

SPECIAL FRIEND

A dog is about to transform a Blaine County girl's life.

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A HOME FULL OF LOVE

Foster care providers hope to grow numbers with mentoring program.

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A divided district



Cody Robinson, a former Twin Falls County Highway District employee, stands on a highway outside of Twin Falls on Saturday.

Ex-employee claims workers were pressured in elections

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Vote right. That's what a highway district employee claimed he was told by a supervisor in regard to district elections. Each vote would be watched, wrote one worker.

Your job might depend upon it, wrote another.

Another worker had heard that the district director illegally campaigned on the job.

And yet another said the intimidation reached a point that he did not vote at all in the 2003 district elections. A \$60,000 settlement may have quelled a scorned ex-employee's lawsuit against the Twin Falls County Highway District. But six more workers and ex-workers submitted affidavits that echo a fired employee's testimony in federal court that political censoring is common at the district.

Legal documents related to that lawsuit, shared recently with the Times-News, reveal district employees' suspicions. Their statements led to a trial in January that ended quickly in a settlement.

"(The settlement) is a victory for me," said Cody Robinson, who filed and then settled with the district over his 2003 firing. "I think it's important that people know the truth. It doesn't exonerate me. To the people who

The following excerpts come from affidavits by former and current employees of the Twin Falls County Highway District, in regard to political pressure that was brought to bear on workers in regard to district elections:

"... (I) did have a private opinion that Mr. Lanting would be a better candidate, but the management seemed to be under the impression that I was actively involved in trying to get Mr. Lanting elected... Dave Burgess' wife was the election judge at the Rogerson precinct. When (I) voted (I) saw her and she saw (me). The polling results were that Mr. Lanting got every vote in Rogerson precinct... About a week after the election... (my) job was terminated." — Cody Robinson, who sued Twin Falls County Highway District on grounds that he was fired for his politics and not for violating policy.

"(I) heard Dave Jones (foreman) know me. It did."

"The district is a small agency of 30 employees where everybody knows everyone else. Work and play frequently overlap."

"They stop by each other's family businesses, they share opinions, they

District dust-up

say in the presence of others something to the effect that 'you should watch who you vote for because your job could be in jeopardy.'" — Mark Samuel Parker, county blade operator and truck driver for nine years.

"... because of things that (I) had heard spoken of among the employees, decided that (I) would not vote in the 2003 commissioners election, and (I) did not vote for fear of negative consequences on the job." — Brian Davis, district mechanic and truck driver for about seven years.

"I was harassed by being left out of meetings and decisions, being given unfavorable work assignments, being the object of unpleasant remarks... (I) was supporting... opposing candidates (than those) favored by the management of the District." — Don Steen, until September 1997, a 10-year district employee.

meet for lunch. Some know intimate details of others' personal lives. And they each must vote for the three county-elected highway district commissioners.

But they are strictly barred from sharing opinions about the commis-

sions' race while on the job.

Cody Robinson insisted the district fired him after 11 years of employment because he didn't share his supervisors' politics. His former bosses argue that Robinson's dismissal was due to his violation of county policies, not for any strong-arm tactics behind the scenes. "None of those things ever happened," said Dave Burgess, the district director, who is targeted by some of the accusations. "It was just a personnel issue."

Robinson's lawsuit went to trial in January. By the end of the first day, Robinson and Burgess were the only ones to testify. Robinson's attorney and attorneys for Idaho Counties Risk Management Program then reached a settlement.

But Robinson was not silenced. He refused to accept any condition in the settlement that would restrict his speaking on the case.

And although the other employees didn't testify, their sworn statements — claiming harassment and intimidation — had been aired in affidavits.

Robinson believes Burgess did not fire him because of "malicious gossip" or "political activity" on the job — the two personnel reasons Burgess cited for the firing. Those reasons were later reaffirmed upon appeal by the district's board of commissioners.

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Attacks kill 14 U.S. soldiers in 3 days

Car bomb spreads gaseous cloud outside U.S. base

By Joshua Parlow
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A car bomb attack outside a major U.S. military base in Iraq discharged a gaseous cloud that sickened dozens of people Sunday, punctuating a flurry of violence that left 14 American soldiers dead over the past three days.

The bomb exploded near the main gate of Forward Operating Base Warhorse, the largest U.S. military facility in Diyala province, a restive territory north of Baghdad. An Iraqi employee on the base said the bomb unleashed chlorine gas. The U.S. military cited an "unconfirmed report of off-color smoke" that caused soldiers to complain of "minor respiratory irritations and watery eyes," according to a statement. Soldiers were rushed to the base clinic for treatment. There were no deaths.

"Something made them feel ill," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad. "What it is specifically, we haven't figured that out yet."

The use of chlorine gas has become a regular weapon in the Sunni insurgent arsenal but has rarely been used against large numbers of Americans in recent weeks. About 3,000 additional U.S. soldiers were recently deployed to Diyala to battle a complex mesh of Sunni and Shiite militant groups, and the American death toll there has risen steadily in recent weeks. Earlier Sunday in Diyala, a car bomb exploded as an Iraqi police patrol transported prisoners to a station in Baladruz, killing 15 people, including 11 police officers, and wounding 35, according to Lt. Mohammed Hukman, of the provincial police.

On Sunday, the U.S. military announced that a series of other bombings and shootings, most of them in and around Baghdad, took the lives of 14 soldiers and wounded 24 soldiers Friday. May was the third-deadliest month for American troops in Iraq since the 2003 invasion, and the casualties in the past few days indicate the insurgency

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Ex-drug dealer key to breaking up JFK plot

Two-time convict turned government informant in exchange for lighter sentence

By Larry McShane
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The question was simple: "Would you like to die as a martyr?" The informant unhesitatingly replied yes — there was no greater way to die in Islam. The right answer put him in the midst of a suspected terrorist plot conceived as more devastating than the 9/11 attacks. He was soon

making surveillance trips around John F. Kennedy International Airport — the "chicken farm," as the planners dubbed their target — and visiting the Trinidad compound of a radical Muslim group.

The insider, a twice-convicted drug dealer who agreed to help in exchange for a lighter sentence, was a government informant whose surreptitious work

undermined a plot to destroy the Queens airport by exploding a jet fuel pipeline. His help once again demonstrated the growing importance of informants in the war on terrorism, particularly as smaller radical groups become more aggressive.

"In most cases, you can't get from A to B without an informant," said Tom Corrigan, a former member of the FBI-NYPD Joint Terrorist Task Force. "Most times when an informant tells you what is going on, speculation becomes reality."

According to court papers

and investigators the informant began working for the government in 2004, after his second drug-trafficking conviction in New York, and he quickly proved to be a credible source.

He was sent to meet with the JFK plot's alleged mastermind, Russell Defreitas in 2005 and was introduced by an unidentified third party. Defreitas quickly accepted the informant as legitimate, saying he was sure they knew each other through a Brooklyn mosque.

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Liver cancer patients get new hope from kidney cancer drug

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — For the first time, doctors say they have found a pill that improves survival in liver cancer, a notoriously hard to treat disease diagnosed in more than half a million people globally each year.

The results in a multinational study of 602 patients with advanced liver cancer are impressive and likely will change the way patients are

treated, cancer specialists including the study authors say.

Patients got either two tablets daily of a drug called sorafenib or dummy pills in the study, which started in March 2005. Some patients are still alive, although on average, sorafenib patients survived 10.7 months versus almost 9 months for those on dummy pills. That's a difference of 44 percent, or about three months.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS	Today	Tonight	Tuesday
	Partly cloudy and a little cooler	Increasing clouds	Cooler with isolated showers possible
	High 89	Low 57	72 / 52

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Today: Slightly cooler with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 80s to around 90.
Tonight: A few more clouds overnight. Lows will be in the lower to middle 50s.
Tomorrow: Temperature cooler with late day isolated thunderstorms possible. Highs in the 70s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Games and activities for ALL ages, 4 to 9:30 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., \$2, 878-7973.

GOVERNMENT

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
- Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7302.
- Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main, 934-4841.
- Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
- Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 S. St., Rupert, 436-7111.
- Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
- Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-3841.
- Halley City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 115 Main St. S., 788-4221.
- Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-5570.
- Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 103 S. Main, 544-2102.
- Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-5669.
- Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W., 734-9491.
- Acequia City Council, 8 p.m., Acequia Automotive, 20602 F St., 436-6775.

HEALTH

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, exercise program designed for Medicare beneficiaries' needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
"Overcoming Addiction and Anger," Theophostic Therapy basic training video, 1 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., donations, 734-9603.
Adult Children Anonymous meeting for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), no cost, 250-5676.
 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 at sbrowne@magvalley.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.

ON THE AGENDA

Tuesday

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
- Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.
- Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
- Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.
- Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
- Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
- Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.
- Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.
- Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.
- Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main, 326-5000.
- Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W., 734-5538.

Wednesday

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
- Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436.
- Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-6636.

Thursday

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
- Bottlevo Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.
- Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W., 423-4556.
- Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.

Friday

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Dog can transform disabled person's life

HAYLEY — In many ways, Makenzie Ellsworth is a typical 15-year-old. She has highlighted blonde hair, wears scuffed jeans and hooded sweaters, and is looking forward to turning 16 this month. Since last Aug. 12, though, the Kimberly girl's life hasn't been typical. She was in a car accident that broke her neck, leaving her at first with no muscle control from the neck down. After many surgeries and months in a Salt Lake City hospital, today several fused vertebrae give her upper body mobility, but she uses a wheelchair to get around. It isn't easy, and Makenzie often has to ask for help. Soon, she'll have it — in fuzzy, black, four-legged form. SEE PAGE D1

Affidavits filed in highway district issue

TWIN FALLS — A \$60,000 settlement may have quelled a ex-employees' lawsuit against the Twin Falls County Highway District, but six more workers and ex-workers submitted affidavits echoing the fired employee's testimony in federal court that political censoring is common in the district. SEE PAGE A1

Castleford well drilling project hits snag

CASTLEFORD — The city of Castleford was hoping to leave its new well already drilled. Instead, officials are working out a change order so Wendell-based Eaton Drilling can drill past the current 215 feet. SEE PAGE A5

Judge denies Bowcut's request to cut sentence

BURLEY — Fifth District Judge Barry Wood denied a request to reduce a 30-years-to-life sentence in state prison for a Burley man Wednesday during the continuation of a hearing held earlier this month in Cassia County District Court. SEE PAGE A5

Program aims for more foster care parents

TWIN FALLS — Being a foster care parent isn't always easy, but it usually is rewarding. Unfortunately, there are more children that need foster care than there are foster care parents, said Jeremy Sasserollins, foster family coordinator for Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services. However, Sasserollins hopes to see more people sign up as foster care parents under a new program beginning this month. SEE PAGE A5

OBITUARIES

Linda Mae Fuller, 56
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CORRECTIONS

Quote misattributed in Jerome growth story

In an article in Sunday's Times-News, a quote about a technology company possibly coming to Jerome was attributed to businessman Con Paulos. It should have been attributed to Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler. The Times-News regrets the error.

IDAHO/WEST



Cheney urges youths to enter public service

DOUGLAS, Wyo. — About 100 high school students learning about government and the political process received some invaluable schooling from the second-highest ranking political figure in the United States on Sunday. Vice President Dick Cheney imparted some advice to the Wyoming Boys' State participants, encouraging the youths to enter public service and answering their questions about his experiences. SEE PAGE A6

Jury shown photos of murdered girl's body

POCATELLO — Prosecutors showed jurors photos of murder victim Cassie Jo Stoddard's lifeless body at the trial of 16-year-old Torey Adameck, who is accused of killing his classmate. SEE PAGE A7

More Idaho residents seeking food donations

NAMP — Organizers at food banks in southwest Idaho say thousands of people in the area regularly need groceries distributed by local charities in order to survive. SEE PAGE A7

Surface owners fight back against drillers

BAYFIELD, Colo. — Many Westerners own the surfaces of their ranches but not the rights to the minerals below, so traditionally, property owners in such "split estates" have had little choice but to let oil and gas when energy companies start chopping trees, paving roads or sinking wells to reach buried fuel; now they're fighting back. SEE PAGE A7

Virtual fence towers impact border security

TUCSON, Ariz. — When Elizabeth Isaman leaves the El Mirador Ranch smack on the Mexican border, she can see a tall metal tower, packed with cameras, radars and sensors about a quarter-mile away. It's one of nine towers creating a so-called virtual fence stretching along a 28-mile segment of the Arizona-Mexico border. SEE PAGE A6

NATION/WORLD



Car bomber hits near Somali premier's home

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A suicide car bomber drove through a roadblock guarding the home of the Somali prime minister on Sunday and rammed the vehicle into a wall. Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Gedi was whisked to safety, officials said, but at least five people were killed in the explosion. A top government official blamed the assassination attempt on "terrorists linked to al-Qaida." SEE PAGE A4

Immigration bill would help some graduates

WASHINGTON — At 23, Mariana should be carefree. She is finishing up her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Los Angeles, and has been accepted to a master's program at Harvard University's education school. But life is not so simple for Mariana, who insisted that only her first name be published because she is illegally in the United States and worries she could be deported to Guatemala, where she was born. SEE PAGE C1

40 hit by motorist at D.C. festival Saturday

WASHINGTON — Neighbors and rescue personnel spent three hours on the path of a speeding car that plowed through a crowded street festival, injuring more serious injuries than the 40 people struck. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty said Sunday a 4-year-old boy with a broken leg was the only person still hospitalized a day after a woman's car sent people and strollers flying, leaving debris and injured bodies strewn in her wake. SEE PAGE C1

Lenders worried about mortgage loan loophole

UNDATED — Only a low credit score stood between Alpiro Estruch and a mortgage to buy a \$149,000 Spanish-style house in Weston, Fla., a few miles west of Fort Lauderdale. Instead of spending several years repairing his credit rating, the 37-year-old real estate agent paid \$1,800 to an Internet-based company to bump up his score almost overnight. SEE PAGE C1

SPORTS



Lopez scores win, Gomez loses his

TWIN FALLS — Patience payed off for Brian Lopez as he won his second Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stacks main event of the season Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway. Lopez started the race in 14th in a field of 16 cars after just making to the track minutes before the start of the 30-lap race. SEE PAGE B1



Nicklaus lessons help Choi win Memorial

DUBLIN, Ohio — K.J. Choi figured the best way to learn to play golf was to study books by Jack Nicklaus and spend hours watching video of golf's greatest champion. It was only fitting Choi celebrate the biggest victory of his career at the Memorial on Sunday with a handshake from Nicklaus that was as meaningful as the trophy. SEE PAGE D1

District VI roeiders qualify for state

RUPERT — There was no lack of try or effort as the District VI ended its regular season and the issue of who would represent the district at state was settled at the district finals. The all-around, reserve and rookies were also announced. SEE PAGE B2



Lebron moves to the head of the class

CLEVELAND — As confetti danced in the electric air around him and a feverish hometown crowd rocked and rolled the night away, LeBron James was handed a new baseball cap and T-shirt. Perhaps a tuxedo cap and gown would have been more appropriate. SEE PAGE B1

WEB READER REACTION

About the letter 'Young hunter's desire to kill animals disturbing'

SCOTT EARLE: "Louise, you are very right ... YOU 'FAIL TO UNDERSTAND!' Perhaps you should check in to the subject a little more. Hunting in Idaho is MUCH more than just killing animals. Very few people do it for sport. It is a way of life. Any kid that is out in the woods hunting with a grownup isn't on the streets getting into trouble. Time spent with parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles is a positive thing. I know for a fact the time I spend in the woods with my kids is good for me and them. Please ... if you don't like our way of life, feel free to head west. California will support your views."

