine, other times I like to make my own pattern."

For many years Egbert has been teaching academics from her home. She finds time to pursue her quilting hobby in between classes, or on her days off when she is not busy shaping young minds as a preschool/kindergarten teacher. Quilts are made for many dif-

ferent reasons. Some quilts are made for warmth, some are given as gifts and some quilts are created as art. Egbert says quilting can be a very expensive hobby. Although the newest machinery and attachments produce an amazing product, the technology comes with a hefty price.

A trained "quilter's eye" can tell the difference between hand and machine sewn stitches. Right now, Egbert is busy making quilts for all her grandchildren. She has an impressive collection of coveted quilts, prized and preserved. Egbert said sometimes when she knows how the quilt is going to turn out, she wants to just "hang it up" and it can be difficult to finish. She is always anxious to begin work on her next project because it could turn out to be the next treasured family heirloom in a long line of quilts made with love.

Egbert is excited about this project for Jerome's centennial and is willing to be a mentor to anyone interested in participating in the project. She says previous quilting experience is not necessary, just come and try it. According to Egbert, "once you start quilting, you don't stop quilting."

"There is a time and season for everything," says Egbert. "And I think the time (to start on this project) is now." Ann Egbert can be reached at (208) 324-4658.

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Prosecutors: Argument with babysitter led to shooting

BOISE (AP) — An argument with a babysitter and a jammed handgun led to an indiscriminate shooting that killed a 14-year-old bystander, prosecutors say.

Kenneth Elcock went to a Boise apartment April 15 to settle an argument, confronted two men outside and tried to fire a 9mm handgun that jammed, police said. The men fled into the apartment, where about 20 people were at a party.

Elcock then fired as many as 10 shots through a window into the front room of the apartment, according to police documents obtained by the Idaho Statesman.

Elcock told a witness that he "meant to hit every (person) thing in there — every (explicit) person" in the apartment, police and Ada County prosecutors said.

April Buenrostro, a high school freshman from Meridian, was killed. Three others — including a man involved in the original argument — were injured, none seriously. Buenrostro's killing was the first in Boise this year.

Elcock, 25, is charged with first-degree murder and several other felonies in the case. Witnesses told police Elcock said he was angry at Beautif Bashahe, the host of the party, because Bashahe had yelled at a babysitter who was watching Elcock's children at a nearby apartment. Bashahe, 20, was hit by the gunfire.

Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Connie Vietz told 4th District Magistrate James Cawthon that Bashahe yelled and threatened a man who is friends with the babysitter and a relative of the mother of Elcock's children.

The babysitter called that friend, who was with Elcock at a bar, Elcock, the friend, and several other men went to the apartment complex, where Elcock got a 9mm handgun from another man, Vietz said. Elcock went to Bashahe's apartment to confront him shortly after midnight, according to the court testimony. According to testimony, Elcock saw Bashahe and another man smoking outside the apartment, aimed the gun at the man's face, and pulled the trigger, but the gun jammed.

Elcock is accused of then firing an estimated 10 shots through the front window. He was seen at a bar a short time later, according to court records.

Court records do not indicate how Elcock got the gun to function after it jammed. Elcock was arrested Wednesday and is being held in the Ada County Jail without bond. He's due back in court next month.

Wife also charged in murder, arson case

ST. MARIES, Idaho (AP) — The wife of a man who is charged with killing a 76-year-old woman and burning down her house has been charged in the case.

Becky Banderob is charged with being an accessory to the murder of Miriam Walch at Walch's Gouschaven home Feb. 4. Prosecutors said Banderob tried to help her husband, Lawrence Ernest Banderob, 37, burn down the house and helped him cover up the killing. Banderob, 35, was released after posting \$50,000 bail Friday in Beneviah County Magistrate Court. She maintains her husband abused her and forced her to help him cover up the killing.

Prosecutor Douglas Payne earlier had said he wouldn't charge Becky Banderob with the crime or call her a witness against her husband.

After Lawrence Banderob's arrest, the prosecutor received a no-contact order barring him from having any contact with his wife or daughter, both of whom were with him at different parts of the alleged crime, the Coeur

d'Alene Press reported. But Friday Payne said he received information that Becky Banderob, using an assumed name, tried to visit her husband at the Latah County Jail in Moscow. The two have been in continual phone contact since his arrest, "so many calls you can listen to all of them," Payne said.

Officials said Lawrence Banderob assaulted Walch after he apparently went looking for another vehicle to pull his car out of a snowy ditch. They went inside as his 15-year-old daughter waited. They said Becky Banderob went with her husband to the Walch home in the early morning hours after the elderly woman was beaten and tied up with computer cords.

Officials said Lawrence Banderob returned to the home after the beating and shot the woman twice with a .22-caliber rifle, killing her. Becky Banderob allegedly drove her husband back to the scene.

Investigators also said the couple returned to the Walch home and Larry Banderob tried to set it on fire. They said he

gave his wife shell casings from the bullets used to kill the woman and she threw them in a wood stove. Lawrence Banderob then allegedly hid the rifle in a feed bin and burned his blood-soaked clothes.

Investigators said they also found a glove in the front yard of Walch's home and its mate in Banderob's car, smelling of gasoline.

Becky Banderob is being represented by Beneviah County Public Defender Dave Rogers. She's due back in court in a few weeks.

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Forest Service begins spring burning season

COEUR D'ALENE — Smoke will be hovering above national forests in coming days as spring burning season begins. The U.S. Forest Service hopes to burn at least 8,000 acres in the Inland Northwest by the middle of May if weather conditions allow.

The Forest Service carries out prescribed burns each spring to help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire later in the season. Tom Wehmann, fire management officer for the Coeur d'Alene National Forest's Three Rivers Ranger District, said the prescribed burns also help clear forage available for deer and elk.

From 600 to 800 acres in the Coeur d'Alene area will be burned, including in the Coeur d'Alene Mountain area near Hayden Lake, on the hillsides above Fernan Lake and in the Canfield-Nuttleton Gulch areas, according to the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

The Forest Service cannot say exactly when the burns will take place because operations depend on the weather, said Wehmann. Planners determine the best conditions using tools such as computer programs, custom weather forecasts and fuel moisture meters.

"Sometimes we only have a one-day burn window," Wehmann said. "You've really got to be on the mark and in the right

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place at the right time." Most burning is finished by the middle of May.

Among the burns planned for the Coeurville National Forest are 416 acres in the Blue Valley near Chevulish and two fires east of Adely, Wash., aimed at increasing elk habitat.

Boater drowns after falling in Lake Coeur d'Alene

COEUR D'ALENE — A boater drowned in Lake Coeur d'Alene after he fell overboard and his wife was unable to save him, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office said.

The couple — who have not been identified by authorities — were on their boat in the Carlin Bay area Friday night when the man fell into the water, Capt. Ben Wollinger said in a press release. The wife threw her husband a rope, but he let go and went below the surface of the water, the release said.

Sheriff's divers searched the lake, but they were hindered by poor visibility because of spring runoff. The lake is 100 feet deep in that area, Wollinger said.

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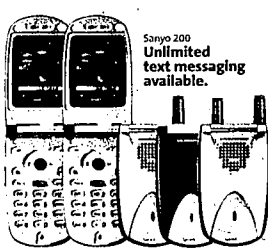
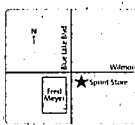
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Three snowblowers work their way through a 7-foot-deep drift Friday, just above Vista Point on the Beartooth Highway near Red Lodge, Mont. The lead plow has a 7-foot-tall-by-8-foot-wide blower that will kick out rocks up to 8 inches in diameter. The chains for each tire of the plow weigh 575 pounds. A media campaign is planned as a way to publicize the Beartooth Highway's readiness for traffic this summer, after a 2005 closure that hurt commerce in Red Lodge. The owners of Herring Cycle and Ski shop said the highway's closure triggered by rock and mud slides, followed by a \$14 million repair project, reduced their business by 30 to 40 percent.

UI student engineers prepare to race

By Shawn Vestal
The Spokesman-Review

MOSCOW — A group of engineering students at the University of Idaho has been learning some new formulas.

Such as the inexact and unscientific "rule of pi" which grad student Jacob Leachman translates as: "Whatever time you think it's going to take to make something, multiply it by about three."

That's among many lessons the students picked up as they designed and built a mini-Formula One racer, which they plan to race in a student competition in May. It's powered by a 600cc motorcycle engine and designed down to the last detail by the students as part of their senior project and the ongoing Vandal Racing program.

"I can't think of any other project that gives a more realistic view of what being an engineer really is," said Mike Thompson, a senior in mechanical engineering and team leader.

The annual Society of Automotive Engineers conference is May 17-21 at the Ford proving grounds in Detroit. For those team members who've been in cars for years, it's an exciting chance to meet race car drivers, rub elbows with experts from the auto industry and race their creation.

"It's kind of like a kid in a candy store," said Matt Soden, a junior and one of the team's drivers.

Not counting the engine and muffler, everything on the car

"I can't think of any other project that gives a more realistic view of what being an engineer really is."

— Mike Thompson, UI senior

was designed and built to the specifications of the team. The body is made of two layers of fiberglass sandwiching chunks of balsa wood, light and strong. Vandal Racing designed a gear drive rather than the chain drive most teams use. And they took their black-and-gold design off a helmet that was donated.

"You'd call Schuck's, and they'd say, 'What kind of car do you have?'" Leachman said.

At the competition, the teams will be graded on design and several driving competitions, including acceleration, cornering and figure-eight courses. The UI has fielded several teams since the 2001-02 school year and finished in the top 30 out of fields of 120 or more. This particular car actually missed last year's deadline, so the team members got a jump on this year's competition. Work on the next car is already under way.

"The car has been up and running for months now, so we

feel extremely confident about our ability to compete this year," said Thompson, who hopes to work in the auto industry after graduation.

About 140 schools from around the world plan to be part of this year's competition.

Vandal Racing has been tak-

ing out its racer on test runs at a makeshift course at the Moscow-Pullman airport. The low-slung three-gear racer has a top speed of about 70 mph, but it's the fast acceleration, rather than speed, that affects the drivers most.

"I'll do zero-to-60 in under four seconds-ish," Soden said.

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The fixed-wing, single-engine Cessna 150B was last seen April 9 at the Tooele Valley Airport, about 40 miles west of Salt Lake City, sheriff's Lt. Duke North said. No one noticed it was missing until April 14.

The plane had been in storage at the airport for five years. The owner, who lives in the state of Washington, purchased the plane in 2000. He never obtained a pilot's license, so the blue and white plane sat on the tarmac, police said.

The Cessna had no battery and its tires were flat. Investigators think someone re-inflated the tires, put in a battery and flew away.

"It's not like you're driving a car," said Dave Korzep, superintendent of airport operations for the Salt Lake City Department of Airports, which oversees the Tooele Valley Airport. "You have to take off and land."

Tooele County sheriff's deputies said they believe the airplane is being stripped for parts, just as a stolen car would be. On Friday the department issued a nationwide attempt-to-locate for the plane, which bears the tail number N6399S.

Transportation Security Administration officials could not be reached for comment. The agency recently called for increased security at airports and private jet owners after an April 13 message posted on a Web site urged Muslims to destroy private jets.

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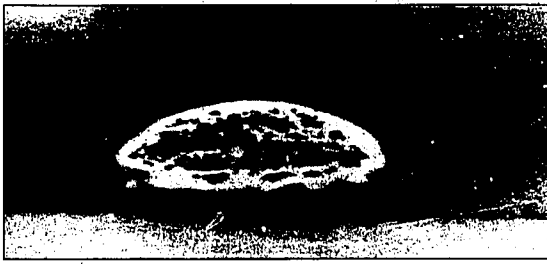
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Making trinitite

A bit of recent Western lore falls to research

By Sue Major Holmes
Associated Press writer



The photograph taken six miles from an atomic blast, July 16, 1945, shows the mushroom cloud rising up off the desert at the Trinity Test Site in Alamogordo, N.M.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — It was a rain of molten sand in the desert.

Trinitite — the smooth, jade-green glass formed by the world's first atomic bomb test 60 years ago at Trinity Site — wasn't formed the way it has been explained for years, according to two scientists whose hobby is studying sand from anuills.

"We are essentially wrong this because we found the beads themselves are a lot more radioactive than the trinitite on the ground," Strickland said.

Their work was published in the fall 2005 edition of Nuclear Weapons Journal, which actually was printed in February.

This new tidbit of nuclear history began with a tourist trip to Trinity Site, the test spot for the Los Alamos scientists who developed the bomb during World War II.

Hermes, who had lived in Los Alamos for 30 years, had never toured the site, and decided to join one of the tours the missile range holds twice a year. While there, he noticed a lot of anuills and wondered if they contained trinitite.

"Today trinitite is considered a historic artifact, and people aren't allowed to pick it up. So after the tour, Hermes contacted Jim Eckles, a public affairs officer for the range for nearly 30 years. Eckles obligingly sent material for the scientific study; later, a small group from Los Alamos was allowed to gather more."

Eckles believes it took some 10 years to study trinitite "because nobody gave it a second thought." The common sense talk you hear about the others: it was hot, it melted and turned to glass. Nobody had thought about it.

The new theory "explains

away some problems with the old kind of common-sense look at it," he said.

Hermes and Strickland said in their paper that they wanted to use the properties of trinitite to back-calculate the yield of the bomb, the temperature and duration of its fireball and the spread of material ejected by the blast.

But their study also suggested trinitite was deposited by a rain of molten droplets and puddling from the heat. "This paper in the Nuclear Weapons Journal — the closest edition to the 60th anniversary of the bomb" is a condensed version of their findings.

Their yield calculations are within those published for years, and their temperature calculation "compares favorably with those published" by the Atomic Energy Commission, they wrote.

Strickland calculated the fireball's temperature at 8,150 degrees Kelvin — more than 14,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

"The trinitite beads that the two found 'of extreme interest' generally were 2- to 3-millimeter spherulites. Some are dilly-looking, while others are 'absolutely stunning looking like glass beads,'" Hermes said.

Some are beautifully round, others are teardrop or oblong; some are shaped like tiny dumbbells.

"It's a fascinating sidetrip into physics," he said.

Trinitite isn't unique — in fact, it can be faked very easily, said Strickland.

"The pair heated some 'very arbitrary' sand with an oxy-broxy drogen torch and produced a substance that 'looks just like it,'" Strickland said.

Hermes also said trinitite beads are "not unlike what happens to volcanoes like in Hawaii," which also produce glassy beads, although how they form is entirely different. Strickland said such beads also form in nonnuclear explosions.

The pair did their research on the side, and it was not funded by the lab.

"I started with our first love, which was to investigate the mineralogy of ant sand," Hermes said. "... Who would have thought that two people in a small town like Los Alamos would have a common interest in ant sand?"

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Wyoming blasts feds for nixing its wolf plan

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — In a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wyoming Game and Fish Director Terry Cleveland accuses the federal agency of putting politics before science in refusing to approve Wyoming's wolf management plan.

The 21-page document released last week says federal wildlife managers are trying to pressure Wyoming "into altering its wolf management plan for purely ideological purposes."

Cleveland said it is unreasonable for federal officials to prohibit Wyoming from classifying wolves as predators, which would allow unregulated killing of the animals in certain areas. And the state said it was irresponsible for the federal government to allow Idaho and Montana to go ahead with their wolf management plans while Wyoming's is held up.

But federal wolf managers say Wyoming's plan would continue to put the regional wolf population at risk of extinction. Idaho and Montana refused to classify wolves as predators, instead calling them "trophy game" and setting up a system of regulated wolf-hunting seasons.

Ed Bangs, the Fish and Wildlife Service's wolf recovery coordinator, said classifying wolves as predators and allowing unregulated killing could be devastating.

