

SUMMER SLEEPOVERS

Getting kids and parents ready to separate for camp.

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SUNDAY

Fossil Days

Hagerman celebrating wraps up today.

Spring snow

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Good Morning

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Intervals of clouds and rain. Details: A2

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Chute fails but BASE jumper survives

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Canadian man was airlifted to a Boise hospital with serious injuries Friday evening when his parachute malfunctioned during a BASE jump

off the Perrine Bridge, reported the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

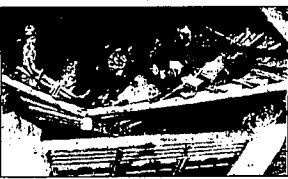
Jason Cooper, 29, remains in critical condition, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise after he landed in what witnesses reported as

approximately 4 feet of water near the south bank of the Snake River.

"The call came into the sheriff's office around 7:15 Friday night," said Nancy Howell, public information officer with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. "The vic-

tim was airlifted out of the canyon by Life Flight and transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was then taken to Boise where he remains in the care of physicians."

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Residents remove rubble in a search for survivors in a damaged house in Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Saturday.

Indonesian quake kills thousands

By Irwan Firdaus
Associated Press writer

BANTUL, Indonesia — Homes began swaying, then jerked violently as most people in this rice-farming town were still asleep Saturday morning. Concrete walls crumbled, tile roofs collapsed and survivors screamed as they tried to escape, some clutching bloodied children and the elderly.

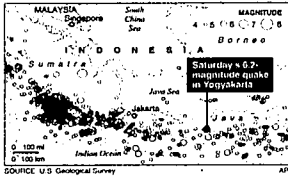
The town of Bantul suffered the worst devastation from the powerful earthquake that struck Indonesia's densely populated Java island at 5:54 a.m. More than 2,500 people were killed, about 2,000 of them in Bantul, and 80 percent of the town's homes were destroyed.

"I was running away from my house trying to help my son, but suddenly I felt something hit my legs," said Bambang Tri Sumarto, 42. "And now doctors say my leg is broken. All our houses were totally destroyed."

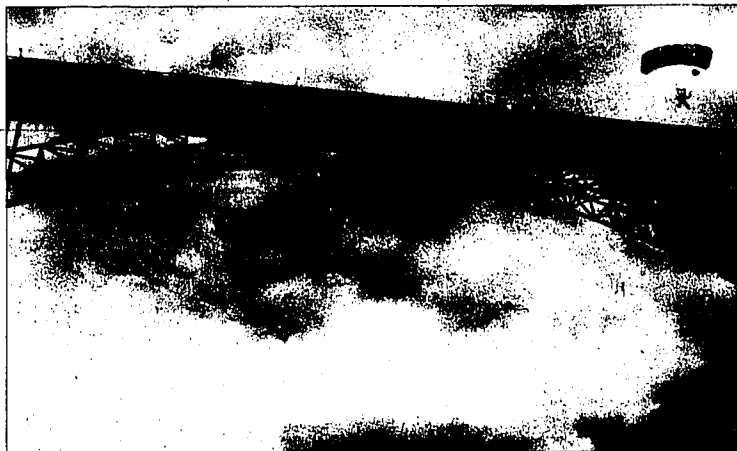
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Region prone to seismic activity

Indonesia is prone to seismic upheaval due to its location on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. Magnitude 4 or greater earthquakes, since 2000



Leaping into summer



A BASE jumper guides his chute to the riverbank after leaping from Perrine Bridge Saturday afternoon.

BASE jumpers raising money for Magic Valley paramedics

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Organizers jumped at the chance Saturday to raise money for a good cause. As many as 100 parachuting participants were expected to gather at the Perrine Bridge and

BASE jump from dawn to dusk throughout Memorial Day weekend — the sport's unofficial season opener. Their goal: Raise money for a paramedic program in the Magic Valley.

BASE is an acronym for Buildings, Antennae, Spans and

Earth. The Perrine Bridge, which stretches 1,500 feet across the Snake River Canyon, is the longest span bridge in the West. At 486 feet above the river, it is significant to the BASE jumpers who come to Twin Falls from around the world because it is possible to

legally jump from the bridge year-round.

Jamie Boutwell is a BASE jumper who moved to Twin Falls from Ohio because of the bridge. He and David Woodhead, owner of Woody's bar at 213 Fifth Ave. S., organized the fund-raiser.

We gripe, adjust and drive, drive, drive

By Hugo Kuegler
Associated Press writer

Announced by the sharp crack of a backfiring engine, the caravan of old Pontiacs and Fords wended their way off the highway and into the gas station-restaurant, arriving, it seemed, from another time.

On a blustery May day, Carl and Frances Barrier's 8-cylinder Pontiac Deluxe, vintage 1940, needed this stop in the Kansas plains to fill up on 87-octane, \$2.75 a gallon, on its way to an antique car museum in Minden, Neb. In its prime, their Pontiac traveled 15 miles on a gallon of gas, but now manages only 10.

"We don't even think about it," said Carl, 72, a retired manager with Raytheon aircraft, as he finished his \$50 fill-up. "You talk about the \$3 gas. But I went to work for a service station in 1946. Gas was 20 cents a gallon. I made \$2 a day. When I retired I made over \$200 a day." Taking that long view, he

said, gas is still affordable.

And that kind of relatively uninfused attitude was not unusual among drivers encountered by an Associated Press writer on a drive along interstates and backroads from Detroit to Los Angeles.

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Carl and Frances Barrier stand beside their 1940 Pontiac at a service station in Salina, Kan., on May 12 en route to a car club meeting in Minden, Neb. Their car gets about 10 miles per gallon, they said, but high gas prices have not scuttled enthusiasm for the antique vehicle.

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New stars shine



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Coming this week in the Times-News



Attract them to your garden

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Wednesday

Cowboy up
Get ready for Western Days.
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Jesus Day
Local churches plan to observe it in June.
Saturday

Attachment parenting 101
Find out more about this alternative parenting method.
Sunday

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Intervals of clouds and rain showers. Slight chance of a late day thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 50s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of a shower. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: More sun, but still a chance of a shower or two. Highs in the lower 60s.

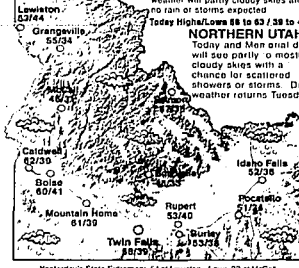
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a few showers and a slight chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. Highs, lower 50s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds, a shower possible. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, a lingering shower or two possible. Highs in the lower 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. It will be partly to mostly cloudy today and Monday. There will be a chance of scattered rain showers and mixed showers in the higher elevations through Tuesday. High pressure will dry things out Wednesday.

Today Highs 38 to 50 Tonight's Lows 28 to 27
Mostly cloudy, cloudy and scattered showers and thunderstorms will hang around for one more day. Monday will bring much better weather with only a few cloudy skies and no rain or storms expected.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes temperature and precipitation forecasts.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for June 1st through June 5th.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low. Lists weather for various cities.

Barometric Pressure

Table showing barometric pressure for various cities.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing UV index for various cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Today IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

FESTIVALS To add to this calendar
Hagerman's 18th annual Fossil Days, breakfast, worship, music and rides, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hagerman City Park and Billingsley Creek Park, most events are free.

Injured

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Howell said eyewitnesses on the scene noticed that Cooper's canopy didn't inflate properly, which sent him spiraling into the river.
'Fortunately he wears a full body armor suite when jumps,' said Jamie Howell, local BASE-jumping enthusiast and co-coordinator of a weekend fundraiser. 'Landing in the mud near the shoreline probably helped to cushion the impact.'

is considered by many jumpers as one of the country's best BASE-jumping locations.
Huschel said although he seldom worries about something going wrong, there are extra precautions a person can take to lessen the possibility of a problem.
'You need to double-check to make sure your parachute is packed properly, which decreases the chance of malfunction,' Huschel said. 'Wind and body positioning is something else you need to be very aware of.'

Idaho couple's adoption plan stymied by Russian-American abuse dustup

BOISE (AP) — Concern by Russian authorities that its orphaned children who are adopted into families outside that country, in particular the United States, could face deadly abuse has stalled an Idaho couple's effort to take in a boy and girl, one of whom has HIV.
Widna and Victor Stankevsky, a Boise couple who already had adopted two other Russian children seven years ago, began attempts to adopt two more in 2002. Two years later, they met Stanislav and Valeria, now 6 and 4, while on a trip to an orphanage for mentally and physically handicapped kids in Irkutsk, Russia.

Their efforts to bring the youngsters to America have been hampered by fear among Russian adoption judges over the at least 11 instances since 1991 in which Russian children have died violent deaths after coming to adoptive U.S. parents, including the 2005 beating death of a Russian girl in North Carolina.
Russian authorities hope by this year to have a law in place to ban adoptions organized by groups or individuals without accreditation.
On Thursday, Peggy Sue Hill, the Wake Forest, N.C., woman convicted of beating her adopted Russian daughter,

was sentenced to 25 years in prison, more than twice the minimum penalty. This has the Stankevskys hoping the North Carolina judge's tough sentence will convince Russian officials that America takes the issue seriously — and allow Stanislav's and Valeria's adoptions to continue.
'It's tragic that you'd want to be happy for a severe sentence,' Widna Stankevsky, who wrote to the judge before the hearing in North Carolina to ask for a stiff penalty, told the Idaho Statesman. 'I never experienced that in my life. Now I understand.'

children are registered as orphans every year, Paulina Filippenko, a Russian expert on children's issues, told the Associated Press recently.
Some 7,500 Russian children were adopted by Russians last year, up 7 percent over 2004, and while foreigners adopted 6,900 Russian children — a 26 percent decrease from 2004.
Sergiy Apatenko, director of the department responsible for adoption, has said in the past year there were 13 cases of abuse of Russian children adopted by foreigners, but added the figure was at least as high for children adopted domestically.

Pocatello vets warn pet owners of parvo outbreak

POCATELLO (AP) — An outbreak of a dog virus that can dehydrate, then kill people's canines has emerged in Pocatello, prompting local veterinarians to warn owners to immunize their animals.
Dr. Robert Newman, a veterinarian with Banock Animal Medical Center, said his office has seen five cases of parvo in the last week, a noticeable increase over the usual number for this time of year. And Peggy Harter, a veterinarian with Community Animal

Hospital in Pocatello, said she's had also seen up to five parvo cases in two weeks.
'We have people come in and say, 'Yeah, I had another dog get parvo,' Harter told the Idaho State Journal.
Virus weather can increase the chance of infection, as more dog owners take their pets to parks where virus may be lying dormant in the soil, just waiting for a host.
Still, the apparent increase in occurrence this year also may mean that people in the

region have become complacent about maintaining current vaccinations for the disease, whose symptoms include gelatin-like stools with some blood, vomiting with bile and foam and quick-onset weight loss that can set in just a few hours after the dog becomes ill.
Harter and Newman say parvo is easily prevented by a series of three shots for puppies, and one shot per year afterward.
Federal wolf experts in

Yellowstone National Park, in the northwest of Pocatello, say that many of the wolf pups born last year have died, possibly due to parvo virus.
In one form, canine parvo virus causes sudden death from heart disease in very young puppies.
The disease emerged with a vengeance in the spring of 1978, when a worldwide epidemic killed thousands of dogs, according to the Michigan Society for Medical Research.

Earthquake

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With no room inside packed hospitals, Sumarto and hundreds of other victims were forced to lie on plastic, pain killers or even newspapers in parking lots outside as taxis and pickup trucks flowed in with the new victims. Some were hooked to intravenous drips dangling from trees.
'Thousands were wounded in the magnitude-6.3 quake, the nation's worst disaster since the 2004 tsunami. The quake's epicenter was 50 miles south of the rumbling Mount Merapi volcano, near the city of Yogyakarta, and it triggered fears of an eruption.
Desperate relatives searched rubble for survivors Saturday while others dug mass graves. Family members sobbed and read from the Quran beside rows of corpses awaiting burial beneath a blazing sun.
Village heads recorded their names so the victims could be added to the official death toll.

Suharjo, a 70-year-old food vendor, sobbed next to his dead wife, his house destroyed.
'I couldn't help my wife ... I was trying to rescue my children, one with a broken leg, and then the house collapsed,' he said. 'I have to accept this as our destiny, as God's will.'
The earthquake struck near the famed 11th century Borobudur temple, considered one of Indonesia's most popular tourist attractions. It was not affected by the quake.
Nearby Prambanan, a spectacular Hindu temple to the southeast, suffered some damage. About a million tourists visit the temples each year.
It was the most recent in a series of disasters to strike Indonesia — from the tsunami that ravaged Aceh province to a widening bird flu outbreak to the threat of eruption from nearby Mount Merapi.
'As night fell across the disaster zone — stretching across

hundreds of square miles of mostly farming communities in Yogyakarta province — tens of thousands of people prepared to sleep on streets, in fields and in backyards, fearful of another quake.
Power and telephone service was out across much of the region, adding to their terror.
After spending hours digging in vain through the smoldering debris, many said they were giving up their search for relatives or friends until morning.
'It's just too dark,' said Sarjio, who was looking for his 40-year-old neighbor, believed to be trapped beneath the remains of her house. 'There's nothing we can do now.'
President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono ordered the army to evacuate victims and assist with the search for survivors.
International agencies and other nations promised to

send relief immediately.
The United States responded with an emergency allocation of \$500,000 for assistance to victims.
Through financial and material support, the United States is assisting with recovery efforts in coordination with Indonesian authorities, and we stand prepared to provide additional assistance as needed,' President Bush said in a statement released late Saturday.
Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said U.S. Agency for International Development personnel are in Yogyakarta, the city that bore much of the quake's impact.

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Correct Price-Wutzke engagement photo on today's page C4

Correction In today's Family Life edition, the engagement announcement for Heather Nicole Price and Cammon Wutzke is published with the wrong photo. The correct photo and announcement is printed on page C4.

IDAHO LOTTERY. Saturday, May 27. 6 23 27 41 47. PBR: 19. WILD CARD: Jack of Clubs. May 27 8 4 2. May 28 2 0 5. May 24 8 0 0.

Journey

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Along the highway, regular gas prices ranged from \$2.60 to \$3.49, with one station in remote Mojave Desert outpost, charging \$4.29 a gallon.

The cost was high enough for most to take notice and for some to make adjustments — such as trucker Kris Jacobs fuel surcharge for hauling cheese from Wisconsin to New York City. But gas costs are not high enough — yet — to deeply change habits and plans.

After the initial shock and anger passes, it seems, we adjust to the new price. We grumble, we give lip service to alternative fuels, we think about hybrid vehicles.

Then we drive. A trip across America suggests the spike in gas prices, caused a psychological tremor. Most of those interviewed doubt gas will ever go below \$2 a gallon again, and if it went up another dollar or more...

"Four dollars would represent a psychological panic attack," said Lisa Lanyon, 40, a college instructor, as she paid about \$30 to fill up her 1995 Chevy Cavalier in Denver.

Ordinary folks on a budget adjust in many small ways. Las Vegas casino employee Andrea Johnson consolidates errands, walks where she can, and drives around for the cheapest gas in town. (Costco, for her.)

Polls have found drivers are more conscious of their gas consumption, that they are suspicious of the oil companies, that they hold President Bush responsible for the run-up. Members of Congress proposed giving taxpayers a \$100 gas rebate. Hotels and resorts are offering guests gas vouchers.

But for the most part, as the summer driving season commences, Americans appear to be keeping to their plans, commuting alone, many miles to work, taking the country in motor homes, all in the face of rising gas prices.

The heart of America, it seems, still resides on four wheels on an open road.

The trip started in Detroit, where gas could easily be had for \$2.75 a gallon.

At Murray's Discount Auto Store in Hammack, long home to auto plants, a manager Jerry Fleer feels "kind of stuck" with his 1991 Oldsmobile Bravada SUV because he can't afford to trade right now. Murray's carries a novel alternative to high-cost cars: electric-powered scooters. And yet, regardless of higher gas prices, the store has not sold one since Christmas.

In the farming country of Crawfordville, Iowa, three partners are capitalizing on the call for fuel alternatives.

Their biodiesel plant is rising on the site of a former farm. Corn and soybeans are Iowa's two biggest crops. Both can also be turned into fuel — corn into ethanol, soybeans into biodiesel. Biodiesel consumption has increased from 2 million gallons in 2000 to 75 million in 2005. Use of both promises to rise. High oil prices present an opportunity for farmers.

The company was started by Donald Miksch and brothers Norm and Darin Rich (the company name, Miksch Biofuels, combines their surnames). The plant, to be completed in July at a cost of \$8 million, will produce 10 million gallons of soy-based diesel fuel per year.

The plant will also provide a new revenue stream for farmers, creating more businesses in town and giving locals a reason to stay.

"This is the only way to build our town back," said Miksch, who is 27 and married. "I was one of those kids who left. I want to come back here. I want to raise my kids here."

From the farms of the Midwest, where fuel can be about the bottom line, drive into the West, where vast spaces beckon, and where fuel is associated with the freedom to explore.

Consider the Ligertmoets, who had always planned to spend their retirement traveling across the country in a



Marinus, 60, left, and Ans, 57, Ligertmoet stand beside of their newly purchased fifth-wheel trailer on May 10. They now live in it full-time at the Zions Gate RV Resort in southwest Utah. They drive a Ford pickup, which when towing the trailer, gets about 10 miles per gallon. They plan to drive the trailer to Alaska this summer and back to San Diego for the winter holidays.

mobile home. By the time they sold their house in San Diego and bought their 35-foot fifth-wheel trailer, the price of gas breached \$3 per gallon.

"You can't be happy about it," said Marinus Ligertmoet, 60, sitting in the 90-degree shade of a tree in the Zions Gate RV Resort near Utah's Zion National Park. "But you figure, hey, it's home."

He and his wife, Ans, left San Diego in early May. The next six months look like this: Utah; Boise, Idaho; Bend, Ore; then to Spokane, Wash., for three weeks where they will watch the World Cup. Then up to British Columbia. They will drive up the Alaska Highway, then south to Seattle. Later they'll wander down the Pacific coast, due back in San Diego to spend the holidays with their grandkids.

The trailer has satellite television, an internet connection, a washing machine and dryer, king-size, pillow-top bed, all pulled by a 2004, Ford F-350, one-ton, diesel pickup. Supported by Marinus' Navy pension, life on the road is still cheaper than the alternative: \$1,500 a month, give or take.

"Let's put it this way, I don't lose any sleep over it," he said. Farther west lies the delirious accident of speculative money, imported water, and unfettered indulgence called Las Vegas.

Making the fantasy happen here are people like Ana Flores, one of nearly 10,000 employees of the MGM Grand hotel and casino.

Flores, 22, has plans — and she carefully figures gas prices into them.

She's a nursing student and works in a cashio gift shop. She

earns about \$10 an hour and spends about \$20 every week on gas (around \$3.15 a gallon) for her 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer. Every dollar matters in her budget.

She's hoping to save enough within the year to buy a one-bedroom condominium. Billboards everywhere advertise low down payments and mortgages for as little as \$800 a month. Flores is hoping \$3,000 and her good credit will be enough to get her started in home ownership.

"Gas Food 24."

This is one of those few places on the road where the price of gas has little meaning. In the middle of the Mojave Desert, if you lacked the foresight to fill up in Las Vegas to the east or Barstow, Calif., to the west, you'll pay what's asked at the white, peaked roof building off Interstate 15 — on a recent stop, \$4.29 a gallon for regular.

Allen Young, 47, has run the service station for more than 20 years and says his price reflects supply and demand in the desert and the additional overhead involved with operating such an isolated business. He and his employees live in six adjoining mobile homes.

Most customers pay the markup agreeably, buying just enough to get to the next stop. Without cash, some have been desperate enough to trade Rolex watches and Gibson guitars for gas. Occasionally a customer accuses Young of high-way robbery.

The station sells about 30,000 gallons a month, as much as a busy station closer to civilization can sell on one

weekend day. But their profit margin might be 25 cents a gallon, while Young makes about 40 cents.

"I don't pull any punches about it," he said.

In few places does the car occupy the position it does at the end of the journey, in Los Angeles. Absolute necessity. Ultimate expression of identity — and vanity.

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To become the boss, you drive what the boss drives. Better to have a lousy apartment and a cool car than the other way around. Even if you have an old car, you spend the money on "dubs," local slang for fancy wheels.

Few carpool, and the L.A. subway has an unrespectable, if steady, ridership. Yes, polls have shown that interest in buying smaller cars has risen with gas prices, but sales of certain lines of SUVs — Hummers, Lexus, and Land Rovers — are as strong as ever.

At a Land Rover dealership in Beverly Hills, saleswoman Dawn Marone said vehicular snobbery explained why there are so few minivan "mobiles" at a local park. "Everyone's in an SUV, And it's, 'Whose SUV is better than the other SUV?' Everybody's got to have the best one they can afford regardless of gas," said Marone, herself a mom and SUV driver.

"Gas prices are totally hurting me," she added. "But I will never not have (an SUV)." Back up the road in Kansas, talk of gas prices led Frances Barrier to question the material excess most of us take for granted. To complain about the price of gas, in her estimation, seems trivial.

Besides the two antique cars that she and her husband drive, they own a pickup and other vehicles.

"My dad had one," she said. Indeed, she added, back in the 1930s, when her large family either raised or grew all their food, the death of the old

family truck prompted her father to separate the cab from the bed and make a wagon — pulled by horses. No worries about gas prices then.

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Bush: War against terrorism akin to Cold War against communism

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

WEST POINT, N.Y. — The 861 Army cadets President Bush addressed on Saturday gleefully tossed their caps into the air to mark their graduation, their futures tied to the war against terror.

"The reality of war has surrounded you since your first moments at this academy," Bush told the first class to arrive at the U.S. Military Academy after the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Bush told the graduates that the future of U.S. security rests with their ability to lead a march for freedom across the globe, especially in the Middle East.

"My call to you is this: Trust in the power of freedom, and be bold in freedom's defense," he said.

Bush's advice to the graduates came during a 35-minute foreign policy address in which he likened the war against Islamic radicals to the Cold War threat of communism.

"The war began on my watch, but it's going to end on your watch," he said. "Your generation will bring us victory in the war on terror."

While Bush addressed the graduates, about 250 protesters marched with mock coffins outside the academy. Protester Charlie Sierra, who was wearing a Kure-at War cap and walking with a cane, said, "I've never saw any combat, and yet he's sending our young people to get killed."

In his speech, Bush took a similar jab at Iran and the nuclear ambitions of Iran, and said decades of excusing and accommodating the lack of freedom in the Middle East did nothing to keep America safe.

"This is only the beginning," Bush said. "The war against terrorism has spread from Damascus to Tehran that the future belongs to freedom, and we will not rest until the promise of liberty reaches every people in every nation."

Last year's graduating class was dubbed the "Class of 9-11"

Wiccan soldier might be denied symbol on his tombstone

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Over the years, families have used religious symbols such as the Jewish Star of David, the Christian cross and the Islamic crescent and star to honor their loved ones on headstones and markers.

For Sgt. Patrick Stewart's family, the symbol of choice was also from his religion: the Wiccan pentacle. But of all the symbols and faiths recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Wicca and its emblem — a circle around a five-pointed star — are not among them.

"The department is reviewing a request to include the symbol, but when a decision will come is unclear."

That has angered many. The state's top veterans official, Tim Tetz, said he was "diligently pursuing" the matter with Gov. Kenny Guinn, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev.

"Sergeant Stewart and his family deserve recognition for their contributions to our country," said Tetz, executive director of the Nevada Office of Veterans Services.

"It's unfortunate the process is taking so long, but I am certain Sgt. Patrick will ultimately receive his marker with the Wiccan symbol," he said Thursday.

Stewart, 34, had enlisted in the Army after he graduated from Reno's Wooster High School in 1989 and served in Desert Storm.

After completing his active duty, Stewart enlisted in the Nevada Army National Guard in 2005 and went to Afghanistan. He was killed there last September when the helicopter he was in was shot down.

Stewart, of Fernley, was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.



President Bush arrives to deliver the commencement address at the United States Military Academy, Saturday, in West Point, N.Y.

because the attacks occurred just weeks into their plebe year. Some say the Sept. 11 attacks made members of this year's class more determined to serve.

Patrick Brundage of Santa Claus, Ind., remembers his brother asking him if going to West Point was what he really wanted to do. Brundage replied, "If I need to go any time, this is the time."

President Truman told the class of 1952 at West Point that the push for global peace depended on the active and vigorous work to bring about freedom and justice across the world.

"That same principle continues to guide us in today's war on terror," said Bush, who compared his moment in presidential history — to that of Truman's.

"As President Truman put it towards the end of his presidency, 'When history says that my term of office saw the

beginning of the Cold War, it will also say that in those eight years we set the course that can win it.' His leadership paved the way for subsequent presidents from both political parties — men like Eisenhower, Kennedy and Reagan — to confront and eventually defeat the Soviet threat," Bush said.

"Today, at the start of a new century, we are again engaged in a war unlike any our nation has fought before, and like Americans in Truman's day, we are laying the foundations for victory."

Bush also recounted his strategy for fighting terrorism, saying that the U.S. continues to view anyone who harbors a terrorist equally guilty of being a terrorist. He received loud applause, muffled only by the cadets' white gloves, when he told of his doctrine of pre-emptive strikes, attacking enemies abroad before they can attack U.S. soil.

Soldier gives away Purple Heart

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — A soldier said he gave his Purple Heart to Fatma Faisal, a 13-year-old student who won a contest for writing letters to American troops out of gratitude. "It's important what these children do for us in

sending these letters," Staff Sgt. Phillip Trackey said after giving away the medal he received for injuries in Iraq. "The letters mean so much to us. So I thought this was a big way of giving something back to them."

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WEST

Microscopic organisms in Great Salt Lake create a living lab for students

By Debbie Hummel
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY—The pink, brackish water of the north arm of Great Salt Lake is teeming with millions of microscopic organisms that could hold the key to better protection against ultraviolet rays or aid in environmental cleanup.

They're extremophiles — organisms that live in extreme environments, in this case, a saturated saline solution — and have gone largely unexamined until now. A new generation of college professors and their undergraduate students are unlocking their mysteries.

