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U.S. meeting with Iran 'businesslike'

Iranian ambassador says his country willing to help train Iraqi army, police



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Breaking talks on Monday, but insisted that Iran end its support for militants.

The Iranian ambassador later said the two sides would meet again in less than a month.

government was ready to train and equip the Iraqi army and police to create a new military and security structure.

Kazemi did not elaborate nor would he say how U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker responded.

The Baghdad talks were the first of their kind and a small sign that Washington thinks rapprochement with Iran is possible after more than a quarter-century of diplomatic estrangement that began with

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In this image released by the Iraqi government, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker, first left, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, top center, and Iranian Ambassador Hassan Kazemi Qomi, first right, take part in security talks between U.S. and Iranian officials in Baghdad Monday.

Boise firm sold for \$2.6 billion URS Corp. buying Washington Group International

By Rebecca Boone Associated Press writer

BOISE — San Francisco-based URS Corp. is buying Washington Group International for \$2.6 billion, the engineering and construction companies said Monday.

The boards of directors of both companies unanimously approved the deal, which calls for Washington Group stockholders to receive \$43.80 in cash and 772 shares of URS stock for each Washington Group share.

The transaction is valued at \$80 per share, or a 14 percent premium over Washington Group's closing stock price on Friday.

Idaho: URS has a history of anticipating change in the industry, and this transaction is the next logical step in building for future growth," URS Chief Executive Martin Koffel said in a statement released Monday.

The deal combines two of the nation's largest engineering and construction companies. URS has 29,500 employees in 20 countries, while Washington Group has 25,000

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By Steven R. Hurt Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The United States ambassador in Baghdad said he and his Iranian counterpart agreed broadly on policy toward Iraq during four-hour ground-

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Classes failing students

Core high school courses insufficient, report says

By Jay Mathews The Washington Post

It's no secret to most high school students that taking the required courses, getting good grades and receiving a diploma don't take much work.

This is sometimes a surprise to adults, particularly state legislators and school board members who thought that by requiring a number of courses in English, math, science and social studies they had ensured that students would dig in and learn what they need to succeed in college.

Guess again, says a new study, "Rigor at Risk: Reaffirming Quality in the High School Core Curriculum," by the Iowa City-based testing company ACT Inc. "Students today do not have a reasonable chance of becoming ready for college unless they take a number of additional higher-level courses beyond the minimum," the report said.

Using research on the college success of students who took the ACT college entrance test, and comparing their test scores to their high school records, ACT researchers found that many core courses were not carefully considered or monitored — that students often received good grades in the core courses even if they didn't learn much.

State requirements also leave something to be desired, the report said. More than half of states do not require students to take specific core courses in math or science to graduate with diplomas having taken "business arithmetic" rather than geometry or "concepts of physics" rather than a physics course with labs and tough exams.

(Scent)er of contention



Matt Beed, general manager of Performance Plus in Twin Falls, is at the center of a dispute with the city, neighbors and the Department of Environmental Quality regarding odor and dust at his business. Beed stands at the edge of his property, where most of the excess waste angering the neighbors has since been removed.

Neighbors, city and DEQ involved in dispute over odors produced by feed business

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Standing outside his business last week with the hot sun beating down, a Twin Falls body shop owner was quick to describe the pungent odor causing those around him to cringe.

"It smells like a stack of dead animals are sitting there," said John Kreps, owner of John's Auto Repair. "Let me tell you, I pray for the days of the west wind."

For three years, Kreps has fought Performance Plus, a cattle feed business with allegations that it violates environmental standards. He said his pleas have been stalled by bureaucratic finger-pointing and the city has left him stranded.

The battle peaked last week when the Twin Falls City Council first learned about the conflict. It chose to leave the matter unresolved and in the hands of the city, Department of Environmental Quality and residents — none of whom has claimed outright responsibility.

But it is just that strategy — more research, more cooperation — that has struck the nerves of Kreps, the 17 business he got to sign a petition and the residents living on his four-acre property in a mobile home park on Blue Lakes Boulevard South.

"It's a little bit more than housekeeping," he told the council. "We talked to the city about it and the city says it's an

"The nature of (Performance Plus) business is to make cattle feed, and the nature of their business makes odor. I can't close businesses, and that's what they want."

— Twin Falls Sanitation Director Sherri Jeff

environmental problem and the environmental people say it's a city problem — back and forth and back and forth."

The DEQ confirmed that Performance Plus, which has been there for three years, in the past violated regulations for odor and dust, like when it was spraying lime dust onto Kreps' property. The company responded by forming a dust management plan and is revising one on odors.

The complaints from Kreps subsided for about eight months until earlier this year when there was an issue over a water pump, some bad odors, spillage on the ground, runoff and drainage.

Matt Beed, the company's general manager, said the stink was due to annual cleaning of a large holding tank that had enormous piles of waste outside. Those have since been removed and the other things are being worked on cooperatively with the city, he said.

"He's just an investigator," Beed said of Kreps. "I've talked to him personally and he's come up with issues, concerns, problems, come up with 'em. Never once did he talk to me."

Echoing Beed and city officials, Steve

Van Zandt of the DEQ said the problems have improved — but did say the plant still causes odors out of regulation.

However, a formal referral to the state office only comes when the company refuses to comply.

"I don't think it's necessary for us to formally declare they are in violation," Van Zandt said. "They already came to the table and said they'd work with us to mediate the problems."

Kreps has brought the matter to Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, whose office has contacted the Environmental Protection Agency. Craig's office declined comment, but a meeting with the DEQ is expected to be scheduled.

Van Zandt said the DEQ handles the odor and the dust but that some of the sanitation and water issues — like drainage problems — fall under city jurisdiction.

Still, city officials maintain that the environment problems are not their responsibility and that their role is to just expedite the process. City attorney Fritz Wunderlich suggested that unless the

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We're married, now leave us alone

Experts say tying the knot sets couples apart from their families, community

By Shankar Vedantam The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's almost June, which means we should soon start to hear the peal of wedding bells.

As all those happy couples with June weddings bid adieu to well-wishers and set off on a honeymoon, consider this: The honeymoon is a relatively recent invention, dating to only the 19th century. Before that, couples were not supposed to go off on their own to celebrate — and marriage was not primarily about a private relationship between two people.

Marriage, in fact, used to be an institution that sought to extend community ties. From princes and princesses in Europe who married each other to matches arranged between the less well-off,

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday. Rows: Sunny and pleasant, High 72, Low 45, 80/47.

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Today: Mostly sunny and pleasant. A little breezy at times. Highs low 70s.
Tonight: A clear, dry and comfortable night. Lows near 40.
Tomorrow: Plentiful sunshine and wonderful late May temperatures. Highs upper 70s to near 80.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Open auditions for "Noises Off," presented by the West End Theatre Co., prepare short (comedy-oriented) monologue, 7 p.m., Buhl High School auditorium, 490-1992.

GOVERNMENT

- Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley, 878-7302.
Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home, 587-2129.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Burley Public Library Board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third E. E., 735-7274.
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-7801.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.
TOPS ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E., 736-7237 or 736-9282.
Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, 436-0987.
Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.
Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, 670-4868 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.

MUSEUMS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, CSI, no cost, 732-6656.
"More Than Meets the Eye/Live Sky Tour" at 2 p.m., "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 7 p.m., and "Pink Floyd: The Wall" at 8:15 p.m., \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

To have an event listed, submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@magicalvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

COMING TOMORROW



PICNIC PERFECTION

Recipes, tips and the best local picnic spots.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME



Farewell to the muscle-car era

A Scotsman with an Italian-sounding name (Dario Franchitti) has won America's most wanted race (Indy 500) driving a car with a Japanese engine (Honda). I guess the days of the American muscle car are long gone.
— BILL E. WAMBEKE, copy editor

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MAGIC VALLEY



Family is top-rated at Wild West skills

JEROME — Colt-style revolvers may have won the West but Dan Mink prefers to use the firearms for show. Not only was Mink, 48, recently crowned the world champion gun spinner during the Will Rogers International Wild West Expo in Claremore, Oklahoma last April, he is also an accomplished trick roping, knife thrower, musician and actor. It's a passion shared by his wife Kimberly, 30, and son Cody Lamb, 11, who all together are the Rhinestone Ropers.
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Man, business and city at odds over odors

TWIN FALLS — For three years, John Krupp has alleged that a cattle feed business is violating environmental standards. But the business and the city say the complaints are unwarranted.
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Gooding pauses to honor fallen soldiers

GOODING — The dusty, high desert wind blew no hints off, as had been predicted. Instead, it carried softly played bugle notes and the roar of two A-10 Warthogs over a few dozen people who gathered Monday at Elmwood Cemetery to honor deceased veterans.
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Historic school to be auctioned Saturday

ALBION — The Albion State Normal School is headed for the auction block.
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Wendell owes \$99,000 to Gooding County

WENDELL — Over the next couple of months, the city of Wendell will be hammering out next year's fiscal budget, with an eye toward paying back Gooding County \$99,000 for emergency 911 calls.
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Commissioners reject Jackson petition

BURLEY — Jackson will continue to be ignored, but not a city. Cassia County commissioners voted last week against allowing it to incorporate.
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Filer students write themselves a letter

For 10 years, Sheila Wubker has been asking her sixth-grade English classes at Filer Middle School to write letters that record their hopes and dreams for the future. She then saves the letters and mails them back to her former students toward the end of their senior year in high school.
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OBITUARIES

Milford Sweet 'MIFF', 85
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New efforts help lower inmate suicide rate

FOLSOM, Calif. — Every 30 minutes, day and night, guards walk the tiers of the isolation unit at California State Prison, Sacramento, checking inmates to make sure they don't kill themselves. The guards have been doing so since October, when the prison system instituted a series of reforms to cut the high rate of inmate suicides.
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URS Corp to pay \$2.6 billion for WGI

BOISE — San Francisco-based URS Corp. is buying Washington Group International for \$2.6 billion, the engineering and construction companies announced Monday.
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Mom gives up meth habit to impress kids

POCATELLO — It took three tries and a hard-won commitment to sobriety, but Meikel Sharp is finally getting her GED. Ultimately, Sharp said, her desire to impress her five kids was stronger than her methamphetamine addiction. The 31-year-old Pocatello woman is one of about 250 southwestern Idahoans graduating with graduation equivalency diplomas from Idaho State University's Adult Basic Education Program on June 1.
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Pika appears to thrive at Craters of the Moon

BOISE — Across much of its traditional range, the American pika is waging a struggle for survival, its numbers and habitat diminishing, scientists say, due to rising temperatures perhaps brought on by global climate change. Yet research shows the mammal, a pint-sized cousin of the rabbit that weighs a top weight of six ounces, appears to thriving in the lava fields of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in eastern Idaho.
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NATION/WORLD



War vets face suicide danger, group says

WASHINGTON — Marine Maj. John Ruocco returned from Iraq feeling numb and depressed. He couldn't sleep. He lost weight. He had nightmares. He was distracted and withdrawn. One night, he proposed his wife Kim, that he would get help. The next morning, he hanged himself. Ruocco is not the only veteran of the Iraq war to return home and commit suicide. Advocates say the government isn't doing enough to help.
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Ad people looking for ways to keep viewers

NEW YORK — Some of the most creative thinking in television these days has nothing to do with comedy or drama. It's about the commercials. Looking to stop viewers with DPs from fast-forwarding through ads, networks are inserting games, quizzes and mini-dramas into commercial breaks — or incorporating more product pitches into programming.
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Bush pays tribute to fallen U.S. troops

ARLINGTON, Va. — President Bush on Monday honored U.S. troops who have fought and died for freedom and expressed his steady resolve to succeed in the war in Iraq. "As before in our history, Americans find ourselves under attack and underestimated," he said.
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Suicide bomber kills at least 24 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber struck a busy Baghdad commercial district Monday, killing at least 21 people, setting vehicles on fire and damaging a nearby Sunni shrine, police and hospital officials said. The blast went off at 2 p.m. in the Sinaq market area on the east side of the Tigris River, just as U.S. and Iranian diplomats were wrapping up a meeting aimed at ending the violence.
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SPORTS



Spurs beat Jazz in physical Game 4

SALT LAKE CITY — Foul after foul, free throw after free throw, the San Antonio Spurs won Game 4 of the Western Conference finals the hard way. Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili took the brunt of the blows and made enough foul shots in the fourth quarter to lift San Antonio past a valiant Denver Williams and the Utah Jazz 91-79 Monday night, giving the Spurs a 3-1 series lead.
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Injured Hughes may miss Game 4 for Cavs

CLEVELAND — The throbbing pain in Larry Hughes' left foot matched the ache in the pit of his stomach. The thought of missing another NBA playoff game was tough on Cleveland's point guard Hughes, mired in a shooting slump during the post-season. Will likely sit out Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals against Detroit after he tore the plantar fascia in his left foot during the Cavaliers' 81-82 win in Game 3. Hughes, who didn't play in the fourth quarter Sunday night, described his chances of playing in Tuesday's game as "pretty slim" and "doubtful."
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Patriots' Marquise Hill dies in accident

NEW ORLEANS — The body of New England Patriots player Marquise Hill was found Monday, a state official said, a day after he was reported missing following a jet ski accident on Lake Pontchartrain. Hill's body was discovered by searchers about a quarter of a mile from where the former LSU star and a female companion were involved in the accident. Capt. Brian Clark of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Department said.
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CORRECTIONS

Quotes misattributed in teacher-of-year story

Several quotes in a story in Monday's edition were misattributed.
Rae Waite, a Valley Elementary teacher, has been named Southern Idaho Learning Center Educator of the Year.
She said:
"I am flattered to have been honored with the award, but there are a lot of teachers out there who are as dedicated to the education of our children who aren't even considered for the award. The award is kind of unfair because it only looks at teachers with SILC students in the classroom. Not all Magic Valley teachers are considered."
Also:
"I really don't want to make

Jumping accident happened Sunday

A BAE jumping mishap at the Perrine Basin happened Sunday night. The day was incorrect in Monday's edition. The Times-News regrets the errors.

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Odor

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city was to form its own department, there is little it can do, primarily due to right-to-farm legislation.

"I'm not sure the city has many remedies," he said. Since 1973, similar feed plant operations have operated on the property, and Bled said there were problems even before his company arrived.

"We're in an agricultural area. There are no regulations as far as what we can do here really," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, we're not hurting anything. Some of the ingredients we have have a different odor and you might go, 'What is that smell?' but it's not a terrible smell."

The city said the land owned by Krepis, which has been in his wife's family for 100 years, has always been zoned indus-

trial, just like Performance Plus land. In other words, the mobile homes could not be built there today.

Krepis said he is near his limit and will bring a class-action lawsuit against the city or Performance Plus if the business is not shut down soon.

