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Ready for justice

Idaho downwinders applaud request for oversight hearings

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Between 1951 and 1962, Idaho and surrounding states were targeted by the federal government to receive radioactive fallout from nuclear test explosions conducted at the Nevada Test Site.

Decades later, people who were exposed to the fallout — called downwinders — are paying the consequences.

Downwinders in the Gem State, however, still are not considered for fall-out compensation, despite a 1997 study by the National Cancer Institute that showed four of the top five counties in the country hit by radiation from

weapons testing are located in Idaho.

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), passed in 1980, allows victims in 21 counties in southern Utah, eastern Nevada and northern Arizona who suffer from any of 19 different cancers to receive up to \$75,000.

But Idaho's downwinders are optimistic they too will receive compensation from the government. Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson and Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah, have requested an oversight hearing on RECA and its July 2000 amendments, with the possibility of expanding legislation to

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Irene Hoisington, 75, of Twin Falls breathes through her neck and uses an electronic voice amplifier when speaking. Hoisington says her throat cancer was caused by fallout from weapons testing conducted at the Nevada Test Site between 1951 and 1962.

Otter wants to sell state land to create land trust

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has announced that he will create a \$50 million land trust to protect farmland, ranches, timberlands and wildlife habitats, with the money for the program generated by selling state land.



Otter

Money for the "Land Legacy Trust" would also

come from a settlement with the Bonneville Power Administration for impacts to wildlife habitat from six federal dams in Idaho. The money from that settlement has not yet been negotiated.

"While Idaho's growth brings many benefits to our state, we need to balance growth with stewardship to ensure Idaho remains a place where farmers, ranchers and loggers can earn a living and where hunters, anglers and all Idahoans have access to our lands and our wildlife," Otter said.

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Readers' Choice

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Forty years of interracial marriage

Mildred Loving reflects on breaking the color barrier

By Diane Walker
Associated Press writer

MILFORD, Va. — Reporters no longer beat a path to the modest white house just over the Caroline County border — and that's fine with its owner, a soft-spoken 67-year-old who never wanted the fame her marriage brought her.

Born Mildred Jeter, she's known mostly by the name she took when she — a black woman living in segregated Virginia — dared break the rules by marrying a white man named Richard Loving. The union landed the Lovings in jail, and then before the U.S. Supreme Court, and finally in the history books: 40 years ago Tuesday, the court ruled in favor of the couple, overturning laws prohibiting interracial unions and changing the

face of America.

Mildred Loving is a matriarch to thousands of mixed couples now sprinkled in every city. But she hardly considers herself a hero — just a girl who once fell in love with a boy.

"It wasn't my doing," Loving told The Associated Press. In a rare interview. "It was God's work."

While the rest of the Jim

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Richard P. Loving and his wife, Mildred, in 1965. Residents of Caroline County, Va., the Lovings married in Washington, D.C., in 1958. Upon their return to Virginia, they were convicted under the state's law that banned mixed marriages.

THE GOVERNMENT OFFERED TO PAY FARMERS TO LET THEIR LAND DRY UP. SOME ACCEPTED THE OFFER. BUT WAS IT ...

THE RIGHT CHOICE?



Brian Huettig turns on a groundwater pump at a well on his Hazelton farm last week. Huettig is a groundwater pumper who signed up for a joint state-federal program that pays him to fallow his land.

Magic Valley farmers wrestle with uncertainty over water

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Brian Huettig was running a break-even farm last October when the rumors started.

Groundwater pumpers suspected the state might shut down their wells come spring — a scary notion for Huettig, not yet 30 years old with a pregnant wife and plenty of pressure to sustain the family farm.

That's about the same time he learned how to guarantee his family a steady income well into his unborn daughter's teens. But there were strings attached to the deal: The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program pays farmers to give up their water, and acres in the program are exempt from well curtailment. But farmers must agree to not touch their

land for 16 years.

Huettig had to gamble. He thought about putting the whole farm into the program. He thought about doing nothing. He thought about his family's future. Sometimes it's the decisions we make in the face of uncertainty that matter most — decisions that shape our lives, families and hopes for the future.

In the end, he chose to enroll about 80 acres into the program, hedging his bets that wells could be shut down before he could produce a big crop or sell the land for profit.

Stroke of luck

Eight months later, Huettig says he made the right choice. The state announced in May that it planned to shut down more than 700 wells to free up

water for users with more senior rights.

Last week, Huettig zipped across dirt roads near his farm on an ATV, stopping here and there to turn on a pump or shut one off. His thigh-high rubber boots crunched bits of rusty pipe near one well that was recently replaced. The 400-foot-deep well wasn't producing as much water as it had when it was installed 15 years ago. Huettig said the water table on the farm is falling by about one foot every year.

Farmers are gamblers, Huettig said, and the CREP conundrum is just one of hundreds of risks irrigators face every spring. "It's a risk I think you take, a risk you take putting it under," he said. "You just hope you're not curtailed. And I'm glad it's something I don't have to worry about now."

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Forecast: World's Alzheimer's cases to quadruple by 2050

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 26 million people worldwide have Alzheimer's disease, and a new forecast says the number will quadruple by 2050.

At that rate, one in 85 people will have the brain-destroying disease in 40 years, researchers from Johns Hopkins University conclude.

The new estimates are being presented Sunday at an Alzheimer's Association conference in Washington.

The biggest jump is projected for Asia, home of almost half of today's Alzheimer's cases, 12.6 million. By 2050, Asia will have 62.8 million of the world's 106 million Alzheimer's patients, the study projects.

A recent U.S. study estimated that this nation's Alzheimer's toll will reach 16 million by 2050, compared with more than 5 million today. The new estimate is significantly lower, suggesting only 3.1 million North American cases today and 8.8 million by 2050.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Partly cloudy with increasing clouds and maybe a rumble of thunder. Highs in the upper 70s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers performing, with show at noon and jamming from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

CHURCH EVENTS

Non-denominational church service and picnic, celebrating Jerome's Live History Days, 10 to 11 a.m.

SPORTS

Women's Sporting Clay Shoot, sponsored by Women in the Outdoors National Wild Turkey Federation South Hills Strutters Chapter with raffles, prizes and Dutch oven lunch.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number.

THREE DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

June 13 — "Music from Stanley" live concert/radio show series, with Kirby Lenker, 4 to 7 p.m.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

June 11 — Arizona Club Breakfast Buffet, for summer travelers from Arizona, 9 a.m. at the Buhl Clear Lake Country Club.

June 12 — Moms on the Run meeting, with guest speaker Linda Beery, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 12 — The Snake River Weaver's Guild June meeting, 1:30 p.m., the home of Peg Sasso, 733-5883 or 734-5358.

June 12, 13 — The annual American Kennel Club Sanctioned All Breed and Obedience Dog Shows, sponsored by Snake River Canyon Kennel Club.

FAMILY

June 11-15 — "Game Day Central" Vacation Bible School, for children age 3 through 6th grade, 9 a.m. to noon.

HEALTH

June 11, 12 — Red Cross Blood Drive, noon to 6 p.m. (11) and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (12), at the Burley LDS Stake Center.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

June 12 — Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

Sequins and cowboy hats

View a slideshow of Magic Valley girls who aspire to be rodeo royalty.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"History is worth reading when it tells us truly what the attitude toward life was in the past."

— Dorothy Canfield Fisher, American author (1879-1958)

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The queen quest

TWIN FALLS — Lipstick, curls, rhinestones, dust and sweat are all part of the quest for queen. In this pursuit, you have to be eloquent and flashy, and knowledge of the rodeo is imperative.

Stabbing occurs at house party in Filer

FILER — A house party in Filer turned into a crime scene early Saturday morning when several uninvited guests were involved in an altercation at the residence.

Man to celebrate 40th by jumping off bridge

TWIN FALLS — Birthday traditions can vary depending on culture and personality — bar and bat mitzvahs for young Jews, sweet 16 celebrations, and 21 drinks for the 21st birthday can all mark special milestones in one's life.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

COMING THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS



AVERTING TRAGEDY

It only takes a second for kids to get in trouble during the summer.

MONDAY IN IMAGE



WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?

How to fend off insects and other tiny critters as you enjoy the summer months.

TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS



WHAT DAD LOVES TO EAT

From hand-tossed pizza to Mom's pot roast, read about Dad's favorite foods.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME



JUST JAZZED

Niki Harris headlines jazz in the Canyon next weekend.

THURSDAY IN TNT



A PLACE TO FEEL FREE

Magic Valley women share their thoughts on horseback riding.

FRIDAY IN OUTDOORS



A DAY IN THE LIFE

Following a Mormon missionary through his daily rounds.

SATURDAY IN RELIGION

IDAHO/WEST

West Nile virus found in SW Idaho

BOISE — West Nile virus has been found in mosquitoes in southwest Idaho, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reported.

Mosquitoes in Gem County tested positive for the virus Friday. It is the first time this year the virus has been detected in Idaho.

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'Strangest town' in Alaska remakes itself

The revival of Whittier, Alaska, began in 2000 when the railroad tunnel, the only link by land to the rest of Alaska, was opened.

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Adamic convicted in classmate's death

POCATELLO — A jury late Friday convicted 16-year-old Torey Adamic in the stabbing death of a classmate. A co-defendant was acquitted earlier.

Jurors brought in from Twin Falls County deliberated about seven hours before convicting the teen of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in the Sept. 22 slaying of Cassie Jo Stoddart, also 16.

