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Fighting meth

Idaho limiting local meth supply, not demand

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It unravels like a game of international Whack-A-Mole. When Idaho law enforcement delivers a blow to meth production here, it pops up somewhere else.

So although meth lab busts in Idaho have dropped 84 percent since 2001, meth production has increased in places like Mexico.

About 75 percent of Idaho meth now comes from south of the border.

"The meth we are seeing now is not homemade," said Detective Sgt. Gary Kaufman of the Idaho State Police. "It's coming in from out of the country."

That is a good thing in the eyes of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

"Seeing this type of reduction is a huge step forward," said Jeff Eigo, spokesman for the DEA's Seattle field division, which includes Idaho.

Pushing the supply farther away limits traffickers' access to a few routes into the Magic Valley.

The most popular drug route in south-central Idaho is U.S. Highway 93.

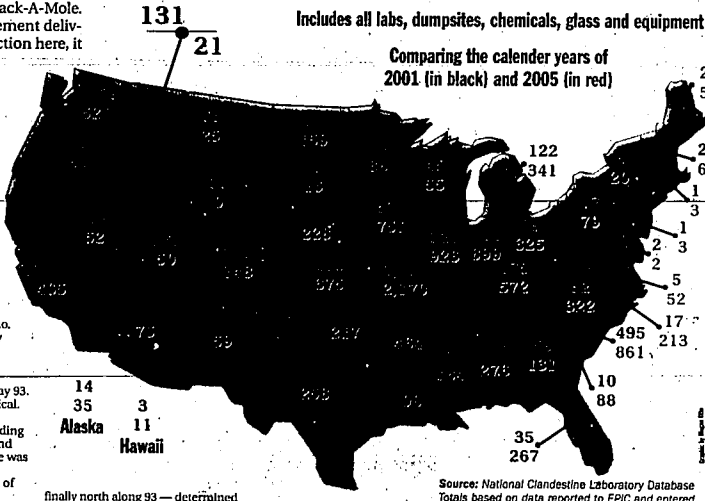
Traffickers like Israel Rivera are typical. He was caught last summer on Highway 93 after successfully avoiding detection at the Mexican border and through California and Nevada. He was caught when Twin Falls County deputies saw him throw a pound of meth out his car window.

But for every arrest, untold numbers of couriers are getting through.

"We might catch three to four good loads — multiple pounds of meth — in a year," said an Idaho State Police narcotics detective. "But I am sure there is a lot we miss." The Times-News is withholding the detective's name at the request of ISP.

So far, the strength of local demand trumps all.

At each step along the way — from south of California, up Interstate 5, across Nevada on Interstate 80 and



finally north along 93 — determined traffickers are piercing successive lines of defense.

The first line is the DEA, then Border Patrol and a separate agency, Customs and Border Patrol. A fourth federal agency, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, runs the investigations. State and local agencies provide the last line of defense.

In fiscal 2005, U.S. Border Patrol agents seized 72.44 pounds from checkpoints along the Mexico-America border and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), which staffs the ports of entry.

seized 2,913 pounds. Combined, the seizures represent 7,271 "eight-balls." One eight-ball is enough to get 15 people high.

Traditionally, Mexican meth trafficking has been orchestrated by Mexican cartel-controlled super-labs on the Mexican side of the border. Most cartels — including Chiapo Guzman, Ismael Zambada and Arellano Felix Organization (or ARO) among others — don't stick to trafficking one drug.

Cocaine, heroine and marijuana also top the list.

But smaller groups are getting involved.

"We know that there are some major drugs was going on," said Lauren Mack, a customs enforcement spokesman in San Diego. "It's almost like mom and dad are out to dinner and the kids are playing."

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Americans prepare to evacuate Lebanon

By Janet Elporin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is preparing to evacuate hundreds, if not thousands, of Americans from Lebanon in light of the escalating violence between Israel and Hezbollah, senior Defense and State Department officials said Sunday.

Speaking in a telephone news conference, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Maura Harty urged Americans "to stay in place" at the moment and register with the State Department rather than risk traveling on roads that are "fraught with danger."

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"We're trying very hard to keep the best possible records that we can so that when we have our plan in place we will be able to execute it and we will be able to take care of just as many people as want our assistance," Harty said.

A Marine Corps helicopter evacuated about 20 Americans to Cyprus on Sunday according to U.S. Central Command spokesman Lt. Sharbe Clark. The group included U.S. Embassy officials, Americans needing medical attention and four unattended students, Harty said.

Harty and the two other U.S. officials on the press call James Jeffrey, principal deputy assistant secretary of state for Near East Asian affairs; and Marine Col. Kerry Burkholder, chief of staff of special operations at Central Command.

Jeffrey also offered few details about any potential evacuation plan.

Search for Bliss girl called off

Dog and pair of shoes found, terrain too dangerous to continue

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — The search for a 15-year-old Bliss girl that drowned Saturday afternoon in the Snake River near Bell Rapids has been called off.

"They've called off the search after not finding the body by about 5 p.m.," said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough.

The recovery efforts of divers from the Twin Falls County Search and Rescue and Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue turned up a pair of shoes belonging to the girl and the remains of her golden retriever.

"Her shoes were found downstream about 30 yards from where it is believed she went in," Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said. "The dog's body was found resting on the bottom."

The search began after the girl was reported missing about 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The

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Search crews look for a 15-year-old Bliss girl Sunday afternoon who drowned Saturday in the Snake River at Fall Hole near Hagerman. The search was called off Sunday because divers cannot enter certain portions of the cavernous area.

Yes, it's hot

Heat wave has much of nation sizzling with record temps

By Carlo K. Johnson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Temperatures soared into the upper 90s and higher Sunday from coast to coast, bringing out heat warnings, vilifying athletes and driving others into the shade.

The cloaking heat was expected to continue for the next few days, and the hot air was moving toward the East Coast, meteorologists said. Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich said Sunday the state would make more than 130 office buildings available as cooling

centers beginning Monday. Minnesota Gov. Tim Walleenty had ordered the National Guard out to help firefighters as temperatures even in the normally cool northern part of the state pushed 100 degrees amid very dry conditions.

The National Weather Service issued excessive heat warnings for Las Vegas, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Tulsa, Okla., and parts of New Jersey, where thermometers nudged over the 100 Sunday and were expected to reach 100 degrees Monday.

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Coming tomorrow

THE BUZZ

West Wind columnist Virginia Hutchins watches a beekeeper split a hive.

Gubernatorial candidates share stage for first time

DONNELLY, Idaho (AP) — Idaho's top gubernatorial candidates shared the same stage for the first time this weekend, speaking before the state's premier business lobbyists, but falling short of a face-to-face debate.

Democratic candidate Jerry Brady, a former newspaper publisher from Idaho Falls, stood before a traditional microphone and delivered a speech that focused largely on a plan to recruit technology firms to Idaho, while mending

the state's education woes, the Idaho Statesman newspaper reported.

U.S. Rep. CL "Butch" Otter, the Republican nominee, clipped a wireless microphone to his lapel and milled through the crowd of about 100, stressing a vague plan to deregulate business and sprinkling his speech with playful anecdotes.

The two rivals for the state's top slot presented their clashing styles and ideas Saturday at the Idaho Association of

Commerce and Industry's annual conference in Tamarack.

The meeting was hardly the face-to-face debate Brady had been seeking. After the speeches, Otter campaign officials said the lawmaker will debate Brady but they haven't decided when or where.

At the business summit, each candidate was allowed 45 minutes to address the powerful business lobby's meeting and both answered

questions after their speeches.

"Neither candidate mentioned the other in their talks and each focused solely on business issues."

Arriving minutes before his speech, Brady received a hushed response when he began his speech with a jab at the "special interests" in the room: "If I wasn't for you, there wouldn't have anything to run against."

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TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies with very hot daytime temperatures. High in the lower 100s. Night: A mostly clear and mild night. Lows in the lower 60s. Tomorrow: A few clouds around, but still hot. Highs in the upper 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

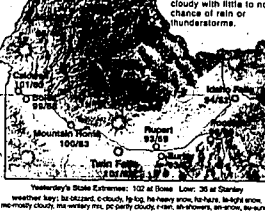
Today: Mostly sunny and hot with breezy winds at times. High in the upper 80s to lower 90s. Night: Fair skies and mild. Lows in the middle to upper 50s. Tomorrow: More sunny, hot, and dry weather. Highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS: There will be plenty of summer sunshine around the area today and it will be warm. Winds could also become breezy at times. A steady rain day forecast will be possible, but it should stay mostly dry.

BOISE: Another hot one is on tap for today with high expected to approach the century mark, once again. Expect the hot and dry weather to continue through the remainder of the week.

NORTHERN IDAHO: The week is going to be hot here. Skies will be mostly clear with little to no chance of rain or thunderstorms.



Weather's National Extreme: 102 at Boise, 100 at Starbuck. Weather here is expected to be hot, sunny, and dry. In the north, it's mostly cloudy, but the possibility of rain, showers, and storms, including heavy, is possible, but it should stay mostly dry.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count. Includes a small table for 'Temperature & Precipitation' and 'Moon Phases'.

MOON PHASES: Today (New Moon), Tomorrow (Waxing Crescent), etc.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET: Today (Moonrise: 12:24 AM, Moonset: 2:27 PM), etc.

REGIONAL FORECAST: Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low.

WORLD FORECAST: Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low.

CANADIAN FORECAST: Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low.

U.V. INDEX: Today (Moderate), Tomorrow (High).

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP: A map of the United States showing weather fronts, cold, warm, and stationary systems.

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Today IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

FAMILY: "Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, call 733-8720.

GOVERNMENT: Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 1455 Overland, call 878-7302. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 464-7302.

Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30, call 352-4445. 2700. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., call 735-7274.

Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., call 726-3841. College of Southern Idaho Board, 5:30 p.m., Student Union Room 248, Taylor Administration building, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, call 733-6261.

Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities, including Fishhook Creek Nature Walk at 10 a.m., Junior Ranger "There's No Place Like Home" at 1 p.m., Campfire at 9 p.m. and "Places of the Past" at 9:30 p.m., Redfish Lake Visitor Center, Redfish Lake near Stanley, no cost, call 208-774-3376.

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Meth

The hauling of meth into the U.S. is carried out primarily in private vehicles driven by freelance runners, Mack said. Vehicles usually, become targeted either when a sniffling K-9 catches a familiar scent or the driver appears nervous, says Border Patrol spokeswoman Corina Robison. "They're people trying to make an extra buck," Robison said. "A lot of time, it's smugglers

Search

and panels have been set up to catch the body if it resurfaces, Gough said. "Divers have searched everywhere they can," said Gough. "There is too much pressure and we are not going to ask the divers to go any further." Gough said the area was searched until about 9 p.m. Saturday and resumed early Sunday morning. "About all we can do now is wait," said Gough. From the California border, the most direct route for Mexican drug traffickers to the Magic Valley is along Interstate 5, which runs from north from Tijuana. "From I-5, the trafficker turns east on Highway 80, and heads across the Nevada desert to Highway 93. Cracking down on meth ingredients locally has been the key to reducing meth production in Idaho.

Heat

"I could use a pool out here," Doreen Venjek, 36, said Sunday as she took shelter in the shade of a small tree with her two children and her sister at a children's festival in Brick, N.J. Officials in Chicago, where a 1995 heat wave killed 700 people, opened a 24-hour cooling centers and pleaded with people to check on elderly neighbors. No heat-related deaths were reported in the city by Sunday afternoon as temperatures approached 100 in parts of the state Sunday. Organizers of Gay Games VII, a sporting event that has drawn about 12,000 gay and lesbian athletes to Chicago, said outdoor events were going ahead as planned with hydration stations, tents and medical teams. Two triathletes were treated for heat-related illnesses. Chicago hit 94 by 3 p.m., but

Governor

Brady called on the state to create a "Technology Center" to nurture the scientific and technology sector and attract new business. "To lure more technology companies, Idaho needs to enact a more rigorous science curriculum in high schools and bolster the state's lagging community college system, he said. "We don't have the next Micron, we don't have the next HP and we have to build it," Brady said during his 25-minute speech. Otter agreed, calling the state's community college offerings, "anemic." "A well educated citizenry is important to us in business," he said. He also suggested lightening the role of state government and clearing regulations on Idaho's businesses would. "I'd like more companies to be here," he said. Brady also pressed the theme of energy, saying Idaho should expand its use of nuclear power, while harnessing other renewable energy sources. The longtime newspaperman also pushed for a rapid transit system in the fast-growing Treasure Valley that

Search

desert Southwest and into the Midwest, said Rob Handel, a weather service meteorologist in Chicago. "Even the Colorado mountain town of Frazier, which sits at 8,550 feet and likes to claim that it is the nation's ice box, was in the upper 80s during the weekend. "It's not supposed to be hot like this. Lately there have been evenings when you could sit outside at 10 p.m. without a coat. All my life I couldn't do that," said Connie Clayton, 58, a lifelong resident of Frazier. The mile-high city of Denver had two straight days of record highs, hitting 103 on Sunday and 101 Saturday. South Dakota posted some of the nation's highest temperatures with a reading Saturday of 115 at Pierre, the state capital, and an unofficial report of 120 outside the town of Uta in the state's northwest corner.

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MAGIC VALLEY

AROUND THE VALLEY

Brady to talk energy at ice cream social

HAGERMAN — The Coalition for Healthy Idaho Communities is sponsoring a discussion of Idaho's energy issues from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Hagerman Center and Community Center.

Gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brady, who has spoken in opposition of building coal-fired power plants in Idaho, will discuss his ideas about Idaho meeting its future energy needs while looking out for public health, the environment, natural resources and the economy.

Ice cream and root beer floats will be served. The public is invited.

Nuclear watchdog to host talk in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — A nuclear watchdog will sponsor a lecture on alternatives to nuclear power Tuesday in Twin Falls.

The Snake River Alliance will host a talk, "The Nuclear Power Dilemma," focusing on the problems of nuclear energy. The event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls City Council chambers.

For the past 27 years, the Snake River Alliance has kept its eye on activities at the Idaho National Laboratory near Arco. Jeremy Maxand, the group's executive director, also will explore viable alternatives to nuclear power. An open discussion of nuclear power issues follows Maxand's talk. The event is free and open to the public.

Gooding Republicans to host meeting in park

GOODING — A "Meet the Candidate" event will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the East Park, between Third and Fourth streets by the swimming pool in Gooding.

Tom Luna, Republican candidate for superintendent of public instruction, will take a short tour of the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. A town meeting will follow at the park. Luna will be available for questions.

Everyone is invited to hear and participate in a discussion about the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Gooding Democrats to meet in courthouse

GOODING — The Gooding County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Gooding County commissioners' room at the courthouse on Main Street (come to the back of the county building).

Rep. Donna Perce will speak on the issue of property taxes and school funding. A business meeting will follow. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away. The public is invited. For more information, call Kathie Boian, Democrat County chairman, at 934-5203.

There is a free lunch — for all eligible children

TWIN FALLS — The Step Ahead Learning Center is participating in the Summer Food Service Program through Aug. 25.

Lunch is provided from 11 a.m. to noon, and supper from 4 to 5 p.m., weekdays at El Milagro.

Lunch also is being served from noon to 12:30 p.m. weekdays at the Salvation Army. Free meals are provided to all eligible children. To be eligible, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program. Those who are part of households that receive food stamps or benefits under the Food Distribution Program or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families are automatically eligible.

For more information, call the Step Ahead Learning Center at 736-2000.

— compiled from staff reports

Armory to get \$1.1 million renovation

By Laurie Welch For the Times-News

BURLEY — The Idaho Army National Guard armory building in Burley will undergo a nearly \$1.1 million renovation in the next year.

State Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, chairman of the Idaho Department of Administration's Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council, said the renovation of

the Burley armory has been approved.

"This will have quite an economic impact on Burley and the project is full steam ahead," he said.

The money for the project comes from the state's general facilities fund and is half state money matched by federal funds, Darrington said.

Idaho Army National Guard Brigadier Gen. Alan Gayhart said plans for the

renovation are now in the design phase and construction is slated to begin in March and be finished by September 2007.

Gayhart said the basic structure will remain intact but the building will be renovated inside and out.

There will be a new kitchen, restrooms and meeting rooms and the exterior of the building will be fitted with new siding.

"When it's finished, it will be very modern looking," Gayhart said. "It will be a beautiful armory."