"Anybody can kill any wolf at any time by any means for any reason in unlimited numbers, and you can't say 'Stop,'" Bangs said.

On the other hand, the "trophy game" system that Idaho and Montana will use has helped keep wolf populations in check in certain parts of Canada without threatening the entire population, Bangs said.

"What the issue boils down to is the Game and Fish is the wildlife managers for the state, so why shouldn't they be the managers of wolves?" Bangs said.

Cleveland counters that wolves were brought in by the federal government, and that the official wolf recovery area reaches just beyond the borders of Yellowstone National Park. That, Cleveland said, should leave the states free to manage wolves outside that region in any way they choose — including declaring wolves to be predators.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service acknowledged that the areas of Wyoming outside currently occupied habitats are not suitable for wolves ...," Cleveland wrote.

Idaho and Montana already have had their wolf-management plans approved by the federal government.

Montana wildlife administrator Don Childress said he's ready to move forward with or without Wyoming.

"Whether we do it over the entire range or do it in those states that have got their regulatory mechanisms, that's how we have to start approaching it," Childress said.

Idaho wolf managers said they need calls Friday by the Star-Tribune of Casper.

Utah rancher to sell conservation easement

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Nature Conservancy said Thursday it will buy a 298-acre conservation easement at a cattle ranch at Boulder, Utah, about 200 miles south of Salt Lake City.

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Bruins punish Pocatello

Petersen, Fjeld hold Indians to two runs in Saturday sweep



By Brad Guile
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's the same old situation, the same old softball game as the Twin Falls Bruins swept the Pocatello Indians on Saturday.

Not that it's a bad thing. Amber Petersen had another 10-strikeout performance while holding the Indians to a mere two hits in Game 1, a 10-0, five-inning run-rule win.

However, in Game 2, Katelyn Fjeld came into her own. In the 12-2 run-rule win, Fjeld gave up just five hits and one earned run. She struck out three in what was her best start since April 1 when she tossed a two-hitter with six strikeouts in the Bruins' 8-1 win over Hillcrest.

"At the beginning of the year, a little bit of freshman jitters," Twin Falls head coach Ken Johnson said. "She's got four good pitches, and she starts to pitch instead of just throw scared. And she throws hard enough to get it by people. She'll be a good one."

Her counterpart, Petersen, said she was happy with the progress. "Katelyn threw really well today. That's good to see," she said. "She's coming up, too. We're gonna be strong."

Although Fjeld doesn't have as many fallen batters notched as Petersen, she thrived by keeping the walks to zero and relying on the defense to back her up. Most Pocatello batters either grounded out or hit easily caught fly balls.

"Our fielders did a lot of good work," she said. "The Bruins defense didn't give up even when errors surfaced."

During Game 2, Petersen let a fly ball pop out of her glove during the second inning, allowing Kaitlin McDowell to reach second and Jordahn Denny to advance to third.

"Just too many things on my mind. I dropped it and I don't think I'll forget that one," she said.

But Petersen more than made up for it on the next play. Pocatello batter Shannon Bloxham hit a shot straight to Petersen, who saw Denny attempt to tag up and head for home.

"It was thinking, 'I've gotta throw home,' you know. The girl is leaping and score," Petersen said.

Petersen relayed to catcher Karl McBride for the out at home, a double-play to end the inning.

Also, as usual, Twin Falls' run support was solid. The Bruins kicked off Game 1 with five runs as Pocatello struggled in the field. The Indians' errors put many Bruins on base that were easily knocked in.

With Ariel Pullin and Kia Scruggs on base, first baseman Ericka Lee pitched one over the fence for a three-run homer to put Twin Falls up 5-0.

"It was lucky," she said. "We played together as a team, and we all hit really well. There's not just one person that hit good. Everyone hit good."

The Bruins put up seven hits in Game 1 and 14 in Game 2.

"I was impressed with our depth. We didn't miss a beat," Johnson said. "There's no big holes in the lineup. That's the key for us."

And it's making a name for the Bruins. "Did we compete with Twi?" Pocatello head coach Jodi Barrus asked rhetorically. "No. We knew Twin was gonna be good coming in here. They're probably one of the better teams in the state."

The Bruins (12-3, 2-0) face conference foe Highland on Wednesday.

RIGHT: Twin Falls Bruins sophomore pitcher Amber Petersen winds up during the top of the first inning of the Bruins' 10-0 Game 1 victory over the Pocatello Indians on Sunday at Bruin Field. Petersen pitched a complete game shutout and struck out 10 Pocatello batters.

LEFT: Twin Falls leadoff hitter Natascha Brenner connects with Pocatello pitcher Ariel Terras' first-inning offering to get things started for the Bruins.



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Game 1: Twin Falls 10, Pocatello 0, five innings
Game 2: Twin Falls 12, Pocatello 2, six innings

CSI completes the sweep

The Times-News

PRICE, Utah — Pop quiz: Eight RBIs from the No. 9 spot equals what? Those of you that answered "Two big Senior West Athletic Conference wins" get a gold star. So do the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles, who cemented their spot atop the conference with a win of 11-2 over the host College of Eastern Utah on a sunny Saturday afternoon in Price, Utah.

That No. 9 spot belongs to freshman second baseman Nik Gumsen, who drove in said eight RBIs in style — three of them coming in the Golden Eagles' seventh-inning four-run rally that broke a 7-7 tie. Gumsen sent a ball shooting out of the park with teammates Brent Mody and Kyle Besser on the bags to put CSI up 10-7. AJ Rucker was able to score Ken Fugleland on a fielder's choice to give CSI their four-run cushion. The clutch hitting made up for what was a tough day on the mound for CSI starter Nick Carr, who battled with his control, along with the umpires' strike zone all day.

"We just battled through it and found a way to get some big hits when we needed and capitalized on CSI's mistakes," CSI head coach Boomer Walker told 1270 AM KSTP.

Gumsen finished Game 1 2-for-4 with five RBIs, while Fugleland also went 2-for-4 with two RBIs of his own. Believer Jordan Latham picked up the win, improving to 2-1 on the season with three innings of work.

Game 2 saw Gumsen stay hot and the CSI defense go cold, as six CSI errors helped CSI to the 12-3 victory. "I thought Eastern came out and batted us right from pitch one through the whole day," Walker said. "I think they just made too many mistakes to get us. Without those mistakes, we probably drop one today."

Jordan Daley's misshandled line to the outfield in the top of the sixth resulted in three unearned CSI runs crossing the plate as CSI went up 6-3 on hits and two CSI errors on for the inning. The flood gates opened in the top of the seventh, as CSI put up six runs on an Alex Hancock RBI-single, Gumsen's two-RBI single, a two-RBI triple by Fugleland, and Jeff Kickler sacrifice fly that scored Grant Kveder.

With the wins, CSI is now 34-12 (23-7 SWAC) heading into Friday and Saturday's pivotal SWAC showdown with Dixie State College, the nation's No. 14 team. Game 1 is set for 1 p.m. Friday start at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.

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LeBron wins first playoff game

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James had an NBA playoff debut that was simply magical. Showing his spectacular skills as a pro in the postseason for the first time, James recorded a triple-double and brought the Cleveland Cavaliers back to the playoffs in style with a 97-86 win over the Washington Wizards on Saturday.

James finished with 32 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists, becoming the first player since Magic Johnson to post a triple-double in his first playoff game. "It's a great class to be in," James said. If Game 1 of his playoff resume was any indication, James may one day be in class by himself. Over 48 minutes, the 21-year-old, who is battling a cold, did a little of everything to help the Cavaliers land the first blow in what could be a lengthy series between the Aces, 4 and 5 seeds in the Eastern Conference.



Cleveland Cavaliers guard LeBron James (23) drives on Washington Wizards defender Caron Butler during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game in Cleveland. The Cavaliers' first game back in the playoffs since 1990 — when James was a seventh grader — couldn't have gone much better. James got plenty of help from its supporting cast as Donyell Marshall added 19 points, Eric Snow 14 and J.J. Gaskas and Flip Murray 10 apiece for

New contenders emerge in District VI

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It is said that sometimes the biggest and best come in small packages.

Take for example Tami Lappin, a 17-year-old senior at Kimberly High School. Lappin and her roping mare, Pistol, are both small in stature, but the look in Lappin's eyes reveals the fire it takes to be a success and that size really doesn't always matter. "I just love the sport," said Lappin. "In rodeo, we all feed off each other. I'm really enjoying roping especially team roping and I am the leader. In each event, it takes 125-percent effort and you just have to find the trigger. Sometimes I think my parents believe in me more than I believe in myself. When I compete, I ask God for help. I don't ever wear yellow in the arena and I've got to stop falling down in goat tying."

Lappin earned several points in the race for the all-around cowgirl title over the weekend. On Friday night, she won the goat tying, placed eighth in breakaway roping, fifth in barrel racing and fourth in pole bending. Saturday afternoon, she was fourth in goat tying, seventh in barrels and second in poles. There were some new names showing up in the top ten results at the District VI high school rodeo this weekend at the Mindoka County Fairgrounds in Rupert. And there are also a couple of cowgirls from Nevada that are regularly placing in their events. "In Nevada, they have state-wide

rodeos, which means the girls would have to travel a long way to compete," said Shelia Fry, the Director of the Castleford Rodeo Club. This is the second year for Sammy Navaran from Wells, Nev. and Kelsea Krenka from Ruby Valley, Nev. to compete for the Castleford rodeo team. For the weekend, Navaran picked up a win and a third-place finish in goat tying, a ninth and fourth, in breakaway, a second in poles and a sixth place in barrels. Krenka picked up a pair of ninth-place finishes in goats and a third and ninth in breakaway. Starting last year from Twin Falls had a third-place finish Friday night in saddle bronc scoring 30 points. Saturday afternoon, Loughmiller was given a 25 with an open eye in the re-ride which he took. He didn't make it the full eight seconds on the follow-up ride. "I just like getting on the horses," said Loughmiller who only competes in the event. Why take the re-ride? "The first horse didn't buck. I'm just here to have fun, so even if I get bucked out, I'll get up and go on another one," said Shelia Fry. Fifteen-year-old Shania Spencer from Kimberly had a ninth-place finish in pole bending last weekend in the District VI rodeo. Spencer also competes in barrels and is thinking about going into team roping. "This (high school rodeo) is pretty exciting, it's a whole lot more fun than I thought it might be," said Spencer. After competing at weekend rodeos, Please see CONTENDERS, Page C2

SPORTS

Appleby leads in Texas

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Stuart Appleby has brought some of his Hawaiian touch to the Shell Houston Open.

Appleby remained in position Saturday to join Fred Woods and Phil Mickelson as the only two-time winners on the PGA Tour this year, shooting a 3-under 69 to take a two-stroke lead over Sweden's Mathias Gronberg.

Appleby won the season-opening Mercedes Championships at Kapalua in Hawaii last month, the third straight time in January. He has led at similar level of confidence this week.

"You keep thinking when you're throwing a club that you're going to keep hitting the middle of the bulls eye," Appleby said. "No matter, you throw left-handed or one-eyed or whatever, you just feel comfortable that things are very much within you."

Appleby had five birdies in his third straight sub-70 at The Tournament Club at Redstone to finish at 14 under. The Australian birdied the difficult 18th, a hole he birdied at the end of a 66 in the first round.

Just about everything else has gone Appleby's way. He has hit 30 of 42 fairways and 42 of 54 greens in regulation through three rounds.

"There's a feeling. It's a confident feeling that you like the way your game feels," Appleby said. "Most of the time, all the Kapalua, I've come in. I've birdied the way I've birdied and putted. Kapalua has bred confidence in me. There's a theme there."

Now all he has to do is finish the job in Texas.

Gronberg birdied the 18th for a 67 and a 12-under total. The 48-year-old, par-4 18th has played the most difficult in relation to par through three rounds with a 4.37 stroke average.

Jerry Smith (69) and Bob Estes (66), who lives in Austin, won four shots back at 10 under.

"There's a lot of golf. 25 percent of the tournament still left out there," Appleby said. "I might be leading, but that's only means that I'm leading."

Several players made surges Saturday, but no one overtook Appleby, who was one of 44 players to finish the round with a score of 69 Saturday morning. Appleby parred the two remaining holes for a 67 to finish at 11 under, then opened his third round with three straight pars.

The kick-started his day with a short birdie putt on the par-5 fourth. He clipped in over a ridge for another birdie at No. 6 and made a 14-footer on No. 7 to move to 14 under.

Sloan looks toward another year

SALE LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan has much more to look forward to this summer than he did a year ago.

His team won 15 more games this season and although the Jazz missed the playoffs for a third straight year, Sloan was optimistic enough to say he will return.

The past few years, Sloan has left his future up in the air, saying he wanted to go back to his southern Illinois farm and just think about it. As he met with players Thursday, Sloan gave a definitive answer.

"I'm going to be back. I don't have anywhere to go," Sloan said as the Jazz cleaned out their lockers.

Utah went 41-41 this season, Sloan's fifth coaching the team. The Jazz were still contending for a playoff berth until the final week of the season and were disappointed not to make it again. But compared to a 26-56 finish in 2004-2005, going .500 didn't seem so bad.

"We were out of the playoffs with about 36 games to go. And that's a sickening feeling," Sloan said. "We only had two games like that. I guess, compared to 36 a year ago."



Stuart Appleby blasts out of the bunker on the 18th hole during Saturday's third round of the Houston Open PGA golf tournament in Humble, Texas.

Greg Owen, who shot a tournament-low 65 on Friday, played with Appleby and birdied the first hole to tie for the lead. Owen promptly bogeyed No. 2, starting the downward spiral to a 75.

With Owen fading, Brent Wetterich was the next to mount a charge at Appleby with four straight birdies on the front nine. But Wetterich dunked his tee shot in the water on the 10th and shot a 69 to finish at 8 under.

Gronberg opened with seven pars, then started a run of five birdies in six holes with a bunker shot to three feet on the 36.5 eighth. He dropped to 11 under with a bogey at 17, then got the shot back with a 30-foot birdie putt on the 18th.

Sorenstam grabs lead on LPGA Tour

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. — Defending champion Annika Sorenstam shot an 8-under 64 on Saturday — her third straight round in the 60s — to take the third-round lead in the Florida's Natural Charity Classic.

Shrugging off a couple of rain delays, Sorenstam finished up in the next-to-last group just as the sun was dipping lower than Texas' George Lanning Country Club.

A year ago, Sorenstam had essentially wrapped up the tournament by the end of the third round, taking a 10-stroke lead to Sunday and winning by the same margin. This time, she'll go to the final 18 holes with a one-stroke cushion over 36-hole leader Sung Ah Yim, who posted a bogey-free 61.

Still, it would be a major surprise if Sorenstam doesn't hang on to the lead.

The Swedish star's the only two-time winner of this event, and has a chance to become

the first to win it back-to-back. Her closest challenger is a 22-year-old South Korean who's in her second year on the LPGA Tour and has never finished higher than third. No one else was within five shots of Sorenstam's 17-under 199 total.

Jay Haas leads Legends of Golf

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Jay Haas shot a 4-under 68 to take a two-stroke lead over Craig Stadler in the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf.

Haas had a 10-under 135 total on The Club at Savannah Harbor, a 7,087-yard island layout in the middle of the Savannah River. Stadler shot a 67.

Jerry Pate (69), winner of the Oakleaf Stockhouse Pro Am in February, was another stroke back at 67, and Bob Murphy (69) followed at a 68. Dale Irwin (69), Peter Jacobsen (69) and Allen Doyle (69) were 5 under.

Haas, seeking his first win of the season after earning Champions Tour rookie of the year honors in 2004, made the turn at even par. Then he got on a roll, making birdies on four of the first five holes of his last nine. Haas got to 11 under with another birdie on the par-3 17th, but gave that one back with a bogey on No. 18.