Bled said he is not intimidated by such threats and city Sanitation Director Sherri Jeff said she has done all she can to work with Krepis.

"The nature of our business is to make cattle feed, and the nature of their business makes odor," she said. "I can't close businesses, and that's what they want."

Government reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 735-3204 or jhopkins@magnews.com.

Talks

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the 1979 Islamic revolution. "The next meeting will occur in Iraq in less than one month," Kazemi told an Associated Press reporter after his news conference at the Iranian Embassy.

Crocker earlier said the Iranians planned to propose a second session and that the United States would decide upon a follow-on meeting when the invitation was issued.

"We will consider that when we receive it," Crocker told reporters in the U.S.-controlled Green Zone. "The purpose of this meeting was not to arrange other meetings."

Crocker described the session as businesslike and said

Iran proposed setting up a "trilateral security mechanism" that would include the U.S., Iraq and Iran, an idea he said would require study in Washington.

The U.S. envoy also said he told the Iranians their country needed to stop arming, funding and training the militants. The Iranians laid out their policy toward Iraq, Crocker said, describing it as "very similar to our own policy and what the Iraqi government have set out for their own guiding principles."

He added: "This is about actions not just principles, and I laid out to the Iranians direct, specific concerns about their behavior in Iraq and their support for militias that are

fighting Iraqi and coalition forces."

Kazemi did not raise the subject of seven Iranians now in American custody in Iraq, Crocker said: "The focus of our discussions were Iraq and Iraq only."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who was criticized by the White House for her trip to Syria — also a U.S. rival — praised the Bush administration for holding Monday's talks.

"I think it's very important, and at the end of the day we want to know that every remedy, every diplomatic remedy has been exhausted," she said in Berlin.

The talks were held at Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-

Maliki's Green Zone office.

Al-Maliki did not attend the meeting, but the prime minister greeted the two ambassadors, who shook hands, and led them into a conference room, where the ambassadors sat across from each other.

Before leaving, al-Maliki told both sides that Iraqis wanted a stable country free of foreign forces and regional interference. The country should not be turned into a base for terrorist groups, he said. He also said that the U.S.-led forces in Iraq were very here to help build up the army and police and the country would not be used as a launching ground for a U.S. attack on a neighbor, a clear reference to Iran.

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employees worldwide.

The combined company would operate under the name UHS Corp., and would have one of the largest teams of nuclear scientists and engineers in the industry and a backlog of projects exceeding \$11 billion in more than 50 countries, company officials said.

The deal, which is subject to approval by the stockholders of each company and regulators, is expected to close in the second half of this year, the companies said.

Koffel would remain as CEO of the combined company, and one member of the Washington Group board of directors will serve on the combined company's board.

UHS will "have a significant presence in the anticipated resurgence of the nuclear industry, including fuel sourcing, enrichment, power generation and spent fuel reprocessing and disposition," Washington Group CEO Stephen Hanks said.

Boise-based Washington Group International, once named Morrison Knudsen Corp., helped build Hoover Dam and the San Francisco Bay Bridge. It earned nearly \$81 million on more than

\$3.4 billion in revenue during the 2006 fiscal year, but business has not always been so good for the company.

In May 2001, it emerged from its second bankruptcy filing in six years. At the time, executives blamed the company's financial troubles on undisclosed liabilities it incurred when it bought Raytheon Engineers and Constructors, the power plant of defense and aircraft giant Raytheon Co.

The purchase gave Washington Group a strong foothold in the power and defense market, but it came with hidden costs. Of more than 300 contracts acquired in the purchase, a dozen cost much more to complete than Raytheon had disclosed to Washington Group. Raytheon estimated its costs at less than \$800 million, while Washington Group later pegged them at \$3 billion.

Washington Group sued Raytheon, and the companies later settled without any cash changing hands or either company admitting any wrongdoing. Eventually, Raytheon was required to pay \$2.5 billion to complete the projects because of previous guarantees to project owners.

Marriage

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marriage was largely about broadening one's network of allies, friends and benefactors.

Not anymore. Modern marriage, sociologists Naomi Gerstel and Natalia Sarkisian have shown, is really about two people setting themselves apart — not just from the larger community, but from other relatives, including parents and siblings. The sociologists are not talking just about the starry-eyed couples of June, who have eyes and attention only for each other, but also married couples generally.

Contrary to the received wisdom of Republicans and Democrats and virtually every authority in the country who views marriage as the linchpin of social and community ties, Gerstel and Sarkisian have found that marriage actually tends to reduce community ties.

"Marriage and community are often at odds with one another," the sociologists said in a recent article in the journal Context. "Instead of bolstering community involvement, marriage diminishes ties to relatives, neighbors and friends."

Married people are less likely than the unmarried and the divorced to live with, visit, call or write relatives; according to data drawn from two national surveys: the 2004 General

Social Survey and the 1992-94 National Survey of Families and Households.

The difference is especially large for heterosexual married men who are likely to rely on their wives to stay in touch with even their own relatives.

The divorced appear to have stronger community ties than people who stay married, but have weaker ties than those who never married.

Those who never marry, the sociologists found, are more than twice as likely as married people to socialize with friends, and are also more likely than married couples to socialize with neighbors, and to provide emotional support and practical help to friends and neighbors.

Married couples with small children are something of an

exception. These couples tend to reach out for help to extended kin, friends and neighbors, thereby enriching themselves in reciprocal networks of friendship and obligation that have long underpinned community ties. However, in terms of spending time with friends and neighbors, Sarkisian said, these couples face the same "marriage penalty" as childless couples.

Gerstel, at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Sarkisian, at Boston College, are not bashing marriage; they are not advocating that people should not marry. But they are all for de-romanticizing marriage like any institution, they say, it comes with advantages and disadvantages. And they argue that society should rediscover the

importance of community ties — the current societal expectation that a spouse can provide all the emotional sustenance a person needs is bad not just for people's ties with community, but for marriage itself.

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NATION

All about the commercials

TV networks thinking of creative ways to keep you from skipping ads

By David Bauer
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Some of the most creative thinking in television these days has nothing to do with comedy or drama. It's about the commercials.

Fueled by a growing sense of desperation, networks are inserting games, quizzes and mini-dramas into commercial breaks. They're increasingly rating more product pitches like programming. Two experimental programs without traditional commercial breaks will premiere this fall. NBC has even called on Jerry Seinfeld for help.

"This is all being done to stop viewers from skipping ads by fast-forwarding, or through advertisements, or to circumvent those that do."

"Adding to the urgency, this week Nielsen Media Research begins offering ratings for commercial breaks, instead of just the shows around them. "We still need to become more creative in how we incorporate sponsors into a program," said Ed Swindler, executive vice president for NBC Universal ad sales. "No one on the creative side or the business side wants to make commercials intrusive, but

Study: Drug-resistant staph infections rising in poor Chicago neighborhoods

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Drug-resistant staph infections have spread to the urban poor, rising almost seven-fold in recent years in some Chicago neighborhoods, a new study finds.

Researchers said the crowded living conditions of public housing and jails may speed up the person-to-person spread of infections.

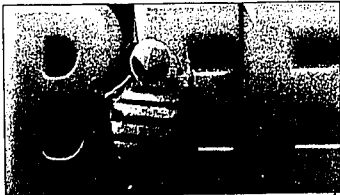
The superbugs, first seen mainly in hospitals and nursing homes, have turned up recently among athletes, prisoners and people who get illegal tattoos.

Called methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, these staph germs can cause skin infections that in rare cases have led to pneumonia, bloodstream infections and a painful, flesh-destroying condition. MRSA is hard to treat because the bacteria have developed resistance to the penicillin drug family.

From 2000 to 2005, the infection rate seen in patients seeking care at Chicago's main public hospital and its affiliated clinics climbed from 24 cases per 100,000 to 164 cases per 100,000, the study found.

Dr. Bala Hota of Chicago's Stroger Hospital, a lead author of the study, said the increase is similar to that seen in other cities.

Public housing could be a bridge between high-risk people, the researchers wrote in their study, which appears in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.



Workers make final adjustments to the costume of comedian Jerry Seinfeld who suited up as a bee during a publicity stunt for the animated film, 'Bee Movie', May 17 at the 60th International film festival in Cannes, southern France.

we do need to commercialize efficiently so viewers can afford to get free television."

An estimated 17 percent of American homes now have digital video recorders. Nielsen estimates that in prime-time, nearly half of 18-to-49-year-old viewers with DVRs are watching recorded programs instead of live ones. Of these, six in 10 skip through the ads.

Figure in bathroom breaks and channel surfers, and that makes for a lot of missed opportunities for marketers — with a lot more coming as DVR use grows.

So far, the most frequent experiment is to insert original content into commercial breaks. The CW network pioneered "content wraps" last year where, in one example, a hair care company dithered the typical ad to present heavy tips and interviews with the network's stars, all

involving the company's products.

The CW figured on doing six content wraps at first, but advertisers were so enthusiastic that 20 were done, a spokesman said.

TNT aired a five-episode mini-drama about a young

woman, with viewers directed to a Web site — plastered with the sponsoring credit card company's ads — for the finale. Fox created an animated taxi driver, Oleg, who would appear during breaks talking to his passengers. Next month Court TV offers a mystery about an unsolved murder with clues dropped in commercial breaks, online and via text messages; the Fox of NBC's "Scrubs" were asked trivia questions at the beginning of a commercial break, the answer appearing in between ads.

Seinfeld will appear in several quick comedy skits for NBC next fall that also promote his upcoming movie.

TBS has tried making commercial breaks a destination. It often bunches a series of funny commercials together and promotes them ahead of time to viewers.

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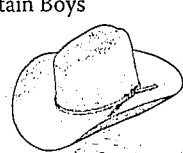
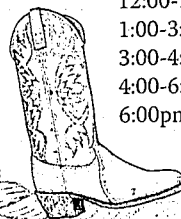
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Bush pays tribute to the fallen

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — President Bush on Monday honored U.S. troops who have fought and died for freedom and expressed his steely resolve to succeed in the war in Iraq. "As before in our history, Americans find ourselves under attack and underestim-ated," he said.

Bush marked his sixth Memorial Day as a wartime president with a somber speech at Arlington National Cemetery. He said he hoped the United States will always prove worthy of the sacrifices fallen troops have made, and recognized the grief suffered by families and friends of troops killed in war, most recently in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Now this hallowed ground receives a new generation of heroes — men and women who gave their lives in places such as Kabul and Kandahar, Baghdad and Ramadi," he said. "Like those who came before them, they did not want war, but they answered the call when it came. They believed in something larger than themselves. They fought for our country, and our country unites to mourn them as one."

The president's motorcade was greeted at Arlington by scores of tourists who waved at Bush. Just before his limousine crossed over the Potomac River into Virginia, a man held up a sign saying, "Bring our troops home."

Members of the armed forces carrying rifles fitted with bayonets stood at attention as Bush's motorcade wended its way through rows of white

tombstones marked with tiny American flags. Some soldiers were astride horses that flinched when canons were fired, sending bluish white smoke over the cemetery.

Bush spoke under overcast skies at a marble amphitheater after he laid a wreath of red, white and blue flowers at the Tomb of the Unknowns and stood, his hand over his heart, during a drum roll and the playing of Taps. First lady Laura Bush watched the ceremony with relatives of fallen troops.

Those who have died in the Civil War, World War I, World War II and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts fought for freedoms, which come at great cost and will survive only as

long as there are Americans willing to defend the nation against determined enemies, he said.

"Our enemies long for our retreat," Bush said. "They question our moral purpose. They doubt our strength of will. Yet even after five years of war, our finest citizens continue to answer our enemies with courage and confidence."

He noted that 174 Marines — nearly one-fourth of a battalion — recently asked to have their enlistments extended.

"Those who serve are not fatalists or cynics," Bush said. "They know that one day this war will end as all wars do. Our duty is to ensure that its outcome justifies the sacrifices

made by those who fought and died in it."

"From their deaths must come a world where the cruel dreams of tyrants and terrorists are frustrated and foiled — where our nation is more secure from attack, and where the gift of liberty is secured for millions who have never known it."

At least 3,452 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the war in Iraq in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 325 members of the U.S. military have reportedly died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001.



All eyes are focused on the American flag as the colors are carried into the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Monday. During the Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington, President Bush paid tribute to fallen U.S. troops.

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S. Korea mulls lifting U.S. beef restrictions

GWANGJON, South Korea (AP) — South Korea said Monday it will hold talks with the United States about further easing its restrictions on imports of American beef, in an attempt to resolve a thorny trade dispute.

South Korea will also conduct a risk assessment of U.S. beef in a possible step toward resuming imports of meat attached to home, which is banned, Minister of Finance and Economy Kwon O-kyu said.

The breakthrough came after a recent ruling by the World Organization for Animal Health that the U.S. is a "controlled risk nation," a category that means countries can export beef irrespective of the animal's age. Washington seized on the announcement as proof that U.S. beef is safe.

The U.S. and South Korea will hold talks on revising Seoul's import laws in line with the decision, Kwon told reporters. The process could be wrapped up as early as September if things go smoothly, Kwon said, but he didn't rule out the possibility of delays.

South Korea banned imports of American beef in 2003 after mad cow disease was discovered in the U.S. South Korea agreed a year to resume shipments, but only boneless meat from cattle younger than 30 months old, because bones and older animals are believed to be at greater risk from the brain-wasting disease.

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EDITORIAL

Time to tackle the judicial election mess

So we've come to this: The best and brightest Idaho Supreme Court justices would rather quit than endure another election campaign. Former Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout announced last week that she's leaving the court on Aug. 31 so her successor can be chosen by Gov. Butch Otter, not by the voters. Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder said earlier this year that he, too, is retiring. Both would have been up for reelection next year.

Last time Trout was a candidate, in 2002, she was the subject of an \$173,500 Idahoans for Tax Reform campaign, most of it spent on TV ads that stretched the truth about Trout's record on the bench. The justice wanted to turn Idaho water over to the federal government, the conservative special interest group complained, and she backed raising taxes by judicial edict.

Trout won that election with one hand tied behind her back. For unlike candidates for other state offices, judges are forbidden by their judicial code of ethics from discussing any issue that might come before the courts over which they preside.

"I truly thought I would run on my record and my merits and my opponent would see as well, and my opponent would judge as best they could on that basis," Trout told the *Idaho Statesman*. "I never dreamed that I would see 'Liberal Linda Trout' on TV."

"There are a lot of problems with the system, but the biggest problem is people don't know how to make a choice on who would make a good judge," she said.

Trout advocates replacing head-to-head Supreme Court races with an up-or-down vote on retaining justices. That's how Idahoans now elect magistrate judges. A constitutional amendment to do just that makes sense to us. Most Idaho Supreme Court justices are appointed to the court by a governor before they have to stand for election, and the Idaho Constitution requires state Senate approval of the nomination. And that's after the candidates have been vetted by the Idaho Judicial Council.