The Army National Guard Bravo Co. 2-116th Cavalry was split and transferred from the armory to Mountain Home and Gooding in June. The facility will now house a military police platoon.

The National Guard's military police is headquartered in Twin Falls and will station a

50-member platoon in Burley to keep the armory operational. The military police unit provides security and is equivalent to civilian police officers.

"The armory is available for public use, such as meetings or blood drives, and can accommodate groups."

"It is another asset for the community," Gayhart said. "Citizens are encouraged to use it."

'Basque'ing in the glow of tradition

Gooding's Basques keep their culture alive at annual festival

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

GOODING — Trine Basterrechea knows something about tradition.

Wearing customary all-white Basque clothing and a bright red sash around his waist, Basterrechea assisted a priest with a Roman Catholic Mass that began Sunday's Gooding Basque Association festival. Later, he dined on lamb, beans and rice with his family and about 1,000 other guests. He watched a traveling troupe perform ancient Basque dances. Then there was the weight-carrying competition, the chorizos and more dancing, wine, beer, family and friends — staples at all 24 past Gooding Basque celebrations.

Idaho is home to the largest Basque population in North America and one of the largest outside of the Basque region of the Pyrenees Mountains along the border between France and Spain.

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Volunteers from the Gooding Basque Association prepare lunch for nearly a thousand hungry guests. The association hosts a picnic every summer to showcase and promote the Basque culture.



Members of Olanki, a traditional Basque dance troupe from Boise, perform Sunday at the Gooding Basque Association's annual picnic at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

Murphy's Law: Eat meat to live a long time

By Doug McMurdo For the Times-News

ELKO — Of all the longtime Elko County natives, Eddie Murphy — who celebrated birthday No. 105 on Friday — is perhaps the longest-living of them all.

For all but one year of his long and eventful life, Eddie has lived in Elko County. He spent that year at the University of California-Davis, home of the Aggies, he proudly said.

As might be expected of a person his age, Eddie's hearing isn't what it used to be, his eyesight is poor and he walks with a stoop in his shoulders. But behind the thick glasses is a set of sparkling eyes that tell his visitor he's still sharp as a tack, though some of his memories have faded with the passage of time.

Accompanied by Bob Wright, his 83-year-old son-in-law at the assisted living facility where he now lives, Eddie struggles to hear the questions that are practically shouted by his interviewer, but once the message is received, he answers in a surprisingly clear voice.

In his younger days, Eddie operated Secret Valley Ranch.

Ranching demands long hours and hard work, but Eddie found the time to perform community service, particularly in agriculture. He was president of the Elko County Farm Bureau for three years, joined the Nevada Cattlemen's Association at its founding in 1941, and says he just recently let that membership lapse after more than 70 years.

For six years in the 1950s and '60s, Eddie was an Elko County commissioner and he followed the service with six years in the Nevada Assn. In 1929, he married Ellen O'Rourke, who worked as a nurse at Elko General Hospital. "She was Irish, like me," he said, his eyes dancing. The couple raised cattle and sheep and weathered the Great Depression. Most of the herd's were lost, but they managed to hold on to the ranch until they sold it in 1958.

Ellen — originally — from Montana, and Eddie were married for nearly 50 years until her death in 1978. Eddie couldn't remember the exact date of her passing. He could only lower his head and sadly say, "It was a good many years ago ... good many years."

The couple raised three daughters, Betty, Joann and the late Morlene.

The secret to his longevity, he said, was no secret at all: "Just hard work — Ranching, mostly."

"He liked his meat," said son-in-law Bob.

1934 — a lot of life is getting and a lot of beef," Eddie agreed.

Asked how life is going these days, Eddie smiles and says, "One day at a time. I'm just passing time. Once I get to be 100, I decided I can't expect to be around very much longer." That was five years ago and Eddie is still passing time.

The desert was his best friend

By Jani Whitte Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — For Milton Davidson, there was no place like home — unless it was in the desert.

When he died July 8, Davidson left a void in many a school, Scouting programs and churches who benefited from his wisdom, humor, energy and passion for artifacts he found in his journeys.

Second to Davidson's family came his love of the outdoors and likewise, sharing it with others. He especially enjoyed hunting coyotes.

Thanksgiving dinners were often started without him due to the sport.

"Family was always a priority," said his son, Shawn. "But she [his mother] knew that was his passion."

Davidson enjoyed calling them in and showing others how to skin and tan the hides. He even created his own decoys from the animals. There are probably not many people who knew the Minidoka/Arco desert like Davidson. Several times he was called upon to help search for missing people and even served as commander on the Burley Search and Rescue for a while.

Years of exploring the vast desert and spelunking in little-known caves paid off in more ways than one. By taking his kids camping and hunting his daughter, Linda Moffit, said he was able to spread his love of the outdoors with them all in different ways.

A desert rat, as his family lovingly refers to him, Davidson enjoyed picking up artifacts along the desert grounds. He never dug for his treasures, he'd just pick up what was left by Indians long ago. Some of his findings are of arrowheads, pens, knives, cooking utensils and pottery. His more unique discoveries include buffalo, fowl, deer and elk bones, travois poles that Indians used to carry goods while traveling, an ice pick made from a buffalo rib and a wooden fire-making tool.

He found the skeleton of Nite Perry, a worker for the Ruden Sheep Co. in American Falls. Perry had disappeared in 1954 and Davidson found him in a deep crevasse beneath the skeleton of his horse.

Some of Davidson's artifacts date back 1,000 years and if it hadn't been for his determination in preserving them, they would have deteriorated.

Davidson sought out information on preservation and the history of his findings from paleontologists and the archaeological department at Idaho State University, and then shared that knowledge along with displays for schools, church groups, Scouts and often with visitors to Massacre Rocks State Park. "He really enjoyed that," said his wife, Sharon. "He had all documented with the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) ... He got cards from kids thanking him for his presentations."

Many people came to the



As a military policeman in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, one of Milton Davidson's main duties was being a colonel's driver.

Davidson household to see his collections, she added.

He met and married Sharon after serving about three years as a military policeman in the U.S. Army, where one of his main duties was being a colonel's driver during the Korean War.

He was a reserve officer in the U.S. Army after starting an 11-year career as a sales representative at Associated Foods. Later, he worked at the Rupert jail, then for Mini-Cassia and then Power, where he supervised inmates completing their community service requirements.

During Christmas time at Power, Davidson saw an opportunity to "give to as many kids as he could," said Linda. He started the Bikes for Kids program, collecting bicycle donations from the

a life remembered

Milton Earl Davidson

Born: Sept. 16, 1938
Died: July 8, 2006
Survivors: Wife, Sharon; parents, Bud and Marie; children, Sonya (Kylie) McKenzie, Linda (Randy) Moffit, Shawn (Ann) Davidson, Brett Davidson and Brian Davidson

(Tabatha) Davidson; 20 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brothers, Charles and Jerry D.
Service: Funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites accorded by the Mini-Cassia Veterans. Friends may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

public and finding them in Dumpsters. He and the inmates would fix them up and give them to kids in the area.

"He saw the expression on the faces the first Christmas and it made him feel really good. He really enjoyed it," Linda said.

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Grant Lester Anderson

TWIN FALLS—Grant Lester Anderson, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday morning, July 15, 2006, at his home following a valiant fight with cancer. Grant was born June 6, 1920, in Elwood, Utah, the son of Verl and Nellie Rindlsbacher Anderson. He received his education in the Garland, Utah, area, graduating from Bear River High School in 1938 and from Utah State University in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.



Grant served from 1941 to 1943 as a missionary in the Eastern States Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Soon after returning home he was drafted into the U.S. Navy and was stationed at San Bruno, Calif., and Camp Perry, Va. He later earned a master's degree—in Music—Education from Brigham Young University. While attending BYU he met and married Glenn Elaine Davies Fowler. They married on February 3, 1977, in the Provo, Utah, LDS Temple.

They resided in Orem, Utah, for more than 25 years. They served a mission together for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the Christchurch-Wellington Mission in New Zealand from 1990 to 1991.

Grant had a great love for music. He spent 20 years studying piano, organ and violin, after which he spent an equal number of years teaching.

With his many musical talents and skills he was able to spend four years teaching

piano, organ and conducting classes for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints while living and traveling throughout Alberta, Canada, and the Western United States. Grant is survived by his wife, Glenn Anderson; step-daughters, Judy (Ernie) Hawkins of Twin Falls; Laura (Karl) Stout of Elk Grove, Calif.; and Carol E. Fowler of Raymond, Alberta, Canada; fifteen grandchildren; Shana Hawkins of Meridian; Angie Lorenzo of North Las Vegas, Nev.; Krista (David) Winn of Pocatello; Laura (Nathan) Sellers of Las Vegas; Shara Hawkins of Twin Falls; Melissa (Kody) Barnes of Twin Falls; Matthew Hawkins and Eric Hawkins both of Twin Falls; Logan (Noelette) Stout of Atlanta; Jeffery (Suzanne) Stout of Kaysville, Utah; John (Angie) Layton, Utah; Shaunika (Jason) Dorman of Lodi, Calif.; Merika Stout and Birkeland Stout both of Elk Grove, Calif.; and Jessica Fowler of Raymond, Alberta, Canada; as well as thirteen great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sisters, Wilma (Dann) Griffiths of Ogden, Utah; Elaine Raveston of Bountiful, Utah; Carol (Inck) Spackman of Park Valley, Utah; one brother, Don (Shirley) Anderson of Garland, Utah; and sisters-in-law, Elaine Anderson of Garland, Utah; and Barbara Beebe of San Pedro, Calif.; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brothers, Leonard and Glenn.

Funeral service for Grant will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the 8th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 667 Harrison Street in Twin Falls, with David Perry, Counselor in the Bishopric, conducting. A viewing will be held for family and friends on Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, as well as at the church one hour prior to the service.

Funeral service in Garland, Utah, will be on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at the Fjelding Stake Center, 4375 West 15600 North, Fjelding, Utah, with Bishop Michael Anderson conducting. A viewing will be held for family and friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow in the East Garland Cemetery.

Military Honors by the American Legion of Garland, Utah.

The family wishes to thank all the nurses and doctors of the St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center hospice program.

Robert Eugene Thompson of Twin Falls, graveside memorial service at 10:30 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Libe V. Valdez of Rupert, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; family and friends may call one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

Milton Davidson of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the

Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Ronald E. Robertson of Mountain Home, funeral at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Rest Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

Carmen Perry Pearson of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Falls LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 400 E. 160 W. in Burley; friends may call from

6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Gall P. Hendrickson of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 925 E. Ave. B; friends; visitation for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

of Buhl, passed away July 16, 2006, at her home in Buhl. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2006, at Finner Mortuary Chapel in Buhl. Interment will follow at the Buhl West End Cemetery.

Brent D. Fillmore
Twin Falls — Brent D. Fillmore, 48, of Twin Falls, died Friday, July 14, 2006, at his residence. Arrangements are pending.

ON THE AGENDA

- Stevens: Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- Thursday: Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar; Kimberly School Board, 7:30 p.m., intermediate school library, 241 Center St. W.; Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St. S., Rupert.
- Friday: Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.; Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Today**
CSI library summer hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays; 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and 1 to 5 p.m., Saturdays.
- CSI Dance Camp, all day, Fine Arts and Physical Education buildings through July 29.
- Law Enforcement Program Law Week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shields 118 (through Tuesday).
- CSI Volleyball Camp, all day, 8 p.m. through Aug. 2.
- CSI Testing Center summer hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; and 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- CSI Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Student Union 248.
- Magie Valley Tennis Leagues, 6 p.m., tennis courts by Washington St. Many found refuge in Idaho's mountains where they tended sheep, practiced their customs and spoke their language.

- of Space," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- Abstract paintings by Joseph Kucinski art show, Herrett Center, Jean B. King gallery (on display through Sept. 2).
- "Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest exhibit.
- Court alcohol and traffic safety school, 6 p.m., Student Union 24.
- PRIDE foster and adoptive parent training, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.
- "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 6:45 a.m., Taylor 258.

CSI Financial Aid office annual Student Loan Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union Eagle's Nest.

- meeting, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258.
- "Mysteries from the Depths of Space," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- Idaho Native Plant Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 255.
- "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Friday
Certified Nursing Assistant testing, 9:30 a.m., Aspen 144.
- "Mysteries from the Depths of Space," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday
Twin Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., across North College Road from Eldon Evans Art Center.

Free, weekly solar viewing (weather permitting), 1 to 3 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

Thursday
Idaho Financial Aid officers

"Mysteries from the Depths of Space," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Tuesday
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hallett.
- Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main.
- Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1400 Overland Ave.
- Castleton School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main.
- Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main.
- Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. N.
- Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
- Magie Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 11 a.m., Joslin Room, airport terminal.
- Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St.
- Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main.

Wednesday
Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St.
- Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700

Basques

In the past century, thousands of Basques, like Basterrech's father, Luis, who immigrated to Idaho in 1953—have fled persecution from the regime of Spanish leader Francisco Franco. Many found refuge in Idaho's mountains where they tended sheep, practiced their customs and spoke their language. Today, those customs are kept alive and showcased one weekend each summer at the Gooding County Fairgrounds. Under a large pavilion, and with spirits brightened by the mouth-watering aroma of sizzling lamb, the pastures of southern Idaho's Basque pioneer families retold stories of months in the mountains with lambs or of friends from the

Old World or of past meals shared. "It is important to keep our culture, traditions and food," said president of the Gooding County Basque Association Milton Harris, who also gave Basque surname: Jauregui. Behind her, about a dozen members of the association worked frantically over three grills, each at least 10 feet long. Fire on minutes after dinner was scheduled to begin, more than 300 Basques and non-Basques alike waited in line to be fed their \$12 lamb dinner. When all was finished—and a few had fallen asleep while escaping the hot sun—Oinkari, a traditional Basque dance troupe from Bolso, entertained the crowd. The

men wore bells on their legs. A song was sung and women dressed. Children clapped along while some sang in Basque. Later, the adults showed their strength in the weight-carrying competition, in which they tried to lug a weight as far as they could. Then, of course, more food, more dancing. "These are the cultural things we can do here but couldn't do in Europe," Basterrech said. He stopped before another bite of lamb to pat his father on the shoulder. "This is how to keep our culture alive." Times-News features writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 735-3243 or matt.christensen@tw.nv.

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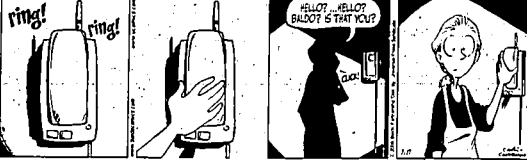
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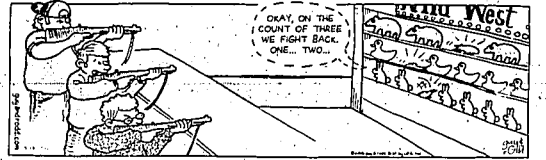
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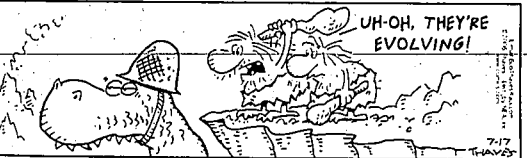
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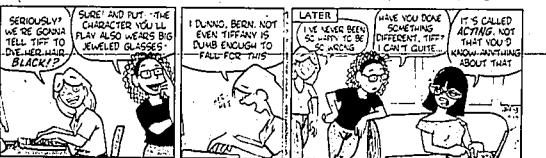
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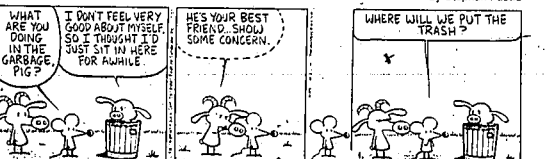
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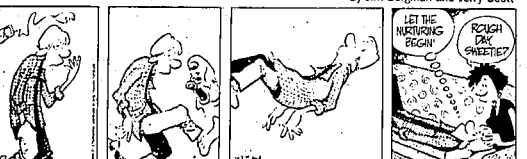
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Rely on your own ability, Aries

IF JULY 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, An intensity and passion to succeed may be the keynotes of your life until the end of the year. You may be tossing out things that no longer suit your lifestyle and could be transforming your life by building a business or other important project. In September and October, Lady Luck is rooting for your team, so look for ways to make major improvements, accept a lucrative job offer or take advantage of a friendly helping hand. You may not receive what you want, but whatever happens during that time is in your best interests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Rely on your own ability, not that of others. You might be too eager to please and unless you watch out, might end up doing everyone else's work. There might not be as much time as needed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Accusing alligators end up as road kill. You can put the blame on someone else when you miss the yield sign. Be cautious, as you can overestimate or underestimate the competition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Assume the best will happen. Just don't base an entire pres-

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Jeraldine Sannanders

entation on assumptions. Use acceptable benchmarks to build reasonable projections. Otherwise you are just blowing hot air.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Confidence is high, so you can succeed. Put your faith in reliable business practices and maintain high standards. This isn't the best time to finalize an important agreement or contract.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't scatter your resources. A bit of carelessness can be costly. You don't really need to keep up with the Joneses—and a big price tag doesn't assure quality. Wait to sign contracts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pile on the praise, but make sure that it has the most sincere tone. Treat your love life like a business and do your best to fulfill promises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Plans can fall down on the job. Don't put all your trust into something fallible like the weather report—everyone talks about it, but no one does anything about it when it is wrong.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you want something done well, then do it yourself. Don't get bogged down by a tendency to rely on team spirit. It isn't the time to ask for important favors or to grant them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Tit for tat always has a price tag. That kindhearted donation, luxury item or hobby "must have" can knock your budget on its ear. Be a savvy shopper and wait for the next sale.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Cooperation may only be given lip service. Empty assurances can trip up your best-laid plans. Be career conscious and have a backup strategy ready in case a promise isn't kept.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Vagueness never made a point. In the business world you need to be detail-oriented and have the answer to important questions. If you want to succeed, get all the facts and do it fast.