Stenson narrowly ahead at BMW Asian Open

SHANGHAI, China — Sweden's Henrik Stenson shot a 1-under 71 to take a one-stroke lead after the third round of the BMW Asian Open.

Stenson, the leader since the first round, had a 6-under 210 total on the Tomson Shanghai Pudong Golf Club course. Spain's Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano (69) was second.

shots in 69 games. "We have a good team. I wouldn't say we have a great team. We have a good team which has continued improving."

Boozler missed 31 games last year with a foot injury and most of this season with the bad hamstring, but when he came back in February he was obviously healthy and finished with 11 double-doubles.

He was out of the lineup for a full year and during that time he saw some free agent buzz. Boozler said he was unhappy in Utah and wanted a trade. He said Thursday he plans to be back with the Jazz next fall for his third year of the six-year deal he signed in 2004.

"Unless you guys know something I don't," Boozler told reporters with a smile. "We have a good future. We've got some good pieces here."

The Jazz need to decide who among their free agents is coming back. They will try to re-sign Harpring, but the future of the others was unclear.

Center Jarron Collins, and point guard Milt Palacio will be the most likely free agents. Jazz have an option on point guard Keith McLeod and another year, and guard Devin Brown has a year left on his contract.

Center Greg Ostertag will technically be a free agent, but he said he is retiring after 11 seasons, 10 with the Jazz.

O'Connor said none of the Jazz will be off-limits for possible trades, although it would take a lot to pry away Kirilenko and probably Okur, who has played in all 164 games since joining the Jazz in summer 2001.

Okur led the Jazz in scoring (18.1 points) and rebounding (9.1 rebounds) average and has four more seasons on his contract.



Milwaukee Brewers player Damian Miller smiles with teammates in the dugout after hitting a two-run home run during the fourth inning of Saturday's game against the Cincinnati Reds in Milwaukee.

Brew Crew belts five homers in the fourth against Cincinnati

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers became the first major league team in 40 years to hit five home runs in one inning, and Damian Miller went 4-for-4 with three doubles and five RBIs in an 11-0 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday.

Dave Bush (2-1) pitched a four-hitter with a season-high nine strikeouts for his second career shutout and fourth complete game. Bill Hall, Miller, Brady Clark, J.J. Hardy and Prince Fielder all homered for Milwaukee in a seven-run fourth.

The last team to hit five homers in an inning was the Minnesota Twins on June 9, 1985, in the seventh against the Kansas City Athletics. Three other teams have accomplished the feat: the 1939 New York Giants, 1998 Philadelphia Phillies and 1961 San Francisco Giants — all against Cincinnati as well.

Cardinals 4, Cubs 1

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols' two-run single with the bases loaded snapped a fifth-inning tie, helping St. Louis grind out a victory over Chicago.

Pujols has six RBIs in the first two games of the series. His two-out bouncer up the middle of Scott Williamson gave the Cardinals, swept earlier this month in Chicago, a chance to sweep the Cubs at home on Sunday.

The Cubs have lost two in a row for the first time this season while totaling four runs without Derek Lee, out at least two months with two broken bones above his right wrist.

Yankees 6, Orioles 1

NEW YORK — Shawn Chapman pitched out of trouble for much of the day, and Hideki Matsui came through with a key two-run homer in New York's win over Baltimore.

On Friday night, Matsui took a called third strike on a 3-2 pitch with the bases loaded, ending New York's 6-5 loss. With the score 2-1 in this one, his bases-loaded double chased Daniel Cabrera (1-2) with none out in the sixth inning, just before the rain resumed.

The 26-year-old rookie allowed only singles by Jeremy Bernier in the fifth inning and Jack Wilson in the ninth. He struck out five and walked none in his second career start and fourth appearance.

Craig Biggio hit a solo homer off lefty John Grabow in the seventh inning and scored all three runs.

Bonds ends power drought with first homer

DENVER — Barry Bonds found his missing power stroke Saturday night when he homered for the first time this season.

Bonds sent a 1-0 belt-high fastball the opposite way in the first inning as the Coors Field crowd was still settling in, giving the San Francisco Giants a 2-0 lead over the Colorado Rockies.

Bonds' shot came off Aaron Cook, who became 'Home' at 17th in the sixth. Complete results of the game were not available by The Times-News' early Saturday deadline.

American League Blue Jays 8, Red Sox 1

TORONTO — Itoy Halladay shut down Boston for five innings in his return to Toronto's 4-17th season. Complete results of the game were not available by The Times-News' early Saturday deadline.


Royals 11, Indians 5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals ended their 11-game losing streak, beating the Cleveland Indians 11-5 Saturday night behind Emil Brown's three hits.


Danys Buitrago, doubled, tripled and drove in two runs for the Royals (3-13), who won for the first time since a 4-3 victory over the World Series champion Chicago White Sox on April 8. Kansas City was outscored 78-32 during the skid.

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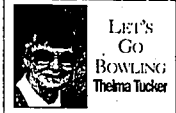
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Snake River Bowl hosts USBC tournament

The Mini-Cassia USBC Youth recently held their annual City Tournament at Snake River Bowl. Todd Benz, Ryan Seibach and Chris Warr with 1,974 were the champions in Division I of the Team Event. With 1,426 Abrina Blount, Dackotah Hieb and Kiara Hieb took the top spot in Division III.



LET'S GO BOWLING
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Back row, left to right: Anthony Moyers, Kailo Balles, Stephanie Hall, Shawn Motts, Brody Albertson, Dominique Powers, Middle row, left to right: Quentyn Roberts, Chancey Knopp, Abrina Blount, Kiara Hieb. Front row, left to right: Bethany Adams, Dackotah Hieb.

Ma & Pa Mixed League was "Team In Progress," Becky Fowler, Bob Buesinger, Larry Jolley, Mike Hutchins and Janet Grant. High Average went to Bob Despain 197 and Janet Grant 168. High Series was Despain 639 and Grant 609. Despain and Grant also had the High Game with 269/237. Most Improved went to Randy Rose with a +19 and Nancy Murphy +11. Thursday Morning Doubles Champions were "Stamptin' Fools," Sabrina Barnard and Kami Killward. Derry Smith earned the High Average award at 183. High Series was Deann Hiebs with 741 and High Game was Perry Smith with a 256. Most Improved on the league was Sabrina Barnard with +8. Congratulations to me and all. It's my time to get into this summer fun events so call your local center and "Let's Go Bowling!"
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Area boxers advance through Golden Gloves regionals

Garcia, Flores headed to nationals



POCATELLO - A handful of area boxers came through with winning performances at the 2006 Rocky Mountain Regional Golden Gloves Finals, held April 9 in Pocatello. Jayce Carnell, a 14-year-old, 65-pound boxer of Britt-Cam Boxing defeated Jeff Lake of Rock Springs, Wyo. by unanimous decision in their matched bout. Corbyn Carnell, also of Britt-Cam Boxing won his matched bout. Miguel Flores of Head Hunters Gym in Twin Falls defeated Tom Sanchez of Price, Utah by unanimous decision in the 165-pound weight division. In tournament matches, Jerry Garcia of Twin Falls was victorious, taking a split decision over Karl Hammer of Utah to advance to the National Golden Gloves tournament in Omaha, Neb. Also advancing was Matt Flores of Head Hunters Gymnasium. Flores took a unanimous decision over Maricio Rascon of Utah to also advance to the national stage.

Boxer Jayce Carnell defeated Jeff Lake of Rock Springs, Wyo. by a unanimous decision in the 14-year-old, 65 pound division of the 2006 Rocky Mountain Regional Golden Gloves Finals on April 9 in Pocatello.



Boxer Corbyn Carnell also won his age and weight division at the Golden Gloves regionals

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Undjhem wins T.F. Muni Ladies 'Golfer of the Month'

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Virginia Undjhem of the Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association won the "Golfer of the Month" honor with a 78 on April 20. Joan Tiggwas was "Net Golfer of the Month" with a net 62. In the Championship Flight first gross was Undjhem, second gross was Patty Lee with an 85 and third gross was Jackie Gasser with a 93. Barbara Frith finished first net, Carolyn Beaver second net, and Carole Kiesel third net. In the First Flight Joan Tiggwas shot a 90 to take first gross. Glenda McCreer took

second gross with a 96 and Jan Becks with third net with a 100. Gladys in brief

Burley Ladies announce recent winners

BURLEY — The Burley Ladies Golf Association recently announced results for April 19. First flight winners were, first, Nanette Woodland; second, Leslie Galtree; and third, Pat Fernandez. Second flight winners were, first, Jeanne Pates; second, JoLene Hines; and third, Yvette Van Houten. The nine-hole winner was Helen Veachian. The ladies play each Wednesday at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

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Junior squad members - back row: Kadee Christiansen, Chaylynn Hansen, Sierra Sabin, Katalyn Peterson, Deven Duke, Larissa Stewart, Bittan Hulme. Front Row: Zaria Nutach, Carlie Strom, Rachael Lane, Emma Davies.



The mini squad members are - Top: Ariel Reedy, Isabelle Ornelas, Shelby Erdmann, Leah Stewart, Tana Sabin, Isabel Romero, Cammi Davies, Front row: Emma Davies.



Pictured above are Erin Chapman, Brianna Hoskinson, Rose Schwarzbach, ToniAnne Wear, Lindsey Peterson and Halley Gregory.

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Coyotes expand their territory from coast to coast

By Mary Battlata
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Washington is the last major metropolitan area in the country to be colonized by coyotes. They arrived in Maryland and Virginia about 20 years ago, after expanding their range into every part of the continental United States except the southernmost tip of Florida. (They showed up there about five years ago.)

By 2004, when coyotes first were sighted here in Rock Creek Park, large populations already were ensconced in suburban Westchester County, outside New York City, as well as Boston, Nashville, Phoenix, Houston and elsewhere.

Last month, a coyote on the loose in Central Park, at the latitude of 66th Street, made headlines as "Beast #1" when it was captured. It was the second coyote to show up in Manhattan in recent years. In downtown Chicago, coyotes have been spotted trotting back and forth across Michigan Avenue. Outside Boston, the presence of coyotes has provoked a fierce debate as the state legislature about reintroducing leg-hold traps, currently banned as cruel and unnecessary. In California, coyotes have become a fact of urban life for decades. On the beaches of Santa Barbara, when bathers go into the water, coyotes come out of the brush to sniff beach rocks.

The coyote — biological cousin of the wolf, fox and dog — has roamed the Plains states for at least 15,000 years. The coyote's outward migration began about a century ago. They moved east and west, filling the ecological vacuum left by the extirpation of wolves from the lower 48 states. Coyotes expanded west first, toward California. Eastward expansion began a few decades later, along two routes: one east and southeast, through the Gulf States, and the other northeast, into Canada, and eventually down into New England and the Northeast. Wildlife biologists believe that the coyotes now showing up in the Washington area may be part of both eastward migrations — the smaller, more coyotes — 20 to 35 pounds — of the due-east migration; and larger coyotes from the Canadian range. Coyotes in this second group weigh 35 to 50 pounds, because of interbreeding with Canadian wolves.

Wildlife trappers in Washington's corniest suburbs — Virginia's Fauquier County and Maryland's Washington County — say coyotes have grown slowly but steadily. Coyote density in Western Maryland is now estimated to be about that of the American West.

Trappers have a saying about coyotes, said Fauquier County trapper Sam Poles. "The only thing that will survive a nuclear war is cockroaches and coyotes. Being I can't eat cockroaches, I like coyotes. Learn their habits, and be prepared to live with them." Cause once you get them in the suburbs, you're not getting rid of them.

But living with them may be easier said than done. "Coyotes are canids, and people have always had a love-hate relationship with canids," said Stan Gehrt, a wildlife biologist and director of the Cook County Coyote Project in suburban Chicago. "A lot of our wolf control was done more out of fear more than any damage they did. Wolves just made us uncomfortable."

Coyotes seem to have a similar effect. Around the country, the presence of coyotes seems to divide the human population into two groups: pro-coyote people, who advocate benign coexistence, and those who think even one coyote around is one too many. "Usually, for people to consider an animal to be a nuisance, that animal has to cause damage or cause inconvenience," Gehrt said. "But coyotes are the one species that can be considered a nuisance simply by being fleetingly seen. The question is: Can we adjust our level of tolerance to them as we find out more about them?"

Elizabeth Marshall Thomas, the author of "The Hidden Life of Dogs," a best-seller, has been watching coyotes at her home in rural New Hampshire since they first began appearing there in the 1960s. Seeing them interact with her dogs and with one another has made her think about our selective human affections.

"Having coyotes around could be very educational,"

Thomas said. Coyote behavior offers a valuable lesson about nature and our own place in it. Like most wild animals, coyotes observe strict rules of engagement and complicated protocols that determine who belongs where. Around her house, Thomas said, "the coyotes have the woods, and the dogs have the lawn and field." Sometimes the coyotes will trespass, and then the dogs bark. "All the members of the dog family — domestic dogs, wolves, coyotes, dingoes — are very aware of territory. A group must control its own territory — you can't have others taking it from you, because then you won't have enough food."

Coyotes, she says, along with ambulances, she said, pose no threat. Instead, she said, they most likely are simply trying to "answer" the sirens and maintain order in their own world. "They may be trying to learn what the siren is saying. Does it say 'Here is a large coyote?' In that case, the coyotes may be answering, 'Don't come over, because we are already here.'"

The prodigious expansion of the coyotes' range in the past 100 years has led to a new refusal, since the earliest days of European settlement, to tolerate the presence of wolves. With wolves out of the picture, new swaths of rabbits and rodent-rich territory beckoned, and coyotes were free to move in.

Humans are uneasy with the idea of predators in their midst. But protection is in fact part of nature's design, a finely tuned and highly beneficial system by which sick or infirm animals are culled from the population, leaving more food for the remaining animals and increasing their chances for survival.

Buncher and celebrated memoirist Dayton O. Hyde, a coyote defender, has described coyotes as vital partners in his 6,000-acre east Oregon ranch, keeping the ecosystem in balance by checking mouse, grasshopper and squirrel populations. Biologists consider wolves and coyotes to be "nature's veterinarians," carefully selecting the weakest or least wary among the animals they hunt, leaving more food and terrain for the healthy animals that remain.

The federal government, through the Department of Agriculture, has been killing tens of thousands of coyotes annually on public and private lands for decades. But the control effort has had little effect on coyote populations.

"You can't lower the population temporarily, but they will be back," Gehrt said. "Coyotes are made to deal with the adversity we thrust upon them. They can adjust very quickly."

This is because of a highly intriguing and anomalous coyote behavior. Unlike deer or Canadian geese, coyotes do not reduce their population size. When coyote numbers are falling, coyotes have bigger litters to compensate. Coyote numbers are high, straining the food supply, litters get smaller.

Scientists do not precisely understand the control mechanism, which may be hormonal, but they have replicated the effect in captivity by varying the proximity of caged coyotes to one another. This means that coyotes will never become as ubiquitous as white-tailed deer. But they are here to stay. And there are many people who are glad about that.

"Coyotes are a symbol of wilderness here in our midst," Gehrt said. "Even out West, where coyotes are beloved, people associate the call of the coyote with wilderness."

"The sound is different from a wolf howl," said wildlife biologist Kristi Robinson, who had coyotes 30 feet from her back door when she lived in Southern California. "One or two start with a very high-pitched yip-yip-yip. Not like a lap dog, but yipping. Then more will join in, and it builds to a kind of crescendo, and then they break out into howling. It's very haunting."

Gehrt and Robinson have come to see coyotes as highly useful members of the ecosystem. "There tends to be this knee-jerk reaction: 'Oh, we can't have another predator competing with us. Let's go kill it,'" Robinson said. "That's not only philosophically wrong, it's just plain ill informed."