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Highways

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Burgess says he fired Robinson on Aug. 13, 2003, for lobbying co-workers against Ierman Osterkamp, chairman of the board of commissioners for the district. A co-worker told Burgess how Robinson had falsely stated that \$5,000 bonuses were given to Burgess and the district secretary. Robinson reportedly admitted that if Jim Lanting,

Osterkamp's challenger in the 2003 election, won, the bonus money would be funneled down to the district's employees.
Robinson denies telling his co-worker that, and he suspects his firing was due to his politics. But he cannot prove it.
His argument rests on the totality of suspicions laid out by his co-workers, much of which rests on hearsay.

The fact that some of the affidavits come from workers who are still employed with the county does not bother Burgess. They would have been subpoenaed to take the stand had the trial continued.
Burgess said he did not choose to settle after the first day of testimony in January. He said it was ICRMP's attorneys' decision. Now he wants to look forward and get the dispute behind the district.
"It's over. It's done," Burgess said. "There was only one person (Robinson) that was on the stand. There was no one else that got on the stand. There are no hard feelings."

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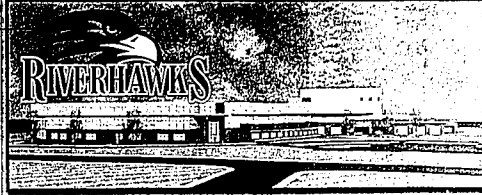
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JFK plot

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Defreitas, according to a federal complaint, believed the informant "had been sent by Alberto to be the one" to pull off the bombing.
Four Muslim men are accused of plotting to use explosives to destroy a jet fuel pipeline that runs through populous residential neighborhoods to the airport, which they allegedly believed would kill thousands of people and trigger an economic catastrophe.
In an indictment, one of them is quoted as saying the bombing "would cause greater destruction than in the Sept. 11 attacks."
Although the plotters put a great deal of time and travel into their plan, they never managed to obtain any explosives before authorities arrested Defreitas and foiled the JFK scheme. Experts said the plot could have resulted in damage and fires, but nothing on

the scale that the defendants had envisioned.
The men accused in the JFK plot didn't turn to Middle Eastern extremists for support to target the airport. Instead, investigators say the informant and defendants Kareem Ibrahim and Defreitas visited a compound belonging to the Jamaat al Muslimeen, a radical Muslim group based in Trinidad off Venezuela's coast.
When Defreitas discussed his radical "brothers" with the informant, he made it clear they were not Arabs, but from Trinidad and Guyana.
The complaint also made clear how deeply the informant had infiltrated the small band of would-be terrorists. While Defreitas, a retired JFK airport cargo worker, made four reconnaissance missions to the airport with the informant, federal authorities recorded each one on audio and video.
Defreitas, 63, who immi-

grated to the U.S. more than 30 years ago from Guyana, was in custody Sunday pending a bail hearing.
Ibrahim and another suspect, Abdul Kadir, were in custody in Trinidad awaiting extradition hearings. Officials identified Kadir as a former mayor of a Guyanese town and a member of the country's Parliament.
Authorities in Trinidad were still seeking a fourth suspect, Abdel Nur.
Authorities said the JFK case and last month's arrest of six men suspected of plotting to attack soldiers at Fort Dix, N.J., illustrated the need for inside information.
"These have been two significant cases back-to-back where informants were used," Corrigan said. "These terrorists are in our own backyard. They may have to reach out to people they don't necessarily trust, but they need — for guns, explosives, whatever."



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Music, remarks and the traditional groundbreaking Refreshments will be served

Cancer


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That type of survival advantage "has never happened" with liver cancer "and is a major breakthrough in the management of the disease," said Dr. Josep Llovet, the lead author.
"That may not sound like a lot of time," but for liver cancer, "this is actually a quite impressive gain," said Dr. Nancy Davidson of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "It is the first effective systemic treatment for liver cancer, which is such a huge problem internationally."
Sorafenib attacks cancer with a targeted double-barreled approach. It zeros in on malignant cells themselves

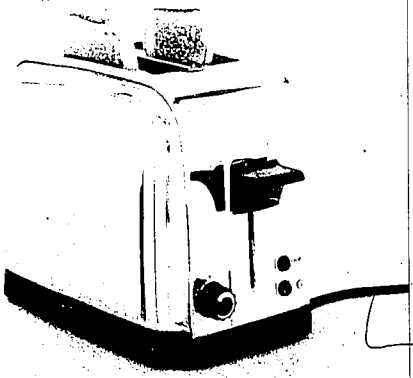
and cuts off the blood supply feeding the tumor. It is believed to work on tumors within the liver and those that have spread elsewhere.
In the study, tumors didn't shrink or disappear but in many cases they also didn't grow.
"You are not curing the disease but you are delaying the progression of the disease significantly and strikingly," said Llovet, of Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and Hospital Clinic of Barcelona, Spain.
The study was halted early in February because of the good results, and patients on dummy pills were switched to sorafenib.

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Iraq

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shows no sign of abating.
"This is going to get harder before it gets easier. We're fighting a determined, adaptive enemy that's trying to derail the security plan and kill as many American soldiers as it can," Carver said. "This is how we're going to get to long-term security, through this short-term upswing in contact with the enemy."
U.S. military officials cite many reasons for the recent rise in fatalities, including the growing use of deeply buried, powerful roadside bombs that can blast through armored vehicles and the more aggressive tactics of American troops who are patrolling in greater numbers in unexploded areas.
Most of the U.S. casualties

since Friday resulted from roadside bombings, the deadliest weapon Americans face in Iraq. A roadside bomb northwest of Baghdad killed four soldiers on patrol Sunday, and two more soldiers were killed Saturday by a roadside bomb in Nineveh province, north of Baghdad. In a series of other attacks, two soldiers were killed in Diyala province and six in the Baghdad area. In one incident, a soldier on foot patrol southwest of Baghdad spotted two men near a mosque who appeared suspicious, the military said. As the soldier approached to question them, one of the men detonated explosives, killing himself and the soldier. The soldier's names were withheld pending notification of their families.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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A home full of love

Foster care providers begin peer mentor program

By Karl Matthews
Times-News Correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Being a foster care parent isn't always easy, but it usually is rewarding.

Unfortunately, there are more children that need foster care than there are foster care parents, said Jeremy Sassercolinus, foster family coordinator for Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services.

About 370 foster children live in south-central Idaho — 200 in Twin Falls County alone — but only about 100 foster care parents.

Beginning this month, however, Sassercolinus hopes to see more people sign up as foster care parents, either as full-time or respite providers. That's when a new peer mentor program begins in which foster parents will raise awareness about the need for additional foster care parents.

Lisa Stokes, a Burley foster parent, said, if successful, the program will relieve much of the current need that exists for additional foster care parents.

In their five years as foster parents, Stokes and her husband, John, have cared for many children, from babies to teenagers.

"It can be an amazing experience to bring a child into your home," she said. "It's a great way to be of service to the community."

Though it is difficult to see children in the system for up to 15 months before a permanent solution is reached, Stokes said, it is rewarding to see children act like normal kids again when they are placed and can bond with a stable caregiver.

"No amount of counseling and treatment can make up for having parents who really take care of their children," she said.

Though many people might think it takes special qualifications to be a foster parent, Stokes said the bottom line is to be willing to care for a child.

Potential foster care providers require background checks, home inspections and going through the Parent Resources for Information, Development and Education program, a nine-session training offered nationwide.

Through it all, parents learn to deal with developmental delays, supporting relationships between children and their families, and the basic principles of protecting and nurturing children, according to the Department of Health and Welfare.

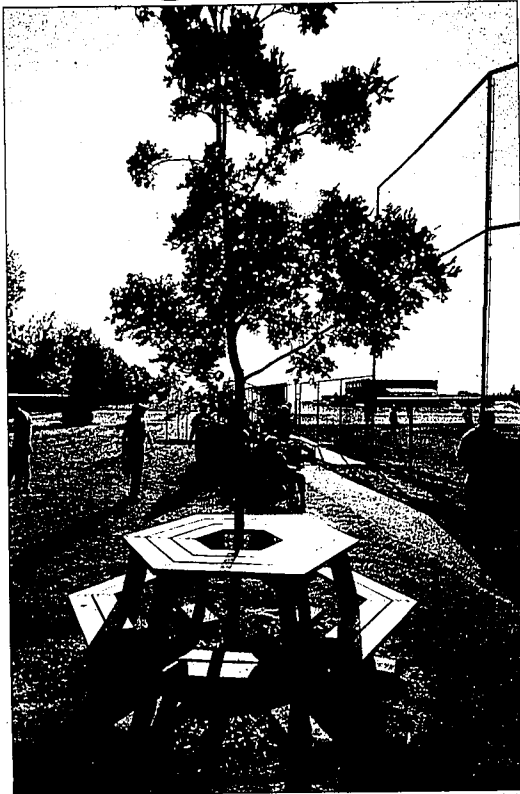
Though foster parents are reimbursed for additional expenses when caring for a child, Stokes said it is virtually impossible to make money by becoming a foster parent. Instead, aim of foster care is to find a permanent home for children, whether with their biological family or in an adopted home.

"For the time (being), they are with me and I do what I can to make their life a little better," Stokes said.

For more information, contact the Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services at 734-4435 or visit <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>.

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Living memorial



Some students in Heather Hopkins' agriculture science class helped build a bench around a donated tree near Kimberly High School's softball/baseball diamond. The Makings family bought the materials and pushed for the bench so more people can make use of the trees they planted.

Table joins trees planted for former Kimberly student

By Nick Coltrin
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — The living memorial to Jason Makings invoked community involvement since trees were planted after his death 17 years ago.

Most recently, students at Kimberly High School moved past planting trees and onto expanding around them. At the end of the school year they built a bench and table around a tree located near the school's softball and baseball fields.

The Makings family started their memorial by planting a tree at Kimberly High School shortly after the 17-year-old's death in the spring of 1990. His wrestling team planted one along side it.

"They're a living, lasting

memorial," Dave Makings, Jason's father, said. "A bench or a sign, that just doesn't mean too much to me. But a living tree that a lot of people can enjoy means a lot."

The Makings family planted trees around the Kimberly school every year since. Local 4-H Club, Lions Club and Boy Scout members have also turned out over the years to donate time and money to plant trees.

Makings said the benches started as an idea last fall and help from teachers in the area made it possible. Jim Siggard, a teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls, drew blueprints of the benches. Heather Hopkins, an agriculture science teacher at Kimberly High School, helped some of her students build the benches. Her parents also handpicked

redwood lumber from northern California to use for building.

Makings said the benches will help people enjoy the fields more and the trees more. Ted Winko, director of maintenance and operations for the Kimberly school district, said the trees add valuable shade to the otherwise open field.

Janie Carlton of the Kimberly Youth Association said she appreciated the trees as well. The association leases the fields from the school, she said, and the benches has been regular use at the almost nightly games held at the field.

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Bowcut denied sentence reduction

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Fifth District Judge Barry Wood denied a request to reduce a 30-year-to-life sentence in state prison for a Burley man Wednesday during the continuation of a hearing held earlier this month in Cassia County District Court.

Leslie Peter Bowcut, 33, was convicted of 14 counts of level conduct with a child under 16 years old. He had asked the court to consider either resentencing him or reducing the sentence to a 10-year term.

Bowcut cited several reasons for the request including ineffective legal representation, a sentence disproportionate to the offense and false testimony presented by detectives during sentencing. He said evidence presented during his sentencing should have been protected by the plea agreement as well as police questioning without his attorney present.

Bowcut also said his sentence was cruel and unusual because he was given the lengthy sentence due to his mental illness, but there is no treatment available in the state's prison. He has been serving his sentence in Texas as an Idaho inmate.

Cassia County Prosecutor Cory Bristol said Wood asked for extra security during the hearing but only three people showed up.

Bowcut was also prosecuted in a federal court along with 19 others from the U.S. and Europe for conspiring to sexually exploit children by trading photographic images on the Internet. He was sentenced in April 2004 to 17-and-a-half years in federal prison to run concurrent with the other sentence.

Castleford well drilling project hits snag

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — The city of Castleford was by now hoping to have its new well already drilled. Instead, officials are working out a change order so Wendell-based Eaton Drilling can drill below the current 235 feet.

"The well needs a certain minimum flow of 212 gallons per minute," said Don Acheson, an engineer with Rudelsed & Associates of Twin Falls. "After setting up the test pump we were only getting 150 gallons per minute."

It is a disappointing start to the city's \$1.6 million arsenic treatment and water system upgrade project, said Mayor Rita Luffing.

"We were really hoping that at this point the well would be drilled and we would be moving forward," Luffing said. "We anticipated a better start but be optimistic that drilling further will get us what we need."

There is no guarantee, however, that going deeper will produce the required water flow.

"There are no wells close to this one that go deeper, so we don't have a good idea of the geology. We just don't know what we'll get," Acheson said.

If the drilling is unsuccessful the city will explore purchasing more property for the site or obtaining a waiver from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality that could lower the required well flow.

Dave Anderson, IDEQ's regional manager for engineering, said they are trying to make sure Castleford gets what it pays for but at this point they are uncertain how much water they could waiver from the requirement.

"We need to make sure that the city has adequate water flow all day. They might not need the 200 or 300 gallons per minute all day, but they need to have water that they can use during peak times, like in the morning when everyone is hitting the shower," Anderson said. "Castleford is spending a lot of money and we want to make sure they get the most bang for their buck."

Acheson expected the details of the change order to be worked out and said the drilling company should be back onsite early this month.

"We really need to stay on budget. At this point, acquiring more land is unattractive because there will be more costs involved for additional piping and electricity," he said. "Getting a waiver is really a last ditch resort so we are doing everything we can before it is really even an option."

Center educating public on gray wolf

By Karl Matthews
Times-News correspondent

WINCHESTER — While arguments abound about the delisting of the gray wolf from the Endangered Species Protection Act in Idaho and surrounding states, the Wolf Education and Research Center in Winchester is trying to promote a well-rounded view of the animals.

Its aim is to help people better understand wolf biology and behavior and how the animal fits into the rest of the world, said Nick Fiore, the center's director of education. Gathering information from a variety of sources, such as Idaho Fish and Game and the Nez Perce Tribe as well as onsite studies, the center tries to provide as much factual research as possible, he said.

WERC evolved from the Sawtooth Wolf Pack, which began in the early 1990s by Emmy Award-winning filmmakers Jim and Janie Ducher as a way to educate people about the true behaviors of the gray wolf. The couple lived among wolves and produced three films.

After six years, the couple's land lease expired and

the wolves were relocated from their Stanley area reserve to Winchester, where WERC was formed on a 300-acre parcel leased to the center by the Nez Perce Tribe. Today, the center continues to study its three remaining pack members in a 20-acre enclosure — one of the largest of its kind in the country.

The center provides several internships year-round, as well as daily tours throughout summer and by appointment during winter months. Once roaming the country coast-to-coast, the gray wolf population reached a low point in 1973 of only a few hundred animals, limited to Minnesota and Michigan, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Since the animal's posting on the subsequent reintroduction, populations have increased to a few thousand, including more than 1,200 in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

"We don't think they should be delisted at this time," Fiore said. He said he is concerned the state will take on the role of lethally removing the wolves from Idaho, removing as many as possible without breaking the minimum number required by the federal delisting proposal of 15 mating pairs in the state.



Education Coordinator Randy Stewart teaches about the gray wolf at the Wolf Education and Research Center in Winchester.

He says there are several discrepancies between Idaho's plan and the federal proposal that need to be worked out before the wolves are delisted here.

The center works with schools and community groups, as well as individuals by providing guided and self-guided tours around the center's 20-acre wolf enclosure. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily or by appointment.

For more information, call 880-422-1110 or visit online at <http://www.wolfcenter.org>.