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By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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By Jim Davis



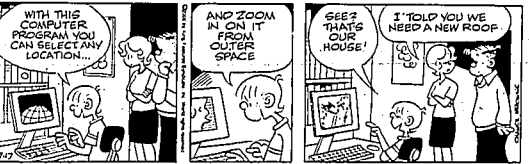
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By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



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By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Anesthesia is not a truth serum — and that's no lie



DEAR ABBY
Jeanine Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter regarding the husband who, while coming out of anesthesia, "confessed" to cheating on his wife. You were dead on when you said, "People babble all sorts of nonsense when coming out of anesthesia." Some of it may be true, but most of it may not I know from experience. When I had knee surgery, I later learned that while I was in recovery I told the nurse I hoped Meredith wouldn't see me, as I looked horrible. When asked who Meredith was, I said it was my wife, Abby. I was 14 years old at the time!

I hope that the wife in that letter realizes that maybe her husband's confession was just the result of being in a completely different world. And hopefully, the husband's alleged mistress is only as real as my supposed "wife" was.

—GREGORY B.,
CINCINNATI
DEAR GREGORY B.: Thank you for sharing your experience. Believe it or not, I got a rash of mail from people telling me I should not have printed that letter because it would deter people from buying necessary medical procedures that require an anesthetic! What the hospital worker had actually done was share an old wives' tale. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: If it were true

that "people coming out of anesthesia are completely incapable of lying," the police would be giving this as a test instead of polygraphs, neither of which are admissible in court as reliable indicators to convict someone. Other evidence is needed.

—JUANITA IN,
MELBOURNE, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: My husband had a colonoscopy, and when I was in the recovery room he was still "under the influence." When I asked him how it went in there, he responded, "Well, we had Earth, Wind and Fire in there, and we were dancing all over the place." I replied, "I find that hard to believe, honey," and he said, "I won the dance contest!"

I would advise that wife not to believe what others say while coming out of anesthesia.

—CINDY IN,
ANN ARBOR, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: Since I have been giving anesthesia for more than 30 years, I feel somewhat qualified to com-

ment on the nurses' statement that "it's impossible to lie under anesthesia." There are many classes of drugs given during anesthesia, and most of them only make you talkative and amnesic. I don't know of a single one that is guaranteed to produce "the truth." I hope the woman who might be getting a divorce due to her husband's response reads this.

—PAT IN,
MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

DEAR ABBY: It is my experience that much of the public fears anyone wearing scrubs as a nurse, let alone other employees, in health care wear scrubs, including lab techs, nursing aides and assistants, orthotics technicians and respiratory therapists. Assuming you are interacting with a nurse when, in fact, you aren't in a health care setting, can lead to "consequences ranging from annoying to downright dangerous."

There was no excuse for any employee in health care to have made such appalling comments. Especially in the age of overburdened health care workers and crowded hospitals, it is imperative that the public know with whom they are speaking, questioning, or taking instruction from in a medical setting.

—ANITA IN,
EUGENE, ORE.

Feeling ill? Break out the black pepper

Black pepper was once thought to have medicinal properties. In 400 B.C., Hippocrates recommended it for women's reproductive complaints, and a century later Theophrastus prescribed it as an antidote to hemlock poisoning.

This day in history: On July 17, 1917, King Edward VII of England adopted the surname Windsor for all male line descendants of the Royal family. He took the name from Windsor Castle because the Germanic roots of their original name Saxe-Coburg-Gotha had become a liability in Britain during those World War I days.

You can tune your zither or sousaphone even if you don't have a tuning fork. Pick up your phone and listen to the higher note in the dial tone. It cycles at 440 per second — a nice tune.

Mechanical pencils were invented in 1877, and the basic design didn't change for 99 years. Finally, in 1976, as quantum leap forward. Somebody figured out how to stick leads inside the pencil and feed one after another into the barrel.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS: FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Folks in the security camera business estimate that on a typical day walking around New York City, you'll be captured on video about 74 times.

The ancient Romans liked to eat about four times a day. Their first meal of the day was ientaculum. A couple of hours later, they would sit down for a midday meal called prandium. Merenda, an afternoon snack, came an hour or two before cena, supper.

A large cat can eat up to 20 mice in a day.

Pencil leads are made from a mixture of graphite and clay. The more graphite, the darker and softer the line is. A No. 1 pencil

lead is soft and its dark marks are easy to smudge. A No. 3 is hard and it marks lightly. That's why a No. 2 pencil is the most popular compromise for most purposes.

Country superstar Brenda Lee was only 11 when she signed her first recording contract in 1956. She had her first hit year later.

Superhero gamophobia? You're not alone. It means you have a fear of marriage.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo are authors of *Random Acts of Kindness*. Contact them at jacobbarrett.com.

Bank robbers try to launder dyed money — literally

NEW YORK (AP) — When two men laundered the money they nabbed in a bank robbery, authorities said, they took the literal approach.

Anthony Digioffante and Paul Villanueva stuck some of the cash in a washing machine to cleanse it of red dye from a special package that exploded during the heist, authorities said.

The men stole \$65,000 at gunpoint from a bank in Queens on Tuesday, according to criminal complaints. Digioffante told the officers, "No dye packs," the complaints said, referring to packs of dye banks used to foil robbers by making stolen money unusable.

No such luck. Authorities said that as the men were making off with the loot, a pack exploded, spraying much of the cash with red dye. Digioffante, 51, and Villanueva, 37, then checked in to a motel, where authorities said they stuck the money in mesh laundry bags used to wash delicate clothing. Authorities arrested the two on Thursday. They were ordered held without bail at their arraignment on Friday.

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OPINION

OTHER VIEWS

Some farmers have ultimate cash crop

Missouri (Wort), Missouri

When it comes to single mothers and their children, the tough-love approach to welfare reform that began a decade ago has produced stunning results. Welfare caseloads nationally have declined by nearly half as monthly entitlement checks have been replaced by strict and structured welfare-to-work programs encouraging those who are able to stand on their own two feet.

But farms instituted at about the same time intended to get farmers off the dole and to stand on their own have been a miserable failure.

"Freedom to Farm" reforms instituted shortly after a Republican Congress in the mid-1990s were supposed to wean farmers off government subsidies and unleash their entrepreneurial energy by getting rid of inefficiency government programs that had the effect of micromanaging farms. Rather than reduce subsidies, however, the effort has led to even greater subsidies, including billions of dollars paid out for no good economic or agricultural reason. Farm subsidies bear little relation to the nation's overall food needs or economic theory. Farmers of certain crops receive handsome subsidies; those who grow other crops get nothing.

Subsidies bear no direct connection to the farmer's finances or the nation's need for what he produces. Indeed, some subsidies flow to people who don't farm at all. A review of farm subsidy programs by reporters at the Washington Post, culminating in a special report published July 2, concludes that farm subsidy programs have become so all-encompassing and generous that they have taken much of the risk out of farming for the individual who dominates it.

Among their findings: Since 2000 alone, the government has paid at least \$1.3 billion in subsidies to people who don't farm, many who don't even own farms. Subsidies for given acreages once farmed continue even after the sale and subdivision of farms, with payments flowing to the new landowners. Some farmers who leased ground

have lost their leases because landowners can make more money by collecting subsidies than by leasing land for cultivation.

Farm subsidies have driven up the price of farmland, making it harder for smaller operators to start or expand farming.

Many farmers collect subsidies intended to compensate for low market prices, even when their crops sell for good prices. Other farmers harvest disaster payments for crop losses even though their crops are insured by subsidized crop-loss insurance.

In the decade since Congress first voted to do away with Depression-era farm entitlement programs, taxpayers have paid some \$172 billion in farm subsidies.

In 2005, a year of record farm profits, subsidies totaled more than an amount most remarkable because it's 50 percent higher than what the government paid for families on welfare that year.

When GOP lawmakers took control of Congress in 1994, they set about ending the patchwork of farm assistance programs that had grown during the 40 years Democrats had controlled Congress. The farm safety net instituted during the 1930s, they argued, had grown and mutated into a system that prevented agriculture from reaping the benefits of the free market more than protecting farmers from risks of the free market. To overcome farm-state opposition, Congress offered fixed payments to farmers to offset the phase-out of compensated subsidy programs.

The payments started, but the subsidies never ended. In fact, they've grown.

In the mid-1990s, Senate Agriculture Chairman Richard Lugar, R-Ind., asked, "Why should taxpayers subsidize farmers when they do not subsidize small business?" Nobody asks questions like that today.

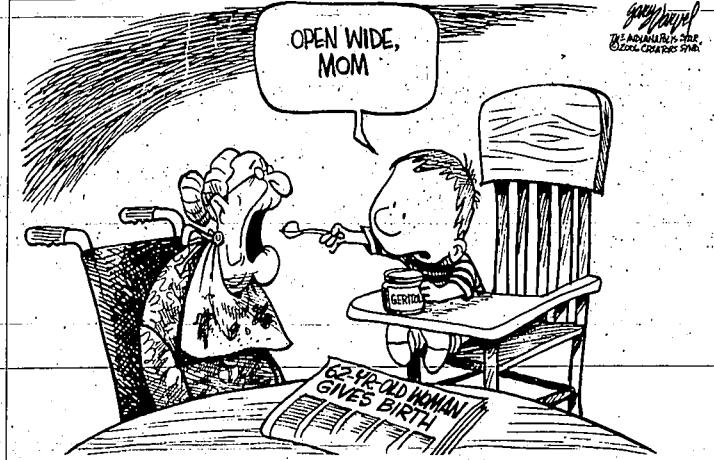
The answer is obvious: Farm-state politicians have a lot of clout in Congress, and neither political party wants to rile the farmers.

A decade ago, the GOP promised to "end welfare as we know it." That they did. But farm subsidies that are welfare in everything but name — welfare as few people know it — live on.

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Liberals' big idea? Who cares?

JONAH GOLDBERG

For several years now, liberal eggheads have been having what seems like an important debate. Do they want "big ideas" like the conservative movement had during its long march to power? Serious-minded liberals launched what Democratic idea-broker Kenneth S. Baer calls "the battle of the battle of ideas," in which they argue about whether it's time to argue about important arguments.

Baer and Andrew Cherny — founders of a new big-idea journal, "Democracy" — penned an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times calling for liberals to find new Big Ideas. In response to this effort, the New Republic's Jonathan Chait says — and I'm not making this up — "Ideas? Feh."

A more eloquent statement was posted on the liberal blog "TM Cafe." The problem isn't getting people to believe. In something — people can believe in anything. The problem is getting them to care. That captures the essence of liberalism's current plight. If it's not about emotions — caring, hating, feeling — it's about tactics. Big ideas have about as much animating force in liberal ranks today as Calvinism does at a porn studio.

Exhibit A is the liberal battle over Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman's re-election. Lieberman, America's favorite Jewish uncle, is in the fight of his political life because his erstwhile liberal nemesis Barack Obama is challenging him in the Democratic primary. Oceans of ink and pixels have been devoted to explaining the factions behind this "civil war" on the left. Some point to the "netroots" or "left-wing bloggers," versus the Washington establishment. Others talk of hawks vs. doves, or populists vs. elitists, the party line vs. independents, cats vs. dogs.

"Aha, Chait has it right: 'Feh.' For good or ill, there are no grand "big ideas" behind the anti-Lieberman cause. It's driven by a riot of passions, chiefly against President Bush and "his" war. Any ideas are mere afterthoughts and rationalizations used to gussy up animus as principle. Several Liberal supporters, also known as "Netheads," have faulted Lieberman for such obscure transgressions as criticizing former President Bill Clinton's behavior. In the Monica Lewinsky scandal, Lieberman was not a lack of enthusiasm for Lieberman when the sainted Al Gore picked Joe as his running mate.

It's also nonsense to say this is about "the people" vs. "the establishment." Lieberman's a three-term junior senator. Ted Kennedy, scion of America's leading liberal dynasty, has been in the Senate 26 years longer. Is he not the establishment? Robert Byrd of West

Virginia has been in the Senate since the mid-Jurassic period. That old, calcified chewing gum is the establishment — the establishment's chair? He put it there. But while Kennedy and Byrd (and Gore, Howard Dean, John Kerry and Hillary Clinton) outrank Lieberman in establishment credentials, they arouse little ire from the Net mob because they say what the throng wants to hear. (Hillary is a slight exception.) "The establishment" is just code for "people we don't like."

The hawk-vs.-dove analysis has similar weaknesses. The netroots crowd is passionately antiwar, while Lieberman supports the war. But there are other Iraq war supporters whom the Democratic base hasn't targeted, such as Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, who is also up for re-election.

Meanwhile, Lieberman claims that the war is the only thing distinguishing him from Lamont. That's not exactly right. Lieberman isn't only pro-war, he's seen as pro-Bush — a far greater sin. While the netroots crowd calls Lieberman "scum" and a "lying 'it' or that, it's most damning attack is a picture worth a thousand words. It's of Bush kissing Lieberman on the cheek, and anti-Joe jihadists have posted it everywhere in the lefty blogosphere.

Hated of Bush drives — or poisons — almost everything in liberal politics now. Chait himself wrote a hilarious parody for the New Republic in 2003

explaining why he hates everything, and I mean everything, about Bush. And just this week, Chait defended the proposition that Bush is a greater threat to the United States than Osama bin Laden because Bush has "wreaked enormous damage on the political and social fabric of the country" and has "strained the fabric of American democracy." And Chait is seen as a moderate by the Daily Kos crowd.

But hatred of Bush is just one side of the coin. The other is this bizarre, almost-pathetic yearning for Democratic self-esteem. It was amazing how much of the rhetoric from the recent Daily Kos convention in Las Vegas was about standing up, fighting back and feeling proud to be Democrats.

This liberal-pride crowd calls "fighting Dems," and open expression of Bush hatred is the litmus test for whether you're a fighting Dem. You can be a moderate, like Virginia Senate hopeful Jim Webb or former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, or a flaming liberal, like Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold, and that's fine as long as you'll stand up and fight and refuse to take this (expensive deleted) from that (expensive deleted) anymore. In fact, you can believe anything you want. You don't actually have to have big ideas. The important part is that you care.

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July 14 headline on Israel, Lebanon was misspelled

No doubt you have noticed by now, but the July 14 headline misspelled "Israel."

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United Nations meddles in gun control laws

The United Nations held a conference in New York that coincided with our national Fourth of July holiday.

The stated goal was to eliminate trading in small arms, but the real goal is to advance a worldwide gun control movement that would supersede national laws, including our own Second Amendment.

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gun control proponents, as millions of Americans were reminded that we cannot rely on government to protect us from criminals.