An unqualified lone cannon just isn't going to survive that process. But he or she might get elected. The U.S. Constitution established a legislative process for choosing federal judges precisely because the Founding Fathers believed the judiciary and elections don't mix. Most states, however, still elect judges. That's in nobody's best interest.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article attacking Falwell was a sad action to take

I thought it was sad that you published a scathing attack on the person of Jerry Falwell instead of an editorial on the front page of the religion section last Saturday (May 19).

Being a newspaper man, you know *The Washington Post* has no love of Christianity or of the people who abide in its truths. Therefore, after the writer defamed Jerry Falwell, he brought forth misinformation concerning Christians who engage lawfully and lovingly in the political process.

I pray in the future you will publish the thoughts and reflections of someone who actually knows the deceased as friends and family do. It is evident to me that *The Washington Post* writer did not know him.
LARRY GARRETT
Rupert

Young hunter's desire to kill animals disturbing

I, too, am disturbed by the picture and article of the 12-year-old girl and the bear she killed; also of her hopes to kill many other wild animals. I fail to understand why going into their habitat with a high-powered rifle for the thrill of killing the unsuspecting animal is a great accomplishment.

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By the 21st century, our society should have outgrown the "great hunter" mindset of killing wild animals just for the sport of it.
LOUISE PARKER
Rupert

Editorial on faith-based meth fight appreciated

I want to thank you for your informative editorial. I agree that there are many ways of dealing with trauma and abuse problems which we know is the training for addiction.

I do wish to make mention that Dr. Ed Smith of Campbellsville, Ky., is also a mental health professional in addition to being a "Kentucky preacher." He also has currently released new research findings on his Web site, www.theophosic.com, which might be helpful information for your readers. Again, thank you, and God bless you.
DR. SHARON CUSTER
Twin Falls

MIKE LUKOWSKI, RETIRED JOURNALIST WITH OVER 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



Twin Falls center leads the way for Dell

As I leave Twin Falls after two years of managing the Dell customer contact center in this wonderful city, I want to take the opportunity to reflect on my time here, and to thank Twin Falls for helping make my local operations such a success.

Dell opened a call center in this community over five years ago with just 40 employees. Thanks to the high quality of people available to us here of all ages, ages, training, education and experience, we were quickly able to grow our site to almost 700 agents who provide a wide range of technical and customer support service to business and institutional customers all over America. I am happy to report that, with almost 30 call centers around the globe — most of them in far larger cities — Dell's Twin Falls site is leading the way, providing some of the best customer service on the planet by a number of measures, customer satisfaction

READER COMMENT Richard Katusak

being the most important among them. So first of all, thank you, Twin Falls, for making us one of the best within Dell by providing us with such talented and dedicated employees, as well as a fabulous senior management team, a number of whom are local people who have lived and worked here for some or all of their life. This senior management team was an invaluable asset for a newcomer such as I was two years ago. Today I believe the senior management team is stronger than ever before and I am confident they will continue to make this an important and successful location for our company.

As I leave to take up other duties within our company back at our Round Rock, Texas,

headquarters, I'd also like to thank both state and city leaders and officials for being here in the first place, making our transition and early growth so much easier, and continuing to support our presence and make both Dell and all our Twin Falls employees feel like an important part of the local economy and community. We've also been involved with the college, and with many civic organizations, and I personally enjoyed and appreciated all my contacts, relationships and friendships built over the past two years. They have been good for Dell, good for the community, and good for me and my family personally, for which we are deeply grateful.

Whenever we operate in the world, Dell feels its responsibility to the community strongly, and thanks to our local leaders and employees, we've been able to give back, both financially and in terms of non-profit leadership and

volunteerism. We appreciate that opportunity, and I know these senior leadership team here will continue to build on these relationships for the betterment of Twin Falls and the surrounding area.

Let me end with another comment about the most important thing in our business: our people. For Dell to effectively compete in the global marketplace, it is essential that we have a well-trained, highly skilled, principled and dependable work force. Our people in Twin Falls are second to none. I am proud of these people, for Dell to have been part of this outstanding team. We have worked hard to create a great place to work where people can have fun, be challenged and be rewarded, and it's truly paying off, for our employees, for our customers, and for Twin Falls.

Richard Katusak is site manager for Dell's Twin Falls facility.

Education can help U.S. get back on track

TAIWANIAN China — With China's trade surplus with the United States soaring, the tendency in the United States will be to react with tariffs and other barriers. But instead we should take a page from the Chinese book and respond by boosting education.

One reason China is likely to overtake the United States as the world's most important country in this century is that China puts more effort into building human capital than we do.

This area in southern Guangdong province is my wife's ancestral hometown. Shery's grandparents left villages here because they thought they could find better opportunities for their children in "Meigto" — "Beautiful Country," as the United States is called in Chinese. And they did. At Shery's family reunions, you feel inadequate without a doctorate.

But that education gap between China and America is shrinking rapidly. I visited several elementary and middle schools, accompanied by two of our children. And in general, the level of math taught even in peasant schools is similar to that in my kids' own excellent schools in the New

NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

York area. My kids' school system doesn't offer foreign languages until the seventh grade. In China peasants begin English studies in either first grade or third grade, depending on the school. Frankly, my daughter got tired of being dragged around schools and having teachers look patronizingly at her schoolbooks and say, "Oh, we do that two grades younger."

There are, I think, four reasons why Chinese students do so well. First, Chinese students are hungry for education and advancement and work harder. In contrast, U.S. children average 900 hours a year in class and 1,023 hours in front of a television.

Here in Shery's ancestral village, the students show up at school at about 6:30 a.m. to get extra tutoring before classes start at 7:30. They go home for a lunch break at 1:20 and then are back at school from 2 p.m. until 5. They do homework every night and weekend, and an hour or two of homework each day during

their eight-week summer vacation.

The second reason is that China has an enormous cultural respect for education, as part of its Confucian legacy, so governments and families alike pour resources into education. Teachers are respected and compensated for better, financially and emotionally, in China than in America.

Third, the reason is that Chinese believe that those who get the best grades are the hardest workers. In contrast, Americans say in polls that the best students are the ones who are innately the most intelligent. The problem is that Chinese kids never have an excuse for mediocrity.

Chinese education has its own problems, including bribes and fees to get into good schools, huge classes of 50 or more students, second-rate equipment and lousy universities. But the progress in the last quarter-century is breathtaking.

It's also encouraging that so many Chinese will shake their heads over this collection of essays. They say, "It really isn't so. They will complain that Chinese schools teach rote memorization but not creativity or love of learning. That kind of debate is good for the schools and has

already led to improvements in English instruction, so that urban Chinese students can read the news better in English than Japanese or South Koreans.

After I visited Shery's ancestral village, I posted a video of it on *The New York Times* Web site. Soon I was astonished to see an excited posting on my blog from a woman who used to live in that village.

Liao Mai, probably one of my distant in-laws, grew up in a house she could see on my video. Her parents had only a few dollars to her name, but she became the first person in the village to go to college. She now works for Merrill Lynch in New York and describes herself as "a little peasant girl" transformed into "a capitalist on Wall Street."

That is the magic of education, and there are 1.3 billion more behind Mai. So let's not respond to China's surpluses by putting up trade barriers. Rather, let's do as we did after the Soviet Union broke the magic of Sputnik in 1957: raise our own education standards to meet the competition.

Nicholas Kristof is a *New York Times* columnist.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Want to win an election? Become a Republican

Are you a frustrated Democrat, Liberal or independent who has run against the Idaho Republican political machine and lost? There's a solution. Become a Republican.

That may be a bitter pill to swallow, but the groundwork has been laid in Jerome County. The blueprint for success is proven and awaits anyone willing to try. Here are the dynamics. The

Republicans want to be seen as the people's party. They hold out the ideal of the big tent; everybody is welcome, including under one roof.

What if you are in favor of gay rights, abortion, gun control, removing God from the Pledge, Marxist dogma or changing the Constitution? It doesn't matter. Any and all the Idaho GOP wants you. All you have to do is publicly proclaim your Republicanism. It will even work for Jerry Brady or

Larry LaRocco.

What about friends and family? Will you be held in contempt or as a hypocrite? You simply look them in the eye and say, "Comrade, in order to affect change, we must have power. To have power, we must win. To win, we must be Republican. If we win, we will make the change from the inside out. Like a cancer, beginning slowly, then eventually overtaking the whole body."

It may seem a lot to ask at first to call yourself a

Republican, but if winning is the goal and changing the system is the result, then the end justifies the means. Soon, you can be who you are again.

The only problem to consider is if the Idaho Legislature votes for closed primary elections. If they do, you can then cry foul, claim discrimination and the media will back you in attacking the Idaho GOP! Either way you win. Until then, good luck, all Republicans.

TERRY ROEMER
Jerome

Families: Inadequate mental health care fosters suicide in Iraq vets

By Jennifer C. Kerr
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In the three months after Marine Maj. John Ruocco returned from Iraq feeling numb and depressed, he couldn't sleep. He had lost weight. He had nightmares. He was distracted and withdrawn from his two young sons.

One night, he promised his wife, Kim, that he would get better. The next morning, he was dead. The 40-year-old Cobra helicopter pilot, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., had hanged himself.

There are others. Army reservist Joshua Onvig, Army Capt. Michael Polkey, Marines Jonathan Schulze and Jeffrey Lucey. Each came home from tours in Iraq and committed suicide.

Veterans' groups and families who have lost loved ones say the number of troops struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder or other mental health issues is on the increase and not enough help is being provided by the Pentagon and the Veterans Affairs Department.

For some, there are long waits for appointments at the VA or at military posts. For others, the stigma of a mental health disorder keeps them from seeking help.

Toni Rieckhoff, executive director and founder of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, says that although suicides among troops returning from the war is a significant problem, the scope is unknown.

"The problem that we face right now is that there's no method to track veterans coming home," said Rieckhoff, who served in Iraq as a platoon leader in the first year of the war. "There's no system. There's no national registry."

Little information

More than four years into the war, the government has little information on suicides among Iraq war veterans.

"We don't keep that data," said Karen Fedele, a VA spokeswoman in Washington. "I'm told that somebody here is going to do an analysis, but there just is nothing right now."

The Defense Department does track suicides, but only among troops in combat operations such as Iraq and Afghanistan and in surrounding areas. Since the war started four years ago, 107 suicides during Iraq operations have been recorded by the Defense Manpower Data Center, which collects data for the Pentagon. That number, however, usually does not include troops who return home from the war zone and then take their lives.

For service members returning from combat, post-deployment health assessments include a questionnaire with queries about mental health. This year, the Pentagon expanded health monitoring for war veterans to include another screening three to six months after combat.

"We're trying to reach out," said Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock, the Army's acting surgeon general. "Will we get to everyone on time? No, I wish we could." Pollock said the Army is



This Nov. 2004 photo shows Marine Maj. John Ruocco with his wife, Kim, and their two sons Joey, right, and Billy on the day Ruocco returned from Iraq.

expanding a program started in January at Fort Bragg, N.C., which aims to lessen the stigma associated with post-traumatic stress disorder. It brings behavioral health staff directly into primary care clinics instead of making soldiers go to a separate mental health facility for help.

Earlier this month, a Pentagon task force warned that the military health care system is overwhelmed and not sufficient to meet the needs of troops suffering from PTSD and other psychological problems. The panel called for a fundamental shift in treatment to focus on screening and prevention instead of relying on troops to come forward on their own.

Shortcomings in mental health care were also identified in a recent report by the VA's inspector general. It found that several of the agency's hospitals and clinics lacked properly trained workers and had inadequate screening for mental health problems. It said this put Iraq veterans at increased risk of suicide.

On the Net

National Veterans Foundation:
http://www.nvf.org
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America: http://www.iaava.org
Joshua Onvig Memorial Site:
http://joshua-onvig-memory.com

men to do it, but particularly for a soldier who's endured life and death situations."

Kim Ruocco of Newbury, Mass., said her husband, John, Marines he led in war. He worried about the ramifications of seeking help, personally and professionally.

"It felt like that was the end of everything for Jim," Kim Ruocco recalls. "He felt like his Marines ended, you know, he let down."

Ruocco ended his life in February 2005, a few weeks before he was to redeploy to Iraq.

Afraid to seek help

Joshua Onvig, 22, a member of the Army Reserve from Grundy Center, Iowa, also took his own life. In December 2005, he shot himself in front of his mother after an 11-month tour in Iraq.

His parents, Ellen and Bandy Onvig, say Joshua wouldn't talk much about Iraq. They tried to get him help, but he worried that it would hurt his career if the Army found out, said his father.

Handy Onvig says the military and VA need to offer better readjustment counseling. There should be teams of health professionals, he said, who come to the base to talk to the troops in a comfortable setting with their comrades.

"It's like you and I going out on that interstate and driving 65 miles an hour and then all of a sudden deciding to put it in first gear," Onvig said. "What happens? Does the car handle it very well? Some will handle it, a lot of them are going to have problems."

The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs is considering

a bill named for Joshua Onvig. It directs the VA to develop a suicide prevention program for veterans suffering from PTSD and other depression issues. It unanimously passed the House in March.

The VA declined to comment about the bill or its requirements.

Long wait for care

For some troops returning from Iraq, the wait for care is too long.

Army Capt. Michael Polkey, who suffered from night sweats, anxiety, headaches and exhaustion when he returned, sought help at Fort Sill, Okla. His wife, Stefanie, said the mental health facility there was understaffed and Michael was told he'd have to wait up to two months for an appointment.

He went off-base in Nov. 2004 and a civilian counselor diagnosed him with post-traumatic stress disorder. His wife says it came too late. He shot himself in the living room a week later.

Jonathan Schulze of New Prague, Minn., also tried to get help after he came home from Iraq. His parents say he asked to be admitted to a VA hospital but was turned away twice. The VA disputes that. The Marine hanged himself in January at the age of 25.

For Marine Jeffrey Lucey, the return home from Iraq was followed by months of emotional and mental torment, said his father, Kevin Lucey. The 23-year-old killed himself in June 2004 at his parents' home in Belchertown, Mass. His father found him dead in the basement, hanging by a garden hose.

There are more. Robert Deconatus, Douglas Barber, William Howell, Andre McDaniel, Jeremy Wilson, Robert Hunt, Chris Dana and David Gindum — all men who served in the Iraq war and killed themselves after coming home.

Veterans groups worry there will be more given the rise in cases of post-traumatic stress disorder.



Books burn in a protest fire at Prospero's Books in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday.

Bookstore owner burns books to decry decline of printed word

By David Triddy
Associated Press writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tom Wayne has amassed thousands of books in a warehouse during the 10 years he has run his used book store, Prospero's Books.