OBITUARIES/WEST

Linda Mae Fullmer.

BURLEY — Linda Mae Fullmer, 56, passed away Saturday, June 2, 2007, at her home in Burley, following a long battle with cancer. She was born in Burley on June 19, 1950, the daughter of Fred and Doris Mae Jones Fullmer. She attended Burley Schools, and graduated from Burley High School in 1968.

and she enjoyed crafts, Linda was a very compassionate, kind person. She always had a smile and was happy to help others. She is truly loved and will be deeply missed.

Linda is survived by her brother, Layne Fullmer of Burley; her sister and brother-in-law, Vickie and Stewart Tracy of Hurricane, Utah; dear aunts, uncles and cousins who have been so loving to Linda. She also has wonderful friends, her ward family and neighbors whose kindness will never be forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandmothers, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Burley Second, Fourth and Tenth Ward Church, 515 East 16th Street, with Bishop Brent Lee officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley today from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in Linda's name to St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, 656 Hayden Avenue West, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or to Idaho Home Health & Hospice, 318 Onaida Street, Rupert, ID 83348.



Linda started working at Price's Cafe, on Overland Avenue, in October 1969. Five months after the cafe opened at that location, she missed its closing in June 2006 by one week, due to cancer surgery. She spent her whole working career at Price's and she dearly loved to work and the people there.

Linda was an active member of the LDS church. She faithfully served in Junior Sunday School and Primary as a teacher, Sunday School secretary, visiting teacher, and as ward librarian. She was so proud to be a parent in the Idaho Falls Temple on Feb. 15, 1984, and did her own temple work in the Idaho Falls Temple on June 2, 1995. She had so looked forward to attending the new Twin Falls Temple. She was an excellent seamstress, loved to read, listen to many different kinds of music

Virtual fence towers, and their minders, impact border seclusion

By Arthur H. Roitstein Associated Press writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — When Elizabeth Isaman leaves the El Mirador ranch snack on the Mexican border, she can see a tall metal tower, packed with cameras, radars and sensors about a quarter-mile away. It's one of nine towers creating a so-called virtual fence stretching along a 28-mile segment of the Arizona-Mexico border, dubbed Project 28, straddling the Sasabe port of entry — the federal government's most coveted site at deterring illegal immigrants and drug smuggling.

"It's like Big Brother is watching you. I don't like that part of it," said Isaman, whose son Roy runs the El Mirador ranch. Since the towers of Sasabe, has been in the family since 1929. Sasabe is about 80 miles southwest of Tucson. "I think it'll help the Border Patrol round up people that they catch," Roy Isaman said. "But I would rather see boots on the ground and have them confront drug smugglers that are coming across, and bandits. I would like a real fence

here, to cut cross-border traffic and real cows' head."

With the exception of a few miles of X-shaped, welded steel-rail vehicle barriers, the only border fencing on this section of the border — if it's still standing — consists of rusty, twisted five-strand barbed wire. "I think everybody's pretty much scratching their heads about what the heck the government's up to," Isaman said, referring to uncertainty whether Congress will pass heavily criticized proposed comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

"I'd rather see people here with guns, so if there are any problems with smugglers with AK-47s, at least they'll have a little deterrent." For the past few months, the Boeing Co. has been overseeing construction of the nine mobile towers, each 98 feet tall with an array of high-tech equipment.

Each unmanned tower's radar and sensor devices are intended to detect intruders, then zero in its potent cameras for detailed sightings. The elevation provides for line-of-

sight above the surrounding vegetation and hilly terrain.

According to Arizona border Patrol officials have said the 360-degree ground surveillance radar on each tower has a range of about 3/4 miles and the cameras more than 10 miles.

"I think every-hour, all-hours technology will be able to distinguish humans from animals and vehicles, determine a group's size and whether weapons are being carried. The images and information, called a Common Operating Picture and including global positioning locations of intruders as well as Border Patrol agents, will be relayed to command centers in Tucson and Sells. It also will be sent to nearby agents in vehicles equipped with hardened laptops so they can intercept the border-crossers."

At the nearby Rancho De La Osa, Customs and Border Protection's Schultz said a constant flow of traffic from Border Patrol agents, National Guard troops and security guards for the tower construction sites has changed the area's solitude. "Our driveway, which was where we used to walk for measured hikes, is now like a highway," Schultz said. She said one recent quest remarked that "between the helicopters, the towers and the fence, we could be in a war zone."

The red light atop a tower located on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge a half-mile east of the ranch compound is clearly visible, Schultz said, and she's also concerned about the noise the tower's warning horn will make if a Border Patrol agent remotely monitoring the tower activates it to ward off an intruder.

Schultz said she had indicated the horn will be activated if anything gets within a certain number of feet, "and it could be a cow, it could be a horse, it could be a deer."

A tower is attached to an anchored trailer inside a chain-link fence, along with a propane tank for a generator to power its devices and a communications satellite dish.

SERVICES

Shirley Latree Walton — Burley, funeral services at 11 a.m. today at Bassmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. Burley; viewing one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Victor H. Melzer of Twin Falls, service of remembrance 1 p.m. today at White mortuary in Twin Falls.

Timothy B. Hasbrouck of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Twin Falls; friends are invited to Clear Lake Country Club for lunch and fellowship time.

Linda M. Fullmer of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Dal A. Lee of Fairfield, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel, and one hour before the service Wednesday at the legion hall.

Melba Tanner Morley of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m.

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

Monday
Summer semester begins (last day for registration is Friday). Men's basketball camp, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. (through June 16). CSI library is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Thursday and Friday), 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.
CSI Adult Basic Education Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Friday) and 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, second floor of Meyerhof building.
CSI Testing Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Tuesday and Friday) and 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, second floor of Meyerhof building.
Law enforcement detention training, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Canyon 119 through June 15.
Camp Crescendo music camp, all day, Fine Arts and Taylor buildings (through June 22).
Golden Girls CSI dance team (all), 3 to 9 p.m., Fine Arts

building (also Tuesday).
USTA Tennis League matches, 6 p.m., Herrett Center, Jean B. King Gallery (through August).
Practical nursing leadership workshop, 9 a.m. to noon, Aspen 108.
Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. (also Friday).
City of Twin Falls Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Comprehensive Management Plan advisory committee, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277.
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Cheney advises Wyoming Boys' State meeting on public service

By Bob Moen Associated Press writer

DOUGLAS, Wyo. — About 100 high school students learning about government and the political process received some invaluable schooling from the second-highest ranking political figure in the United States on Sunday.

Vice President Dick Cheney imparted some advice to Wyoming Boys' State participants, encouraging the youths to enter public service and answering their questions about his experiences. "From my perspective, obviously I think back to when I was 17 years old, I did not have a burning desire to be vice president of the United States. I hadn't given it any thought frankly," he said. "What happened to me was I had a lot of opportunities along the way,

and I had an awful lot of people help. It's easy to fall into the trap when you get into a job like this to think that somehow you earned it or it's yours by right. And that's not the case."

Cheney recalled his early interest in politics and encouraged the youths to enter public service.

"So just look for the opportunities to come your way and you know maybe somebody here will get to be the vice president," he told the youths gathered in a small cafeteria at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds.

"But after we get through today you may decide you don't want the job," he joked. Cheney spent about an hour and a half with the group, eating lunch and answering their questions before flying back to Washington, D.C.

"If you are interested, the

important thing is that there are tremendous opportunities out there to get involved at all levels," he said. "You don't have to be vice president of the United States to play an important role or make a major contribution or to get a lot out of it."

His visit impressed the students. "Kind of gives me an interest in politics," David Collins, 18, a Boys' State member from Riverton, said.

Cheney fielded questions on Iraq, eminent domain, the electoral college, the draft, his relationship with Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and what Boys' State was like when he attended the event 49 years ago.

Asked which candidate for the 2008 presidential election he preferred, Cheney recalled that he supported Clinton. "At this stage I am scrupulously neutral."

The Boys' State attendees — all clad in white T-shirts with "Wonderful Wyoming Boys' State" printed on the front, and mostly blue jeans — were told about the vice president's

visit until just hours beforehand on Sunday morning.

In a short address to the students, Cheney recalled that he attended Boys' State in 1958 as a 17-year-old high school student from nearby Casper.

He said it was important for the students to remember their duty as citizens, to think about the public interest as well as their own personal interest.

"Getting involved in public affairs, whether it's local, state or national takes hard work. It takes discipline and occasionally it takes sacrifice," he said. "But it's also one of the most interesting, exciting and rewarding ways to spend your time. And along the way you'll meet some of the finest people you'll ever know."

He attributed his rise in politics to staying active and getting help from others.

"If you work hard, follow through on your commitments, show yourself to be honest, trustworthy, people are going to notice and they're going to want to associate with you," he said.

DEATH NOTICES

Joseph G. Lowden

Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley.
Edwin M. Harper
TWIN FALLS — Edwin Martin Harper, 86, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, June 2, 2007, at his home. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Cindi Chapin

JEROME — Cindi Chapin, 57, of Jerome, died June 2, 2007, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory of Jerome.

Opal J. Bergerer

OAKLEY — Opal Juanita Bergerer, 92, a former Burley resident, died Sunday, June 3, 2007, at her daughter's home in Oakley. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne

Wednesday

Planetarium.
"Pink Floyd: The Wall," 8:15 p.m., (also Friday and Saturday).
Thursday
Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. (also Friday).
Summer solar session, 1 to 3 p.m., view sunspots and the solar atmosphere, Centennial Observatory (free admission).
Styx chapter, Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
Friday
Certified nursing assistant written testing, 1 to 3 p.m., Aspen 144.
CSI Office on Aging site manager training, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Taylor Building.
Surgical Technology Club continuing education seminar, 5 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277, (also Saturday).
Huggie Beans chapter, Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Saturday

ACT exams, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields building.
Idaho Aquaculture Association meeting, 8 a.m., Evergreen A05.
Twin Falls Farmers Market (fresh local produce, arts and crafts), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., North College Road across from Expo Center.
Educational Interpreter Interagency Consortium workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Aspen 139.
Second Day Camp, challenge course and lunch, noon to 2 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center.
Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Neilson Stargazer Dance Company's "50 Years of Dances", 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium (\$6 admission; proceeds go to scholarships).
Magic Valley Astronomical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room.
Free star party (telescope viewing), 9:30 p.m. to midnight, Herrett Center for Arts and Science Centennial Observatory.

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More Idaho residents seeking food donations

NAMPA (AP) — Organizers at food banks in southwest Idaho say thousands of people face the area regularly need groceries distributed by local charities in order to survive.

Officials say they see such needs increasing because of rising gas prices and wages that lag behind inflation. "A lot of the people we saw this month we haven't seen since January," Melody Finn-Kinswa, who runs the Nampa First Church of the Nazarene's Care House, told the Idaho Press-Tribune. "And it's probably because of the gas prices. They're having to choose between food and fuel."

In 2006, the U.S. Department of Agriculture ranked Idaho eighth on its list of hungrier states, up from 11th in 1996-1998. The Idaho Foodbank, which last year distributed \$1 million worth of food, reported that one in eight Idaho children, about 50,000, go to bed hungry each night.

"I see more and more people, especially with the gas prices so high," said David Barnes, a volunteer with the Calvary Holiness Church Food Pantry in Wilder. "They can't afford to go to work and eat, too."

The church helps 600 to 700

people a month, passing out up to 14,000 pounds of food in some months.

The Nampa Salvation Army gave 12 boxes of food in January, and 176 in April. The Community Council of Idaho said it gave out 40 percent more food in May than in April. Both groups say more people have been asking them for help buying gas.

The Sunshine Cupboard food bank in Parma saw the numbers of families it helped jump from 30 a month last year to 60 a month this year. "A lot of the people we see are having jobs, but they don't have enough to make it through the month," Finn-Kinswa said.

Some who have seen their incomes decline and who need help with food don't take it. "They think it's stigma to go and admit they're hungry because they grew up in middle-class homes," Caldwell resident and advocate for the poor Marilyn Bauman said. "All of a sudden they can't make it."

Only about half of the federal money sent to Idaho for food stamps is used. "Food stamps are a vital part of fighting hunger in Idaho," said David Proctor, Idaho Foodbank development manager.

Pocatello jury shown photos of murdered girl's body

POCATELLO (AP) — Prosecutors showed jurors photos of murder victim Cassie Jo Stoddard's lifeless body at the trial of 16-year-old Torey Adamek, who is accused of killing his classmate.

Defense attorneys meanwhile questioned how authorities examined blood splatter at the crime scene in their attempt to show police failed to conduct a proper investigation and to put the blame on another teen convicted of killing Stoddard in a separate trial last month.

The Grand County jurors heard testimony on Saturday. Most jurors convene only on weekdays, but this one was selected from Twin Falls County, about 120 miles west of here.

The jury has been instructed by Adams' attorney, but coverage of previous media coverage of another trial, that of Brian Draper, also 16, who was convicted April 17 of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in the homicide on Sept. 22, 2006. Adamek faces the same charges.

Stoddard, Adamek and Draper were juniors at Pocatello High School at the time of Stoddard's death.

Stoddard was housesitting for relatives when police say Draper and Adamek entered the home and stabbed her. They say Stoddard's boyfriend had left the house earlier or he could have been killed also.

Some of Stoddard's family members inadvertently saw one photo as Adamek and his attorney looked at it on Saturday, causing one family member to cry so loudly he was asked to leave the courtroom. He returned 15 minutes later, the Idaho State Journal reported.

Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Hiedeman entered 30 photos taken at the crime scene and of Stoddard's autopsy.

Bannock County Sheriff's Detective Andy Thomas, the lead investigator, was asked by both prosecuting and defense attorneys about the amount and location of blood at the scene.

"I noticed small amounts of blood around (Stoddard's body)," Thomas said. "I was actually surprised at the lack of blood."

Bannock County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Vic Pearson also asked Thomas about cast-off blood, which might have flown from a knife as it was pulled from Stoddard's body.

"I was actually surprised at the lack of blood (around Cassie Jo Stoddard's body)."

— Bannock County Sheriff's Detective Andy Thomas

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For answers to questions, please call Mr. Hadley at Twin Falls High School, 733-6551; Robert Stuart Junior High, 733-4875; or at home, 733-1079.

Surface owners fight back against drillers

By Nicholas Riccardi
Los Angeles Times

BAYFIELD, Colo. — The energy boom across the West has created tens of thousands of jobs and funded state scholarships, teacher raises — even top-of-the-line sports centers in remote ranch towns.

The other day, Roger Hawkins was reminded how much all that wealth would cost him.

Strolling his 32-acre ranch in southwest Colorado, Hawkins came across a yellow survey tape running past a web of deer tracks. It indicated plans for drilling on his property — in the pine-studded hollow where he had hoped to build a new home.

Like many Westerners, Hawkins owns the surface of his ranch but not the rights to the minerals below. Traditionally, property owners in such "split estates" have had little choice but to get out of the way when energy companies start chipping trees, paving roads or snaking wells to get buried fuel.

But now they're fighting back.

Legislatures in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming recently passed bills to rein in oil, gas and coal extraction on private property. The measures do not halt the practice, by any means; the energy extracted heats homes and powers fuel plants, and Western states depend on energy revenue and the jobs that exploration brings. But the legislation gives some leverage to landowners.

"Everything is starting to shift in favor of the surface owner to protect them from the big, bad energy companies," said Hayley Shelton, who tracks such bills for the National Conference of State Legislatures. Mineral rights owners can still drill, she said, "but they have to walk a more narrow line."

Colorado's changes, endorsed by Republicans and Democrats, may have the furthest reach.

Last week, Gov. Bill Ritter signed a law reorganizing the state oil and gas commission, which approves and monitors drilling. The law

dilutes the influence of the energy industry and adds experts in public health and environmental effects.