Bonnie Baxter, an assistant biology professor at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, set out with her students to find organisms that were highly resistant to UV radiation. The initial assumption was the pigments found in the creatures might have something to do with a greater protection from the sun.

"We had no real goal of isolating organisms," Baxter said. "But when we found very little work had been done on the microbiology of Great Salt Lake we realized all of them are novel. They haven't been isolated before."

What excites Baxter the most is that the work is being done by undergraduate students.

"These students have these incredibly cool experiments because they are working on organisms that have never been studied before," she said.

One of those students is Ashlee Alred. Under Baxter's supervision, Alred came upon just such a unique creature, one that is much more resistant to UV light damage than E. coli and other bacteria. She said the organism is able to use light, but without experiencing damage to its DNA. The "photoprotective" — characteristics appear to come from carotenoid pigments, like those found in carrots or sweet potatoes. Further study could lead to advancements in sun-



Brigham Young University student Eric Barker collects lake bottom and water samples May 22 in the Great Salt Lake of Utah. Barker will use the samples for research toward his honors thesis, hoping to demonstrate that the microbes in this part of the lake are utilizing the natural oil seepings as a source of carbon. The pink in the water is from algae.

screen technology, Baxter said. Alfred's sun- and salt-loving find was included in Canadian author Erin Kelsey's book, "Strange New Species: Astonishing Discoveries of Life on Earth." Baxter said she is proposing Halorubrum salosis as the organism's scientific name.

Baxter said she and her students have found genetic evidence for about 45 different organisms and have isolated about 25 of them. It will take some time to figure out how many others could be unique species.

Baxter and her colleagues hope to coordinate their research with that being done by two of Utah's other universities, Weber State in Ogden and Brigham Young in Provo. The three schools have plans to present a combined paper — a rarity in the academic world where the pressure to publish snuffs out such collaboration, they say.

"We must have between 400 and 500 different DNA isolates," said Alan Harker, a biology professor at Brigham Young. He estimated less than 10 percent of those matched sequences already in national databases.

Each of the schools have

similar findings and are working to classify them, he said. All the professors agree that the unique microbiology of Great Salt Lake gives their students a leg up when it comes to getting into graduate and professional schools.

Until recent years very little research has been done on the microbiology of Great Salt Lake, and Baxter attributes the lack of interest to a "historical disgust" of the salty, smelly handlocked sea. It's easy to understand why early settlers were disappointed to find a lake saltier than the ocean that contained no visible marine life.

"When I moved here to Utah it just seemed natural that someone ought to be studying the lake because it's such a unique environment," said Harker.

For years the lake was viewed as a cesspool, he said.

A railroad causeway cuts through Great Salt Lake. Most tributaries flow into the south end of the lake, but with no outlet, it's a dead sea and the southern waters have a salt content of between 14 percent and 18 percent. Ocean water is about 3 percent. Thanks to the causeway, the north section of the lake's salt content hovers in

the high 20s.

Not only are the microbes living in the north section of the lake fascinating for their ability to live in such a high saline environment, they also live among oil seeps and years of pollution that have left traces of phosphorus and heavy metals, such as mercury and selenium, in the water.

"All of that feeds into the microbial community and it's fairly important to know what those transformations are," said Harker.

On an overcast spring day, Harker and honors student Eric Barker, a junior, spent part of the morning capturing samples of water and soil from the lake bed near the decaying pilings of an old oil operation.

"We know there's a lot of oil, and we know what the oil content is in the sand," Harker said while screwing the lids on jelly jars filled with cloudy pink water and sand.

Barker will use the samples for research toward his honors thesis. With the help of his professor, he hopes to demonstrate that the microbes in that part of the lake are using the oil as a source of carbon.



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NATION

Biologists, criminalists track down underwater perps

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

ASHLAND, Ore. — When death strikes a coral reef, whether from an oil spill off Mexico or sediment unleashed by a dam bursting in Hawaii, marine biologists at the scene know what to look for, but not how to report and preserve their findings so they will hold up in court.

Not for long. Biologists and criminalists are joining forces to develop specific crime scene investigation techniques that work under water, where almost nothing that is standard procedure on land works.

Call it "CSI Coral Reef." "The coral reef is the body," said Ken Goddard, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Forensics Laboratory here, who is supplying the criminal investigation expertise. "Except I can't take it in for an autopsy."

They will present their recommendations to the International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium Oct. 16-20 in Cozumel, Mexico, and offer a five-day training session afterwards for marine biologists from around the world.

The idea was born over drinks last October in Australia among marine biologists attending an international conference on coral reefs, said David Gulko, a coral reef ecologist for the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Gulko has been put in charge of the effort by the International Coral Reef Initiative, an international body dedicated to protecting coral reefs.

"Whether you were in Australia or the States, the Philippines or Indonesia, we were all having the same problem," Gulko said from Hawaii.

"You have enforcement people charged with enforcing natural resource laws who do not have the proper training or tools to conduct an investigation under water. Then you have resource managers like myself who have the proper tools and training to conduct an investigation under water, but no training or enforcement that will hold up in a court of law."



Ken Goddard, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Ore., shows off coral and diving equipment May 19 as he explains the difficulty of doing investigations underwater.

Coral reefs, some of the most biologically diverse habitats in the world, are already suffering from warmer ocean temperatures associated with climate change. As much as 40 percent of coral in waters around the U.S. Virgin Islands, for example, died last year.

While no one has figured out what to do about warm water killing coral reefs, they can do something about oil spills, agricultural runoff, pollution, sediment deposits, ship groundings, garbage dumping and fish poachers, Gulko said.

"We started doodling on a cocktail napkin with various ideas and what came out of that was, 'Gee, we need the equivalent of CSI for coral reefs,'" he said, using the term popularized by the CBS television series "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation."

But these CSI teams will go beyond catching bad guys, to developing restoration plans for the damaged reefs, Gulko added.

The napkin worked its way up through various agencies, Goddard, a former homicide cop who has headed the world's

only forensics lab dedicated to wildlife since its creation in 1988, was tapped to bring in the criminal investigation expertise.

"We realized that a lot of the approaches a standard homicide cop would use or a CSI team would use to investigate a murder have been translated and are currently being used to investigate wildlife crimes," said Gulko. "We just needed to translate it to do the work under water."

"That's where we hit a wall," said Gulko. "And the wall was water. A lot of the methods that are sacrosanct for doing CSI on land fell apart under water."

Goddard had to take a crash course in scuba diving so he can join Gulko and others late this month on hurricane-damaged reefs off Cozumel, Mexico, where they will try out the techniques and equipment they are developing, such as modified underwater scooters.

"Almost nothing I know about doing crime scenes on land works under water," said Goddard.

And there are hazards. "If I stick my hand down a

hole to pick up something, as like as not I'll get bitten by a mony eel," he said.

On land, the first investigator on the scene cordons off the area so nothing comes in or out. But on the reef, the tides and currents constantly move water through the crime scene, and fish swim in and out.

"If something is dead or dying, it is likely to be eaten, or taken away by a predator," Goddard said.

An investigator swimming into a cave to gather evidence of a poacher using bleach or cyanide to stun fish alters the scene just with the bubbles from their breathing gear.

"So you don't have the luxury to put one guy down and later another guy down and later another guy," said Gulko. "You end up developing rapid techniques to investigate in well-coordinated groups of people collecting groups of evidence at the same time."

Goddard figures they will use colored buoys to cordon off the area, and numbered buoys to mark pieces of evidence — paint scraped off from a ship's hull, or burn marks left on organisms from a poacher stunning fish with bleach — as photos are taken.

Investigators on land take notes in pen, so there are no erasures that could be challenged in court, but pens don't write under water. Goddard will take photos of the notes they write with grease pencil before erasing them.

Even photos are an issue. Digital photos can be altered on computers. Gulko plans to download images as soon as he surfaces to a laptop computer on the dive boat, then copy them to a nonwritable CD.

Time is critical under water. Divers can stay down only an hour or so, not only because of limited air in their tanks, but to avoid buildup of nitrogen in their blood.

To speed up the work, Gulko is bringing underwater scooters fitted with high-definition video cameras and laser beams, which project two beams six inches apart.

As they create a video record of the overall scene, everything can be seen in scale compared

to the distance between the laser dots, which never varies. Two people on scooters can cover in one hour the same area it would take six hours to cover with 10 people swimming, Gulko said. The surveys will also be used to develop restoration plans.

Unlike the drama on TV, real-life investigators have to keep themselves emotionally distant from the crimes they investigate, said Goddard.

"You've got to stick with the cold hard facts on the scene, and let the evidence speak for itself," he said.



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WEST

Giant worm found in Washington

By John K. Wiley
Associated Press writer

PALOUSE, Wash. — Pity the poor robin that latches onto one of these worms. A yard long and as big around as a man's pinkie finger, the giant Palouse earthworm is albino-pale, can burrow 15 feet deep and smells like a fly.

The recent discovery of one of the scarce giants has energized entomologists and soil scientists, who fear it may be near extinction.

"It was very exciting, just to find something we thought, perhaps, was gone is a great thing," University of Idaho soils scientist Jodi Johnson-Maynard said.

The native giant earthworms have been found by scientists only four times since the 1970s. None had been seen since the 1960s until Idaho graduate student Yanira Sanchez-de Leon dug one up while studying other earthworm species in May 2005.

It wasn't until last January that worm experts confirmed she had found *Driloleirus americanus*, the giant Palouse earthworm.

I wasn't looking specifically for it. I was sipping, it was around," Sanchez-de Leon said.

Little is known about the giant worms: how many there are, where they live, how they behave, or why they are so



This undated photo provided by the University of Idaho shows a giant Palouse earthworm, *Driloleirus americanus*. University of Idaho student Yanira Sanchez-de Leon found the specimen last year on a Washington State University lawn near Albon, Wash.

scarce. Scientists aren't even sure how big they get. Reports of 3-foot-long earthworms come from before the Palouse region of Eastern Washington was carpeted by wheat and other crops more than a century ago, Johnson-Maynard said. Specimens found in modern times have been 18 inches or less. A giant worm in Australia, by comparison, can reach 10 feet.

Sanchez-de Leon thinks the

6-inch-long version she found — a little longer and fatter than a common nightcrawler earthworm — might be a young adult.

One reason so little is known about the giant earthworms is, well, they're worms.

Unlike the celebration touched off by last year's sighting in Arkansas of the ivory-billed woodpecker — a bird not seen in 60 years and thought to be extinct — the giant earth-

worm Sanchez-de Leon found last year already has been consigned to a jar of formaldehyde.

"Realistically, the giant Palouse earthworm is a lot less charismatic than a giant woodpecker," said James "Ding" Johnson, head of the University of Idaho's Department of Plant, Soil and Entomology Sciences. Johnson, himself, found several of the giant earthworms during graduate studies in the late 1960s.

There is urgency to find more Palouse giants because earthworms play an important part in the health of soil and plants, the scientists said.

"Earthworms are considered nature's tillers. They're extremely important for soil quality and from the standpoint of managing to grow plants better," said Ann Kennedy, a Washington State University soil scientist and veteran of several unsuccessful giant Palouse earthworm expeditions.

Sanchez-de Leon spent two years digging in WSU's Smoot Hill Ecological Reserve north of Pullman, about 65 miles south of Spokane — where the giant earthworm had been found previously.

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By Lisa Loft
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A dozen bonfires kiss the black expanse of sand like faint stars in the night sky. Small groups stand around the dancing flames, their laughter blending with the sighs of the waves, the rattle of ice chests and a guitar's occasional hum.

Where the uninited eye sees a sublime California experience, National Park Service ranger Robert Mitsuyasu sees a nightly act of sacrifice taking place here on San Francisco's Ocean Beach.

Directing his flashlight beam toward 10 men and women gathered around an open blaze, he spots strike one — a stash of beer. The pallets they're using for fuel — a double no-no because of the nails and treated wood — earn the stunned revelers strikes two and three.

"The night's over," Mitsuyasu announces as he excavates the bonfire's ashes with the toe of his boot. "You guys are going to pack up and take all this trash with you. Look at all these nails. It's ridiculous."

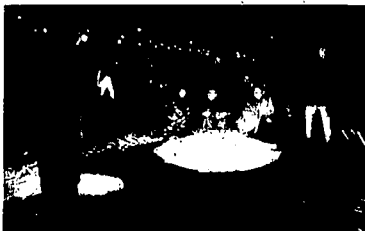
For as long as anyone can remember, building a fire on the beach has been one of the simple pleasures of life by the sea. But if the Park Service has its way, the tradition will soon be extinguished at Ocean Beach, the last stretch in San Francisco and one of the few beaches statewide where bonfires still burn legally.

The federal agency, which manages the beach as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, says it doesn't have enough rangers to handle the environmental and safety problems presented by the innocent-looking pastime.

"It's very disheartening to see the public treating their beaches this way," Mitsuyasu said.

Critics of the proposed ban say other agencies have found ways to strike a balance between the interests of fire builders and the natural landscape, with metal fire rings and strict rules about what can be burned.

The state Department of Parks and Recreation, which manages the majority of Cali-



National Park Service Ranger Jessica Korhut, left, instructs a group of beachgoers to put out a bonfire at Ocean Beach in San Francisco on April 21. The National Park Service is proposing a ban on bonfires in the city due to a lack of rangers to handle problems.

fornia's public beaches, banned bonfires on most of them in 1986, but there are still about 30 with concrete or metal fire pits for that purpose.

In Huntington Beach, aka

"Surf City USA," the two main beaches have 600 fire rings between them, which cut down on debris and make it easier to clean the beach in the morning. During the summer the de-

mand exceeds the supply, said Lon Graham, a lifeguard supervisor.

Sector Superintendent Kirk Lingenfelter, who oversees state park beaches on the Santa Cruz County coast, considered banning bonfires a few years ago for the same reasons the National Park Service is thinking about doing it now. But the negative reaction was so strong that he decided to keep the existing fire rings.

As Mitsuyasu and two colleagues prepared to patrol it one recent night, the rangers predicted what they'd find before setting foot on the sand.

Besides booze and pallets, they were on the lookout for the other air-polluting items bonfire builders sometimes ignite — mattresses, painted fences, telephone poles, old furniture. "If they think they might be able to burn it, people have tried to burn it," said Ranger Matthew Harris. "You should see this place in the morning — it's gross."

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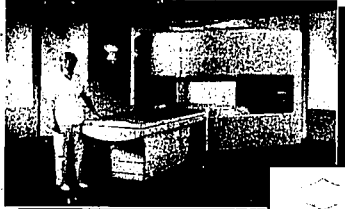
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The economic benefits of building and sustaining the operations of a clean coal technology plant in southeast Idaho will be immediate and long-term. The plant's construction will require an average of about 400 on-site workers for 30 months and as many as 1,000 workers at its peak. Once in full operation the plant will require an estimated 150 workers with an average salary and benefits package in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually. The combined plant payroll is estimated to be about \$6 million per year.

In addition to tax revenues for Power County, the plant will purchase roughly \$2 million per year in goods and services from community businesses likely to be located in Bannock County.

The plant operations will also require the delivery of large supplies of coal from nearby mining sites. This fuel demand will in-turn create increased demand for transportation services from the Union Pacific Railroad, promoting the potential for additional employment opportunities in Pocatello.

This diversified energy resource could become a cornerstone for innovative technology development programs in synergy with entities such as the Idaho National Lab and Idaho State University. If cultured correctly, this momentum, especially during a period of changing U.S. energy requirements, could favorably position southeast Idaho in the coming years for other energy related development.

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Clean Coal Gasification Quick Facts:

- The plant will cost at least \$1 billion to build.
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- High quality employment opportunities with excellent wage expectations.
- Rural and urban residents of southeast Idaho will benefit from the output of gasification technology, which will create employment and economic development.

CSI holds summer classes

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia center is accepting registration for a variety of adult and children's summer classes. All classes have limited enrollment.

- **Gymnastics** for children will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting June 6. Children ages 4-5 tumble from 9 to 9:50 a.m.; ages 6-8 roll from 10 to 10:50 a.m., and ages 9-12 somersault from 11 to 11:50 a.m. The cost is \$30 monthly with classes held June 6 to 29 and July 6 to Aug. 1.

- **Yoga** for children meets from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 6 to 15, with Lalanne Dells at the Yoga Center on West 15th in Burley. The cost is \$10.

- **Spanish for Children** is divided with children ages 6-8 from 6 to 7 p.m. and ages 9-12 from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, June 7 to 26. The cost is \$20.

- **Art week, June 5 to 9**, will feature three fun art classes for children ages 5 to 12:

- **Liquid Arts**, students will experiment with the liquid mediums of waterpaints, tempera and Jell-O from 2 to 3 p.m.

- **Construction Art** will combine cardboard, paper, scissors and glue into creative masterpieces from 3 to 4 p.m.

- **Draw Squad** students will learn all the elements of drawing while creating aliens and cityscapes from 4-5 p.m.

Each art course is \$15. Participants will need to bring a list of supplies provided at registration to the class.

- **Dog Obedience** class will meet from 7 to 8 a.m. on Mondays, June 5 to July 24. Adults and older children are welcome. The course includes basic obedience and obstacle course training. Dogs must be current on vaccinations. The cost is \$40.

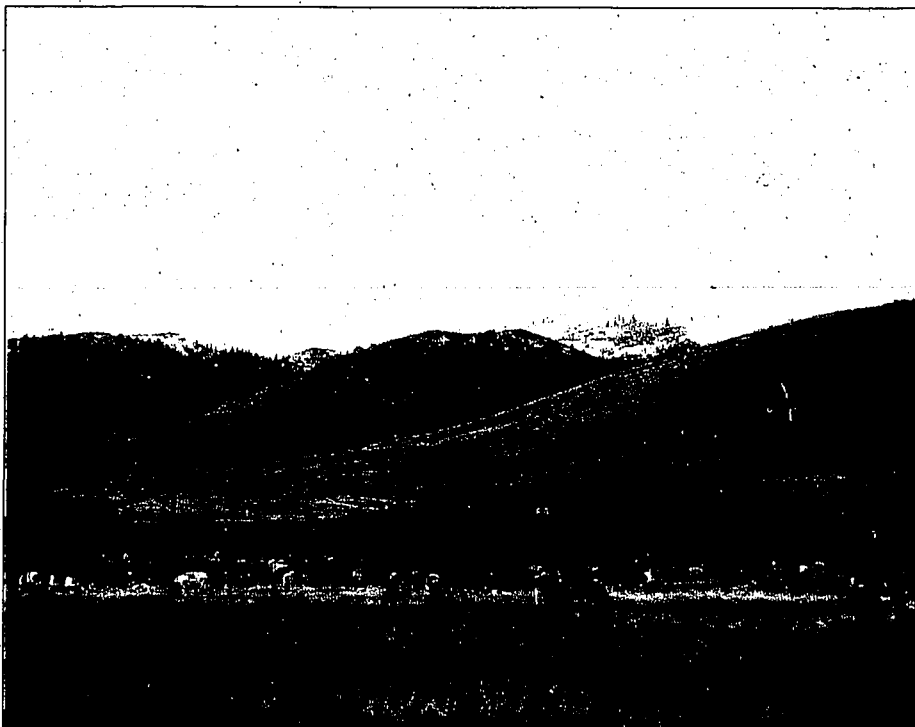
- **Adult Computers for Beginners** will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 5 to 14. Class will cover basics, including setting up programs, creating and managing files, customizing windows, changing displays and great shortcuts.

- **The Step Back in Time: Gettysburg** course will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays, June 5 to 19. Joe Colflesh will delight history and genealogy students with detailed insight into the leadership, unique geography and organization of the armies involved in the most important battle of the Civil War. The cost is \$30.

- **Learn to Crochet** classes are set from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, June 6 to 27. Beginners will learn to chain, slip-stitch, single and double crochet to do simple projects before starting on "hooking" a baby afghan. The cost is \$40; students will need to supply a crochet hook and yarn.

- **Conversational Spanish for Beginners** will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, June 8 to 29. Instructor Josie Hauser will teach useful expression for daily living, shopping, working and traveling in a fun relaxed atmosphere. The cost is \$40, which includes a text.

For more information or to register, call 678-1400.



Cows graze at the foot of Mt. Harrison in Albion Valley on Saturday afternoon. Cold temperatures and a spring storm brought snow to the mountains of southern Cassia County for Memorial Day weekend.

Photos by CHIP THOMPSON for the Times-News



Snow dusted the top of the Cottler Mountains in Albion on Friday night and early Saturday morning, as cold temperatures and a spring storm brought winter-like conditions to Cassia County for Memorial Day weekend.

Spring back to winter

CASSIA COUNTY GETS DUSTING OF SNOW FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Woman leaves crocheted quilts for future generations

By Irena Tegan
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Zola Taylor was a great teacher of love, compassion, understanding and service to others.

Zola passed away May 19, two months after the loss of her life and husband of 60 years, Ernest Taylor, who passed on March 5.

Zola was born Feb. 15, 1920, in Syracuse, Utah, to Benjamin and Ethel Barber. She was the fourth of 11 children. Although the family was not financially well off, Zola had said, "We were never wealthy money wise, but I have rich memories of growing up in a large family."


After graduating from high school she went to work as a nanny in Bountiful, Utah, for Ivy Baker Priest, who later became secretary of treasury of the United States.

When Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into World War II, the Ogden Arsenal went into full production making ammunition for the war and Zola applied for a job there. While she waited to be hired, she baby-sat her aunt Ruth's children.

aLife
remembered
Zola B. Taylor

Born: Feb. 15, 1920
Died: May 19, 2006

Survivors: Her children, Nancy (Lowell) Harrington of Anchorage, Alaska; Bonnie (Lyle) Christensen of Heyburn; Charlotte (Raymond) Porter of LaVerkin, Utah; and Norman (Judy) Taylor of Rupert; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren; brothers, Blaine Barber, Jay Barber and Jim (Janet) Barber; and sisters, Arlean Rossar, Ione Erickson and Joyce Galley.



It was during this time that she met her life-long sweetheart Ernest Taylor. Ernest lived across the street from Zola's aunt Ruth and came over to bor-

row a bike one day when Zola was there. They started dating each other and by the time Zola was called to work at the arsenal, they were "going steady." The summer passed quickly and in August Ernest enlisted in the United States Navy. Before he left, however, the two were engaged to be married.

Zola worked at the arsenal during the more than three years Ernest was away at war. Ernest's father worked at the factory as well, and kept a careful watch over her, inviting her to family events and already making her part of the family.

Ernest returned home in December 1945 and two months later on Feb. 19, 1946, the couple married. After they were married, Zola became a homemaker and Ernest went to work at the arsenal and also on the family farm.

In 1956, they purchased an 80-acre farm near Rupert. The whole family worked together on the farm and home.

"Mom was a great example for us whether it was in keeping a beautiful home, preparing delicious meals, working out in the fields or setting and reaching goals," her daughter Nancy Darrington said.

Education was very important to Zola and she always pushed her children to do well in school. Likewise, Zola loved to learn and try new things, spending much of her spare time on crafts and handwork.

Each of her grandchildren received a crocheted afghan when they graduated from high school and new granddaughters were welcomed with her handmade quilts. Before her passing she had made 16 afghans to be given to her future great-grandchildren.

When the couple retired in 1978, they enjoyed traveling, sometimes taking day trips or extended vacations to other states. A favorite trip was a six-week excursion to Alaska with Ernest's sisters and their spouses. Family was always very important to both of them

and many of their trips were for birthday celebrations, baptisms and weddings of family members.

Ernest's health began to fail in 2000 and soon he had to move into the extended-care facility at Mindloka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Zola made regular visits to him, sometimes twice a day, until her own health began to make the outings difficult. If she were a little late on a given day, Ernest would be asking for her.

In January, Zola was diagnosed with acute leukemia. True to her selfless nature, her concern was not with herself, but with Ernest. She worried that she might not be there for him in his last days.

"This was not the case however, as he passed away in March, just a month after the couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary."

Zola had always endeavored to be a strong example. She had said, "We had to live up to mom's standards and we turned out pretty good."

"Even in her last days Mom never complained," her daughter Sharlene Porter said. "She was an example of strength to the very end."

WORLD

Baluchistan stands ready to defend Iran

Editor's Note — Associated Press correspondent Kathy Gannon is exploring Iran's relationships with its neighbors in an uneasy and often volatile region. In this report, she reports on the view of Pakistan.

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press writer

QUETTA, Pakistan — The look and rhetoric are pure Iran. On the wall hangs a portrait of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, and the robed and turbaned speaker is a powerful Shiite Muslim leader.

America? "The mother of all evils," says Ghorband Ali Tawassuly in an interview, sitting beneath the late Iranian revolutionary's picture.

What if America attacks Iran? "God forbid," he replies. And if Iran's leader sends an order to Tawassuly and his men to rise up? "We will obey."

However, this is not Iran but Pakistan, specifically its rugged, violence-wracked province of Baluchistan, where discontent with the central government 900 miles away in Islamabad feeds a long-running guerrilla war that some fear could get a lot of worse if the United States should attack Iran's nuclear facilities.

Tawassuly, who lives in a high-gated home in Quetta, Baluchistan's dusty capital, is the leader of Tehrik-e-Istehlaq, which claims to represent Pakistan's 25-percent Shiite-Muslim minority and was outlawed by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf three years ago.

He's not alone in warning of an explosive response to any attack on Iran. In Islamabad, retired army chief of staff Gen. Mirza Aslam Beg says, "If Iran is attacked it won't be like Afghanistan. Here in Pakistan there will be a reaction. It will be very different this time around. Overnight there will be 50,000 more jihadis created."

Iran, which has a 545-mile border with Baluchistan, is fanning the insurgency with money and radio propaganda to keep Musharraf's government "preoccupied" and deny the United States a base from which to prod and possibly attack Iran, say experts in Islamabad and residents of the Montana-sized province of 6.5 million people.

"In Baluchistan now, everyone is active including the Iranians," says Tanvir Ahmed, who was Pakistan's ambassador to Iran between 1987 and 1989. "The Iranians have kept the lines open to the big sardars (tribal leaders), and even though they are not particularly fond of them they have supported them. They have a tacit understanding that their brand of Baluch enemy India, will be kept to their side of the border. Tehran is keeping a finger in every pie."