The biggest threat to gun rights today comes not from lawmakers but from abroad. The United Nations dislikes what it views as our gun culture. It has placed a huge anti-gun statue on American soil at U.N. headquarters in New York. The statue depicts a pistol with the barrel tied in a knot, a not-so-subtle message aimed squarely at the United States.

The United Nations claims to serve human freedom and dignity, but gun control often serves as a gateway to tyranny. Unarmed people are easier to control. Our founders knew that the right to bear arms serves as the guardian of every other right. This is the principle so often ignored by both sides in the gun control debate. Only armed citizens can resist tyrannical government.

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America no longer has much of a middle-class

Have you been dropped down on lately? If you worked 52 weeks at our minimum wage, you would make less than \$11,000 a year. No vacation, full work schedule. That is not a minimum wage; that is, legalized

slavery. However, if you were Lee Raymond, retired chief executive officer of Exxon Mobile for the last 13 years, you would make \$229,000 a year. He did not get a gold watch when he retired, he got a package worth \$400 million. None of this includes the Bush tax cuts. Makes you wonder why gas is so high.

To rub salt in the wound, our legislators have voted a nice raise for themselves, plus getting full coverage of both dental and medical. The average American's salary has stagnated or dropped. A trip to the hospital can wipe out a year's salary.

Now the senators and congressmen that corporate America has bought to run our country think this is a very fine balance, and as long as 50 percent of the blue collar workers don't vote, they must think it is OK too.

Jefferson and company set this country up so that you should not trust anyone. Executive branch, legislative and Supreme court were all counterbalances. Mr. Bush has made the courts his right arm, so the balance is desperately in need of being reconstructed, and our legislators are so set on being re-elected that most of them have become milquetoast wimps. All countries that have become controlled by a dictator or monarchy have had the wealth of those countries in the hands of 2 percent or less of the population. We are now

closing in on 1 percent. The richest nation in the world no longer has a controlling middle class. We are rapidly becoming the super rich and the poor. My grandsons and granddaughters are going to be living in a Third World country. Government for the people and by the people is rapidly disappearing. Shame on us!

I am very angry about this and hope you are too. Let us vote them out. MATT SMITH, Twin Falls

Twin Falls bond will help with high school over-crowding

I like the fact that the Twin Falls School bond recently passed by the voters. I am entering into the high school and will enjoy the high school not being so crowded when the project is completed.

It is good that the other schools in this district are getting improvements as well. This is a great school district, and I think that the improvements will benefit not only the schools but also the community. I would like to thank all the people that passed the school bond. TYLER GOODELL, Twin Falls (Editor's note: Tyler Goodell, 14, is a Boy Scout in Troop 104. He wrote this letter as a requirement for the Communications merit badge.)

U.S. is going to the dogs

KEVIN HÖRRIGAN

I thought about gluing some dog biscuits to a tennis ball but ruled this out...

At some point during President Bush's first term, it was reported that the president liked to relax by taking his dog, Spot, out to the South Lawn of the White House. The Leader of the Free World would take a tennis racket with him and whack balls across the lawn for Spot to retrieve.

I read that and thought, "Cool." The president has figured out how to avoid STBS: slobbery tennis ball syndrome. I thought, "President Bush is a genius," which is an odd sentence to write, but the man had solved one of life's enduring problems.

As a tennis ball gets covered in dog slobber, it becomes hard to throw very far. I thought, "I've got a dog, and a tennis racket and a bucket of old tennis balls. I vowed that my dog and I would do the same thing the president did, though possibly not on the White House lawn."

This has turned out to be a lot harder than I imagined it would. You've heard the old Dan RATHERS, "That dog won't hunt?" My retriever won't retrieve.

Luckily, we live at a time in the history of the republic when you can't swing a dead cat without hitting someone who knows it all about dogs. Since people discovered that dogs afford them unconditional affection, which is the kind most people prefer these days, a huge industry has been created to serve America's dog infatuation.

In fact, dogs are ridiculous, trendy. There's doggie daycare, doggie psychiatry, doggie vacation spas and plenty of advice available for the owner of a Labrador non-retriever. Unfortunately the dog can't read, so I had to do it.

Two of the best-selling books in America today are John Grogan's "Marley and Me," about an incredibly ill-behaved Labrador retriever, and Cesar Millan's "Cesar's Way," which says there is no way that any dog should be allowed to be ill-behaved. My dog had Marley-like tendencies, but thanks to Cesar's "Dog Whisperer" TV show, I got them under control.

Cesar doesn't teach tricks, however; he teaches behavior. For tricks, I went to Amy Sutherland's "Kicked, Bitten and Scratched," which is about a college in California where wild animal trainers go to learn their trade.

This book contains lots of discussion about Pavlovian response and Skinnerian "operant conditioning," as well as one of the weirdest sentences I've ever read: "The mandrill (a kind of fierce baboon) and the middle-aged lesbian were in a bit of a power struggle, which is no surprise."

Well it surprised me, but

more to the point, the book contained no specific advice for teaching my dog to fetch tennis balls, although I'm sure the students at the animal-training school could.

Then I hit upon Karen Pryor's 1999 classic, "Don't Shoot the Dog," which advised me to acquire a clicker (not the battery-powered remote control kind; a real clicker) and practice operant conditioning.

Pryor explained that a dog—in this case, Fiona—would soon learn to associate the clicker with a reward, say, a dog biscuit. Then I would teach Fiona to associate the tennis ball with the clicker, and presto—Fiona ends up whacking out on the South Lawn with my tennis racket, after which I would write a best-selling book.

This was the theory. As it will say in my book, dogs aren't into theory. Fiona understood the clicker-meets-biscuit part just fine, but her enthusiasm didn't transfer to the tennis ball.

I thought about gluing some dog biscuits to a tennis ball but ruled this out because the object is to have her return the ball to me, not chew it to pieces. So instead, I slathered a tennis ball with peanut butter.

Fiona's enthusiasm for the tennis ball perked up when I showed it to her. I tossed it a few feet, and she went right after it. I followed her, clicking like a field full of crickets and praising her mightily. With some difficulty, I took the ball from her mouth.

Now, I slobber tennis ball syndrome (STBS) is a problem, slobbery peanut-butter-covered tennis ball syndrome (SPBCTBS) is a nightmare. Sadly, Spot died in 2004, or else I could ask President Bush how he would deal with it.

I checked Cesar Millan's book to see what I was doing wrong. "The reward is the process," he says. "For a dog, there's a reward in simply flitting in with the pack and helping ensure its survival." In most cases, he says, the problem isn't the dog; it's the dog's owner.

That can't be right. I'm thinking the tennis ball is the problem. Maybe if I slathered peanut butter on a Frisbee...

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A world awash in tools to kill

Three points on the Mumbai, India, bombings, which killed nearly 200—and what it all means for the rest of the world—have to come to grips with the reality that the world is awash in portable, concealable bomb-making materials. Military-surplus grenades and shells are openly for sale in many parts of the world, and plastique explosives, used by engineers as well as combat engineers, also are everywhere.



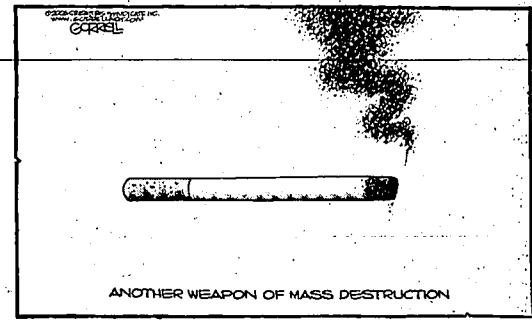
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Even more abundant are devices used to control detonation, including cellphones. Oh, and the most effective tool for bomb guidance is a human being on the scene—there seems to be no shortage of would-be suicide bombers.

Just as gun crimes are frequent when people have lots of guns, so bombings are frequent when people have access to lots of bombs. India, just by itself, proves that truism: A series of blasts in 1993, and in Mumbai, killed 250. And in 2005 three bombs in the city of Delhi left more than 60 dead.

So what to do about this deadly ubiquity? We have several options: a) We can seek to gain better control of bomb-making stuff (difficult); b) we can closely monitor and bomb-sniff all those who enter public spaces (also difficult); or c) we can focus intelligence work on those elements in the population that seem most dangerous: (difficult, too, since the potential threat set reaches far beyond the usual suspects such as al Qaeda; the 1993 bombings in India, for example, were attributed to organized crime).

A second point is to remember that the disputes under-scoring many of the bomb-



ings, worldwide, are of long and deep standing. The most recent Mumbai attacks, for example, are being tentatively linked to Lashkar-e-Toiba, the "Army of the Righteous," a Pakistan-based Muslim group that seems able to operate untroubled by the Islamabad government. Indeed, India and Pakistan have fought three wars in the last 60 years; such mutual hostility has driven both countries to "go nuclear," adding yet another hideous level of danger to their tense relationship.

A principal reason for the protracted hostility between the two nations, and their peoples, is the territorial dispute over the province of Kashmir, which is majority Muslim but controlled by Hindu India. Indeed, on the same day as the Mumbai bombings, a grenade at a bus station in Kashmir injured at least six Indian tourists.

Similarly, Pavlovian

land, and who enjoys sovereignty over it, are at the heart of the fighting between Russians and Chechens, between Israelis and Arabs, and between Sinhalese and Tamils in Sri Lanka. Each of these disputes has left thousands dead in recent decades.

And now, of course, bloody wars have erupted in Iraq and Afghanistan. In both of those countries, various religious denominations and ethnic tribes have declared war on each other—even as, often-times, they seek to fight occupying, if one prefers, liberating Americans and other Western forces. Once again, we see that easy-to-use explosives, combined with eager-to-die suicide bombers, make for an effective force, flummoxing much higher-tech militaries.

Third, democracy, or the lack thereof, has little to do with the problem of terror-

ism. President Bush misdiagnoses the situation when he argues that "the advance of freedom leads to peace." India is a free and democratic country, but that didn't dissuade the Mumbai bombers. The same is true for the bombers of Madrid, Spain, in 2004 and London in 2005; those terrorists, mostly home-grown, lived in democracy and yet decided they hated their fellow citizens with a murderous passion; Also, democratic expressions have flickered in the Palestinian territories and in Lebanon in the last couple of years, but are those places now more peaceful?

Democracy and freedom are great ideas. But in a world where tools for killing are easily available and geographical disputes are not easily reconcilable, liberty—including inevitably liberty for extremists—can be dangerous indeed.



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Congress moving to send stem cell bill to Bush for his first veto

Laura Williams
Local Press writer

WASHINGTON — Congress debates this week on the latest of debates on embryonic stem cell research, deciding whether to use public money for embryonic stem cell research and, in turn, setting up President Bush's first veto.

Neither the House nor Senate has demonstrated enough support for the bill to override a veto, though the House probably will try, just to give Bush a definitive victory in the showdown.

Supporters of the research hold out faint hope that Bush, presented with new data and pressured by election-year politics, might reverse course and sign the bill.

"This would be his first veto in six years, on something that the vast majority of the public supports," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "What would come down on him would be all the scientists, all the Nobel laureates and everyone else who supports it."

Polls show that 70 percent of the public supports the bill, which would expand federal aid for embryonic stem cell research. The process is believed by many scientists to hold the most promise for curing diseases such as juvenile diabetes, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's that strike millions of people.

The bill comes before the full Senate at the same time that Republicans, with their congressional majority at stake, are trying to energize their conservative base of voters during the fall elections.

Set for House action are bills to protect the Pledge of Allegiance from court challenges and a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, which failed in the Senate. Bills to encourage stem cell research from sources other than embryos also are expected to be voted on this week.

But it is the Senate's stem cell bill that probably will draw the most attention — and Bush's first veto.

In 2001, Bush halted federal funding of new embryonic stem cell studies, comparing them to abortion because the process of extracting the crucial stem cells destroys the days-old embryo.

He said at the time that such federal support for research could continue on the 78 stem cell lines then thought to exist. But in the years since, the National Institutes of Health have confirmed that a fraction of that number of lines exist and that few, if any, are viable for clinical trials.

Supporters hope that development might change Bush's mind. But the White House, struggling for election-year credibility with its conservative base, has left no wiggle room in its public and private statements of opposition.

Several lawmakers who have spoken to Bush: adviser Karl

Rove and other White House officials in the year since the House passed the bill say they consistently have rejected any talk of compromise.

Rove last week said Bush was "emphatic" about his intent to veto the bill. White House spokesman Ken Lisaluis said Friday the president would follow through if the bill came to him.

That could happen this week. Vote counters on both sides of the debate in the Senate say at least 60 votes for the bill exist — perhaps as many as 64; that's enough to pass it. But 67 votes would be required to overturn a veto if all 100 senators are present.

GOP Sen. Trent Lott, who said he will vote for the bill and predicted it will pass the Senate, said Sunday he believes "something good be worked out."

"I think Congress has to go ahead and act, and then we'll take it from there," he told CNN's "Late Edition."

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Doctor suspected in building collapse dies

NEW YORK (AP) — The doctor suspected of blowing up his town house rather than allowing his ex-wife to benefit from a sale has died, nearly a week after suffering critical injuries in the blast, a hospital spokeswoman said Sunday.

Dr. Nicholas Bartha, 66, died late Saturday, said Mary Halston, an administrator at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Police had been unable to speak to Bartha about the July 10 explosion because he was in a medically induced coma. Authorities have said they were investigating whether he might have caused it rather than sell the town house as part of a divorce judgment favoring his ex-wife.

Bartha's ex-wife, Cordula Bartha, told police she received an e-mail from him shortly before the explosion warning that she would be "transformed from gold digger to ash and rubbish digger."

"I always told you I will leave the house only if I am dead," the e-mail said.

Investigators have confirmed that someone tampered with a gas line leading into the home's basement.

allowing vapors to flow for hours until it caused the building to blow up.

The physician, who lived and worked in the four-story landmark on Manhattan's upscale Upper East Side, was the lone occupant during the blast.

It leveled the building and left the block covered in bricks, broken glass and splintered wood. At least 14 other people were injured, including 10 firefighters, authorities said.

Rescuers pulled the doctor from the rubble after hearing his calls.

The town house and land were worth nearly \$6.1 million, according to the city's finance department. The property was to be sold at auction in October to pay a \$4 million judgment against Bartha, though his ex-wife had predicted he wouldn't leave without a fight.

He has said many times that he intends to "die in my house," Cordula Bartha said in a petition filed last year.

The doctor was responsible for other implied threats against his ex-wife, according to court records.

A 2005 appellate court opin-

ion said the doctor had "intentionally traumatized" Cordula Bartha. A few who were born in Nazi-occupied Holland, by posting "swastika-adorned articles and notes" around

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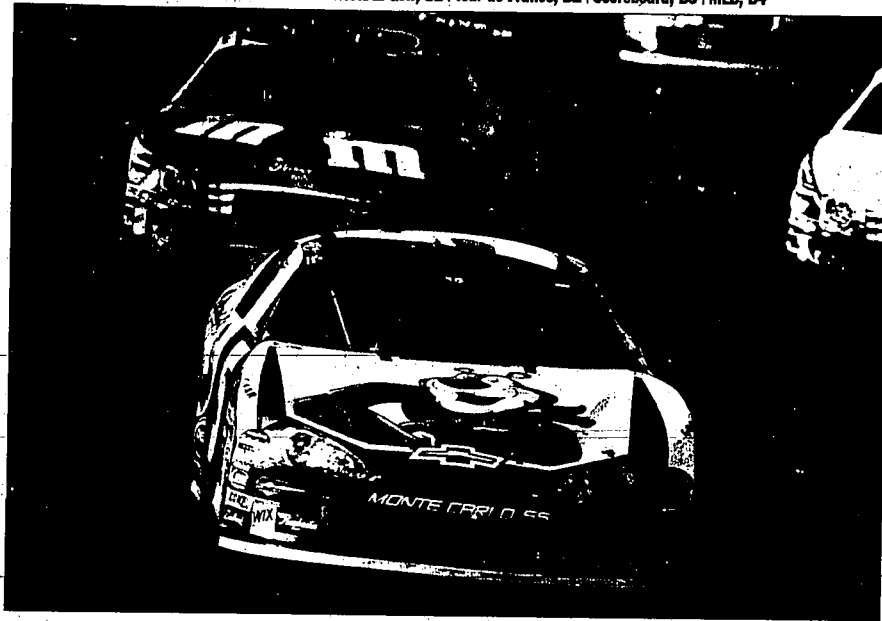
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Kyle Busch, foreground, leads Elliott Sadler en route to winning the NASCAR Nextel Cup Goodyear 300 auto race at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, N.H. on Sunday.