Ritter also signed a law requiring prospectors to work with property owners to plan drilling. The landowners can make requests about the location of the wells and the timing of the work. They may ask drillers to control noise or dust, to start drilling at a reasonable hour, or to limit truck trips over sensitive terrain.

The energy companies must abide by such requests as long as the alternatives are "technologically sound" and "economically practicable." It may require several court cases to pin down precisely what that means. The legislators' supporters call the vague language essential to ensure flexibility — so an oil well in a patch of scrub isn't held to the same standards as a drilling rig in a densely populated community.

The key point: "You have to reasonably accommodate each other," said state Rep. Ellen Roberts, a Republican.

Historically, if an energy company wanted to drill on your land, "if they could say, 'You don't like it though,' you'd be sued," this levels the playing field.

For years, the energy industry blocked any attempt to bolster the rights of landowners. Lobbyists pointed to the undeniable economic benefits of drilling, especially oil, gas and oil prices soared.

Wyoming has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, thanks to the energy industry. New Mexico has been able to greatly expand subsidized preschool with money from energy taxes.

Lobbyists argued that they needed to explore domestic resources — to satisfy Americans' vast appetite for energy. "The industry has to at least have an ability to access (fuel) . . . for society's use," said Greg Schuncke, executive vice president of the Colorado Oil and Gas Association.

But tensions between energy companies and landowners have soared in recent years, creating substantial pressure for change.

With the population booming across the Mountain West, prospectors can no longer sink wells in the middle of nowhere. There aren't many empty expanses left.

"They're coming into back yards now," said Gwen Lachell, an activist in Durango who advocates for tighter control of the energy industry.

Recognizing that change was inevitable, industry officials in several states agreed to back the recent round of measures. In New Mexico, energy companies have agreed to give property owners a 30-day notice before drilling, compensate them for any damage, and restore the land to its original condition if drilling is never started, which can take decades.

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Financial Lesson of the Week

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"Pros" and "Cons" of Investment Clubs

Investment clubs are quite popular these days. In fact, even if you aren't in a club yourself, the chances are pretty good that you know someone who is. Should you consider joining such a club?

There's no one "right" answer for everyone, of course. But if you do join an investment club, you will find that there are both "pros" and "cons" involved. Let's take a quick look at a few of these.

- The "pros"**
- Investment clubs can be fun. You can learn about investments in countless books, magazines and web sites - but you may enjoy the learning process more by joining an investment club. After all, most of us are "social creatures" by nature, so we like being with other people. By discussing investments as part of a group, you can gain a lot of knowledge in a pleasant environment. And some clubs even invite guest speakers who are experts at a particular aspect of investing.
 - Clubs provide an affordable way to invest. There's no "standard" contribution for investment clubs. Some clubs ask for \$50 a month from its members, some clubs ask for \$100, and some may ask for even more. Find out what the required amount is for the club you're considering. And ask other questions, too: Can you skip a month's contribution and still stay in good standing? Can you contribute more or less than the designated amount?
 - Membership encourages investment discipline. Many people lack discipline when investing. If, for example, they own a stock that is temporarily down, they may quickly sell it even though the company still has good prospects. But investment clubs, by their very nature, tend to have a long-term focus. Members are interested in following investments over time, not buying and selling at a frantic pace. And the most successful investors are the ones who hold quality investments for many years.

- The "cons"**
- Clubs are limited in scope. Even the most active club can only look at a tiny fraction of the many investment opportunities available. To build a portfolio that can help meet all your important financial goals, you have to consider the entire spectrum of investments. Consequently, you cannot rely on your investment club exclusively for your investment solutions.
 - Recommendations are not personalized. Make sure that you're comfortable with a club's investment philosophy and its risk tolerance. For example, one club might be willing to accept a higher level of risk in exchange for potentially greater returns. On the other hand, another club may be more conservative in nature. It's essential that you choose a club with which you're comfortable. But even when you find a club whose approach to investing is compatible with yours, keep in mind that group decisions can never take the place of recommendations tailored to your individual needs - and you can only get that type of guidance from a qualified, experienced financial advisor.

Your membership in an investment club can be enjoyable and educational. So, if you decide to join a club, make the most of it - but keep its benefits in perspective.

Questions:

- (1) True or False - Membership in an investment club encourages disciplined investing.
- (2) True or False - An investment club is the only tool you need for successful investing.

Answers to last week's questions: (1) True (2) False.

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OTHER VIEWS

Ex-GOP leader's careless remark just won't go away

Lewiston Morning Tribune

"I'm sorry." These words admit a mistake or misdeed and express sincere regret. Not in politics.

When politicians say these words, they often mean, loosely translated, "If I apologize, will you get out of my face? You're hurting me politically."

Look at former Idaho Republican Party Chairman Trent Clark.

In 2001, a reporter for the *Spokesman-Review* quoted Clark as saying, "You probably cannot find an African-American male on the street in Washington, D.C., that hasn't been arrested or convicted of a crime." Ouch.

Clark quickly apologized to the Idaho branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Then he filed a libel suit against the *Spokane (Wash.)* newspaper, arguing he was misquoted. Clark claims he said, "I know of no African-American males in Washington, D.C., who don't have a least a couple of friends who have been arrested or convicted of a felony."

The Idaho Supreme Court just ruled against Clark in the libel suit. Still, he might be telling the truth. Clark didn't meet the legal burden of proof to win his case, but it boiled down to the reporter's word against Clark's. Clark's record reflects a pretty decent guy.

He was one of the GOP's more progressive leaders. He regretted how his party killed legislation to remove the word "squat" from Idaho place names. He supported racial profiling of Hispanics and also endorsed affirmative action. So why the apology to the NAACP?

If he made the remark quoted by the paper, he lied by trying to blame it on the reporter. His apology is insincere and meaningless. He's telling the truth, he apologized for something he didn't do — an equally insincere and meaningless gesture.

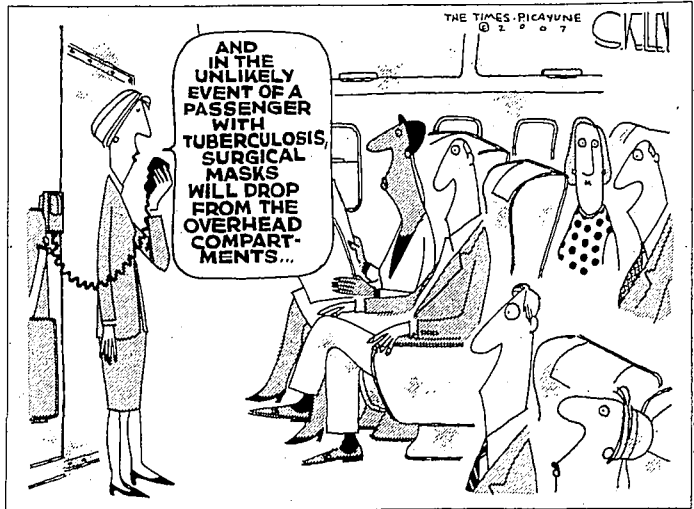
Such is the nature of political mea culpas. Clark's biggest mistake was to keep talking six years ago when he insisted on opening his mouth, he should have added context — talking about his belief that black people face discrimination by police.

Instead, he issued apologies that became disingenuous as soon as he launched his lawsuit.

All the libel suit did was make sure a quote with limited shelf life lived on for years after its expiration date.

No matter what Clark really said at first, he said too much later. It's a common political trap. He has a lot of company down there in the pit.

Their view:
The Lewiston Tribune says former Idaho Republican Chairman Trent Clark, a good man, should have left well enough alone. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Dying for a nation that's not

HAROLD MEYERSON

Of all the absurdities attending our unending war in Iraq, the greatest is this: We are fighting to defend that which is not there.

We are fighting for a national government that is not and but sectarian, and has shown no capacity to govern. We are training Iraq's security forces to combat sectarian violence though those forces are thoroughly sectarian and have themselves engaged in large-scale sectarian violence. We are fighting for a nonsectarian, pluralistic Iraq, though whatever nonsectarian and pluralistic institutions existed before our invasion have long since been blasted out of existence. We are running 2005 parliamentary elections, the one nonsectarian party, which ran both Shiite and Sunni candidates, won just 8 percent of the vote.

Every day, George W. Bush asks young Americans to die in defense of an Iraq that has ceased to exist (if it ever did) in the hearts and minds of Iraqis. What Iraqis believe in are sectarian or tribal Iraqs — a Shiite Iraq, a Sunni Iraq, an autonomous Kurdistan Iraq, a Moslem Iraq, a Shi'ite Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani or Muqaddah al-Sadr or some other chieftain holds sway. These are the Iraqs for which Iraqis are willing to kill and die.

When their merits and their shortcomings, they are

at least rooted in reality. These Iraqs have adherents and territory. The Iraq for which Bush compels Americans to fight has neither.

One of the mysteries of the current discussion of how best to get out of Iraq is that so many otherwise clear-eyed critics of administration policy say we should withdraw our combat troops but leave units behind to train Iraqi forces. As rational policy, it's vastly preferable to leaving combat forces there as well, but it leaves unanswered the question of which Iraqi forces, exactly, we should train. Those of the current Shiite-dominated Nouri al-Maliki government, which has employed Shiite forces to terrorize Sunni areas? What would we train these forces to do? Be more tolerant of the Sunnis? Would that we could, and would that we could train Sunnis to be more tolerant of the Shites, but these are matters not subject to training.

When Gen. David Petraeus testified to Congress in September, he should be asked how many nonsectarian units the Iraqis are fielding. In actions that effectively build a nonsectarian Iraq. If the answer is zero, Congress could declare that it is U.S.

policy to bolster Shiite Islam alternatively, Sunni Islam — with the force of our arms. Or maybe, just maybe, it could begin mandating the withdrawal of American forces.

It cannot, alas, compel the Bush administration to engage in the wide-ranging diplomacy that could result in a formal partition of Iraq that might be less bloody than the de facto partition currently under way. The president argues that the presence of U.S. forces in Iraq is all that prevents an all-out civil war there. Unless you believe, however, that the U.S. occupation can magically quell or outlast Iraq's sectarian strife, then an internationally and domestically negotiated partition should be the most urgent task of U.S. statecraft.

Many of my antiwar friends were furious at Democratic congressional leaders for their failure to attach withdrawal deadlines to or cut funding from our occupation of Iraq — a failure chiefly attributable to the simple fact that the votes weren't there for either option. What they should have done, however, is that the much more heavily Democratic Congress that hastened the end of the Vietnam War during Richard Nixon's presidency did so by passing a series of incremental measures that eventually nudged Nixon's warmaking powers a bit more than

the last. In succession, Congress banned the use of funds for military actions in Laos and Thailand, then (after Nixon ordered the invasion of Cambodia) banned the use of ground forces in Cambodia. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, one of the Democrats' foremost doves, three times introduced an amendment that would have ended U.S. involvement in Vietnam within nine months of enactment, but it never passed.

Thank the Democrats, and their dovish Republican allies, four full years to pass a cutoff of funds for U.S. ground forces in Vietnam, by which point Nixon had already pulled all ground forces out (though the legislation kept him from putting those forces back in, which was not a mere academic possibility). That hardly means that Mansfield betrayed the cause of peace, but it does mean that Nancy Pelosi's failure to shut down the war means that she sold out to the Bush administration.

Mansfield put one antiwar bill after another to a vote, winning more and more support each time around, leaving Nixon with fewer and fewer options. Pelosi is steering the same course, for a war even more reckless and absurd than Vietnam.

Meyerson is editor-at-large of *American Prospect* and the *L.A. Weekly*.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dairy industry uncaring about damage they cause

Thank you, Marvin Lively. Another voice of reason in this convoluted mess known as confined animal feeding operations.

When you noticed that every time the commissioners, whether it be Jerome or Gooding county, try to look at this issue, Nareebout immediately threatens lawsuits? The dairy industry insists on forging ahead regardless of the damage that it is doing to our water, land and general existence in our day-to-day lives.

As Mr. Lively stated, it is getting more and more difficult to step out the door and not smell CAFO odors. Have you also heard of the add-on to the war funding bill? The dairy industry added an approximately \$9 billion to go to subsidize dairy farmers. They don't make enough money now? Take a look around. The dairies have the most expensive equipment, the largest houses and drive the latest and greatest vehicles.

On the matter of greed, the Magic Valley is just a big hog at the trough. The water battles have begun with threats of

shutting off water to pumpers and farmers and yet the growth continues. Magic Valley, where are we going to get the water for all the new businesses, houses and new CAFOs? Do you think that you can just go to the store and buy more?

I used to love living in the country. Now the sweet smell of fresh hay is smothered with the smell of ruminating filth and the country sounds have been replaced with the constant drone of feed equipment. KIMBERLE A. HELSLEY Butli

Trade agreements have no social justice

Americans have always believed themselves special, unique, a country ruled by a Constitution, bill of Rights and system of law, not by man claiming right to rule by deity. Americans galvanized at countries they viewed as beautifully written constitutions they never obeyed.

Then President Clinton signed the North American Free Trade Agreement, thereby unleashing lawless geo-economic rascals who bought congressmen, thereby blocking

checks and balances and a government serving the needs of its citizens, thereby rendering the middle class meaningless.

President Bush finished the obscenity authorizing the Central American Free Trade Agreement, thereby promising a world of one gigantic market without any social justice.

Now, the Iraqi war of choice has plunged citizens into icy water, wakening them to their grandchildren's future: a population of two classes: rich and poor, no middle class.

"Do you hear that sucking sound," Ross Perot preached? It goes out and in. Factories whoost out to communist China that sells us poisoned goods, and whoost out with illegal aliens from Mexico, willing to work for near-slave wages.

A decreasing number of conflicted politicians have proved incapable of stopping the sucking out and whoost. They preach ad nauseam bumper sticker sermons laden with fears and prejudices to middle class and poor puzzled citizens; but the fact is they represent special interests doing all the swooping and whoost and underclass citizens repeatedly

vote against their own best interests.

Histerians have said that it's the nature of empire to establish two groups and dominate both. Empire will bring wealth to the few and mid-numbing misery to the others, as I have expressed in the folk song "I own my soul to the company store."

Let's end NAFTA, CAFTA, the World Trade Organization and socialism for corporations. Let's return illegal aliens south of the border. Let's save this generation's grandchildren from lives of dulling servitude. GIANT UPTAIN Hagerman

Girl will continue to hunt and be proud of it

I appreciate those people who supported me — Emma Osborne, Abby Evans, Jill Clark, Monica Glenn, Chris Newbury, Kristen Kock, Tanya Walker, and Young Scott, Earle, Lauren Robinson, Todd C. White and anyone else I might have forgotten to thank.

To the rest of the people who criticized me, I really don't care what you think of me. I will continue to hunt and be proud to supply my

family with meat. Maybe those who hate the killing or torturing of animals should do some research into the torturing and killing of innocent animals so you can wear your makeup. Don't many of you wear leather shoes that came from an animal? Get a life! (Read Genesis 3:21 in the Bible.) Oh and by the way, my dad has taken more pictures of wildlife than any of you tree huggers ever will.

MARIA JACKSON Rupert

Law officers victims of faulty equipment

It's true that the department has "double standards" and other flaws. Is any one person, company or business perfect? No, although it is true law enforcement officers need to be held to a higher standard.

It is very important for the public to understand that the deputies that work for the sheriff's department are indeed people of great character and, in no way, should it be considered that Capt. Hughes, Lt. Benefield or Sgt. Hoop are at fault for operating defective equipment. After all, they don't repair their own equipment.

They just happened to be the unlucky recipients of faulty equipment in July 2006.