His collection ranges from best sellers such as Tom Clancy's "The Hunt for Red October" and Tom Wolfe's "Bonfire of the Vanities," to obscure titles, like a bound report from the Fourth Pan-American Conference held in Buenos Aires in 1910. But when he wanted to thin out the collection, he found he couldn't even give away books to libraries or thrift shops; they said they were full.

So on Sunday, Wayne began burning his books in protest of what he sees as society's diminishing support for the printed word.

"This is the funeral pyre for thought in America today," Wayne told spectators outside his bookstore as he lit the first batch of books.

The fire blazed for about 50 minutes before the Kansas City Fire Department put it out because Wayne didn't have a permit for burning.

Wayne said next time he will get a permit. He said he envisions monthly bonfires until the supply — estimated at 20,000 books — is exhausted.

"After slogging through the tens of thousands of books we've slogged through, and to accumulate that many and to have people turn you away when you take them somewhere, it's just kind of a knee-jerk reaction," he said. "And it's a good excuse for fun."

Wayne said he has seen fewer customers in recent years as people more often get their information from the Internet. He pointed to a 2002 study by the National Endowment for the Arts, that found that less than half of adult respondents reported reading for pleasure, down from almost 57 percent in 1989.

Kansas City has seen the number of used bookstores decline in recent years, and there are few independent bookstores left in town, said Will Leathem, a co-owner of Prospero's Books.

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Efforts reduce suicide rate in prisons

By Don Thompson
Associated Press writer



Medical worker Theresa Wilks keeps a vigil outside an isolation cell containing an inmate who authorities fear might attempt suicide, March 30 at California State Prison, Sacramento, in Folsom, Calif. Wilks spends her entire eight-hour shift watching the inmate and cannot be distracted by reading or listening to music and must make an entry into a log every few minutes on the inmates' activities.

FOLSOM, Calif. — Every 30 minutes, day and night, guards walk the tiers of the isolation unit at California State Prison, Sacramento, checking inmates to make sure they don't kill themselves.

The guards have been doing so since October, when the prison system instituted a series of reforms to cut the high rate of inmate suicides. The steps were prompted by a federal judge's finding that a disproportionate number of suicides occurred in the isolation cells used to segregate inmates for disciplinary or other reasons.

The measures, which include screening inmates for potential suicides, medicines and training guards how to intervene, appear to be making a difference.

Guards have reported preventing more than 60 suicides in segregation cells so far this year — out of more than 170 suicides attempted during the past five months in the state's 33 adult prisons.

"They've approached several guys who have nooses around their necks and they've intervened. They've saved them," said Correctional Capt. Gene Nies, who oversees the Folsom prison's segregation unit. "They know these guys. They start to recognize the signs. They know to check on them more frequently."

Even with the frequent checks, the guards can still be too late. On April 25, one of Nies' officers found 30-year-old Alberto Gomez hanging from a noose made of a bed sheet. Resuscitation efforts failed.

The numbers are down, though.

Last year, a record 43 inmates killed themselves in California prisons — nearly half in isolation units. California's rate of 25.5 deaths per 100,000 inmates is nearly double the nationwide prison suicide rate of 14 per 100,000, according to the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Through Friday, 13 inmates had committed suicide, compared with 19 during the same period a year ago. Three were in the segregation units.

"That reduction marks a rare hint of success for a prison system beset by multiple crises and one that has seen many of its operations placed under the authority of federal courts.

Three years ago, nearly 70 percent of California's inmate suicides were in segregation units, triggering intervention by a federal judge and the new prevention efforts.

"It is incredibly overcrowded, understaffed and locked down, with inadequate mental health care," said attorney Jane Kahu, who represents inmates in a class-action lawsuit.

Three federal judges are now considering limits on the prisons' population, which at 172,000 inmates is nearly double the designed capacity. Corrections Secretary James Tilton said the central effort to solve the problem is the state's new \$7.8 billion prison and jail building program.

That program, coupled with transferring thousands of inmates to private prisons elsewhere, will free up space for treatment and rehabilitation programs, Tilton said.

While conditions are harsh throughout the prison system,

their cells at least 23 hours a day for their own protection, disciplinary violations or investigations. Isolation terms average 68 days but can stretch for several months.

The sudden isolation, the stress from whatever incident prompted their transfer and the accompanying loss of possessions and privileges were found to be triggers for suicidal behavior, said Dr. Shama Chakira, a chief psychologist with the corrections department.

John Garfield can relate to the sense of despair. Now 62, Garfield was freed from the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo in April after serving nearly 30 years for conspiracy to commit murder.

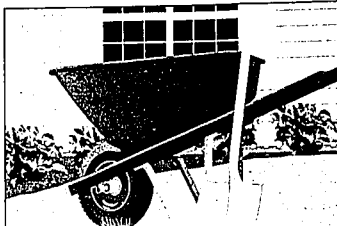
He said he periodically became depressed as his parents and other relatives died while he served his sentence. "That ate me up," he said.

efforts to prevent suicides are focused on the segregation units, which prisoners call "The Hole."

There, inmates are locked in

"(Guards have) approached several guys who have nooses around their necks and they've intervened. They've saved them."

— Correctional Capt. Gene Nies



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Indecent liberties charges awaited missing pilot

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The pilot of a small plane that vanished from radar over the Cascade Range was awaiting trial in an indecent liberties case in Tacoma, records show.

An aerial search has failed to produce any trace of the rented Cessna 177 flown by George E. Trupp, 53, of Shoupsville, since it disappeared on March 22, said Thomas M. Peterson, state aviation emergency coordinator.

The search was suspended Sunday because of windy weather and influence over the rugged terrain, Peterson said.

"The winds can cause updrafts and downdrafts and bounce our planes a lot, which really fatigues the pilots," he said.

Trupp vanished on a return flight from Twin Falls to Benton, south of Seattle, in a plane rented from Pro-Flight

Aviation Inc. of Benton. Initially the search was focused on the area east of Mount Rainier National Park and northwest of Bumping Lake. The search area was later widened.

Officials said there had been reports of a low-flying red and white Cessna in the area not long after Trupp's plane vanished from radar, but none of the reports included a tail number, which would determine whether it was the same plane.

His daughter told KOMO television in Seattle he had obtained his pilot's license six months earlier and has survival training.

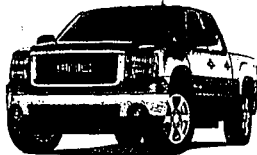
Trupp pleaded guilty in 1994 to communication with a minor for immoral purposes, a misdemeanor, and is scheduled for arraignment on an indecent liberties charge this Wednesday in Pierce County Superior Court, records show.

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Patriots' Marquise Hill's body found

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The body of New England Patriots player Marquise Hill was found Monday, a state official said, a day after he was reported missing following a jet ski accident on Lake Pontchartrain.

Hill's body was discovered by searchers about a quarter of a mile from where the former LSU star and a female companion were involved in the accident. Capt. Brian Clark of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Department said.

"The family will have to make positive identification," Clark said, "but the body we found was that of Mr. Marquise Hill."
The Coast Guard was called Sunday night. Petty Officer Tom Atkeson said. The search began immediately, using

boats and helicopters.

By the time the body was found, the Coast Guard, Wildlife and Fisheries, the New Orleans Police Department and Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department were involved, Clark said.

Hill's body was taken to the Orleans Parish Coroner's office, but phone messages left there and on coroner Frank Minyard's cell phone were not immediately returned.

Hill's agent, Albert Elias, said he had been told Hill and a young woman were jetskiing Sunday in the lake when both of them went into the water, which had a strong current. Elias said the woman was able to make it to a pylone and hang on until she was rescued, while Hill was last seen floating away from the scene.

Hill played on LSU's national

championship team and was a second-round draft pick by New England in 2004.

"We are all shocked," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said in a statement. "The woman, whose identity was not available Monday, was rescued and sent to Tulane Medical Center where she told them Hill had tried to keep her calm as the two were drifting away from each other."

Neither Hill nor the woman wore a life preserver, Atkeson said.

"It's so important to have a life jacket and a signaling device," Atkeson said. "One keeps you afloat and the other helps us find you."

Elias said Hill, a defensive end, spent much of his time since Hurricane Katrina helping family members rebuild their homes.

"From what I hear he's done a lot to help with things after Katrina and I know he had a great passion for the city of New Orleans," said former LSU quarterback Matt Mauck, who was Hill's teammate at LSU. "Off field he was a really kind person, kind of like a gentle giant. And not only for LSU, but for New England and everyone who got chance to meet him throughout his life, everyone has to be extremely saddened and disappointed to hear the news."

After going to the NFL, Hill continued to do much of his offseason training at LSU's Baton Rouge campus, about 80 miles up the Mississippi River from New Orleans, and was known and admired by current Tigers players, university athletics spokesman Michael Bonnette said.



The body of New England Patriots player Marquise Hill (91) was reported as found Monday by Louisiana officials.

Cavaliers' Hughes may miss Game 4

By Tom Withers
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — The throbbing pain in Larry Hughes' left foot matched the ache in the pit of his stomach. The thought of missing another NBA playoff game was tough on Cleveland's point guard.

Hughes, mired in a shooting slump during the postseason, will likely sit out Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals against Detroit after he tore the plantar fascia in his left foot during the Cavaliers' 88-82 win in Game 3.

Hughes, who didn't play in the fourth quarter Sunday night, described his chances of playing in Tuesday's game as "pretty slim" and "doubtful."

"It's a tear," Hughes said Monday. "It's not just sore. I haven't been faced with something this painful. I can hardly put any pressure on it."

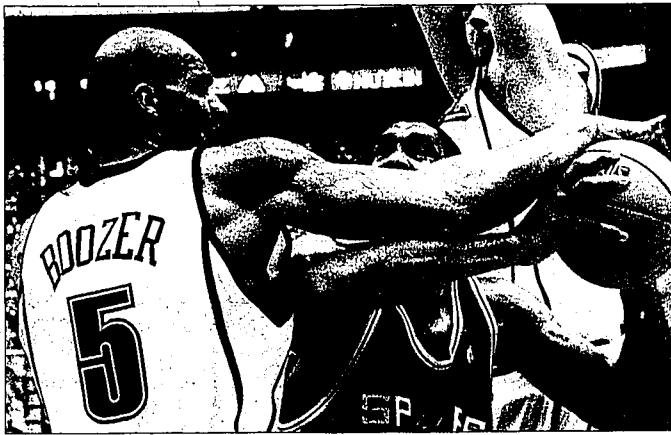
The injury is personally difficult for Hughes, who missed 41 like that before. So I know when I did it that it wasn't a normal tear. It was something pretty serious."

Hughes' career has been slowed by an assortment of injuries. Last season, his first with the Cavs, he missed Games 2, 3 and 4 of the Eastern Conference Finals against the Pistons after Justin David.

Last week, Hughes missed a potential game-winning shot in the final seconds of Game 2, and his shooting touch has been off for weeks. Ironically, he injured his foot on a layup that made him 2-for-2 and gave the Cavs an early five-point lead in Game 3.

If Hughes can't play, Cavs coach Mike Brown may slide Eric Snow back into his starting lineup.

Tough enough



Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer (5) strips the ball from San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan during the first quarter of the NBA Western Conference Finals basketball game Monday in Salt Lake City.

Spurs win physical Game 4

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Foul after foul, San Antonio Spurs won Game 4 of the Western Conference Finals the hard way.

Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili took the brunt of the blows and made enough foul shots in the fourth quarter to lift San Antonio past a valiant Deron Williams and the Utah Jazz 91-79 Monday night, giving the Spurs a 3-1 series lead.

"I'm very proud of what we did in the fourth quarter because it was looking ugly for us," said Ginobili, who scored 22 points, 15 in the fourth quarter, after having only 14 the previous game. "We stepped up and did a really good job."

This was the first game of the series still in doubt in the fourth quarter, causing tensions to flare and bodies to fly. The Jazz got four technical fouls down the stretch, including the ejection of coach Jerry Sloan and usually mild-mannered Derek Fisher. Utah fans — seeing their team lose at home for the first time in eight games this postseason — showed their disgust by hurling things toward the court, appearing to hit San Antonio's Bruce Bowen with something small.

The biggest blow, though, is to the Jazz's comeback hopes. After a 26-point win in Game 3, Utah fell about 100 yards to pull off a historic comeback but now will have to win Game 5 in San



Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko (47) gets a hand on the ball against San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili (20) during the second quarter of the NBA Western Conference Finals Monday in Salt Lake City.

Antonio on Wednesday night just to bring the series back to Salt Lake City. The Jazz have lost 18 straight games in San Antonio dating to 1999.

"We've got to stay humble," Ginobili said. "If we win Game 5, it's because we played hard and fight through it. We know these guys are not going to give us anything. It's going to be another tough battle."

The Spurs went into the fourth ahead by one and never gave up the advantage. They protected it by going 19-of-25 from the foul line,

with Ginobili making 11-of-13 and Duncan going 5-of-8. "We just couldn't keep them off the free-throw line," Sloan said. Asked about all the technicals, he said: "I don't want to talk about those because all that does is give me more trouble."

Duncan finished with 19 points, nine rebounds, five blocks and five turnovers. Fabricio Oberto had 11 points and 11 rebounds and Tony Parker had his worst game of the series with 17 points, two assists and three turnovers.

This ugly-but-effective performance — more free throws (30) than field goals (20) — puts the Spurs within a victory of reaching the NBA Finals for the third time in five years, and the fourth time since 1999. San Antonio has won the title each time.

"It could've been a tied series and a whole new ball game," Duncan said. "It's a great position to be in."

Williams had 27 points and 10 assists in 38 minutes despite fighting a stomach ailment for two days. He was so good through three quarters that pragmatic reminders of Michael Jordan overcoming illness to have a huge game against the Jazz in the 1997 NBA Finals — made even by Sloan — no longer seemed silly.

But Williams didn't get enough help. Carlos Boozer had 18 points and nine rebounds, but nobody else scored more than nine points.

After three lopsided games, this one got tight midway through the third quarter, starting with Boozer stuffing Duncan on a drive to the rim. Duncan went down and fingered on the court while Boozer made a jumper on the other end, this time leaving Ginobili on the ground. Parker missed a layup, then Williams dribbled up the court and nailed a jumper at the foul line with Duncan backing up, daring him to shoot.

Utah went into the fourth quarter down 63-62 and was

Idaho man reflects on racing Indy

By Davey Hamilton
Special for the Times-News

It's been awesome. The Indianapolis 500 is what it's all about.

I knew I had a top-10 car all month. It was the Vision Racing team that made it a top-10 car with their race strategy. I hated the rain, but then again I loved it. My pit strategy, Rick Gables, said we were only going to make one more stop, and everyone else would have had to make two. We were going to ride it until the end and see what came of it. We may have been in a position to potentially win the race. But I am happy with a ninth-place finish. I'll come home feeling pretty good.