Those fingers were evident when an Associated Press reporter visited the border town of Tufan. According to Barakat Ali, a security officer, it took only an hour for phone calls to start coming from Tehran asking "Who is the American asking questions? Why was she there?"

The Iranian government has intelligence agents inside Pakistan and among the traders operating at the border. Ali said, "Their intelligence is very good."

At the government-funded Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Dr. Perwaiz Iqbal Cheema says Iran, along with longtime enemy India, are the "foreign hands" the government claims are firing up insurgents in Baluchistan.

"We are Iran's strategic backyard," he says. "They care what happens here."

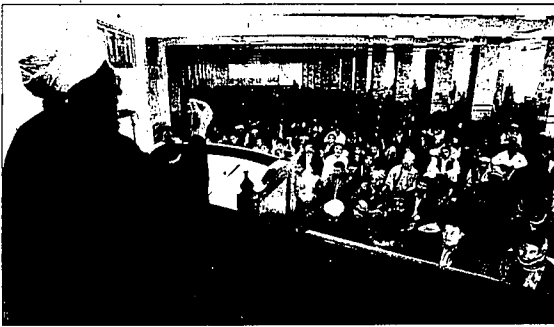
Suspicion of American intentions runs high in Baluchistan.

Iran also has a Baluch province, and the United States has an eye on it, says Mohammed Saseel, deputy secretary general of the Baluch National Movement who lives on the border with Iran.

"We think that the Americans want to use our land against Iran and to train Iranian Baluch to use them against Iran," he said.

"The Baluch in Iran are deprived. They are among the poorest and the government in Tehran is like a dictatorship and the Americans are thinking to incite the Baluch in Iran to use them against Tehran. America, step by step, is trying to put pressure on Iran," said Saseel.

Baluchistan also has a long border with Afghanistan, and during the 2001 Afghanistan



invasion, the United States used the airport at Dalbandin to give its forces logistical support. The airport, about 170 miles from Iranian territory, is still closed to civilian air traffic.

The long Pakistan-Iran border is wide open to smugglers, despite Pakistani officials' insistence to the contrary. Contraband Iranian gasoline outstrips the official Pakistani supply, selling at less than half the official price of around \$3.80 a gallon. Drugs, guns and people are also smuggled across this border.

But beyond everyday commerce, legal or illegal, Pakistan's relationship with Iran is complex and often contradictory. On the one hand, Beg and Ahmed both talk about Iranian efforts to acquire Pakistani nuclear weapons technology. On the other hand, they say many in the Pakistani military have never forgiven Iran for opposing the Taliban in Afghanistan when it was allied with Pakistan.

S.M. Rahman, secretary general of FRIENDS, Beg's private-run think tank, says "Even

though the relations between Iran and Pakistan are seemingly cordial, beneath the surface there is a mistrust.

One big reason is natural gas. It is one of the forces stoking the internal Baluchistan insurgency. Baluch gas fills more than 40 percent of Pakistan's needs but the royalties paid to Baluchistan are low and have barely risen since they were set in 1952, the year the gas field was discovered. The sardars want a royalty hike.

Gas is also a key to the future relationship with Tehran. Iran is pushing to build a 1,730-mile, \$4.6 billion

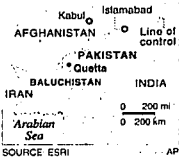
pipeline from its oil fields at Asaluyah to Pakistan and India, and is facing U.S. resistance because Washington doesn't want its two South Asian allies to be dependent on Iranian energy.

It's part of a bigger shift by Iran, eastward and away from Europe's oil markets, said Dr. Hadi Semati, public policy scholar at the U.S.-based Woodrow Wilson Center on leave from Tehran University.

"Iran is looking to the east in general in its policy, that is China, India," he said, "and in that direction Pakistan is crucial."

Rebellious province

Pakistan military's struggle against Baluch rebels has taken resources away from its fight against the Taliban and al-Qaida along the Afghan border.



Pakistani Shiite leader Allama Hajji Ghorband Ali Tawassuly addresses Shiite Muslims at a mosque in Quetta, Pakistan, on Feb. 3. Tawassuly called the United States "the mother of all evils," and saying that if America attacks Iran, his people will rebel.

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Extremists target Iraqi athletes for wearing shorts; politicians bicker over security jobs

By Kim Gamm
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iraqi tennis coach and two of his players were shot to death this week in Baghdad because they were wearing shorts, authorities said Saturday, reporting the latest in a series of recent attacks attributed to Islamic extremists.

A U.S. Marine AH-1 Cobra helicopter, meanwhile, crashed Saturday and its two crew members were missing in Anbar province, a volatile area west of the capital where insurgents are active. Hostile fire was not suspected as the cause of the crash, the U.S. military said.

In the Baghdad incident, gunmen stopped a car carrying the Sunni Arab coach and two Shiite players, asked them to step out and then shot them, said Manham Kubba secretary-general of the Iraqi Tennis Union.

"Extremists had distributed leaflets warning people in the mostly Sunni neighborhoods of Sadiyah and Ghazaliyah warning people not to wear shorts, police said."

"Wearing shorts by youth are prohibited because it violates the principals of Islamic religion when showing forbidden parts of the body. Also women should wear the veil," the

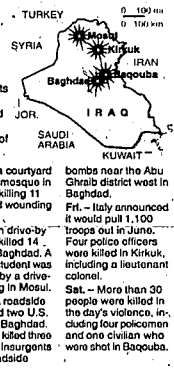
THE WEEK IN IRAQ Key security posts remain vacant

Politicians struggled to agree on candidates for vacant security posts Saturday, a week after Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki appointed dozens to government positions. The posts were filled because of sectarian disagreements.

Sun. — A suicide bomber killed at least 13 people at a Baghdad restaurant popular with police. Three of the dead were police officers.

Mon. — British Prime Minister Tony Blair agreed with Iraq's new leaders that security forces would start assuming full responsibility for some areas next month.

Tue. — A bomb went off in a motorcycle



bombs near the Abu Ghraib district west in Baghdad. F.R. — Italy announced it would pull 1,100 troops out in June. Four police officers were killed in Kirkuk, including a lieutenant colonel. Sat. — More than 30 people were killed in the day's violence, including four policemen and one civilian who were shot in Baghdad.

of the body, so the acts that are targeting the sport are criminal," he said.

"It was the second incident involving athletes in just over a week. Fifteen members of a taekwondo team were kidnapped in western Iraq while driving to a training camp in neighboring Jordan on May 17.

More than 30 people were killed in attacks across Iraq on

Saturday, including four who died when a bomb in a parked car exploded near a busy bus station in southern Baghdad.

Seven people also were wounded in the blast, which bloodied passers-by and damaged a local restaurant.

"The Marine helicopter went down while on a maintenance test flight and search and rescue efforts were under way for the missing crew members, the U.S. command said in a statement.

"We are using all the resources available to find our missing comrades," said a Marine spokesman. Lt. Col. Bryan Salas.

The U.S. military also reported that a Marine was killed Friday by "enemy action" in Anbar province. The death raised to at least 2,466 the number of U.S. military personnel who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Iraqi politicians continued to bicker over candidates for the key defense and interior ministry posts, leaving Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government incomplete a week after it assumed office.

"We hope the agreement will be reached within two or three days," Sunni politician Adnan al-Dulaimi told reporters. "I think that to linger and take

some time in choosing the ministers is better than rushing into it."

Filling the two posts is a contentious matter, especially after the recent surge in sectarian violence.

Political parties have agreed that a Sunni will head the Defense Ministry, which controls the army, and a Shiite will run the Interior Ministry, which oversees police forces. But they are struggling to find a consensus on who should get the jobs.

A senior Iranian official visited Iraq's Shiite holy cities of Karbala and Najaf, where he met with Shiite spiritual leader Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani and radical anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki, who was wrapping up the second high-level visit by an Iranian delegation since the ouster of Saddam Hussein three years ago, praised al-Sistani for his efforts to maintain unity in Iraq amid rising sectarian tensions.

Mottaki's trip to the southern cities after meeting with Iraqi leaders in Baghdad on Friday highlighted the warming ties between the two countries, both of which have Shiite majorities. Saddam's regime was dominated by Sunnis, and Iraqi Shiites were repressed during his reign.

Report: More than 2 million children have HIV

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press writer

"UNITED NATIONS — More than 2 million children under the age of 15 are living with HIV, almost all in sub-Saharan Africa where there is no access to treatment and death almost certain," seven-leading child advocacy organizations said.

"We are falling children," said Dean Hirsch, chairman of the Global Movement for Children, which issued an urgent appeal to governments, donors and the pharmaceutical industry to recognize a child's right to treatment as fundamental.

The movement, made up of seven organizations, released a report Friday that painted a grim picture of the impact of the disease on children: 700,000 children were infected with the HIV virus in 2005, bringing the total to 2.3 million, and 570,000 died of AIDS — one every minute.

"Less than 5 percent of HIV-positive children have access to the pediatric AIDS treatment they desperately need, the report said.

"The deaths of these children are not inevitable," said Hirsch, president of World Vision International, a Christian relief organization. "An HIV positive child can

respond to anti-retroviral treatment. So let's deliver on the promise — the promise of treatment for all by 2010."

Last year, world leaders at the U.N. summit and leaders of the seven richest industrialized nations and Russia pledged to come as close as possible to universal treatment by the end of the decade.

For this to happen, the report said special efforts must be made for children. The first step is providing drugs to pregnant women with HIV to prevent mother-to-child transmission — the way 90 percent of children with HIV became infected. Youngsters with the virus must also be given antibiotics and anti-retroviral drugs, it said.

"Without treatment, most children with HIV will die before their fifth birthday," the report said.

"Children are the missing face of the AIDS pandemic," said Ann Veneman, executive director of U.N. children's agency, lamenting that in the 25 years since AIDS started spreading around the globe, the world has looked at it primarily as a disease of adults.

The UNICEF executive director urged world leaders to keep their commitment to a massive scaling up of HIV prevention, treatment and care.

Millions of children "have watched their worlds shatter around them because of this disease, losing parents, teachers, a sense of security and hope for the future," Veneman said.

She called for simple diagnostic tests for young children, more and cheaper anti-retroviral drugs designed specifically for children to use, and improved health care systems in developing countries.

Charles McCormack, president and CEO of Save the Children USA, said the percentage of girls and young women of childbearing age with HIV is increasing, and therefore the risk of mother-to-child transmission is increasing even though effective and affordable treatments have been available for the past 15 years.

African governments pledged to spend 15 percent of their national budgets on public health systems but "less than one-third of those countries have achieved that goal," McCormack said. The Group of Eight also pledged significant increases in their funding for public health "and to date those pledges haven't been entirely kept either," he said.

"So we suffer this tragedy of hundreds of thousands of unnecessary child deaths each

year because we have not found a way to make the investments and deliver the health facilities to those in greatest need," McCormack said.

Veneman said a new AIDS

report to be released Tuesday — the one of the U.N. General Assembly Special Session on AIDS — will show that investing in AIDS treatment and testing is paying off in some areas with lower prevalence rates.

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WORLD

In world of taekwondo, there is only one Korea

Martial arts fans hope to heal peninsula's rift

By Burt Herman
Associated Press writer

PYONGYANG, North Korea — With a smile and strong hands, Korean-American taekwondo grandmaster Woo Jin Jung shatters bricks and pine boards in hopes of breaking another solid barrier — the 53 years of division between North and South on the Korean peninsula.

None is immune to his unusual charms.

In this normally tightly regimented city, Jung even convinced the prim North Korean announcer, wearing a bright green hanbok dress, to chop a board in two for the crowd watching his demonstration. "Female or male, old people and young, black or white, it doesn't matter — we're just all wishing for unification," Jung, 64, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, told the audience.

Just as the U.S. and China drew closer together through "pingpong diplomacy" in the 1970s, Jung and his delegation of martial arts practitioners hope their taekwondo diplomacy can help resolve the Koreas' equally intransigent stalemate.

"Pingpong helped the USA and China have a relationship. Taekwondo will do the same to reconcile North and South," said Jun Lee, 45, another Korean-American taekwondo grandmaster, who traveled to North Korea from Raleigh, N.C.

Even taekwondo itself has fallen victim to the hostility between the communist North, and capitalist South. Rival factions in the two Koreas pledge allegiance to different sports bodies that disagree about the sport's origins.

Jung's trip to the North was part of a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the International Taekwondo Federation, or ITF, which was founded in Seoul, South Korea, in 1966 by South Korean Gen. Choi Hong-hi.

But Choi's differences with South Korea's military regime caused him to emigrate to Canada. Then, in 1980, he brought the sport to North Korea as part of the ITF. After his death in 2002, Choi was buried in a North Korean cemetery for national heroes.

South Korea founded a new taekwondo association in 1973 — the World Taekwondo Federation, or WTF — which is now recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the sport's official body.

Taekwondo coalesced centuries of Korean martial arts into a system in the mid-20th century. The ITF insists it was Choi who gave the sport its name, but the WTF claims the origin is unclear.

Over the years, ITF adherents were branded as pro-communists and spies. Some who followed Choi's teachings were forced to leave South Korea.

But in Pyongyang this month, the talk of the rival sports bodies fell by the wayside as the visitors used their fists and feet to break down prejudices and bring people together.

With cries of "Tongil!" — meaning "unification" — the black belts broke boards at the Demilitarized Zone tourist sites and for a crowd of some 2,400 during the May 18 celebration at the Taekwondo Palace in Pyongyang.

The North Korea taekwondo demonstration team drew hearty laughter and cheers from the initially reserved crowd by performing a series of skits, in which female black belts used aerobicic kicks and punches to repel men acting as attackers. One male athlete performed a leaping kick over a three-person-high human pyramid to split a board — and still land on his feet.

Clubs broke boards, bricks and tiles with bare hands and feet, sending dust and debris flying to the amazed ooohs and aahs of the audience.

The international delegation said it had asked the South Korea-based WTF to join the event, but WTF Secretary-General Moon Dong-hoo said his group hadn't received any official invitation.



Hwang Pong Yong, North Korean Martial Arts Federation president, breaks a board bearing a map of the divided Korean peninsula during a taekwondo demonstration May 18 in Pyongyang, North Korea.

At the urging of the IOC, the WTF has held several meetings with the North Korea ITF representatives about unifying the sport, but no concrete agreements have been made.

The ITF opened an office in South Korea in December and about 27 delegates from there also traveled to North Korea to join the celebration.

"It's very sad because taekwondo is divided in the two countries, but we do have hope to reunify — which will help to eventually reunify Korea," said Hwang Pong Yong, president of the North's Korean Martial Arts Federation.

Jung, who now runs 45 martial arts schools and eight fitness centers in the United States, was born in 1942 into a farming family in the now-South Korean city of Ulsan.

He started learning martial arts because he was bullied at school. Becoming a black belt in just 14 months, his taekwondo skills helped him stand out

during his military service, where a stint on patrol at the DMZ convinced him of the need to work toward Korea's reunification.

Jung emigrated to the United States in 1971 and opened his first taekwondo academy in 1973. Over the years he has trained about 4,300 black belts, and publishes a magazine, *The Kwon Do Times*. He has visited North Korea eight times since 1992 as part of his reconciliation efforts.

"I'm not South or North, I'm Korean," he said.

During a visit to the Mangyongdae Children's Palace in Pyongyang, the youths put on a music and acrobatics extravaganza with a grand finale in front of a backdrop picturing the entire Korean peninsula and all the performers singing, "We are one."

"The children are saying 'unification. What are we doing?'" Jung asked.

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On Poland trip, Pope gives hope for John Paul sainthood

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press writer

KRAKOW, Poland — Pope Benedict XVI, making semi-annual stops in his predecessor's homeland, brought joy to Poles by announcing that he hopes John Paul II will be made a saint "in the near future."

The presence of a boyhood friend of the late pontiff touched another memory — the painful history of Poland's Jews.

Benedict's visit Saturday to John Paul's birthplace Wadowice, once home to a flourishing Jewish community, came a day before the German pope visits the Auschwitz death camp. Benedict has acknowledged he was forced to join the Hitler Youth as a teenager.

The stop to the infamous death camp was not originally planned, papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said Saturday.

"But the pope said 'I want to go, I have to go,'" Navarro-Valls said.

Late Saturday, Benedict addressed more than 600,000 pilgrims — many of them young people — on the spacious, grassy Blonia Common where he will lead Mass Sunday and urged them not to be discouraged by creeping secularism.

"Often, Jesus is ignored, he is mocked and he is declared a king of the past who is not for today and certainly not for tomorrow," Benedict said. "A strong faith must endure tests. A living faith must always grow."

The vast crowd swayed and sang, holding candles in the twilight.

"Stay with us Stay with us!" they chanted to Benedict, who blessed them with the sign of the cross.

Earlier, Benedict, referring to John Paul as "my great predecessor," expressed the hopes where John Paul lived as a child and the church where he served as an altar boy.

In the packed square outside the immaculate Conception Basilica sat Jerzy Kluger, a Jew who has lived in Rome for decades and is one of the last of John Paul's old cronies still living.

"Pope Benedict knows what he's doing, and John Paul II also knew what he was doing when he named Cardinal Ratzinger, today's Benedict," Kluger told The Associated Press. However, the fact that Benedict is German has no meaning here. His nationality plays no role.

During a 1999 visit, John Paul reminisced about his Jewish homeland — the family recently sold the home in a Polish businessman — and lamented that so many Jews had been killed during the Nazi occupation, taken to the Auschwitz camp about 20 miles from Wadowice.

"It's good that the pope will go there," Kluger said. "The visit to Auschwitz is a question of responsibility."

Nearly 1.5 million people, most of them Jews, were killed by the Nazis at Auschwitz. It will be Benedict's third visit to the death camp, including

WHO puts bird flu drug stockpile on alert

KUBU SIMBELANG, Indonesia (AP) — The World Health Organization put the maker of the global stockpile of the anti-bird flu drug Tamiflu on alert for the first time after human-to-human transmission was suspected in Indonesia, officials said Saturday.

The organization said that a precautionary 9,500 treatment doses from a separate WHO reserve, along with protective gear, were flown into Indonesia on Friday, but the shipment was not expected to be followed by movement of the global stockpile.

"We have no intention of shipping that stockpile," WHO spokesman Dick Thompson said.

An Indonesian health official, meanwhile, said tests had confirmed five more cases of bird flu, three of them fatal.

One of those cases was of a 32-year-old man who on Monday became the last fatality in a human cluster in Kubu Simbelang, a village of about 1,500 people in North Sumatra.

accompanying John Paul in 1979, but his first as pope.

Benedict, who deserted from the German army in the waning days of World War II, will say a prayer in German — his only public use of his native tongue during his Polish pilgrimage.

While John Paul and Benedict have played key roles in improving Roman Catholic-Jewish relations, some in Poland's small Jewish community expressed disappointment that Benedict did not stop as he drove in from

Warsaw's airport to bless 30 elderly Catholic Poles honored by Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial for saving Jewish lives.

The group had gathered at the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising monument, together with the Israeli ambassador. The pope clasped his hands and nodded to the group, but the car kept moving.

"He should at least have gotten out of his popemobile and taken those few steps," said Anna Kornecka, who saved two Jews in a ghetto in Vilnius,

which was then part of Poland. Jerzy Kozminski, honored for saving 26 Jews, said that "as a German and pope, Benedict could have done something. At Auschwitz he will have to make some gesture because the whole world will be watching," Benedict's encouraging remark on sainthood — an addition to his prepared text — generated a roar of applause from the 15,000 people gathered at a shrine outside Krakow.

Honoring John Paul is a major theme of Benedict's

four-day trip to Poland, where the cause of John Paul's sainthood is extremely popular.

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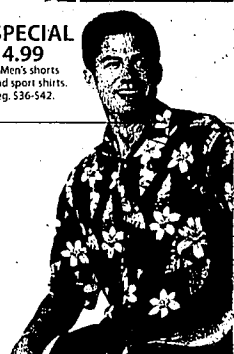
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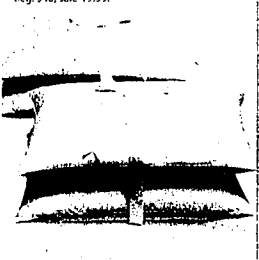


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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Lowered graduation bar did students no favors

Thousands of high school graduates around Idaho clutched their diplomas this week, signifying an end to 13 years of hard-earned public education.

Our view: State and local school officials have worked to do in lifting high school graduation standards.

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

In the Twin Falls School District, 58 students or 15 percent of the Class of 2006, graduated with a 2.0 grade point average or lower.

The Class of 2006 was also the first one required to pass the Idaho Standard Achievement Test (ISAT) in order to graduate.

Five years ago, the State Board of Education suggested a plan for a three-tiered diploma system. Those who exceeded both, would earn a seal of distinction on the diploma.

The idea failed because critics panned the double standard. A differentiated diploma says one student doesn't need to prepare as much as the other.

Perhaps, but today's alternative is far worse. Idaho is rewarding low achievers with the same diploma distinction as its best students.

Idaho standards should tell graduates they have met high standards, not mediocre. Unless those standards change, we're telling kids a lie about their educational preparedness.

To make that goal valid, however, the ISAT and its notion of "proficiency" should make more strides toward college preparedness.



Same Al Gore, different day

Al Gore's a lucky man. As we speak, his facade is being added to Mt. Huffington, that virtual Reston of Great Men.

JONAH GOLDBERG

But more important, he's a new Al Gore! — more relaxed, more passionate, more this, more that.

In a recent write-up of Gore's visit to the Cannes Film Festival to promote his new film on global warming, which premiered Wednesday in Los Angeles, Huffington hailed the "new Gore" as the "hottest star in town," beating out Bruce Willis and Tom Hanks.

who can intelligently discuss Sartre's "La Nausie" and Camus' "Betwixt and Between" in apparently pitch-perfect French still can't earn a B in French class.

And, of course, his fame as an environmental crusader is his greatest attribute among the liberal cognoscenti. Yet there were hundreds of stories about how Al Gore was a new Al Gore in 2000.

The truth is that there's always been just one Al Gore, a man betwixt and between his head and his heart, wanting to be both nerd-philosopher and poet-warrior — and coming up short on both counts.

The Democratic standard-bearer, Al Gore, the perceived inevitability of the Hillary nomination to "some Japanese epic film where everyone sees the disaster coming in the third reel but no one can figure out what to do about it."

The New York Times noted that in "Campaign '02, there is a new Al Gore — crisper, animated, more to the point, leavened with a bit of impish humor."

Though according to David Marans' biography of Gore, the former vice president's 15th summer was spent working at the family firm.

It's reminiscent of another existential play, originally written in French, so no one doubt knows it well.

It inspired me to think God we have young men and women such as Cpl. Travis Greene at Twin Falls to take the risk to continue to protect the rights of all Americans.

Apparently, Poppa Gore thought a boy who couldn't both plow a field and parlez French existentialism could never be president either.

That's the reason behind the Gore boomlet extends beyond the Hillary angst.

God bless Cpl. Greene and his family and all men and women in uniform.

Need for community event center won't disappear I was gratified to see the county hospital question pass with such a resounding endorsement from the voters.

LETTER Write to us The Times-News welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest.

Drug addiction cannot be compared to cancer Regarding Robin Curtis' (Buzzer) letter, "Drug addiction no different than cancer,"

Plunging birthrates rattle economies

Russian President Vladimir Putin has inadvertently spotlighted one of today's momentous mysteries: collapsing birthrates in industrialized countries. Putin proposed that Russia pay women to have children to remedy a "critical" population outlook.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Actually, he might have said "desperate." In 2000, Russia's population totaled almost 147 million; Putin says it's declining by 700,000 a year. With plausible assumptions, the U.S. Census Bureau projects it at 111 million in 2050. The median age of the population above 18 would be almost 50, up from 38 now. Could this Russia maintain a strong economy, national optimism or a capable military? Russia's case, though extreme, isn't isolated. There's no more population "explosion." In wealthier countries, motherhood is going out of style and plunging birthrates portend population loss. This is a hugely significant development, even if we don't fully understand the causes — 30 years ago experts didn't predict it — or consequences. One way or another, the side

effects will be massive for economies, politics and people's well-being. Indeed, they may already have started. Is it a coincidence that Germany and Italy, two countries on the edge of population decline, are so troubled?

First, some facts. On average, women must have two children for a society to replace itself. The number of children per woman is called the "total fertility rate," or TFR. Here are the estimated 2005 TFRs for some major countries: Germany, 1.4; Greece, 1.3; Italy, 1.3; Japan, 1.4; Spain, 1.3; and Russia, 1.3. Low fertility rates don't instantly lead to population declines. They can be offset by immigration, longer life expectancies and greater numbers of young mothers. But ultimately, low fertility rates suggest falling populations. The table below

compares the 2005 populations (in millions) for four countries with the Census Bureau projections for 2050.

	2005	2050
Germany	82.4 (mill.)	73.6
Italy	59.1	54.4
Japan	127.4	99.9
Spain	40.3	35.6

"The forthcoming and dramatic depopulation of Europe and Japan will cause many problems," writes Ben Wattenberg in "Fewer," his excellent book on the subject. "Populations will age, the customer base (for businesses) will shrink, (there will be labor shortages, the tax base will decline, pensions will be cut, retirement ages will increase." All plausible.

In 2000, one in six people in Germany and Japan were 65 or older; by 2050, the projections are for one in three. Of course, projections go wrong. But they could as easily underpredict population loss as overpredict (indeed, these projections already assume a significant recovery of fertility rates).

Up to a point, we understand plunging fertility rates. Wattenberg reviews the usual suspects: improved incomes; health and life expectancies

(as more children survive, parents have fewer babies); growing urbanization (families need fewer children to work the fields); women's access to education and jobs; contraception; later and fewer marriages; more divorces. But our understanding is only partial, because there's one big exception to low fertility rates: the United States.

American fertility is roughly at the replacement rate, 2.1 children per woman. Nor does the U.S. rate merely reflect, as some think, a higher rate among Hispanic Americans. The fertility rate is 1.9 for non-Hispanic whites and about 2 for African-Americans, reports demographer Nicholas Eberstadt of the American Enterprise Institute.