Coyote predation becomes a problem, however, when the weak or unwary prey is a small human. But such attacks on children are rare, despite coyotes' increasing numbers. Dog bites still vastly outnumber coyote bites. In the Chicago area, for example, there are an aver-



Coyotes in Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. Wildlife biologists believe that the coyotes now showing up in the Washington area may be part of two migrations.

age of 3,000 dog bites annually, and there have been no coyote bites in recent memory. Coyotes rarely attack humans without warning, rarely carry rabies and almost never attack adults, according to Gehrt. "It's usually an accumulation of events that lead up to a biting incident," he

said. "You'll see a coyote that was nocturnal becoming diurnal. You might have seen it in the back yard once or twice at dusk, now you see it every day. That's a bad sign. Also, if they're hanging around where children normally play. There have been a couple of cases where coyotes

follow people fairly closely — especially children to bus stops — and that's not a good thing."

Another bad sign is a coyote that stands its ground and growls or barks when you step toward it. "In that case, the coyote is actually trying to assert dominance," Gehrt said. But

that is still no reason for an adult to retreat. "The thing to do is back off at a very slow pace, keeping your eyes on the animal. I've never felt threatened, even by the ones that growl and bark," Gehrt said. "I would never be subordinate to a coyote, ever. People forget it's just a 35-pound dog. I'm 200 pounds. It's not hard to do what you have to do."

Fortunately, most of the time, successful coexistence is less charged than that. It's more a matter of teaching humans how to respond when coyotes cross a behavioral boundary and constantly reinforcing coyotes' fear of humans. "What we've found is that when coyotes start to change their behavior toward humans, it's a result of people feeding them. Coyotes are not like raccoons," he said. "It takes special circumstances to get a coyote to go to the dark side."

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Buffalo herd helps tribe to reconnect with its past

By Debbee Bryce
Idaho State Journal

FORT HALL, Idaho — On a 4,300-acre range on the Fort Hall river bottoms, a piece of Shoshone-Bannock history is being restored.

A herd of 270 buffalo graze the sagebrush-covered banks of Clear Creek and provide tribal members the opportunity to hunt the animal that's as deeply rooted in the land as they are.

"I believe a long time ago, they roamed everywhere," said Lance Tsisidmit, manager of the Shoshone-Bannock Buffalo Program. Tsisidmit, who's worked in the program for 11 years, and rescuer, Sidney Barnes, who calls the job an ongoing learning experience, oversee the tribe's buffalo program.

An annual draw allows Shoshone-Bannock tribal members to harvest five head of buffalo from the herd and the tribe sells about 55 tags to non-tribal members each year. Tsisidmit said an adult bull, weighing in at 2,000 pounds, can sell for as much as \$5,000.

"Most people who buy the bulls want the trophy, the head," he said. "People who are taking it for the meat want younger, 2-year-old animals."

Over a life-span for native people, bison roamed from Canada to the Great Plains of the United States.

Their numbers were so great that their stampedes across the prairie sounded like the roll of distant thunder, lending to the name "the thunder of the plains." But as white settlers pushed westward, buffalo were hunted to near extinction.

From winter feeding to sorting and vaccinating calves, the Shoshone-Bannock Buffalo program ensures future generations will experience the connection their ancestors shared with the bison. Tsisidmit said the buffalo have a spiritual significance to the Shoshone-Bannock people.

"Our tribe believe the buffalo is a strong spirit and we look for guidance from that spirit," he said. "Buffalo are still used for spiritual ceremonies like the Sundance and the annual festival in August."

Tsisidmit said the tribes' current herd was launched with just 25 buffalo purchased in 1963. Farmer said the Shoshone-Bannock tribes frequently trade bulls with other tribes and buy animals from private ranchers to introduce new bloodlines into the Fort Hall herds. Cowboys also buy the calves to train cutting horses.

"Buffalo are a lot quicker than cows," Farmer said. "They can turn on a dime."

Tsisidmit said people often buy cows and calves with visions of starting their own buffalo herd. "Then I hear they ended up shooting them because they can't keep them in," he said.

The buffalo, which can measure more than 6 feet tall at the shoulder, occasionally go over the fence, but usually stick pretty close to the rest of the herd.

Buffalo like being with other buffalo, Tsisidmit said.

The herd consumes 200 tons of hay each winter, most of it grown by the tribes.

"If we come up short, there are tribal members with hay for sale," he said.

In November, the herd is rounded up and brought into corrals, where Tsisidmit and Barnes vaccinate calves and sort out animals for sale and slaughter.

It's the only time the buffalo, who normally avoid contact with humans, are handled.

The Fort Hall herd has remained disease free for the entire 38 years the program has existed, he said.

A crew of 10 uses horses and AUVs to push the animals to the corrals.

Tsisidmit said there have been many close calls with the mini-sized buffalo.

On a recent roundup a bull charged one of his crew members, biting him in the shoulder so hard it rolled the four-wheeler he was driving.

"I really, he said, the man wasn't injured.

Morses are used to push the herd toward the pens, but are kept back at a safe distance.

"Unlike cattle, dogs are not used to round up buffalo. "They really don't like dogs," he said. "If one gets mad, you might as well leave them alone. There's no breaking them over; they'll stand their ground."

Cow buffalo have a calf each year. While twins are rare, it does happen. Tsisidmit said the young bulls, 1 to 3 years old, are separated from the cows, which give birth in the spring. The herd bulls, 3 to 10 years old, are kept

with the cows.

"The herd bulls don't bother them unless they're in heat, but the young bulls tend to bully them," he said.

A number of young bulls are also slaughtered and sold at the Trading Post in Fort Hall.

The Oregon Trail Restaurant

and the Buffalo Horn Grill inside the Fort Hall Casino also feature locally grown buffalo on their menus.

While buffalo meat is similar to beef, it's much leaner and the recent popularity of low-carbohydrate diets makes it a valuable commodity.



Lance Tsisidmit, manager of the Shoshone-Bannock Buffalo Program, checks some animals out in their pasture on April 11 at Fort Hall.

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By Leigh Murray
Associated Press writer

MASAI MARA, Kenya — What strikes you most about the Masai Mara, a massive game reserve in Kenya, is the amount of wildlife roaming its grassy plains. Hundreds, sometimes thousands, of animals dot the landscape — from elephants and lions, to cheetahs, giraffes and the always cranky wildebeest.

Flying across the Masai Mara from Nairobi or Mombasa, you get a glimpse of the stunning landscape, with the Mara River winding across the

sweeping grasslands that are dotted with rolling hills. But it's not until you touch down at the remote, dusty airstrip that the beauty of the area and abundance of wildlife becomes brilliantly clear.

We were lucky enough to visit during the annual Great Migration, when more than a million wildebeest, zebras and associated predators following seasonal rains cross from Tanzania's Serengeti into the Masai Mara in search of fresh grass. The animals arrive in July and return in September and October. It is one of the greatest natural spectacles on

Earth. The short drive from the airport to Kicheche Mara Camp, which provided our lodging and tours to see the animals, was itself a mini-safari. We spotted hippos lolling about in the river, giraffes strolling across the plains, and antelopes and gazelles watching curiously as we went by.

Kicheche, which houses up to 22 guests, is not your ordinary bush camp. The secluded tents have a double bed and private bathrooms with flushing toilets. Deck chairs out front allow you to soak up the view across the sweeping

plains. Unfenced, the camp often finds itself hosting hungry wildlife roaming in search of food.

We were woken the next morning by camp staff — local Masai warriors — who would deliver tea, coffee and biscuits to our tent just before sunrise. Shortly after, it was time for our first game drive of the day.

Almost everywhere the Mara is crowded with lions, elephants, cheetahs, buffalo, antelope, giraffes, hippos, gazelles, zebras, hyenas, kudus, ostrich, jackal, impala, and wildebeest — always looking hostile and often fighting each other. Then there's the warthog, renowned for its short memory, and often seen stopping mid-stride and wondering — so we were assured by our guide — where it was actually going.

An added novelty for me and my wife — coming from our current base in the polluted and chaotic Thai capital, Bangkok — was the Mara's incredible tranquility, with the few noises heard often just the distant roar of a pride of lions.

Setting off in a customized four-wheel drive, our guide Julius Ronjore found a secluded spot where he laid out our continental breakfast as we watched dozens of hippos bathing in the Mara River. Behind us, several giraffes chewed at the treetops.

After satisfying our hungers, our minds turned to more important tasks — tracking down the Big 5: Elephants, lions, buffalo, rhinos, and the elusive leopard.

We came across one group of elephants, and managed to stop within 100 yards from where they were resting in the shade. A baby elephant was



Masai warriors in Selenkey Conservation Area, southern Kenya, wearing traditional dress and carrying traditional weapons in July 2005.

If you go...

Great migration: The animals cross from Tanzania's Serengeti into Kenya's Masai Mara in July, then return in September and October. Getting there: There are daily flights from Mombasa and Nairobi to an airstrip in the Masai Mara. Camps that arrange expeditions to view wildlife can meet you there.

Kicheche Mara camp: <http://www.kicheche.com> or (011) (254) 20-891379. Three-night package, about \$1,000 per person, double occupancy, including lodging, food and game drives.

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lying under his mother, sleeping. The mother maintained a stare which we knew was a sign to keep our distance. We had no intention of pressing the issue and slowly drove off.

As we soaked up the clear air and kept our eyes peeled for more wildlife, Ronjore spotted another safari group observing

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An elephant in Amboseli National Park, Kenya, warns tourists admiring her and her children not to move too close in July 2005. What strikes you most about the Masai Mara is the amount of wildlife that roams its grassy plains.

Fearless traveler: Honeymooning in Australia? You devil!

By Andrea Sachs
The Washington Post

Q: We plan to honeymoon in Australia and New Zealand. Any recommendations on how two high-energy people can see as many animals and unique sights as possible?

A: Australia and New Zealand will tire you out before you tire of them. In New Zealand, you can tramp along the Great

Walks trails, explore 14 national parks and get a rush in Queenstown, the Adventure Capital of the World. And in Australia, the physical agenda includes diving the Great Barrier Reef, rock-climbing at Crampians and hiking the Blue Mountains or the Great Ocean Road, where sights include seals, whales and the Twelve Apostles.

However, to cut down on travel time, yet still keep up the

activity level, consider the Australian island of Tasmania, a popular vacation haunt among adventurous Aussies. The island is a one-stop shop for wilderness and outdoor adventure," says Tourism Tasmania's Claire Ellis. "You can get your travel dirty by day and be pampered at night."

Just 124 miles from Melbourne, the West Virginia-size Tasmania is a mix of both coun-

tries: It has the "dramatic mountains and rocky outcrops" of New Zealand, Ellis says, and the laid-back culture of mainland Australia. The island also has several wildlife parks, such as Bonorong, where kangaroos and koalas co-mingle with Tasmanian devils and potoroos.

One of Tasmania's best long-distance hikes is the 38-mile Overland Track, which slices through the interior. You can

hike it solo and stay in rustic public huts along the way, or trek with a small group, stay in cushy private cabins and have someone else lug your gear. Cradle Mountain Huts (<http://cradlehuts.com.au>), for example, offers a six-day adventure for \$1,714 per person, including meals.

When you're ready to crawl out of the bush, Hobart is an artsy harbor-side city with reno-

ated warehouses and luxury hotels, such as the Henry Jones Art Hotel (011-61-5-6219-7700, www.thehenryjones.com; from \$190). And when the adrenaline kicks up again, you can grab a mountain bike and fly down 4,000-foot Mount Wellington just outside the city.

Info: Tourism Tasmania, www.discovertasmania.com.au.

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TRAVEL

Kenya

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a cheetah, almost camouflaged by the long grasslands. We managed to get closer when the cheetah — identified as Nike, made famous on the BBC's "Big Cat Diary" — leapt onto the hood of a neighboring vehicle.

Unfazed by all these tourists clicking away madly with their cameras, Nike was more interested in using the vantage point to search for a potential meal. Back on our search for the Big 5, we came across a huge pride of lions slowly walking across the plains. Several big females, closely followed by about a dozen cubs and young lions, with the male head of the pride not far behind.

We eventually stopped under the shade of some overhanging trees, providing us with the perfect viewing spot. The cubs playfully wrestled and each other while another sought the attention of its mother, who obliged by giving the youngster a quick wash.

As we continued our drive across the Mara, we spotted a group of vultures feeding on the remains of a zebra, most likely killed the night before. Suspecting it was captured by a poacher, I honked headed to a group of nearby trees where they like to hide.

A couple of hundred yards ahead of us, we spotted a leopard lazily lying high up in a tree, its

legs flapped over either side of a branch. We managed to get a little closer, but the leopard — generally shy and elusive — slipped down the tree and into the deep, rough terrain below.

As we made our way back to the camp, we came across a group of buffaloes. No, 4 ticked off the list. Later, as the sun began to dip, we headed out again to enjoy a traditional "sundowner." Sitting in our four-wheel drive, Nonjore popped open his cooler, handed us each a gin and tonic, and we settled in to watched a group of elephants on the side of a hill eating the trees as the sun set.

Back at camp, we showered before joining the rest of the guests around the campfire where everyone shared stories of their day on the Mara. A huge dinner followed, and then back to bed for most of us.

The next day, we had a mission to finish our search for the rhino. Not far from the camp, nestled in the nearby hills, we came across the two white rhinos. They are watched by guards 24 hours a day to protect them from potential poachers. Finally, we had seen the Big 5.

Our vacation also took us to Selenkey Conservation Area in southern Kenya, where a camp has been established by Game-watchers. Safaris are offered camp in the entire 15,000-acre, Porini Camp has just six tents, enough for only 12 guests, making it a very personal and unique safari, as only those staying there are allowed inside the entire conservation area, apart from the local Maasai.

We visited a traditional Maasai camp, where we were greeted by children in bright, colorful outfits, and the local Maasai women chanting a welcome song. The Maasai are nomads, so their camps are only temporary. But they are well-established, with solid homes built with sourced products, including cow dung. Inside their homes, a small fire burns to ward off the evening chill. The children ran around playing, while keeping a watchful eye on the visitors.



A lion cub rests with its mother after searching for food in Kenya's Masai Mara in July 2005.

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Porini is near Amboseli National Park. As you drive toward it, you see snowcapped Mount Kilimanjaro standing at its edge, Africa's highest peak just across the border in Tanzania. It's a spectacular and imposing sight, dominating the skyline. After an entire day searching for wildlife, we returned to our camp.

Late in the day, our guide took us to a remote spot in Selenkey. He set up some chairs, unloADED the cooler, cracked open the beers and poured some gin and tonics. Content after a successful day on safari, we sat down, took a sip from our drinks and sat in awe as the sun began to set and Mount Kilimanjaro disappeared into the night.

Traveler

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Q: We're planning a summer vacation in Poland with our young daughters. What are some kid-friendly places and activities?

A: With its parks (real and manmade), diverse cities and castles, Poland is a playground for children. "Poland offers unlimited attractions for children depending on where in Poland you are staying," Jake Wolosz, of the Polish National Tourist Office (201-420-9910, www.poland-tour.org), wrote in an e-mail. "There are horseback-riding classes, sailing, museums, art and theatre events especially for kids ... I suggest concentrating on two major cities, mostly visited by tourists, such as Warsaw and Krakow."

Warsaw's tourist office lists kid-friendly activities on its Web site (www.warsawtour.pl), such as gondola rides at Lazienki Park and zoological gardens. Izabela Zajda, of the Orbis Polish Travel Bureau (800-TO-POLAND, www.orbis-travel.com), also recommends the playgrounds

at the Blue City mall (think Ikea child care).

Krakow has similar distractions, including Fantasy Park (www.fantasypark.pl/english) and Park Wodny, a water park (www.parkwodny.pl). The country has at least 20 castles, but Krakow's Wawel Royal Castle is a real kid-pleaser — thanks to its fire-breathing dragon statue and Dragons Den.