Overdrive in overtime

Kyle Busch gets first win of 2006

By Mike Harris —
Associated Press writer

LOUDON, N.H. — Kyle Busch had to go to overtime Sunday at New Hampshire International Speedway for his first NASCAR Nextel Cup victory of the year.

Busch passed Elliott Sadler for the lead 61 laps from the end and appeared to have the third victory of his career all wrapped up before a crash involving Hendrick Motorsports teammate Brian Vickers and rookie Clint Bowyer brought out a caution flag on lap 298, just three laps from the scheduled end of the Lenox Industrial Tools 300.

With a number of drivers concerned about running out of the fuel even



before the extra laps, including Sadler, the race was extended even longer when Michael Waltrip ran into the back of Robby Gordon on lap 303.

The last restart finally came on lap 307. By that time, both rookie Denny Hamlin and Carl Edwards had moved past Sadler, but Busch easily pulled away from the challengers in the two-lap sprint to the finish.

"We're just trying to bide our time, making our own race and trying to get it to the end in one piece," Busch said. "Two weeks ago, we finished second (in Daytona) and last week we finished third (at Chicago). We're just running our race out there and letting everybody else make their mistakes."

Edwards dove past Hamlin for second place on the final lap and Hamlin then appeared to run out of gas, fading all the way to sixth as Greg Biffle, Mark Martin and Kevin Harvick all drove past on the final straightaway.

"I had a car I thought could win," said Hamlin, who earned his first Cup victory in June at Pocono. "Kyle was getting real tight, but I had to save fuel and I spun my tires real bad on the

restart. Then the thing sputtered in the first turn on that last lap and I knew I was through."

Sadler ran out of gas on the final restart and wound up 25th, the last driver on the lead lap.

The 21-year-old Busch was positioned for the victory when crew chief Alan Gustafson brought the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet in for a gas-only pit stop during a caution period on lap 211.

Busch, the younger brother of 2003 Cup champion Kurt Busch, restarted seventh when the green flag waved on lap 215 and worked his way steadily to the front. Sadler inherited the lead, with Busch right behind him, when they stayed on track while the drivers in front of them pitted during another caution on lap 235.

The restart came on lap 238 and it took Busch — who led a race-high 107 laps — just three laps to get around Sadler. He led the rest of the way.

"I asked Alan on that last pit stop if we were OK on gas if we went extra laps," Busch said. "He said it would be fine, but all of a sudden they're telling me, 'Save gas! Save gas! Save gas!' I wasn't sure what to think."

It turned out he had enough gas to finish the race and do some smoking

violin burnouts for the sellout crowd estimated at 101,000 that turned out despite temperatures in the low 90s.

It looks like only the top 10 drivers in the standings will make the Chase for the championship and the top of the standings were scrambled on the hot, sticky day filled with crashes.

Jimmie Johnson remained in the top spot with a ninth-place finish, moving from 51 to 60 points ahead of runner-up Matt Kenseth, who finished 14th.

Tony Stewart, the defending Cup and race champion, got the worst of it, falling from seventh to 11th with only seven races remaining before the start of the Chase. Stewart hit the wall on lap 91 after being bumped by pole-sitter Ryan Newman and wound up 37th in the 43-car field.

Dale Earnhardt was in the top five when he had an engine failure that relegated him to last and knocked him from third to seventh, while Biffle moved into a tie for ninth with Jeff Gordon, who started the day alone in 10th and finished 15th in the race despite being involved in at least two on-track incidents with other cars.

The race winner, who has not made the Chase since it began two years ago, moved all the way from eighth to fourth in the points.



John Senden, right, celebrates with his crew on the 18th hole winner of the 2006 John Deere Classic golf tournament on Sunday in Sibir, Ill.

Senden takes first win

By Andrew Seigman
Associated Press writer

SILVIS, Ill. — John Senden grinned and hugged his coach. He was elated and relieved and, most importantly, a winner on the PGA Tour.

The Australian birdied the 17th hole and saved par on 18 to hold off J.P. Hayes and win the John Deere Classic on Sunday, earning his first PGA Tour victory and qualifying for the British Open.

Making his 139th tour start, Senden shot a 3-under 68 to finish at 19-under-265 and beat Hayes (65) by a stroke.

"It was a feeling of relief that you can get it done," Senden said.

Hayes nearly took it away from him.

Seeking his third tour victory and second in the Deere Classic, Hayes put himself in position for an eagle and the lead on the 17th hole but settled for a birdie instead. He drove his tee shot 335 yards and hit a 5-iron within about 5 feet. His eagle putt rolled to the right of the cup. After a tap-in, he was momentarily tied for the lead.

"But Senden took the lead when he birdied the 17th, slipping in from under 2 feet.

Hayes' second shot on 18 landed in a bunker to the right of the green, but his next one just over 4 feet past the pin. He knocked in the short putt to save par and remain within a stroke.

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Cowboys wrap up regular season

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POCAHELLO — Now it's time to regroup for the district tournament.

The Twin Falls Cowboys' Class AA American Legion football team finished its tumultuous regular-season schedule Sunday in Pocatello, dropping a pair of games to the host Highland Razorbacks 7-1 and 7-6.

Marcus Schaaf was saddled with the loss in Game 1, while Nate Ramirez took the loss in Game 2. Herring Pullin finished off his one-week stint as catcher, playing behind the plate in regular starter Drew Bernhardt's absence.

The 23-14 (16-12 Area C) Cowboys will look for a better result this Thursday at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls as they enter the Area C Tournament as the No. 3 seed against sixth-seeded Highland at 7:30 p.m.

Complete box scores were not available on Sunday.

Vanderham victorious at MVS

By Linda Brittain
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Kenny Vanderham had his hands full in the InterMountain Pro Trucks main event as he battled Ralph Kincheloe and Dan Koyke three-wide around the track at the Magic Valley Speedway on Saturday night, but held on to win his first race of the season.

A caution at Lap 19 brought the three drivers together for the restart, with each one choosing which lane to take. Vanderham apparently made the correct decision.

The drivers were then all in contention for the lead as they raced door-to-door, but as usual, when no one wants to give up their position, things have a way of working out for themselves.

It was Koyke who got the nod as he got loose in Turn 3 while riding in the far outside lane of the trio, bringing out the second caution of the race. Koyke then had to make the restart from the rear while Kincheloe led the track and sent the remainder of the race in the pits.

"At the restart, I elected to stay behind Ralph (Kincheloe)," Vanderham said. "Then Dan Koyke came up alongside and the battle was on. But I saw an opening in Turn 2 and took it."



Kenny Vanderham (12) takes the inside drag when racing alongside Ralph Kincheloe and Dan Koyke during the InterMountain Pro Race Truck main event at the Magic Valley Speedway Saturday night.

Vanderham's problems were far from eliminated however, as Kevin Larson and Nick Lynch were quickly closing in with just 10 laps to go in the 40-lap race.

Lynch finessed his way around Larson on Lap 33 and then set his sites on Vanderham. However, Lynch ran out of laps as Vanderham kept his foot to the floor, crossing the finish just a half-truck length ahead of Lynch for

the win.

"Early on tonight we were having troubles with the truck first being loose and then getting tight," Vanderham said. "But for the main event, we were hooked up."

Busweiser Grand Nationals driver Jerry Rice successfully fought off a persistent Louis Lopez to win the main event and take over the points lead in the division; Rice made a key move at

Lap 3, passing Lopez and Willie Dalton to assume the lead, but Lopez was not finished yet. Lopez shadowed Rice while Jerry McKean kept the pressure on Lopez as the three ran nose-to-nose for the remainder of the race. Rice refused to yield to however, holding off Lopez at every turn while going on to win his fourth main event of the season.

"There was no way I was going to the outside this week," Rice said regarding his inside pass on Lopez. "We really wanted this win tonight."

Randy Price had some bad racing luck on the evening as the motor of the No. 74 car expired before the main event, eliminating him from the competition for the night.

NAPA Pony driver Jason Whited will enter the Chase for the Championship on July 29 in first place after sewing up six incidents.

Anderson, who was second in the point standings coming into the evening, received damage to the left-front door after making contact with another car in the aftermath of a four-car spin-out on Lap 1. Pitz was the next victim six laps later after going high in

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The pack rides down the Perty pass during the 14th stage of the 93rd Tour de France cycling race between Montellinar and Gap, southern France on Sunday.

Last week crucial for Landis

GAP, France (AP) — L'Alpe d'Huez, the Izard and Gallibier passes, hard climbs, legendary climbs, climbs that define the Tour de France.

One bad day, even one bad hour, on those punishing ascents in the Alps next week could end U.S. rider Floyd Landis' bid for the Tour title. After two weeks of racing and little separating Landis from the other top riders, the Tour is perfectly poised for a thrilling finale.

couple of days before, letting the Illes Balmers rival ride ahead and take the lead on Saturday.

Landis is hoping that Illes Balmers will try to keep Perito in the lead by racing up at the front of the pack — where cyclists expend the most energy — sparing the need for his Phonak teammates to do so. Landis wants to keep his team of support riders as fresh as possible so they can help him up the climbs in the Alps.

amounts of time. In order to win, Landis will need to make sure that it stays that way in the Alps — no easy task.

"In the Alps you can easily lose 20 minutes in one day," Moerenhout said. If Landis "has one bad day, it's over."

The L'Alpe d'Huez climb, 21 switchbacks clinging to a mountain with a ski station on top, comes at the end of a long, hard day of riding Tuesday. Riders will have ascended and descended two other mountains, including the brutal Izard pass, before they reach the foot of the L'Alpe d'Huez, a legendary spot in cycling that will be crowded with hollering fans, some of whom will have camped there overnight.

Landis and the 155 other cyclists who have made it this far, surviving crashes, scorching heat, and 1,664 miles of racing, have all of Monday to rest their aching muscles, patch up scrapes and sores and focus on the 607 miles that remain to the finish line in Paris next Sunday.

Distance-wise, it may seem that most of the work is done.

"We'd like to have some other teams with some motivation to ride, other than us," the Pennsylvania native said Sunday.

At some point before Paris, of course, Landis will need to get back the lead if it is to be the successor to seven-time winner Lance Armstrong. And he is betting that Perito, when it really counts, won't be able to stop him.

"You have to change rhythm completely, right from the start of the climb. That's the hard part and that's going to hurt, for sure. You have to deal with the pain as soon as possible and not think about it that much and just go," Moerenhout said of the ascent that the Tour first scaled in 1952. Armstrong was the last winner there, in 2004.

Tuesday brings the first of three make-or-break days in the Alps. And if those towering mountains don't tilt out a winner, then the Tour could be decided in the last long time trial next Saturday, when the riders race, alone against the clock.

Perito struggled in the Pyrenees last week and was slower than Landis in the first long time trial at the end of week one. So even if he works miracles and holds off Landis and the rest of the field in the Alps — which even Perito thinks is unlikely — Phonak is betting that he'll succumb eventually in the final time trial.

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"Three big days in the Alps, one big time trial, anything can happen," said Landis' Dutch teammate, Kees Moerenhout.

After Sunday's 14th stage, won by Frenchman Pierrick Fedrigio, Landis was still where he says he wants to be: second overall, 1 minute and 29 seconds behind Oscar Pereiro of Spain.

"It's not going to give it up easily," said Levi Leipheimer, a U.S. rider on the Gerolsteiner squad. "But I think Floyd's right, I think he's gonna crack."

Given Perito's flaws, Landis' bigger worries are the other top contenders like him. Riders like Russian Denis Menchov, Australian Cadel Evans, Spaniard Carlos Sastre or German Andreas Klöden. For the moment, they are all in Landis' rearview mirror, trailing him by significant but perhaps not insurmountable

Sunday's 112-mile stage 14 from Montellinar to Gap, in the foothills of the Alps, was marked by a spectacular crash involving David Canada and Rik Verbrugghe. The scorching sun melted the roads, and they lost control of their bikes on a right-hand turn. German rider Matthias Kessler plowed into Canada and cartwheeled over a safety barrier on the side of the road.

Landis figured that having the overall lead going into the rest day would have put too much pressure on his Phonak team. So he relinquished it to Perero a

Kessler remounted and finished. But Verbrugghe, a Belgian rider for Cofidis, broke his left leg and opened a bad cut on his left arm. Canada, a Spanish rider with Saunier Duval, broke his right collarbone.

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Wadkins wins Senior Players for first major

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Bobby Wadkins overcame a four-stroke deficit, 85-degree heat and a wild adventure on the final hole to win the Senior Players Championship for his first major victory on the 50-and-older circuit.

The 51-year-old Wadkins shot a 4-under 68 — making five straight birdies on the nine — to charge past third-round leader Loren Roberts and Jim Thorpe, whose 69 on Sunday made him the tournament's runner-up for a third time.

Wadkins was 14 under for the tournament, which shifts next year to Baltimore after being played in the Detroit area since

1990 and at the Jack Nicklaus-designed TPC of Michigan since 1991.

Wadkins has won three times on the Champions Tour, including the 2001 Long Island Classic and this year's Boeing Championship, and never has won on the PGA Tour. His previous best finish at a Champions Tour major was second in the Senior PGA in both 2002 and 2003. His best previous finish at the Senior Players was a tie for 12th in 2002.

The younger brother of Lanny Wadkins — who broadcast the final round on CBS — took control on No. 15 when his 69-foot chip from the fringe found the bottom of

the cup and sent Wadkins pumping his fist.

He had a bogey on No. 16, but bounced back with a birdie on No. 17.

"I just came a finishing hole that Wadkins won't soon forget."

On the par-4 18th, Wadkins drove it left into a marsh and had to take a drop. His third shot fell into a greenside bunker. His shot from the bunker flew past the green and into a bunker on the hill. His fifth shot from the rough nearly went in the hole, but had too much pace. Wadkins then holed a 12-footer for double bogey to seal the win.

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Things got interesting when Senden's second shot on 18 landed in the same bunker.

He thought the ball would stay on the green, but the water tipped, Senden saw a good angle, and his chip shot landed 5 inches from the hole for an easy tap-in for par and the victory.

"My lie in the bunker was a beautiful lie," he said. "An uphill lie, and all I had to do was splash it out and it was going to track down to the hole. ... I had to be precise. Knocking that last putt in was fantastic."

Alex Cejka (67) and Heath Stocum (68) tied for third at 16 under.

The attention moved to the week centered on teen sensation Michelle Wie and her attempt to become the first woman in 61 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour, but she was 8 over and withdrew because of a heat exhaustion after nine holes Friday. A day later, Senden stepped into the spotlight.

He shot 64 on Saturday to go 16 under and take a three-stroke lead on Stocum and Patrick Sheehan. It was the first time Senden led after three rounds since joining the tour five years ago. His best previous finish was a tie for fifth at the Bob

Hope Chrysler Classic in January.

"I've been dreaming of it for a long while," Senden said of his win.

He vowed in 1991 to make the PGA Tour by 2000. He played in Asia and made the European tour, but missed that deadline.

He was on this weekend, though.

After a sleepless night, Senden settled down by the time he arrived at the course on Sunday. He had a good warm-up and a better start.

Senden began the final round the same way he opened the previous two with birdies on the first and second holes and with a morning glug of confidence.

He was 19 under after a 6-foot putt for birdie on the par-3 seventh, before a bogey on the par-4 ninth — his first since Friday. He parred his next seven holes, and a two-man game developed with Inayes.

Hayes, who finished a tournament-record 22 under to win here four years ago, was two strokes off the lead at 16 under after a birdie on No. 11 — his fifth. He was 17 under after a birdie on 14, but he couldn't reach the 17th green. His stroke was off, too, and the result was that missed eagle putt.

And a missed opportunity.

"You know, I could have looked at it all day, and I would have been unsure," Hayes said.

Senden bogeyed No. 2, after his second shot settled on the edge of a pond. He changed clubs and nearly fell into the water at one point, before digging the ball out. Sheehan birdied the first hole but bogeyed the third, before birdies on the fifth and seventh put him at 15 under.

Jason Gore (68) eagled the 10th, 14th and 17th holes to go to 15 under. But he hit a bunker on 18, sent his next shot across the green into the water and double-bogeyed the hole to finish 13 under.