What explains the American exception? Eberstadt cites three differences with Europe and most other advanced countries: greater optimism, greater patriotism and

stronger religious values.

There's supporting evidence. A survey by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago asked respondents in 33 countries to react to this statement: "I would rather be a citizen of (my country) than of any other." Among Americans, 75 percent "strongly" agreed; among Germans, the French and Spanish, comparable responses were 21, 34 and 21 percent, respectively.

Children are now usually a conscious choice — whereas they were once considered economic necessities or religious obligations. Somewhat American society better mixes child rearing and jobs than other societies that provide greater child subsidies (government day care, family allowances).

Indeed, generous welfare states may discourage having children. A study by economists at the University of

Minnesota found that high Social Security payments and payroll taxes are associated with low fertility rates. People may feel they don't need children to care for them in old age. Or high taxes and poor economies may deter young people from starting families.

No one knows. Among experts, there is much skepticism that Putin-like economic incentives will allow revive fertility rates. By not having children, people are voting against the future — their countries' and, perhaps, their own. It is easy to imagine the sacrifices and disappointments of raising children. It is hard, try as people might, to imagine the intense joys and selfish pleasures.

People ignore Adam Smith's keen insight: "The chief part of human happiness arises from the consciousness of being beloved."

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

Immigration opposition grows stronger

This Memorial Day finds the nation's capital consumed by the issue of immigration — a topic that reaches as deep into our history and values as any that could occupy our holiday thoughts. The debate that unfolded in the Senate over the past two weeks tested notions of sovereignty, explored questions of national character, measured our idealism and tolerance — and carried major political implications for both parties and for America's relationships with its neighbors.



DAVID BRODER

It is a worthy subject and, for the most part, was worthily explored, with almost all the lawmakers acknowledging the difficulty of the choices and the need for action.

Now the issue moves to another arena — one where the level of public scrutiny is much less and the opportunity for mischief-making much greater. At some point soon, the House and Senate will be expected to name conferees to negotiate the vast differences between the bills passed by the two chambers. The chances of roadblocks being thrown in the path are abundant.

Congressional history is rich with examples of strong-willed senators and representatives battling fiercely over the final terms of legislation. These conference committee sessions can be long and brutal, and policy differences are compounded by the institutional jealousies involved. Veterans of Capitol Hill will tell you of conferences where the rivals almost came to blows over custody of the papers containing the final agreements.

Since 1995, when Republicans took control of both sides of the Capitol, the negotiating sessions often have been confined to GOP senators and representatives, with the Democrats locked out

along with the press.

That arrangement has been reinforced by the "Hastert doctrine," the policy formally articulated by House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert that he will bring to the floor only bills that are supported by the majority of the Republican caucus. Because of that policy, bipartisan coalitions have become rarities in the House. The emphasis now is entirely on shaping bills in conference that most House Republicans can embrace.

In the case of the immigration bill, that may well spell doom for the kind of broad-based, comprehensive approach endorsed by President Bush and embodied in the Senate version. Conservatives in the House — and Hastert's top lieutenants — have staked out a position calling for immediate major steps to close the border with Mexico. As Bush requested, the Senate bill would link the tighter border enforcement to a new guest worker program, allowing immigrants to come in legally for a time to work in the U.S., and create a procedure that permits long-term illegal immigrants to pay a fine and back taxes, learn English and then apply for citizenship.

An odd thing has happened. While the Senate was debating immigration and moving to give the president most of what he wants, the attitude of House Republicans has stiffened. If anything, more of them seem more determined

than they were a month ago to shut the border — and do nothing else. They believe the public is with them.

Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, a former chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, the campaign arm of the House GOP, is symptomatic of the shift. A few months ago, Davis, who represents the affluent Washington, D.C., suburb of Fairfax County, was decrying fellow Republican Jerry Kilgore's tactic in attempting to use anti-illegal immigrant sentiment as a wedge issue in his losing campaign for governor.

Last week, Davis said that even his highly educated and financially comfortable constituents favor the House approach more than the Senate's.

"They want a tough bill," he said, adding that immigration has become a "hot issue" for more than "the hard-right."

As a campaign strategist, Davis said, he fears that an impasse over immigration "certainly doesn't help the Republican Congress." With voters already frustrated over Iraq, gasoline prices, and scandals in Washington, the climate for the midterm election is grim. "We need to change things, or it's going to be a long election night," Davis said.

For that reason, he threw out several hints that he hoped Hastert would bend his rule — and open the way for the House to "work its will" on immigration with a coalition of most Democrats and a minority of Republicans. But with Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and the principal author of the House bill, likely to lead the House negotiators, it's doubtful Davis will get his wish. And it's doubtful that Bush will get his bill.

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Some Mexican migrants ride bicycles into the U.S.

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press writer

SONOYTA, Mexico — Many illegal immigrants no longer hike. They bike.
The 110-degree heat and rough terrain of the Arizona desert would exhaust the fittest of cyclists, but these migrants are often middle-aged housewives or farmers, riding battered second-hand bikes for 30 or 40 miles.

The bikes also carry their supplies and belongings, so if rocks or cactus spines shred the tires, they get off and push. The prize? A chance at a low-wage job.

"We've seen them going by on bicycles right by our offices ... in whole groups," said Mario Lopez, an agent for Mexico's Gran Bretaña migrant aid agency, whose offices sit just a few hundred yards from the border. "They're usually old bikes because they're going to abandon them anyway."

Most start their trip in Sonoyta, a Mexican border town where the bikes are sold for \$30 in a dusty, vacant lot a few blocks from the chest-high, three-rail fence that marks the U.S. border. The fence has prevented vehicles from driving across into the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, but migrants can easily toss a bike over and slip through the rails.

From there, it's a brutal ride over Organ Pipe's hard-packed terrain. Though the park prohibits off-road biking, sets of fresh mountain-bike tracks can be seen running down its foot trails, and the National Park Service often finds abandoned bikes with crumpled wheels and water bottles hanging off the handlebars.

Fred Patton, the park's chief ranger, says "hundreds and hundreds" of migrants bike through the park. No count is kept and he can't be precise, but he provides pictures of abandoned bikes. "It's a relatively common means of transport," he said.

The aid group Iltuance borders, which comb the Arizona desert for migrants needing help, says it often stumbles across abandoned bikes, their tires flat.

Many migrants simply ditch the bikes when they get to a prearranged meeting point, where a smuggler is waiting with a vehicle to whisk them away to a nearby city.

Some 500 deaths were reported last year of migrants who succumbed to heat and thirst while trying to cross the desert on foot. No evidence has turned up on cyclists suffering the same fate.

The off-road course proved too grueling for Alejandra Valenzuela, 27, who fell behind with another woman.

"It was ugly, it was horrible," she said. "We were stuck in the park and nobody wanted to help us."

Valenzuela and the other migrant woman eventually reached a highway where they waited for the Border Patrol to

find them and send them back to Mexico.

While bicycles may ease the journey through the 500-square-mile park, the ride is not for the faint of heart.

"It's mostly impossible," Patton says.

But migrants don't fall into the faint-of-heart category.

"They tie their water and their possessions on top of the bikes, and just push them till the rims are square," said park ranger Viv Sartori.

Park port

Illegal immigrants are using bikes to enter the U.S. through a federal park in Arizona.



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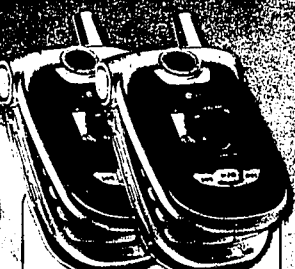
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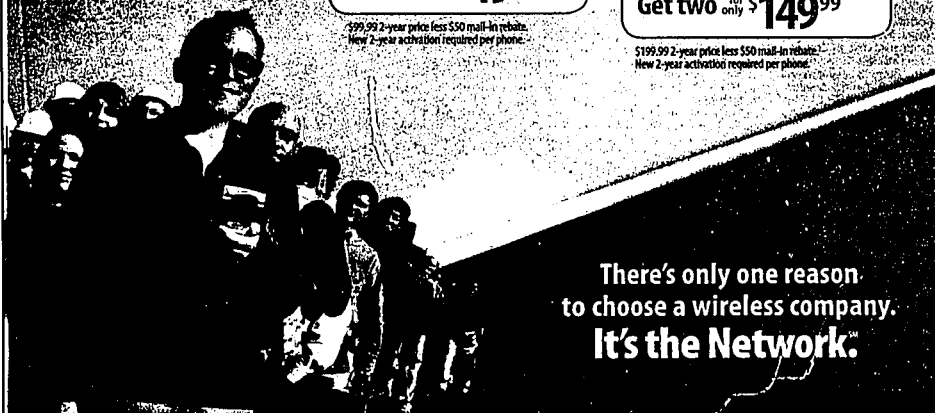
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East Timor rocked by violence

DILI, East Timor (AP) — Youths with machetes, slingshots and spears rampaged across East Timor's capital Saturday, attacking people, burning houses and deepening a crisis that has sent thousands fleeing in terror despite the deployment of foreign troops.

With chaos spreading, the United Nations said it would relocate employees' families and nonessential staff to Darwin, Australia.
The violence raised worries that one of the world's youngest nations is plunging into civil war seven years after its break from 24 years of repressive occupation by Indonesia.

Festering distrust between Timorese who supported independence and those who didn't fueled a months-long dispute between the military leadership and 600 Indonesian soldiers that exploded in this week's violence. The soldiers — nearly half the army — were fired in March after striking over complaints of poor working conditions and discrimination.



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SPORTS LETTERS

Krumm will serve Jerome HS well

Congratulations to Coach Gary Krumm for being named head football coach at Jerome High School.

I had the pleasure of coaching Gary for three years at Twin Falls High School, and he was a prominent team leader with Lars Hovey and lead the Bruins to a record 25-2 for the season for the Twin Falls High School baseball team. Gary was also an integral part of the success of the football and basketball teams at Twin Falls High School.

Please don't dwell on his misdeeds three years ago as he accepted full responsibility and has stayed the course in his passion to return to coaching young men.

Coach Krumm has always had a strong commitment to fundamentals, strong work ethics and a winning attitude. To Jerome fans and players: Rest assured that Coach Krumm will serve you well and will succeed in making your football program very competitive in the near future.

Best of luck.
RON WATSON
Twin Falls

Editor's note: Ron Watson coached at Twin Falls High School from 1966 to 1981 in basketball and baseball on both the sophomore and varsity levels before leaving to go into the business sector.

Soccer tournament was big success

Last weekend, the Twin Falls Soccer Association hosted the 2006 Idaho Youth Soccer Association President's Cup Tournament here in Twin Falls.

This landmark tournament marked the culmination of several years of hard work developing our new soccer complex and the beginning of a new era for the soccer youth of Magic Valley. Not only was the tournament a success with all those who participated but it made quite a positive economic impact on our local merchants, hotels and restaurants as well.

The success of the tournament can be directly attributed to the extreme commitment, perseverance and planning by all of those associated with the Twin Falls Soccer Association, the Idaho Youth Soccer Association and the various committees involved specifically with the tournament.

Mario

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started answering questions. "It's a great feeling, a feeling of relief, too, because this day is the worst in terms of pressure," Michael said afterward. "I know it was for me, so I can't imagine what it was like for him. I've been here a long time and it's still nerve-racking."

Only two other families, the Foys and the Vukovichs, have had three generations compete here. The Foys had four-time winner A.J., his son Larry and grandson A.J. IV, the Vukovichs

I could not be more proud of the tremendous job done by all of the members of the tournament committee, especially those of our tournament director, Barbara Bacon-Pavovic, and our volunteer coordinator, Jill Bevaqua. All of the fields used throughout the tournament were in excellent shape thanks to the hard work of Matt Crider, John Jacobson and many, many volunteers. Special thanks to Chris Clark and everyone who solicited advertising for making the tournament such a marketing success. Thank you to Teresa and Doug McCoy for their commitment of countless time, effort and resources. If not for them, the soccer complex would not be the reality that it is.

Even if you are not a soccer fan, just knowing that you live in the same community with the quality of people that are involved with local youth soccer should make you feel very good.

Lastly, thank you to all of the parents and players who dedicate so much to the game of soccer. After all, you are the reason that we attempt to "enhance children's lives" one goal at a time.

MARK GOODMAN

Twin Falls
Editor's note: Mark Goodman is the president of the Twin Falls Soccer Association.

Track coaches deserve praise

My grandson, Josh Allen, was a member of the Twin Falls High School track team this year, so I was allowed to go to the track team awards dinner and presentation Monday night, May 22.

The team had dedicated its season to honor Marine Cpl. Travis Greene, and it turned out to be inspirational to both the team and Travis. I thank you for the letter is to thank the Twin Falls track coaches for making this turned out so very well for everyone involved. They had to spend many sleepless nights worrying and working to make this come together — and it did.

I was very proud to be a spectator at the track meets this season and very humbled to see how it turned out for everyone at the awards presentation.

Thank you Twin Falls High School track and field.
EDDIE CHAPPELL
Twin Falls

had two-time winner Bill, son Bill Jr. and grandson Bill III. But neither patriarch was in the situation Mario finds himself in this weekend.

So what would Mario's preference be Sunday? That both do well and an Andrei winds up with the Borg-Warner Trophy. "Michael's coming back for some unfinished business and I think he's truly capable of putting this thing together," Mario said. "If I had a wish, I'd like to see Michael first and Marco second."

Morgan takes Senior PGA lead

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — Gil Morgan shot an even-par 71 in windy conditions on his home course Saturday to take a one-stroke lead in the Senior PGA Championship.

The 59-year-old Morgan had three birdies and three bogys on the Oak Tree course, but fared better than playing partners Peter Jacobsen and Brad Bryant to move closer to winning his first Champions Tour major since the 1998 Senior Players Championship.

Jacobsen, the second-round leader, shot a 75 and Bryant had a 72.

Morgan was at 6 under, one stroke ahead of Bryant. Jacobsen was tied with Loren Roberts (71) at 3 under.

Herron, Perince on top at St. Jude Classic

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tim Herron moved into position for his second straight PGA Tour victory, shooting a 2-under 68 for a share of the third-round lead with Tom Perince in the St. Jude Classic.

Herron, coming off a playoff victory last week in the Colonial, had a three-stroke lead to himself midway through the round with four birdies.

But he struggled with two bogys on the back nine, which helped Perince (68) to match him at 7-under 203.

Kris Cox shot a career-low 63 for a 204 total. Jay Delving, who



Gil Morgan watches his putt at the 15th green during the third round of the 67th Senior PGA Championship golf tournament, at Oak Tree Golf Club, in Edmond, Okla., Saturday. Morgan shot a 71 and takes a one-stroke lead into the final round.

set the course record with a 61 in 1993, shot a 66 and was tied with John Cook (67) at 205. Jeff Maggett (68) and Ryan Palfrey

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(69) were at 206. Darron Stiles, who led by two shots after 36 holes, struggled with a 77 and was tied for 18th.

Jang charges to CORNING Classic lead

CORNING, N.Y. — Women's British Open champion Jeong Jang shot a 6-under 66 to take the third-round lead in the LPGA Corning Classic.

Jang was at 15-under 201, three shots ahead of Brandie Burton (70), first-round co-leader Nancy Seranito (70), and Thai rookie Virada Nirap-athpongorn (71), who began the day one shot ahead. Hyeon Won Han (69) was another shot behind, and 2002 Corning champion Laura Diaz (67), rookie Morgan Pressell (68) and Kris Tamulis (69) were 10 under.

Howell leads BMW Championship

VIRGINIA WATER, England — England's David Howell birdied the last two holes for a 3-under 69 and a three-shot lead after the third round of the BMW Championship.

Howell had a 14-under 202 total on Wentworth's refurbished West Course. Spain's Miguel Angel Hernandez (65) was second, and Englishmen Paul Casey (68) and Simon Khan (70) were six shots behind the leader.

No Triple Crown, no buzz at Belmont

NEW YORK (AP) — The Belmont Stakes will be the 11th of 13 races at Belmont Park that day. Post time, 6:35 p.m.

The way the field for the final leg of the Triple Crown is shaping up, many more reminders may be necessary to keep sports fans interested: This Belmont will be different, for sure.

For just the third time in 36 years, neither the Kentucky Derby winner nor the Preakness winner will be in the race.

Derby winner Barbaro is competing in a hospital in Chester County, Pa., after shattering three bones in his leg at the start of the Preakness. Bernardini, who won the Preakness, will remain in his stall on Belmont day — his owner, Dubai's Sheikh Mohammed, decided to give the colt a breather.

Only a handful of Derby runners will be back for the Belmont after skipping the Preakness, while Sweetenorth-ernst would be the only horse to run in all three Triple Crown races — but he's no cinch to show up.

The unlikely set of circumstances adds up to a Belmont without buzz. No Triple Crown on the line; no rubber match

between the Derby and Preakness winners, no crowds of 100,000-plus.

Todd Metzger, looking for his first win in a Triple Crown race, trains Bluegrass Cat, Sunriver and High Cotton. He says the public may not be pumped, but the trainers are.

In six of the past nine years, fans flocked to Belmont in record numbers, hoping to witness history — the first Triple Crown champion since Affirmed in 1978. But each time, the Derby-Preakness winner fell short.

Silvers Charz lost by three-quarters of a length in 1997; Real Quiet by a nose the next year, and Charismatic finished third in 1999 after injuring his leg in the stretch. Then it was War Emblem stumbling at the start of the 2002 Belmont, Fanny Hide never taking to a wet track the following year and Smarty Jones being caught in the final strides two years ago, a result that left a record crowd of 120,139 in stunned disbelief.

When a Triple Crown is on the line, the crowds swell, averaging about 108,000 from 2002-2004. Last year, just 62,274 turned out to see Preakness winner Fleet Alex beat Derby winner Giacomo.

In 2000, the last time the Belmont was run without the Derby and Preakness winners, Commendable won in front of a crowd of 67,810.

A similar crowd would be welcome this time around.

The Derby and Preakness certainly have taken a toll on the participants this year. Only three of the 20 horses who ran in the Derby competed in the Preakness — Barbaro, Brother Decker and Sweetenorthernst.

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On May 17, over 50 area cyclists gathered at Rocks Cycling and Fitness in Burley to participate in the International 'Ride of Silence.' The event was used to raise awareness of and pay tribute to cyclists who have been injured or killed in collisions with motor vehicles. Recently, Kim Walton, a cyclist from Heyburn, was seriously injured in a collision with a vehicle at an intersection. The ride traveled through Cassia and Minidoka Counties with police escorts from both counties.

Carnells compete in Portland tourney



Jayce Carnell

Photo courtesy of BOB CARMELL/BRIT CAM BOXING

TWIN FALLS — The 2006 Idaho State Junior Olympic Tournament was held Saturday, May 6, with winners advancing to the Regional tournament in Portland, Ore., on May 20 and May 21.

Corbyn Carnell (10-years-old, Britt-Cam Boxing, Jerome, 65 pounds) lost a split decision to Omero Gallegos (nine-years-old, Caldwell) in a matched bout. Corbyn was unopposed in tournament competition and will advance to Portland.

Jayce Carnell (14-years-old, Britt-Cam Boxing, Jerome, 95 pounds) won a unanimous decision against Robert Carino, Jr. of Ft. Hall. Jayce Carnell also won Outstanding Boxer of the Night and also received the Best Bout award.



Jesse Carnell

Jesse Carnell (15-years-old, Britt-Cam Boxing, Jerome, 119 pounds) won a unanimous decision against Colt Stunks of Boise.

All three will advance to the Regional tournament in Portland.

Rapids compete in Pocatello



Twin Falls Rapids U-10 girls

Twin Falls Rapids U-10 boys

POCATELLO — The Twin Falls Rapids made a strong showing at the Friendship Cup Soccer Tour-

namment in Pocatello in May by winning the U-10 boys and girls divisions, as well as the U-12

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What to do if you meet a wolf

By Keith Ridler
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Thousands of vacationers in the West will likely see a wolf in the wild for the first time this summer, often from the road but sometimes while camping or hiking.

The federal government and state agencies that manage wolves have concise rules on what is legal in these encounters, and experts who study wolf behavior offer advice on how to handle what is likely to be an unforgettable experience.

"Wolves don't turn and run away immediately like we're used to with other animals," said Carolyn Sime, gray wolf program coordinator with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department. "The other thing that kind of makes it unnerving is the intense eyes. It's partly the color, and partly the intensity of the way they're looking at you."

Wolves nearly always blink first, experts say, but yelling will drive off a wolf as will pepper spray.

About 1,000 wolves in 140 packs live in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, steadily increasing since being reintroduced in Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho in 1995 and 1996.

"Even though they're fairly rare in nature, wolves are relatively visible compared to a lot of animals," said Ed Bangs, wolf recovery coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "There are a lot of them because these are big, large carnivores. But they seem abundant because they travel the same areas people do."

Bangs said one study found that more than 100,000 people see a wolf in Yellowstone National Park each year. For comparison, few people ever see one of the 31,000 cougars that inhabit the Western U.S.

Gray wolves have also been reintroduced along the Arizona-New Mexico border, beginning in 1991, but that population had fewer than 50 individuals at the end of 2005.

About 3,000 gray wolves in-

"Of all the things you have to worry about in life, wolves are probably on the bottom of the list. ... most people are like, 'Wow, was that cool or what?'"

— Ed Bangs, wolf recovery coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

habit northern Minnesota, and another 500 in Michigan and 500 in Wisconsin.

Male wolves average about 100 pounds and females slightly less. They often travel on roads, trails, creek bottoms and ridge tops. When resting, wolves like the same types of areas that draw humans.

"Because meadows are attractive to campers, you're likely to run into wolf activity," said Steve Nadeau, statewide large carnivore coordinator with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "Particularly if the meadow has game nearby — elk and deer."

Wolf experts say that centuries of mythology taints present day wolf-human interactions, and that wolves tend to avoid humans.

"If you're walking on a dark trail at midnight and you turn a corner and come across a pack of 20 wolves, enjoy them," said Bangs. "Because they'll be gone in a few seconds."

But wolves might not vanish so quickly if a hiker has a dog along. Northern Rockies gray wolves have killed at least 83 dogs since 1987, and last year killed 30 of their own number in territorial disputes.

"Wolves consider dogs as strange wolves," said Bangs. "A dog may think that a wolf barking or howling is a dog that is not to play. Trust me, that is not the case."

Other instances where wolves might act aggressively is near a den or a kill site.

"If you come into an area where you see a kill, particularly if it's kind of fresh, back out of there and go someplace else," said Sime.

Meeting wolves can have legal

ramifications. Under the Endangered Species Act, wolves in Minnesota are listed as threatened, while wolves in Michigan, Wisconsin, northern Idaho, and northwest Montana are endangered.

Wolf populations that resulted from reintroductions are listed as "experimental, nonessential." They include wolves south of Interstate 90 in Idaho, Montana outside the northernmost corner of Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico.

"Our regulations allow anyone at anytime to secure a wolf away" said Bangs. "Just run at it and yell at it and it will run off. That's legal to do. Just don't hurt it."

Pepper spray — often carried by hikers in a grizzly bear country — can be used on wolves.

It's legal to kill a wolf in self-defense.

"Expect an investigation because that is almost nonexistent," said Bangs. "The physical evidence better back up your story."

The penalty for illegally killing a listed wolf can range up to \$100,000 and a year in jail, Bangs said that about 10 percent of Northern Rockies wolf deaths are the result of illegal kills.

Gray wolves in the Northern Rockies met the criteria for delisting in 2002. The Fish and Wildlife Service has approved plans by Idaho and Montana to manage wolves, but federal officials rejected Wyoming's plan saying it would eliminate wolves outside Yellowstone National Park. That has stopped delisting so far.

If delisted, wolves would be treated as big game animals, possibly with hunting seasons,

something Bangs said and other federal and state wolf managers favor.

Hunting would not be allowed in Yellowstone National Park, where most wolf sightings occur. But sightings are becoming more common elsewhere.

"Of all the things you have to worry about in life, wolves are probably on the bottom of the list," said Bangs. "People who don't know any better are nervous about wolves, but most people are like, 'Wow, was that cool or what?'"



A gray wolf pup is shown in August 2005, west of Troy, Mont., along the Idaho border. Thousands of vacationers in the West will see a wolf in the wild for the first time this summer, often from the road but sometimes while camping or hiking in the backcountry.

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Blind students hear sounds of nature at wildlife refuge

By Martha Mischel
South Idaho Press

RUPERT — Chirps, warbles and trills opened the world of birds to visually impaired students recently, when a group from the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind visited the Mintzoka National Wildlife Refuge for a bird-hearing tour.

Even sighted birders rely on their ears, refuge manager Steve Bouffard said, estimating that 70 to 80 percent of bird identification during official surveys is done by sound.

"This is the time of year when birds are really vocal," said Chuck Trost, a retired Idaho State University ornithology professor. "Their songs are used to keep other birds away from their territory without a fight."

Birds also sing to attract mates, raise alarms and keep in contact with other birds in their flock, said Kent Fothergill, a representative of Twin Falls' Prairie Falcon Audubon Society. Unlike the human voice box, birds have a syrinx that essentially allows them to have duets with themselves, Bouffard said, an image that provoked laughter from his audience.

On the refuge, students were able to hear for themselves the rasping rattle of the yellow-headed blackbird and the melodious melody of the meadowlark.

Since 1950, 239 bird species have been observed on the refuge.

"I hear that!" Fothergill asked as he led a group through a stand of trees. "That's an American goldfinch. It's going whee, whee." That's a direct call to keep it with its buddies. And hear that little 'chip' off to our right? That was a yellow warbler. And that little squeak? That's a cowbird."

"There are so many birds around," said John Zimbelman, a teacher of the visually impaired. "Essentially what we're trying to do is put a label on the sound. Not just a bird, but a robin or a mourning dove. My kids learn from part to the whole. Signed first to the opposite and start with the whole. We start with one part and go part by part until we get to the whole."

Prior to going on the bird-hearing walk, the students examined several bird specimens,

feeling the feathers, beaks and feet of species as diverse as a mallard duck and a cowbird.

The students recently studied flight and will start learning about bird identification and reproduction, Zimbelman said. "It's brings it alive, when you hear the real sounds."