If I could work with this team one more time and get some more experience, I would do things a little different. I would have changed the setup, the gearing and a lot of other things and been even more competitive.

I was pretty nervous walking out onto the grid before the race and I still don't know exactly what to expect when they waved the green flag. But I picked off a few cars early and had some fun on the restarts. It's fun. This is racing again.

I felt like a rookie again. We weren't able to hit it from the start and we were really close. I had a decent race car that was fun to drive.

I miss competing against these great race car drivers. We had a few cars out there doing some blocking, but that's all right. It was a hard harder to get around them.

We had some errors in the pits. We lost a right-tire air on one stop. Pit stops are part of racing. We made up some spots under green and then we pitted again and the red flag came out for rain. It was one of those deals. It's racing, and those things happen. I tried making it up on the track.

I had a blast out there. It's been great. I've missed driving a race car. As the race went on, I felt like I was improving. I knew I needed my car set up a little different but I didn't relay that information to the guys. I just need more time behind the wheel.

We were just a one-off field team for Vision Racing. My guys did a fabulous job for me. We just needed a little bit of luck to go with it.

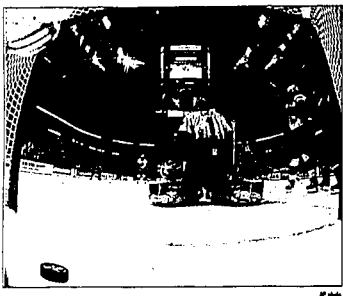
It was a family affair at the race track on Sunday. My family came in for the race and everyone supported me this month. Both here and back home in Idaho.

I'm happy I was able to compete in this year's Indy 500. I know I want to come back and work on it again for next year. Maybe I'll work a little between now and then, hopefully.

I had the thrill of a lifetime. Davey Hamilton is a driver from Eagle.

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SPORTS



Ottawa Senators goalie Ray Emery falls to stop Anaheim Ducks left wing Travis Moeen's game-winning goal in the third period of Game 1 of the NHL Stanley Cup Finals hockey in Anaheim, Calif., Monday.

Ducks pluck Game 1 victory from Senators

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Travis Moeen helped shut down Ottawa's big three, then scored a goal that trio would have been proud of.

Moeen, part of Anaheim's primary checking unit, took a pass in the slot from Rob Niedermayer and snapped the puck past Ray Emery with 2:51 left, giving the Ducks a 3-2 victory over the Senators in the Stanley Cup finals opener Monday night.

Moeen's fifth of the playoffs came after Ryan Getzlaf's tying goal 11:25 earlier erased the 2-1 lead Ottawa carried into the third period.

In the first matchup of the teams this season, Moeen, along with Nieuwenhuis and Samuel Pahlsson, held Ottawa's top line of Daniel Alfredsson, Jason Spezza and Dany Heatley to two assists and handed the Senators their first series-opening loss in these playoffs.

Mike Fisher scored Ottawa to take a 1-0 lead in the first period at home on Wednesday night.

The Senators looked ready to win their first Stanley Cup final game since the franchise was reborn in 1992, but the Ducks fought back and stole it.

Ottawa leads the series in each of its other three playoff series and now faces its first deficit.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 16 saves to improve to 10-3 in the playoffs. Getzlaf's

goal put the Ducks in a great position: Anaheim is 13-0 in the playoffs when scoring at least twice.

Then Moeen put them right where they want to be — ahead in the finals.

Even after grabbing an early lead, Ottawa goalie Ray Emery and the rest of the Senators showed a bit of rust in the first period following an eight-day layoff.

After leaving juicy rebounds and looking a bit incoherent in his escape, Emery bounced back in the second period, stopping all 10 Anaheim shots, including one he grabbed out of the air as it threatened to bounce past him.

Reiden broke a 1-1 tie in the middle frame, making up for losing the puck in the opening period that led to McDonald's tying goal.

It was nearly enough to give the Senators a win in their first game out of the Eastern time zone since March. Ottawa fell to 7-2 on the road in the playoffs.

The Ducks, off five days since eliminating Detroit, seemed to take control after McDonald tied it, but gave back the momentum to the Senators by taking penalties. That is a common theme for Anaheim, the NHL's most-penalized team during the regular season at 17.8 minutes a game.

Reiden would be even worse for the Ducks in the second period, but they were able to kill off a 1-on-3 disadvantage that lasted 1:35 — and nearly scored a goal that would've haunted Emery.

Texas lawmakers send high school steroids testing bill to governor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' first high school athletes would face mandatory random steroid testing under a bill given final approval Monday by the Legislature and sent to Gov. Rick Perry.

It Perry allows the bill to become law — he has not publicly expressed any position — the state could begin testing tens of thousands of students at the start of the coming football season. It would be the largest high school steroids testing program in the country.

"It will help secure healthy and safe lives for our young people," said Rep. Dan Flynn, R-Van, the House sponsor of the measure. "Coaches, parents and fans are going to appreciate it."

Steroid testing has been a major component of Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's campaign to protect children. Athletes who test positive, or refuse to be tested, could be suspended from play. Athletes in all sports from football to wrestling to tennis could be tested.

"I made steroid testing of high school athletes a priority this session because I believe it will deter young people from testing, rather than force schools to raise ticket prices to cover the cost. The University Interscholastic League, the state's governing body for public school sports, will run the program.

The Senate's original plan was to test about 22,000 athletes — about 3 percent of the 730,000 of high school athletes — for about \$4 million per year.

Budget planners set aside \$3 million per year, and the program now requires a "statistically significant sample" of students, said Sen. Kyle Hank, a Houston Republican who sponsored the bill.

The original Senate version would also have put specific penalties for positive tests into the law. Lawmakers instead decided to give UIL officials flexibility to set those rules.

Flynn, however, said he expects athletes to be suspended if they test positive or refuse to take a test.

The Texas High School Coaches Association, the Texas Medical Association, and groups representing public school districts and administrators supported a testing program.

About 130 of Texas' 1,300 public high schools already test for steroids.

New Jersey became the first state in the country to start a statewide testing policy for high school athletes last year. Initial testing for performance-enhancing drugs among 150 random samples taken last fall didn't produce a positive result, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association reported earlier this week.

Two weeks ago, Florida lawmakers approved a one-year pilot program to test 1 percent of high school athletes who compete in football, baseball and weightlifting.

Jones hits home run No. 350

MILWAUKEE — Andrew Jones hit the 350th home run of his career and Chuck James tied a career high with eight strikeouts over for Atlanta as the Braves beat the Brewers 2-1.

Chris Capuano (5-4) held the Braves hitless through two outs in the fourth, when the 30-year-old Jones drove a 1-2 pitch just over the wall in right field for his eighth home run of the season.

James (5-4) held Milwaukee scoreless until Prince Fielder snatched his National League-leading 16th home run of the season to lead off the sixth inning.

Bob Wickman pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save in 10 chances.

James also singled in the fifth, setting up Kelly Johnson's RBI single to give Atlanta a 2-0 lead.



Atlanta Braves center fielder Andrew Jones hits a home run during the fourth inning against the Milwaukee Brewers Monday in Milwaukee. The home run was the 350th of his career.

Reds 4, Pirates 0

CINCINNATI — Reds center fielder Ryan Freel was taken off the field on a stretcher after colliding with a teammate as he came bounding toward Monday during Cincinnati's 4-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Kyle Lohse (2-6) struck out two in a six-inning, snapping the team's six-game slide and his personal six-game losing streak.

Freel led the game in the third inning after running into right fielder Noreis Lopez while catching a fly ball on the warning track. Freel was spun around and landed near the base of the wall. The game was delayed 13 minutes while he was examined before he was strapped onto a stretcher and taken to a hospital.

The Reds announced in the fourth inning that Freel, known for his all-out plays and fading in all of his extremities and was coherent. He was diagnosed with a contusion to the head and neck, and will be re-evaluated Tuesday.

David Ross hit a two-run homer in the fifth and Edwin Encarnacion added two RBIs for Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh's right-hander Ian Snell (4-4) allowed five hits and three runs with two walks and six strikeouts in seven innings.

Diamondbacks 5, Phillies 4

PHILADELPHIA — Doug Davis pitched eight sharp innings, Cory Lidle drove in four runs and Arizona poked up its fifth straight win.

Ryan Howard's homer in the seventh was the only run off Davis for the Phillies, who wasted Freddy Garcia's longest outing of the season.

Davis (3-6) allowed seven hits, struck out five and didn't issue a walk.

The Phillies rallied in the ninth, getting a pinch-hit three-run homer from Greg Dobbs to cut it to 5-4. They had runners on first and third with two outs when Brandon Lyon retired pinch-hitter Rod Tenejas on a fly ball to the warning track in right to earn his second save.

Pierzynski, a former Twin, possibly spiked Morquean while running out a double play to end the White Sox half of the sixth inning.

Gardner's storm out of the dugout before the White Sox took the field and yelled at the umpires for about a minute.

Orioles 9, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ramon Hernandez hit his fifth career grand slam. Steve Trachsel pitched a five-hitter and Baltimore extended Kansas City's losing streak to five.

Hernandez's slam off Scott Elarton (1-1) put the Orioles on top 6-0 in the fourth. Kansas City has been outscored 45-11 during its slide.

Trachsel (4-3) took a two-hit shutout into the seventh but surrendered a lead-off double to Mark Grudzielanek, who scored on Mike Sweeney's groundout. Trachsel walked three, struck out none and threw 104 pitches in his first nine-inning complete game since 2003.

Blue Jays 7, Yankees 2

TORONTO — The Yankees started a season-high 10-game trip with one of their flattest performances.

Dustin McGowan won for the first time in more than a year and Lyle Overbay homered for Toronto.

The Yankees, now 13½ games behind AL East-leading Boston, have lost four straight and eight of 11. New York had just five hits — including two infield singles — and was shut out until Hideki Matsui's two-run homer in the eighth.

Devil Rays 6, Tigers 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Elijah Dukes drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the ninth inning and Tampa Bay rallied to beat Detroit.

The Devil Rays came from three runs down against the Tigers' struggling bullpen.

Mariners 12, Angels 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Adrian Beltre tied a franchise record with four extra-base hits, including two homers, and Ichiro Suzuki appeared to spike first baseman Justin Morneau, turning a one-run deficit into a 10-1 win over the Chicago White Sox on Monday.

Nick Punto, Torii Hunter and Jason Tyner each had three hits and Mike Redmond drove in three runs for the Twins.

The game's intensity level rose after

American League

Red Sox 5, Indians 3

BOSTON — Curt Schilling struck out 10 and Kevin Youkilis hit a stand-up inside-the-park homer for Boston.

Youkilis, who also doubled in the fourth, has hit in 20 consecutive games, raising his average from .280 to .354 — fourth in the AL.

Manny Ramirez also homered, moving into a tie for 25th on the career list with No. 476. Dustin Pedroia was 3-for-3 with two doubles and a walk.

Schilling (5-2) allowed a run and six hits in two innings.

Chiff Lee (2-2) retired the first eight batters and didn't give up a run until allowing back-to-back RBI doubles to J.D. Drew and Mike Lowell. Ramirez added a solo drive in the fifth to make it 3-0.

Rockies 6, Cardinals 2

DENVER — Jeff Francis allowed three hits through seven innings. Brad Hawpe hit a two-run homer and Colorado won its sixth straight game.

Francis (4-11) had a shutout going into the eighth when Aaron Miles doubled with two outs and So Taguchi hit a two-run homer to left, his first of the season.

Colorado has won six in a row for the first time since May 21-26, 2002. The Cardinals have lost 11 of their last 13 on the road.

Kip Wells (2-9) gave up 11 hits in 6.1 innings for St. Louis. Albert Pujols' 11-game hitting streak was snapped with an 0-for-3 afternoon.

Marlins 5, Cubs 3

CHICAGO — Byung-Hyun Kim pitched six scoreless innings. Reggie Abernethy homered and Florida held off a late Chicago rally.

Josh Watters had two hits and an RBI. Miguel Cabrera had three hits for the Marlins, who bounced back after getting swept by the New York Mets over the weekend.

Kim (3-2) allowed three hits and struck out five while working around three walks. Kim, who was traded to the Marlins on May 14 from Colorado, is 2-0 in three starts for Florida.

Major League

Twins 10, White Sox 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota rallied when manager Ron Gardenhire hollered at all four umpires after A. Pierzynski appeared to spike first baseman Justin Morneau, turning a one-run deficit into a 10-1 win over the Chicago White Sox on Monday.

Nick Punto, Torii Hunter and Jason Tyner each had three hits and Mike Redmond drove in three runs for the Twins.

The game's intensity level rose after

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and Ullal's hopes were flickering out.

The Spurs led at halftime, like they have every game this series, this time up 50-12.

Both teams shot 46 percent, but the Spurs were helped by having seven more rebounds and the Jazz were hurt by a lack of contributions from their supporting cast. There were only four baskets by anyone other than Williams and

Boozer and no player had more than one. The bright side was that one was from Utah was that one was from Mehmet Okur, who hadn't hit a shot since the third quarter of Game 2.

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9. Robby Gordon	1,100
10. Brian Vickers	1,050
11. Scott Speed	1,000
12. Casey Mears	950
13. Travis Kvapil	900
14. Mike Wallace	850
15. David Reardon	800
16. Mike Bliss	750
17. Mike Skinner	700
18. Tony Stewart	650
19. Jeff Gordon	600
20. Matt Kenseth	550

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	GB
Seattle	21	41	14 1/2
San Diego	21	41	14 1/2
New York	21	41	13 1/2
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Arizona	21	41	13 1/2
Colorado	21	41	13 1/2
San Francisco	21	41	13 1/2
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San Francisco	21	41	13 1/2
Los Angeles	21	41	13 1/2
San Diego	21	41	13 1/2
Seattle	21	41	13 1/2

FOOTBALL

NFL Week 24

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "WHO CAN TELL ME WHY WE HAVE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME?"

Panel 2: "JOHNNY?"

Panel 3: "SO MY DAD CAN PLAY 15 HOURS AFTER WORK."

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "YOUR MOM SAID SHE LEFT A SNACK BOX IN THE FRIDGE."

Panel 2: "YOGURT AND FRESH FRUIT PUFFPATS WITH GRANOLA TOPPING! YUM!"

Panel 3: "YOUR MOM ISN'T REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH!"

Panel 4: "ABSOLUTELY."

Panel 5: "ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S SOME SWEET ICE CREAM AND FAN-CAKE SYRUP."

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

Panel 1: "I THINK MY CAR HAS WATER IN THE CARBURETOR."