"It was a little firmer than what we were used to," Gore said. "I was trying to get a feel for what the sand was. ... I made a good swing and hit a good shot. (It) just didn't react the way I thought. That is golf. It happens."

Hayes and Senden had better luck getting out of that bunker. And in the end, the Australian celebrated.

"It always thought I could do it and probably had to be a matter of time, because I was playing well the last couple of years," Senden said. "I've improved every single year on the tour. This year has been the best I've been striking it, the best results I've had."



Mi Hyun Kim of South Korea waves to the crowd after sinking a birdie putt on the eighth green during the final round of the LPGA Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic golf tournament at Highland Meadows Golf Club in Syrtana, Ohio on Sunday.

Kim beats Gubins in playoff in Ohio

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — Natalie Gubins was waived 4½ years for her first LPGA Tour victory. Mi Hyun Kim made her wait a little longer.

Kim rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole to beat Gubins and win the Jamie-Farr-Owens Corning Classic on Sunday.

The victory was worth \$180,000 to the South Korean. It was her second victory of the year and seventh in seven seasons on the tour. She also won the Ginn Clubs & Resort Open in April.

Gubins, who often models for magazines and calendars, is one of the tour's best-known players. Large galleries follow her every move. Still, she had never finished better than a tie for third in her five years on tour.

It appeared Gubins, who had five consecutive birdies on the front nine of the final round, had ended her drought when she stared down a 12-footer for birdie and the win on the second playoff hole but she missed it.

After Kim hit her clutch putt, Gubins was wide on a 9-foot putt to continue the playoff.

The three top finishers each closed with 6-under 65s, with Kim and Gubins completing regulation at 10-under 266. Paula Creamer, who birdied Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17 but missed a 12-footer at 18 that would have gotten her into the playoff, even sat down in the grass near the 18th green to watch the playoff.

Both Kim and Gubins missed birdie putts of about 12 feet on the first playoff hole. Gubins had the advantage on the second sudden-death hole, but missed another 12-footer that would have given her the win.

She Pak closed with a 66 to finish fourth at 268. She was trying to become only the third woman to win the same tournament five times. Mickey Wright won the Sea Island Open five times, and Annika Sorenstam has won the Samsung World Championship and the Mizuno Classic five times each. Sorenstam won the Mizuno five years in a row (2001-05).

Retley Rankin shot a 70 and was at 272, with Britanny Lang (66) and Sung Ah Yim (70) at 274.

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Turn 3 trying to avoid a lapped car and going off the Turn 4 embankment. Pliz then had to make his way into the pits to repair a flat tire but did manage a six-place climb for the night while Andersen salvaged an eighth-place showing. Kristi Fehringer edged Brent Fehringer for second and Shawn Niece had another strong run coming in fifth in the main event.

Both Oliver Phipps and Bruce Henry needed good performances Saturday night in order to make it into the chase. But both drivers had disastrous outings. Phipps got together with Dustin Wilson in Turn 1 of the heat race and pounded the wall as his hood flew off and flames emerged from the motor area of the car. Fortunately, Phipps was relatively unhurt, but his ride was finished for the evening, as seemingly were his chances to make it into the chase. Henry had his issues in the main event, exiting the track after being involved in the Lap 1 incident. Ironically, both drivers ended up with the same point totals for the season and will both be eligible for the chase.

John Hoogendoorn was 'robbed' of a win in the Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stock division race after guest driver of the No. 55 car Rob Vest, stole the lead from Hoogendoorn with four laps to go in the 25-lap race. Vest, a regular driver in the Pepsi Premier division, took advantage of a night off

for the feature class to try his hand at a Thunder Stock car and earned the title of "Thunder-whacker," which refers to the more experienced Nextel Cup drivers stepping down to drive in Busch Series races.

"I never even sat in the car before tonight," Vest said. "But it was pretty fun and the car actually handled good."

Renee Lopez was crowned Queen Bee Champion for the 2006 season, capturing the title while winning her second main event of the season. Misty Greco held the lead up until Lap 5 when a caution came out for a spin by the No. 8 car in the front stretch. Lopez took her position right next to Greco on the restart and quickly took the lead for herself and cruised to the win and season championship.

"I might give the Warrior class try," Lopez said regarding the question of moving up to a different division. I like to speculate, I'd rather just sit and watch."

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NASCAR INDY CAR LEAD

INDIANAPOLIS 300

At New Hampshire Motor Speedway
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LOCAL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
-TF Cowboys A at Jerome, 4 p.m.
-Halt County at Idaho Falls, OH, 4 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

ESPN - Atlanta vs. St. Louis
7 p.m.
ESPN2 - World Cup championship game, tennis 11 p.m.

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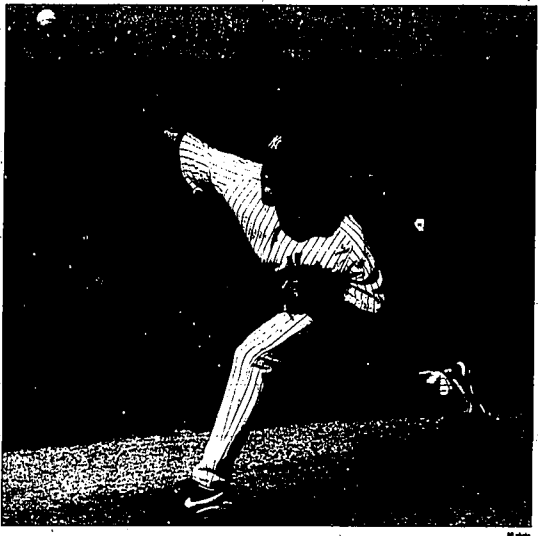
Rivera earns 400th save

NEW YORK (AP) — Mariano Rivera earned his 400th save, escaping two jams and getting six outs to preserve the New York Yankees' 6-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Sunday.

Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run homer and Derek Jeter connected for the first time in two months, giving New York an early lead against Freddy Garcia (10-6).

Jaret Wright (6-5) got into the sixth inning and sent the Yankees to their first series sweep of the White Sox since May 2002.

Rivera became the fourth major league pitcher to reach 400 saves. He has 21 this season.



New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera delivers against the Chicago White Sox during the ninth inning of Sunday's game at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Twins 5, Indians 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Carlos Silva threw six smooth innings, Rondell White hit his first home run of the season in his first game back from the disabled list, and Minnesota defeated Cleveland.

Leif Custis and Michael Cuddyer also homered and Jason Tyner drove in two runs for the Twins, who won the last three of the four-game series to start the second half.

Grady Sizemore's leadoff home run wasn't nearly enough for the Indians, who couldn't solve the struggling Silva (5-9).

Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his 16th save for Minnesota, which placed three outfielders on the disabled list in four days — including center fielder Torii Hunter.

The winning rally came against George Sherrill (2-2). Scott Downs (4-0) pitched two innings for the victory.

Yuniesky Betancourt tied it in the ninth with a homer off Ryan, who blew just his second save of the season. It was the first homer off Ryan since Boston's David Ortiz hit a three-run shot off him on June 2, 2005.

Orioles 4, Rangers 0

BALTIMORE — Miguel Tejada and Nick Markakis homered, Melvin Mora had three hits, and Rodrigo Lopez led a strong pitching performance that carried Baltimore past suddenly punchless Texas.

Lopez (6-10) gave up five hits and a walk in 5.2-3 innings to earn his first win in four starts since June 23. Texas has gone 23 straight innings without scoring an earned run.

Blue Jays 4, Mariners 3, 11 innings

TORONTO — Frank Catalanotto singled in the winning run in the 11th inning to lift Toronto over Seattle.

Toronto, which also beat Seattle in 14 innings on Saturday, improved to 5-0 in extra innings this season despite a rare blown save by closer B.J. Ryan.

Royals 9, Tigers 6

DETROIT — Joey Gathright drove in four runs. Scott Elarton pitched six effective

Angels 7, Devil Rays 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Howie Kendrick had three hits, including an RBI single for the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, and the Los Angeles won for the 11th time in 12 games.

Kendrick, making his first start since being called up two days earlier from Triple-A Salt Lake, doubled twice and went 3-for-4.

Scott Shields (5-6) shut out Tampa Bay for 1.2-3 innings to get the win. Chad Harville (0-2) gave up two runs and three hits in the eighth for the Devil Rays.

Marlins 9, Astros 3

MIAMI — Hanley Ramirez and Wes Helms each homered three times in three runs to help Florida beat Houston.

Jeremy Hermida and Mike Jacobs also homered for the Marlins, who salvaged a split of the four-game series. Scott Carter allowed three runs and six hits in 5.1-3 innings to get his first win since June 16.

Taylor Buchholz (6-7) yielded four runs and three hits in five innings for Houston.

Reds rally past Rockies, 6-4

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rich Aurilla's pinch-hit, bases-loaded single in the eighth inning rallied the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-4 victory Sunday and a four-game sweep of the fading Colorado Rockies.

Aurilla's two-run single off Jose Mesa (0-3) sparked the Reds' second straight late comeback against Colorado's rickety bullpen, the Rockies' main problem during their recent slide.

Nationals 8, Pirates 4, 11 innings

PITTSBURGH — Nick Johnson drove in two runs with a tiebreaking double in the 11th inning and Washington avoided a second consecutive series sweep by rallying against Pittsburgh.

Washington ended a five-game losing streak by scoring four runs — one earned — off Roberto Hernandez (0-3) in the 11th.

The Nationals came back from a 3-0 deficit on Alfonso Soriano's 29th homer and pinch-hitter Alex Escobar's tying two-run drive.

Cardinals 11, Dodgers 3

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols was 4-for-5 with three RBIs and St. Louis beat up on All-Star starter Brad Penny and Los Angeles.

Anthony Reyes (2-3) worked five solid innings and fellow rookie Chris Duncan had his second straight three-hit game for the Cardinals, who swept a four-game series from the Dodgers for the first time since winning a pair of doubleheaders on July 7-8, 1987.



Cincinnati Reds base runner Edwin Encarnacion, right, scores on a two-run, pinch-hit single by Rich Aurilla at Colorado Rockies catcher Yorvit Torrealba waits for the throw in the ninth inning of Sunday's game in Cincinnati.

Braves 10, Padres 5

SAN DIEGO — Chipper Jones hit a two-run homer to give him an extra-base hit in 14 straight games, tying a 79-

year-old big league record, and Atlanta roughed up Jake Peavy and completed a three-game sweep of NL West-leading San Diego.

The Braves won their season-high fifth straight game, and for the ninth time in 11.

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Phillies 6, Giants 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Brett Myers allowed Barry Bonds' 721st homer while pitching seven solid innings in his first start back from a leave of absence, and Philadelphia rallied for four runs in the eighth inning.

Myers (6-3) allowed five hits and struck out seven, looking sharp after sitting out nearly three weeks while facing assault charges, tying a 79-

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Mets 13, Cubs 7

CHICAGO — Cliff Floyd and Carlos Beltran hit grand slams, and David Wright added a two-run shot in an 11-run sixth inning as New York beat Chicago.

The Mets sent 16 batters to the plate in the sixth and benefited from two errors on second baseman Todd Walker that led to eight of the 11 runs being unearned. The half-inning took 41 minutes to play and saw the Cubs make 70 pitches.

It was the first time a team had two grand slams in an inning since April 23, 1998, when St. Louis' Fernando Tatis hit two in the third at Los Angeles.

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Boston	54	38	.600	—	4.6	L1 28:13	26:23	16:2	
New York	53	39	.598	3.6	7.3	W3 29:17	24:19	16:8	
Toronto	51	40	.561	5.6	8.5	W2 31:18	20:22	9.9	
Baltimore	43	51	.457	13.6	4.6	W2 26:23	17:28	9.9	
Tampa Bay	39	53	.424	16.6	4.6	L3 22:20	17:33	11.7	

National League									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str Home	Away	Intr	
St. Louis	52	39	.571	—	4.2	W1 27:18	28:29	6.9	
Cincinnati	49	44	.522	1.2	8.2	W5 21:23	22:28	5.0	
Houston	45	48	.484	8.2	4.6	L1 28:22	17:26	7.1	
Milwaukee	45	48	.484	8.2	5.5	W1 29:20	18:28	6.9	
Arizona	45	48	.484	8.2	5.5	L1 15:27	20:29	4.1	
Pittsburgh	32	61	.344	21.2	4.6	L1 22:25	10:38	33.2	

Sunday's Games									
East Division									
Florida 9, Houston 3	Cincinnati 6, Colorado 4	Washington 8, Pittsburgh 4, 11 innings	St. Louis 11, L.A. Dodgers 3	Atl. 10, San Diego 5	Philadelphia 6, San Francisco 2	Milwaukee 10, Arizona 5	N.Y. Mets 13, Chicago Cubs 7		
West Division									
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Thunderstorms threaten area of huge California wildfires

By Jeremiah Marquez
Associated Press writer

YUCCA VALLEY, Calif. — Fire crews struggled Sunday to quell wildfires still raging across steep, rocky swaths of this desert region, as the harsh terrain slowed efforts to fully contain the blazes that have destroyed 58 homes and scorched more than 120 square miles.

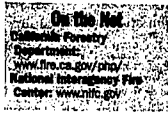
Large wildfires are burning in nine states, most in the West, according to the National Fire Information Center in Boise, Idaho.

Two major fires in the California desert have merged, which fire officials described as a positive development.

"The fact that they burned together makes it easier for us because now we're only dealing with one perimeter," said Wayne Barringer, spokesman for the California Department of Forestry.

One area of the fire, spanning about 97 square miles, was 60 percent contained, fire officials said. An adjacent fire had grown to more than 23 square miles since merging with the larger fire and was 10 percent contained, officials said.

Difficulties in getting to the remote, rugged pockets of fire were hampering firefighters.



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Fire officials were forced to rely on helicopters to drop in suppression teams, rather than using bulldozers and other heavy equipment.

Fire officials estimate damage from the fires of more than \$8.4 million and firefighting costs at \$10.3 million.

On Saturday, searchers found the body of a man who had been missing since the fire burned through historic Pioneer town on Tuesday. The cause of the man's death remained under investigation but sheriff's officials have said it appeared to be fire-related.

At least 11 people have been injured.

Meanwhile, fire officials were bracing Sunday for the possibility that thunderstorms could roll over the region, potentially triggering lightning that could start new blazes or rain that could flood the scorched canyons.

The National Weather Service said there was about a 30 percent chance of storms in the

region. Some rain began to fall in the Big Bear area by early afternoon.

Authorities were advising residents living in a previously designated flood zone to stock up on sand bags.

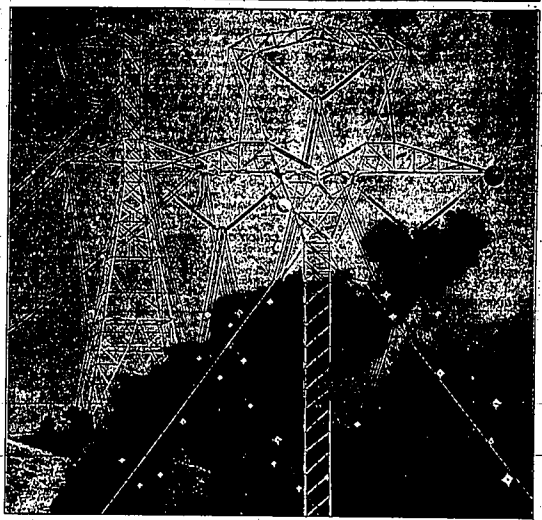
The fires had burned into the San Bernardino National Forest but were not considered immediate threats to communities at higher elevations in the Big Bear Lake region.

Elsewhere in Southern California, a 500-acre blaze at Redlands was fully contained Sunday after destroying one building, it broke out Friday night and initially threatened 100 homes.

In San Diego County, a 260-acre wildfire about 10 miles east of Julian also was fully contained, said California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Roxanne Provanzik.

Firefighters in southern and eastern Montana were battling five major fires that charred about 294 square miles, mostly east of Billings. About 125 homes were potentially threatened, officials said.

In Wyoming, a wind shift helped firefighters keep a blaze from advancing toward Devils Tower National Monument. Four fires about five miles southwest of Devils Tower have



A wildfire burns near transmission lines near Waco, Mont., Sunday.

burned about 14,848 acres — about 23 square miles — of mostly brush and ponderosa pine. About 10 percent of the fires were contained. Started by lightning Wednesday, the fire had damaged two homes and

threatened 35 others.