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NATION/WORLD

Sex offenders getting younger, more violent

STOCKTON, Calif. — Courts have seen the number of sex offense cases involving juvenile offenders rise dramatically in recent years, an Associated Press review of national statistics found, and treatment professionals say the offenders are getting younger and the crimes more violent.

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U.S. cities take lead on climate change

New York is among a faction of U.S. cities from Boston to Portland, Ore., that are racing ahead of the federal government in setting carbon emission targets and developing concrete strategies to deal with climate change.

It is a direct consequence, in municipal officials and analysts say, of the growing perception inside city halls that the Bush administration has largely ignored an issue that has reached a tipping point in American culture.

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Bush defends record during visit with Pope

ROME — President Bush, denounced by tens of thousands of anti-American protesters on the streets of Rome, defended his humanitarian record on Saturday to Pope Benedict XVI, who expressed concern about "the worrisome situation in Iraq."

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OBITUARIES

Glenn Elmer Slatter, 88
Opal Bingham, 85
Patricia "Pat" Adams, 64

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THE RIGHT CHOICE?



Brian Huettig passes from irrigation work to speak on his radio with a farmhand.

Water

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Lawsuits and 11th-hour scrambling have kept pumps flowing, but the threat of curtailment still hangs heavy over irrigators. Huettig's 80 CREP acres turned out to be outside the sphere of shut-down, but about 100 acres belonging to an uncle could be dried up. Those acres would have been safe had his uncle enrolled them in CREP. Once a well is curtailed, it's no longer eligible for the program.

"A lot of farmers were waiting to see what happened with the curtailment before they signed up," said Lynn Tomingas, president of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, a group representing farmers.

Many farmers interested in CREP, Tomingas said, hoped they could grow crops this season, and then join the program after harvest. They wanted one more chance for a big profit yield before giving up the land for 15 years. The farmers knew curtailment was a possibility this year and rolled the dice, hoping their wells weren't the ones that might be closed.

Some win by signing up before curtailment hits, others risk losses by shunning the program, only to face potential curtailment later on.

Heavier odds

Bad timing this season has affected CREP sign-ups, which are well below what program organizers expected. CREP is designed to incorporate 100,000 acres. As of last week, just 18,500 acres had been approved. Another 26,720 are pending, according to the Farm Service Agency that administers the program. CREP payments are made in an October-through-October fiscal year, and payments are pro-rated depending on when a farmer enlists. That means farmers who waited until winter or spring this year get less money than farmers who signed up last October, when Huettig joined.

Dean Stevenson is a groundwater pumper in Minidoka County whose acres are subject to curtailment. He says CREP is still appealing to many farmers,

and that it's likely more will sign up this fall, as long as their wells aren't shut down.

"It's not that there are people not interested in CREP. There are," Stevenson said. "It's just the slowness of getting through the deal."

Fleets of red tape means farmers sometimes have to wait months to be approved. Then there are limitations about what kind of land can get in. The program won't accept acreage that's hosted alfalfa or pasture — or acres filled by curtailment.

The deadline to join the program is December, but if the state proceeds with curtailment, thousands of acres will no longer be eligible. And it's too late to go back on any decisions made this spring. Crops are already in the ground, and if curtailment goes forward, irrigators stand to lose about \$38 million when those crops dry up and die.

So all farmers can do now is wait. And worry.

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Justice

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cover individuals exposed to radioactive fallout who are not curiously covered.

"This is the first step and (Simpson) is very dedicated to seeing this through," said Nikki Watts, Simpson's communication director. "It is important to bring this issue to the forefront and educate the House." By joining with Congressman Matheson, we have formed a bipartisan effort to take the politics out of this to focus on the issue.

The congressman would like to see arbitrary boundaries lifted and for the act to help individuals affected by the fallout.

"The fallout didn't stop at county lines and neither should compensation," Watts said.

For cancer survivor Irene Hoisington of Twin Falls, the call for a Judiciary Committee oversight hearing is good news. The spry 75-year-old, born in 1942, grew up in Jerome. She was first diagnosed with cancer of the larynx in 1986.

"They told me if I made it 10 years after the treatment without it coming back, I would be considered healed. I made it eight years," she said. "We had just moved to Lewiston and my throat was sore all the time and I was losing weight. The cancer was then in my esophagus."

Hoisington, now a neck

breather, pointed to a quarter-size hole in her neck left by surgery to remove her larynx. She lost a son in 1987 due to a degenerative bone disease, and in 2004 she lost a sister and another son due to cancer — all which she attributes to the fallout. Her sister died just 10 days after a hearing took place in Boise.

"That hearing was to see if the National Academy of Sciences should recommend that Idaho be included in RECA," Hoisington said. "After we were told no, it was devastating. There were so many people here so sad about the effects from the fallout, it isn't just the person whose health or life has been taken, but the family and friends as well."

Jeanne Burkhardt is hopeful that the congressmen's call for a hearing gets results. Burkhardt, 52, lives in Fresno, Calif., but grew up in Twin Falls. For more than 35 years she has lived with leiomyosarcoma, a type of cancer that never goes into remission and has an appetite for organs. On average, she undergoes surgery every four years to remove the advancing cancer.

"After the dismal response we got from the NSA, I'm not real optimistic, but I am pleased that our issue has come up," she said. "I hope they pick it up and make it right."

She said monetary compensation might help with medi-

cal expenses, but that's not her primary objective.

"It has nothing to do with the money. Because I have a history of cancer, I can't get insurance and each surgery I have costs about \$10,000, so the amount they are offering won't go far. What we deserve is to be acknowledged and be offered an apology. That is all we have wanted all along," she said.

Preston Truman of Malad is the founder and director of Downwinders, an organization representing Idaho victims. Truman remembers his childhood in Nevada. One of his first childhood memories is sitting on his father's lap to watch the mushroom clouds.

"They used to tell people to go out and watch history take place," he said. "Nobody knew it would be bad for you."

He called the hearing request a step in the right direction.

"The government knows damn well that the fallout went here," he said. "The only thing that hasn't come here is justice."

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Land

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in a statement released Friday. Officials say the land that would be sold is surplus land belonging to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Gregg Serbreen, wildlife program coordinator for the department, said the agency has about 30 parcels that could be sold that wouldn't harm wildlife habitat or reduce public access to hunting and fishing.

"We have a broad list of properties we think are surplus to the agency and scattered across the state," he told the Lewiston Tribune.

Officials say the land trust idea is modeled after programs in other states and won't cost Idaho hunters, anglers or tax-payers.

"The money brought in selling state land and from the settlement could be used to buy conservation easements, which typically limit development but allow the landowners to continue ranching, farming or logging."

"Growth is the biggest threat we have to wildlife habitats, hunting, fishing and public access," Fish and Game Director Cal Green said in a statement.

As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives before becoming governor, Otter supported a bill that would have sold off some of Idaho's public lands to cover hurricane relief efforts in the Gulf Coast.

But Otter withdrew his support after his Democratic challenger for the state's top job, Jerry Brady, made it a campaign issue and enticed Otter for wanting to sell public land.

Serbreen said the land that could be sold is scattered around the state, and that some of it would bring the most money by auctioning it to the highest bidder. He said other parcels that contain wildlife habitat or that allow public access could be traded or sold to other public agencies with restrictions that would allow public access to continue.

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Marriage

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Central Point strived to divide the races in the early '50s, blacks and whites in tiny Central Point had long been intertwined. They worked together on farms, raising chickens and tobacco. They dragged-rag together.

And often, they were intimate, explained Edward Clarke, who grew up in the town an hour outside Richmond, today little more than vast fields, ragged homes and weed-choked farm houses.

Standing in the hilly cemetery where Richard Loving is buried, he swept his hand out over markers reading Leter, Byrd and Fortune — black folks, he explained, many so pale they could pass for white.

"The white people were just like the black people," said Clarke, himself a black man with clay-colored skin and stick-straight hair. "You lived and survived... it was a sharing thing."

It was in this setting that a skinny 11-year-old nicknamed "Bear" met a 17-year-old boy who was a family friend, according to Phyl Newbeck, a Vermont author who detailed the case in the 2004 book, "Virginia Hasn't Always Been for Lovers."

Over several years, friendship led to courtship — but their relationship took an abrupt turn when an 18-year-old Mildred became pregnant.

"We're talking the early '50s, when an illegitimate child was far more of a stigma," Newbeck said. "I don't think Richard wanted her to have to hear that."

And so, they drove some 60 miles to Washington, D.C., in 1958, married, and returned to Central Point to start a new life.

"I think he thought if we were married, they couldn't bother us," Mildred said.

Within a month, they were in jail.

Now 84, Garnett Brooks vividly recalls bursting into the Lovings' home at 2 a.m., rousing the couple out of their sleep and hauling them off to face the law. Word of their marriage — nobody's sure who complained — had reached the commonwealth's attorney.

"I told me to go and check on them and if they are (married) arrest them," said Brooks, who insists the case wasn't about race, but about illegal cohabitation.

"I told him I'd be glad to do it."

A 28-year-old Paul Hirschkop was just a few months out of law school when he overheard a professor discussing the Lovings with another lawyer, Bernard Cohen.

It was 1964, and the Lovings had spent the past few years living in exile in Washington after being convicted on charges of "cohabiting as man and wife, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth," according to their indictments. Laws banning racially mixed marriages existed in at least 17 states.

The couple had avoided a year in jail by agreeing to a sentence mandating "both accused leave Caroline County and the state of Virginia at once, and do not return together or at the same time to said county and state for a period of 25 years."

They got around it, recalls University of Georgia professor and family friend Robert Pratt, by riding back in separate cars and meeting up.