Panel 2: "HAVE YOU TALKED TO A MECHANIC?"

Panel 3: "NO, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S WATER IN THERE."

Panel 4: "WELL, LET'S TAKE A LOOK. WHERE'S YOUR CAR?"

Panel 5: "IN MY SWIMMING POOL."

Brivity By Guy & Rodi

Panel 1: "RECYCLING"

Panel 2: "RECYCLING"

Panel 3: "RECYCLING"

Panel 4: "RECYCLING"

Panel 5: "RECYCLING"

Dilbert By Scott Adams

Panel 1: "TODAY YOU WILL WEAR CLOTHES YOU DON'T WANT TO WEAR."

Panel 2: "YOU'LL DRIVE SOMEWHERE YOU DON'T WANT TO BE, AND DO THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO DO."

Panel 3: "HAVE A NICE DAY."

Doonesbury By Gary Trudeau

Panel 1: "HOW COULD YOU GO AWAY FOR TWO WEEKS WITHOUT BRUSHING YOUR TEETH?"

Panel 2: "YOU ASKED THE TOTAL PRODIGAL SON TO BRUSH, GARDEN, COOK, AND LAUNDRY."

Panel 3: "MY GRANDFATHER JUST A SCOTT BROWN SOUNDS LIKE HE'D BE A FINE SONS!"

Panel 4: "YOU ARE... SEE, YOUR TEETH ARE A WHITE OIL."

The Elderberberies By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Panel 1: "How was your energy system today, dear?"

Panel 2: "I'm a bit dependent on your approval."

Panel 3: "Oh, that's nonsense, Jessica."

Panel 4: "Now, what are you doing to an older?"

Panel 5: "Um... I'll just have some 'young'."

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

Panel 1: "SO YOU HAVE BEEN TO THE GYMNASIUM? HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?"

Panel 2: "I'M NOT SURE I'M A GOOD SWIMMER, BUT I'VE BEEN PRACTICING."

Panel 3: "HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?"

Panel 4: "I'M NOT SURE I'M A GOOD SWIMMER, BUT I'VE BEEN PRACTICING."

Panel 5: "HOW LONG DO YOU WANT TO KEEP PRACTICING THAT?"

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: "CIA HQ"

Panel 2: "THERE ARE LOTS OF STUPID WAYS FOR AGENTS TO BLOW THEIR COVER, BUT A 'GOD BLESS AMERICA' RINGTONE!!"

Luann By Greg Evans

Panel 1: "BEN'S GONNA LOVE MY COCCLES, I'M PUTTING IN EXTRA NUTS."

Panel 2: "I JUST WANT TO MAKE NEARLY COCCLES."

Panel 3: "HE LOVES BANANAS. I'M PUTTING IN BANANAS."

Panel 4: "I'M PUTTING IN BANANAS."

Panel 5: "I'M PUTTING IN BANANAS."

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

Panel 1: "REALITY-SHOW SPINOFF #14: 'TO CATCH A PREDATOR THE MUSICAL!'"

Panel 2: "YOU WERE FOURTEEN... ON MY FLAT-SCREEN... DOWN BY THE COLLEGE MALL... STREAM..."

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Panel 1: "PIGITA, YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL, BUT SOMETIMES YOU'RE A LITTLE MOODY."

Panel 2: "I'M SORRY, PIGGY WIGGY."

Panel 3: "YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SORRY."

Panel 4: "I'LL BE SORRY IF I WANT TO BE SORRY."

Panel 5: "BOO!"

Pickles By Brian Crane

Panel 1: "I WAS THINKING OF GOING TO A TANNING SALON BEFORE OUR TRIP TO HAWAII."

Panel 2: "THEY HAVE THESE PLACES NOW THAT DO A SPRAY-ON TAN."

Panel 3: "THEN I WON'T BE SO SELF-CONSCIOUS WHEN I'M ON THE BEACH WEARING MY BIKINI."

Panel 4: "OH, SORRY, EARL. I JUST SAID THAT TO SEE IF YOU WERE LISTENING."

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

Panel 1: "HI, CLARENCE! YOU BELIEVE WHO'S GOING TO BE AT THE CONCERTS THIS EVENING? RINGER RORR!"

Panel 2: "HOLD ON, CLARENCE. SOMEONE IS RINGING MY DOORBELL!"

Panel 3: "SHOULDN'T WE BE ON OUR WAY TO SEE RINGER RORR?"

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "I'M RIGHT and YOU'RE WRONG"

Panel 2: "OH, LET ME TRY TO SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME."

Patience, humor may be required, Pisces

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IF MAY 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This is a year that will find you somewhat impatient of restrictions, while still dutifully fulfilling them. You'll do best with less direction and more freedom. Expect the unexpected in your career, and you won't be surprised. Odds are that you will cleverly and quickly make the most of whatever drops in your lap, so the changes are likely to be ultimately very positive. Finances should be quite strong, and money may almost grow on trees. Your personal relationships will probably be strengthened and improved by the end of your year. If you are single, you will be very magnetic, but should take your time to really know potential new flames.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't butt your head against a wall today in frustration. By tomorrow, your way should be considerably clearer and you'll move ahead a lot faster if you're not making a bad headache.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If confused, don't push ahead. Instead, wait for the situation to sort itself out, even if that takes a little time. Things should become clearer soon if you are patient.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your thoughts walking on a positive path, as it could be easy to see things more pessimistically than is usual for you today. Don't let yourself worry; most concerns will evaporate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Charm is fine, but it's not enough. You'll want to be known as a follow-through person, too. If the going gets a little rough, slow down and the way should be clear by tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): For all the chattering going on around you, you may feel curiously apart from it all. Any sense of alienation you feel will pass in a day or two and you'll be back at the center of things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It could be difficult to have a clear perspective now and all the available choices may be appealing. The stars causing this impasse will shift soon enough, and you'll move forward with dispatch.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today is a day to consolidate and complete projects. Even if you feel a bit disconnected, you are able to present a reassuring face to others and keep everything good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have lots of momentum now and the means to move through, over or under any obstacles that present themselves. Consider the needs and goals of others, as well as your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's all good as long as you keep it real and simple. Avoid overcomplexity in everything and you have the greatest chance of success today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are probably the mainstay of family and friends: Everyone knows you can be counted on to fulfill obligations and solve problems. Be proud of your fine abilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep a sense of proportion and a lot of things could work out now. There is real sweetness in you that is more visible today, and it sometimes it is OK to be the Pied Piper.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A certain amount of patience and good humor may be required now. The wise person waits for the road to be cleared of debris before trying to drive. The stars will be clearing things soon for you.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

Panel 1: "I CAN'T BELIEVE I NEVER HAD ANY KIDS. MUAHAHAHA! EVER ASK A CHILDREN'S PSYCHOLOGIST WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN'T GET OUR BIRTH PARENTS NICER?"

Panel 2: "I'M A LITTLE BIT OF A SPOON-FRANGING IT IN PLAIN-OLD ENGLISH AND YOU CAN'T HANDLE WORDS FOR FLESHY, UN-SHAPED HANDS?"

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Strange Brew By John Deering

Panel 1: "SCENE FROM THE YEAR 1937 YOU WEREN'T BORN YET ZEPPELIN!"

Panel 2: "SCENE FROM THE YEAR 1937 YOU WEREN'T BORN YET ZEPPELIN!"

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Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom, & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



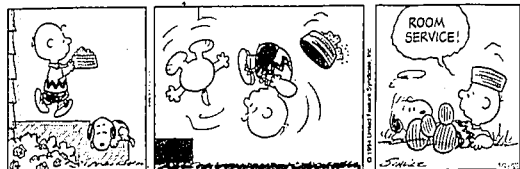
Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



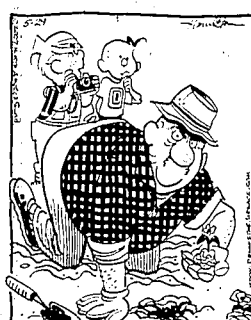
The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Attentive audiences are valued by those on stage

DEAR ABBY: My thanks to "Jim in Cave Creek, Ariz." (March 19) for raising the subject of concert etiquette...



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

with the arts. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a stage manager, the person who sits in the booth and cues lights, actors, scenery, etc. Part of my job is to do a report each night that is sent to the members of the production team...

One of the wonderful things about art is that it provokes emotion and/or a response. This is vital to the performers on stage, as they feed on the energy that the audience puts forth...

Performers are usually trained professionals. When applause comes in the middle of a piece, the performers often anticipate it because there is an audience "energy" that precedes it.

TODAY-IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 29, the 149th day of 2007. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 29, 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses...

On this date:

In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the U.S. States Constitution. In 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union...

werent scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1957, 50 years ago, British-born Hollywood director James Whale ("Frankenstein") was found dead in his swimming pool, a suicide he was 67.

In 1987, a jury in Los Angeles found "Twilight Zone" director John Landis and four associates innocent of involuntary manslaughter in the movie-set deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two children...

In 1995, Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the House and the Senate, died in Skowhegan, Maine, at age 97.

In 1998, Republican elder statesman Barry Goldwater died in Paradise Valley, Ariz., at age 89.

Ten years ago: In closing arguments, Timothy McVeigh's attorney urged jurors not to be swayed by sympathy for the Oklahoma City bombing victims...

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clifton James is 86. Country bandleader Danny Davis (Dunny) Davis is 82. Nashville Brass is 82. Farmer Baseball Commissioner Jay Vincent is 69. Race car driver Al Unser Sr. is 68. CBS News Correspondent Bob Simon is 66. Actor Kevin Conway is 65. Actor Helmut Berger is 63. Rock singer Gary Brooker (Procol Harum) is 62. Actor Anthony Geary is 60. Singer Tubbie Jackson is 57. Movie composer Danny Elfman is 54. Rock musician Michael Porcaro (Toto) is 52. Singer Estrofa Jackson is 51. Actor Ted Levine is 50. Actress Annette Bening is 49. Actor Rupert Everett is 48. Actor Adrian Paul is 48. Singer Melissa Etheridge is 46. Actress Lisa Whelchel is 44. Actress Tracy Bergman is 44. Rock musician Noel Gallagher (Oasis) is 40. Singer Jayki McGowan (The Quaid City DJ's) is 40. Rock musician Chan Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 38. Rock musician Mark Lee (Third Day) is 34. Cartoonist Aaron McGruder ("The Boondocks") is 33. Singer Melanie Brown (Spice Girls) is 32. Tapper Playa Poncho is 32.



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THOUGHT

"I have seen what a laugh can do. It can transform almost unbearable tears into something bearable, even hopeful."

— Bob Hope (1903-2003)

Judge orders bugs — and drugs — burned

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — These weren't just bugs. These were bugs on drugs.

Tiny drain flies infested 70 pounds of seized khat — an illegal, leafy drug — being held as evidence by Erie police, and they tried to infest the rest of the evidence room.

new drug around here, so it's a learning process for all of us."

The drug can be chewed or smoked and is common in the Middle East, Africa and Asia, but relatively uncommon in northwestern Pennsylvania.

to rid storage room of the bugs.

Three men are still awaiting trial on charges they possessed the khat, seized by police in March, Nolan said the case against them would go on.

"It's a lesson learned," Nolan said. "I don't think we'll keep that in the evidence locker anymore."

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The Times-News is looking for an assistant district manager to work 30 hours per week in the Twin Falls area. Duties include delivering missed newspapers, training carriers on route, delivering open routes and light office duties. Must have a dependable vehicle and have a flexible schedule. Hours are early morning, primarily working Monday through Friday, 4am to 10am.

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V. EASY #60

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page C-8.

209 Farm	209 General	209 General
<p>FARM Need Farm Worker to feed cows & irrigate. \$2000/mo. Dutich. Call 208-539-7714</p> <p>MECHANIC Farm Shop Mechanic needed. Applicant will be well qualified. Farm Implement, Mechanic, tractors, balers, combines, pickups and trucks. Sign at Ida Gold Farms 246 E-300 S., Burley and fill out application or fax resume to 208-678-4025. Drug Free Workplace</p> <p>Trying to find a good used automobile? Click out the classifieds for the largest selection available in our web today. 733-0931</p>	<p>DISPATCHER Local trucking Co. seeking experienced Broker & Dispatcher to help move excess freight. Fax resume to 208-224-1279</p> <p>GENERAL Blue Lakes Country Club is now hiring for the following positions: •Exp'd Servers •Certified Lifeguards Apply in person at Blue Lakes Country Club or call 733-2330</p> <p>REMEMBER This is today or you paid some time ago on the Times-News? How is the time to come up with your pictures. Stop by the Customer Service Dept today!</p>	<p>GENERAL Collection position Bilingual & prior experience a plus. good telephone skill required. Full-time, Mon-Fri. Hourly plus commission. Will train .40% retirement, insurance. Apply Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm 280 Blue Lakes Blvd. Twin Falls</p> <p>GENERAL Commodity Covering Crew Leader. Full-time. Competitive pay & benefits. Must have drivers license, agricultural & leadership exp. Call 208-280-2068</p> <p>Be Seen. Be Hoard. Use the Classifieds 733-0931 ext.2</p>

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In the tournament world many players deviate from "fourth high and top of a sequence." There are those who play third and fifth leads from length, not fourth high...

Specifically, the lead of the 10 or nine would typically be from shortage, or the top of a sequence. But it could also be third from an interior sequence, perhaps K-J-10 or Q-10 respectively...

In a match where both tables declared four spades, at one table the club jack was a "normal" lead. Declarer tried dummy's queen at trick one and won East's king with his ace...

At the other table West's lead of the jack denied a higher honor, so declarer did not waste dummy's queen - he won the ace and played a diamond. Now West could win the ace, but was stuck...

ANSWER: Nothing is ideal here, but I believe that a raise to two spades is least misleading. You must bid, and the doubleton K-Q is surely better support than three trumps headed by the four, right? Anyway, you have enough values to make up for your short trumps.

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Memories of sacrifice

Gooding pays tribute to fallen U.S. soldiers

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

GOODING — The dusty, high desert wind blew no hats off, as was predicted.

Instead, it carried softly played bugle notes and the roar of two A-10 Warthogs over a few dozen people who gathered Monday at Elmwood Cemetery to honor deceased veterans.

"My dad said this country owed him only a flag, a box and a hole in the ground in American soil," said Dene Miller, a retired military nurse. Her father was a veteran of World War II.

She delivered an eloquent speech in six fewer words than his inspiration, President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

The words and images she chose were her own.

"It's hard to put into words," she said afterward about the personal meaning the day held for her. "America is the only place on Earth I would be. I think Gooding is a good picture of really what it's all about here."

Patriotic music was provided by June Koonce and Mr. Lam Froud, her jukebox dummy that plays recorded music.