In Minnesota, authorities were letting two wildfires burn Sunday in the northeastern part of the state, which is having a second consecutive day of a "red flag warning" for fires.

The more serious of the two is expected to burn eastward toward a part of a "blowdown area" where prescribed burns were conducted in 2003 and 2004, making firefighting easier and safer.

Air show plane crashes into house, killing pilot

The Associated Press

HILLSBORO, Ore. — A vintage British fighter jet crashed into a densely populated neighborhood near the Hillsboro Airport during an air show Sunday afternoon, exploding, destroying a home and killing the pilot.

Fire officials said no residents or others on the ground were hurt.

The 1951 jet was taking off to return to California when it went down, said Connie King, a spokeswoman for the Hillsboro Fire Department.

The jet slammed into a house at 4:28 p.m. and destroyed it, she said. No one was home at the time, she said. The pilot's name was not immediately released.

Another house with people inside sustained "significant damage," but no one was hurt, King said. The attic exterior of another house was damaged,



Firefighters pour water over the wreckage of an airplane that crashed into a densely populated neighborhood Sunday in Hillsboro, Ore., exploding and setting at least two homes on fire.

and there was fire damage in the yard of another, she said.

Dave Driscoll, who lives in the area, said he heard a whistling sound of the jet "and it cut out, cut out, cut out, then there was a big boom."

The crash occurred toward the end of the two-day Hillsboro International Air Show, about a mile and a half from the airport in a Portland suburb.

"It was doing a loop and

couldn't pull out in time," Kory Hauser, a witness, told the Salem Statesman Journal. "It clipped about three houses and went down."

The show was immediately canceled.

Idaho stands out as a haven for helmetless bikers

LEWISTON (AP) — Idaho is one of the few states in the region where bikers can let the wind whip through their hair while riding without a helmet along miles of blacktop.

Over the years, several attempts to rev up momentum for a helmet law for motorcycle riders have failed, which is why Albert Romero, 57, of San Fernando, Calif., was biking in Lewiston this weekend.

"We came here to ride without helmets," he told The Lewiston Tribune.

Free from the bare-headed bans in Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada, Romero and his biking buddy,

Augustin Selaflani, 52, stuffed the helmets in their trunk for the ride along U.S. Highway 12 to Montana.

"It feels a little bit nicer, just the feel of it," said Romero, a Universal Studios sound engineer for the television shows "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" and "Desperate Housewives."

Selaflani, a photography teacher, agreed. Adults should be able to make their own decisions, he said.

Romero and Selaflani's libertarian ideals fall on friendly ears in Idaho where only riders under the age of 18 are required by state law to wear

helmets on motorcycles.

After three University of Idaho students died on motorcycles in 2004, state Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, promoted a helmet law during the 2005 legislative session.

"The students were really behind it," Trail said. "I think it would have been a good piece of legislation."

The law would save lives and money spent to cover catastrophic injuries of uninsured bikers, Trail said. What's more, a helmet law would allow Idaho to collect several million dollars in additional federal highway dollars, he said.

But by a vote of 7-5, the

House Transportation Committee rejected the idea.

Trail does not plan to resurrect his helmet push next year.

"I think that's a dry hole unless we have some citizens out there willing to back it up."

That's just fine with state Sen. R. Skipper Brandt, R-Kooskia.

"The proper role of government is not to protect myself from me," said Brandt, an avid biker who chooses to wear a helmet on almost every ride.

He remembered stumbling his Harley on a deep highway grade and watching his wife, Pia, bounce down the road on her helmeted head.

Clark descendants mark 100th anniversary of Yellowstone crossing

The Associated Press

LIVINGSTON, Mont. — Two direct descendants of William Clark spent Saturday in this city on the Yellowstone River, exactly 100 years after they and his ancestor first crossed the Yellowstone on July 15th, 1806.

In their normal lives, Churchill Clark, 42, is a bartender and waiter from Denver and Bud Clark, 61, is a manufacturing engineering specialist for Ford in Dearborn, Mich.

The two men are distant relatives and have spent most of the past three years retracing the steps of their ancestor. They started out traveling together, but split up early in the mission after a falling out and have tried to stay out of each other's way.

"There was lots of politics going on," Churchill Clark said. "These things get bigger as they go along."

"We have absolutely nothing to do with them," Bud Clark said of the smaller group led by Churchill.

Anytime the two groups are in the same place at the same time is mere coincidence, he told the Bozeman Daily Chronicle in a story Sunday.

One of those coincidences brought them together Saturday at the dedication of a life-sized bronze statue of the Shoshone woman Sacagawea, who guided Lewis and Clark over much of their journey, and for whom Livingston's city park along

side the Yellowstone River is named. The city retains the older spelling, Sacajawea.

Both Clark's took part in the ceremony. Churchill gave a brief talk, and Bud led an honor guard that presented the flags.

Churchill appeared in rugged canvas clothing and moccasins, with a dirk in his belt and a bandanna on his head. Bud wore a full military dress costume of the period, a long sword at his waist and a big hat with a feather in it.

Churchill's trip, the Ordway Squad Corps of Discovery, was privately funded, and for much of the trip it was just three men and a dog.

Bud's trip, the Discovery Expedition of Saint-Charles, was funded with grant money. More than 200 people took part at various times.

The rift between the two Clarks occurred in North Dakota, as the groups were crossing upstream in the Missouri River in 55-ton keelboats, which had been outfitted with motors for the trip.

Churchill, along with Meriwether Lewis re-enactor Scott Mandrell, wanted to do a more realistic retracing of the steps of the former explorers.

So, from North Dakota, they traveled upstream in a dugout canoe, abandoning it only when they could no longer drag it any farther up the Jefferson River. Then they had to scrounge up horses to take them over the continental divide.

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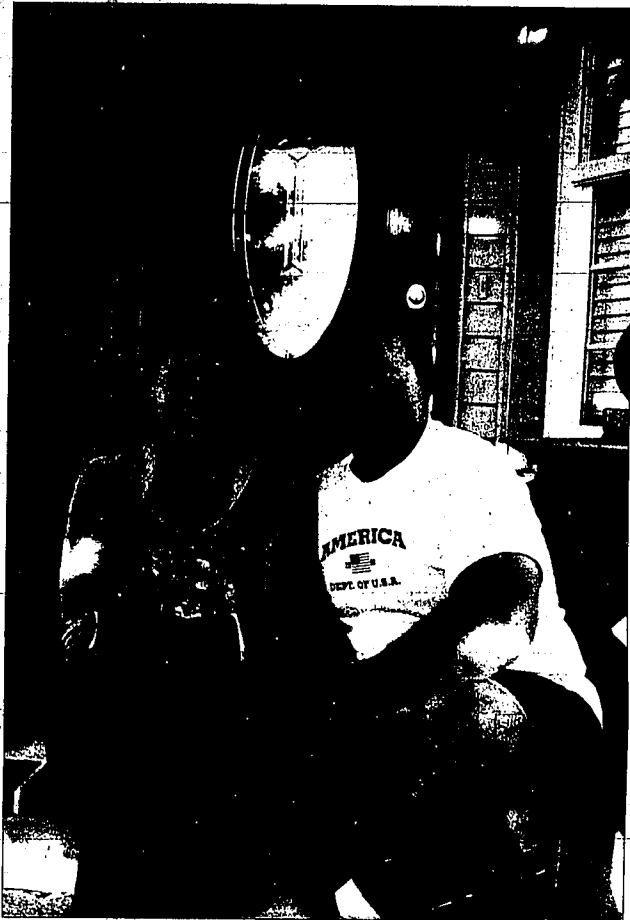
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Only a matter of time

Prostate
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Chris Selner sits with his wife, Stephanie, at their home in Twin Falls. Selner had his prostate removed earlier this year and is now cancer free.

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Chris Selner isn't the kind of guy you'd imagine having cancer. Forty-three years old, healthy, active, never sick a day in his life.

But that was until last summer, when Chris was diagnosed with prostate cancer. That was until doctors told him to get his life in order — it was serious.

According to the Cancer Data Registry of Idaho, 266 men in Twin Falls County were diagnosed with prostate cancer between 1999 and 2003. During that five-year period, more men fell victim to prostate cancer than women to breast cancer. Forty-six of those men died from the disease.

But perhaps the most alarming statistic is that all men, if they live long enough, will someday get prostate cancer, said Twin Falls urologist Charles Cutler. It is inevitable.

Earlier this year, the National Cancer Coalition released prostate cancer report cards to all 50 states. Grades were based on the number of men screened, mortality rates and insurance laws related to screening coverage. Idaho was one of five states to receive an "F."

The good news? Screenings, which are

recommended at least annually for men 50 and older, are simple and relatively inexpensive. Even without insurance, the test costs about \$50. And mortality rates drop significantly in men when the cancer is caught in its early stages.

Last summer, Chris' wife, Stephanie, persuaded him to go in for a checkup. After a digital rectal exam — the standard prostate check for men Chris' age — the doctor ordered more tests because Chris' prostate felt enlarged. Next was the Prostate-Specific Antigen (or PSA) test, which measures a hormone secreted by the prostate. A normal reading, Chris said, is 1.6.

Stephanie, who works with medical records at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, was the first to see her husband's PSA results when they came through the printer in

the records room. His reading: 40.9. She broke down — there was no doubt about it. Chris had cancer, and the doctor wanted to see him right away.

Stephanie drove to pick up Chris and bring him back to the hospital. She didn't tell her husband about the results. She couldn't bear to.

At the hospital, Cutler, who is Chris' urologist, broke the news. The best chance at survival would require removing the prostate. "I couldn't believe it," Chris said. "I didn't feel sick at all."

Cutler said prostate cancer is especially dangerous because it often spreads without patients feeling any symptoms.

Prostate cancer in younger men is more aggressive — and more frequently fatal — than in older men. In fact, Cutler said, many times when men older than 69 are diagnosed, no drastic treatment is required because the tumor often progresses slowly.

Not the case in men Chris' age, where prostate cancer, Cutler said, "requires immediate attention because the tumor will likely contribute to or cause the patient's demise."

But even some older men who are diagnosed choose to seek immediate treatment. Waiting for the cancer to get serious becomes maddening.

Sixty-nine-year-old Vic Sypher of Twin Falls was diagnosed earlier this summer

after years of rising PSA levels. Vic's doctor told him he had a choice: Do nothing and wait for the cancer to become more serious, or do something about it now.

"Some men my age hide and watch," Vic said. "I didn't want to do that."

Next month, Vic will have tiny radioactive pellets injected into his prostate to treat the tumor. That will likely salvage his prostate.

Chris wasn't so lucky. He bears a 9-inch scar from his belly button down to where doctors removed the gland. Unfortunately, they failed to extract all the cancer that had rooted out of his prostate and into his body, and Chris had to undergo 44 treatments of radiation therapy. Then he had two more surgeries to remove blockages in his urethra.

A year after his diagnosis, Chris is cancer-free. But not all his problems are over. Without a prostate, Chris has erectile dysfunction, and he aches when he urinates.

"I guess I'm hurting inside the most," Chris said last week. "Sometimes people say they understand, but they don't. It never happened to them."

"But you know," he said and then paused. "It could have turned out worse. I treat people differently now. Life is precious."

Times-News features writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 735-3243 or matt.christensen@lee.com.

Get tested

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center offers annual prostate screenings for little or no cost. To find out about upcoming screenings, call the Community Connection hotline at 735-3265 or toll-free at 800-947-4852. **MAGDY NOLAN**

Making the grade

Earlier this year, the National Prostate Cancer Coalition rated each state on its prostate cancer care. Here is how Idaho fared.

Prostate cancer continues to be the most common cancer among men over 50 who are screened annually for prostate cancer.

Prostate: 44.5
State rank: 46
Grade: F

Mortality rate

Number of men who die each year in Idaho from prostate cancer: Per 100,000: 31.8
State rank: 38
Grade: D

Does Idaho have a law requiring insurance companies to cover prostate cancer screenings?

No
Grade: F

Overall

How does Idaho fare in the fight against prostate cancer?
Total score: 55/100
Overall grade: F

Who should be tested?

According to local urologist Charles Cutler, the National Prostate Cancer Coalition and the American Cancer Society, men should be tested annually if they are:

- 50 or older
- 45 or older and black
- 40 or older with close relatives who have been afflicted

Some medications can make people more susceptible to sunburn

By Jeffrey D. Chasnow
The Washington Post

The concern — The forecast says sun, but what does your drug label say? Sunshine lovers should know that certain medications can make them more susceptible to sunburn, a condition known as drug-induced photosensitivity.

The cause — The Food and Drug Administration explains that expo-

sure to ultraviolet radiation from sunlight and, yes, even tanning booths, causes photo-reactive agents in some drugs to undergo chemical changes that increase a person's vulnerability to light. Redness, blotching, itching, swelling and blistering can result from short-term exposure, and premature skin aging and skin cancer from long-term exposure. The degree of photosensitivity will vary among individuals.

The culprits — According to Lindsey Stephens, a pharmacist and director of professional services for Medicine Shoppe International, a franchiser of independent community pharmacies, the more commonly used drugs that can cause photosensitivity reactions include: ibuprofen and other nonsteroidal and inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); certain antibiotics, including the tetracyclines and sulfa drugs;

hydrochlorothiazide, a common diuretic used for high blood pressure; certain diabetes medications, like glyburide and glipizide; Retin-A, a topical acne and wrinkle medication; and microdermabrasion products and those containing alpha hydroxy acids.

The counsel — To block the burn, Stephens advises, patients should read their drug labels and consult with their pharmacist or doctor before going out in the sun. If you

can't avoid the sun, lather up with sunscreen — SPF 30 or higher — with zinc oxide (the "microzinc" form of this ingredient is less visible than the thick white stuff you may remember from childhood), making sure you cover your hands and feet, and wear protective clothing. "Everyone faces a risk of sunburn when going outside," Stephens says, "but those who are taking certain medications should be especially vigilant."

IMAGE



Above, Johnny Brackett says these pants had a "60s feel." I liked that they were kind of tight. Left, Jason Turner is one of his four pinstriped suits. "I prefer the classic styles."

Pinstripes: Trendy and timeless

By Suzanne D'Amato
The Washington Post

As prints go, the pinstripe is the spiritual opposite of the neon polka dot. It's the essence of quiet good taste. If that sounds a bit fussy, it should. Consider that the word "pinstripe" refers to the fact that each line is supposed

to be the exact width of a straight pin — no more, no less. Over the last several seasons, however, this ultra-classic style has been getting less conservative. Sure, the look is still beloved by the suit set, but pinstripe pants also have been popping up on the racks at off-the-moment outfitters such as

H&M. Their appeal is obvious: Paired with a simple sweater or jacket, these old-school stripes have a surprisingly casual feel that's as trendy as it is timeless. Johnny Brackett, 29, of Washington, recently sported pinstripe pants with a black zip-front-jacket. His pinstripes had a "60s feel." I liked that

they were kind of tight." Jason Turner, of New Haven, Conn., said he prefers the classic styles. "I wear a suit three to four times a week," said Turner, 24, "I probably own 12 or 14 in all, maybe four of which are pinstriped. Some of the styles with stripes can get a little outlandish."

Female smokers face twice the risk

By Lisa Greene
St. Petersburg Times

It could be the worst side effect of the feminist movement: As women have gained more power in society, the smoking gender gap has narrowed.

But a major new study says that smoking doesn't exact an equal toll between the sexes. Although men still are more likely to smoke, female smokers are almost twice as likely to get lung cancer as their male counterparts.

"The implication to me is that we need to tell young women to stop smoking," said Dr. Melvyn Tockman, oncology and medicine professor at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute in Tampa and one of the study's investigators. "We need to tell young women not to start."

This study is the largest yet to say that women have a greater risk of getting lung cancer — the biggest cancer killer if they smoke.

The study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, followed almost 17,000 smokers over a 12-year period and compared female smokers with men who smoked the same amount.

During that time, 2.1 percent

of the women and 1.2 percent of the men were diagnosed with lung cancer.

A JAMA editorial ran with the study, pointing out that the research gives "a whole new meaning to the infamous 'You've come a long way, baby' ads for Virginia Slims."