As a child, Pratt would play with the Loving kids: Darnald, Peggy and Sidney, who still lives with his mother.

"Especially on summer nights, I would look for them," Pratt said. "I would hear my mother and grandmother start betting on how long it would be before Richard came along from the opposite direction."

"The frustrated young wife had written to then Attorney General Robert Pratt, who referred her to the ACLU for help returning to their Virginia home permanently. Cohen filed a motion to vacate the 1959 sentence against the couple, but hit a dead end when the court refused to respond.

American courts had proven tough on race-mixing in the past: A handful of cases similar to the Lovings' had come up before in other places, but were stuck in a thicket of state-sanctioned racism and red tape.

But an overmatch of justice had just passed the Civil Rights Act, and

across the South, blacks were defying Jim Crow's hold.

Hirschkop was convinced the Supreme Court was ready for change, too — but the right case had to come before the justices, free of any legal loopholes the state could seize upon. The Lovings presented just such a case.

Hirschkop argued that laws must treat each citizen equally, and that "when a law is based on race, it is immediately suspect and the burden is shifted

to the state to show there is a compelling interest to have that sort of racial differentiation."

On June 12, 1967, the court agreed.

"The country was ready, the Supreme Court was ready ...," Hirschkop said. "They were going to do the right thing."

Richard, by all accounts a stoic, blue-collar man content to let Mildred do the talking, moved his family into a small

house on Passing Road, and tried to live happily ever after.

That ended when a drunken driver struck their car in 1975, killing Richard and costing Mildred her right eye. The small cemetery where he is buried is a few minutes from their home.

Over the years, Mildred has granted few interviews, letting others tell her story through books, articles and a Showtime film, "Mr. and Mrs. Loving." "Not much of it was very true," she said on a recent

Thursday afternoon. "The only part of it right was I had three children."

Her hands are curled by arthritis and her right eye, shielded by gold-rimmed spectacles, is just a hidden hollow now. Still, Mildred's face lights up as she talks about Richard. She thinks about him every day.

Each June 12, Loving Day events around the country mark the advances of mixed-race couples. Mildred doesn't pay much attention to the gas-

roots celebrations, or to today's interracial pairings — "You see so many" — and she doesn't do anything special to mark the date of the Supreme Court ruling.

"Just another day," she said, her hands resting across her long, floral skirt. "Sometimes I forgive."

Mostly she spends time enjoying her family, her two dogs, and the rich countryside she fought so fiercely to again call home.



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Bush defends record during visit with Pope

By Terence Hurt
Associated Press writer

ROME — President Bush, denounced by tens of thousands of anti-American protesters on the streets of Rome, defended his humanitarian record on Saturday to Pope Benedict XVI, who expressed concern about the "worrisome situation in Iraq."

Bush also sought to shore up relations with Premier Romano Prodi, whose center-left government has been heavily critical of U.S. policies. While Prodi has withdrawn Italian forces from Iraq, Bush thanked him from Iraq. Bush thanked him from Italy's leadership in supporting the fragile western-backed government in Lebanon and its commitment of 2,000 troops for NATO's mission in Afghanistan.

Relations with Italy are "pretty darn solid," Bush said.

Prodi agreed. "We basically agree on how the future of the world should look, should be," the Italian leader said.

The president went to the Vatican for his first meeting with the pope, who has lamented the "criminal slaughter" in Iraq and concluded that "nothing positive comes from Iraq."

The pope asked Bush about his talks in Germany with Russian President Vladimir Putin at a time of deep strain between Moscow and Washington. "The dialogue with Putin was also good?" the pope asked.

"I'll tell you in a minute," Bush said, mindful of the presence of reporters and television



An anti-globalization demonstrators smashes the window of a bank in Rome, Saturday. Italian riot police used tear gas Saturday against anti-Bush demonstrators who donned face masks in defiance of a police order and threw bottles and other objects, disrupting an anti-globalization demonstration that was reaching its conclusion in the capital's ancient center.

cameras during the photo opportunity. They both laughed.

"I was talking to a very smart, loving man," Bush said later of his discussion with the pope. "I was in awe and it was a moving experience."

Highly unpopular in Italy and across Europe, the president made a point about U.S. efforts to fight disease and poverty in Africa. Bush recalled that he had asked Congress to double the commitment for fighting AIDS in Africa, from \$15 billion to \$30 billion.

Tens of thousands of anti-globalization and far-left activists marched peacefully

through the capital's ancient center to protest Bush's visit. Thousands of police were deployed round the Colosseum, the downtown Piazza Venezia and other sites.

As the protests were continuing, riot police used tear gas on small groups who threw bottles and donned masks in defiance of a police order.

White House aides shrugged off the protests, calling them democracy in action. Bush apologized for disrupting traffic as his motorcade moved through Rome under heavy security.

The president received a splashy Vatican welcome.

television cameras recorded his every move as Bush walked through marbled Vatican halls to the pope's private library. The president and pope talked for 35 minutes. Afterward, Laura Bush, wearing a black mantilla head covering, joined the president and pope.

The president said the pope expressed concern that the Muslim majority in Iraq was intolerant of Christians. A Vatican statement said Bush, in talks with the pope and the Vatican's No. 2 official, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, discussed the "worrisome situation in Iraq" and the "critical conditions in which the Christian communities in Iraq are found," the statement said.

Bush said the United States is pressing Iraq — torn by sectarian violence — to live by a constitution "that would honor people from different walks of life and different attitudes." He said there was no discussion whether Iraq was a "just war."

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Bush can count on friendly reception at last stops of his European tour in Bulgaria, Albania

By William J. Kole
Associated Press writer

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Bulgaria has lost 13 soldiers in Iraq, but says it is committed to the U.S.-led coalition at least one week, Bush can count on a warm reception when he wraps up his tour with visits to the two Balkan countries — both staunch U.S. allies who see clear benefits to a cozy relationship with Washington.

In Italy, tens of thousands of anti-globalization and leftist activists marched through Rome's streets Sunday to protest Bush's visit to the country. Police used tear gas to disperse them after a small group began throwing bottles at officers.

Similar protests drew thousands in Germany earlier this

week when Bush was meeting with other world leaders at the Group of Eight summit.

But Bush is so well-liked in Albania, the street running in front of parliament has been renamed in his honor.

"Albanians identify the United States of America as the cradle of liberty and democracy," said Albert Bakipi of the Albanian Institute for International Studies. Bush's visit to the mostly Muslim nation is "a thank you for Albania's nonstop support of U.S. policy," he said.

Bush makes a stop in the Albanian capital, Tirana, on Sunday to meet with the president and prime minister and greet Albanian soldiers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He visits Bulgaria on Monday before returning to Washington.

Albania recently decided to triple its deployment in Afghanistan to 140 troops, and it has about 120 troops in Iraq — a presence that President Alfred Moisiu says will not end

as long as the Americans are engaged there.

Albanian and American flags and a banner declaring "Proud to be Partners" flutter on a square once decorated with a bust of dictator Enver Hoxha, whose communist regime virtually cut off the nation from the rest of the world for four decades.

Hoxha died in 1985, and Albania emerged from isolation in 1990. It remains one of Europe's poorest countries.

In an interview with local media before his trip, Bush said that to him, Albania evokes images of "Muslim people who can live at peace" and are "excited to be living in an open society."

In Bulgaria, once the most loyal Soviet ally during the Cold War, U.S. flags also cover parts of downtown Sofia, where Bush will meet with top leaders. As in Albania, Bush also plans to greet soldiers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and express gratitude for Bulgaria's involvement.

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Sex offenders getting younger, more violent

By Kim Curtis
Associated Press writer

STOCKTON, Calif. — Courts have seen the number of sex offense cases involving juvenile offenders rise dramatically in recent years, an Associated Press review of national statistics found, and treatment professionals say the offenders are getting younger and the crimes more violent.

Some psychologists blame the increase in numbers — 40 percent over two decades — on a society saturated with sex and violence and the fact that many of the accused were themselves victims of adult sexual predators. Others say there aren't more children committing such crimes, simply more awareness, better reporting and a general hysteria about sex offenders.

"I don't think it's appropriate to suggest we have whole kids even know about this. It's permeated throughout our society," said Scott Poland, past president of the National Association of School Psychologists. "How do these kids even know about this? It's permeated throughout our society."

Robert Prentky, a psychologist and nationally renowned expert on sex offenders in Bridgewater, Mass., thinks the statistics are misleading.

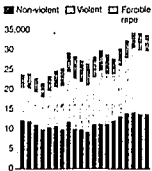
"There aren't more kids, there are more laws," he said. "We now have fairly draconian laws with very harsh sanctions that apply to juveniles."

The number of children under 18 accused of forcible rape, violent and nonviolent sex offenses rose from 24,100 in 1985 to 33,800 in 2004, the AP's analysis found. Violent offenses include attempted

Youth sex offenders

The estimated number of children accused of sex crimes has grown by 40 percent since 1985, with six of every ten cases now being for violent offenses.

National estimates of juvenile sex offender cases



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, AP

rape and sexual assault, while nonviolent offenses including fondling, statutory rape and prostitution.

By comparison, rape and sexual assaults by adults decreased more than 56 percent from 1993 to 2004. Comparable statistics were unavailable before 1993.

The AP analyzed state and federal crime statistics, as well as independent research on juvenile sex offenders. Sources included the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Center for Juvenile Justice, a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit that specializes in statistical and policy research; and The Safer Society Foundation Inc., a Vermont nonprofit that works to prevent sexual abuse.