I would like the public to know that I do not, in any way, have ill feelings against any sheriff's department deputies. They are without a doubt, one of the greatest people I have ever worked with. The sheriff's department's administration, on the other hand, is another story.

Finally to Sgt. Brown: I know that we come under heavy criticism for your decision of a few weeks ago (canoeist citations) and, right or wrong, you are still one heck of a good cop.

Again, I apologize for any misunderstandings that occurred in my last letter that may have offended any deputies — I know firsthand your working conditions. I meant no disrespect to any departmental personnel except administration, who needs to be held accountable for their actions or lack thereof.

ROBBIN STUBBLEFIELD Twin Falls
(Editor's note: This letter was originally part of a larger letter that was shortened and ran in May.)

OPINION

Sgt. Pepper: It was 40 years ago

Yes, it's been 40 years since Sgt. Pepper, having labored the previous 20 years teaching his band to play, arranged for its debut in full psychedelic regalia. It leveraged a little help from his friends, notably the vocalist Billy Shears and a riverboat owner named Lucy who had apparently made her fortune in the diamond business. Pepper realized that good music-making requires the expanding of horizons. A recent "trip" inspired him to incorporate tabla and sitar into the music. The band exhorted us to sit back and let the evening go so that they could track on, musically, lyrically, and blow our minds for the next several days.

It has been 45 years since Mitch Miller, head of A&R (artists and repertoire) at Columbia Records, dismissed the Beatles as "the lunka hooops of music." Will Beatles songs still be loved when baby boomers are 64? Will they inspire future generations? Or will their music die with those who became intoxicated by their wit and charisma during the music's "magic" 60s?

A hundred years from now, musicologists say, Beatles songs will be so well known that every child will learn them as nursery rhymes, and most people won't know who wrote them. They will have become sufficiently entrenched in popular culture that it will seem as if they've always existed, like "Oh! Susanna," "This Land Is Your Land" and "Frere Jacques."

Great songs seem as though they've always existed, but they weren't written by anyone. Figuring out why some songs and not others stick in our heads, and why we can enjoy certain songs across a lifetime, is the work not just of composers but also of psychologists and neuroscientists. Every culture has its own music.

DANIEL J. LEVITIN

every music its own set of rules. Given the relatively deep-rooted neural networks in our brains that encode the rules and syntax of our culture's music. Through a lifetime of listening, we learn what is essentially a complex calculation of statistical probabilities (instantiated as neural firings) of what chord is likely to follow what chord and how melodies are formed.

Skillful composers play with these expectations, alternately meeting and violating them in interesting ways. In my laboratory, we've found that listening to a familiar song that you like activates the same parts of the brain as eating chocolate, having sex or taking opiates. There really is a sex, drugs and rock-and-roll part of the brain: a network of neural structures including the nucleus accumbens and the amygdala. But no one song does this for everyone, and musical taste is both variable and subjective.

Today the Beatles catalog is loved cross-culturally — the product of a six-year burst of creativity unparalleled in modern music. The Beatles incorporated classical elements into rock so seamlessly that it is easy to forget that string quartets and Bach-like counter-melodies and bass lines did not always populate pop. Music changed more between 1963 and 1969 than it has in the 37 years since, with the Beatles among the architects of that change.

Paul McCartney may be the closest thing our generation has produced to Franz Schubert — a master of melody, writing tunes anyone can sing, songs that seem to have been there all along. Most people don't realize that "We Maria" and "Serenade" were

written by Schubert (for that his "Moment Musical in F" so resembles "Martha My Dear"). McCartney writes with similar universality. His "Yesterday" has been recorded by more musicians than any other song in history. Its stepwise melody is deceptively complex, drawing from outside the diatonic scale so smoothly that anyone can sing it, yet few theorists can agree on exactly what it is that McCartney has done so well. The timelessness of such melodies was brought home to me by Les Boreades, a Quebec group that has recorded Beatles music on baroque instruments. The instruments give the sense that they're being Bach or Vivaldi, and for moments it's possible to forget that you're listening to Beatles songs. We're used to hearing Beatles songs that for many of us they no longer hold any surprises. But when they're played on a baroque production and the personal and social associations we have with them, you can hear the intricate and beautiful interplay of rhythm, harmony and melody.

On his new recent radio played "And Love Her," and a Portuguese immigrant about my grandmother's age sang along with her eyes closed. How many people can hum even two bars of Beethoven's Fourth Symphony, or Mozart's 300th birthday, or 160 seconds of these to an audience of 700 — including many professional musicians — but not one person recognized them. Then I played a fraction of the opening "ball" of "Eleanor Rigby" and the single guitar chord that opens "A Hard Day's Night" — and virtually everyone shouted the names.

To a neuroscientist, the longevity of the Beatles can be explained by the fact that their music created subtle and rewarding schematic violations of popular musical forms.

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Levitin, a former record producer, is a professor of psychology and music and the author of "This Is Your Brain on Music: The Science of a Human Obsession."

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Make the losers pay all court costs, fees

Reference your editorial on "Thursday, May 31": My solution is to make the loser in court battles pay all court costs and lawyers fees for both sides. That's it! Immediately, the burden is placed on the party who is wrong.

RAW L. MANLEY
Buhl

Now is the time to demand more society

Perhaps it is time for Americans to speak up and demand a more civil society. NBC drew a line with truth. Why not the producers of "Hip-Hop"? They call it art, but it's crude and caters to the young and the vintnerlike.

President Kennedy put it

squarely on the shoulders of us all when he stated, "... ask what you can do for your country."

OK, let's complain to the media. It's mindless shows and tell sponsors we'll not buy their products.

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MEMORIAL



K.J. Choi, of South Korea, watches his tee shot on the 15th green during the final round of the Memorial golf tournament Sunday in Dublin, Ohio. Choi birdied the hole and won the tournament with a final score of 17-under-par.

Lesson learned

Early Nicklaus studying pays off for Choi in Memorial win

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

DUBLIN, Ohio — K.J. Choi figured the best way to learn to play golf was to study books by Jack Nicklaus and spend hours watching video of golf's greatest champion. It was only fitting Choi celebrate the biggest victory of his career at the Memorial on Sunday with a handshake from Nicklaus that was as meaningful as the trophy.

Choi ran off four straight birdies on the front nine to take the lead, then finished with three clutch par saves from the bunkers and gallery to close with a 7-under 65, giving him a one-shot victory over Ryan Moore.

Inside:
Castrale wins
Ginn: Roberts soars to Boeing victory.

It ain't that p o u n d e d Muirfield Village in the morning set up a shootout among a half-dozen players, all of them with a good chance to win until they either ran out of time, ran out of birdies or took themselves, out of the tournament with untimely blunders.

Choi could have been on that list. After a two-putt birdie on the 15th to reach 17 under, he saved par from the bunker on the 16th with a 7-foot putt, chipped out of the gallery to 15 feet and made that for par on the 17th, then blasted out of the sand on the final hole to 5 feet and made that one.

Nicklaus, the tournament founder, stood behind the 18th green and waited with open arms when Choi finished at 17-under 271.

Moore ran off five straight birdies until he had to settle for par on the 18th for a 66. All he could do then was wait for Choi to make a mistake, but the South Korean was strong to the end.

"It is in his hands," Moore said. "He had control of the tournament. It was up to him, and he played well all week and all day."

Rod Pamplung, who had a three-shot lead to start the final round, gave himself a chance with a 30-foot eagle putt on the 15th hole to get within one shot of Choi. But on the 17th, Pamplung went long and into the gallery, stubbed a chip and was lucky to escape with bogey. He closed with a 72 and tied for third with Kenny Perry, who shot 63 despite finishing with three straight pars.

Adam Scott also left Muirfield Village with a bitter taste. Despite a bogey on the par-5 11th that stalled his momentum, he birdied the 15th and 16th to get within one shot, but three-putted from the fringe on the 17th, badly missing a 6-footer for par.

Highs, lows and Victory Lane

Lopez gets second win, Gomez stripped of victory at MVS

By Linda Brittan
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Patience payed off for Brian Lopez as he won his second Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks main event of the season Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway.

Lopez started the race in 14th in a field of 16 cars after just making to the track minutes before the start of the 30-lap race. Lopez had been participating in a battle of the bands contest and never got behind the wheel for any practice laps. However, the car was ready to go when Lopez arrived and once the race began, he quickly started working his way through the pack.

Shaun Wills started the race from the pole position but was overtaken by Calvin Jackson who was on the fast track for the lead right from the start. A caution at lap 11 for a wreck on the front stretch resulted in injuries to the No. 37 car of then points leader Jim Howard, who needed a trip to the pits for damage control. Fortunately for Lopez, the commotion was behind the race, the commotion was behind the race, the commotion was behind the race.

Jackson assumed the front position as the race resumed, and by lap 15, he had a nine car-length advantage over the field. In the meantime, Lopez was determined to make his way toward the front — and was able to take command of the show at lap 19. It was smooth sailing for Lopez at that point, with the No. 55 car crossing the finish line nearly five seconds ahead of runner-up Jackson.



Brian Lopez (55) moves his way through the field en route to his second Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks main event win this season.

"The caution played into my favor for sure," Lopez said. "Patience really helps. You never know what's going to happen. But I was really good on the outside tonight. That's where I passed most of the cars. It was a good night, I was really happy."

The win is Lopez' second of the season. The victory propelled him into the lead in the point standing for the first time this year.

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Rain postpones the Nextel Cup race at Dover International Speedway

DOVER, Del. (AP) — The NASCAR Nextel Cup race at Dover International Speedway was postponed until today because of rain.

Heavy rain Sunday forced NASCAR to push back a Nextel Cup race for

the third time in the last four points races. The Autism Speaks 400 will start at noon today.

Ryan Newman and Dale Earnhardt Jr. will start on the front row at the Monster Mile.

Williams, Henin set up French Open rematch; Sharapova gets by

By Howard Feinrich
Associated Press writer

PARIS — Death, divorce, illness, injuries, a lawsuit. Set tennis aside for a moment, and ponder just how much Serena Williams and Justine Henin have dealt with since the last time they met at the French Open.

That was in the 2003 semifinals, as bitter a big match as this sport has produced lately. A pro-Henin crowd cheered Williams' mistakes, then booed her off the court. During a teary news conference after her loss, Williams accused Henin of "lying and fabricating" about whether she'd held up a hand to stop play.

"It seems," Williams said Sunday, "like decades ago."

They set up a Roland Garros rematch in this year's quarterfinals with matter-of-fact victories Sunday: No. 8-seeded Williams beat No. 10 Dinaara Safina of Russia 6-2, 6-3, while No. 1 Henin defeated No. 20 Sybille Hammer of Austria 6-2, 6-4.

Less than half an hour after No. 2 Maria Sharapova's 3-6, 6-4, 9-7 win against No. 14 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland, Sharapova saved two match points, was two points from defeat in 11 occasions, and broke when Schnyder served



United States' Serena Williams reacts after winning a point against Russia's Dinaara Safina in a fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday. Williams won 6-2, 6-3.

for the match at 5-4, 6-5 and 7-6 in the third set, then again in the closing game.

"Don't count on me giving up," Sharapova said.

Like in that 2003 Williams-Henin match, there was a question about gamesmanship. As Sharapova started her service motion at 7-7, 30-Love, Schnyder tried to call time. Sharapova went ahead and hit — she said she saw Schnyder's hand after finishing the serve — and when Schnyder led the ball to go by, Sharapova had her first ace of the tournament.

From that moment on, fans jeered and whistled derisively at Sharapova, including when

she would pump a fist after winning a point, when she went to the change racks in the middle of a game, and when the match ended.

Sharapova had no regrets. "It's tough playing tennis and being Mother Teresa at the same time," said Sharapova, who next meets No. 9 Anna Chakvetadze.

The other women's quarterfinals are 2004 U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova against No. 7 Ana Ivanovic, and No. 4 Jelena Jankovic against No. 6 Nicole Pietrangeli.

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HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Corey Rogers, Cassie Vierstra top District VI all-around standings

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Cassie Vierstra of Filer and Corey Rogers of Minico finished first in the all-around standings as the District VI regular season ended on Saturday afternoon at the district finals.

After winning her third all-around and qualifying for state in each of the five events she competes in, the other competitors in the district probably won't be too sad to see the cowgirl hit the road to Texas for college in the fall. Vierstra dominated the goat tying with a total of 143.50 points as Paige Yore of Declo finished a distance second with 107.50. Kelsea Krenka of Buhl (91) gave Vierstra (94) a run for first in breakaway and only ended trailing the leader by three points at season end. Vierstra finished fifth in barrels and sixth in poles and team roping with Andrew Taylor of Filer.

Rogers (335) and Cody Wadsworth of Kimberly (278) had a close race early for the top spot. After Filer, Rogers only held a three-point lead over Wadsworth. Both cowboys had a good weekend in Rupert but Rogers was a little better which enabled him to open the margin to 16 points. The gap became wider when Rogers started putting points on the board in saddle bronc. When the finals began on Friday, Rogers held a lead of 31 points over Wadsworth.

On Saturday, Rogers finished first in calf roping. He was fourth behind the winner, Tyler Wadsworth of Kimberly, second place Kade Rogge of Minico and Wyatt Holtman of Buhl River in steer wrestling.

Travis Clelland of Filer rode 11ightup for 44 points in barrel racing. There were no qualified rides in saddle bronc.

Inside:
See who qualifies for state.

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Cavs' James has moved to the head of the class

By Tomo Winters
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — As confetti danced in the electrified air around him and a feverish hometown crowd roared and rolled the night away, LeBron James was handed a new baseball cap and T-shirt.

Perhaps a tassel cap and gown would have been more appropriate.

Four years after skipping college to play in the pros, James earned his NBA degree in superstardom.

On Saturday, with a ravenous city placing its hopes for a

championship in his able hands, the Cavaliers' forward delivered his fourth straight clutch performance as Cleveland eliminated the Detroit Pistons 99-82 in Game 6 and advanced to the finals for the first time in its 37-year history.

"This is the first step to greatness," a dazed James said during a quiet moment sitting in front of his locker. "It feels like a fantasy."

But Sunday dawned with a startling reality: Cleveland, where kids learn at an early age that rooting for the local

sports teams can lead to a lifetime of pain and suffering, is finally on top.

"At least until Thursday, when the Cavaliers will face the San Antonio Spurs in Game 1 of the finals.

For now, James has given Cleveland a moment to savor just as he promised he would when the Akron high school prodigy was drafted by the Cavaliers with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2003 draft.

"I said I was going to fight it up like Las Vegas in Cleveland," James recalled following Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals.

There are no casinos or dancing water fountains dotting Ontario Street, which will never be mistaken for the Vegas Strip. But the wild scene of delirium — strangers overflowing with joyful Clevelanders — outside Quicken Loans Arena could rival almost any happening on a Saturday night in the Nevada desert.

Four years ago, it would have been impossible to imagine the Cavs, a 17-win team the season before James' win the Detroit Pistons, 99-82, to win the NBA Eastern Conference championship Saturday.

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Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James holds the trophy after the Cavaliers beat the Detroit Pistons, 99-82, to win the NBA Eastern Conference championship Saturday.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Temperatures will be in the cooler with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s.
Tonight: Skies will become mostly cloudy overnight. Lows will be in the mid to upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Much cooler with isolated thunderstorms possible in the afternoon and evening. Highs in the low 70s.

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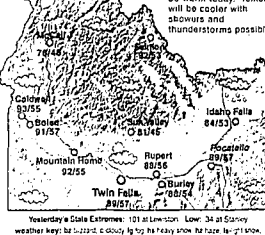
Today: Slightly cooler with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 60s to around 70.
Tonight: A few more clouds overnight. Lows will be in the lower to mid 50s.
Tomorrow: Temperatures cooler with late-day isolated thunderstorms possible. Highs in the 70s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 High pressure that has been over the area lately will start to break down today, so temperatures will be a little cooler. A cold front tomorrow will cause showers, thunderstorms and cooler temperatures.