If the children need fresh air, Zakopane is a mountain resort in the Tatras that offers summertime cable-car rides, hiking, wooden churches and a market selling hand-made toys and other handicrafts.

At mealtime, many restaurants feature such picky-eater fare as dumplings and apple cakes, served by waiters in traditional dress. In addition, if your children want to see how Polish kids spend their summer break, catch a train to the Mazurian lake district, where young campers go to canoe, swim, fish and play with others.

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Duane Smith, County Clerk

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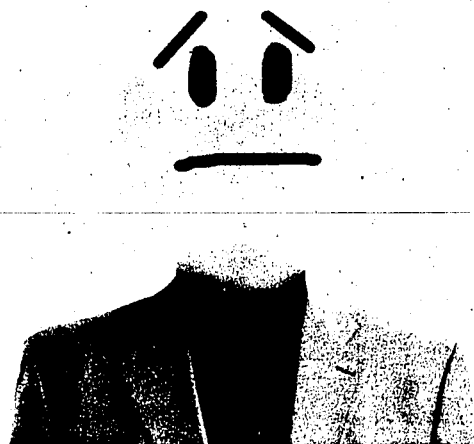
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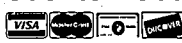
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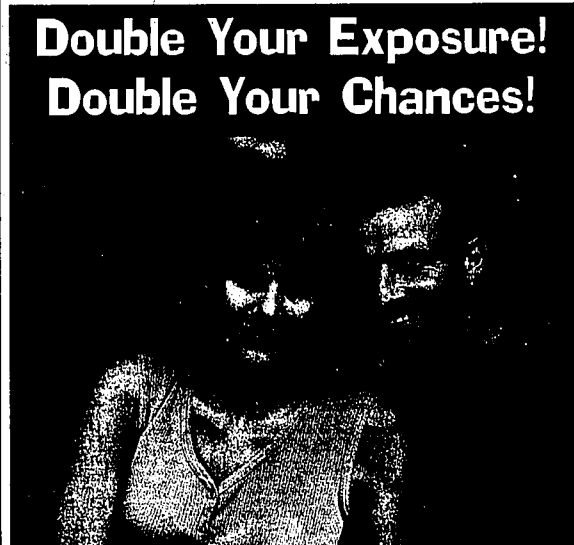
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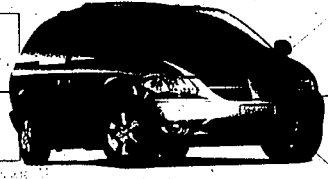
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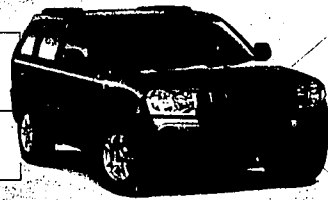
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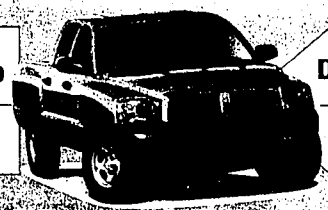
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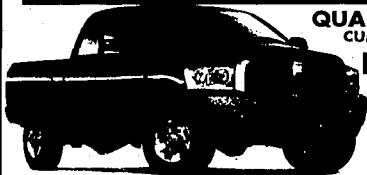
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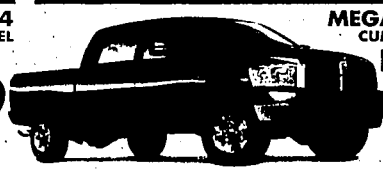


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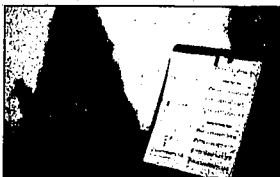
Karlee Price, 5, sits by her violin before a studio recital April 3 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Photo by MEGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News

Practice perform



Kelson Ball, 11, rosins his violin bow before the recital.



Bailey Price, 6, walks away from the music stand after playing 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' on her violin.



Shiny shoes swinging, Bailey Price, 6, looks back at music teacher Suolin Buhidar (not shown) after finishing her song during a student studio recital on the CSI campus.

Recital builds confidence in front of an audience

TWIN FALLS — Kallie Price hustled home from work on a Monday evening to struggle with tiny pantyhose and fancy frocks.

A music recital, after all, is a red-letter engagement for little performers. Might as well dress for it.

Price's daughters, Bailey, 6, and Karlee, 5, slipped into the back of a small College of Southern Idaho music studio with their pint-size violins, glossy shoes and pretty hairdos. Thoroughly

camera-ready. But kneeling behind the audience risers, Price applied one more touch: a dab of lip balm, blotted on a program.

A girl couldn't be more ready than that. Assuming she's practiced her pieces.

Like so many other Magic Valley music teachers, Suolin Buhidar and Sarah Klesig, Buhidar's daughter, organized this recital for 14 of their piano and violin students to teach stage manners, build young performers' confidence in front of an audience and inspire musical beginners by the example of those a few seats ahead.

As the seats filled, several students confided to me the worrisome parts of their performance pieces: Gracie Snukemholzer-Prescott, 13, said she spent most of her practice time on a tricky scale in her



Courtney Wright, 10, holds a rose she received from family members after her recital performance April 3, as she and her mother, Allaha Wright, watch other students perform.

sonatina. Courtney Wright, 10, knew she'd have to switch hand positions on the keyboard. Nick Ridgevny, 11, judged the audience too small to occasion much nervousness, but even he had one point of concern about his piece:

"There's one spot called 'a little bit more gently,' and it's a little weirder than usual," Nick said.

A couple of families set up video cameras in the back row. A mother adjusted a

barrette, and Klesig tuned a violin. Courtney's relatives took turns giving appreciative sniffs to the rose they'd brought for her. Kelson Ball, 11, polished his violin with his sleeve; his parents chuckled, but his mother didn't entirely approve.

Overall, a polite hush prevailed. "You guys need to talk! You're too quiet," Buhidar admonished the crowd.

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WEST WIND
Virginia S. Hutchins

FAMILY LIFE

Single father thinks his son and his stepdad should know the truth

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old single father of one. Recently, for the first time in my life, I came into contact with my biological father, whom I have never known. The reason for this is my mother hid the facts from me. Even with the local school district providing some information, as well as his own parents, I could never get any details out of the one person who should have been the first to offer them — my mother. She does not know I have been in contact with my biological father, and neither does the man who raised me.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I want to let them know what is going on without hurting their feelings. I don't want "Dad" feeling like I have turned my back on him after 25 years of his being there for me. On top of all this, my son, who is 6, has been asking me about his own mother. (It won't cost custody.)

My mother says he "doesn't need to know about the incubator." I think he deserves to know the truth — just as I did. Any thoughts or advice would be greatly appreciated.

—DECADES OF CONFUSION IN N.Y.
DEAR DECADES: It is time to speak up and inform your mother and stepfather that you and your biological father have reunited. At the same time, let them know that you wish to spare your son the pain and confusion you experienced because "the facts" were hidden from you. You are the child's father, and your wishes should prevail. The sooner he is told the truth, the easier it will be to accept.

PS: The fact that you are in contact with your birth father does not mean that you are ungrateful or "turning your back" on anyone. Please do not make your mother and stepfather's insecurities your problem. Family counseling may be the next step.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Marvin," thinks that because we work together that we spend all day together when in reality we may actually speak for a minute or two, three or four times a day. When we go home, Marvin immediately gets on the computer, which is in an alcove upstairs removed from everyone else. He'll come down to eat dinner and then get back on the computer for the next four or five hours.

On weekends, he spends from 10 to 14 hours a day on the computer. Then he goes to bed. If I ask him to spend time with me and/or our children, he tells me I am "picking on him."

This has been going on for the last 13 years or more. I can understand why a woman would start talking to another man. Marvin is not there for me mentally, and I'm all alone.

He is good to me as far as worldly goods are concerned, but I couldn't care less about

that. What good is it when you have no one to share your life with? What should I do?

—ALONE AND LONELY IN VIRGINIA
DEAR ALONE AND LONELY: What took you so long to write? The first thing you should do is check the "history" on the computer in the alcove, and see where your husband has been spending the time he should have been spending with you and the children. They argued with that information, offer him the option of marriage counseling before your marriage is so eroded that it can never be revised. If he refuses, seek counseling on your own to find out why you tolerated for so long a marriage without communication or companionship, and explore your options. In counseling you will find the answers you need.

DEAR ABBY: What is the proper response to store clerks, office personnel and others who routinely call people by their first name, often people they have never seen before?

Whatever happened to the correct designation of "Mister" or "Ma'am"?

—MR. M. IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR MR. M: Believe it or not, many people are not offended at being addressed by their first name. The way to handle it is to smile, and tell the person, "I prefer to be called Mr. M." It's direct, non-confrontational, and gets the message across.

Veterinary telemedicine saves lives

If your pet is stricken with a rare condition or complex disease, your veterinarian is no longer limited to help from a colleague around the corner. In today's high-tech, high-touch world of veterinary medicine, a solo practitioner in a small town can access a world expert just by picking up the phone or logging onto the computer and utilizing telemedicine.



THE BOND Marty Becker

Scruffy the "schnoodle" (a schnauzer/poodle cross) was in dire straits. He had been the picture of health for 10 years with nary a scratch or sniffle, and had never missed a meal. But everything changed suddenly after his 10th birthday. Almost overnight, Scruffy became very lethargic and refused to eat.

Scruffy's owners assumed it might be the warmer weather, but when Scruffy started to vomit and urinate became bright orange, his owners knew something was really wrong, and took the little dog to see the family veterinarian, whom we'll call "Hoskins."

During her complete physical examination, Allen noticed Scruffy had a yellow tint to the whites of the eyes and skin, and some enlargement of the abdomen. His liver was enlarged; he was running a slight fever and appeared dehydrated. According to last year's health records, Scruffy had dropped two pounds which was significant for a 20-pound dog.

Allen was concerned about acute liver disease and suggested blood tests, urinalysis and X-rays be done ASAP. Blood tests were unremarkable, but infection were present and if other body systems were involved. Her veterinarian would evaluate kidney function and possible bladder infection. X-rays would evaluate the abdominal organs. Allen also recommended that Scruffy re-

ceive IV fluids for dehydration, anti-emetics to relieve vomiting and antibiotics to ward off a possible infection.

Scruffy improved somewhat and was sent home. However, the diagnostic tests were inconclusive. Scruffy's veterinarian wanted to consult with a specialist in internal medicine to assist with the diagnosis. The nearest specialty practice was 300 miles away.

Despite being the only veterinarian practicing in a small town, Allen was able to consult with an internal medicine specialist without leaving her practice by using the new leading edge veterinary practice — telemedicine.

"Telemedicine assists in the diagnosis based on information received via fax, Internet, and/or phone services," explains veterinarian Johnny Hoskins, an internal medicine consultant. "I receive the pet's medical history and laboratory work via fax and the radiographs and/or ultrasound images via the Internet. I review all of this information and prepare a report suggesting a diagnosis, additional tests if needed, and provide treatment suggestions for the family veterinarian."

What makes Hoskins' practice unique is that it's mobile and travels nearly 10,000 miles a year in a high-tech RV. Hoskins can provide services to any family veterinarian with access to the Internet. In 2005, he traveled to 14 states spending two to four weeks in each location. His futuristic RV is equipped with a satellite dish

that makes it possible for him to receive downloads and faxes from veterinarians across the U.S., Canada, and even Puerto Rico.

"Through my mobile practice, I'm able to enjoy the freedom to work in any state I want and see much more country than I could in a brick-and-mortar office. My office visit charges week-by-week and monthly-by-month depending on which part of the country I'm in," said Hoskins.

If advanced hands-on diagnostic tests such as endoscopy or specialized treatments such as orthopedic surgery are required, then there may be a need for travel to the specialist. However, in most cases, with telemedicine, family veterinarians can now benefit from the advanced training and expertise of a specialist without having to leave the owner and pet elsewhere.

Hoskins received the transmitted results of Scruffy's blood tests, urinalysis, X-ray images and medical record. After his review, he became concerned and suggested additional blood testing for leptospirosis, a potentially fatal infectious cause of acute liver and kidney disease.

Hoskins also recommended hospitalizing Scruffy and starting treatment for possible leptospirosis and kidney failure. After his review, when the tests confirmed leptospirosis, Scruffy was already feeling a bit better. He was drinking and eating a little on his own without any further treatment. His owner was delighted to see her perky little dog holding his favorite ball in a mouth with gums that had turned from yellow back to a healthy pink.

Scruffy went home 10 days after his first visit to the veterinarian.

Marty Becker is a former Twin Falls veterinarian.



Music teacher Sarah Kinsig helps Jackie Hunt, 10, of Kimberly tune her violin before performing.

Recital

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A few minutes after the scheduled start, I noticed a little scurrying. Buhidar whispered to Gracie: Would Gracie be willing to perform first?

Eight-year-old Sam Manwarren, first on the night's program, had arrived in slacks and a turtleneck — but barefoot.

"It's the first time I've seen that happen," Buhidar said later.

But Sam's father soon followed with Sam's sneakers. Gracie was returned to her appointed spot in the program, and Buhidar commenced the recital with a demonstration of proper bowing.

Smile to both sides of the audience, she instructed. Stand still to bow, and look at the floor. Smile again before walking away.

Easier said than done. Karlee, for instance, bowed and ran.

But not for want of nerve. Back with her parents, moments after she and her sister had each finished at the piano, Karlee grinned and waved across the room. But big sister Bailey sniffled in her mother's arms. Everybody looked at her "with their bug-eyes," Bailey told Mom.

Even a pretty dress isn't confidence enough for the audience-shy. But the tears were dry by the time Bailey appeared up front again, this time with her violin.

Fourteen students performed 22 songs — some wobbly, some smooth, all precursors to some longer. An hour made of weighty moments.

Matt Kershaw, 21, the only performer older than 13, closed the program with three piano pieces. Though not flawless, his performance was expressive, even tender, and several younger students watched intently.

Kershaw grabbed on missed chords — a hint the teachers try to break.



Matt Kershaw, 21, plays 'Revere' by Claude Debussy at the April 3 recital on the CSI campus. Kershaw used the recital as a opportunity to practice playing in front of an audience in preparation for an upcoming show.

And after closing the keyboard he gave just a smile and a nod as he walked away carrying a gentle refrain from Buhidar:

"Matthew, I think after all these years you would have learned to bow correctly."

So much to remember. The Debussy, the Beethoven and the stage manners, too.

The students lined up for group photographs, and the room quickly emptied. But Kalle Price and Alissa Wright were soon back with their

daughters and their cameras for individual pictures with the teachers.

"See, we scribbled," said Wright, Courtney's mother.

Sure, more recitals will come. Reperitons will expand. And practice will polish the deliveries.

But this night, this appearance, was one to remember.

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Beautiful astrophoto is an Internet hoax

A co-worker of mine recently forwarded me a spectacular photo, purporting to show a giant crescent moon hovering above a rugged skyline, with a tiny sun directly below. Although beautiful it was, unfortunately, a fake.

The photo's caption describes the scene as "Sunset at the North Pole with the moon at its closest point." At the North Pole, the only time the moon could appear directly above the sun is near the time of a new moon.

And the maximum angle between the sun and the new moon is a little over 5 degrees, because that's the tilt of the moon's orbit from the sun's apparent path across the stars (the ecliptic). That's a cliche to the moon's phoniness, because when the moon's that close to the sun, it cannot possibly be seen through the haze due to plane. (Consider that the smallest sun-moon distance ever seen was about 9 degrees.)