Sharon Araji, an Alaska psychologist who took one of the first broad looks at the problem in her book "Sexually Aggressive Children," thinks the number of child-on-child sex crimes is actually even higher than the statistics indicate.

"These kids, on the extreme end, if nothing is done to catch them, they're going to become our adult offenders of tomorrow."

— Sharon Araji, an Alaska psychologist

Only 28 percent of all violent sexual assaults are reported to police, according to a 1998 National Crime Victimization Survey. And cases of incest between siblings are widely thought to be underreported and may drive the numbers even higher, Araji says.

"The whole society is not yet up on this problem," Araji said. "These kids, on the extreme end, if nothing is done to catch them, they're going to become our adult offenders of tomorrow."

Studies show that one in two sex offenders began their sexually abusive behavior as juveniles.

Experts say certain trends emerge among the cases of children charged with sex crimes against other children.

Many — estimates range from 40 percent to 40 percent — were molested themselves.

And 42 percent have been exposed to hardcore pornography, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, an arm of the U.S. Department of Justice, said in a 2001 report.

Psychologists prefer to refer to juveniles charged with sex crimes as "sexually aggressive children," rather than as sex offenders.



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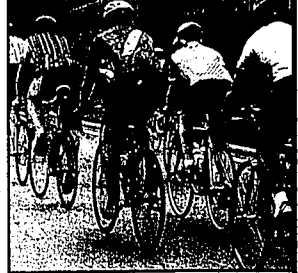
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As the kids go buy



From left: Michelle Bedker, 15, Nicole Madden, 14, and Alleen Weldon, 14, shop at Tysons Corner Center in McLean, Va. The trio was among 61 teen-agers who let *The Washington Post* analyze their retail tastes and shopping habits.

Teens show some surprising shopping habits

By Yan Q. Mai
The Washington Post

They agonize over price. They're thoughtful, not impulsive. They arrive at the mall with information and purpose. They actually care about what their parents would think about those micro shorts.

They are teen-age girls, and this is how they shop. To find what we expected to find when we spent a recent Saturday afternoon at the region's largest mall, Tysons Corner Center in Virginia, with a horde of teen-agers.

This is a generation often considered indulged, equipped with cellphones and credit cards at an early

Where the Teens Went

Top 10 stores, based on dollars spent by the teens

1. Hollister	\$498.44
2. Urban Outfitters	\$319.59
3. American Eagle	\$288.79
4. Abercrombie & Fitch	\$255.23
5. Delta's	\$211.47
6. Forever 21	\$207.30
7. Old Navy	\$173.44
8. Macy's	\$155.81
9. Nordstrom	\$146.00
10. Bloomingdale's	\$143.40

age. Teens' purchasing power is enormous. Last year, they rang up \$179 billion in sales,

according to Teen Research Unlimited. But they can be a fickle demographic, helping

to send sales at a retailer soaring one season only to abandon it the next for another with fresher merchandise.

We were curious: What are the small decisions, the information and inclinations at work as teen-agers shop? When do they stop and buy; when do they move on? We called parent-teacher associations, the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington, and posted a notice on the Washington Post Web site seeking volunteers to shop, with their own money and friends.

We wanted to get inside their heads.

Sixty-one teen-agers in grades seven to 11 from all over the region, mostly from public schools, responded to our call. They came to Tysons in jeans, flip-flops, dresses, head scarves, gym shorts and braces. Some shopped with their parents, others with friends. They came armed with carefully saved weekly allowances, baby-sitting money, birthday gift cards and, yes, their parents' credit cards.

Although several boys said they would come, only one did. Apparently, boys are not recreational shoppers. This was a girl thing.

We equipped the shoppers with paper and pen, asking

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Browsing works for shopper and stores

By Lori Arstani
The Washington Post

Liz Gipson and Sacha Vega, both 15-year-old high school sophomores, come to Tysons Corner Center ready to visit two kinds of stores: the ones they browse in and the ones they buy from.

And they'll be equally welcome in both. Because for many retailers, a dressing room filled with teen-age girls who

don't buy anything isn't a problem — it's an investment in future customers.

"We'll go there to try on stuff we can't afford," Sacha says. "Then we'll feel bad because the salespeople will be really nice to us."

That's the case at Free People, where the pair try on dresses — Liz's priced at \$70, Sacha's at \$122; both cute, but way above their self-imposed ceiling of about \$30.

"Maybe I'll go back when it's on clearance," Sacha says.

Then they head for Urban Outfitters. This store is so definitely in the "buy" category that Liz says "you're almost guaranteed that five other girls at your school will be wearing the same thing."

Sacha tries on a top but concludes it isn't quite "her." Both girls examine the Havaiana flip flops. After spending some serious time in

the store, Liz pays \$60 for a meltingly soft, cream-colored hobo bag. She rips off the tags, stuffs her old handbag into it, and the girls move on.

They're off to browse at Cusp, a Netman Marcus spin-off with a hip, boutique vibe. "I love the look, but I can't afford it," Liz says.

Shopping tip from Liz and Sacha: It's good to alternate

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• **Plan of attack:** Meet the goal-oriented teen shopper.

• **It's a not just parents saying no to skimpy clothes.**

• **When Mom's not paying, cost is a deal-breaker.**

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Rupert woman going strong after 50 years in workplace

Hang around an office for 50 years and you see a lot of change.

Norman Garlington of Boise — who owns credit bureaus in Idaho, Nevada, and Washington — is planning a 50th anniversary party at 6 p.m. Monday at Tomato's Italian Grill for Jean Ryan, who started working at his Credit Bureau of Rupert in 1957.

"That is a long time," he said. "Can you believe it?" He told an anecdote about buying a new piece of office equipment several years ago that Ryan, now 82, thought was too slow and made too many mistakes.

"I'm not talking about a computer," he said. "I'm talking about the time I had to put in an electronic type-



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writer. She didn't want to use it."

Ryan, however, has since converted to a computer, and Garlington isn't planning to let her retire.

"This is a re-up party," he said. "We're going to see if we can put her on 25 years probation. You can't buy that kind of help."

She knows everyone in the community and everyone knows her, Garlington said. "She does a good job," he

said. "She's shown a profit every year since 1960."

A Monday's party is by invitation only.

"We're bringing some of our managers in. Most of them have worked for her or in that office though the years," Garlington said. "We send them in there for training."

Hands On launching coffee house nights

A downtown business owner hasn't forgotten a story *Times-News* reporter Matt Christensen wrote in October about teenagers hanging out in Twin Falls on a Friday night.

The evening, according to Christensen's story, consisted

of dinner at Chili's. While eating, a huge brownie buried under a scoop of chocolate-covered ice cream, the four girls considered their options before going to T.J. Maxx.

They ruled out going to a movie, going bowling or throwing a party.

In Twin Falls, the girls said, even doing nothing is a challenge. "We don't have anything to do," Arna Bajraktarovic told Christensen.

Robin Dober, owner of Hands On Pottery at 147 Shoshone St. N., wants to give young people in Twin Falls another option.

Beginning Friday, Dober and Nicole Marona, owner of Divine Grind, a coffee shop at 147 Second Ave. N., will host

coffee house nights from 7 to 10 on the first and third Fridays of each month.

They say the nights will be geared to attract teens and people in their early 20s.

Dober will offer painting specials in her pottery shop. Marona will sell coffee drinks at half price. And there will be live music, too. First up will be Ethan Tucker, a Twin Falls High School senior, who plays guitar and sings.

Another business helps person in need

The danger in writing stories about the good deeds done by Magic Valley residents is that you can overlook someone. Such is the case with

From jets to golf to yachts

And don't forget free beer — CEOs are raking in extras

By Ellen Simon
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Free beer! Free boat outings! Free taxes! Even as CEO pay has increased, their perquisites, from personal flights on the corporate jet or yacht, to cars and drivers, to country-club fees and home alarm systems, have persisted.

The perks mean free stuff for a crowd that could afford to pay its own way. After all, the median 2006 total pay for the CEOs at 386 Standard & Poor's 500 companies analyzed by The Associated Press was \$9.3 million.

In 2006, the group's total amount of "other compensation" was \$169.2 million. Besides all the cushy perks — which are considered taxable income by the government — many companies picked up, too.

For the first time this year, investors got a better look at all this extra stuff. New proxy rules required companies to disclose perks that cost more than \$10,000, a much lower threshold than the previous requirement of \$50,000, or 10 percent of total annual compensation.

Some of the year's biggest perks came in the way of payments for executives' taxes. Public Storage Inc. covered CEO Ronald Havner Jr.'s \$2.6 million in taxes on his bonus payments, which included \$3 million in cash and \$706,500 for performance-based compensation.

Alcoa Inc. disclosed for the first time that it paid hundred of thousands of dollars to its top executives to cover the taxes on company-paid relocation expenses, country club dues, spousal travel and life insurance.

Johnson & Johnson's William Weldon received \$2.3 million on dividend equivalents on Certificates of Extra Compensation that the company awards executives. The certificates "provide deferred compensation paid at the end of an employee's career," the company said in its proxy filing.

Weldon chose to defer payment on all but \$900,000 of the money.

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Dave Lindsay and the Wendell Elevator.

Last month, features reporter Ariel Hansen reported on the employees at the Powers Motel in Burley who helped some stranded travelers.

In the same week, Lindsay says he gave \$300 to Pam Jerauld of Twin Falls, who needed the money to travel to Minnesota for her father's funeral.

Lindsay said he has gotten to know Jerauld in the past few years when she stops in the fall to sell boxes of fruit.