BOISE Today will continue to be hot, but these temperatures will not be unbearable. A cold front tomorrow will bring temperatures down to near normal and will create showers and thunderstorms possible.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Temperatures will again be warm today. Tomorrow will be cooler with showers and thunderstorms possible.



Yesterday's State Temperature: 101 in Lewiston. Low: 34 at Stanley. Weather key: Sun = 6-11 a.m. Partly cloudy = 6-11 a.m. Partly cloudy = 6-11 a.m. Partly cloudy = 6-11 a.m. Partly cloudy = 6-11 a.m.

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Partly cloudy and a cooler	Increasing clouds	Cooler with isolated showers possible	Much cooler, partly mostly cloudy with showers	Mostly cloudy early with decreasing clouds	Partly cloudy and near average
High 69	Low 67	72 / 52	64 / 46	68 / 47	74 / 48

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 71, Low: 47	0.00"	68%	30.1	6:01 AM - 8:01 AM	Grass, Pine, Walnut
Normal High/Low: 72 / 48	Normal Month to Date: 0.12"	Today's Maximum: 70%	Today's Minimum: 30.1	Barometric: 30.1 AM - 30.1 AM	Grass, Pine, Walnut
Record Low: -23 in 1896	Normal Year to Date: 0.24"	Today's Minimum: 30%	Today's Maximum: 30.1	Sunrise: 6:01 AM - 8:01 AM	Grass, Pine, Walnut

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Boise	68-78	62-72	58-68
Burley	68-78	62-72	58-68
Idaho Falls	68-78	62-72	58-68
Rupert	68-78	62-72	58-68
Twin Falls	68-78	62-72	58-68

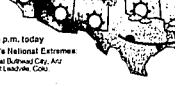
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Atlanta	78-88	72-82	68-78
Chicago	68-78	62-72	58-68
Denver	68-78	62-72	58-68
Houston	78-88	72-82	68-78
Los Angeles	78-88	72-82	68-78
New York	68-78	62-72	58-68
San Francisco	68-78	62-72	58-68
Seattle	68-78	62-72	58-68
Washington	68-78	62-72	58-68

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
London	68-78	62-72	58-68
Paris	68-78	62-72	58-68
Tokyo	68-78	62-72	58-68
Sydney	68-78	62-72	58-68
Auckland	68-78	62-72	58-68
Wellington	68-78	62-72	58-68

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Calgary	68-78	62-72	58-68
Edmonton	68-78	62-72	58-68
Halifax	68-78	62-72	58-68
Montreal	68-78	62-72	58-68
Ottawa	68-78	62-72	58-68
Regina	68-78	62-72	58-68
Saskatoon	68-78	62-72	58-68
Vancouver	68-78	62-72	58-68
Winnipeg	68-78	62-72	58-68

Open

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 Two men's quarterfinals were set Sunday. No. 1 Roger Federer tied John McEnroe's Open era record for consecutive Grand Slam sets won at 35 with a 7-6(3), 6-4, 6-4 victory over No. 13 Mikhail Youzhny of Russia. Federer takes No. 9 Tommy Robredo for a semifinal spot, and No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko of Russia plays No. 19 Guillermo Canas of Argentina.
 Henin has won 29 consecutive sets and two straight titles at Roland Garros; Williams has won her past 11 Grand Slam matches. As well as both are playing right now, any discussion of what's to come Tuesday on Court Philippe Chatrier is tied to what happens in that same spot exactly four years ago — and everything that's happened to them since.
 "I don't want to reflect on that anymore. I let it go. And obviously she did. Or whether she didn't or not, it doesn't matter anymore. This is a tennis match," said Williams, 6-3 against Henin. "It was what it was, but we're both different people now."
 That they are.
 On June 5, 2003, each was 21 and seemingly without a worry in the



world.
 Williams was ranked No. 1, with four consecutive major titles for a self-styled "Serena Slam," plus was beginning to dabble in acting.
 When Henin won the French Open two days later, she collected the first of what are now five major trophies; by October, she was ranked No. 1. Plus, she was a new widow, and added her husband's last name, Hardenne, to her own after they were married in November 2002.
 "It seems very far away," Henin said

Rob Federer, of Switzerland, returns a ball to Mikhail Youzhny in a fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament, at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris. Sunday, Federer won 7-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Sunday, thinking back to 2003. "A lot of things happened in our careers, in our personal lives, and we probably grew up a lot."
 She skipped the Australian Open in January while going through a separation from her husband. She only recently re-established a connection with her estranged father and siblings; her mother died of cancer in 1994.
 And Henin was away from the tour for months at a time in 2004 and 2005 because of an energy-sapping blood

virus and assorted injuries, including to her knee and back.
 Williams' list of health problems is long, too, including left knee surgery in August 2003. She missed each of the past two French Opens, and her lack of matches contributed to her drop to 14th in the rankings in 2006.
 There have been other distractions, such as spending time in court with two tennis promoters' sons, her sister and father for breach of contract in connection with a proposed "Battle of the Sexes" match.
 The worst, of course, was the shocking death of her half-sister, Yvetunde Harte, in September 2005. During the trophy ceremony at this year's Australian Open, Williams' voice cracked with emotion when she said she was dedicating her eighth Grand Slam title to Price.
 "I've been through a lot. It takes a strong person to be able to be at the bottom of the barrel and be able to come back. And I was completely — I was beyond the bottom of the barrel," Williams said Sunday. "It's hard to be able to come back."
 But that is precisely what she's done, off the court and on.

Castrale tops Ochoa at LPGA's Ginn Tribute

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — Nicole Castrale chased down the world's No. 1 player for her first LPGA Tour victory, beating Lorena Ochoa with a par on the first hole of a playoff in the Ginn Tribute.
 Castrale closed with a 1-under 71 to beat Ochoa (74) at 9-under 279 on the River/Towne Country Club course. Castrale earned \$390,000.
 Ochoa, 0-for-4 in playoffs, was up by six shots Saturday and was still ahead by two shots with three holes to play Sunday. However, bogeys on the 16th and 17th holes dropped the Mexican star into a tie and a wayward tee shot into a marsh on the playoff hole, the 18th, cost her the title.

Roberts takes Boeing Championship

DESTIN, Fla. — Loren Roberts won the Boeing Championship for his first Champions Tour victory of the year, closing with a 6-under 65 for a three-stroke victory over Argentine Eduardo Romero.
 Roberts finished with a 16-under 197 total on the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort's Raven Golf Club. He earned \$247,500 for his sixth victory in three seasons on the 50-and-over tour. Romero finished with a 69.
 Bob Gilder (65) and Tom Purtzer (71) tied at third in 12 under, and Jay Haas (73) and Dana Quigley (66) followed at 11 under.
 —The Associated Press

LeBron

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 hyped arrival, playing for a title. But the 22-year-old, whose multimillion-dollar endorsement deals and rising celebrity have made him a dribbling, dunking American idol, decided it was time to begin fulfilling his destiny by taking his teammates to new heights.
 The Cavaliers became just the third team to overcome an 0-2 deficit to win the conference finals, a stunning turnaround after what happened in Games 1 and 2 at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich.
 The opener ended with James deferring to teammate Donyell Marshall for the final shot, a wide-open 3-pointer that rimmed out and gave Detroit a 79-76 win. The Pistons won Game 2 by the identical score after James, criticized for not shooting after Game 1, failed to get a call or get off a clean shot in the closing seconds.
 But in the final three games, James

who dropped 48 on the Pistons in a transcendent Game 5 performance, rebounded his diverse and abundant skills, averaging 33.3 points, 10.6 rebounds and 4.0 assists as the Cavaliers closed out their Central Division rivals one year after losing a seven-game series.
 Did he just grow up?
 "I don't know why people say that," he said. "I'm still the same player. If I get double-teamed and the game is close, I'm going to pass it again. If we make the shot, I'm on top of the world. If not, then I'm under a lot of trees and leaves. I'm fine with me. I'll take the criticism that comes with it."
 "I'm the leader of this team."
 Unlike in Game 5 when he took over and carved up the Pistons by scoring Cleveland's final 25 points, James was patient in the series clincher. He attempted just two shots in the first half, but had five assists, seven

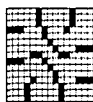
rebounds and made 9-of-11 free throws.
 After halftime, James seemed to toy with the Pistons. They sent one, two and three defenders to try and stop him, and James made them pay by feeding rookie Daniel Gibson, who made 5-of-5 3-pointers and scored a season-high 31 points — 22 of them in a 27-10 sprint.
 "I told Daniel before the game, 'Detroit is going to double-team me, triple-team me before I cross half-court, so get that gun and get it locked and loaded and just shoot it,'" said James, who had 20 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists. "Don't second-guess yourself, just shoot it." And when they closed out on him, he drove the ball to the rim and made free throws."
 Gibson finished 12-of-15 from the line, and his emergence as a dependable scorer will give the heavily

favored Spurs more to consider as they plan for James.
 "LeBron told me to step into my shot and shoot it with confidence," Gibson said.
 When the King orders, you obey.
 In James' second trip to the playoffs, he came of age.
 In the biggest games of his life, he dominated.
 In a city without a major sports championship since 1964, he has given hope.
 If he had been like any other teenager and enrolled at Ohio State or North Carolina after getting his diploma from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, James would be winding down his final semester of college.
 It's a time for 21- and 22-year-olds to let loose, a final blowout before beginning careers and the rest of their lives.
 James seems to have his mapped out nicely.

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Heroic effort credited for rescue as 40 hit by motorist at D.C. street festival

By Lubna Tukur
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Neighbors and rescue personnel threw children out of the path of a speeding car that plowed through a crowded street festival, preventing more serious injuries than the 40 people struck, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty said Sunday.

A 4-year-old boy with a broken leg was the only person still hospitalized a day after a woman's car sent people and strollers flying, leaving debris and injured bodies strewn in her wake.

"I can't believe that we're actually saying that, right now, everyone is going to pull through," Fenty said. He credited "some unbelievable heroism" by citizens and rescuers. Authorities believe the driver, Tonya Bell of Oxon Hill, Md., was going about 70 mph when she tore through Unifest, a church-sponsored street festival in southeast Washington.

Bell was treated for an ankle injury and was in police custody pending arraignment Monday, police said. She was preliminarily charged with aggravated assault while

armed. The "armed" designation is because she used a vehicle. Marcellus Jackson's father saved the boy's life by throwing him out of the way of the speeding car, Fenty said. The father, Vincent Hayes, was then hit by the speeding car head-on but was OK.

"The car just passed so fast, and all of a sudden I just heard people screaming," said the boy's mother, Denise Jackson. "I turned around, and it was like bodies falling out of the sky."

The boy was expected to be discharged Monday, said

Emily Dammeyer, a spokeswoman at Children's National Medical Center.

Some questioned why Bell was not stopped after she was seen driving erratically and striking an unmarked police cruiser 20 minutes before the rampage. Police Cmdr. Patrick Burke said officers had followed Bell's 1991 Volvo, but were told to stop because the traffic violation did not pose a threat to officers. They responded after people were struck.

Officials were still waiting for toxicology results. Burke confirmed that some

witnesses said Bell may have been smoking something and laughing as she drove through the crowd.

Bell had a 7-year-old girl in the car with her whose identity was not released. The child was not injured and was taken by Child Protective Services.

Burke said additional charges expected Monday would likely include assault on a police officer while armed. Two police officers working at the festival were thrown off their motor scooters when they drove in front of the car in an attempt to stop it. They suffered minor injuries.

Docs say kids need healing from 'heeling' on rolling sneakers

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Trendy wheeled sneakers that let kids zip down sidewalks, across playgrounds and through rooms could also send them rolling into emergency rooms on a stretcher, say doctors who blame a rash of injuries on the international craze.

It's called "heeling," named after Heelys, the most popular brand. The toys sold in 70 countries and are so hot that their Carrollton, Texas, maker, Heelys Inc., recently landed atop BusinessWeek's annual list of fastest growing companies.

But doctors from Ireland to Singapore reported treating broken wrists, arms and ankles; dislocated elbows and even cracked skulls in children injured while wearing roller shoes.

Over a 10-week period last summer, 67 children were treated for injuries from Heelys or strap-on wheels called Street Gliders at Temple Street Children's University Hospital in Dublin, Ireland, according to a report in the June edition of Pediatrics.

From September 2005 through December 2006, one death and at least 64 roller-shoe injuries were reported to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, a spokesman said last week.

In Singapore, a Singaporean reported last year that 37 children had been treated for similar injuries at a hospital there during a seven-month period in 2004. None were wearing protective gear.

The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, based in Rosemont, Ill., this week is issuing new safety advice that recommends helmets, wrist protectors and knee and elbow pads for kids who wear wheeled shoes.

"As these shoes are sold in department stores, parents buying them may develop a false sense of security — that they are like any other shoe," said Dr. James Healy, academy president and a pediatric orthopedic surgeon in Memphis.

Heelys and their knockoffs look like gym shoes, but with wheel sockets in each heel. They can be used for walking, but the wheels can catch and users shift their weight to their heels.

Balancing on the wheels can be tricky, especially for novices. In the Irish study, most injuries were in new users and occurred when kids fell to transfer their body weight.

Dr. Lynn Benson of Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, in Evanston, Ill., recalled treating a 9-year-old girl who'd had her Heelys for just a week when she fell and broke both wrists.

Nine-year-old Noah Wolfel of Davidsonville, Md., wasn't a novice but still tripped and fell, breaking several fingers and wrist bones in his right hand last year.

"It took was a tiny piece of gravel in the driveway that went up in the wheel and stopped him cold," said his mother, Nancy. "He required surgery and pins, and he was six weeks without using his hand, right at the beginning of school."

She threw the removable wheels away and said other parents should know about the risks.

Dr. Dominic Catanese, a foot specialist at Montefiore Medical Center in New York, said balancing on heels can strain feet and Achilles tendons. He has treated several Heelys-related ankle injuries and won't let his 7-year-old daughter have the shoes.

"She wants them. Not happening. Just like I took away her trampoline" after reading about trampoline injuries. "It went right to Goodwill," Catanese said.

Mortgage loan loophole

Services that lets home buyers piggyback on others' credit roils industry

By J.W. Eplinsone
Associated Press writer

Only a low credit score stood between Alipio Estruch and a mortgage to buy a \$449,000 Spanish-style house in Weston, Fla., a few miles west of Fort Lauderdale.

Instead of spending several years repairing his credit rating, which he said was marred by two forgotten cell phone bills and identity theft, the 37-year-old real estate agent paid \$1,800 to an Internet-based company to bump up his score almost overnight.

The result was a happy ending for Estruch, but the growing practice is sending shivers through the mortgage industry. Federal regulators are also reviewing the practice. And after being contacted by The Associated Press for this story, Fair Isaac Corp., the developer of the widely used FICO score, said it will change its credit scoring system beginning later this year in a way it contends will end this little-known but potentially high-impact mortgage loan loophole.

Instantcreditbuilders.com, or ICB, helped Estruch boost his score by arranging for him to be added as an authorized user on several credit cards of people with stellar credit who were paid to allow this coattailing. Parents also use this practice when they add their children to their credit cards to help them build solid credit.

The pitch to the service is essentially renting their credit history for pay is seductive: You don't need to worry about users of this service receiving duplicate copies of your credit cards, account numbers or any of your personal information. It's essentially free money, they are told.