As the song "God Bless the USA" played from a speaker in the dummy's chest, those in attendance bowed in silence.

Koonce is president of the local American Legion auxiliary.

Her husband, Paul, is commander of the local American Legion post and quartermaster of the local Veterans of



People bow their heads during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Foreign Warspost.

"The music and speech were in English. Not Japanese. Not German. And for that, you can thank a veteran."

"If you can read, thank your teachers," Paul Koonce told the crowd. "If you can read in English, thank a veteran."

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Wendell runs up bill for 911 calls

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Over the next couple of months, the city of Wendell will be hammering out next year's fiscal budget.

City Treasurer Mickey Walker took an opportunity during a May 17 meeting to remind city leaders they still owe Gooding County \$99,000 for emergency 911 calls.

"We need to be prepared when it comes time to budget that we make allowances to getting this paid," Walker said.

"There were a couple years that the city didn't pay anything to the county, and that is why the bill is so high," Walker said.

Former Mayor Paul Isaacson said nothing was paid to the county because the amount the city was billed was more than expected.

"Years ago there was talk about paying SIRCOMM (Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center) through a surcharge on each individual phone line, and we really thought that would take care of it," Isaacson said.

"When we were told we would have to pay \$25,000 a year, it was three times more than we previously thought. The county decided to use SIRCOMM; it wasn't a decision that we took part in."

Although the charges may seem high to city officials, they understand the need for such a service and are committed to paying the bill. The county says it will work with the city.

"We understand that it is tough to pay things like this when they are working with little budgets," said District Court Clerk Denise Gill. "We will work with them like we always have."

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Letter-writing lesson gives kids a blast from their past

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Write a letter to yourself!

Blake Vincent remembers thinking that was a crazy idea. But that was before his sister, Kelsi, got her letter in the mail last week.

"That's like talking to yourself," he said. "But now it's pretty cool to read how things were."

For 10 years, Sheila Wubker has been asking her sixth-grade English classes at Filer Middle School to write letters that record their hopes and dreams for the future. She then saves the letters and mails them back to her former students toward the end of their senior year in high school.

"Writing is an important part of our curriculum and this was a brainstorm on how I could make letter writing more relevant to the kids," she said. "Doing this lets them reflect back on their school years and how their goals and interests may have changed."

Kelsi Vincent had forgotten that she'd even written a letter until her mother brought the envelope into the house. Vincent is one of 92 graduating seniors who received letters this year.

"At first I was kind of surprised because it was in my



Kelsi Vincent, a graduating senior in Filer, shows the letter she wrote to herself as a sixth-grader.

handwriting and addressed to me, but the return had my dad's name," she said. "I wrote about my favorite candy (Milk Duds), my favorite movie (remember the Titans), how I looked up to Lisa Leslie and

wanted to play basketball in the WNBA. But most of this isn't true anymore."

Vincent admits to being a little unsure about what life after high school will be like, but now that the dream of profes-

sional sports has been set aside, she is leaning toward a possible major in nutrition at the University of Idaho.

"Six years of maturity tells me I don't have the skills to play pro ball, but at 12 you

think you can do anything," she said. "I've always been interested in staying healthy and good nutrition, but I hate to leave a place where I'm comfortable and away from parents who have always been there for me."

Wubker says that some seniors look back on what they wrote as just silly, but a few of the hundreds of personal letters written in her classroom have actually predicted a student's choice in a career path. "One young man wrote about how he planned on serving his country in the military, and (he) saw active duty in Iraq," she said. "His mother told me later how, all through that time, his letter was taped inside his helmet and now it's framed and hanging on the wall in his bedroom."

About 500 letters are still waiting to be mailed sometime within the next six years, Wubker said. Blake Vincent's letter, one of 121 written by this year's sixth-grade class, is scheduled to be delivered in 2013.

"I talked about riding motorcycles and wanting to be a farmer," he said. "I'll probably forget about my letter, too."

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Cassia County turns down Jackson's request to become a city

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Jackson will continue to be an area, but not a city.

Cassia County commissioners voted last week against allowing it to incorporate.

The commissioners heard testimony on the issue during a public hearing April 29, after nearly two-thirds of Jackson's 201 registered voters signed a petition in favor of incorporation, and voted on the matter May 21.

"I have a problem with this much land miles being incorporated into a city," said Commissioner Paul Christen-

"They said it was too big ... I don't know why that's an issue. The people want to incorporate and be a city."

— Jackson resident Jim Grisenth

sen about the proposed city that would have encompassed all 17 square miles of what is known as the Jackson area north of Interstate 84 and south of the Snake River in eastern Cassia County.

Paul Christensen, one of the Jackson residents on hand to hear the decision, said she would relay the news to other residents.

"But, I don't think it's ever

yet," she said. Jackson resident Jim Grisenth said he was very disappointed with the commissioner's decision.

"They said it was too big, that there was too much land mass. I don't know why that's an issue. The people want to incorporate and be a city," Grisenth said.

In November 2006, commissioners opted to change Jackson addresses from

Minidoka County to Cassia County coordinates to ease confusion over duplicate addresses. Residents filed the petition to incorporate in April.

The confusion over addresses stemmed from the fact that, although Jackson is in Cassia County and receives police protection from the Cassia County Sheriff's Office, it receives fire protection and ambulance service from Minidoka County. So any 911 call originating from Jackson goes first to Cassia dispatch and is relayed to EMS providers in Minidoka County.

Commissioner Chairman Dennis Crane said allowing Jackson to incorporate would not increase any of the services

in the area and there really is no business center for the city.

"The closest thing they have for an economic center is the Skyline Bar and there is not even a convenience store or a place to buy a pop. I can't justify the burden created for the citizens," Crane said.

Commissioner Clay Handy said he could not find a core justification for Jackson to become a city. Crane said it was the commissioner's duty to look after all the residents in the county and many of the people who did not sign the petition live near Declo.

"They didn't sign the petition, but they would be caught up in it," Crane said.

Historic school lands on the auction block

For the Times-News

ALBION — The Albion State Normal School is headed for the auction block.

Bidding for the campus grounds and buildings will start at 1 p.m. Saturday at the campus on Highway 77 in Albion.

The school covers nearly 35 acres and includes eight buildings with almost 120,000 square feet of floor space.

The company handling the auction, Realty Action Services/Truon Northwest, calls the sale "a remarkable business opportunity."

The Albion State Normal School was established in 1893. The land was donated to the state and volunteer labor from the town was used in constructing the first building.

During its 57 years of operation, Albion State Normal School produced 6,460 teachers. Over the objections of the citizens of Albion, the school was closed in 1951.

Auctioneers say the property would make a fantastic ski lodging facility with guaranteed year-round occupancy.

"Having ample space and land, the Albion State Normal School lends itself to many different types of development. This property would make great condominiums, apartments, or even a retirement community. All eight buildings appear to be structurally sound and some have recently been re-roofed," the company says.

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OBITUARIES/IDAHO/WEST

Stella Alice Brown Wymer

RUPERT — Stella Alice Brown Wymer, 94-year-old Rupert-fackson area resident, passed away Thursday, May 24, 2007, at her home.

Stella was born Feb. 14, 1913, in Glen Allen, N.D. She left North Dakota in the fall of 1936 to go to nursing school in Portland, Ore. Her schooling was interrupted by World War II. In 1949, she married Thomas Melvin Wymer in Boise. She worked



for Ore-Ida from 1959 to 1978. She attended Burley Bible Hall and enjoyed Arabian horses, gardening, flowers, and being a homemaker.

Stella is survived by her son and fiancée, Thomas D. Wymer and Gloria J. Adams. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers and sisters, and one daughter-in-law, Katherine Wymer.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 31, at the Hansen Mortuary Ruffing Chapel, 740 Sixth St. with Pastor Daniel Lovelace officiating.

Marion 'Wayne' Bowman

CALDWELL — Marion "Wayne" Bowman, of Caldwell, died Thursday, May 24, at his home, at the age of 53.

He was born May 2, 1954, to Murtagh, Idaho with his mother Soon Lee (Francis) Bowman.

Wayne graduated from Murtagh High School. Then he went into the Navy, where he was an engineer. After his service he was a mechanic for the greater part of his life, then switching to long-haul truck driving.

Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Patty Bowman, and his stepfather, Swede Olson. Wayne is survived by his mother, Soon Lee Olson; his son Robert Paul; his daughter Krissy; and his grandson Brandon, of Washington, D.C. Also, two brothers, one sister, and a long-lost, one living family.

He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Milford Sweet

CAREY — Milford Sweet "Miff," 85 of Carey, died May 27, 2007, at Life Care Center of Idaho Falls from complications of age.

He was born Nov. 26, 1921 to David and Cora Azelia Moore Sweet in Jerome.

He attended schools in Jerome and graduated from Richfield High School. His father died when he was four years old and he was raised by his uncle and stepfather, Bob Sweet, whom he always thought highly of. Miff married Catherine (Katie) Lorraine Edwards on Feb. 27, 1943 in Carey, Idaho.

During World War II, he worked as a miner in Ilio Tin, Nevada, and in new construction at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii, rebuilding after the Japanese attack. After the war, he farmed and ranched for five years, then started working construction. He joined the Ironworkers International Union and for the next 10 years moved his family through eight states always returning to Idaho.

In 1983, they bought Catherine's parents Huff Creek Ranch in Carey and farmed and raised cattle for the next 41 years. Miff also worked in construction at the INEL and various local projects including the Perrier and Hansen

bridges. Miff was a member of the Ironworkers Local 732 in Pocatello for more than fifty years, serving as President for many of those years.

Due to age and ill health and the need to be near medical facilities, Miff and Katie moved to Ammon in early 2005.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Milo, Milton and Ray; sister, Elly; and son Leslie.

Survivors include his wife Catherine, "Katie" Sweet, Ammon; daughter Bonnie C. (Hess) Keveick, Ammon; son M. Douglas (Darlene) Sweet, Fairbanks, Alaska; daughter Barbara L. (Handy) Mulyer, Carey; brother David Elden Sweet, Richfield; sister, Ruth Swainston, Richfield; sister Fern Conats, Twin Falls; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, June 1, at the Carey 2nd Ward (Carey). The family will visit with friends from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the church prior to the services. Burial will be in the Carey Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Wood Funeral Home 273 N. Ridge Ave., Idaho Falls 208-522-2751. Online condolences may be found at www.woodfuneralhome.com.

SERVICES

Cecil Lavern Hopwood of Kimberly, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Light House (Christian Fellowship Church), 259 Main St. in Twin Falls (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Tubb).

Marvin Thomason of Limes, Ore., and formerly of Shoshone, graveside service at 2:00 p.m. today at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore. (LaFollette's Chapel in Burns, Ore.).

Warren R. Guyer of Kimberly, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Kimberly.

Ann Carter (Anna Louise Carter) of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Edna Mary Cramer Winton of Burley and formerly of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8

p.m. today and one hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Grace Williams Brownlee of Riverton, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Jerome LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S.; visitation for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

Robert "Bob" Wales of Kimberly, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Albert "Al" Henry Huber of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Jackpot High School (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Timothy B. Hasbrouck of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Tubb.

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Pika flourish in Idaho's Craters of the Moon

Numbers decline everywhere else

BOISE (AP) — Across much of its traditional range, the mammal, a pint-sized cousin of the rabbit that reaches a top weight of six ounces, appears to be thriving in the lava fields of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in eastern Idaho.

Pikas were first to be broken rocks in high-elevation mountains, but warming trends have rapidly chased the hypersensitive pika into smaller islands of habitat.

There is another key angle to understanding the pikas' plight: Studying its movements and habitat shifts may help scientists measure the effects of climate change on the ecosystems humans and other creatures have come to depend on.

"Pikas may be the early sentinels of biological response to global climate change," Erik Beever, an ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, told the *Idaho Statesman*.

The Earth's warming process happened gradually since the cooler Pleistocene era, 10,000 years ago, Beever said. But in the last two decades, Beever and other scientists have seen pika distribution reduced at rates of years and decades instead of centuries and millennia.

"At half of the locations we've found pikas in the past in the Great Basin, they will be gone in 15-20 years," Beever said.

In Idaho, most of the remaining habitat is in alpine areas like the Sawtooth Mountains and other ranges, but Beever found in the late 1990s that pikas were thriving in Craters of the Moon, the high desert Snake River plain near Arco that is dominated by lava flows, caves and fissures nearly 15,000 years old.

Typically, pikas were found only in talus, the broken rock that lies on a steep mountain side or at the base of a cliff. In 15 years old and surrounded by friends and family members, being the drug.

Her oldest daughter, Arco, came several months later, when Sharp was a sophomore in high school. She dropped out and planned to take care of herself, not wanting to rely on family or the government for financial support. But Sharp's addiction to meth was too strong, and she eventually gave up trying to get her GED and shipped back into her dysfunctional lifestyle.

Six years later, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare prompted Sharp to give the GED another try.

"I was getting food stamps and assistance and working as a waitress," Sharp said. "They wanted me to try and get a better job."

But her second attempt fell short because just like the first time, Sharp couldn't stay away from the meth.

Charles Nelson Reilly, comic actor, dies at 76

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles Nelson Reilly, the Tony Award winner who later became known for his child appearances on the "Tonight Show" and various game shows, has died. He was 76.

Reilly died Friday in Los Angeles of complications from pneumonia, his partner, Patrick Hughes, told the *New York Times*.

Reilly began his career in New York City, taking acting classes at a studio with Steve McQueen, Geraldine Page and Hal Holbrook. In 1962, he appeared on Broadway as Bud Frump in the original Broadway production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." The role won Reilly a Tony Award.

He was nominated for a Tony again for playing Cornelius in "Hello, Dolly!" In 1997 he received another nomination for directing Julie Harris in "Charles Durning in a revival of 'The Gin Game.'" After moving to Hollywood in the 1960s he appeared as the nervous Claymore Gregg on TV's "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" and as a featured guest on "The Dean Martin Show."

He gained fame by becoming what he described as a "game show fixture" in the 1970s and 80s. He was a regular on programs like "Match Game" and "Hollywood Squares," often wearing giant glasses and colorful suits with ascots.

His larger-than-life persona and affinity for double entendres also landed him on the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson more than 95 times. Reilly modestly admitted his wild game show appearances adversely affected his acting career. "You can do anything else once you do game shows,"

he told *The Advocate*, the national gay magazine, in 2001. "You have no career."

His final work was an autobiographical one-man show, "Save It for the Stage: The Life of Reilly," about his family-life growing up in the Bronx. The title grew out of the fact that when he would act out as a child, his mother would often admonish him to "save it for the stage."

The stage show was made into the 2006 feature film called "The Life of Reilly."

Reilly's openly gay television persona was ahead of its time, and sometimes stood in his way. He recalled a network executive telling him "they don't let queers on television."