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The study came from one bright spot: Women were more likely to survive lung cancer than men, a finding that has been reported in earlier studies. Nevertheless, there is not much consolation in that fact. In general, the five-year survival rate for lung cancer is about 15 percent, reports the National Cancer Institute.

The disease remains the biggest cancer killer. More than 162,000 people about 90,000 men and 72,000 women are expected to die from lung cancer this year.

Researchers aren't sure why the gender differences exist. "It's been shown that

women's DNA repair mechanism for tobacco smoke is not as good as men," Henschke said.

Or maybe hormones make a difference. Researchers need to look at such biological factors next, Henschke said. If they influence why men and women get cancer, it could mean that men and women respond to treatment differently as well.

Study participants were screened for lung cancer with a new technology that isn't routinely used, so participants were diagnosed earlier than usual, raising the possibility that lung cancer develops earlier in women than in men.

Or maybe the explanation isn't that women are more likely to get early lung cancers, but that men with such cancers are more likely to have died from heart disease or some other problem.

So a big question will be whether the gender gap shows up over the years, Tockman said. St. Petersburg resident

Emmy McGinty says she isn't sure what message would have gotten through to her in 1954, her first year of college, when she started smoking. Back then, girls would sneak out the dorm windows to light up.

"It was one of those things that kids did because you knew you couldn't," she said. "It was something where you were breaking the rules and you weren't getting caught."

But McGinty, a former nurse, lost part of her left lung in 2002. Now she's facing her second bout with lung cancer, going through chemotherapy that leaves her drained and weak. She has lost her hair and her appetite.

McGinty isn't sure that hearing about this new study would have made her snuff out her cigarette then. But she knows what she'd like to say.

"Now when I see people smoking, I wish I could go up to people and tell them, 'Please, you don't want to do this,'" she said. "Because this is hell, really. It's hell on earth."

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Sans tailor, good fit is hit

By Nadra Rhone
Cox News Service

Shopping for clothing can be an exercise in frustration. For most female shoppers, pants that fit lengthwise are a size too big. Jeans that glide easily over wide hips are baggy at the waist. Dresses cut for a plus-sized physique look more like a muumuu than Miu Miu. Tall or short, plus-sized or pear-shaped, women often have the same complaint: It's hard to find fashionable clothes that fit. Without a tailor on speed-dial, getting a good fit is a matter of trial and error.

"I just wanted a pair of pants that fit and didn't look like my grandmother's," said Tricia Kordalski, who developed a quirky strategy for finding size 6 pants to fit her 5-foot-10 frame. She would walk straight to the rack, flip her head and eyeball the lowest-hanging trousers. When she finally tired of limited choices, Kordalski founded Long Elegant Legs, a catalog retailer that caters to women 5-10 and taller.

But many female shoppers still face an endless pursuit of the "right" size, even though such major retailers as Gap and J.C. Penney are adjusting their selection to match real women's curves. The problem: Sizing standards are decades old now, which results in store racks filled with clothes designed for a woman with an hourglass figure — estimated at 8 percent of the population, according to North Carolina State University study.

Why hasn't the apparel industry changed with women? "It's a huge thing to change," said Cynthia Monk, professor at the university and lead researcher on a study that revealed that 80 percent of women are shaped like straight rectangles, hippy pears or top-heavy inverted triangles.

"The industry doesn't want to create so many different sizing systems," Islook said. "They can hardly handle the idea of misses or juniors, and we may have four or five systems to replace them." Meanwhile, SizeUSA, a national survey completed in 2003, found that American

women's figures have shifted from an hourglass shape to rectangular or pear-shaped. Industry guidelines dictate that a size 8 means a 35-inch bust, a 27-inch waist, and 37.5-inch hips. SizeUSA found that American women with a 34- to 35-inch bust actually have a 29-inch waist and 38.5-inch hips.

Moving from six sizes to as many as 50 to accommodate height and shape is cost-prohibitive, industry insiders say. Still, Islook and others familiar with the findings of SizeUSA are championing a sizing system based on the majority rather than the minority.

"The result could make life easier for shoppers like Valerie McClinton, a plus-sized petite. "I'm only 5 feet 4 inches," said McClinton, of southeast Atlanta. "I have to make sure I get petite sizes, but petite doesn't mean small, it means short."

McClinton has found up-to-date fashions at plus-sized retailers such as Ashley Stewart and Lane Bryant, but often the clothes that fit her shape are too long.

Her curvy 5-foot-9-inch daughter, Nicole, wears a size 16 to 18, depending on the store. A search for the perfect jeans led the 18-year-old to Old Navy, which introduced sizes 16 to 26 in select stores recently. The full line is available online, a common practice for retailers that have ventured into the realm of extended sizes.

J.C. Penney also is branching out, and setting a new standard by using SizeUSA data to create a line of pants in its Worthington Collection. The pants — in tall, average and petite lengths — come in three different cuts to fit the three most common body shapes: pear, apple and rectangular.

Sizes range from 2 to 24, and the styles are named Marilyn, Katherine and Audrey in honor of Hollywood icons. The Marilyn cut rests below the waist, while the Audrey cut falls at the natural waist.

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Goals like wanting to increase one's self-esteem or to improve one's quality of life give runners more fuel to finish a race.

What makes them run?

Author studies the reasons why people sign up for marathons

By Jeanine Stein
Los Angeles Times

Some people sign up for marathons for the grueling physical challenge. Others want that shiny medal. And some just want to lose weight or draw kudos from their peers. Don't bet on this last group to complete the race.

Those runners tend to drop out even before they reach the starting line, according to new research on first-time marathoners.

Lead author Jacob Havenar, a doctoral candidate in the physical activity, nutrition and wellness program at Arizona State University, said his first marathon six years ago made him curious about other runners.

"I wanted to learn what people's motivations were going into the race," he said. "We see a lot of feel-good stories in running magazines about success stories," but less about the people who never make it to the end.

The results of his study were among the findings presented at the American College of Sports Medicine's annual meeting recently in Denver.

Havenar surveyed 106 male and female first-time marathoners enrolled in a training program about why they decided to run. Bookies — not experienced, elite athletes — were chosen because they represent the general population.

He used a scale that measured motivation by weighing such factors as the desire to improve self-esteem, develop better coping skills, weight, have more social interaction and achieve personal goals.

Out of that starting group, only 31 finished the training and the race. Of the 75 who dropped out, Havenar said that they scored highest for listing weight concerns and recognition from others as their motivation, suggesting that those shouldn't be the only reasons to run a marathon — or begin any exercise program.

The key, he said, is to have both external motivations, such as weight loss, as well as more meaningful reasons, such as wanting to increase self-esteem, or being healthy

enough to play with the grandkids. If weight loss doesn't come along quickly enough, he noted, people may feel like failures and give up.

"Attrition rates in exercise are high enough," said Havenar, "and we don't want to see someone up for failure. Health practitioners need to talk to their clients and see what their motivations are."

Pat Connelly, coach of the L.A. marathon, agrees that the reason why someone runs is essential to whether they'll finish. He has seen people drop out because of poor goal-setting.

"If you're here for a medal and to lose a few pounds, you don't have enough substance to sustain you when the honeymoon is over," he said. "That first month is fun, but you're going to need more than that to get through it. There's no question that the people who do the best have more intrinsic goals," such as improving one's quality of life and handling stress better.

By sticking it out, Connelly added, "you're going to learn something that you'll use the rest of your life."

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An ounce of prevention, or a few pounds of cure

By David Segal
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Every once in a while, a product comes along that is so cunningly conceived and so flawlessly executed that the only proper response is reverent awe.

The ThighMaster comes to mind. So do the novels of Dan Brown. And here's the Wonder Bar, a chocolate treat in pink-and-white packaging sold by a New Jersey company called Ecco Bella.

This 1.75-ounce slab of genius was on display last week at the Fancy Food Show, a massive expo for companies selling the tasty victuals that wind up in specialty stores worldwide. There was tow on top of artisanal cheese, exotic meats, jams, breads, flavored water, cookies and something billed as non-dessert cheesecake.

All of it seemed positively ho-hum compared with the Wonder Bar.

Are you sitting? It's chocolate that is specially formulated to help women alleviate the symptoms of PMS.

Would you like a moment to process that? It's a hunk of chocolate, designed specifically to alleviate the effects of premenstrual syndrome. (More than, say, a Snickers bar already does.) The irritability, the anxiety, the moodiness — all are allegedly soothed by the Wonder Bar, at \$3.69 a pop. As it says on the wrapper, "Take sweet revenge on PMS, menopause & everyday cravings with this delicious Swiss chocolate, rose oil, herbs and soy."

If there's another packaged food product out there marketed for its impact on PMS, it's well hidden. A Web search turned up nothing.

Your first reaction to the Wonder Bar is probably some, thing like, "Now, that's a great idea." Among women, that might be the second and third reaction, too. But fellas, mull this one for a moment. Think about the concept of craving. Now consider a rather different concept: impunity.

Are you starting to see the terrible genius here? You will after we call Adrianna Kramer, Ecco Bella's general manager. Let's get straight to the point, shall we?

It's pretty clear that what you've created here is a candy bar that gives women license to pig out to their hearts' content.

Oh, I wouldn't go there at all, Kramer says, in the telling tone of a true believer. "The Wonder Bar is incredibly high-quality Swiss chocolate, and you don't need to eat much in order to feel satisfied and full."

Right. But here's the thing, if you work or girlfriend is on her fifth bar of the day and gaddling her way to a couple sad-dobags' worth of extra poundage, she can say, "Honey, I'm doing this for you. Either I eat another Wonder

Bar or I berate you irrationally and then burst into tears. Take your pick.

Checkmate! A man will have no choice but to sit back and gawk in horror as the little mis-sus turns into a Greyhound bus.

"It's nothing like that," says Kramer, without a pause. "You won't find women sitting down and eating fistfuls of Wonder Bars." She adds: "You don't gain weight from eating chocolate. You gain weight from eating too much fat and junk food."

This is true. And maybe it's a little ... uh, unseemly for men to nip anything that brings relief to women suffering with PMS. You can hear the ladies now.

Dudes, go score us a few cartons of Wonder Bars and shut your yaps.

And this exact conversation, or variations, may have already taken place a few thousand times, all over the country. According to Kramer, the Wonder Bar is hit, selling millions since its launch in 2004, in chains such as Whole Foods and Wild Oats.

The concept, which is explained on the inside of the wrapper, is that the Wonder Bar is filled with PMS-fighting ingredients, including pure soy powder, flaxseed and something called Chaste Tree Berry. The latter, we are informed, "was shown to balance hormones." The soy and flaxseed contain "phytoestrogens," which according to the wrapper are similar to human estrogen and help balance hormones, "and thus help relieve the symptoms of PMS and menopause."

Kramer emphasizes that the Wonder Bar isn't touted as a cure-all. Which is wise, because

it isn't hard to find skeptical doctors. Chaste Tree Berry has never been proved to work against PMS or menopause in any scientific study, says Edward Lichten, a Birmingham, Mich., gynecologist with 35 years of experience. And he adds that while ingredients like soy have been shown to help, you'll need to consume a whole lot of it before you felt any positive effects.

Lichten prescribes a salt pill that he says helps with one of the underlying causes of PMS. "It's not as much fun as eating chocolate," he says, "but it actually works."

So maybe this is really about fun instead of good health. Nothing wrong with fun, right? But if Ecco Bella is going to sell a delicacy that lets women indulge a craving and fob it off as a benefit to themselves and their mates, why not do the same for men?

How about, for instance, marketing a beer that supposedly fights lightning?

"OK, I don't know what to do with that," says Kramer, laughing.

Hmm. How about a beer that allegedly freshens the breath and makes you pick up the underwear on the floor?

"I appreciate where you're trying to go with this, but I don't seem to have anything, I can respond to with these things."

How does the Wonder Bar taste? Well, it's dark chocolate with just enough medicinal flavor to make you think that it's good for you. No guy will ride in his Chunksy for one of these things. But judging from the reaction at the Ecco Bella booth, brace yourself for some terrible news, ladies:

The ladies think it's delicious.

Body envy — and other ways to ruin a workout

By John Bley
Special to The Washington Post

Whenever I open a health, fitness or outdoors adventure magazine and am assaulted with images of buff guys and girls like they are sculpted out of steel cable, two things happen: First, I suffer a wave of anxiety and despair because, despite my diligent workout schedule and attention to diet, I don't look at all like those guys. Then, still being juvenile, I grab a magic marker and draw mustaches and warts all over the pictures.

Turns out I'm not alone (at least on the feeling-lousy issue). A recently completed study showed that men and women who while exercising had access to magazines featuring images of ultra-fit people reported higher levels of anxiety, depression and tension afterward than before. By comparison, a control group whose reading options were limited to National Geographic reported reduced anxiety and depression — and better overall mood — after the workout.

The study, which isn't published but has a sufficiently academic pedigree to be worth attention, involved 64 men and women aged 19 to 26 recruited from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater community. Men in the ultra-fit-image group read "FitnessRX" magazine ("Your ultimate prescription for the perfect body"); women read Fitness ("Slim and Firm for Summer"). The issue of National Geographic read by the control group contained images of super-fit people, says lead

study author Ann Wertz Garvin, an associate professor of kinesiology at the university.

All participants worked out once, for 30 minutes, at their own chosen pace, which for almost all of them was "moderate intensity" — around 60 to 70 percent of their (aerobic capacity), says Garvin. Participants had no access to televisions, iPods or other media during the workout. None of the participants had clinical depression or anxiety.

National Geographic readers all reported reduced anxiety and depression scores, and elevated mood, after exercise.

Garvin says this would be expected of any group of exercisers after a single workout, based on numerous prior studies.

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'Baby and Me'
St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be smart shopping. The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. For information, call 324-7262.

Refresher course
A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

Foot exam clinics
Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition and the Idaho Student Nursing Association at the College of Southern Idaho are offering foot exam clinics for people with diabetes who are newly diagnosed, have never had a foot exam, or have not had a foot exam for several years. Dr. Craig Holman and Dr. Randy Wrasstad will supervise the CSI nursing students while they conduct the exams from 1

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to 3 p.m. Friday at South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. People who have diabetes are vulnerable to nerve and vascular damage that can result in loss of protective sensation in the feet, poor circulation and poor healing of foot ulcers, according to a press release from district health. People with diabetes should have their feet examined at least once a year by a trained health care professional. The foot exam is free. To make an appointment, call Susie Beem at 737-5945.

Diabetes education
A Diabetes Education Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the K-Mart Pharmacy, 2258 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls. A pharmacist will be available to provide glucose meter demonstrations, blood pressure checks and medication reviews. The event is free. For information, call the K-Mart Pharmacy at 734-0730.

Learn CPR
A Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls. The class is offered under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

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Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. July 27 in the reception area at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer

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Tobacco-cessation program
South Central District Health and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center are offering a class of the American Cancer Society's "Fresh Start" program to help adults quit using tobacco. The class will be held at noon Thursdays, July 27 through Aug. 31, in the Sunflower Room of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls. The Fresh Start cessation program is designed to build skills and knowledge to help reduce and end tobacco use. Participants will learn skills to handle stress, make decisions, set goals, eat healthy and exercise. The class is free, but space is limited. Pre-registration is encouraged; call Rand Pearson, tobacco program coordinator for the health department, at 737-5945.

Gooding hospital offers RapidScreen
Gooding County Memorial

Hospital now offers a technologically advanced tool for detecting lung cancer. RapidScreen, a computer-aided detection (CAD) system, was developed by NASA and has been transformed into a lung cancer detection system, which assists radiologists in finding hard-to-detect, early-stage lung cancers. According to the Cancer Data Registry of Idaho, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Gooding County and the U.S., taking more lives annually than breast, colon and prostate cancer combined, the hospital said in a press release. More than 50 percent of new lung cancer cases will be diagnosed at a very late stage, and only 9 percent of these individuals will live for five years. The use of RapidScreen helps to detect lung cancer in its earliest stage, while it is still localized, increasing the survivability of patients to 49 percent. Hospital CEO Earl Fitzpatrick

said RapidScreen not only will assist in early detection of lung cancer, but will save lives. The diagnostic imaging department is already equipped with digital services, including MRI, ultrasound, mammography, CT including QCT bone density and X-ray/fluoroscopy. The addition of RapidScreen will enhance the hospital's advanced services. Fitzpatrick said Gooding County Memorial Hospital is the

first hospital in a 150-mile radius to have this technology. "To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: Three Stars, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

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