"I see how it'd be to not be able to go back," he said.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Ariel Hansen

TWIN FALLS — Ariel Hansen, who joined the Times-News this year as a features reporter, was recently recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists' Western Washington Professional Chapter.



Hansen

Hansen worked from June 2004 to February of this year as a city and county reporter at the Gazette in Sequim, Wash.

She won a first-place SPJ award for science and health reporting among non-daily newspapers, for a story about the growing popularity of biodiesel in Clallam County. The story featured a family that makes biodiesel in its garage.

Nate Poppino and Nick Coltrain

TWIN FALLS — Nate Poppino, a 2007 University of Idaho graduate who grew up in Twin Falls, has joined the Times-News as a full-time reporter on the city desk.



Poppino

He worked last summer for the newspaper as a reporting intern — a position being filled this year by Nick Coltrain, a junior studying journalism at the University of Nevada in Reno.



Coltrain

At the University of Idaho, Poppino worked four years at *The Argonaut*, the college newspaper. Coltrain grew up in Las Vegas. In addition to working for *The Nevada Sagebrush*, his

college newspaper, he has worked at the *Daily Sparks Tribune* and the *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

Debbie Hetherington

TWIN FALLS — Debbie Hetherington with Premier Insurance was recently named Industry Leader of the Year at the annual Magic Valley Insurance Professionals' Appreciation Luncheon.



Hetherington

Among the criteria considered in conferring the award are the candidates' industry involvement, industry experience, civic and community involvement.

Magic Valley Insurance Professionals' is the local association of NAIW (International) with membership consisting of insurance professionals dedicated to the development of leaders in the insurance and risk management industries through education, network-

ing and industry alliances. NAIW (International) represents every facet of the insurance and risk management industries with local associations across the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Australia, Africa, Kuwait, Bermuda, India and Mongolia.

Sue Stokesberry

TWIN FALLS — Sue Stokesberry with Premier Insurance was recently named Rookie of the Year at the annual Magic Valley Insurance Professionals' Appreciation Luncheon.



Stokesberry

The Rookie of the Year award recognizes excellence among those who during their first two years of membership has actively participated in the Magic Valley Insurance Professionals' association an affiliate of NAIW (International).

Criteria considered in conferring the award include candidates' participation in association activities, involvement in the insurance industry education programs and activities undertaken in the community.

Troy Nield

TWIN FALLS — KeyBank announced the promotion of Troy Nield to serve as manager of its KeyCenter in downtown Twin Falls, 103 Main Ave. E.

Nield will be responsible for the operations and client relationships at the downtown Twin Falls KeyCenter. Each KeyCenter offers personal, investment and small business banking services.

He joined KeyBank in 2006 and previously worked as a relationship manager in Pocatello.

Brad Thompson

JEROME — Brad Thompson

of Jerome was selected as one of only 38 employees to receive a 2007 Genex Mission Award at the Genex Cooperative Inc. annual meeting in Shawano, Wis.

Thompson is a Genex Breeding Program Specialist in south Idaho's Magic Valley. He provides cattle reproductive management services, including heat detection, artificial insemination, synchronization protocol management and reproductive data input and analysis to help improve member/customers' profit potential.

Zeb Bell

BURLEY — Mountain West Realty, located at 658 Overland Ave. in Burley, announced that Zeb Bell has joined the professional sales staff with broker Lloyd Smith.



Bell

Bell is a six-time National Finely Rodenticide announcer and host of the top rated radio talk show "Zeb at the Ranch" on KBAR.

CONTRIBUTIONS

D.L. Evans scholarships

John V. Evans Sr., former governor of Idaho and president of D. L. Evans Bank, announced the 2007 D.L. Evans Bank Scholarship recipients. D.L. Evans Bank is pleased to award scholarships to each of the following universities: Idaho State University, Boise State University and College of Southern Idaho. Students demonstrated academic excellence, community service and had additional outstanding contributions to their schools. D. L. Evans Bank is proud to honor the following individuals from the Magic Valley as the 2007 D.L. Evans Bank Scholarship recipients:

Idaho State University: Kory Price, Burley High School; Amanda Sinder, Minico High School; Candace Munsee, Valley High School; Sarah Nattan, Home Educated, Hialeah; Boise State University: Dorothy Lopez, Jerome High School; Rachel Montoya, Burley High School; College of Southern Idaho: Francisco Romero, Wood River High School; Laura KayLee Moore, Minico High School; Jashelle Gummow, Minico High School; Tiffany McKelvey, Twin Falls High School; Jeff Klamm, Minico High School; Lindsay Kelly Hutchinson, Raft River High School; Calli Marie Hendrix, Hagerman High School; Jayne Paulene Manning, Raft River High School.



MILESTONES

EXTRA MILE AWARD

Esmeralda Trujillo has been awarded the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Extra Mile Award. She was recognized as an individual who goes above and beyond to make Oasis Stop 'N Go customers' shopping experience a great one. Trujillo has been employed with Oasis Stop 'N Go for four years. Pictured from left, Troy Willie, Tina Harner, Esmeralda Trujillo, Mont Willie, and Ken Robinette, executive director, South Central Community Action Partnership.

Courtesy photo

Dr. S. Jeff Bray

Dr. S. Jeff Bray, doctor of podiatric medicine, announced his new clinic in Burley, starting Thursday. Dr. Bray is a Burley native. He is board certified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Dr. Bray provides conservative and surgical treatment of the foot and ankle including: heel pain, diabetic foot care, ingrown toenails, bunions, warts, wound care, orthotics, hammer-toes, neuromas, sports injuries and pediatric foot care. His office is at 1263 Bennett Ave. in Burley. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 332-4646.



Bray



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D.L. Evans Bank at 215 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls recently celebrated its new remodel with a ribbon cutting assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. They can assist you with your personal and business financial needs. For more information, call 734-5700. Pictured from left, John V. Evans Jr., chief executive officer; Richard Lee, real estate loan officer; Barbara Delmore, assistant vice president, branch manager; Dr. John V. Evans, sr. president; Brenda Sanford, chief financial officer; Amanda Lee, financial services representative; LaRae Gardner, financial services representative; Zach Kelsey, commercial loan officer; James Evans, vice president, Falls branch manager.

Courtesy photo

Charcee Randolph

United Daughters of Idaho announced that Charcee Randolph has been selected to receive the Distinguished Student Award for the week of May 14. Charcee is a senior at Murtaugh High School. She has been on the national honor roll for four years, was named English Top Student for four years, received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence for two years and the Citizenship Award for three years. She has been active in the student council and played varsity volleyball and basketball. Randolph is also a member of the drama club and FFA. She plans to attend college and major in health education.

CEOs

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Showing up in the most prodigious were CEOs' personal use of company jets. The year's top frequent fliers include Michael Jeffries, chairman and CEO of retailer Abercrombie & Fitch Co., who took \$776,723 worth of flights on the corporate jet.

But Starwood Hotels & Resorts Inc. former CEO Steven Heyer may have

lapped him. Starwood paid \$866,178 for Heyer's travel between his home in Atlanta and the company's offices in New York. The company said it does not consider the air travel, car and driver in New York, and stays in New York hotels a personal benefit or a perk.

Other notable goodies were company products. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. executives

can get up to two sets of tires a year. Reynolds American Inc. executives get free cigarettes and chewing tobacco. Anheuser-Busch Cos.' CEO gets free beer.

Executives at Brunswick Corp. can use the company-manufactured boats for marketing, hosting civic events, personal use and "to enhance product knowledge." That's part of a program that

"encourages active participation in boating on the part of company officers," according to Brunswick's proxy.

The company valued Chairman and CEO-Dustin McCoy's boat use at \$222,678 in 2006, including coverage for his related taxes. Executives also can get company products worth \$15,000 a year.

Executives at some compa-

nies can also get cash for their unused vacation time. Among them is Ronald Sugar, chairman and CEO of Northrop Grumman Corp., who got an extra \$49,347 for that. Sugar's total pay, including that payout, was \$18.64 million.

While few companies are moving away from perks, there are a few scaling back — a bit. Ford Motor Co. execu-

tive vice president of the Americas Mark Fields will no longer use company aircraft for his personal trips home on weekends. In his proxy, Ford said that compensation for such trips totaled \$517,560 in 2006.

He won't be slouching, however, since the company will pick up the tab for him to fly commercial — including in first class.



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NATION

AP poll: Thompson shaking up GOP presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fred Thompson's expected entry into the tight Republican presidential race is drawing crucial strength from conservatives and older men, vaulting him into the thick of the nomination fight, an Associated Press poll says.

The survey shows the top Democratic contender, Hillary Rodham Clinton, has twice the support from women as her nearest rival, Barack Obama, but dwindling strength among men. Her margin over the Illinois senator has eroded slightly since the last AP-IPSS poll, in March.

Thompson, who has sand-

wiched an acting career around a largely anonymous eight years as Tennessee senator, has not formally entered the race. But he already has impressed many people. One in four of his supporters cites his strong character, more than any other GOP candidate.

"He can be kind of Reaganesque in his engaging with people," said Ronald Coppinger, 47, a carpenter



Thompson

from Indianapolis, describing a plainspoken style like the late President Reagan's. "I think that's important."

That has helped place him firmly in the top tier among GOP contenders in the AP-IPSS poll released Saturday.

"It shows America wants somebody with Fred's style. Fred's leadership," said former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a Thompson adviser.

Of the Democrats, New York Sen. Clinton is drawing support from four in 10 women—a group that accounted for 54 percent of the vote in 2004's key Democratic primaries.