Another dead giveaway was the huge difference between the moon's apparent diameter



SKY WATCH Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets:
- **through Saturday**
- Venus: E, very low
- Jupiter: SW, very low
- Saturn: SE, very low
- Uranus: W, mid
- Neptune: SW, high
- Saturn: ESE, extremely low
- Moon:
- New Moon: 1:33 p.m. Thursday.
- Very close to Venus Monday morning.

and the sun's. From Earth, the two always appear to be similar in size, because the moon is both 400 times smaller than the sun and 400 times closer. (This same coincidence is the reason that total solar eclipses are so spectacular.) No choice of earthly location or optics can make the moon look significantly bigger than the sun in the same view.

The caption implies that the reason the moon looks so big is because it is relatively near the Earth. While the moon's distance from the Earth does vary due to the moon's elliptical orbit, the variation is small. So the moon appears only about 11 percent larger when it's at its closest compared with when it's at its farthest.

So where did the photo come

from? From the imagination of an astrophysics student with an artistic flair, using scenery simulation software. Some later added the erroneous caption, forwarded it to a few friends, and spawned an astronomical Internet hoax.

Next week: Spot the horse and rider stars.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences at the College of Southern Idaho.

Go ahead and show your true colors, Aries

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF APRIL 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Don't give in to negativity in the next few months, as any storm clouds that threaten are sure to pass by you. With Jupiter traveling through Scorpio throughout 2006, you are likely to meet up with people who are generous for you, or who help you appreciate the good things in life. In December and January, keep an eye open for significant opportunities. You may check out some real estate plans as your judgment is better than usual and divine assistance is available to help you with your efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take time to get organized. If your ambitions are stirred then you need to have a plan of action that will give you the necessary time to complete many tasks. Expect to be busy this week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Wind someone around your little finger with a heart-to-heart chat. Outside influences can't rock a relationship based on trust and understanding. Be reassuring now to withstand pressures later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love is a four-letter word. Spell things out this weekend to prevent misunderstandings later in the week. Indulge an appetite for the good things in life; get in the hot tub or visit the spa.

this week. Loved ones are more than willing to accept an apology.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use a discerning eye. Whether you're hanging a picture or handling the checkbook, look for discrepancies and aim for accuracy. Issues from the past can haunt a key relationship.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Build a bridge over troubled waters. You may have an opportunity to tighten bonds with romantic or business partners that will provide strength under any future stressful conditions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Live in the lap of luxury. This isn't the time to melt the plastic on your credit card by overworking it at the checkout counter, but you should enjoy at least one special treat today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Accuracy and truth may not always be the same thing. It is possible that suspicions aroused over the next few days are unfounded. Firm up crucial plans and key commitments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Push off your powers of understanding. Pushy partners may want their way this week. To avoid misunderstandings, take advantage of any opportunity to achieve a compromise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be blessed by an inspirational outlook. A deep and abiding philosophy will act as an anchor if your spirit ebbs through your year later this week. Avoid starting important new ventures.

Coming Monday ...

There she is, Mrs. Kimberly
Ranch woman transforms herself for state pageant.
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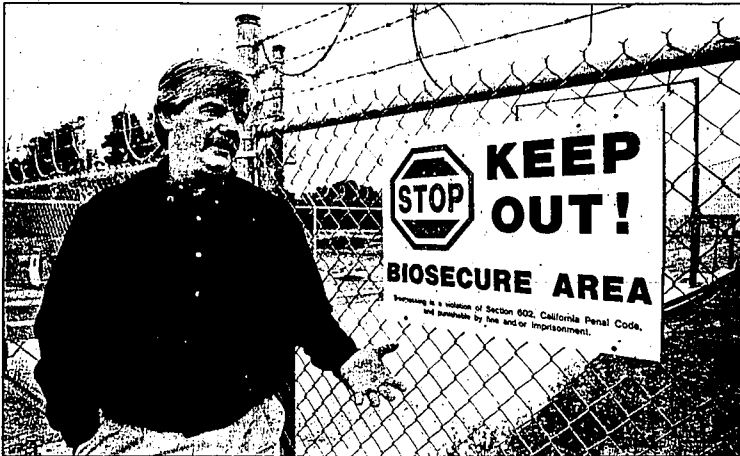
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Section F

When it comes to birds, the word is ...

biosecurity



Thomas Silva, vice president of the J.S. West Milling Co., is shown in April near a barbed wire fence which helps to protect the egg-laying plant in Hillmar, Calif.

America's poultry farms defend against bird flu

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press writer

HILLMAR, Calif. — Tom Silva's chickens pump out 1.4 million eggs a day, but his operation looks more like a prison than a farm.

To reach his hen houses, an intruder would have to scale eight-foot fences topped by razor wire, then sneak past surveillance cameras.

"Biosecurity" is the buzzword du jour at chicken, turkey and egg operations across the country. A bird flu pandemic sweeping through flocks in Southeast Asia and beyond has spurred American commercial farmers to tighten their defenses.

"This is certainly the biggest issue facing the industry today, no question about that," said Richard Lobb, spokesman for the National Chicken Council.

The stakes are especially high in California, where a \$2.5 billion poultry industry ranks among the top 10 producers nationwide for dinner chicken, turkey and table egg output. State officials say migratory bird routes that stretch southward from the Bering Strait and down the West Coast could bring the disease by this summer.

A tradition of raising "backyard chickens" for eggs, meat, cockfighting and bird shows runs deep in some Asian and Hispanic subcultures here in the Central Valley. Industry executives and state officials say these backyard birds number in the millions, and they worry these birds out in the open could be exposed to sick migrating flocks.

Then they could pass the disease to their owners — many of whom work at commercial poultry operations.

And there is painful precedent here.



This image provided by the California Poultry Foundation shows chickens at a Foster Farms grow-out facility in 2000 near Livingston, Calif.

An outbreak of Exotic Newcastle disease killed more than 3.1 million birds, mostly poultry, in Southern California in 2002 and 2003.

Silva, vice president of the valley's J.S. West Milling Co., is as concerned about human carriers walking into his four facilities as he is about keeping sick birds out.

"If it gets into our industry, the only way to get it out is to euthanize complete complexes like this," he said during a tour of an egg-laying operation whose 1.5 million hens alone he valued at nearly \$10 million.

The tour was brief, because no outsiders are allowed beyond the "STOP: BIOSECURE AREA" sign and razor wire — not even the lab workers who collect blood samples once a month for disease testing. They too are on Silva's payroll.

Even the short tour provided striking evidence of the measures the poultry industry is taking to combat bird flu before it reaches America.

Today, all trucks entering and exiting Silva's complex get an automated bath of ammonia-based disinfectant. Incoming drivers are asked where they've been and whether they've been exposed to poultry.

Every employee enters the site through a "dirty door" into a trailer that serves as a changing room. They swap their street clothes for pre-washed boots, hats and coveralls, then enter the hen houses through a "clean door."

They reverse the process on the way out.

Various poultry companies even try to avoid each other on the road. They plot routes and stagger deliveries

throughout the day, on the premise that the virus might jump from truck to truck.

The big rigs that rumble through the Central Valley most often bear the colorful logo of Foster Farms, which supplies dinner chickens primarily to California, Oregon and Washington consumers.

Foster Farms is taking a different approach with its "broiler"-raising farms. One of its facilities, the 120-acre Gurr Ranch, is not ringed by razor wire or even fencing. The hen houses are padlocked, and outsiders are not welcome, but the real emphasis is on making the ranch as repulsive as possible to migrating birds.

The resulting landscape looks like a moon base, intentionally devoid of trees

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The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf Chief Operations Officer Matt Elias, left, and CEO Sunny Sasso, pose for a photograph.

Going for No. 2

Coffee chain has a long way to go before it catches Starbucks

By Jerry Hirsch
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Most companies want to be No. 1. Making it to No. 2 would be good enough for Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, a fast-growing Los Angeles-based coffeehouse chain.

It's an admission that in the coffee business, there is Starbucks Corp., and then there is everybody else.

Coffee Bean, on schedule to have more than 400 stores by the end of this year, is one of at least half a dozen small players vying for the second spot. They range in size from having 200 to 400 cafes, and none has a clear lead on second place.

Coffee Bean's rivals include Peet's Coffee & Tea Inc. of Emeryville, Calif., Caribou Coffee Co. of Minneapolis, Diedrich Coffee Inc. of Irvine and Frenchman It's a Grind Inc. of Laug Beach.

"Starbucks will open 1,800 units worldwide this year," said Nicole Miller, an analyst with ThinkEquity Partners in Minneapolis. "None of these other chains have anywhere near 1,800 units."

Yet the dominance of Starbucks and its 11,000 stores doesn't stop others from making money. The entire coffee house and kiosk industry is growing at 20 percent annually, Miller said. Americans spend about \$10 billion annually at coffee outlets, according to the Specialty Coffee Association of America.

"I'm a new person drinking a cup of coffee outside their home every day, and there's also someone going from one cup to two," Miller said.

That's what Coffee Bean Chief Executive Sunny Sasso counts on for growth in the family-owned business, which he says is profitable and will hit

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Kansas State University graduate student Brian Barham attaches a radio frequency identification tag to a cow's ear in January 2005 in Manhattan, Kan. The tags are part of a pilot program to assign unique identification numbers to cattle in order to track livestock and protect the nation's food supply.

Some states skeptical about animal tracking

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The federal government has said it wants to be able to trace livestock movements from birth to slaughter by 2009, but some Western states are unsure if they can meet the deadline.

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced the official timeline earlier this month. The goal is to pinpoint a single animal's movements among the nation's 9 billion cows, pigs and chickens within 48 hours after a disease is discovered.

The effort takes several steps. First, producers must get a state registry number for every location where they keep livestock. Next, the individual animals will be given numbers, and finally the information will be combined in a database that national and state health officials can access in case they discover an animal with an illness like mad cow disease.

"In Washington state, we have an estimated 34,000 premises to be registered, with only about 1,000 done," said Chris Spaulding, Washington's animal identification specialist. "One of the key issues for our ranchers and farmers is confidentiality of the data, and our Legislature in 2006 just

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passed a confidentiality bill so that should help speed things up."

In Oregon, however, the registration process seems to be slowing down. About 8 percent of producers have registered with the state, accounting for about 2,000 premises out of nearly 18,000 sites.

"We're not getting many hits on the Web site, and people are coming to meetings but not really signing up for registration," said Don Hansen, the Oregon state veterinarian. "In the last few months there's been a real slowdown."

Part of the issue is that in most states, participation is voluntary. But Hansen attributes most of the lagging interest to an anti-animal tracking campaign that has

heated up in recent weeks, claiming the program will violate individual's privacy rights.

"In my office in the past month there's been a tremendous increase in anti-registration e-mails. It looks to me like a national effort, because they look like copies of the same piece," Hansen said. "I don't think it's happening just in Oregon, it's around the country."

Jason Moniz, a member of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council and employee of the state veterinarian's office, is more optimistic about his state reaching the 2009 deadline. In Hawaii, an estimated 18 percent of beef, dairy, swine, sheep and goat producers have already registered their premises with state officials.

Next door in Nevada, however, only an estimated 5 percent of producers have registered their premises with the state, said Holly Pecetti, Nevada's animal identification coordinator.

"I think the overall goal is a bit on the ambitious side. There are some things that are dependent on the USDA — for instance, you want them to maintain confidentiality. That's a major issue and concern," Pecetti said.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Ken Himple

HERMIE — Jerome D&B Supply announced the addition of Ken Himple to its staff. Himple brings more than 30 years of horticultural experience including seven years of teaching horticulture at the College of Southern Idaho and 12 years as nursery manager for Ernest Home Center. He also worked as radio program host for KLIX radio for five years.

Himple will be taking care of the nursery and assisting customers in all phases of yard care.

Jason Smith

TWIN FALLS — Jason Smith from Gon State Paper Company was recently awarded a Certificate of Achievement for

having successfully completed a seminar for the sales professional conducted in Maumee, Ohio by Spartan Chemical Company Inc.

Kevan Ridge

PAUL — Hekinke Manufacturing Inc. has given Kevan Ridge of Rain For Rent the Proven Leaders in Uniform Service Certified Technician Award. The award has been received by only a handful of service technicians in the Hekinke service network. Ridge is one of the most elite designations awarded by Hekinke.

Ridge is the first service technician at his dealership to receive the award. The PLUS Certified Technician Program consists of a series

of service-training classes and tests. Ridge received the PLUS award by completing all of his classes and receiving high marks on all testing.

Trevor Tarter

TWIN FALLS — Trevor Tarter of the financial-services firm Edward Jones recently returned from participating in training investment representatives at the firm's headquarters in St. Louis. As one of two veteran representatives in attendance, Tarter shared his experience. He has been an investment representative for five years.

Premier Insurance

TWIN FALLS — Premier Insurance announced that three

employees have successfully completed the Certified Insurance Counselors Agency Management course held at the Garden Hilton Inn in Boise in March. The insurance course is one of a five-part series offered by the National Alliance of Idaho.

Callie Gott is a commercial account executive and just successfully completed the five courses covering all major areas of the insurance field, as well as the five comprehensive examinations and was awarded the Certified Insurance Counselors designation by the National Alliance of Insurance Education and Research. She has worked for Premier Insurance since October 2000 and is a member of the Insurance Professionals of Magic Valley.

Denise Metcalf is vice president of human resources and operations and after successful completion of all five courses covering all major areas of the insurance field, and five comprehensive examinations, she will be awarded the Certified Insurance Counselors designation by the National Alliance of Insurance Education and Research. She has worked for Premier Insurance since 1998.

Jennifer Fiscus is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management. Jennifer Fiscus is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management.

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Germaine Dvorak

TWIN FALLS — Samuel's Jewelers announced that Germaine Dvorak recently accepted the assistant manager position. Dvorak joined the Twin Falls community 14 years ago and brings several years of sales experience with her.



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Dvorak

MILESTONES

STEAKHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER



The Steakhouse and Convention Center recently held a ribbon cutting to commemorate its grand opening at 1340 Oakley Ave. in Burley. It officially opened for business on Nov. 30. Pictured in center with scissors is owner Byron Barrett and manager Travis Warner. Owners Byron and Lori Barrett have done major remodeling to the building which was the former Burley Elks Lodge. Byron Barrett was originally from Mini-Cassia and recently moved back to the area. Previously he was a factory representative selling to Home Depot and Lowes.

MAGIC VALLEY ADVERTISING FEDERATION



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Its Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for the local chapter of Magic Valley Advertising Federation, an advertising trade organization. Pictured from left are Bruce Fox, Greg Taylor, Ann-Pell Roggen, Mike Smit and Debbie Currier. The group members are committed to giving back to the local community with integrated public service campaigns. For more information about group email Debbie Currier at dcurriemms@aol.com.

STATEWIDE COLLECTIONS



Statewide Collections Inc. recently honored Melanie Newby with a plaque celebrating her 20 years of service with the company. Pictured from left are owner William Spain, Melanie Newby and office manager Linda Williamson. Newby began working for Statewide Collections in April of 1986 as a collector. She is now in charge of the legal department. She lives in Twin Falls with her husband Tim and children Ashley and Michael.

Dairymen question the validity of memorandum of understanding with state, feds

BOISE — A memorandum of understanding between Idaho dairymen and state and federal agencies that was up for renewal on Aug. 30 has been extended until April 30, 2007.

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, a weekly report on agriculture.

Be heard

If you want to present your views on the proposed settlement you may do so at public hearings scheduled for: Pocatello, April 24, 7 p.m., at City Hall, 911 N. 7th St. Twin Falls: April 25, 7 p.m., at City Hall, 305 Third Ave. East. Stipulations of the NPDES permit process. Stipulations of the NPDES permit may be included in

the new MOU. That is — if the dairymen even agree to go forward with a third MOU. "We are at a critical juncture," said Idaho Dairymen's Association Executive Director Bob Naerchout. He sat at the negotiating table in Boise with dairymen and leaders from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA. The parties had struck the first agreement during the mid-'90s in order to protect water bodies of the United States from polluting discharges

from dairies. They came together again Tuesday to discuss what to include in a third agreement.