Bouffard has presented bird identification to visually impaired people since 2002, but this trip was the first time he had a group from the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind.

"I hope they think that they can do it on their own" after learning from the tour guides, he said.

The students themselves

were quick to tell what they learned.

"The birds all sound beautiful and unique," Trevor Dinsmore said. "They all have their own sound."

"I learned the different sounds of the different birds, and about the male and female bird sounds," Shayanna Rinear said. "The male mourning dove makes a chipping sound and the female coos."

Joe Allen said he's had people point birds out to him before, but he's never been able to see them. "Now I'll be able to tell what kind of bird that is. If I can remember their sound," he said.

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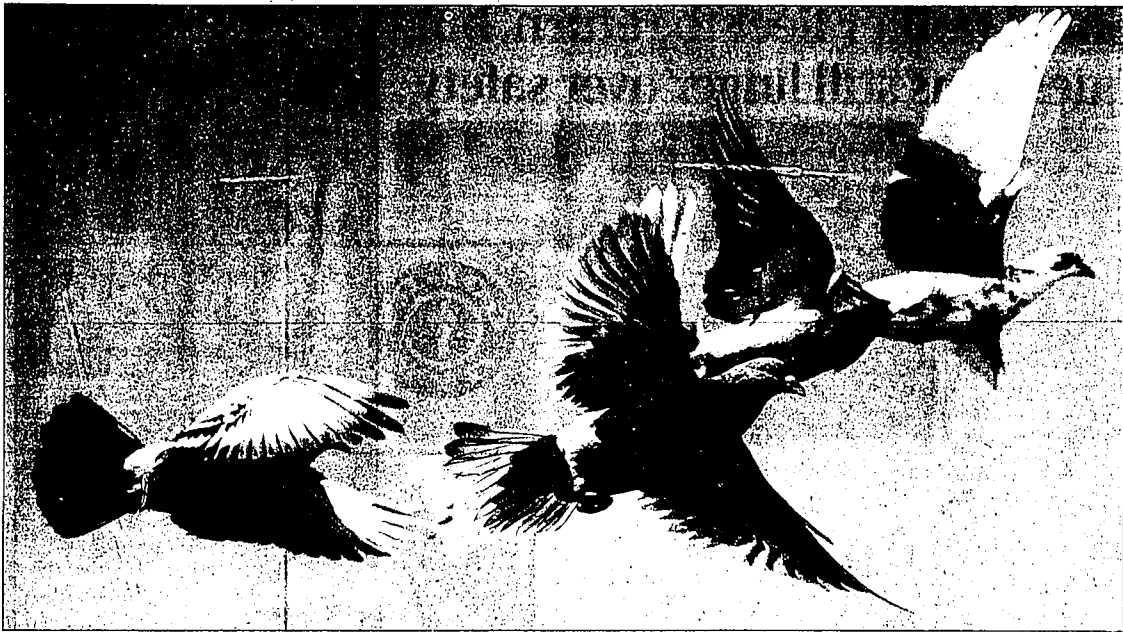
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Young racing pigeons get some exercise flying near a pigeon hutch of Dusan Smetana, a member of Bridger Mountain Racing Pigeon Club, near Belgrade, Mont., April 28. In the racing of the pigeons, the birds are crated and carried miles away from their home lofts. Once they are released, they are timed to see how quickly they return home. The winner is determined by calculating the bird's travel in yards per second.

Idaho pigeon racers flock together

By Tim Woodard
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE (AP) — It's shipping night, and the excitement at Dave Eckmark's house is palpable.

Middle-aged men wait in line to scan their birds on a computer. Others lovingly tuck them into cubby holes in a custom-built trailer. Nine hundred pigeons coo at once. It sounds like a scene from Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds."

The men are members of the Idaho Racing Pigeon Association. Its members, some 50 strong, live and die by the hundredths of seconds separating winners from losers in races up to 500 miles long. They pamper their pigeons with diets and training regimens not, unlike those of Olympic runners. Their lofts are pigeon Hiltons. They are beguiled by pigeons.

"Pigeons get in your blood," Eckmark said. "When I was a kid in Denver, I thought those checks and shiny necks were the proudest thing in the world."

The majority of the club's members, succumbed to pigeon fever at an early age, drifted away during their teenage years and returned as adults. Johnny Gregg, who owns 350 pigeons, is an exception.

"I didn't even slack off when I discovered girls," Gregg said. "I told my wife before we got married, 'I'm into pigeons. They're No. 1.' She married me anyway."

The pigeon racers have a clubhouse, formerly Eckmark's cow barn, with a computer room where information on each bird and race is entered and tracked. They remodeled the barn themselves.

They have a trailer with spaces for up to 1,500 birds and a system for watering them.

They have a driver who drives all night or as long as it takes to get to the race's starting point, in this case

Winnemucca, Nev. It's a short race, only 200 miles. The birds are released the next morning, about the time their owners are having breakfast. The winners will be home before lunch.

How they get home remains a mystery.

"We know that somehow they use the Earth's magnetic fields to find their way," veteran racer Frank Grover said. "But despite all our scientific advances, we still don't understand how they do it. They circle and circle, then fly in a snake pattern and then head home. They're very territorial. Their nest, their home, their mate; that's what matters to them."

Hospitals in gridlocked metropolitan areas use homing pigeons to carry medical samples across town, he said. Grand Canyon outfitters use them to fly film to be developed and have the pictures waiting at the end of the trip.

Racers motivate the birds by separating them from their mates before a race, "like lovestuck teenagers," Grover said. "It makes them want to hurry home."

Another approach involves giving the hens artificial eggs to hurry back and sit on as soon as possible.

Able to fly home hundreds of miles without missing a beat, pigeons are unable to tell the difference between a real egg or one made of wood or plastic.

Babies in the nest motivate both hens and their mates.

"They're so happy to have a baby that they both sit on it," Grover said. "They're sweet characters."

To say that the birds' owners are serious about conditioning is like saying oil companies are serious about profits. They have different exercise regimens. It before, after and between races. Owners fret over what, when and how much they eat and drink. Gregg gives his birds a mixture of water, lemon juice, grape

juice and electrolytes after a race. When some of his birds returned later than expected from a race, he worried that he'd overfed them.

"I miscalculated somehow and threw in a couple of handfuls too much," he said. "Everything makes a difference."

Like many pigeon racers, Eckmark has become a virtual veterinarian. He cleans his well-lit, meticulously ventilated loft daily. He administers medications, sets broken legs, stitches up wounds. He figures he spends \$400 a year on medicine and \$1,200 on feed. Though he's spent as much as \$1,000 on a pair on pigeons, he reasons that "an average pigeon in superb health will beat a superior bird in average health every time."

The difference between well-conditioned racing pigeons and street pigeons, Grover says, "is night and day. The ones you see around the Statehouse might not be able to fly back from Nampa, let alone 500 miles. Racing pigeons are the Arnold Schwarzeneggers of the pigeon world."

Nampan Hank Rajczak got hooked on pigeons as a kid growing up in Buffalo, N.Y.

"I like the competitive aspect of it," he said. "And I like to work with thoroughbred animals. It's a challenge to me to breed a better pigeon every year. I like the social part of it, too. Pigeon guys are friendly. You can be in another part of the country, call a guy and he'll invite you over to show you around."

It takes almost three hours to register and pack the birds for shipping. Then the guys go home to wait.

"There they are!" Gregg shouts as the first birds return late the next morning to his home near Eagle.

He crouches, whistles. The first bird, Idaho 7850, flutters through a door in the 20-by-51-foot loft at 11:17:23 a.m. The band on its leg is scanned

by a computer that records the time. Its speed is calculated using the distance from the starting point to the loft. It averages 50 mph, missing first place by less than half a second.

The winner is Idaho 1261, owned by Dick Ensley of Marsing.

That evening the guys unwind at a potluck with announcements of the complete results.

Big races feature lucrative cash prizes, but at this level "it's not a money thing," Rajczak said. "It's money out of your pocket. If you win, you get to bring the food next time."



Lynn Holm, left, shows Tyler Hefty, top, and John Hefty how to operate a pigeon timer April 28 in Belgrade, Mont., as they prepare to ship homing pigeons to Idaho Falls, Idaho, for an upcoming race back to Belgrade.

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Small tanker fleet to return, but questions still linger over safety

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — The government is planning to return a smaller force of heavy air tankers to the federal firefighting fleet this summer, using a smaller set of maintenance and inspection guidelines that officials say will make the industry safer.

The government expects to have at least 16 air tankers, a mix of P-2Vs and P-3s, available this summer. That's roughly half the size of the fleet in 2004, before the Forest Service and Department of the Interior grounded the planes due to questions about their safety and airworthiness.

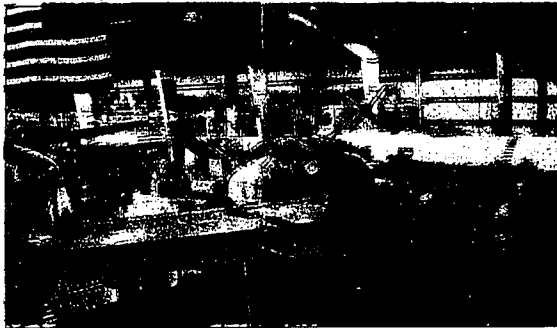
The concerns stemmed from a National Transportation Safety Board report on three fatal air tanker crashes in 1994 and 2002 — two of the deadliest years for that segment of the industry.

Each of the three planes crashed after one or both of the plane's wings snapped off. Eight firefighters died. The NTSB investigation cited inadequate maintenance procedures that failed to detect fatigue cracking in the wings.

For example, NTSB said inspection and maintenance programs used by Hawkins & Poyers Aviation of Wyoming for the two air tankers that crashed in 2002 were based on military standards. Those called for visual inspection for cracking but not "enhanced or focused inspections of highly stressed areas, such as the wing sections, where the fatigue cracks that led to those accidents were located," NTSB said.

It wasn't an isolated problem; NTSB said companies were generally not able to tailor maintenance programs to the rigors of firefighting because they didn't have the necessary engineering expertise or information about the previous life of the aircraft — such as the hours it had flown — readily available. Limited knowledge about the stresses of the fire environment also played a role, NTSB said.

A former NTSB chairman said he applauds the new maintenance effort, but says



This image from Neptune Aviation shows airframe and powerplant mechanics conducting a damage tolerance assessment on a Lockheed P2V air tanker at Neptune Aviation's hangar May 22 in Missoula, Mont.

progress overall has been lacking.

Jim Hall, who helped lead an independent review of the government's aerial firefighting program in the wake of the crashes, said key issues raised by that review, ranging from contracting to issues in new aircraft, have yet to be addressed.

"I think the concerns of the panel continue in regards to the overall safety of the program," Hall said in a recent interview. The fact that the decades-old, former military planes weren't designed for firefighting also is troubling, he said.

"It's just a continuation of business as usual, of using these old military aircraft. ... There is obviously a greater risk with the use of that type of aircraft," he said, noting, specifically, the P-2Vs that served the military in the 1950s and '60s.

Government and industry officials are just beginning to understand how the firefighting environment — the turbulence, the force, the retardant liquid — affects the planes. But, they say they're confident in the maintenance and inspection protocol now in place, and the safety of planes being cleared for flight,

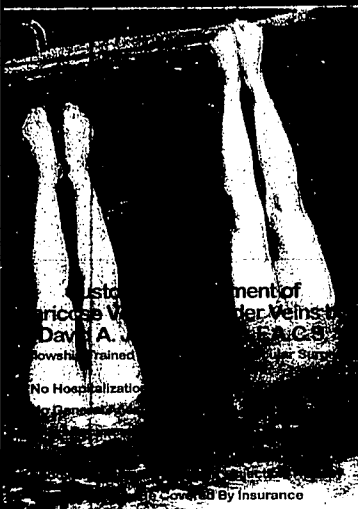
that required detailed inspections to find problem spots early, said James Burd, co-owner of the firm, Avenger Aircraft and Services.

The program, which accounts for where cracks, corrosion or other problems may show up because of the firefighting environment, also calls for more frequent inspections during times of heavy aircraft use, rather than calendar-based evaluations that were previously more common, he said.

Burd said that while no widespread problems have been detected, some wing cracks have been found that if left unattended could have created a safety problem.

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"I like fossils and dinosaurs the best. They lived a long time ago and are neat."



Grace Stukenholtz, 13, at left and her sister Lena, 15, play their fiddles on stage Saturday at Hagerman Fossil Days. The girls, from Twin Falls, may have inherited their talent from their mother, who was a champion fiddle player.

Photo by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Go get fossilized

Annual festival offers something for everyone

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

If you go ...

HAGERMAN — Everyone loves a parade.

Just ask Twin Falls resident Loretta Adams and her mother Ileen Adams, of Filer. The pair made a point to gather the little ones and trek to the Fossil Days parade Saturday morning — colder weather, rain and all.

"We love parades," said Loretta. "We make it to all of the parades throughout the year in the Magic Valley."

Ileen explained that parades are part of the country lifestyle and a tradition she hopes to pass on to her younger generation.

"We didn't go on our road trip through Nevada when we found out this was going on, rain or shine," she said. "I just loaded up everything we might need to get bundled up to stay warm and dry."

The questionable weather conditions didn't keep folks inside and as the rain stopped — just in time for the parade — people lined State Street and children, many with bugs in hand, waited for the flow of candy to begin.

Lifelong Hagerman resident Amy Wickham said the Memorial Day weekend event is one she fondly remembers.

"I have been here my whole life and enjoy the parade, especially bringing my own children to watch it and enjoy the same things I did growing up," said Wickham.

The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument Visitor Center will be providing tours, by bus to the fossil beds. They will be picking people up in front of the visitor center, at 221 North State Street, at 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and at 4 p.m. For more information, call 837-4793 ext. 5227, please leave a message.

Like the fish scramble, Wickham definitely had plans to take her kids to the popular event, where water and live trout are dumped out of a truck into a makeshift pond filled with children anxious to grab as many fish as possible.

The ultimate goal comes complete with the same plans for regular fishing — catch the biggest one you can.

Other Fossil Days events include a few indicative of the celebration's namesake.

Gina Kueckler, of Nampa, was just driving through the area with her family when they happened across the Gooding County community's celebration.

The family decided to stop at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument visitor center after the parade.

"We are going to drive out to the fossil beds and check it out," she said as her children, Nick, 6, and Bethany 3, were busy petting animal pets at the center.

Nick just completed a field trip and lesson unit on fossils with his kindergarten class, so the spontaneous stop was the perfect educational supplement.

"I like fossils and dinosaurs the best," he said. "They lived a long time ago and are neat."

The visitor center provides an explanation that Hagerman became a pop-

ulate site. See FOSSIL, Page C4



Milty, a pug, pokes her head out of owner Beverly Bennett's coat, where she was taking refuge from the cold wet weather Saturday during Hagerman Fossil Days.



Pat Rains of Gooding holds grandson Brock Barbee, 4, as he watches as his hand-clipped com dog being made Saturday afternoon in Hagerman.

Ketchum, Sun Valley to explore joining fire services

By Susan Bailly
For the Times-News

KETCHUM — The mayors of Ketchum and Sun Valley distributed a joint media release this week admitting their two cities recently started talking about the potential consolidation of fire services.

City Administrator Virginia Egger said the two mayors and two city ad-

ministrators talked informally over lunch on May 8.

"We really are one community with two separate fire departments," said Sun Valley Mayor Jon Thorson. "We owe it to our citizens to explore the most cost-efficient means to deliver these services."

Ketchum City Administrator Ron LeBlanc said he plans to draft a Request for Proposal for fire department

consulting services aimed at objective exploration of options for the two cities. LeBlanc said the draft will be completed by June 20, and probably sent out to selected consultants in the fire services industry in July.

"The consultants will figure out whether consolidation is even a good thing," said LeBlanc. "You have two willing partners."

LeBlanc said he expects consultants to respond in early September, with selection likely in October.

Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall said growth and development pressures facing Sun Valley and Ketchum "mandate" analysis of station locations, apparatus selection and deployment. Since becoming cities, Ketchum and Sun Valley have had their own fire departments.

The departments nonetheless. See FIRE, Page C4

Picture a governor we don't have to look at

OK, not every Idahoan likes Jim Risch. Our new governor has a reputation for being a little thin-skinned and a trifle opinionated. So I have a can't-miss public relations strategy to suggest to him.

Instead of spending several thousand dollars over the next few weeks putting photos of himself up in state office buildings, Gov. Risch could invest a couple hundred bucks and send out the following press release:

DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

"Gov. Jim Risch today announced that he has declined to permit photographs of himself to be officially displayed in state office buildings.

"I'm 63 years old and I've been paying taxes in Idaho for most of my life," Risch said. "I know how hard Idahoans work for their money and how difficult it is to balance the financial demands of modern life, so I simply can't justify the cost of putting up state photos of myself on state property. If Idahoans want to see a picture of me, they can call up the governor's Web site or go to the public library and look in the Idaho Blue Book."

Instant credibility. Instant Idaho-ness.

How the Gem State ever got caught up in the cult of personality concerning public officials baffles me. It's no secret that outgoing Gov. Dirk Kempthorne was more than a little commoed of the trappings of office, but his predecessors couldn't have been more down-to-earth.

So why did we have to look at their homely mugs every time we took a driver's test?

Nowadays, it's hard to go into any public building in Idaho — state, county, city — without encountering framed portraits of whichever boozes we've elected to run things.

A friend of mine who used to work in state government put it this way: What if Idaho Power CEO Jim Packwood wanted to hang his picture on the wall of your house because you're using his electricity?

What if outgoing Albertsons boss Larry Johnston wanted a place on your mantle by way of thanks for paying your share of his \$16.5 million annual salary?

It's getting practically Ceausescu-esque around here.

And Ceausescu was the Soviet-era dictator of the East-European nation of Romania for 24 years before his ouster in 1989. The longer he was in power, the sillier he became — to the point where he issued an edict that all government offices and private residences should display his picture.

Not surprisingly, Romania quickly ran into a serious shortage of Ceausescu images.

So to avoid the wrath of the authorities, some Romanians began sticking postage stamps — they had Ceausescu's mug on them too — on their walls.

Now the only postage stamps in my house at the moment are a commemorative set I bought at the post office last year honoring Jim Henson's Muppets.

And I'm not putting Fozzie Bear over the mantle.

To me, the most effective use of a governor's personality in Idaho is to be a distraction during the Cecil Andrus administration. A less statesmanlike governor might have ordered his picture posted on signs at the state's borders, welcoming visitors to Idaho (it's been done by other governors in other states).

Instead, Andrus mandated a simple set of welcome-to-Idaho signs erected that read, "Idaho is too great to litter." And underneath, in large bold script, was his signature.

Personally, I think Cecil Andrus' handwriting is prettier than his face. So I voted for him — four times.

Put me down as undecided.

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James Andrew 'Andy' Capps

BOISE — James Andrew "Andy" Capps died May 18, 2006, in his sleep at his home in Boise. He was 37.

Andy was born Feb. 12, 1969, in Pendleton, Ore.

He was raised in Twin Falls, Idaho, and attended Twin Falls High School.

Following his schooling, he joined the U.S. Navy and was awarded an honorable discharge in 1988.

After his stint in the Navy, Andy moved to Boise. He held several jobs in the Boise area, most recently as a landscaper.

Andy was a gifted and talented self-taught musician and played drums in several Boise area bands, including Splinter, Farry Days, Butterfly Train and the Fallidoms.

Andy also was the drummer on Built to Spill's 1994 album, "There's Nothing Wrong with Me." He loved to be outdoors. He was a dedicated fan of football, especially the Denver Broncos. He was an avid reader



and particularly interested and extremely knowledgeable about history. He loved animals and rescued several from Boise shelters.

Andy is survived by his parents, David and Clare Capps of Millers, Texas; his brothers, Jeff (Meg) Capps of Pendleton, Ore., and Christopher Capps of Rhinebeck, New York; his sister,

Emily (Rob) Estey of Harker Heights, Texas; his nephew, Jack Estey, and niece Ella Grace Estey, also of Harker Heights; his grandfather, Gordon Capps of Ontario, Ore.; his uncle, Gary Capps of Bend, Ore.; and several cousins, and Andy's many friends and his beloved dogs, Buster, Frank and Sparky. Andy was preceded in death by his mother, Jeanne D. Ritter; stepdad, Earl Ritter; maternal grandparents; and paternal grandmother.

Please join us for a remembrance of Andy's life at an informal memorial service to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2006, at 4 p.m. at the Connector Restaurant, 249 S. 16th St., Boise.

Contributions in Andy's name may be made to the Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman St., Boise, ID 83705; or to the humane society of your choice. Arrangements are by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Burdell Taylor Curtis

BURLEY — Burdell Taylor Curtis, 96, longtime Declo and Burley resident, died Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born Nov. 16, 1909, in Salem, Utah, the son of Kenia Taylor and Emma Olivia Taylor Curtis. He was educated in the Salem, Utah, and Declo, Idaho, schools.

He also completed the business course at Heaner's Business College in Salt Lake City. He married Norma Sildwell on March 14, 1931, in Pocatello. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan, Utah LDS Temple on May 28, 1931.

Burdell had several other occupations. He was Simpson's first bookkeeper and office manager for 18 years. He worked for Declo Light and Power, South Side Electric, and the village of Declo.



the year, Burley Farm Bureau Grand Farmer of the Year, Idaho Water Users Association Hall of Fame and Idaho Water Resource Guardian of the Year.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many capacities including first counselor in two bishoprics, Declo ward bishop, first counselor in the Burley stake presidency and advisor in the Avonlea Priesthood, elders quorum president, counselor in a high priest quorum, ward clerk, assistant stake financial clerk, Sunday school teacher and several different age groups, and as a home teacher.

At one time, he had been a member of the Burley Lions and Declo Kiwanis. At the time

of his death, he had been a member of the Burley Elders for nearly 60 years. Burdell was an avid reader and enjoyed studying history.

He read two newspapers each day and was always up on what was happening locally and in the world.

Survivors include his three daughters, Norma Jean (Robert) Hamblen of Burley, LeAnn (Thomas) Sorensen of Salt Lake City, and Lynn Logan of Cable Rock, Colo.; one sister, Nelda Bliss, Rollin of Grand Island, Neb.; five grandchildren, Amy, Christian, Heidi Stoddard and Jason Thornton; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He is dearly loved by parents and two brothers, Blaine D and Pates LaMar Curtis.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at the Burley Third and Seventh Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2000 Oakley Ave., Burley, with Bishop Tracy Kim officiating. Burial will be in Declo Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Summers Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Emily J. Summerfield

HAILEY — Emily J. Summerfield, 98, of Hailey, Idaho, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center, with her granddaughter, Kelli Young, at her side.

She was born to B. H. and Minnie Barker in Idaho Falls on April 20, 1908. The family moved to the Wood River Valley in 1914, and Emily completed her education at the Bellevue School.

On March 17, 1928, she married Joseph Young and their marriage was later solemnized at the Salt Lake LDS Temple on Nov. 18, 1932.

Together they raised four children, Bonnie, Ray, Charles and Ethel. After losing her husband, Joseph, in 1956, she left the ranch and moved to Hailey. She worked for many years at Sun Valley as a housekeeper, where she met Lloyd Summerfield.

They were married on July 12, 1957. Lloyd passed away on



Jan. 27, 1981.

Emily worked at the Blaine County Historical Museum from 1975 to 1987. While living in Hailey, she, as well as her family, enjoyed her beautiful yard, her flowers and immaculate home.

She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie (Jarrid) Purjue of British Columbia; her two sisters, Lillian B. Wright and Lulu

Shoemaker, and her daughter-in-law, Anita (Charles) Young, all of Bellevue, Idaho, numerous grandchildren and nephews; her local grandchildren, Tim and Kelli Young, Joe Purjue and Shirley Choiniere of British Columbia; David, Stephen and Brock of Reno, Nev.; Dale, Carl and Rusty Parrack of Utah; Kim and Rusty Young of Grace, Idaho.

Also surviving are 32 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, four sisters, two sons, one daughter, four grandsons, two great-granddaughters and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at the Hailey LDS Chapel, with interment following in the Hailey Cemetery.

Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the services. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

Harold E. Erickson

KIMBERLY — Harold E. Erickson, 86, longtime resident of Kimberly, Idaho, died Monday, May 22, 2006, at the Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Ariz.

Harold was born on Dec. 8, 1919, in Forest City, Mo., the son of Jesse and Judith Thompson Erickson. He grew up and attended schools in Missouri.

In 1942, Harold entered the U.S. Army and served his country until he was honorably discharged in 1945. Harold married Maxine Jeannette Windle on April 19, 1952.

Harold worked as a commercial farmer until he retired in 1983. Harold enjoyed bowling, golf, fishing and billiards. He was a story of endless humor and was a source of endless humor.

Harold is survived by one son, Earl "Barclay" (Thety) Johansen of Warden, Washington; and two daughters, Myrna (James) Johnson Copley of Valley Center, California, and Glenlynn (Donald) Ciudad of Twin Falls.

Also surviving are his grandchildren, Greg Copley, Doug Copley, Vicki Cumming, Robert Copley, Eric Copley, Brad Johnson and Amy Johnson.

on Taylor Street in Kimberly for 52 years before moving to Arizona in 1988.

Harold enjoyed bowling, golf, fishing and billiards. He was a story of endless humor and was a source of endless humor.

Johansen, Michael Heath, Mary Ann Wilson, Amy Perkins, and Glenn Edens; as well as several great-grandchildren, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine; one son, Terry Erickson; his parents; three brothers, and two sisters.

A celebration of Harold's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park with military honors by Area Veteran and Air Force.

SERVICES

Winifred C. "Winnie" (Roberts) of Twin Falls, funeral at 7 p.m. Monday at St. Ignatius Orthodox Church, 1630 Addison Ave.; committal at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 6 p.m. Monday at the home of the Rev. William Roberts (Parks') Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Bleuwe (De) de Roest Blokum of Twin Falls, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (Wine Mortuary).

Rilly Jack Runyan of Gooding, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St., Gooding, following from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

LaVaur Hanks Wilcox HEYBURN — LaVaur Hanks Wilcox, 89, of Heyburn, died Thursday, May 25, 2006, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2006, at the Heyburn 2nd Ward building.

Viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2006, at the mortuary and one hour before the service at the church. Burial will follow at the Riverside

Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel.

Billy J. Walker BURLEY — Billy J. Walker, 76, of Burley, died Thursday, May 25, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Private family services will be held in Missouri. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel.

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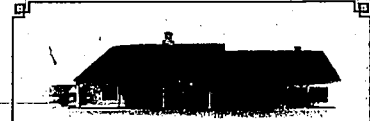
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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

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

Driving under the influence sentencing

Andrew R. Brown, 20, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, 3rd offense; \$870 fine with \$600 suspended; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
Theodore D. Coupe, 20, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, 1st offense; \$870 fine with \$600 suspended; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
Jason J. Ward, 30, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive; pleaded guilty; \$800 fine with \$600 suspended, credit waived; 30 hours community service; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Donald L. Moncur, 37, Hazelton; driving without privileges; \$217.50 fine with \$100 suspended; \$97.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
Chad D. Everett, 28, Buhl; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$217.50 fine with \$100 suspended; \$97.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
Katrina Deleazarra, 22, Buhl; manufacturing a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; five years indeterminate; suspended: three years probation; \$500 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
Tiffany D. Hazon, 27, Twin Falls; one count disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; five years indeterminate; suspended: \$72.50 costs; 575 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.
Chase A. Bell, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to failure to maintain valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.
Daniel A. Garza, 29, Castelfredo; domestic battery, attempted to assault; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months probation.
Everett E. Poulgnot Jr., 20, Filer; driving in possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 575 public defender fee; 16 hours community service; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation.
Brian M. Schwertger, 23, Twin Falls; placing debris on public/private property; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; six months probation; eight hours work detail.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Morgan Clyde Huisner, 36, Hansen; fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiated.

Felony sentencing

Joel W. Peterson, 22, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; six years indeterminate; three years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served in the Idaho State House of Corrections; \$280 restitution.
Chester J. Smith, 35, Twin Falls; one count forgery; pleaded guilty; six years peremptory; per cent; two years determinate; four years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served in the Idaho State House of Corrections; \$280 restitution.
Eugenio Naranjo Jr., 20, Twin Falls; aggravated assault; pleaded guilty; six years peremptory; three years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended: four years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; no firearms; \$2,522.51 restitution.
Christopher Palacios, 23, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled

Civil filings

Heather Shirey and Heather Mounce vs. Linda Lee, doing business as Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls, Linda Motors, Do Endites I & V. Seeking that the court declare void and set aside all judgments by defendants and their agents in violation of plaintiff's rights; award compensatory and other damages; punitive damages; amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff's state they were employed by defendants and were constructively terminated in April 2004. Plaintiff alleges that during said employment with defendants, they were subjected to sexual harassment by their supervisors. Plaintiff's demand jury trial.
Lance and Michelle Butler, individually and as parents of Connor Butler vs. Kathy Jacobson, individually, as well as her husband, John Hammett, doing business as NAZZ KAIT. Seeking judgment against the defendants for medical expenses, punitive damages; amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff's allege that their son was injured after being struck by a sign driven by Kathy Jacobson and owned by NAZZ KAIT at the Twin Falls County Fair.
Jerry and Debra Staley vs. Chaele H. Giles. Seeking judgment against the defendant for \$200,000; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff's allege that defendant embezzled \$200,000 from their business and also acted as secretary/bookkeeper.
Child support cases
The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:
Katherine M. Hester. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; that a lien be placed on defendant's property if he is delinquent in child support payments for at least 90 days.
Thomas L. Flowers. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$667 monthly support plus 47 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$640 uncovered medical costs.
Otilton G. Haro. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$126 monthly support plus 47 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,322 uncovered medical costs.
Kyle G. Segovis. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$139 monthly support plus 49 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,262 uncovered medical costs.
Gorani S. Secord. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$126 monthly support plus 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,322 uncovered medical costs.
Christina M. Combs. Seeking \$156 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,262 uncovered medical costs; child support costs.
Jeremiah D. Bennett. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$456 monthly support plus 60 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
Calvin L. Strickland. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$134 monthly support plus 46 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$4,313 uncovered medical costs.
Divorces filed
Loren M. Mills vs. Mark A. Mills, Paula Hayes vs. Tony Hayes, Alfredo R. Maldonado vs. Joann L. Lockwood, Carmen A. Especk vs. Kenneth R. Especk, Bernice L. Spangler vs. Peter A. Spangler, Marc R. Owens vs. Tami K. Owens.

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

Samuel I. Sabitt, 21, Jerome; two counts delivery of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$10,000 bond.
Casey W. Yost, 31, Twin Falls; felony driving under the influence; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$2,000 bond.
Daniel D. Schmidt, 27, Twin Falls; domestic violence; attempted strangulation; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$100,000 bond.
Loren W. Lesage, 30, Kimberly; three counts violation of no contact order; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for July 25; \$2,500 bond.
Rodrigo Cortes-Barajas, 34, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, reckless driving; attempted; sentencing hearing set for June 27; \$500 bond.
Fernando Maldonado-Lopez, 32, Kimberly; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, reckless driving; pleaded guilty; public defender appointed; sentencing hearing set for May 24; \$100 bond.
Chyenette B. Scott, 31, Twin Falls; failure to register as a sex offender; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$20,000 bond.

Court records

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hearing set for June 2; \$20,000 bond.

Javier F. Gonzalez, 49, Twin Falls; domestic battery, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 25; posted bond.
Gary Davis Jr., 30, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 25; \$2,500 bond.
Christopher S. Ellison, 23, Fairfield; burglary, grand theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$20,000 bond.
Brock J. Winslow, 25, Spring Hills, Kan.; enticing a minor over the internet; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$15,000 bond.
Steven J. Plov, 28, Twin Falls; trespassing, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 25; released on own recognizance.
Kurt B. Fuller, 20, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 25; released on own recognizance.
Abel Orantes-Barraza, 25, Jerome; eluding a police officer, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$50,000 bond; driving under the influence, malicious injury to property, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 25; \$2,500 bond.
Emilia Velazquez-Volantezuela, 30, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, no insurance, second offense; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 25; \$10,000 bond.
Jason M. Fawcett, 22, Escaleada, Jerome; eluding a police officer; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$20,000 bond.

hearing set for June 2; \$25,000 bond.

Arturo Tiznado-Hampton, 41, Twin Falls; attempted strangulation; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$25,000 bond.
Robert I. Sullivan, 21, Twin Falls; fraud-insufficient funds check; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; posted bond.
Christopher Padelos, 23, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$20,000 bond.
Richard C. Bullock Jr., 46, Middleton; criminal possession of a financial transaction card; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$5,000 bond.
Yudeny McLeod, 28, Gooding; grand theft by unauthorized control; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for June 2; released on own recognizance.
Abel Orantes-Barraza, 25, Jerome; eluding a police officer, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$50,000 bond; driving under the influence, malicious injury to property, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 25; \$2,500 bond.
Emilia Velazquez-Volantezuela, 30, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, no insurance, second offense; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 25; \$10,000 bond.
Jason M. Fawcett, 22, Escaleada, Jerome; eluding a police officer; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 2; \$20,000 bond.

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The 2006 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life raised a total of \$375,323 in team donations, corporate sponsorships, matching corporate funds, team registrations, luncheon bag sales at the relay, community barbecue and chili feed, Kids Klank for a Kuro, quilt auction, hand print sales and the Relay Store. Members of the Relay for Life Committee helped make this event successful. Next year's Relay for Life will be on May 18-19, and the theme will be "Color Me Cured."

Fossil

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ular spot for fossil hunting after the 1929 discovery of Pliocene-aged remains by Elmer Cook, a local rancher.

Park Ranger Stephanie Martin explained that fossils found range from descendants of animals that still roam southern Idaho — such as muskrats, beavers and polecats — to fossils of species now extinct or long elsewhere.

"There are fossils of a zebra-like horse, camels and ground sloths. What makes the Hagerman site so unique is the variety found here," Martin said.

"The center boasts that there is no other deposit similar in variety to the amount of species found anywhere else in the United States.

Over 200 species of plants, vertebrates, invertebrates and mammals have been found so far.

Martin explained that for Fossil Days the monument takes advantage of the weekend by offering lab tours of the fossil beds, just north of the Bell Rapids boat docks on the Snake River.

"This is the only weekend that we offer the lab tours and it is free," she said.

"People will get to see on-site the extraction of fossils, how we clean and curate them as well as proper storage of the fossils."

"Recent finds at the fossil beds include a 6-foot mustodon tusk and three species of ostracodes, which are tiny crustaceans.

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.



Kella Corrado, 9, of Wendell, takes a seat on the Idaho monument Saturday to enjoy her 'elephant's ear' as others wait in line at the Hagerman Fossil Days celebration.

Fire

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work closely together, responding by mutual-aid agreement to each other's fire and emergency calls.

"We've always worked together," said Ketchum Acting Fire Chief Mike Elle. "We have an existing auto-aid policy."

As another example of working together, Mayor Hall pointed to the joint purchase of an aerial tower in 1987 by the two departments.

For six months, the aerial tower stays in the downtown Ketchum fire house, and stays at the Elkhorn fire station in Sun Valley for the other six months.

City Administrator LeBlanc said Ketchum has three fire stations with one staffed 24 hours a day.

Sun Valley has two fire stations staffed part-time during the week. Ketchum paramedics provide ambulances for the area and receive a majority of funding to operate emergency services from the Blaine County Ambulance District.

Sun Valley does not provide ambulance service.

At present, the only full-time employee in Sun Valley is Fire Chief Jeff Carnes. Assistant Chief Michael Echita resigned last year and has not been replaced. Carnes said consolidation is not a new concept for the two cities.

"This is about the fourth time in my 30 years we've looked into it," said Carnes. "I don't have an assistant chief and they don't have a chief and for that reason the timing makes sense. The political will exists for looking at it again."

Carnes said economy of scale rather than actual financial savings is the goal.

"We aren't looking at it to save money," Carnes said. "The idea is, 'What can we do better for all of us?' We'd like to provide a higher level of service if we can."

Acting Fire Chief Elle said he thought merging might make some sense, but he personally wasn't going to offer the options.

"That is a political decision, that's why I'm staying out of it," Elle said.

Carnes said most residents aren't aware how closely linked the two departments are.

"Anything more than smoke in Ketchum or Sun Valley is auto-aid or mutual aid," Carnes said. "We go to each other's fires. We can't survive without one another."

Although Sun Valley is a smaller department, its paid, on-call firefighters have been trained to handle the ammonia leaks associated with two ice skating rinks at Sun Valley. Ketchum, which has a highway to deal with, has more training in extrication of victims in automobile accidents. Ketchum this year has answered 700 fire or emergency calls while Sun Valley answered 100 calls in 2006.

With the rise in emergency calls, Sun Valley firefighters have increased their level of training to more closely match Ketchum's paramedic level.

"We just started a First Responder program to assist on emergency calls," said Carnes. "I don't think how closely we work is known."

Susan Bailey writes for The Wood River Journal in Halley. She can be reached at 786-3444.

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HEYBURN — Daniel E. and Gaye Price of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nicole Price, to Cammon Christopher Wutzke, son of Kelly and Terri Wutzke of Burley.

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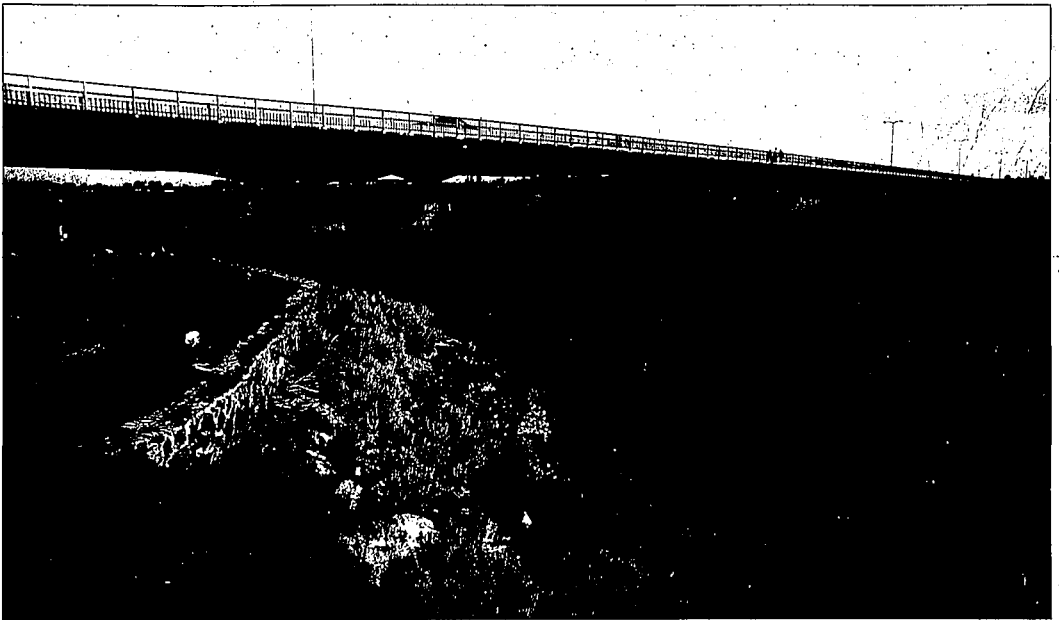
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Cindy Hartzell of Raleigh, N.C., takes in the view at the Perrine Bridge Friday as the sun sets in Twin Falls.

AP/WIDE WORLD

Idaho's summer tourism outlook still positive despite high gas prices

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's tourism chief expects the state's summer tourism season to be outstanding. In mid-May the Idaho Travel Council authorized a budget that projects an increase in revenue generated from the hotel, motel and campground tax.

"We view this as a statement of enthusiasm," said Carl Wilgus, tourism specialist for Idaho Commerce and Labor. "Last year the tourism industry grew by 10.5 percent, but in some terms that may be considered slow growth, but we feel it was pretty strong."

Wilgus said the growth was precipitated largely by low unemployment rates that provided discretionary income for traveling, but he expects this summer's tourism season to be just as strong.

The snowpack this year has set up Idaho for a great summer of water-based recreation. The only downside we see this season summer are the high gas prices," Wilgus said. "We see this as a two-edged sword. The higher prices may keep Idahoans closer to home, traveling in and around the state, but it may also make it tougher for long-distance travelers."

Gas prices may keep out-of-staters from visiting Idaho.

Season starts strong

Despite pain at the pumps, leaders of the southern Idaho tourism industry continue to be optimistic. High flows in the Snake River have something to do with that.

"Our tourism season has gotten off to a good start," said Shawn Burigar, president and executive officer of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. "We've seen twice as many visitors at Shoshone Falls than we saw at this time last year."

Burigar said the increase was probably due to the fact that so much water was running over the falls, but he added that all indications point to a good season. The visitor count at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center in Twin Falls reaffirms Burigar's prognosis.

Between the center's March opening and May 24, 8,029 people signed the center's guest book — an increase of 28 percent over the same period in 2005. This seasons tally so far is up 31 percent from the same period in 2003.

Increased interest

Debbie Dane, executive director of South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association, said she thinks the number of people interested in vacationing in southern Idaho has increased.

Dane said it is hard to put her finger on just how many visitors will travel to southern Idaho. But she predicted that past successes — community events like the Great Race, and a new BASE jumping record that brought a lot of notoriety to Twin Falls — should spill over into this summer's tourism.

"I'd like to think that we are going to have a great season," Dane said. "I don't really see anything standing in our way."

She said her office has fielded a number of requests from people across the U.S. and even the United Kingdom regarding things to see and do in the area. Her advice to them and to Idahoans traveling within the region is to get off Interstate 84 and go exploring. Look for authentic experiences.

Dane said there are five state parks in the Hagerman Valley alone that people can visit. Other suggestions include checking out community-sponsored events like Twin Falls Jazz in the Canyon and Hagerman's Fossil Days.

Opportunities for growth

"Last year's tourism trend statewide was very positive regarding the room collection tax," said John Webster, who represents southern central Idaho on the Idaho Travel Council. "It

was very strong, and in most cases we experienced double-digit growth."

Webster said he thinks incoming residents are the No. 1 reason guests visit southern Idaho: friends and family members come here to visit people who've moved here. But Webster said the Twin Falls area is growing so fast that Magic Valley is no longer considered just a friends-and-family place, but a destination to stay and play.

South-central Idaho is perfect for regional athletic tournaments, Webster said, because Magic Valley is fairly central to three metropolitan areas. He said recreational sports have increased on the Snake River throughout the state; there have been more bass fishing tournaments so far this year than in all of 2005.

Webster said one of the biggest challenges facing Idaho's tourism industry is attracting more vendors that sponsor activity-related events. He said there are plenty of places to golf and boat, but if people want to go horseback riding they have a hard time finding someone to call. Sun Valley has horse stables, Webster said, but "we still need to grow and mature" an vendor-sponsored activities "to make Idaho outdoor activities great."

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An electrical outlet with a twist creating a buzz

By Bruce Wallace
Deseret Morning News

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A small Salt Lake City company has put a new twist on a common device.

The company, 360 Electrical, has designed what it calls the world's first 360-degree rotating power outlets, giving people flexibility when plugging in large or odd-size plugs from cell phones, adapters, chargers and other power-hungry tech doodads.

As the small company's slogans notes, "It's revolutionary." They tend to clog, especially those with the bigger prong on the left-hand side, the polarized outlets," said Bill Green, vice president of sales and marketing. "Now you can just plug it in, and then click it out of the way and you have space for the other plug down below."

While the new spin on electrical outlets won't hit retail outlets until later this summer, the idea for the pivoting plug-in came about six years ago. Kimberly Gerard, the company's

president, became frustrated with carrying two cell phones that could not recharge simultaneously because of their large plugs. She invented and patented the 360-degree problem-solver.

"Our solution is so simple, and it usually gets a big smile, especially when I show the outlet to other women," Gerard said in a statement. "They readily relate stories about trying to plug in tools like curling irons with their bulky hair dryer ... plugs in the same outlet. Then they ask me where they can buy them."

When they do become available, they likely will cost \$9 to \$10. The plugs rotate in either direction, hold in place and keep power flowing even when turned. The receptacle is wired like and has the same footprint as a traditional outlet. Its a standard electrical box and sports a snap-on wall plate that eliminates screws.

They're also designed to be durable. Underwriters Laboratories, which is conducting tests on the device, has set a stan-



360 Electrical vice-president Bill Green holds his company's electrical outlet designed to rotate to accommodate larger plugs May 12, in Salt Lake City. 360 Electrical, has designed what it calls the world's first 360-degree rotating power outlets.

dard of 10,000 revolutions under a full 15-amp load.

"It's Marketing 101, really: Find a need and fill it. It's a great example of that," Green said.

"And when people see it, you typically get the response of, 'Why didn't I think of that?' or 'I had that idea!'"

"They're just engaging. Visually, it's just weird (with the plug-ins out of normal alignment).

builders, architects and others.

"We think a lot of people will want these for a few high-traffic areas of the house, but I get e-mails from people redoing their house who say they want 30 or more," Green said.

Creating some early buzz for the product are the power brokers at a couple high-profile publications. This spring, the outlet was named "Best Must-Have Gadget" in Reader's Digest's annual "Best of America" list. Popular Science listed it among the "Best of What's New 2005."

"The Popular Science list has a bionic arm and a lighter jet, and that's our little outlet there," Green said. "It's really pretty cool how we've sailed into this. It's been really exciting to be a smart technology that people need."

The company hopes to eventually spin out ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets, plus multiple outlets, plug-in wall taps and power strips.

But early on, it plans to proceed slowly, starting out in the U.S. but keeping an eye on

power-packed international possibilities. A Japanese blog posting recently led to about 3,000 overnight hits on the company's Web site as people worldwide see the device's availability. Green has even fielded e-mail from a western Africa distributor ready to help customers receptive to the rotating receptacle.

"Obviously, there is great opportunity. But one thing at a time. We'll launch in the U.S. and then incrementally look at what makes sense in having this in other countries. But it is fun just to get that kind of interest when we're not even in the market yet," Green said.

"We think we've got things lined up in a good way. I think we've got a really good shot (at being successful). The market is telling us 'yes,' but the consumer still has to go out and buy it, and that's going to be the real test for us. The receptacle and wiring device category is very large, and if we can own just a small, little corner of it, I think we would do just fine."

Power grab

The wind's picking up and so is electrical generation

By Sue Major Holmes
Associated Press writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Today's huge, gleaming turbines that turn wind into electricity are several generations away from granddaddy's little windmill.

Wind farms — acres and acres of towers topped by turbines that resemble propeller blades — are sprouting across the United States as utilities seek alternatives to generating electricity through coal or increasingly expensive natural gas.

More than 2,400 megawatts of wind generation, enough for more than 650,000 average American homes, went in across the country last year, according to the American Wind Energy Association, a Washington, D.C.-based industry group.

The first U.S. wind farm was built in the 1980s in California, which still holds the top spot in wind energy in the nation. A report in March set California's capacity at 2,150 megawatts, followed by Texas at 1,995 megawatts.

"The wind weenies have been around for a long time; we have a lot of passion for the technology," said Tom Ashwill of the wind energy technology department at Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico, which held a workshop in April on wind turbine design, manufacture and materials.

New Mexico, which built its first wind farm only a few years ago, now ranks No. 6 in the nation at 407 megawatts, according to the wind energy association.

Wind power has become more competitive because of increases in the cost of fuel used by conventional power plants, coupled with a federal production tax credit that benefits wind energy, the association's Christine Rea de Azua said.

"It's in a competitive range in terms of cost, and this is the first time we're seeing this for a clean, renewable energy source," she said.

As the cost of natural gas climbs, wind becomes very competitive, said Jeff Buell, a spokesman for the Public Service Co. of New Mexico, or PNM, a utility that buys electricity from a wind farm in eastern New Mexico. PNM bought enough wind energy in 2005 to serve about 77,000 average New Mexico homes.

"It's not perfect, since windy periods don't necessarily match the peak demand for electricity. It's not just that you can turn on a light as a customer, but that you can turn it on when you want," he said.

Utilities have to plan electrical generation around highest demand, he said.

"We have to cope with the wind blowing when the wind blows and maybe not necessarily when we need it," he said. "That's just the reality."

But Rea de Azua said one of the attractive economic features of wind power is its predictable cost — once a wind farm is built, the cost of the electricity it generates remains stable because it's immune from fuel price volatility.

And, she said, "the big value is that it can provide energy and help conserve fuel, which is a very valuable thing when prices are high and there is a shortage."

PNM customers can buy electricity produced by the wind through the utility's Sky Blue program. As of Dec. 31, the program had 6,510 customers — 8,129 of them residential — compared with 6,950 on Dec. 31, 2004, the program's first full year.

Nearly half of PNM's Sky Blue customers chose to be charged for 90 percent of their electricity at the higher Sky Blue rate instead of in smaller blocks of kilowatt hours, Buell said.

"We're comfortable in inferring a pretty

"The wind weenies have been around for a long time; we have a lot of passion for the technology."

— Tom Ashwill of the wind energy technology department at Sandia National Laboratories

strong level of commitment to the program," he said.

Wind produces about 1 percent of the electricity in the United States, compared with 10 percent to 25 percent in Denmark, Germany and some areas of Spain, the wind association says. The group expects wind to account for 6 percent of the nation's electricity by 2020.

A report from the European Union statistics agency this month said wind-power capacity had reached 33.6 gigawatts by the end of 2004, closing in on the EU's goal of producing 40 gigawatts by 2010.

Some places aren't as suitable as others for turbines, Sandia's Ashwill said. Maps of average wind speeds in the U.S. show the Midwest has favorable winds from Texas through Minnesota and North Dakota, while the southeast generally lacks the speeds needed to generate electricity.

In New Mexico, winds are best on the east side, adjacent to Texas, where numerous wind farms have been built since 2002.

Wind energy is far more complex than simply putting up a propeller and waiting for it to turn, and the technology is growing as the industry grows, Ashwill said.

Sandia works with the industry on ideas, then builds innovations into sub-scale blades that can be tested at the lab and Sandia's test site at Husband, Texas, near Amarillo.

Sandia also works with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, which runs the National Wind Technology Center, a research facility near Boulder, Colo., aimed at advancing wind power technology.

Sandia's research includes developing ways to make blades lighter and stronger because the trend is toward bigger blades, he said. For example, Sandia scientists are working with materials such as carbon fiber, which is expensive but stronger and lighter than the fiberglass now in use.

Because carbon is two to three times more expensive, researchers are developing blades using carbon only in high-stress areas of the blade, which still reduces the weight but is less expensive than an entire blade of carbon fiber, he said.

Ashwill said that will produce "trickle down" savings — even if carbon costs a little more, a lighter blade can use lighter bearings and can sit atop a lighter tower.

The cost of turbines is rising with demand and higher prices for oil and other commodities. Carbon fiber, for example, is made with some oil-based processes, Ashwill said.

"So you can't get away from the oil price fluctuation, but ... people are willing to pay a little extra for wind," he said.

Sandia this year will begin to study putting turbines offshore — a concept that only will work with huge turbines that are "super reliable," Ashwill said.

"If you could put wind turbines off the coast of New York or Boston and out there a ways, it's still a lot closer than putting turbines in Kansas and running transmission lines out there," he said. "Transmission lines are a big issue."



Charles Foster displays his collected mammoth tusk and teeth at his home in Kotzebue, Alaska, on Oct. 28, 2005. Foster has searched for mammoth tusks and bones every summer at a secret location along a river for the past 15 years and sells that ivory to buyers in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. Alongside whale baleen baskets and walrus tusk statues in the ivory shop, tourist interest is keen for curios made from the fossils of shaggy ice-age beasts that died on the tundra thousands of years ago.

Alaska woolly mammoth ivory excavated for jewelry, scrimshaw

By Jeannette J. Leo
Associated Press writer

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Customs Guide to Alaska Native Art:
<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/oed/nag/natvearts.htm>

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — In the downtown ivory shops, alongside whale baleen baskets and walrus tusk statues, tourists' finger curios made from the fossils of shaggy ice-age beasts that died on the tundra thousands of years ago.