One in three of her supporters cites her experience — the highest rate among Democrats.

"I think women relate more to the needs of people," said cashier Jadine Robinson, 52, of Magnolia, Miss.

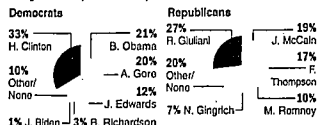
Democratic analysts had no ready explanation why Clinton has lost support from men, especially younger men. Much of this support seems to have moved to former Vice President Al Gore, who so far is not a candidate.

Her chief strategist, Mark Penn, said that could change and noted that younger men do not vote with the frequency that women do.

POLL Giuliani and Clinton are frontrunners

Sen. Hillary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani would be the frontrunners for their party's nominations if they were held today, according to a recent AP-IPSS poll.

If the 2008 presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today who would you vote for?



NOTE: Poll of 1,000 adults taken June 4-6, 2007; margin of error of ±3 percent.

SOURCE: AP-IPSS

Richardson moves fast to catch up slowly

By Maria L. LaFanga
Los Angeles Times

CONCORD, N.H. — Pauline Chabot raced down the steamy hallway, struggling to catch up with the presidential candidate. He had just brought a crowd of Democrats to his feet, cheering, and all she wanted was to shake his hand, wish him well, this man with so much going for him.



Democratic presidential candidate Bill Richardson talks with reporters at the Denver Jet Center at Centennial Airport in Centennial, Colo., Thursday.

He's smart, and he's funny, and he's Hispanic. He believes in diplomacy, and he has so much experience. He is Bill Richardson, and Chabot has a bright, bright vision for his future.

Only it's not the one Richardson has for himself. "I don't think I'm going to be a vice president in the end," she said, smiling.

This is what it means to be a second-tier candidate with a first-tier resume, to travel the early primary states with lofty dreams and lowly poll numbers. This is what it means to ask for voters' confidence in one breath and their patience in the next.

This is what it means to be Bill Richardson, to run for America's top job and be known as "Honkey in the Suburbs" in Chicago. "We are not the people who have suggested ... that if you can't get out of the second tier, you'd be an awfully good running mate for somebody?"

But he is not running for vice president. "The New Mexico governor replied gamely, 'I've been in Washington. I've had good Cabinet positions. So I'll go home. But I'm gonna win this race. I'm a tortoise. Slowly. Progress. Moving forward ...'"

Richardson might liken himself to Aesop's famous reptile, all slow and steady wins the race. But on the campaign trail one recent long weekend, he did more like the Energizer bunny — going and going and going and going.

In New Mexico and New Hampshire, Iowa, Illinois and Arizona. At fundraisers, a house party, at a major Democratic state convention and a Midwest PrideFest. Wooling gays and lesbians, blacks and hispanics, union members, voters, non-voters, children.

Maybe it was an outbreak of his well-known workaholicism; Richardson got by on five hours of sleep, often found these days on a chartered jet, zipping between campaign stops. Or maybe it was simply what a candidate must do when he's No. 4, at best, of eight hopefuls vying for the Democratic presidential nomination, and when everyone ahead of him is rolling in money.

Either way, he gave speeches, answered questions, posed for pictures, signed autographs. He sweated through a good dress shirt, French-blue fabric darkening to royal as the day warmed. He even sang soul on the radio with All Ollie Woodson of Temptations fame. "I've got sunshine on a cloudy day when it's cold outside, I've got the month of May." (Memo to politician: Keep your day job.)

And he shook hands, lots of hands. As the proud holder of a Guinness World Record for most hands shaken in eight minutes (13,392), Richardson will grab anything with fingers that moves in his peripheral vision.

But he doesn't just shake these hands. The congress-

man-turned-Executive Secretary-turned-Western governor has a very specific personal technique. It's outlined in his autobiography, "Between Worlds: The Making of an American Life," complete with visual aids.

"I take very seriously the ability to connect with someone through a handshake," Richardson said in a recent interview. "You grab the elbow, you shake the hand, you look straight in the eye, you bring the eye contact. It gives a person the sense you're connecting with them. The worst thing you can do is look over their shoulder. It's the easiest way to lose a vote."

And those hand sanitizing gels ubiquitous on the campaign trail? In a word, "insulting." Don't worry, moms, he washes often. But seeing a candidate clean up on the trail, he says, "sort of destroys the intimacy of the personal connection here when he's sanitizing."

And connection is what Richardson is all about. Sure, he gives a pretty good speech, as Pauline Chabot saw last weekend at the New Hampshire state Democratic convention here, when he marched into the sweltering auditorium of Tundlert Middle School surrounded by supporters, a flag-waving war protester and an education enthusiast in a full-length apple costume of honey red velvet.

The rollicking delegates cheered his plans for energy independence, higher pay for teachers and universal health care, for shuttering prisons in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Abu Ghraib and bringing the troops home from Iraq. And they applauded as he

laid out his campaign strategy: "I am here, grass roots, door to door, house to house."

One of those houses was a 160-year-old chipboard that belongs to Jim and Gayle Stevenson, where Richardson connected with a flock of noisy sparrows at an early morning neighborhood get-together. He grinned and grinned and he tipped his stands on everything from health care to education.

"I think he makes some sense," said investment adviser Bob Wilson, after a short speech and a couple of long handshakes. "More than the rest of them. He's coming up in the polls, isn't he?"

Richardson himself said so all weekend, handcupping his chances with self-deprecating patter that goes more or less like this, depending on the venue:

"They're saying Richardson, good guy, good-looking guy, losing weight, well prepared. But you're all candidates, can he win? We can win and we're moving up in the polls. ... We're up to 10 percent now. Of course, we started below the margin of error, so that's progress."

But for all of the candidate's frenetic pace and long hours spent pressing the flesh, there are times out on the campaign trail when the accomplished politician looks a bit like he's dropping it, resting on a resume instead of hitting the briefing books.

Monday outside of Chicago was a case in point. Addressing the annual meeting of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Richardson lauded the organization's founder and president, the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

G-rated campaign blog focuses on Romney sons

The Washington Post

BOSTON — Tagg Romney, 37, loves the Sox and has a thing for Billy Joel. Matt Romney, 35, always tunes in to "Saturday Night Live," and Josh Romney, 31, likes to surf and water-ski. Ben Romney, 29, hesitates to call his dog, Kingsley, a half-yorkie and half-poodle, "a yorkie-poo." And Craig Romney, 26, a Tom Brady look-alike, has 337 friends on MySpace and cites his dad, along with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., as his heroes.

Wholesome does not really begin to describe the five adult children of GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who have been sharing such details on FiveBrothers, their blog and the most popular feature on the former Massachusetts governor's campaign Web site. The blog is yet another medium to convey the image of dedicated family man that's essential to Romney's identity.

One way to measure a blog's popularity is its unpopularity, and Five Brothers has gotten enough attention to inspire parody. A blogger mocking the brothers writes: "Tagg is 37 ... likes ... basketball ... horses, travel, test funds ..."

Such earping does not seem to faze the Romneys. "It's a cynical world we live in, and my brothers are just being ourselves," says Tagg, sitting at campaign headquarters at this city's North End, where he keeps an office. Adds Matt: "Our goal is for people to get to know our dad a little more differently than they might in a 30-second TV spot. To get to know him through his family. So everyone's blogging."

The image of the Romneys as the perfectly polished all-American family has been a theme since Mitt Romney began his career in politics. During Romney's unsuccessful 1994 Senate run, his wife, Ann, told the *Boston Globe* that she has never had a serious argument with her husband.

The comparison with other candidates is implied, and occasionally has been explicit. Asked earlier this year what distinguishes her husband from the rest of the field, his wife of 38 years replied, "He's had only one wife," a stinger seemingly directed at twice-divorced Rudy Giuliani, who is estranged from his two children.

There is some danger that if the family seems too perfect,

the approach could backfire.

"Romney's family is a central part of his identity, and it's a very effective counterpunch to some of the other high-profile candidates who've had, and are having, familial woes," says Gil Troy, historian of first families and author of "Mr. and Mrs. President: From the Trumans

to the Clintons." "Yet you also have to think that we're not in the age of 'The Brady Bunch' anymore. We're in the age of 'The Simpsons.'"


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Suicide truck bomber rams Iraqi checkpoint

By Steven R. Hurt
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — A suspected al-Qaida suicide bomber rammed a speeding gasoline truck into an Iraqi army checkpoint outside the capital on Saturday, killing at least 14 soldiers as militants hammered the country's shaky security forces.

The terror campaign against Iraqi troops and police has disrupted to blunt U.S. progress in creating a stable local force so the Americans can go home. U.S. military officers began noticing the new pattern of attacks last month.

"The focus on Iraqi forces was decided by Maj. Gen. Joseph E. Fil Jr., commander of the 1st Cavalry Division which runs the nearly four-month-old security operation in Baghdad, during a recent visit to the capital's

THE WEEK IN IRAQ Iraqi troops targeted by militants

Officials speculated that al-Qaida militants are focusing on Iraqi forces to remove soldiers and police who are working with the U.S. military. A suicide bomber killed at least 14 Iraqi soldiers Saturday in Baghdad.

Sun. — Fourteen U.S. soldiers were killed in three days, including four in a roadside bombing today northwest of Baghdad.

Mon. — Insurgents linked to al-Qaida issued a video claiming they killed the three captured U.S. soldiers in an ambush last month.

Tue. — A suicide car



Wed. — Twin car bombings struck intersections near Baghdad's most revered Shiite shrine, killing seven.

Thu. — The four year U.S. military death toll passed 3,500 after a soldier was killed in Baghdad.