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these piles of scree, the creatures with thick fur coats take refuge from intolerable warmer temperatures in the range of 77 to 85 degrees.

"They are just very sensitive to any rise in temperature," said Andrew Smith, a pika expert at Arizona State University. "Pika habitat is like an upside down ice cream cone. It just gets smaller as it gets closer to the top."

For centuries, pika populations waxed and waned with the gradual climatic changes, Beever said. They were able to expand their range in cooler times, migrating from rock pile to rock pile down to lower elevations like Craters of the Moon.

But with the pace of climate change quickening, scientists say pika colonies are migrating from lower elevations. Roads, housing developments and even livestock serve as obstacles along the traditional path to higher elevations.

"When they are forced into a different zone, like if they find themselves in an aspen forest, they just wander around," Smith said. "They are lost. Pikas need the rocks

to survive."

"The Craters of the Moon offers a high desert climate, with average high temperatures during the summer around 80 degrees and average low temperatures in the winter in the teens. Its teltale, flat lava flows connect to the Pioneer Mountains, the southern edge of the northern Rockies."

Historically, the pika range reached north into British Columbia, the northern edge of their habitat today. Craters of the Moon is among the lowest elevation sites where pikas survive today. And their ability to thrive there remains somewhat of a mystery to scientists.

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Baghdad rocked by explosions and hostage-taking

By Garrett Theroff and Said Rifal
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide car bomber struck a crowded area beside one of the capital's historic Sunni mosques Monday, killing 24 people and injuring 68, authorities said.

The location of the blast, about a mile to the east of the heavily fortified Green Zone, appeared to have been chosen opportunistically when the driver approached a check-point manned by Iraqi security forces who blocked it from passing farther, a witness said.

"Before the blast, I heard soldiers at the army checkpoint saying 'Stop' to the man driving the car," said Abu Noor, 36, who was passing through the checkpoint on a motorcycle. "I heard them loudly asking him where he was going, but he would not answer. When he was verified to be suspicious, the soldiers opened fire on his car and that

was when he blew himself up." Kamil Abdullah, the 40-year-old owner of an insecticide shop more than 100 yards from the site near the Ghalani Mosque, said the explosion was so powerful that he was knocked unconscious and woke up more than an hour later at a nearby hospital.

Only blocks away in central Baghdad, a separate violent scene played out earlier in the day. Armed gunmen stopped two small buses and took as hostages 21 passengers who were attempting to make their way to the eastern side of the city.

U.S. and Iraqi security forces formed a perimeter around the abduction site in the Fadhiha area and engaged the militants in a battle in the busy, cramped commercial area. The fighting, at times carried out with mortar fire and rocket-propelled grenades, left three police officers dead and four other people injured.

Late in the day, the narrow alleyways of the Sunni-dominated neighborhood were in ruins in some places. Banks, office spaces and other commercial enterprises were emptied, and many were pockmarked with bullet holes. By nightfall, the fate of the hostages was still unclear.

Elsewhere in Baghdad, at least eight other explosions caused by bombs, mortars or rocket fire resulted in at least 21 people killed. Outbreaks by gunmen were blamed for at least one additional death, police said.

Throughout the streets, police found another 33 people dead, the apparent victims of sectarian death squads, according to a source in the Interior Ministry. Twelve were found in a single hole, and many bore marks of torture.

In northern Iraq, prominent newspaper editor and Turkmen advocate Mahmud Qadir Qassab was killed by gunmen in Mossul.



A young boy seeks shelter behind a soldier with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne division after gunshots rang out at the scene where just a few minutes earlier a suicide car bomber blew himself up in a busy commercial district in central Baghdad on Monday.

Thousands protest after Chavez shuts down Venezuelan TV station

By Fabiola Sanchez
Associated Press writer

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan police fired tear gas and plastic bullets Monday into a crowd of thousands protesting a decision by President Hugo Chavez that forced a television station critical of his leftist government off the air.

Police fired toward the crowd of up to 5,000 protesters from a raised highway, and protesters fled amid clouds of tear gas. They later regrouped in Caracas' Plaza Brion chanting "freedom!" Some tossed rocks and bottles at police, prompting authorities to scatter demonstrators by firing more gas.

It was the largest of several protests that broke out across Caracas hours after Radio Caracas Television, broadcasting at midnight Sunday and was replaced with a new state-funded channel. Chavez had refused to renew RCTV's broadcast license, accusing it of "subversive" activities and of backing a 2002 coup against him. At least three protesters and one police officer were injured in skirmishes. Some protesters were seen in television footage huddling spent tear gas canisters back at police.

Office workers poured out of buildings to join student protesters, while organizers called



Employees of Radio Caracas Television, RCTV, cry as the channel's signal is cut in Caracas, Monday, after Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez decided not to renew the the opposition-aligned channel's broadcasting license.

for the demonstration to remain peaceful. RCTV talk show host Miguel Angel Rodriguez led the crowd in chants of "They will not silence us!"

Separately, Information Minister Wilmar Lara accused the private Globovision TV channel of encouraging an attempt on Chavez's life by broadcasting the chants of a salsa tune — "Have faith, this doesn't end here" — along with footage of the 1991 assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square.

"They incite the assassination of Venezuela's president," he said.

Globovision director Alberto

Federico Ilavelli denied any wrongdoing, calling the allegations "ridiculous."

The new public channel, TVES, launched its transmissions early Monday with artists singing pro-Chavez music, then carried an exercise program and a talk show, interspersed with government ads proclaiming "Now Venezuela belongs to everyone."

Thousands of government supporters reveled in the streets as they watched the midnight changeover on large TV screens, seeing RCTV's signal go black and then be replaced by a TVES logo. Others launched fireworks and danced in the streets.

Japanese minister hangs himself

Cabinet member faced questioning in accounting probe

By Hiroko Tabuchi
Associated Press writer

TOKYO — A scandal-tainted Cabinet member who headed Japan's powerful agriculture ministry hanged himself just hours before he faced questioning Monday over alleged bookkeeping fraud.

The death of Toshikatsu Matsuoaka dealt another blow to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's jailing government at a critical time before the leader's first big test at the polls in July.

An autopsy on Matsuoaka, 62, showed he had hanged himself, according to a Tokyo Metropolitan Police official who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing police. Matsuoaka was found unconscious in his apartment shortly after noon on Monday and declared dead hours later. He became the first serving Cabinet member to kill himself since World War II.

Local media reports said

Matsuoaka hanged himself in his pajamas with a rope resembling a dog leash and had left multiple suicide notes, including ones addressed to Abe and the public, apologizing for his actions. Police refused to confirm details.

Matsuoaka was criticized over a scandal involving suspicious bookkeeping practices and was scheduled to appear before a parliamentary com-

mittee Monday for questioning. He allegedly claimed more than \$236,000 in utility fees even though he rented a parliamentary office where utility costs are free.

Matsuoaka also faced separate scandals related to bid-rigging and political contributions, triggering calls for his resignation even from within his own ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

Man subdues wild leopard after surprise late-night visit

JERUSALEM (AP) — A man clad only in underwear and a T-shirt wrestled a wild leopard to the floor and pinned it for 20 minutes after the cat leapt through a window of his home and hopped into bed with his sleeping family.

"This kind of thing doesn't happen every day," said 49-year-old Arthur Du Mosch, a nature guide. "I don't know why I did it. I wasn't thinking. I just acted."

Raviv Shapira, who heads the southern district of the Israel Nature and Parks Promotion Authority, said a half dozen leopards have been spotted recently near Du Mosch's small community of Kibbutz Sde Boker in the Negev desert in southern Israel, although they rarely threaten humans.

Shapira said the leopard probably had lured the big cat. Leopards living near humans are usually too old to hunt in the wild and resort to chasing down domestic dogs and cats for food, he added.

Du Mosch's pet cat was in the bed with him at the time, along with his young daughter who had been frightened by a mosquito in her own room.

Shapira said the leopard was very weak when park rangers arrived at Du Mosch's home after the surprise late-night visit. He said nature officials



Israeli nature guide Arthur Du Mosch, 49, holds a wild leopard as park rangers arrive in his home Monday in a small community near Sde Boker in southern Israel.

would likely release it back into the wild.

Du Mosch said he probably would not have been able to control the big cat were it in better health. As a nature guide,

he said, he was familiar with animals and did his best to hold down the leopard without harming it. He said he took it all in stride, "but the kids were excited."

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It's like juggling guns — world champion gun spinner Dan Mink of Jerome shows off the skills that earned him a prize in April.

"I never imagined I could make money playing cowboy."
— Dan Mink

WORLD-CLASS CALLING

Jerome family finds success performing Wild West arts

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Colt-style revolvers may have won the West but Dan Mink prefers to use the firearms for show.

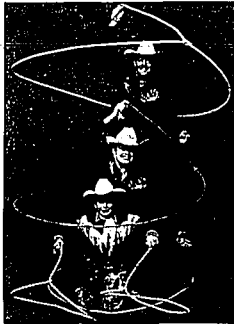
Not only was Mink, 48, recently crowned the world champion gun spinner during the Will Rogers International Wild West Expo in Claremore, Okla., last April, he is also an accomplished trick roper, knife thrower, musician and actor.

His other expo accolades include a first-place finish in the master gun spinning division, second in the Texas skip race and third place in the speed and accuracy knife throwing event — He threw and stuck 17 knives in 15 seconds.

It's a passion shared by his wife Kimberly, 30, and son Cody Lamb, 11, who placed third in the Texas skip this year but won the event the two previous years.

"I'm jealous to see how easy the skills come to Cody," he said. "I really didn't

think he'd win but he just gets his rope going faster and can beat out the old-



The Mink family of Jerome tours as the Rhinestone Ropers. Here they pose while twirling lassos. From the top are Dan Mink, 48, Kimberly Mink, 30, and their son Cody Lamb, 11.

timers. I was sure proud. This year we competed with 20 of the world's best ropers and I did beat Cody but he is always a challenge."

Kimberly isn't new to the winners' circle either. In 2005 she set the world record in women's big loop at 77 feet. It's a title she has kept for three years, which has secured her a spot in the next Guinness Book of World Records.

"Cody will also be featured in the book for holding the record as the youngest person to ever win the Texas skip race.

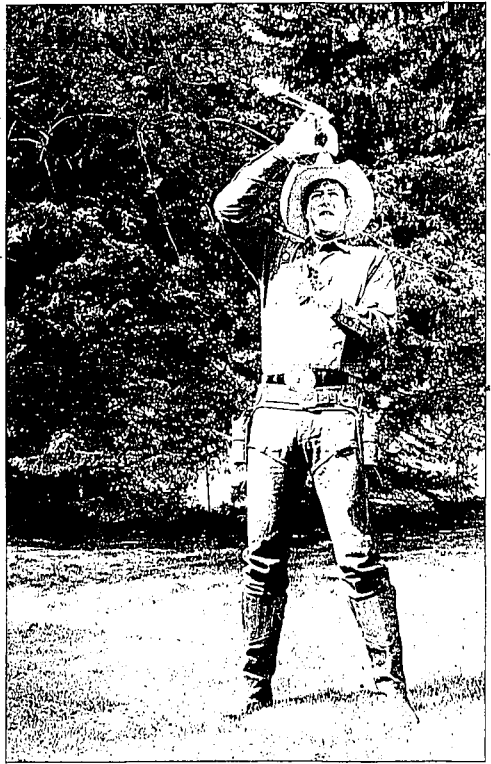
"I love trick roping," he said. "Just love it, it's my favorite."

Dan Mink is planning a world record attempt at the Texas skip 100-yard dash in July.

The family performs as the Rhinestone Ropers, bringing their show around the country. This year they have performed for 44 schools, assemblies and fairs.

"I got into trick roping the honest way; I

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Dan Mink of Jerome was crowned the world champion gun spinner during the Will Rogers International Wild West Expo in Claremore, Oklahoma this April. Here, Mink practices some of the moves that earned him the award.

Wild West tricks

Gun spinning: It's a fancy way of taking a gun out of its holster and putting it back — almost like juggling with guns.

Texas skip: With a lasso, the roper makes a vertical loop, then moves it left and right while jumping through the loop. Will Rogers made this trick famous.

Big loop: The performer spins a loop of rope around her body, feeding it out until the rope eventually falls to the ground. Kimberly Mink set a world record for women in 2005 by letting out 77 feet of rope.

— Descriptions courtesy Mark Allen, international director of the Wild West Arts Club, headquartered in Las Vegas.

Finding her cash cows Country teen saves for college

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

Saving suggestions

The Internet has many listings under the heading of kids making money, including extensive lists of ideas for city kids without Kori Poulton's country life. There are also books listed at www.kidsmoneystore.com/patrick.htm. Try "Allowance Magic" by David McCarrach, "The Practical Investment Guide for Teens and Their Parents" by Emmanuel Modu and Andrea Walker or TeenVestor.com.

If you're a country kid, you may have to come up with your own ideas. Inventory your special interests and see what you can offer. Then bank most of what you earn. You have a future, and it's getting more expensive every day.

"She's been saving her pennies since she was five years old," said Kori's mother, Sandy Poulton. "She is an entrepreneur already."

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Kori Poulton, center, poses with her parents at their Oakley farm. Poulton, 14, has been earning money for college by raising calves and doing yardwork.



OAKLEY — The city of Oakley is 27 miles south of everywhere. It's practically a straight shot from Burley, with two gravel pits — one is still worked, and the other is a favorite spot for dune buggy and motor bike daredevils.

There are fewer than 800 people nearby, including the town and outlying farms. There is a convenience store that advertises "gas, grub and goodies," a church, schools and a "new cemetery" with headstones dating back 150 years.

Not a very good place for teens to start their fortunes, some think. Kori Poulton doesn't agree.

She's found opportunities to earn and save money since she was five years old, because she really wants to go to college. The 14-year-old eighth-grader hopes to have \$15,000 socked away in the bank by the time she graduates from high school.

Kori has four years to accomplish that, and she's well on her way.

Coreen Hart

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 - Antiseptic wound ointment and spray (Nitrofurazone)
 - Hydrogen Peroxide
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 - Saline Solution To make your own mix one teaspoon salt in one pint sterile water.
 - Sterile Cotton. At least one roll.
 - Isopropyl Alcohol (rubbing alcohol)
 - Forceps or Tweezers
 - Epsom Salts. May be used for foot abscesses. Add to warm water until it no longer dissolves.
 - Disposable Diaper or Sanitary Napkins
 - Hoof Pick
 - Farriers Rasp
 - Duct Tape
 - Bute Paste or Banamine Paste
 - Miscellaneous medications and ointments previously prescribed by your vet. Before using consult with your vet. Make absolutely certain that you know what to use these for and that they have not passed any expiration date for useage.
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