Woolly mammoth fossils, abundant on rivers and beaches in Alaska's interior, are shaped into jewelry or etched with scrimshaw, then sold to collectors and retail shops.

Alaska's borders contain the largest caches of mammoth remains in the United States, and a consistently cold climate has kept much of it in carvable condition.

"In the rest of the country it isn't in very good shape and it's rather rare," she said. "The permafrost and the muck helped preserve it better here," said Dale Guthrie, professor emeritus at the Institute of Arctic Biology in Fairbanks.

As the warmer temperatures and round-the-clock daylight of summer draw tourists to the state, ivory shop owners anticipate the inevitable questions visitors have about mammoth ivory.

"Most people don't even know about it until they come up here, and then they see it in the store and go, 'Hmmm, mammoth ivory,'" said Barbara Lynd, owner of Alaska Arts and Ivory.

Many don't know that mammoth ivory is legal to carve and, unlike hundreds of other wildlife products, can be taken across nearly any border in the world. A few have asked where they can go to see a live mammoth.

"They're not really clued in to the fact that they're extinct," Lynd said. "Delicate lines of scrimshaw depict a herd of elephant-like beasts on a slab of tusk in front of her cash register. The piece will sell for about \$4,500, Lynd said. Necklaces of polished beads cost between \$100 and \$200.

Mammoth fossils, which look like large pieces of driftwood, are unearthed by shifting rivers and eroding coasts in a swath that stretches from Fairbanks to Bethel, up the western coast and through the great oil fields of the North Slope.

For the past 15 years, Charles Foster of Kotzebue has searched for mammoth tusks and bones every summer at a secret location along a

river. He sells the ivory to buyers in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. Leftover bones and tusk fragments he keeps in a bulging cardboard box under a table in his small living room. A dark closet next to the front door is filled with several dusty tusks.

Using a shovel and pick, Foster collects about 15 pieces a summer near Kotzebue, just above the Arctic Circle on Alaska's western coast. A school maintenance worker knows for his fossil-finding skills, he sells the teeth for \$500 each, while the tusk sell for a higher price he wouldn't disclose.

"I can get a four-wheeler with four of these teeth," Foster said as he tucked through the box of mammoth tusks, teeth and leg bones.

The remains are somewhat protected by laws that ban their removal from state or federal land. But with an uncountable number of mammoth fossils spread over hundreds of thousands of square miles of sparsely populated land, law enforcement can't keep tabs on them all.

Lynd said most of her inventory comes from people she's known for two decades.

"I trust they are getting it from the right places," she said. Scrimshaw artist George Vukson, who sells pieces to Lynd and other shops and collectors, said most of his ivory supply comes from Alaska Natives who find it while hunting.

Vukson, of Knik, pays \$35 to \$70 a pound for fossilized mammoth ivory depending on quality.

The ivory is sometimes easier to sell to international tourists than carvings and crafts from living species, shop owners said, because laws to prevent wildlife trafficking between countries are less strict for mammoth remains.

Since mammoths are extinct, all the animal's parts, from tusk and bones to teeth, are legal to buy and bring through customs, without fees or permits, in almost every country, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"People from Europe come and they can't take the whole bone or baleen, and there's a lot of that up

here," Lynd said. "The thing about mammoth ivory is it can be taken across many borders."

She said international tourists are generally safe buying mammoth ivory soapstone and usually, antler from moose and caribou, while whale, walrus and certain furs are either banned or require permits and fees. Even travelers cutting through Canada to the U.S. by car or cruise ship must file animal parts that are banned or lack the required paperwork at Canadian customs.

"Legally, you can sell these to someone from, say, Germany, but ethically you should warn him he needs a permit," said Chris Andrews, wildlife inspector for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage.

To the untrained eye, mammoth ivory looks like ivory from its relative, the elephant. But cross-hatch markings on the tusks are distinct from elephants, and the ivory is creamier than elephant ivory, which is stark white. Unlike elephant tusks, mammoth is fossilized and tends to be brownish or bluish from centuries of absorbing minerals in the ground. Lighter shades are found in Siberia, where tusks are preserved in ground that thaws less frequently than Alaska.

The ivory is valuable to researchers, who use tusks to track mammoth growth rates, seasonal eating and drinking patterns and migration trends based on the types of plants the animal was eating.

Scientists vary in their opinions about the excavation and sale of mammoth ivory by private, largely untrained individuals, said Guthrie, whose study on mammoth extinction appeared recently in the journal Nature.

"But most scientists would agree that there's a risk it could lead to people grabbing rarer fossils and we could lose the story of our past," he said.

The last mammoth died out more than 10,000 years ago. They may have been killed off by humans or climate warming, according to the main theories debated by scientists.



An old windmill shares space with newer state-of-the-art wind turbines in Birds Landing, Calif., Nov. 11, 2003. Today's huge gleaming wind turbines to produce electricity are several generations away from granddaddy's little windmill that pumped water.

MONEY

Ruling may not impact farmers

BOISE — Water users who rely on the Upper Snake River for their irrigation water will probably not see any changes in how the reach's eight reservoirs are operated this irrigation season following a judge's decision ordering the management plan governing those reservoirs be rewritten.

"I do not expect it to change," said Bill McDonald, regional director for the Bureau of Reclamation, the federal agency that manages the reservoir system. "We will stay the course and deliver the flow augmentation according to the Nez Perce settlement."

U.S. District Court Judge James Hedden ordered the biological opinion — commonly called the management plan — for the eight Upper Snake reservoirs be rewritten because the federal government had not completed the jeopardy analysis correctly. Jeopardy analysis is used to determine whether an action taken by a federal agency will harm an endangered species, in this case salmon and steelhead.



Idaho water managers aren't expecting changes to this year's water deliveries following a U.S. District Court ruling ordering a new biological opinion for Upper Snake reservoirs. Changes could come in 2007, however, and the ruling could put the Nez Perce Agreement in jeopardy.

Farmbeat

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Proposed sugar program amendment defeated

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House on Tuesday voted 281-135 to defeat a proposed sugar program amendment to lower the operating loan rate for sugar production, according to the American Sugar Alliance in Arlington, Va.

The loan rate allows forfeiting sugar as collateral on a government operating loan once sugar falls below a certain price.

The proposal by Reps. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., and Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., would have cut the per pound loan rate from 18 cents to 17 cents for raw cane sugar and from 22.9 cents to 21.6 cents for refined beet sugar, said Jack Honey, director of economics and policy analysis for the alliance.

The proposal overall could have amounted to a loss for the production industry of \$165 million if prices fell enough, he said.

Bean representatives from Mexico visit Idaho

KIMBERLY — Idaho seed beans will be planted in Mexico as a test this summer under a pact signed during a visit last week to the state by 18 representatives of the Mexican bean industry, officials said.

"It was pretty successful," said bean Commissioner Doug Carls, who grows beans in the Eden-Hazleton area.

The Idaho Bean Commission will plant test plots in the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Zacatecas, Carls said. Commissioners believe the seed will do well in those climates.

Armando Cheliana Villers, director of the State of Idaho-Mexico Trade Office in Guadalajara,

who attended the event, said the representatives from Mexico enjoyed the tour.

Strip till has potential, could boost profitability

WENDELL — Increasing profitability on a farm these days comes down to two approaches: reduce input costs or increase yields. Strip tillage may offer southern Idaho corn growers an opportunity to put both approaches to work simultaneously.

Strip till is gaining acceptance in the Midwest as well as eastern Colorado, western Kansas and the Texas Panhandle. There is even some strip tillage being used in the Columbia basin. But the practice hasn't gained a foothold amongst silage corn growers in the Magic Valley.

That may be about to change. One equipment manufacturer has brought its strip till implement to the Wendell area to see how it handles triticale stubble. Triticale's massive root system has proved too tough for other conservation tillage implements.

Dave Sass, agronomist with Pioneer International in Jerome, is excited about the potential of strip tillage in southern Idaho. Traditional silage corn growers are disking twice, then planting and dammer diking fields after harvesting the triticale in the spring. Strip tillage — where a shank cuts through the root mass to open a narrow seed bed — eliminates the two disk passes and, except for growers using lots of lagoon water, the need to dammer dike. Growers can even pull a planter behind the implement making planting a one-pass operation.

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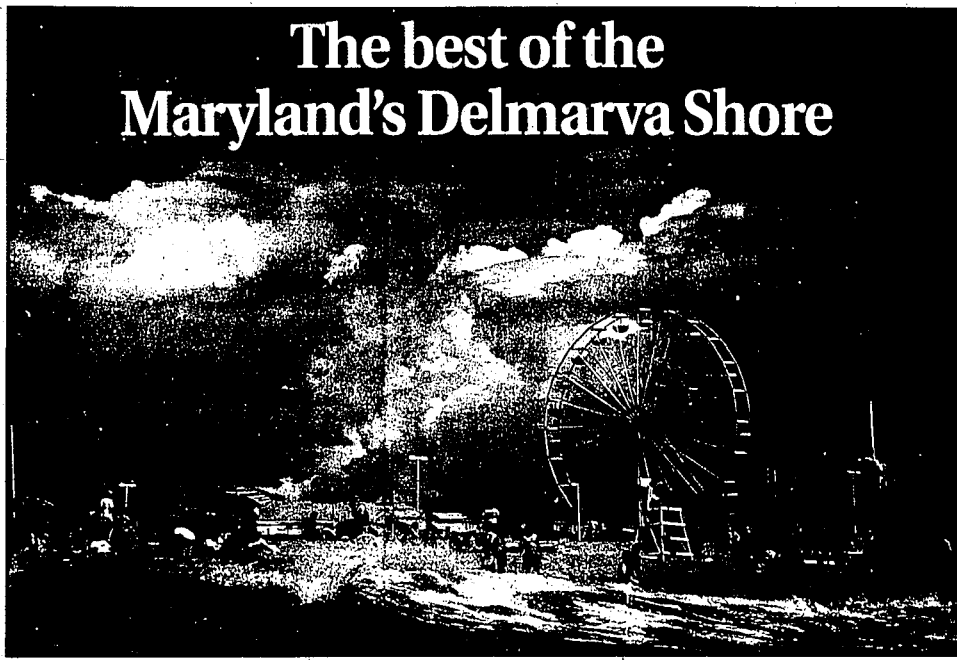
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TRAVEL

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD

48-hour beach getaways

The best of the
Maryland's Delmarva Shore

Vacationers line the shore in Ocean City, Md., one of seven beach getaways on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Lewes: Old-time charm

Lewes is a hand-colored postcard version of what small fishing towns used to be, an irresistible walking tour of Victorian and Queen Anne architecture. Even if the commercial district is recovering on the brink of "olde town" cuteness, the beautifully kept homes and gardens, the jumble of tackle and line at Fishermen's Wharf and the relative quiet (any jet skiers are far enough away to be mostly out of earshot) make it ideal for romantics and empty nesters happy to waltz away a leisurely afternoon — which partly explains the increasing number of higher-end hotels, B&Bs and the like.

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. As you pull off Route 9 toward old Lewes, stop for dinner at Fish On in the Villages at Five Points Town Center (17300 N. Village Main Blvd.; 302-645-9790). The dining room menu is tempting, but the bar menu is ideal grazing (frost scallops, pickled anchovies with raw asparagus ribbons, pan-roast-

ed mussels with country ham, smoked trout dip), especially if you play with the wine list.

SATURDAY

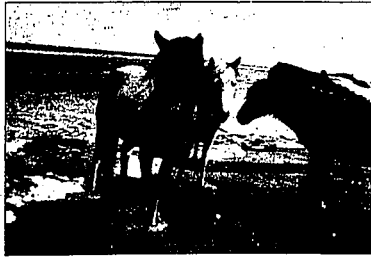
8:30 a.m. Walk into Notting Hill Coffee (124 Second St.; 302-645-0733) for fresh espresso and oversized bakery treats. Take breakfast out to the sidewalk and lounge on a bench for best atmosphere.

Noon. Cool off with a dip in the ocean — there's a bathhouse for changing and showering at the north swimming area, and you can rent an umbrella.

5:30 p.m. At the foot of alleylike Market Street is the beached boat Bar Gilligan's (302-645-7866). Enjoy the changing colors over the canal with a glass of wine while nibbling on a sun-dried tomato baguette or a portobello stuffed with artichoke.

SUNDAY

9 a.m. Cozy up with coffee, scones and a comfy chair at Books by the Bay (111 Bank St.; 302-644-6571).



It's not hard to find wild ponies along the unspoiled shoreline of Assateague Island, Md.

Bethany: Stylish serenity

If there is a resort that epitomizes the "shabby chic" style, it would be Bethany — which isn't all its fault. What began, like Rehoboth, as a church retreat, with small, neat homes and a natural tendency to low-volume levels, has in the past decade easily lured the more affluent, less bar-bound and even less purely beach-bound vacationers who love the views and can spend a lot

of money and window glass climbing over and above one another to get there.

Luckily, there are still long-timers who inhabit the neat rows of homes just off the beach, who walk to the post office on pine-needle paths and who, even on their old open-speed bikes, remember to stop at the stop signs.

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Rehoboth Beach: Sea changes ahead

If looks could chill, the average temperature at Rehoboth Beach would never top 70, even in August. This is the body-conscious beach, inside and out: fashionable, food-savvy, buffed, fluffed, tanned, rested and ready — at least, that's the locals. Summer imports can be more problematic, more Van Heusen than Tommy Hilfiger, less Big Dog than Big & Tall. Tween girls parade their sacred tattoos. The waaaaay out-of-towners — the Russian students with summer jobs — practice their English and puzzle over the sexual coding of earrings and piercings. Then there are the bonneted Mennonite lassies and bearded Hasidim who make surprise appearances on the beach in top-toe black, reminders of Rehoboth's origins as a religious (Methodist) summer retreat.

Though Rehoboth remains the trendy resort, its essential cool is in danger of being diluted, and a kind of backlash, or perhaps just boredom, is already forming against the astro-Zen-fusion, catchall style that long dominated both its restaurant and home accessories cliques. Several of its once-bustled restaurants have been sold or are for sale; the quiklier, cutting-edge furnishings galleries are fighting off a

wave of cutelier, frillier boutiques; and the competition among deep-pocketed home buyers for horizon space is chipping away at the values of the modest year-round homes. Like Dewey Beach and Fenwick Island, Rehoboth Beach may be on the verge of a major personality change.

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Cocktails on the patio at Blue Moon (35 Baltimore Ave.; 302-227-6515) is a tradition not only for the in-crowd but for the in-friendly (as the pins at nearby Lambda Rising describe it, "Straight but not narrow"). The bar staff is first-rate, the mix of workaday and casual wear almost "YMCA"-worthy, and the gossip irresistible. Then, as you walk across the main drag, you can hum along to the live music wafting from the bandstand at the foot of Rehoboth Avenue.

SATURDAY

8 a.m. Get a mini-tour of Rehoboth history — the older, smaller family homes and even older tent-based cottages, the mid-size old beach boarding houses, the larger modern creations and the classic resort amusements — by jogging the circuit from the oceanfront out

Rehoboth Avenue to Christian Street, past Silver Lake on Bayard Avenue and back over to the boardwalk; down the boardwalk onto Greenbelle Street and Lake View to First Street and back to town center. You'll pass arcade amusements, fudge and caramel popcorn, beachwear and cheap sunglasses, McManions, pseudo-Victorian and real Queen Annes, and get an idea why this town somehow holds on to its takes-a-village soul.

1:30 p.m. Grab fish and chips from the window at Go Fish! (24 Rehoboth Ave.; 302-226-1044) or a veggie lover's wheat tortilla from Beach Pack Wraps (150 Rehoboth Ave.; 302-226-7801) and head for the beach.

Midnight. By now you and your voice should be well lubricated, so join the karaoke junkies at the Purple Parrot & Bird Cage Bar (134 Rehoboth Ave.; 302-226-1139).

SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. Need a hangover cure? Chase your bloody Mary with a plate of raw oysters at the new but already old-friendly Fins Fish House & Iray Bar (243 Rehoboth Ave.; 302-226-3467). The slate usually lists a half-dozen types of oysters; order a sampler with liberty and extra Tabasco for all.

Fenwick Island: The last of quiet

Fenwick Island has long been coupled with Bethany Beach as one of "the quiet" resorts, meaning in contrast to Ocean City. But not surprisingly, given its position between the two — and the tug-of-war between the natural beauty of the wildlife and seashore areas to the north and the bulldozed to the south and west — the once "affordable" family village is developing a split personality.

Streches of Lighthouse Road/Route 54 and the smaller streets looking west into Little Assawoman Bay, once filled with small houses and RV parks and beloved for their sunset views, are being filled in, and their skylines elevated, by expansive homes and townhouses. "Marina" equipment increasingly means jet skis, only one miniature golf course remains, and even the Seaport Antique Village, long the favorite fantasy destination of resort shoppers up and down the

shore, has been sold for redevelopment.

Now a lawsuit for the Fenwick Island Lighthouse and the state line — established 1750-51 and marked with the arms of Lord Calvert on the Maryland side and William Penn on the Delaware side (then the lower Pennsylvania) — Fenwick Island would be hard to distinguish from Ocean City.

FRIDAY

8:30 p.m. The Fenwick Crab House (Fenwick Court on Coastal Highway one block north of the Maryland-Delaware line; 302-539-2500) is famous for its classic Maryland crab cakes and seafood combinations, and all-you-can-eat steamed crabs, fried chicken, jumbo crabs and corn on the cob.

10:30 p.m. Let dinner settle over a nightcap at Smithy McGehee's Raw Bar and Restaurant (Route 54 in the Bayville

Shopping Center, 302-436-4716), which is a kinder, gentler neighborhood hangout than it might seem at first glance.

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Fill up at the Royal Farms station at 701 Coastal Hwy, then customize your own breakfast order — bread, filling, condiments — at the computer kiosk. Add a 20-ounce cup of coffee and hash browns for \$1.55, walk over to the beach, take a bench and dine al fresco.

9:30 a.m. Get neckle and bait (and lots of good advice) at Fenwick Tackle (Route 1 and Maryland Avenue; 302-539-7763) before driving to Fenwick Island State Park, where you can change at the bathroom, grab a soft drink and stake out your territory (S). Surf-cast for bluefish, strippers, flounder and blowfish. Then take your catch to Hook 'Em and Cook 'Em at

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Ocean
City:
Circus
by the
sea

It's the essential paradox of Ocean City that is simultaneously PG- and R-rated: chock-full of classic kids' rides and mini-golf and wide, free public beaches (and good restroom facilities) and yet addicted to the crudest of T-shirts and baldiest of double-entendres, the loudest of beach bars and most artery-clogging of junk foods.

It's the same with boardwalk hotlines: bikini-worthies and wet-suit wonders vs. undershirt strainers and elastic waists. Hungover tweens and hourly morning-walkers. Goths getting pierced and soccer moms getting tattooed.

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Head straight to Fager's Island (6th Street and the bay; 410-524-5500) for the ritual sunset viewing of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," just as the cannon fires, and natural fireworks, subside. Grab a basket of free popcorn and a drink and a spot on one of the decks. Alcoholic beverages are some, so be Stumpy the deer off the gazebo roof a few years back, its angelic replacement does assume a somewhat more inauspicious presence when backed by flame.

Midnight. Head to the south end of the boardwalk and indulge in Ocean City's most unashamedly romantic ride, the giant Ferris wheel (410-289-3031). High above the glittering water on the pier, the nostalgic array of lights magically softens the crasser surfaces of the boardwalk and gives it a tinted-postcard aspect.

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Doughnuts are a beach staple, but skip the mass-market conveyor belts and head for the hometown hero, the fractured Prince (26th Street at Philadelphia Avenue; 410-289-1134), and Route 611 (Highway Decatur Highway and the beach) in West Ocean City; 410-213-9899).

1 p.m. Grab a kite or Frisbee at the Kite Loft (Boardwalk at Fifth Street; 410-289-6852).

4:30 p.m. Head to the K-Coast Surf Shop at 35th Street and Coastal Highway (410-524-8560) to sign up for surfing lessons with the pros from OC Groms (\$100, wet suits and boards supplied).

7:30 p.m. Get a glimpse of what Ocean City's horizon used to look like at Harrison's Harbor Watch restaurant and raw bar (at the south end of the boardwalk; 410-289-5121), whose great windows offer a panoramic view of the ocean, the bay and the spindly northern tip of Assateague Island that was, until the great storm of 1933, connected to where you sit. You might be in time to lift your glass to dolphins and even occasionally to a few of the more adventurous wild ponies.

SUNDAY

10 a.m. There are good reasons the Purple Moose (Boardwalk between Talbot and Caroline streets; 410-289-6958) has been such a success, and the Bloody Marys are several of them.

TRAVEL

Bethany

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So, yes, this is the yuppie beach but not a trendy one, with less for teen-agers, perhaps, than for their younger siblings...

FRIDAY

8 p.m. Dinner at Sedona is almost a destination in itself, and with a 70-seat restaurant, it's best to reserve in advance.

SATURDAY

8 a.m. Bethany is decidedly pedestrian-oriented. The shoulders along Pennsylvania Avenue and the side streets are extra-wide.

Fenwick

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The Indian River Marina (just north of the inlet bridge on Route 1; 302-226-8220) is now filled and packed in ice to haul home.

1 p.m. Stroll in with some good authentic Greek grub on a weekend in the heart of Capt. Pete's Mediterranean Cove.

5 p.m. Arrange a kayaking lesson at Coastal Kayak, then head out for a two-hour sunset-coast-out of the salt marsh area.

10 p.m. Fenwick may be quiet, but it's not dead. Like any good watering hole, the Quail Pub (1 Sunshine Plaza; 302-537-7414) stays open as long as customers are around.

Exploratory art

By Michael Judge The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — History, nature and art unite in "Botanical Treasures of Lewis & Clark," an exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Tips for getting off the plane faster

By Keith L. Alexander The Washington Post

To get passengers on and off their flights faster, several airlines are testing boarding and deplaning aircraft from their front-rear doors.

Pennsylvania Ave.; 302-541-8160) and join the strollers.

1:30 p.m. Shopping is a pastime, not a passion, in Bethany Beach. Of All Things (25 N. Pennsylvania Ave.; 302-539-0891) offers a mix of whimsical and downright smart modern home accessories and gifts.

5:30 p.m. Shift to the nearby Cottage Cafe on Route 1 south of Route 26 (302-539-8710) for live music and maybe a little dancing.

SUNDAY

8 a.m. The food at Dangerously Delicious Pies (110 Garfield Pkwy.; 302-537-7437) might be irresistible even if it weren't for the logo: a piratical pig.

Noon. Load up at the brunch buffet at Fat Tuna Grill (Route 1; 302-591-0200) for \$14.95.

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Stop into DelVecchio's Bakery in the Bayville Shopping Center on Route 54 (302-436-9518) for sticky buns, elephant's ears, muffins and coffee.

10:30 a.m. Shopping Fenwick Island is a short walk. On the Coastal Highway at the corner of Carolina Street is, naturally, Carolina Street (302-539-2405), a house-and-garden gift shop of whimsical accessories, fine and distressed and shabby-chic garden accouterments.

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The botanical samples collected by Lewis and Clark represent "one of the most important contributions to the science of their day," according to curator Leslie Eaton.

Corcoran activists planned the exhibition with the exhibit, part of the ongoing nationwide celebration of the expedition's bicentennial, include a gallery talk and open house on June 11.

Southwest spokeswoman Beth Harbin said the airline uses both doors only in Burbank, Calif., and at one gate in Austin.

'Da Vinci Code' tourists rush to chapel

By Sue Leaman, Associated Press writer

ROSLIN, Scotland — There's no mystical rose line running through it. No Star of David carved into the floor or hidden where the fabled Holy Grail may rest.

Reality at Roslyn Chapel is very different from the portrayal in Dan Brown's hit thriller, "The Da Vinci Code," but the novel has been a welcome boost for a church in desperate need of repair.

The book suggests the medieval stone building perched in a gentle fold of the Pentland hills outside Edinburgh could be the repository of the fabled Holy Grail, and with it the secret of whether Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene founded a dynasty.



Margaret Silberman, left, and her husband, Alan Silberman, tourists from Chicago, visit Roslyn Chapel after reading about the medieval church featured in Dan Brown's novel, "The Da Vinci Code," in Roslin, Midlothian, Scotland, May 11.

"It didn't disappoint me that it's not just as Brown described, it's fiction, after all."

- Margaret Silberman

Hoping to swell those visitor numbers, VisitScotland, the official tourist agency, has invested \$51,000 on a DVD, "The Roslyn Enigma," which it is using to promote the destination in North America.

Toslyn hosted 117,000 visitors in 2005, more than three times the number three years ago, and another 145,000 are expected this year, according to church director Stuart Beattie.

The chapel is probably just the back end of what was conceived as a much grander building, but Roslyn is famed for its profuse and exuberant — some would say over the top — decoration.

"The architecture within is exquisitely beautiful," Dorothy Wordsworth, the poet's sister, said after visiting in 1807, though she feared that "as nothing is done to keep it together, it must, in the end, fall."

green men (a sign of rebirth) and the imposing "apprentice pillar" with its twisting wreaths of stone leaves, named for a young worker supposedly killed by a boss (jealous of his skill. With a bit of imagination, guides say, you can glimpse the ancient Jewish six-pointed star implicit in parts of the architecture that Brown prows as a sign of mystical goings-on.

"People come to Roslyn with a great raft of different reasons and theories, all of which we enjoy although we don't necessarily agree with them," he said.

Travel planning requires multiple checks

By Aniek Jessiman, Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Summer's almost here. It's time for my annual ritual of dreaming of all the places I wish I could go: Seattle, Sydney, Paris.

Thanks to the Internet, I can search for a flight to paradise from my own window office, even if I lack the cash and the time to take the trips.

Frequent travelers are no doubt familiar with the online travel agencies like Expedia Inc., Cendant Corp.'s Orbitz LLC and Sabre Holdings Corp.'s Travelocity.com — the ones that have given traditional travel agents more free time to, well, travel.

Lesser known are the travel search engines that check multiple sites at once and can uncover Web specials and airlines that the big three online agencies might miss.