Fri. — Gunmen entered a police chief's home in Baqouba, killing his wife, two brothers and kidnapping three of his grown children.

Sat. — An apparent rocket attack at the U.S.-run Camp Bucca military prison near Umm Qasr killed at least six detainees and wounded 50. No American casualties were reported.

Palestinian gunmen storm Israeli border

By Sarah El Deeb
Associated Press writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian gunmen broke through Israel's heavily fortified Gaza border and battled troops inside Israel for about two hours Saturday in a failed attempt to abduct an Israeli soldier. One of the riders was killed.

It was the first cross-border incursion since militants killed two soldiers and abducted a third a year ago. The Israeli military said troops shot dead one of the raiders. Palestinians said another three militants escaped to Gaza unharmed.

The Islamic Jihad group said it carried out Saturday's attack, near the Kissufim crossing between Gaza and Israel, along with the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent

offshoot of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement. "The aim of the operation was to withdraw with the soldier in captivity," said Abu Ahmed, a spokesman for Islamic Jihad. "But the participation of Israeli helicopters prevented that."

Israeli Maj. Gen. Yoav Galant said the quick reaction of the soldiers "prevented an attack, apparently a kidnapping."

On June 25 last year Palestinian militants killed two soldiers and snatched one near the Kerem Shalom frontier post, about 15 miles south of the site of Saturday's shootout. The abducted soldier, Cpl. Gilad Shalit, is still missing.

A five-month truce between the Gaza militants and Israel collapsed in May when a string of Palestinian

rocket attacks into southern Israel triggered Israeli air strikes in response. Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert had been scheduled to meet in the West Bank this week to discuss the latest round of violence, but the Palestinians called it off, accusing Israel of rejecting all their proposals in preparatory talks.

Israel will only talk to Abbas, shunning the Palestinian government headed by Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas, an Islamic group behind the deaths of scores of Israelis in suicide bomb attacks, which is pledged to Palestinian rule over all of historical Palestine, including present-day Israel. Hamas has shrugged off international demands that it renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist.

Karadah district.

L. Col. Troy D. Perry, the battalion commander in the area, said Fil there was an increasing pattern of bombers allowing U.S. patrols to pass hidden roadside bombs that were then detonated a short time later as Iraqi forces drove by.

Some complain Israel's army has been turned into a police force

By Matt Friedman
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM — Forty years after it defeated three Arab armies in six days, Israel's army is still trying to figure out how a war with a small guerrilla group in Lebanon last summer dragged on for five weeks and ended in a painful stalemate.

Part of the answer, some military experts and ex-generals say, lies precisely in what followed that famous victory four decades ago — the military occupation of the Palestinian territories.

Uzi Dayan was a young private in 1967. A nephew of that war's legendary defense minister, Moshe Dayan, he went on to serve as deputy chief of staff. "In 1967, the army captured the territories," Dayan said. "Today's army has been captured by the territories."

When its army shattered the armed forces of Egypt, Syria and Jordan in June 1967, Israel took control of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, along with their Palestinian populations. Over time, policing them became the army's primary pursuit, and an Israeli infantryman became more likely to spend time standing at a checkpoint or patrolling refugee camp alleys than training for battle.

When Hezbollah guerrillas crossed into Israel last July and ambushed an army patrol along the Lebanon border, capturing two soldiers, killing three, and igniting last summer's conflict, the Israeli army was focused on fighting Palestinian militants in the West Bank and Gaza.

Beginning with the outbreak of the latest cycle of Israeli-Palestinian violence in 2000, the army had perfected urban fighting techniques that used intelligence from agents and informers. Airstrikes could pick off militants from the air, and soldiers had become adept at carrying out arrest raids and imposing roadblocks and closures.

The army transformed itself into a "very large urban SWAT team," said Michael Oren, a historian at the Shalom Center in Jerusalem and author of "Six Days of War," a history of the 1967 conflict.

"That became a problem, because in Lebanon it became clear that the army had the wrong training and the wrong weapons," Oren said.

The demands of the campaign against the Palestinians meant the army had to cut back on training. Some of the reserve field units that make up the bulk of Israel's military went years without maneuvers, and others were mothballed entirely.

By the time the 34-day war with Hezbollah ended in a cease-fire, 159 Israelis were dead, including 120 soldiers. More than 1,000 Lebanese were killed, most of them civilians, according to varying tallies by human rights groups, the Lebanese government and The Associated Press.

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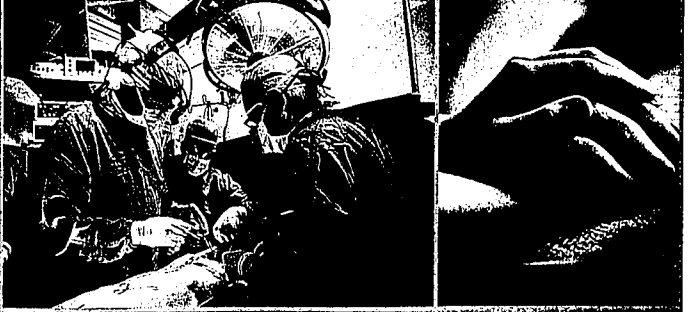


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EDITORIAL

Too many public agencies operate beneath the radar

Seven hundred and one people voted in the last election for commissioner of the Twin Falls Highway District. At the time, about 60,000 folks lived within its boundaries. So a former highway district employee's claims that he and co-workers were pressured to vote for one candidate over another in that 2003 election should lead to one conclusion: Taxpayers need to pay closer attention to how their money is spent. Since they were first organized in the 1920s, Idaho's 64 highway districts — each supervised by a board of three commissioners — have been political backwaters, noticed by few outside Ada County. There, the perennially storm-tossed Ada County Highway District is possibly the most reviled government agency in Idaho. But elsewhere, few highway districts even need to hold elections because there's often only one candidate. But there was an election in the Twin Falls district four years ago, when two high-profile Twin Falls County residents — incumbent Hern Osterkamp of Curry and challenger Jim Lanting of Hollister — sought the job. A few days after the vote, highway district employee Coffy Robinson was fired. He claims he was dismissed because he didn't share his supervisors' politics. His boss, district director Dave Burgess, says it was because Robinson lobbied co-workers against Osterkamp. Robinson sued in federal court, and the case was settled in January 2007 one way or the other. He received \$60,000. It was a my-word-against-yours case, but what's troubling is that several former co-workers of Robinson's testified in affidavits that they were pressured one way or the other to vote. Burgess flatly denies that ever happened and points out that he was the highway district's legal representative — the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program — that settled the lawsuit. It wasn't the district's decision, he says. Whatever the case, it's clear that the thousands of taxpayers who didn't vote in 2003 are indirectly to blame. The TFHD is an agency with a \$6 million budget, independent of scrutiny by the Twin Falls County Commission or any other public entity. The only leverage citizens have is the ballot. Voter indifference breeds trouble in public agencies. The fact that nobody's watching — and few care — isn't lost on employees, supervisors and elected officials. It sounds like a high school civics lesson, but it really is true that taxpayers have a duty to inform themselves about how their dollars are being handled. That's the only guarantee they'll be spent honestly and efficiently. We don't know whether or not anything improper happened in the Twin Falls County Highway District four years ago. But then again, very few people cared.

Our view: Did anything improper happen in the twin Falls Highway District four years ago? We'll never know because the taxpayers weren't watching.

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

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Lawmakers earn top billing in 'State Legislature'

When you think movie starpower, the motley collection of Idaho's 105 citizen lawmakers may not seem like casting material for a summer blockbuster. Surprisingly, a high-quality documentary is what you get in director Frederick Wiseman's picture "State Legislature" that airs on PBS nationally this Wednesday at 8 p.m. MDT. If you've ever wondered how representatives and senators spend their days during the 2 1/2-month sprint known as a legislative session, "State Legislature" may be one of the most thorough pictures you'll see. The film reflects a simplicity that appropriately matches the spirit of a part-time, citizen Legislature. Over Wiseman's film when it



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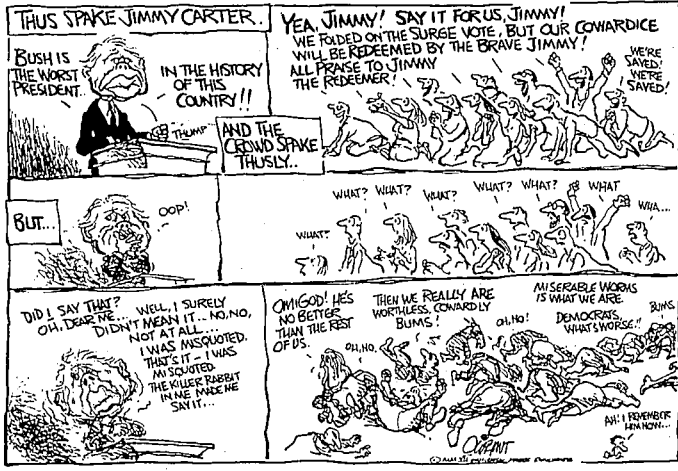
debuted at this year's Berlin Film Festival. An accomplished documentary filmmaker of some 40 other films, Wiseman's cameras were subtle but omnipresent during filming of the 2004 session. Legislators and other participants do all the talking, and that's the way as the film goes completely without any narration. Those who speak are not clearly identified by name nor party. But their rhetorical flair, eloquence and political posturing speak volumes about how the work is done.