Ag groups concerned over immigration reform

TWIN FALLS — Amnesty, citizenship, closing or controlling the border, and a guest worker program are all complex and contentious factors in the debate over immigration that has fractionalized Congress, spurred protests and stalled immigration reform. Legislators left Washington two weeks ago for their spring recess seemingly not much closer to a resolution than when the debate began. Bills in the House call for military enforcement of the border and making it a felony to be in the country illegally. On the Senate side, a bill would allow some illegal im-

migrants to apply for citizenship while expanding an existing, but burdensome, guest worker program. Proposals were also floated to shift the burden of enforcement to employers through increased penalties.

Here at home, most in Idaho's agricultural walks of life say they have no idea how immigration reform will be accomplished, but they are certain of one thing — Idaho agriculture would be in a world of hurt without immigrant workers. "One of the biggest concerns is (farmers) having a very hard time finding workers," said Duako Abe, communications director for Potato Growers of Idaho. "The biggest

challenge is our American citizens are not willing to do the work."

Wet weather delays planting

TWIN FALLS — Farmers in the Magic Valley aren't finding a lot of time between showers to get their crops planted. Many areas are up to two weeks behind with grain and new alfalfa seedlings giving producers the biggest headaches. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, producers had only planted 68 percent of their spring wheat, down from the average of 81 percent by mid-April and last

year's 96 percent. Of that, just 4 percent is emerged, compared to 34 percent in an average year. Barley is even further behind, with just 43 percent planted and 3 percent emerged, compared to the average of 85 percent planted and 33 percent emerged.

Steve Hines, University of Idaho extension educator for Lincoln County, said producers aren't pushing planting dates yet except perhaps forage growers who were planning to take two cuttings from a new alfalfa seeding. Growers who already have established stands may find themselves trying to plant at the same time first cutting is ready.

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Pioneering Wi-Fi city faces obstacles

Orlando suburb residents see dead spots, weak signals

By Travis Reed
Associated Press writer

ST. CLOUD, Fla. — Joe Lusardi's friends laugh in New York couldn't believe it when he told them he had free Internet access through this city's new Wi-Fi network.

It's free all right, but residents are, to some extent, getting what they pay for.

More than a month after St. Cloud launched what analysts see as the country's first city-wide Wi-Fi network, Lusardi and others in this 28,000-person Orlando suburb are still paying to use their own Internet service providers as dead spots and weak signals keep some residents offline and force engineers to reroll the free system.

"Everybody's happy they were going to have it, but I don't know if they're happy right now," said Lusardi, a 66-year-old retired New York City transit worker.

The same troubles with the small town's big Internet project could be lessons for municipalities from Philadelphia to San Francisco considering similar networks.

St. Cloud officials are spending more than \$2 million on a network they see as a pioneering model for reaching local families, schools and businesses from monthly Internet bills. It also promises to help the city reduce cell-phone bills and let parameters in an annual rate talk by voice and video to hospital doctors.

Instead, what they have so far is a work in progress. "All technology has its hiccups, and sometimes more than hiccups," St. Cloud Mayor, Donna Hart said. "I think that it's going to be a major challenge, and it'll probably be a major challenge for some time until the technology is such that it works properly."

Like the same technology behind wireless Internet access in coffee shops, airports and college campuses around the country. Several cities have Wi-Fi hotspots, but St. Cloud's 15-square-mile network is the first to offer free access citywide.

Seattle-based technology writer Glenn Fleishman, who runs a Web site called Wi-Fi Networking News.

Other cities like Tempe, Ariz., have networks over a larger area (187 square miles), but access isn't free. Planned projects in places like Chicago and Philadelphia would also dwarf



Ashley Austin, 19, surfs the web via a citywide free Wi-Fi network while working on a college paper in St. Cloud, Fla., on Tuesday. St. Cloud officials are spending \$2 million on a network they see as a pioneering model for freeing local families, schools and businesses from monthly Internet bills.

St. Cloud's network, but also require a fee for access. Google Inc. and EarthLink Inc. are teaming up to build a \$15 million Wi-Fi network across San Francisco, and their proposal is entering final negotiations. EarthLink's fastest offering would cost \$20 per month, while Google would provide a slower, free service financed by advertising.

St. Cloud launched the network on a trial basis in May 2004 in a new division of town to help give businesses an incentive to relocate. After further exploring the benefits, officials decided to expand it citywide.

Project supporters say increased efficiency in city government will cover the network's \$2.6 million buildout and estimated \$400,000 annual operating expense.

For example, phones that use the Wi-Fi network will allow to cut cell-phone bills for police and city workers. The city can avoid adding 10 more building inspectors because the network will exist employees to enter and access data onsite instead of driving back to the office.

"The network also could keep the estimated \$450 that St. Cloud households now spend each year on high-speed access in the local economy."

As of last week, nearly 3,500 users had registered for the network, according to a report of 176,189 total hours of use. St. Cloud contracted with Hewlett-Packard Co. to build the project and provide customer support.

"I'm working with the city and its partners to optimize the solution and install additional access points to help improve signal strength in isolated areas of the city," the company said in a statement.

So far, there have been plenty of calls from frustrated residents. Some can see receivers from their homes and still can't sign on even on the porch.

Others have tried to connect countless times. "Still, HP said that there were only 842 help-line calls out of more than 50,000 user sessions in the first 45 days of service."

In a first, desktop computer in Lusardi's house could use the

Wi-Fi network with no problem, but his laptop would only work outdoors. Even then it was too slow and unreliable, so he kept his \$20 per month Sprint DSL service.

"Now the desktop doesn't even work, and he's completely abandoned the idea of dropping his pay service and using the network," Lusardi said. "It's just total frustration."

Lusardi said, "I'm going to stay with the DSL, and just forget it, because I don't think it's going to work. Very few people are going to use it, and they're going to say it's underutilized and they're going to shut it down."

Lusardi didn't shell out the money for a signal-boosting device. St. Cloud recommends that those having trouble connecting — City Hall sells them for \$179.

Chelsman said the fact that others share Lusardi's frustration is a crucial technical and public relations problem for the network project. He said residents should understand many would be able to use the free network without additional equipment to strengthen the signal.

"It's very large and it's very ambitious, so they're going to hit some of these problems before some of the marketing and technology is out there," he said. "Products have to catch up to this new market."

“All technology has its hiccups ...”

— Donna Hart, St. Cloud, Fla., mayor

Coffee

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\$200 million in sales this year. Sassoon wants to grow the business at a 30 percent annual rate over the next decade.

"There's a potential to huge," he said, especially in California. In Starbucks' hometown of Seattle, there's a coffeehouse for every 2,500 residents, Sassoon said. In California, there's one for every 28,000 residents.

Coffee Bean owns, licenses or franchises 160 locations in the state and plans to jump past the 200 mark this year. Most of the growth will be in Southern California.

The chain recently signed a deal to license as many as 40 mini-cafes in Ralphs Grocery Co. stores over the next three

years, including 11 this year. Coffee Bean will supply the coffee, tea and baked goods for the cafes, which will be staffed by Ralphs.

Starbucks' 8,000 U.S. outlets account for nearly 45 percent of the 18,000 U.S. coffeehouses tallied by the Specialty Coffee Association. But Starbucks grabs more than 70 percent of U.S. coffeehouse sales, according to Mintel International Group Ltd., a market research company.

"There is room for many players in this market," Starbucks spokesman Alan Illovitz said. "Decades ago, Americans gravitated to lightly roasted — often under-roasted — coffee sold primarily under the big labels found in supermarkets such as

Folgers and Maxwell House, said Martin Diedrich, a coffee expert whose family founded the Diedrich chain but is no longer involved with the publicly traded company.

Starting in the 1970s, chains such as Peet's and Starbucks popularized dark roast coffee, with a heavy, often burned or toasted flavor that included hints of caramelized sugar. Americans started to associate dark roast with high-quality coffee," Diedrich said.

"But dark roasting also masks a lot of flaws," said Diedrich, who operates Ken Coffee, a single-store cafe and roasting house in Newport Beach.

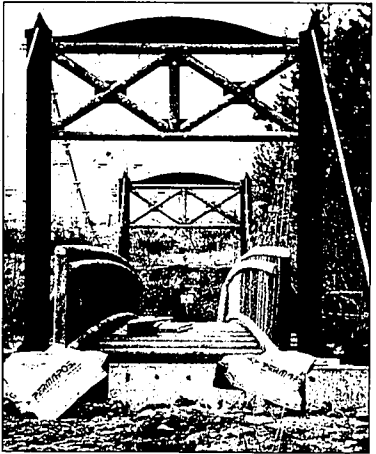
Coffee Bean, he said, has a lighter roasting touch, which

differentiates it from Starbucks and the other chains. The company's house blend, for example, falls into a light-to-medium-roast category.

"This gives us a milder, more delicate flavor with some citrus notes," said Lisa Steinkamp, Coffee Bean's head of marketing.

Diedrich believes that consumers are starting to move away from heavy, dark roasted coffees after finding that medium brews are often more flavorful. Coffee Bean said its consumer research was finding the same trend.

"I don't like Starbucks coffee; it is too bitter," said Ed Giebel as he walked out of a Coffee Bean store in Long Beach last week with a small decaf.



This bridge near Missoula, Mont., was built with small-diameter, beetle-killed wood taken from northern Idaho's Nez Perce National Forest in Montana. The bridge spans Rattlesnake Creek near Missoula and is built for pedestrians, bicyclists and people on horseback.

Skinny wood is key material in new bridge

By Susan Gallagher
Associated Press writer

On the Net
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HILLENA, Mont. — Workers have put the finishing touches on a public bridge that spans a Missoula stream and shows what can be done with wood so skinny it ordinarily is passed over for construction projects.

The Rattlesnake Creek Bridge features wood from small-diameter trees (damaged by beetles in Idaho's Nez Perce National Forest). The bridge owned by the city of Missoula and connecting with a trail to the Rattlesnake Area and Wilderness was built for pedestrians, bicyclists and people on horseback.

"These have been buildings and kiosks built out of this 6-inch-diameter material, but this is the first bridge."

— Dean Graheim, Forest Service retiree

The bridge cost about \$250,000, roughly double the price of one built with conventional materials, Miller said.

"As this becomes more common ... as the materials are developed and used and contractors become familiar with them, then the cost should come down," he said. Sources of funding for the bridge included the nonprofit Friends of Missoula Parks and the Forest Service. The agency routed some money through the Montana Community Development Corp., which works to develop new ways of using small-diameter wood.

Previous projects using wood of that kind included the Darby Community Public Library, which opened in 2004 and became a national showcase for small wood.

Biosecurity

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and ponds but colonized by 64 identical outbreaks of a disease that house nearly 13 million chickens.

Migrating birds are looking for food, water and shelter, said the researchers. Corsiglia, an avian veterinarian on the staff of Livingston, Calif.-based Foster Farms, the biggest poultry company in the West.

"If we make our farms so that they don't have those things as they're flying over, they say, 'You know, that looks like a real bad place to land, because there's nowhere for me to waddle around,'" Corsiglia said. "So I'm going to land at the dairy, or the cattle."

Like the J.S. West Milling facility, the farm buildings are meant to be impervious to outside birds. Corsiglia said he'd fitted in and out of the eaves one recent morning. Corsiglia said these visitors can't get into the hen houses.

"We've had a possible plastic bobots before setting foot on the Gurr Ranch

property. And truckers delivering feed are required to hose their rigs off with the same ammonia-based disinfectant used at J.S. West Milling.

"It's all part of Corsiglia's 10-step formula for biosecurity: isolating birds from disease; controlling people and equipment who come near; and sanitizing everything."

"Animals that aren't exposed to disease don't get sick from those diseases," Corsiglia said. "The logic is, so simple, it's laughable."

Exotic Newcastle hurt the industry, but forced it and the government to refine surveillance and response procedures, Corsiglia said. U.S. Department of Agriculture officials believe farm outbreaks kept cockfighting roosters at home brought the disease to the egg farms where they worked. A quarantine on pet birds and a commercial fowl in a 46,000-square-mile area spanning from Santa Barbara to San Diego cost federal and state agencies more than \$151 million, but kept the disease

confined to Southern California.

"That was kind of like a 'we never had it up here' (in Northern California), which was actually true because it allowed the system really work."

Exotic Newcastle lingered for years in California during an outbreak in the 1970s, but the 2002-2003 outbreak was eradicated in less than a year, said Steve Lyle, a spokesman for the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Silva keeps a brown farm chick in the center console of his truck. It's made for squeezing in a stress-buster. "It's not sneezing yet. Silva has invested \$250,000 since 2002 in biosecurity measures. But like many in the industry, he works hard at a chicken-free, sky-is-falling panic may be his business' worst enemy.

"It's not in the United States. It's not even close to the United States," he said of bird flu. Tens of thousands of Americans die each year from "regular" flu, Silva said. "And we're worried about this bird flu?"

Tracking

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Some producers will be hesitant to sign up for the voluntary program unless they're convinced that any information they provide to the national database won't be made public, she said.

Idaho will be the Western state that is most prepared to reach the 2009 goal, with more than 15,000 of the state's estimated 29,000 livestock already registered.

"No one can say for sure whether Idaho will meet the secretary's guideline to have 100 percent of premises registered by January 2009, but right now we're on track — in fact, we're ahead of it," said John Chabrun, the deputy administrator of the division of animal industries with the state Department of Agriculture.

Idaho's success has been because of frequent and sustained outreach efforts, Chabrun said. "We've held a lot of workshops around the state, in conjunction with the University of Idaho, and we worked with the various industry trade asso-

ciations," he said. "We pass out registration materials and do a lot of outreach and go to all the large meetings, annual conferences, trade shows and large fairs."

Previous animal industries administrator issued registration numbers to all the brand owners in the state, since they were already part of a public database. If they were removed from the forest at all.

Other countries with tracking systems, such as Australia, are using their national tracking systems to gain an edge when marketing their beef, said Julie Morrison with the USDA's Northwest Pilot Project. The project — a coalition of livestock producers in Idaho, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington — works with volunteers to find the best tracking system.

Whether all the northwestern states will meet deadline is "a million dollar question," Morrison said from her Boise office.

"Our perspective is that it should be met even sooner than 2009 to stay competitive in the world beef market," she said. "When we first started the pilot project, animal health concerns were driving it. But we've seen such an increase in the marketing aspects of using animal identification that there's been a shift."

"When buyers can track beef from its source — and get a handle on whether the animal had antibiotics, ate only organic feed or was grain fed — they are willing to pay a premium for the product, Morrison said.

"If we allow the market to drive the adoption of animal identification systems, then we'll have a better chance of getting participation," she said.

Nationally, about 10 percent of the nation's 8 million premises have registered so far, the USDA's chief veterinarian, John Clifford said. The USDA has not yet said if when an animal tracking system will become mandatory, though John Clifford said it will likely be required eventually.

MONEY

Other crops replace Hawaii's symbolic pineapples

Farmers adjust to economic realities

By Mark Niesso
Associated Press writer

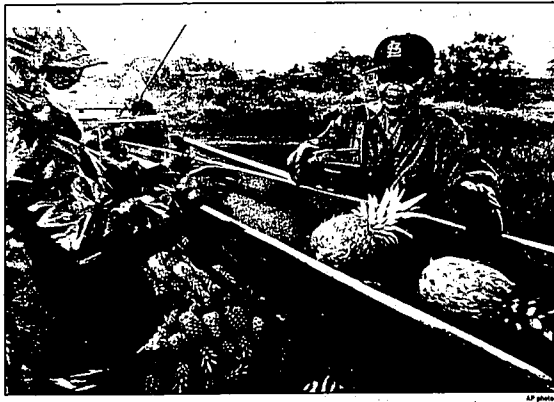
WAIALUA, Hawaii — With Hawaii's famous pineapple industry slumping in the face of foreign competition, specialized crops like nani, papaya and macadamia nuts are beginning to bear fruit.