I checked out four of them — FareChase from Yahoo Inc., Kayak.com, Mobissimo and SideStep — as I searched for 11 imaginary trips through 140 air.

The search engines typically gave me the best fares. That's because the agencies add a markup — Orbitz adds \$1.50, \$6.99 for a recent trip to San Francisco, for instance — while the search engines usually take me to airlines' Web sites for direct booking without fees.

In many cases, the agencies' fares are only a few dollars pricier after the fees are added.

Yahoo appeared to give me the best fares, most of the time — before I noticed it rounded prices down, making them appear \$1 cheaper.

Factoring that in, Kayak.com most often had the best fare — six times — while Yahoo came up best — or tied — five times.

Mobissimo was on top four times, and SideStep Inc. tied for first once.

That's not to say the online travel agencies should be dismissed completely. For a trip to Paris, Orbitz found an Aer Lingus flight that was \$423 cheaper than what the search engines found, even though it all include Orbitz and sister site CheapTickets in their checks.

Expedia and Travelocity, which do not allow the multi-site engines to search their sites, also had the cheapest fares and then. And shame on Expedia as well for rounding down to appear cheaper.

Of course, availability and price can change by the minute. So for any given search, all seven sites were checked within five minutes of one another, and each trip was searched twice.

The online travel agencies say customers shouldn't judge by price alone, insisting they can provide better customer service and even package deals with hotels. And some will even alert you when a trip you're eyeing has dropped in price.

Among the agency sites, I found Orbitz had the most flexibility. I can tell it to look for the cheapest weekend trip in June, or a two-to-four-day trip between July 15 and Aug. 3.

While Expedia and Travelocity let me buy tickets for flights, seniors and minors, Orbitz also allowed me to specify "infant in lap" or "infant in seat."

I also was able to search by arrival time; the others let me sort results that way but not search for it up front.

At all three agency sites, a calendar popped up as I was about to enter the date. Only Travelocity, however, showed two months at a time, saving me a click. Orbitz's calendar didn't work on the Opera Web browser.

Another disappointment with Orbitz is its emphasis on showing prices before taxes and fees — the base fare and not the total is displayed in bold. The others show the total in the main results.

All three sites alerted me to cheaper fares from nearby airports or dates, even though I hadn't requested them.

In some cases, Expedia presented a nice calendar showing fares for the entire month, not just within a few days.

Alas, I was disappointed by Expedia's insistence on always sorting by price first, even when I specify a departure time. The company says that within a given price, flights are sorted by preferred time, but having to wade through cheap afternoon flights does me no good when I need to be there for a 9 a.m. meeting.

Travelocity also sorted by price, but highlighted in orange the flights near my time.

Among the search sites, Kayak had the most flexibility and options. Only Kayak let me search for multi-city (as in New York to Chicago to Boston to New York) and so-called open-jaw trips (flying from New York, but returning to Boston).

Kayak also has e-mail fare alerts similar to the agency sites (SideStep is bringing back the feature this summer).

And on Thursday, Kayak plans to start its beta test for flexible date searching, up to three days before or after, a feature until now limited to the agency sites.

Kayak was also easiest to use. For instance, of the four sites, permitting multi-city searches, only Kayak automatically filled in the next box.

Hotels up but planes are down

By Cindy Loose and Carol Sottill The Washington Post


The latest results from the University of Michigan's American Customer Satisfaction Index are in, and it's good news for the hotel industry, but airlines — not so much.

Overall airline satisfaction ratings dropped 1.5 percent in the past year to 65 out of a possible 100, the lowest score since the aftermath of 9/11. If you're looking for satisfaction among the six legacy carriers, Continental is your best bet, with a score of 67.

We're happier once we arrive. Hotels received an overall rating of 75, a 2.2 percent improvement over last year. Hilton remains the industry leader, with a score of 86. But the lowest-cost chains are charging forward: Ramada was up 6 percent, to 70, and Holiday Inn was up 4 percent, to 72.


Advertisement for Magic Valley Realtors Online. The ad features a large banner at the top with the company name. Below the banner are several circular portraits of real estate agents, each with their name and contact information. The agents listed include Ian Hutchison, Gail Bengough, and Chris Barber. The ad also includes a small graphic of a house and a phone icon. At the bottom, there is a small box with contact information for the company, including a website URL and a phone number.

In Loving Memory




Sarah M. Allen
 March 31, 1978
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 Every walk on the beach reminds us of you. The feel of sand between the toes, you are the sunset reflection on the waves.
 You are missed everyday.
 Love, The Rogains Family

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 We love and miss you, Grandma.
 Our love always.



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Jim W. Nebel
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Kris Kiser
 Missing you more than ever!
 Love
 Brandon, Randi and your grandson Mayson

In Loving Memory
Crystal Marie Torres
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 Hija, I miss you so much and so do your kids
 Love, your Mom,
 Kids & Family




In Loving Memory
Oscar Nery Sanchez Ramirez
 You are the love of my life. Forever your always in my thoughts. You'll forever in my heart. I Love You so much, my love. 5/27/70 to 01/03/05 ever since I've lost you in a car accident. I am not the same. I am very sad and I hurt so much in my heart. This feeling I have won't ever go away because I miss you so much. But I have all of the memories of us and of you I will hold this with me forever. You're very special to me. You're the only one that made me happy. All you would have to do is wait in a room where I was with that big wonderful smile of yours. Because you loved me, I will always love you, and you are in Heaven with God. You are my angel, from above and I'm waiting until we can be together again one day.
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 You are like the colors in the rainbow. Full of life, beautiful like the sunset. Missed more each loving day. You will remain close in our hearts forever.
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Jason Everill There will always be a place in our hearts only you can fill. We know your beautiful smile will bring joy to our hearts again one day.
 Love, Your Family


In MEMORY OF COLIN JOSEPH LITTLETON "OUR LITTLE MAN"
 You were ours for just a little while, with your gorgeous brown eyes and dynamite smile. We shared so much in our short time together, and the time that we shared has made memories forever.
 When we think of you now, at the age you would be, a beautiful Big Boy is the child that we see. We miss you still, we love you always, for in our hearts you remain with such bright shining glory. So because God decided he needed you more, he gave you wings so you could soar. He needs an angel strong, but small, to shine Light on many and give love to all. It's later now, time has moved on, we miss you as though you've just gone. Forever and ever to us, you'll live on!
 Love forever and Always
 Your Mom and Dad



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED BROTHER
 Simon Eugene Belle
 No farewell words were spoken
 No time to say Good Bye
 You were gone before we knew it
 And Only God can tell us why




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Maycee Eldredge
 Our time was so brief, It was over before its start... But our little Angel left behind Footprints across our heart
 We love and miss you.
 Mommy, Daddy and baby brother Mayson



Jean Snow
 Aug. 2, 1930 - June 2, 2005
 Loving you was a pleasure. Losing you hurt. Our memories are sweet & precious. You will remain in our hearts forever and deeply missed.
 Love, The Rogains and Snows




You lit up our world with your sweet smile. In our thoughts and hearts forever and ever!
 We love and miss you everyday!
 Loving Husband, Father, Son & Friend!
 Till we meet again.
 LOVE YOU MOST
 Trent Wesley David





Rance Wade Boehler
 Oct. 30, 1960
 Mar. 15, 2006
 To Quote Edna St. Vincent Millay "Where you used to be, there is hole in the world".
 You are missed!!
 All Your Family and Friends


We remember his life, and all that earned him the love, the admiration, the respect of family and friends. Blessed to have his remarkable spirit here among us forever




In Memory
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 Our Angel Baby - We Love you and Miss you every day. Families are forever! Love, Mom, Dad, Twin Ava and new bean




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 Husband & best friend, my love, joy, happiness, and my life.
 The wind beneath my wings,
 I miss you -
 Your Wife Carmen




CHARLES "Chuck" WOJCIK
 In grateful memory of the "LOVE of my LIFE". Served in Army Corps of Engineers in Pacific arena WWII. Was wounded (60% disability) on Okinawa. Loving Husband, devoted Father (5), Grandfather (9), Great Grandfather (9); and Friend to many.



Someone who made our lives special, during her short time here. Someone who won't soon be forgotten, but cherished from year to year. In memory of a daughter, sister, mother and friend
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1. Black & Tan neutered male, very large on Jefferson.
 2. Lab cross female pup; black/marble on Austin St.
 3. Lab cross red & white female pup. 3rd Ave. N.
 4. Lab cross black male pup on Van Buron.
 5. Tri-colored Heeler or cross male.
 6. Husky cross black & white female from 9th Ave. N.
 7. Tri-colored Sheltie/Corgie cross male, 3800 N. 3850 E.
 8. Tri-colored Collie cross male, City of Hansen.
 9. Red Heeler male, big pup, St. Edwards.
 10. Chocolate Lab male adult, Dierkes Lake.
 11. White rabbit on 4000 block of Meadow Ridge.

- ADOPTIONS**
1. Brindle and white 1 year old Pit Bull cross; neutered male.
 2. Border Collie Aussie cross male, big pup.
 3. Red & white Mastiff Hound cross female.
 4. 8 month old Boxer cross; spayed female.
 5. Black Lab neutered male, young.
 6. Bardor Collie/Catahoula cross male, young adult.
 7. Bardor Collie/Catahoula cross male, young adult.
 8. Beagle/Collie cross; young adult female.
 9. Heeler cross tri-merle colored male young adult.
 10. Bardor Collie Pointer cross, large male pup.
 11. Red/Aussie cross black & tan male pup.
 12. Black & white Lab cross female pup.
 13. (3) Chocolate Lab females, young adults.
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101 Lost and Found

FOUND baseball bats at Robert Stuart Junior High. Call to identify at 732-6460.
FOUND Blue Aussie male pup young, at corner of 50 E, 300 S, Burley. Call Becky 431-1113.
FOUND Chocolate Lab puppy by Addison Ave early Friday morning. Please call to describe, 280-2448 or 206-734-3050.

FOUND puppy, white, wearing a pink collar, mixed breed, at the corner of Park & Filer on 5/25. 206-208-8614
FOUND Springer Spaniel female, northwest of Jerome. Call 206-539-9614.

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LOST torax, on 5/20 on 4th and Edon in Twin Falls. Please call 206-734-1087

LOST German Short-hair, last seen 5/23 on Fair Ave. & Filer, female, anxious to Heidi, has collar with rabies tag, 7-8 years old. 206-326-6729

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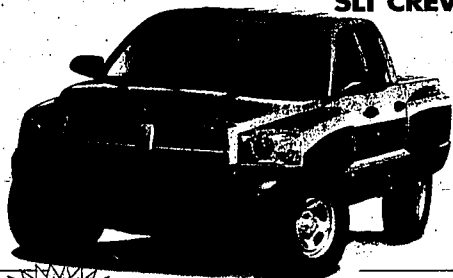
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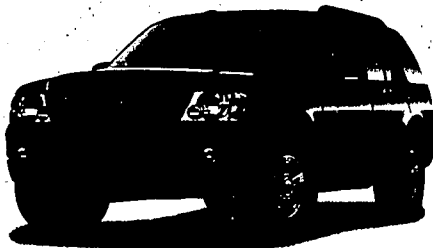
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Keeping up with the Joneses

Mekenna Jones can really book it. Poor Ben is just three months younger than she is, but to him it must seem like a lifetime. Rewind to when my husband and I were interviewing baby sitters. We were hesitant about the women who had young children of their own, partly because our house isn't child-proof yet, and partly because we wanted Ben to have individual attention. If we wanted him to just be one baby amongst the masses, we'd have put him in day care. (It's cheaper!)



MAMA TALK
Suzanne DeSelms

But there was one young mother I really liked. I gave her a trial run, and she brought along her then-6-month-old daughter. Ben was only 3 months, and though he had seen other babies, he never really paid much attention to them. But when he met Mekenna, his eyes got real big — and he looked at her.

It's like he was saying, "Hey! You're a baby like me!" That clinched the deal.

Later, a photo from the baby sitter's camera phone reveals the two babies holding hands. Without the picture, I never would have believed it. But that three-month spread make such a difference at this stage of life. Mekenna has been crawling since she was 6 months old. Ben is still stuck whenever you put him. He can roll over, but it doesn't do him much good. Mekenna crawls up to him, climbs on him, takes his pacifier or whatever toy he might be playing with. She has older cousins, and her experiences with them have taught her to fend for herself. She definitely has learned to go after what she wants and not let anyone get in her way. Her mama is working on teaching her to share the toys with Ben.

Though it's a little unbalanced now, it won't be long before he catches up to her and they become good friends. Even if she is a little ornery. But at the same time, I hear that she's been "helping" to feed Ben his baby food. In fact, I really believe that Mekenna was one of the reasons he showed signs of being ready for solid food a little early. I see her eat her baby food and think, "Hey, I want some of that!"

Personally, I'm glad he has someone to learn from. He has all the advantages of being an only child, but none of the loneliness. Not to mention, having her around has been motivating him to try harder.

When we put him on his tummy, he makes eager swimming motions with his limbs. He knows he should be able to move, but he just can't get himself to go forward. I can tell he's thinking: Mekenna can do it, why can't I?

But there's one area where Ben's been doing more than keeping up. Mekenna is the tiniest little baby ever. She's actually so small that she's off the percentile charts. Ben has made quite the rebound from his traumatic birth and is now about average in weight for boys his age. So when you put them together, it's pretty obvious that Ben is significantly bigger than Mekenna, by about four pounds!

One day, they all went for a walk. The baby sitter alternates between carrying one and letting the other ride in the stroller. Some neighbors were also out walking, and they approached this odd duo.

"How sweet! Are they twins?" "No," my baby sitter replied. "She's three months older than he is."

"Oh." The women didn't seem to know what to do with this information.

"Are they both yours?"

Times-News copy editor Suzanne DeSelms heard most of the information in this column secondhand, since she is always at work when the cute things happen. She can be reached at 735-3232 or sdeselms@magiclevelley.com.



Campers at Camp Crescendo, on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls, paint faces in 2005. Fun activities such as camp songs, s'mores roasts and hikes help keep children's minds off home.

Homesick

Local kids go through summer-camp separation woes

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the Chapman family car zipped over the Heritage Bridge, 11-year-old Jordan thought, just for a moment, about jumping out. "No, Mom," he said. "I can't do this. I'm not doing this, Mom. No way. Let's turn around."

Five minutes later, the Chapmans rolled onto the College of Southern Idaho campus. Jordan still aboard. Kelleen Chapman, Jordan's mother, kissed her son and her 9-year-old daughter, Kelsey, hopped back into the car and took off.

They'd made it. The kids were at camp. Mom was in the car, and there hadn't been a single tear shed. A miracle, considering this was the first time the Chapman kids would be away from home — alone — more than a few days.

It was, as Kelleen later said, "a successful summer-camp drop-off."

Between now and September, hundreds of Magic Valley children will head to summer camp. It's an exciting prospect for some, an experience others dread — particularly children not used to being away from home. American Camp Association research shows that 83 percent of campers experience homesickness. A small fraction of those kids will make a rescue call to mom and dad — I want to come home.

But separation stress isn't exclusively a kid problem. Jeff D. Derry, clinical director at SUWS camp

for troubled adolescents in Gooding, said it's parents, not children, who get hung up dealing with separation.

"Some parents are very nervous on drop-off day," he said. "Most children are excited."

Camp leaders realize this, he said, and spend as much time comforting parents as children that first day.

"One thing we talk a lot about," Derry said, "is that this is part of helping a child develop."

In other words, separation is natural, even essential. A week at summer camp away from mom and dad can allow a child to progress as an individual. It's a chance for children to become more independent.

It can also be a time for parents to collect themselves. Derry, who is a mental-health counselor, said it's OK for parents to have a good time while the kids are away.

Other camp leaders agree. Pamela Link, director at Camp Crescendo, the camp the Chapman children attended last summer, said parents should go out with their spouses, take mini-vacations, spend time with younger children left at home. Do anything — except sit and worry about the campers.

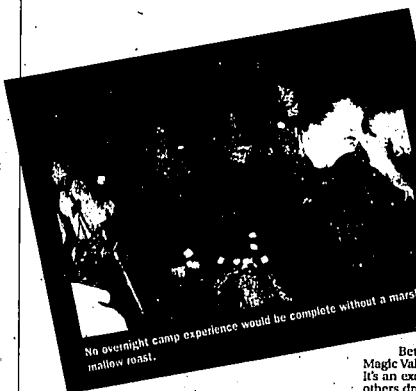
Kelleen's husband, Jerry Chapman, took a day off work during the children's absence. They saw a movie, had a date.

"That was a freedom on our end we hadn't experienced in a long time," she said. "It was great. Really great."

The Chapmans didn't have much to worry about. They'd done their homework. Kelleen visited with camp counselors before drop-off day. She took the children to tour the dorm building where they would stay. She let the kids spend a weekend at the grandparents'. The summer before Camp Crescendo, Kelleen went to camp with the kids. (She worked as a volunteer.)

But as the Chapmans drove from their home near Wendell to the CSI campus last summer, Kelleen feared all this preparation was in vain. Jordan started

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No overnight camp experience would be complete without a marshmallow roast.

Tips for parents

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COMMUNITY

Four east-end girls will attend Girls State

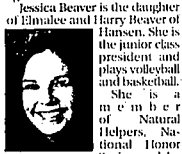
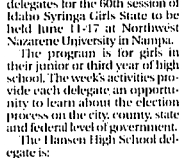
KIMBERLY — The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 has selected the east-end Girls State delegates for the 68th session of Idaho Spring Girls State to be held June 11-17 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

The program is for girls in their junior or third year of high school. The week's activities provide each delegate an opportunity to learn about the election process on the city, county, state and federal level of government.

The Hansen High School delegate is Jessica Beaver is the daughter of Elmirae and Harry Beaver of Hansen. She is the junior class president and plays volleyball and basketball.

She is a member of Natural Helpers, National Honor Society and the Women's Leadership Committee. Her financial sponsor is the Hansen High School Student Body Fund.

Kimberly High School delegates are: Maria Onalinda is the daughter of Jill and Rick Onalinda of Twin Falls. She is a member of Business Professionals of



America, mock trial team, Spanish Club and debate team, and plays basketball.

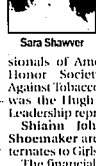
Thomas is the daughter of Anna Marie Nowacki of Kimberly. She is a member of the debate team, mock trial, Future Farmers of America, Ski Club and National

Sara Shawver is the daughter of Peter and Jean Shawver of Eden. She is a bronze, silver and gold Congressional Medal recipient.

She is a member of Natural Helpers, Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society and Team Against Tobacco Use team, and was the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership representative.

Shafiq Johns and Sara Shoemaker are Kimberly's alternates to Girls State.

The financial contributor for the Kimberly High School delegates is the Grace Smith Keener Foundation.



TOPS meeting rescheduled

TWIN FALLS — TOPS No. 3 will not hold its regular meeting Monday because of the Memorial Day holiday.

A weight-in will be held between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the basement at the Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E., but no meeting will be held.

Regular Monday meetings will resume June 5. For more information, call 735-7237.

Lammers, Cravens party on Wednesday

FILER — An open house will honor the retirement of Suelien Lammers and Marie Cravens from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Filer Middle School Library.

Lammers has been teaching in the Filer District for 33 years, and Cravens has been in the district for 29 years and is cur-

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Thomas John Campbell, son of Brita and William Campbell of Hailey, was born May 1, 2006.

Ashlee Alexander Amadeus Teulet, son of Timorn Mortensen and Gian Marko Teulet Nalvarte of Ketchum, was born May 1, 2006.

rently the Filer Middle School secretary.

All former and current students and staff of Filer School District and the public are invited.

Iris show on June 4

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Iris Society will hold its fourth annual American Iris Society Affiliated Iris Show on June 4 at the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Named entries will be accepted from 8 to 10:30 a.m., and public viewing will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Entrants can be of any age and do not need to be members. Entries may range from a single flower to artistic arrangements based on the "Over the Rainbow" theme.

Awards will be presented at 2 p.m. Show iris rhizomes will be given on Aug. 5 at the Twin Falls City Park.

Gary Clark of Missoula, Mont., iris garden judge and National Federated Garden

judge, will present a flower arrangement demonstration at 3 p.m.

Members will be available to provide information and answer questions about growing irises. Educational exhibits also will be set up. Admission is free for both exhibitors and the viewing public.

For more information, call Patti Hurley at 537-6836, Don Chadd at 733-0040, Jeani Poul at 934-5368, or Jeanette Grayham at 734-3613 or 308-7054.

Sign up for Twin Falls reading program

TWIN FALLS — Sign-ups for the Twin Falls Public Library's summer reading program, "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Reads," will begin Monday.

The May 13, 2006, "Ye Olde Medieval Kick-Off" at 10:30 a.m. Friday with a puppet show, storytelling and folk-songing. Activities for June and July will include a storytelling, craft time and play.

Preschool through fifth-grade children will be reading in increments of time. Youth in sixth through 12th grades will be divided into two teams for a competitive "Reading Joust."

For more information, call Youth Services at the library at 733-2964, ext. 110.

Sign up for Kimberly reading program

KIMBERLY — Registration for Kimberly Public Library's "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" summer reading program begins at 9:30 Thursday at the library.

Children ages 4-11 with all abilities are welcome. A variety of programs and giveaways are planned for June, and a final party is scheduled for June 29 for all participants who complete the program.

Call Natasha Solomon at 423-5034 or Kimberly Public Library at 423-4556 for more information.

STORK REPORT

Camila Marie Horne, daughter of Lorena and Grant Horne of Bellevue, was born May 2, 2006.

Ballardo Torres-Nunez, son of Brista Nunez-Chavez of Hailey, was born May 8, 2006.

Grayson Lynn Smith, son of Kimberly and Brian Smith of Carey, was born May 8, 2006.

Ryan James Sandoz, son of Michelle and Durfan Sandoz of Hailey, was born May 9, 2006.

Emmett Lee Stouffer, son of Susan and Mark Stouffer of Bellevue, was born May 15, 2006.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Mala Marie Olivass, daughter of Jacobo Olivass and Stephanie Torres of Jerome, was born May 3, 2006.

Jose Juan Gonzalez Jr., son of Jose and Amanda Gonzalez of Jerome, was born May 11, 2006.

Alfred Dee Madison, daughter of Vernon and Billie Madison of Jerome, was born May 15, 2006.

Spencer Allen Callison, son of Nicole Gayle Callison of Jerome, was born May 16, 2006.

Etan Leonard Helmer, son of Kurt and Sybil Helmer of Jerome, was born May 20, 2006.

Cooper Koufax Jones, son of Wesley and April Jones of Jerome, was born May 22, 2006.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Valerie Gonzalez, daughter of Diana Laura Iruegas of Buhl, was born May 7, 2006.

William Jacob Shurtz, son of Christine Suzanne Spellman of Gooding, was born May 8, 2006.

Kaylee Irene Steppe, daughter of Jennifer Irene Niven of

Twin Falls, was born May 9, 2006.

Aracelia Coelho, daughter of Joyce Lancellotti Frey of Jerome, was born May 9, 2006.

Jesus Alejandro Alvarez, son of Erika Mendoza of Jerome, was born May 11, 2006.

Diego Armando Gonzalez, son of Maria Antonia and Armando Gonzalez of Rogerson, was born May 13, 2006.

Christopher Joseph Valentin, son of Sonia Morales of Twin Falls, was born May 14, 2006.

Jeovanni Andres Morris, son of Britnie Lynn Morris of Twin Falls, was born May 15, 2006.

Gracyn Christopher Davis, son of Jami Suzanne and Taylor Kemp Davis of Twin Falls, was born May 16, 2006.

Madeline Grace Gilson, daughter of Rena Ann and Stephen James Gilson of Hailey, was born May 16, 2006.

Daniel Levi Wells, son of Brandi Marie Bruhl and Curt James Wells of Buhl, was born May 16, 2006.

Noah James Cox, son of Heidi and Gregory Lynn Cox of Twin Falls, was born May 16, 2006.

Abel Carlos Campos, son of Leticia and Christopher John Campos of Twin Falls, was born May 16, 2006.

Wyatt Allen Pearson, son of Tawnee Marie and Wesley Allen Pearson of Wendell, was born May 16, 2006.

Cooper J. Wiggins, son of April Lynn and Joshua John Wiggins of Twin Falls, was born May 17, 2006.

Luka Joseph Hill and **Levi John Hill**, twin sons of Wendy Sue and Joseph Dale Hill of Filer, were born May 17, 2006.

Alex Koyoharu Hirai, son of Jennifer Joann and Gregory Koyoharu Hirai of Wendell, was born May 17, 2006.

Dall Jean Severe, daughter of Ker of Lisa Lynn and David Severe of Rogerson, was born May 17, 2006.

Bridger Jason Duncan, son of Tiffanie Ann and Jason Hepburn Duncan of Burley, was born May 18, 2006.

Diego Arturo Valdez, son of Maria Teresa and Manuel Valdez of Gooding, was born May 18, 2006.

Niah Kay Wiersema, daughter of Sara Renee Martinez and Christopher David Wiersema of Twin Falls, was born May 18, 2006.

Colton Lloyd Draney, son of Kerl Sue and Clark Lloyd Draney of Twin Falls, was born May 19, 2006.

Aliani Yulet Cruz-Garcia, daughter of Mirra Cruz-Rojas and Samuel Garcia of Wendell, was born May 19, 2006.

Isabelle Rose Brown, daughter of Lisa Lynn and Christopher L. Brown of Twin Falls, was born May 20, 2006.

Siianne Isabella Garcia, daughter of Margarita Eileen and Rudy Garcia of Wendell, was born May 20, 2006.

Kiersten Ariana Gutierrez, daughter of Veronica and Jose Roberto Gutierrez Jr. of Shoshone, was born May 20, 2006.

Kala Marie Christopherson, daughter of Desiree Maria and Joshua James Christopherson of Twin Falls, was born May 21, 2006.

Matthew Robert Jackson, son of Jennifer Marie and Robert Sidney Jackson III of Twin Falls, was born May 21, 2006.

Brayden R. Culver, son of Carrie Jean and Ryan L. Culver of Jerome, was born May 22, 2006.

Maelynn Rebecca Durham, daughter of Angela Mae and Berry Randall Durham of Twin Falls, was born May 22, 2006.



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