Brian Kinney, 44, a retired Army officer in Glendale, Calif., pulls in more than \$2,500 a month by lending out 19 credit card spots on two old Citibank cards with strong payment histories. Kinney, whose FICO score is above 800 on the scale of 300 to 850, quit his job at a Farmers Insurance Agency and uses the ICB income to tide him over until he starts his own insurance agency.

Lenders are worried, however, that they're taking on greater default risks by unknowingly offering lower interest rates than they otherwise would to applicants who artificially boost their



Alipio Estruch is shown at his home in Weston, Fla., Thursday. To qualify for a mortgage, the 37-year-old real estate agent paid \$1,800 to an Internet-based company to bump up his credit score almost overnight.

credit scores. Their trade group has complained to the Federal Trade Commission and is talking with the credit reporting bureaus in case the practice becomes more widespread.

Estruch paid \$1,800 in December for three credit card spots, and by January, his FICO score jumped from 550 to 715. In mid-March, he closed on his four-bedroom beige stucco house after obtaining a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage from a unit of American Home Mortgage Investment Corp. It carried a 7.5 percent interest rate and required no down payment.

"Everything now is score driven. I had a great mortgage history, but I got hurt because of my credit score," said Estruch, who also works as a mortgage broker, had bought and sold two houses previously, and currently owns another home in New York. Estruch

said he's current on his mortgage payments.

Companies like Largo, Fla.-based ICB are sprouting on the Internet with little overhead and no-frills marketing. They post ads on community Web sites like Craigslist and have sponsored links on Google and Yahoo. Competitors of ICB have even reached out to mortgage brokers, lenders and real estate agents, flooding their e-mail mail advertisements.

Jason Lallosiere, who founded ICB a year and a half ago, said his company receives 100 to 150 new leads daily — a number that has been growing — and those inquiries lead to 10 to 20 new clients a week.

ICB charges \$900 for the first credit card account, with a discount for additional ones. The cardholder allowing the piggybacking on his or her credit

history can receive \$100 to \$150 per slot, depending on the age and credit limit of each card. ICB pockets the rest.

The effect on a credit score can vary depending on what else is in a client's report. But one borrowed credit card account can increase a score between 30 and 45 points, two between 60 and 90 points, and five between 150 and 205 points, according to ICB. That's because the computer program that calculates scores is essentially tricked into believing the credit center has a better repayment history when it sees the added accounts, and that helps lift the credit score.

Once the credit card company files an updated report to credit bureaus — leading to a higher FICO score — the credit center is removed from the account of the person allowing the piggybacking.

Immigration bill would put some high school grads on fast track

By Nancy Zackerbrod
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — At 23, Mariana is finishing up her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Los Angeles, and has been accepted to a master's program at Harvard University's education school.

But life is not so simple for Mariana, who insisted that only her first name be published because she is illegally in the United States and worries she could be deported to Guatemala, where she was born.

"I'm even afraid of eating an apple in the library because I'm afraid of getting



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caught," she said.

Mariana also worries about how she will pay her tuition and what kind of work she will get after she completes school.

"What happens next? Without a work permit, how do you exercise your degree?" she said during a recent interview.

Mariana is among an estimated 50,000 undocumented students in U.S. colleges today. These students would be

among the people who could work benefit from a part of an immigration bill that the Senate plans to resume work on this week.

Children born in the United States to undocumented parents are granted citizenship automatically. A section of the new legislation deals with illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children. They would gain temporary legal status when they graduate from high school as long as they agreed to enroll in college or enlist in the military.

They would be put on a fast, three-year path toward getting their permanent resident status and their green cards. While waiting for that, the students would be eligible for federal

student loans and could work legally — options not available to them now.

The overall bill would help roughly 12 million illegal immigrants. For most, it would take a minimum of eight years to get a green card. The larger group also would have to pay fines that would not be imposed on the high-school graduates who came to the U.S. as kids.

In all, about 1 million people now in the country illegally could potentially benefit from the provision aimed at children. Those include students currently in elementary and secondary schools. Current law allows children in the U.S. illegally to get a free K-12 education. They can go to most col-

leges if they can pay their way.

The immigrants who would benefit from the provision must have been age 15 or younger when they were brought to the U.S. and must have arrived before January of this year. People older than 30 when the law is enacted would not benefit.

While the bill is the subject of widespread debate, the provision addressing students is popular. Advocates say they will try to add it to other bills moving through Congress if the immigration legislation does not pass.

"I'm going to look for every chance I can find to make this the law," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., a chief supporter of the idea.

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 ♠ A 8 7 5
 ♥ 9 8 3 2
 ♦ Q 10 3
 ♣ Q 6

David Bird and Barbara Seagram have proposed a number of useful tips in their book "25 Ways to Be a Better Defender."

Here is a deal where playing third hand high is a mistake because it provides an extra entry to dummy. You are East today. Your partner, West, leads the club five against three no-trump, reached after North has transferred into spades, then ebulliently offered a choice of games. What is your plan for the defense when the club jack is played from dummy?

According to the writers, at least half of the world's Easts (maybe they are being ungenerous!) will play the club queen. Declarer wins and plays on spades. Nor, even if East holds up the spade ace, declarer will eventually reach dummy with the club 10 to enjoy the long cards. Incidentally, the same would happen if South held club K-7-4 instead of his actual holding.

Sitting East, you should play low at trick one, aiming to kill the club entry to dummy. Declarer plays on spades and you win the second round. You return the club queen and clubs are cleared. The contract cannot then be made.

Rising with the club queen is a good idea only when West holds the club ace-king, which is very unlikely on this bidding. It would mean that South had no stopper in either black suit for his strong no-trump opening. Playing low, the recommended play, stands a great chance of killing dummy's spade suit.

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2♥ Pass
 2♠ Pass 3NT All pass
 *Transfer to spades

Opening lead: Club five

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South leads:
 ♠ A K 10 2
 ♥ 10 6 2
 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ J 4

South West North East
 Dbl. 5♣ Pass Pass
 Dbl. All pass

ANSWER: Lead a trump. The only way declarer is going to manage to score a significant number of tricks is on a crossruff. Since declarer will not be able to discard spade losers anywhere, a spade lead is not top priority. Leading trumps against sacrifices is normally right, unless it will obviously cost a trick.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Hansen City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday June 11, 2007 at 6:30 PM to take comments on the proposed increase on water and sewer service. Water fees will increase from \$11.45 to \$12.60 and sewer fees from \$14.05 to \$15.40.
The meeting is held at City Hall, 389 Main Street.
PUBLISH: May 28 and June 4, 2007

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) and the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor (IDCL) invite public comment on the State Of Idaho Program Year 2006 Consociating Annual Performance Report or CAPER, between June 4, 2007 and June 19, 2007. The plan has been drafted to comply with federal requirements for housing, and community development funding programs. The report addresses federal block grant programs administered by IHFA and IDCL, including Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program, the Home Investments Partnerships Program (HOME), American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) and the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) during the most recent program year ending March 31, 2007. The report describes activities outside those administered by Idaho's five entitlement communities: Lewiston, Boise, Nampa, Idaho Falls and Pocatello.
Besides accepting written or electronic comments (see below), IHFA and IDCL will host a public hearing to obtain comments from interested individuals and/or organizations on June 18, 2007 from 4:30 pm to 6 pm in IHFA's first floor conference room 1855 West Myrtle, Boise, Idaho. Participants may request a reasonable accommodation up to three working days in advance to facilitate participation in the hearing. Submit requests to Erik Kingston at 1.877.438.4472 / TDD 1.800.545.1833 Ext. 400, by email to enrik@ihfa.org, by fax to 208.351.4803 or by mail to Idaho Housing and Finance Association, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho, 83707-1899.
Copies of the draft report may be reviewed at the following locations from 9/AM to 6/PM: 9/AM
Via the internet at www.ihfa.org listed under "Grant Programs," or at community.idaho.gov www.community.idaho.gov under "Plans and Strategies".
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IHFA's Boise office and branch offices located at: 965 W. Myrtle, Boise; 390 W. Sunnyside, Idaho Falls; 1130 Falls Ave. E. Ste. B, Twin Falls; 215 10th St., Ste. 101, Lewiston; and 610 W. Hubbard, Bay 124, Coeur d'Alene.
Following the public comment ending June 19, the plan will be amended to reflect public input and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval. Additional copies of the draft document may be obtained by calling the IHFA Grant Programs Department, 1.877.447.2697, TDD 1.800.545.1833, Ext. 400 or by sending an email to enrik@ihfa.org. Please indicate how you would like to receive your copy and provide the appropriate contact information.
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The hearing will take place in the County Commissioners' Office, 425 Sheehane St. North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho.

/s/Tom Mikosell
Tom Mikosell, Chairman

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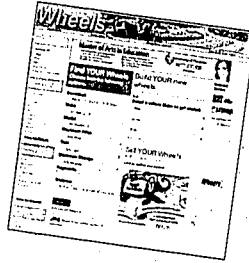
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The value of a helping paw

Hailey nonprofit trains companion animals for the disabled

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — In many ways, Makenzie Ellsworth is a typical 15-year-old. She has highlighted blonde hair, wears scuffed jeans and hooded sweaters, and is looking forward to turning 16 this month.

Since Aug. 12, though, the Kimberly girl's life hasn't been typical.

She was in a car accident that broke her neck, leaving her at first with no muscle control from the neck down. After many surgeries and months in a Salt Lake City hospital, today several fused vertebrae give her upper body mobility, but she uses a wheelchair to get around.

About Positive Partners Assistance Dogs

Positive Partners Assistance Dogs is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Hailey that trains dogs as companions for people needing physical assistance. While not associated with Canine Companions for Independence or Assistance Dogs International, the organization hopes to help create standards for training assistance dogs. They use operant conditioning (clicker training) to custom-train dogs for each individual. Unlike many other training organizations, Positive Partners has the individualized assistance work with the dog during its training as much as possible. This helps create a bond and a mutual knowledge base between the dog and its future owner.

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Executive director Fran Jewell

It isn't easy, and Makenzie often has to ask for help. Soon, she'll have it — in fuzzy, black, four-legged form.

Before school starts this fall, Makenzie hopes to bring home Wyatt, an English Labrador, who will be trained to help her with everything from dropped pencils to run-away wheelchairs to doors that are difficult to open.

"It'll make me feel better, because I won't need to ask for help, because he'll be there," Makenzie said. "I can go do my own thing and not



Makenzie Ellsworth of Kimberly is excited to throw a stuffed animal for Wyatt, who is in training to be her companion dog. Ellsworth was seriously injured in a 2006 auto accident, and she hopes Wyatt will be able to help her with difficult tasks like picking up dropped objects when his training is complete.

have to worry."

Training Wyatt is Fran Jewell, executive director of Positive Partners Assistance Dogs, a Hailey nonprofit organization that focuses on training each dog to address the specific needs of the person the animal will be helping.

"Look at her face light up when he's with her," Fran said, watching Wyatt lay his head in Makenzie's lap as they enjoyed a few moments of shade under a tree during a break from training together. "She can't wait until she comes home with her ... We still have a few more things to learn."

A few times a month, Makenzie's mother, Kelly Williams, drives her daughter from their Kimberly home to Hailey, where they meet with Wyatt, Fran and the dog's rais-

er. During these sessions, Makenzie learns how to instruct Wyatt in the things the Lab has learned since she saw him last.

"At a recent session, Wyatt was fitted with a harness that has a stiff handle," and Makenzie learned how to hold the handle, combining hand movement with verbal commands to instruct Wyatt to pull her forward. "It was a new skill for Makenzie and a fairly new skill for Wyatt, but after half an hour together, they were comfortable enough to navigate a course studded with orange safety cones."

When Wyatt comes home to live with Makenzie, he'll use this skill to pull her up ramps or to assist her when she's tired.

"He'll save my muscles,"

Makenzie said. "If I push all the time, I strain them."

Other skills Wyatt will know by the time his training is complete? How to push the access button for handicap-accessible doors, how to pick up items Makenzie left or dropped on the floor, how to brace her so she doesn't need anyone else to get into or out of her wheelchair, how to open latch-handled doors, how to retrieve her wheelchair if it rolls away from her, how to turn lights on and off, even how to pull bed covers on and off.

Since her accident, things that she took for granted, such as rising from bed, are much more difficult tasks, Makenzie said.

"Getting up in the morning is totally different. It takes a good 10 minutes just to get



Wyatt, a black Labrador, is in training to be a companion dog for Makenzie Ellsworth of Kimberly. When he is trained, he will be able to pull her up grades, pick up dropped objects, open doors and brace her as she gets in and out of her wheelchair, among other tasks.



Today, getting in and out of her wheelchair is a task Makenzie Ellsworth of Kimberly, center, needs assistance with. When her companion dog is fully trained, he will be able to brace her during the movement. At right is Ellsworth's mother, Kelly Williams. Also helping Ellsworth here is her father, Robin Williams.

your body up," she said. "I can pretty much do everything, it's just a lot harder than it used to be."

With Wyatt around, many of those things will be easier, and she'll be able to do more of them on her own.

For Makenzie's mother, her worries are fewer knowing that Wyatt will be with Makenzie all the time.

"One of the main things for me as a mom is, people are going to look twice when she's out with this big Lab," Kelly said. "In a mom, she's 15 years old, and there are crazy people."

And seeing her daughter regain some of the confidence and self-reliance she lost when the car crashed has been priceless.

"She sees she can be independent," Kelly said. "She's determined she's going to get up and walk."

Although the benefits Makenzie will receive from Wyatt may be priceless, the dog himself is not.

Positive Partners Assistance Dogs purchased the Lab when he was a young puppy — from a licensed breeder, so they could be certain of his physical health and genetic suitability

— and Fran estimates that by

the time he goes home with Makenzie, his training will have cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

The organization asks "the families" for whom it trains the dogs to contribute \$5,000 toward those costs, and the rest is paid for through donations and other fundraising.

It won't turn down a family that can't raise the capital, but the dog's future owner must be able to emotionally and financially support the dog's day-to-day needs for food, shelter and medical care. The family must also be willing to raise funds for the organization and commit their own time to the training.

Wyatt is the second dog that Positive Partners has trained since it was founded in 2003. The first went to a legally blind woman who lives in Hawaii, who did not qualify for a standard seeing-eye dog. The woman's companion animal has made an enormous difference in her independence. "It opened the world to her," Fran said.

Fran hopes to continue helping people with disabilities navigate their world through the help of assistance dogs, and said she has four families on a waiting list now. She encourages applicants from southern Idaho, but will consider individuals across the country.

The organization is always seeking volunteers, for fundraising, puppy raising and donations of dogs, whose health and pedigree are documented. Months of training would be wasted if a dog developed a health condition. Fran

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Step right up, up, up

The Washington Post

If ever there were proof that high fashion requires a pain threshold of equal height, it's found in this season's "must-have" platforms.

Having swelled to dizzying proportions, the shoes are teetering off the catwalk and onto the sidewalk. (Though we can't imagine much

meaningful striding — or even driving — in these. They are for those blessed with a chauffeur or, at least, cab fare.)

"They're certainly ambitious for anyone to wear," says Susan Rolontz, executive president of the ToBe Report, a New York-based group of trend analysts. "But these are the shoes that are

influencing design."

At one end of the spectrum: Chanel's patent platform peep-toes in cork stitched with the venerable house's signature quilting (Nine West has just released a suspiciously canny homage).

At the other: Gucci's 4 1/2-inch spikes. Designer Frida Giannini's spring collection was steeped in '60s sex

appeal, and she accentuated her mod miniskirts with these mirror-adorned suede sandals.