For many, pineapples symbolize America's shift in status. Now, however, they can be grown and shipped to the United States more cheaply from Thailand, the Philippines, Brazil, China, India and Costa Rica.

Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. announced in February that it would end its Hawaii pineapple operations by mid-2008, and about 700 workers will lose jobs that date back to an era when plantations imported workers from around Asia.

"We're losing what Hawaii once had, but we're moving forward to a better time," said Alan Wong, a well-known local chef and owner of restaurants including The Pineapple Room, "if you want a taste of Hawaii, you can have it in ways you never had before."

Wong remembers working as a teenager on the pineapple fields of central Oahu for \$1.60 an hour. Now, parts of the island's huge plantations have



Del Monte field workers sort pineapples on a conveyor belt Feb. 2 in Kunia, Hawaii. As Hawaii's traditional crops of pineapple and sugar have declined, farmers have adjusted to modern economic realities.

either been handed over to small farmers or developed into subdivisions and shopping complexes.

"It was a different time," Wong said, "it's a little sad."

But as Hawaii's traditional crops have declined, farmers have shifted to more specialized food products that sell for premium prices.

"It became unprofitable to farm," said papaya farmer Ken Kamiya as he loaded the fruits

from his trees into boxes. "In order for agriculture to really expand, we need to export. We need to get the fruits out of here, and the money in here."

The transition to niche fruits and vegetables has been steadily growing over the last 20 years. Revenue from products such as coffee, mangoes, flowers and other tropical fruits has increased from \$204 million in 1984 to \$403 million in 2004, according to the state Department

of Agriculture. By comparison, pineapple production was \$83.1 million in 2004, down from \$86.3 million in 1984.

Pineapple fields covered only about 13,000 acres on Hawaii in 2004, down from 35,000 acres in 1987. Many of the same farmers who once harvested pineapples now grow the new crops, and the same will likely happen with some of the workers at Del Monte who are losing their jobs. Premium fruits like the

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round, pale and bumpy nani are helping to fill the void left by pineapple. The bitter-tasting nani juice — which sells for about \$30 a bottle — is being promoted as a remedy for fever, skin infections, stomach pain and respiratory ailments.

"Everyone is trying to do what we're doing here," said Lankee Kamauloha, president of the Kamauloha Foundation, which educates farmers and helps get their local products to market. "Nani is a product that we're looking to use to get farmers back on the land. A lot of land is now open."

Macadamia nut production also has increased in recent years, as more pineapple fields become available, said Dana Gray, chairman of Oils of Aloha, which processes macadamia nuts oil.

"There's an impression that after sugar and pineapple went, agriculture was dead, and we would just turn the islands over to tourism. That's not the case," Gray said. "Agriculture is important. Hawaii should be green and not covered by houses."

At Dean Okamoto's herb and salad greens farm in Waianalo, the narrow green rows of inches-high arugula, basil and chili peppers add to dishes at 120 restaurants.

"Farmers are having to change to meet market de-

mands," said Okamoto, president of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

In many ways, the loss of pineapples is a natural response to globalization trends, said Sandra Kunimoto, Board of Agriculture spokeswoman. Poorer countries have lower labor and land costs, and it's more efficient for them to grow common fruits in bulk, she said. With global competition, American farmers face the need to diversify, she said.

"It's opened up everybody's eyes to what is possible," she said.

Pineapples will always be grown in Hawaii, but in decreasing numbers, farmers say. The demand for new, exotic varieties will determine how popular they are.

The Dole Plantation in Waialua is still a major tourist attraction, but it now reaches beyond pineapple, with a new garden that features a wide variety of tropical agriculture, a maze and a train ride. A popular refreshment for locals and tourists is still its ultimate pineapple float — pineapple ice cream floating in Hawaiian pineapple juice.

Another Hawaii pineapple brand, Maui Gold, emphasizes its sweet, juicy flavor and its local origins to attract new customers, said Brian Nishiida, president of Maui Pineapple Co.

"Imagine being a tourist and coming to Hawaii and not having pineapple!" Nishiida said. "We are very much niche players. ... We believe that gives us an advantage over the mass marketers."

Digital revolution changes photography

By Hans Greimel
Associated Press writer

TOKYO — They are some of the most legendary names in photography.

Konica scored the world's first successful auto-focus, single-lens reflex camera. Fujifilm invented 1600-speed film. Once the industry's fastest. Nikon's black F-series made the 35-mm camera the picture-taking workhorse for the last half-century.

Now the companies share a more dubious distinction: abandoning part of the business that made them famous.

Camera makers have battled to adapt to the digital revolution for the last 10 years, but recent retreats by leading brands underline how the industry has turned upside-down.

With interlopers like Sony, Panasonic and Samsung capitalizing on their high-tech know-how, traditional camera makers and their customers are being phased out, including discounts on used camera gear.

In today's era of digital cameras, where image sensor technology such as CCD, which we don't have, is indispensable, it became difficult to timely produce competitive products," Konica Minolta spokesman Motoki Ichikawa said.

Some names, such as Kodak, Nikon and Olympus, firm out manufacturing of digital cameras to high-tech firms with expertise. Sanyo Electric Co. and Taiwan's Premier Image Technology Corp. and Altek Corp. are among the highest makers.

One key exception is Canon Inc., which successfully made the transition from film by investing heavily in digital technology.

Canon shipped about 12.6 million digital cameras in 2004 to lead the world with a 17 percent market share, according to U.S. market researching company IDC.

The company has leaned on marketing to make sure consumers don't forget its well-established brand name amid the onslaught of digital cameras. IDC analyst Chris Chute said. Thus, Canon's camera division accounted for only 35 percent of the company's overall sales last year, but 42 percent of total operating profit.

That performance has helped Canon record six straight years of record earnings and boosted its president, Fujio Mitarai, to cultlike status in Japan, where he was recently tapped to lead Japan's most powerful business lobby.

Global shipments of digital cameras are expected to peak at 92.7 billion units this year, then start declining due to market saturation, according to IDC. That means a smaller pie to divide among even more producers.

25,000 jobs, is the third-biggest digital camera maker worldwide, behind Sony. But Kodak was slow to shift its focus to digital, "quitting" the black-and-white paper business only last year.

Die-hard film fans in groups like the Konica Minolta Photo Club mourn the passing of an era.

"Some members are very sad because they've been using Minolta for a long, long time," club liaison Tadahiko Higashina said. Some club benefits are being phased out, including discounts on used camera gear.

Many of the big names in photography were once startups in their own right as they rushed to market in the 1950s with the advent of 35 mm cameras, undercutting and stealing market share from European makers.

Now they are the ones having difficulty adapting to the technology used in digital cameras: image processing chips and sensors called charge-coupled devices, or CCDs, which capture light and transform it into digital signals.

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A CENTURY AFTER 'THE JUNGLE'

Meatpacking industry sees improvements — but dangers, tensions remain

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press writer

OMAHA, Neb. — He works in a world of long knives and huge saws, blood and bone, arctic chill and sweltering heat. For Martin Cortez, this is life on the line in a meatpacker.

It's no place for the squeamish. Some workers can't stomach the gore — chopping up the meat and bones of hundreds of cattle, day after day. Cortez has been at it more than 30 years. It also can be very dangerous. Some workers have been slashed, burned or scarred. He has not.

Even so, Martin Cortez doesn't recommend the work. The thrashing animals, the heavy lifting — all that goes into putting steak and hamburger on America's dinner tables, he says, makes for a backbreaking day.

"You know what I like to say to newcomers?" he asks. "They don't kill cows. They kill people."

This, some would say, is the jungle of 2006.

It's not anywhere near as horrible as the world muckraker Upton Sinclair surveyed 100 years ago in his sensational book "The Jungle." A harrowing portrait of an immigrant's oppressive life in meatpacking the novel angered President Theodore Roosevelt, sent meat sales into a tailspin and inspired landmark consumer-protection laws.

Even the harshest critics acknowledge government regulations and inspectors have made meatpacking far cleaner and safer than it was when Sinclair described rats scurrying over piles of meat and sick animals stumbling to slaughter.

But 100 years later, the industry that produces the meat for America still faces some of the same tensions and troubles that Sinclair exposed.

In 1906, there were accusations the meatpacking plants exploited immigrants, battles over unions and complaints of paltry pay for hazardous work.

In 2006, the problems persist — though the names have changed. The eastern Europeans who flocked to Chicago's bustling stockyards 100 years ago have been replaced by Mex-



H. R. Manthel grades beef in the cooler of Wilson & Co., meatpackers in the Chicago stockyards in July 9, 1948, file photo.

ican and Central American immigrants, chasing their own dreams in the remote reaches of the rural Midwest and South-east.

"It's not as bad as it was in the sense of the sheer brutality of 100 years ago — before labor laws and food safety laws," says Lance Compa, a Cornell University labor law expert who wrote a stinging Human Rights Watch report on the meat and poultry industry last year. "But for the times we're in now, the situation is much in line with what it was 100 years ago."

"It's extremely dangerous when it shouldn't be," he says. "Workers are exploited when they shouldn't be. The companies know it."

The American Meat Institute, the trade group founded the same year Sinclair's book was published, dismisses those claims. It says wages (about \$25,000 a year) are competitive, turnover is wildly exaggerated and safety has dramatically improved in recent years.

"If Upton Sinclair walked through our plants today, he'd say he was a successful reformer," says J. Patrick Boyle, the institute's president. "I'd be astonished and, I think, im-

pressed with the changes that have occurred."

Some changes came almost immediately. Within months after "The Jungle" was published, two landmark measures became law: the Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act of 1906. More legislation and improved technology followed over the decades.

Boyle says in the last 15 years, there has been a new emphasis on partnerships — the union, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration and companies — collaborating to improve ergonomics, equipment and share ways to make the job safer.

It appears to have paid off. Federal figures show illnesses and injuries in the meat and poultry industry fell by half from 1992 to 2001 — from 29.5 to 14.7 per 100 full-time workers, according to a 2005 Government Accountability Office report. (Still, that is among the highest of any industry.)

But the GAO also cautions injuries and illnesses still appear to be underreported — immigrants may fear retaliation or job loss and others may be reluctant to report problems if

there are financial incentives for keeping a safe workplace.

The GAO says the industry is still plenty dangerous with knife-wielding workers, standing long hours on fast-moving lines and factory floors that can be dark, loud, slippery or unbearably hot or bitter cold.

The risks are many cuts and stabblings, burns, repetitive stress injuries and amputations.

Turnover can exceed 100 percent in a year, the GAO said — a number that Boyle, the institute president, says is greatly overstated. He says meatpacking companies spend much time and money on training to ensure workers will stay.

Jose Maria Montoya lasted just a year in his first stint in a plant. He deboned meat and says the repetitive cutting motions made his hands ache so badly, he lost all sensation in his fingers.

"I didn't say anything," he explains. "When you need something (money) for your family, you don't ask questions. You just do it. I don't have many choices. I don't speak English very well. I don't have

Hazardous work

Injury and illness rates among meat and poultry plants remain the highest of any industry.

Injuries or illnesses per 100 full-time workers in 2002

Meatpacking plants	14.9
Sausage/prepared meats plants	10.9
Poultry plants	9.7
All U.S. manufacturing plants	7.2

SOURCE: General Accounting Office, AP

much education."

His words are reminiscent of Sinclair's days when Lithuanians, Poles and other eastern Europeans crowded into the shadow of big-city slaughterhouses in hopes of building a better life. Their schooling counted for less than a strong back, a weak nose and willingness to sweat.

The character who symbolized the struggle in "The Jungle" was Jurgis Rudkus, a Lithuanian immigrant who endured the loss of his job and the death of his wife and son.

"The Jungle" paints the most gut-wrenching possible portrait of those desperate times. Today's real-life meatpacking story is far from that fictional horror, but parts of the book's message resonate in the here and now.

Thousands of immigrants still come, as they did a century ago.

Some are refugees from Somalia, Sudan and Vietnam; many more journey across the Mexican border and head to Nebraska, Kansas or other states where giant meat plants seem to have an inexhaustible need for labor.

Jose Maria Montoya left Mexico as a teen, hoping to make good money, then return home. But after he quit meatpacking, he stayed in the Omaha area, working in a garment factory that, ironically, later moved

to Mexico to take advantage of low wages. Montoya picked up new skills, learned to drive a forklift, then returned to the same meatpacking company — this time in the shipping department.

At 37, Montoya wants to start his own business, making heavy-duty work uniforms. But he has a mortgage, a stack of bills, a \$12.50-an-hour wage and eight kids to feed. Though his wife works, their combined dollars only go so far.

"My dream now is for my kids," he says. Montoya says he urges his children to study hard and become teachers and doctors, lawyers and judges. And when they whine about school, he banks silence them.

"You have no choice," he says. "You want to be like me and work like a donkey?"

From 1900 to 2000, the number of Hispanic workers in the meat industry — including poultry — increased more than fourfold to 35 percent, according to federal statistics, says William Knudsen, a sociologist at the Economic Research Service of the Agriculture Department.

The industry is believed to have large numbers of uneducated workers — one federal official said it may be as high as one in four in meatpacking plants in Nebraska and Iowa, the GAO said, referring to its own 1990 report.

Both the meatpacking companies and the United Food and Commercial Workers union — which says it represents more than 50 percent of meat and poultry workers nationwide — have adapted to large numbers of foreign-born workers, offering, among other things, classes in English.

"The union, fighting to bolster its ranks, also is making its pitch on a different landscape. In places such as Omaha, it has joined with community activists and church leaders to organize workers."

"It gives us credibility," says Donna McDonald, president of the union's Local 27 in Omaha. "There's a level of comfort."

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Trim a few milliseconds and give the boot to your PC's boot-up screen

Q. My Windows XP which I have been using for a while, initially showed the four-color Windows flag icons with the bluish progress bar under it every once in a while. Suddenly the icon has been showing twice every time Windows is started. The PC, though, is still working well.



ASK JIM James Coates

same DVD player, but I can't seem to burn JPEG photos from my still camera onto a CD and play it on my DVD player. I am in need of your expert advice.

A. Let me offer both a fix and a workaround for this problem that requires a great many folks

as they try to get their digital cameras talking to their computers and then getting their computers to make copies that can talk to their living room DVD players. You actually nailed the problem in your question, Mr. E., when you talked about how your camcorder's software finalized the movies that were burned onto discs. Finalized means preparing CDs and DVDs in special formats that can be read by ordinary consumer electronics gear, such as DVD players. Most living room devices now will automatically discover properly formatted music, movie and

photo files on discs and offer a menu to play them using the remote clicker. But discs must first be formatted as finalized, or the DVD player won't see photos. Different disc-burning programs handle finalization differently, so you'll either need to dig out the user's manual or scroll in for some serious fiddling with the software's commands.

For example the Nero Burning ROM software included by the sellers of many new computers requires users to take two steps to finalize discs for reading on other devices. First, you need to set the software so it

does not create multisseion CDs that can be added to at different times until they reach full capacity. After you turn off the multisseion settings, you then need to order the software to finalize the discs it burns in a read-only format. In Nero's elementary software, the finalize button is reached by clicking on a button called "More" rather than the flashing "Burn" icon at the end of the setup routine.

In Road Easy Media Creator, the other most widely used burning software, users need to look under a "Disc and Device Utility" to set a burning project to be finalized.

A workaround that a lot of folks actually prefer to clicking on individual picture icons is to create a movie slideshow of the pictures.

Check out that movie-editing software used by your camcorder, and you'll find that it lets users make slide shows out of photographs as well as from video clips. Drag each photo into the software as if the photo were a film, and the software will combine them into a movie and burn it onto a disc and then finalize the disc.

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