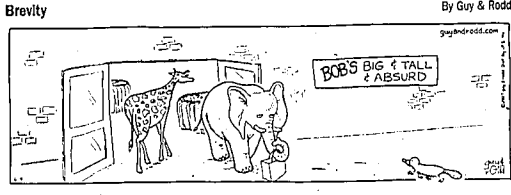
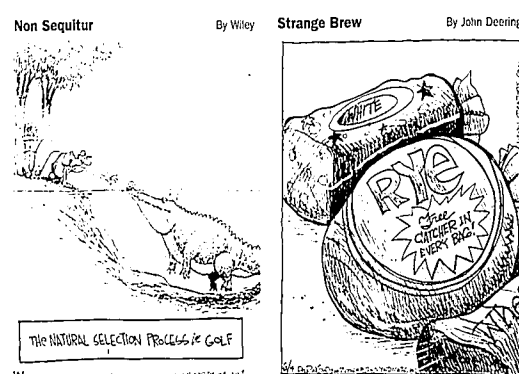
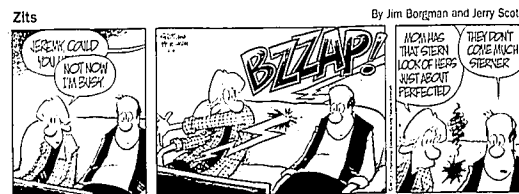
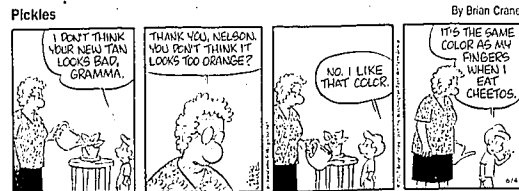
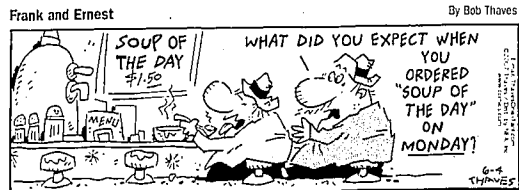
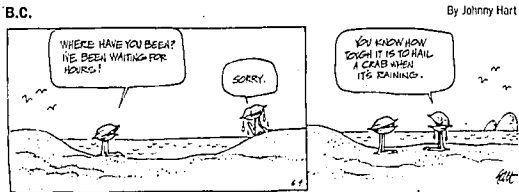
"In reality, you've got your ballet flats that you wear, but you stop on the corner just before you get to wherever you're going and strap on these," Rolontz says. "I mean, isn't that why we have these big bags?"



Proof that high fashion requires a pain threshold of equal height can be found in this season's "must-have" platforms. From top, Gucci suede sandals (\$850) with 4 1/4-inch spikes and mirror accents, and Chanel cork wedges (\$595).

The Washington Post

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Your tranquility creates success, Pisces

IF JUNE 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The dreams you have between now and the end of the month are attainable, but perhaps not in the way you currently envision. You might meet that special someone this summer or between Christmas and the end of January or if you are already in a relationship it could become closer. Because people admire your talents, you will be able to make huge strides with your career at the end of the year or at the beginning of next year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Explore and conquer. Set your sights on distant targets and don't rest until you reach them. Expect to receive enthusiastic cooperation from your peers on an important job or project.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look for shared aims, goals and values. Reduce discord by concentrating on the underlying unity behind perceptible differences. You and an adversary may have a common cause or commitment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It is time to modify your goals or the way in which you approach them. Leave the safety of familiar places and ideas to explore unfamiliar territory. It is a good time to

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most new people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be too proud or too shy to ask for help or assistance when you need it. The wolf at the door may have distracted you from seeing the fairy godmother waiting patiently in the wings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Accentuate the positive. There is room in your life and in your heart for tolerance and different views. What seemed eccentric yesterday could become acceptable today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Those in close connection may shy away from intimacy. Make a public display of your affection by sending flowers or holding someone's hand. Be sure to voice your high regard for someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Life's garden can offer you much to be thankful for. Err on the side of generosity and give everyone the benefit of the doubt. No one can steal something you are willing to give away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Your sense of values and self-worth has a great deal to do with your hopes and dreams for the future. Spend wisely and invest in things that are rooted in something vital.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take your time. You might paint your views with such a broad brush that you overlook the details. It is possible that you inspire someone else who has a knack for finer brushstrokes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be respectful of the old order but willing to bow to new and upcoming trends. Even when things change, you need patterns in life to feel safe. It is safe to overstep familiar boundaries.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Remember that no one has a monopoly on the truth. There may be a few moments when you tread in gray areas, but your personal blinders won't let you see anything but black and white.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There's more to you than meets the eye. You don't need applause or a pat on the back to keep following your heart. Still waters run very deep and it is your tranquility that creates success.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



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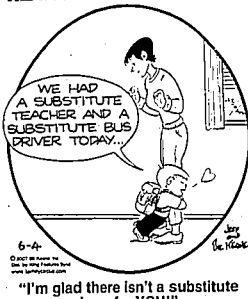
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Leaking faucets are torture for wife married to a big drip



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Every faucet in our house has a slow drip — the kitchen sink, the bathtub, the upstairs bathroom. My husband "Earl" insists on the kitchen drip is that he wants to replace the entire sink and countertop, so "we'll do it all then." For the one in our bathtub, he says, "We're going to tear all that out anyway and put in a new tub." Earl avidly watches home improvement shows and drags me to home improvement stores to look at the replacements, but never buys anything or follows through with any projects.

I am willing to approve anything that gets the drips stopped, whether it's a faucet replacement or a whole new kitchen. Earl is fully capable of doing the job himself and has all the new tools.

I am told that he takes the same approach to the old truck he's going to fix up, the painting that needs to be done, the porch to be replaced and other projects. He is full of talk, but to myself I refer to him as "the Big Drip." How do I get him to fix the problem?

—DRIPPY'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: Give your husband a deadline to get the leaks fixed. If he doesn't meet it, then schedule an appointment with a plumber who will. The same goes for the other chores that need to be done. Home improvement is your

responsibility placed on your shoulders. Perhaps you need some respite from taking care of your grandfather, so you can just be a teenager once in a while.

Please do not think you are the only advice-giver who can't advise herself. When someone is emotionally involved in a situation, it is almost impossible to be objective. And yet, objectivity — and compassion — are the most important qualities necessary when dispensing advice, and you appear to be capable of both.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and confused. My friends are always coming to me for advice on their relationships and anything else they need help with. I always give them advice they need. I come right out and say what I need to. But one thing I can't do is give myself advice on what I need.

Could it be that I'm better at helping others than myself? I have always been the one who would do anything for anyone and help whoever needs it. I'm only 16, but I don't feel like a fool more like an adult.

I feel mainly helping my mom with her mother (my grandmother) because my grandmother is recovering from a stroke. I love my life, but sometimes I forget that I am only 16.

—CONFUNDED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CONFUNDED: It's easy to forget that you are still a young person with so much

responsibility placed on your shoulders. Perhaps you need some respite from taking care of your grandfather, so you can just be a teenager once in a while.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter's boyfriend just asked my ex-husband for our daughter's hand in marriage. My mother died several years ago and left me a lovely diamond cocktail ring. I would like to offer the stone to my future son-in-law. Perhaps he would like to have it reset for an engagement ring.

It may not even be intending to give her a diamond ring. He may have something else in mind — and that's OK. I just need to know if it's proper for me to offer him the ring.

—DIANA IN NEWYORK CITY

DEAR DIANA: There is nothing bigger about it. Of course it's all right — and generous, too. If you are asking for my blessing to offer it, you have it.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, June 4, the 154th day of 2007. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On June 4, 1942, the Battle of Midway began during World War II.

On this date:

In 1783, the Montgolfier brothers first publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon, which did not carry any passengers, over Annonay, France.

In 1784, Elizabeth Thibble became the first woman to fly aboard a Montgolfier hot-air balloon, over Lyon, France.

In 1876, the Ottoman Empire turned over control of Cyprus to the British.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was incorporated in San Francisco.

In 1896, Henry Ford made a successful pre-dawn test run of his horseless carriage, called

a "quadricycle," through the streets of Detroit.

In 1940, the Allied military evacuation from Dunkirk, France, ended.

In 1947, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a House-Senate conference report on the Taft-Hartley Act.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Bao Lu signed "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1979, Joe Clark of the Progressive Conservatives became the 16th prime minister of Canada.

In 1989, hundreds, possibly thousands, of people died as Chinese army troops stormed Beijing to crush a pro-democracy movement.

Ten years ago, at the Oklahoma City bombing trial, prosecutors urged the jury to sentence Timothy McVeigh to

death, calling relatives of the victims to testify about their agonizing loss.

Five years ago, President Bush said the CIA and FBI had failed to communicate adequately before the Sept. 11 terror attacks; Congress began extraordinary closed-door hearings into intelligence lapses. A panel of U.S. Roman Catholic bishops called for a zero-tolerance policy against priests who molest children in the future and a two-strikes-out policy for those guilty of past abuse. Japan ratified the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at cutting emissions of heat-trapping gases.

One year ago, Pm's former president, Alan Garcia, won the country's presidential runoff election. A Palestinian standoff intensified after Hamas rejected an ultimatum from President Mahmoud Abbas to endorse a plan implicitly recognizing Israel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Howard M. "Doc" Hollander is 90. Actor Bruce Dern is 71. Musician Roger Ball is 63. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 62. Singer Gordon Waller (Peter and Gordon) is 62. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Flesk) is 55. Actor Buster Poindexter is 55. Actor Keith David is 51. Actress Julie Ghobson is 49. Actor Eddie Velez is 49. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 46. Actress Julie White is 46. Tennis player Andrea Jaeger

is 42. Actor Scott Wolf is 39. Actor Noah Wyle is 36. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 33. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 33. Actress Angelina Jolie is 32. Rock musician Jolo Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 27.



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THOUGHT

"When you betray somebody else, you also betray yourself."

— Isaac Bashevis Singer, Polish-born American Nobel Prize-winning author (1904-1991)

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TO DO FOR YOU

Caregiver support

Family Caregiver Support Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today at South Central District Health's conference room on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

Angel Jewell, CSI Office of Aging's information and assistance representative, will discuss community resources in the Magic Valley. For information, call Lulam at CSI Office on Aging at 736-2122.

Bariatric support

The Bariatric Support Group for patients who have undergone bariatric surgery will meet at 7 p.m. today at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 508 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. For information, call 280-1337.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. This week's topic will be the Moms Club. The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddlers. The class is free. Call 324-7262.

About Alzheimer's

Rosetta Hiland will hold Alzheimer's Support Group meetings from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the center, 1919 Hiland Ave. in Burley. The meeting is for Mini-Cassia residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. Call Maquiel Wrigley at 677-5451.

Happy babies

"The Happiest Baby on the

Block" class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Parents will learn how to help babies sleep longer and how to soothe fussy infants. Cost is \$20, which includes a parenting kit. Preregistration is required; call 732-3148.

About childbirth

The first class of the prepared childbirth class series will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. Topics will include pregnancy, nutrition, relaxation and massage. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person. The suggested fee is \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

About weight management

"Making Peace with Food: How to Manage Your Weight Naturally" will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, this class through July 24, at the College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. Megan Osborne, licensed professional counselor and eating disorder specialist, will discuss emotional eating, dieting cultures, body image and managing weight naturally. The fee is \$80. To register, call the North Side Center at 934-8678.

About diabetes

Diabetes education classes will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday and June 20 at Dr. Emery's office, 526-D Shoop Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Topics will include diet therapy, medication administration, foot care, hypoglycemia treatment and home monitoring of blood sugar. Under the guidelines of the American Heart Association, the class includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants.

The cost varies, and insurance companies can be billed. Cash-paying participants will be charged the Medicare rate. Preregistration is required; call 736-6218.

About back injuries

Back School, a course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoop Ave. W. in Twin Falls. The class will include information on basic spine anatomy, common injuries and discusses that lead to back pain, as well as instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury. Cost is \$25. To register, call 737-2126.

About infant care

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer the sixth class of the prepared childbirth series from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. Topics will include infant care and early parenting. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person. The suggested fee is \$5. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

Learn CPR

A Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's Education Center, 508 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Learn CPR

Under the guidelines of the American Heart Association, the class includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Cost is \$20. Preregistration is required; call 732-3148.

Parenting class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer a 1-2-3-4 Parents class from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, this week through June 21, at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. The free class is for parents with children ages 1 through 4. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

Big Kids Klub

Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's Education Center, 508 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. The class helps prepare siblings for a new baby. Participants need to bring a photo of themselves. Cost is \$10 per family with two or more children. Preregistration is required; call 732-3148.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to the Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W. or e-mail ramona@magicvalley.com.

Dogs

Continued from page D1 said, so she insists on such documentation.

Despite the cost and the effort to raise money, Fran keeps training assistance dogs because of the emotional reward when she sees the difference they make in the lives of the people they help.

"People are so relieved; they have a sense of freedom and a sense of pride. It brings a sense of self-worth, a sense of self-value back to your life," she said. "Now you have freedom and locomotion and independence. Besides, the companionship!"

For Makenzie, who has loved animals all her life and still has pet dogs at home, all of these benefits are important. Having her dog feel more normal, as she continues her education, navigates the world, and deals with people — some who stare or don't know how to interact with her.

With Wyatt, "They look more toward the dog and how cute he is. That draws some of the attention off of you," she said. "I know if I do get in a situation I couldn't originally get out of, he can help me. I will feel a little safer, having him around."

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For men, more incentive to move

The Washington Post
Regular aerobic activity is not only tied to better mood, improved sleep and a lower risk of death. It's also associated with a lower risk of colon polyps and colon cancer in men, according to a study in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention. Researchers at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle randomly

assigned 100 healthy women and 102 healthy men, aged 40 to 75, to two groups: One was prescribed an hour of moderate to vigorous exercise six days per week; the other received no exercise prescription. After a year, an inspection of the lower colon lining showed less cell growth among men who did intense exercise than among those who exercised less. No such relationship was found among women, however.

Bicycle for diabetes cure on June 23

Times-News
TWIN FALLS — The American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure, a bicycling event to raise money for research for a cure for diabetes, will be held here June 23. There will be rides of 100, 50, 25 and 10 miles. Check-in is at 7 a.m., and the event starts at 7:30 p.m. at Gold's Gym, 1471 Fillmore St. The registration fee is \$15. All routes will begin and end at Gold's Gym. Outback Steakhouse will provide lunch at the finish line along with activities, including a dunk tank and jumping castle. To register, log on to <http://www.tourdiabetes.org> or call Altranda Flemings at (200) 421-2944.

Studying or scanning benefits

The Washington Post
29: Percentage of young professionals who said they spent more than a half-hour reviewing their benefits after enrolling in a health insurance plan
28: Percentage who said they took 11 to 30 minutes

43: Percentage who said they took less than 11 minutes — or, in 13 percent of the cases, no time at all
Source: An online survey, conducted for Actua and the Financial Planning Association, of more than 700 people aged 18 to 24 enrolled in a health benefits plan

A WILD HAIR
Hair grows in the darndest places on human beings — ears, nose, on the faces of women and between eyebrows. Find out how to get rid of it.

NEXT WEEK IN IMAGE

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IRA STRETCH-OUT

QUESTION: What should I keep in mind when attempting to maximize IRA benefits for my spouse and family members?

Highly technical rules govern your options. Here are some general guidelines:

1. Delay withdrawals for as long as possible. The payout commencement deadline is April 1 of the year following the year you turn 70 1/2.
2. Choose wisely in each of two other matters prior to the arrival your payout commencement deadline. Those decisions are:
 - Minimum payout calculation method. You have two choices. The correct one depends on whether the beneficiary is your spouse or another family member. If it is a family member - his or her age may have a bearing on the decision you should make.
 - Beneficiary designation, if your spouse does not need the income payable from your IRA at your death, greater wealth can be accumulated by choosing a child or grandchild as beneficiary.

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