Watch it yourself
'State Legislature' is a 3 1/2-hour documentary on Idaho Legislature, airing nationally on PBS, Wednesday at 8 p.m. MDT
The film includes some faces from the Magic Valley in prominent scenes. There's former House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley, spinning through a litany of water issues with wily ease. In another, Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer, holds court with law enforcement officials on the sticky details of prosecuting sex offenders. The majority of scenes unfold in legislative committees, proving yet again how those settings dictate the pace and flow of legislation. As opposed to the floor debates,

the committee discussions are casual, yet tinged with bravado. Conflict is usually averted with wisdom and a tone of civility, but personalities still have the freedom to erupt. In one scene, Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, a lawyer by trade, demolishes a feeble bill with ease with just a few critical sentences. In another, Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, petitions for the virtues of free speech in a motion to lift the one-mile restriction for public testimony on livestock operation hearings. Just when it appears that his convincing appeal has won the room over, it falls to a disappointing end. At 3 hours and 37 minutes, the film's length requires a fair dose of patience. Some moments are stretched farther than necessary with the wonkish policy-speak. And

yet, there are scenes as golden as the Statehouse's aging curials. There's Sen. Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, the private attorney who engages in a tete-a-tete with anti-everything activist Laird Maxwell in a hearing on contractor licenses. Davis throws out the bait, Maxwell takes it. Watch the fly. Witness a rare defeat for conservatives, as former Sen. Sheila Sorensen, R-Boise, defies the Senate president pro tempore and blocks his bill introducing a constitutional amendment against gay marriage in the State Affairs Committee. A showdown ensues, with heaps of civility in the process, over whether the pro temp's legislation should trump Sorensen's role as committee chairwoman. But the film's most poignant

moment comes during a pro-tem Senate debate over a forbidden act on indoor smoking. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Bruce Hill, R-Boiseburg, whose name was losing a struggle with terminal cancer caused by second-hand smoke. Without mentioning his son's plight, Hill delivers a stirring plea for the ban and its defense of human health rights. The bill is impossible to cloak, yet Hill's eloquence rises above politics to a level of statesmanship that is inspiring to watch. The same can be said for much of the film and its primary theme — that ordinary citizens do extraordinary tasks when they serve the greater good. Times-News Opinion Editor David Cooper can be reached at dcooper@magicvalley.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hunters, young and old, add balance to wild

Why are people complaining about us hunters? I, as a 10-year-old girl hunter, love to hunt. Just because you don't like to hunt doesn't mean we can't. Every hunter takes a hunter's education class where we learn to kill the animal quickly and shoot the right game in the right season. Though I was born in a hunting family, I was not forced to hunt. I had my choice to either be a non-hunter or a hunter. But I did have to take hunter's education so that if I were ever in a room with a gun, I'd know how to handle it and be safe. If it weren't for hunters, there would be a lot more bears stealing food from your cooler while camping. Hunters help with the balance of nature. It's different to shoot an animal just for the fun of it than to do it for me and the challenge, and we don't leave the animals after we shoot them. We eat them. I have eaten moose, elk, venison (deer), all kinds of fish, pheasant, chucker and fish, even bear. I think people should be proud when a kid learns a new thing like hunting. I might shoot a bear someday or I might not. KELEY CHAPMAN Wendell

Seat belts do more than save lives

Seat belts! Jim Davis made several statements on the editorial page of June 3 that reflect only one side of the issue regarding seat belt enforcement. He infers that if he has an accident and gets hurt or dies, it's his problem and his fault. I find it sad that it is necessary to have a law to educate a grown adult on the benefits of seat belt use. Contrary to his view, people

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Parade chairwoman's decision supported by God

This article was in June 6, 2007, edition on the Opinion page. Whoever wrote the article seems to be for pro-gay rights. Their name is Southern Idaho Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community. Now that is a big name. Yesterday's Days Committee Chairwoman Lisa Cuellar said the GLBT was refused participation because its presence in the parade might be offensive to spectators. May God bless you. Ben Van Wageningen of Boise, father of four, said seeing a GLBT float would allow him to teach his children about the world. 'Wow, Ron, why can't you teach your children about what being a queer is without it being so monstrated in front of a whole community. You can do it at home. Lisa, may God bless you for refusing to allow the GLBT float in the parade. Anyone that has ever opened the Bible knows what God's feelings are about these people despite the names they have given themselves. Wherever these people have been allowed to participate in anything, they get colder and colder in their actions. This is what they call liberalism: If it feels good, do it. San Francisco and these other communities started out as probably a simple float, but their teachings grew profoundly. These people are a menace to morals in our nation, and I for one do not want them present in any

parade in Idaho. I do not care what the law says. It is against God's teaching. DENNIS PUGH Buhl

Parade committee decision was ignorant

I'm writing in regard to "Politics hit the parade," wrote by Joshua Palmer on Saturday, June 2. I'm so angry I am not sure where to even begin, but since I am limited to little word space I will get to the point. How can you judge something without even seeing it? I believe that Cuellar never saw the completed float, but she said the celebration committee was concerned about the content of the float... That's just plain ignorance. You began judging these individuals before you even gave them a chance. And to hide behind the fact that this is a "very religious" area is just crap. I believe all you "religious" people preach that you shouldn't judge others and that's God's job... yet, there you go again judging in and doing his job. Lisa still is a married woman with three small children, who considers several of GLBT's members very good friends, if not members of my own family. And my children call them "Aunt..." they have not been "influenced" or "battered" or given a third arm because of knowing these people. If anything, our family members are better people for knowing them. But because you are a biased and ignorant as you are, you and your committee began to judge them before you even knew what they would present for the parade and spectators. Way to go Chamber of Commerce and Twin Falls! I would want to come and celebrate living there. Glad to do it. SHELLY QUAM Jerome

Despite polls, U.S. Marines remain committed

Under a sweltering Iraqi sky, the general asked for questions from his troops. Many were reluctant, but one stepped forward.

Marine Lance Cpl. Jack Kessel, 19, of Raleigh, N.C., asked about something that had been gnawing at him as he and his buddies go about the business of winning hearts and minds in al-Anbar province.

"How are we supposed to fight a war when people back home say we're already lost?" he asked.

It was a question that Marine Lt. Gen. James N. Mattis had anticipated as he toured Marine outposts in the sprawling province that is the home of the Sunni Arab insurgency in Iraq. After four years of war — and nearly 300 Marines killed and 8,000 wounded — many Marines believe they have begun to draw a wedge between the civilian population and the insurgency in al-Anbar.

But at the same time, troops are keeping an eye on what is happening at home, where polls show that an increasing

percentage of Americans feel the war was unnecessary, has been poorly executed and is unwinnable, if not already lost.

During the Vietnam War, the growing opposition of the American public to the war had a devastating effect on troops in the field. Drug problems among soldiers, racial-related disputes — and even faltering support among the troops themselves for their own fundamental mission — often could be traced to the public turning against the war.

So what is the effect on troop morale of declining public support for the war in Iraq and the increasingly contentious political debate at home? Like so much about modern military life, the answer might seem counterintuitive to civilians.

After my fifth trip to Iraq to report on Marines, I've concluded that, at least among Marines, morale remains high — high not despite the public's disaffection with the war but

possibly because of it. The declining poll numbers and rising political unhappiness appear to have driven Marines closer together.

Marines, for instance, continue to exceed their re-enlistment goals; a recent study showed that those who have deployed twice to Iraq are more likely to re-enlist again than those who have only gone once — and that the Marine least likely to re-enlist has not been deployed to Iraq.

Whether the same spirit can be found among Army and National Guard troops is for others to determine. Their missions, histories and institutional cultures are different than the Marines. Young men join the Marines with the expectation — many even with the fervor — that they will deploy quickly to a war zone. That's not true for, say, the National Guard, and that motivation doesn't waiver with public opinion polls.

As Cpl. Alexander Lengle, 21, of Lanesville, Pa., said of the debate over the Iraq war news: "That's political. It's not our part of the spectrum. We've got a job to do."

At crowd rallies at the larger bases, there are usually television screens at opposite ends, one set to sports, one to news. The TV showing sports gets the larger audience, particularly among the young enlisted troops. "It's like noise in the background," Capt. Cpl. Jacob Holmes, 21, of Falls Church, Fla., said of the news channels.

When the 2nd Battalion, 5th Regiment needed volunteers to extend their enlistments so they could return to Iraq and mentor younger Marines making their first deployment, the talk was not of foreign policy but of loyalty to each other. Two hundred Marines — 25 percent of the battalion — volunteered to return to war-torn Ramadi.

In many discussions with Marines, Lance Cpl. Kessel was one of the few who raised the issue of support for the war. He said he had picked up negative vibes about the war while he was back home. Other Marines acknowledged they had heard the same kind of comments but said they dismissed them. Kessel, how-

ever, said he kept worrying. Keeping up morale is a top priority mission among Marines brass and senior non-commissioned officers, who know that alienation can set in quickly and spread rapidly.

Many of the Marines were the sons of Marines or soldiers who had fought in Vietnam. They grew up with tales — real or apocryphal — of returning veterans being scorned. There seemed to be a palpable fear among the Marines that the same fate might await them if the public changed its mind about the mission.

Instead, something different happened. As support for the war waned, support for the troops increased. A tidal wave of paperback books, goodie boxes of candies and other things and many donations by schoolchildren has engulfed the troops. At Christmas, so many stockings and presents arrived for the troops that the loot had to be distributed to Iraqi children to keep it from clogging warehouses.

It's a point that Mattis, the commanding general of

Marine Forces Central Command, made repeatedly as he talked recently to troops. "There's a lot of dissent about the war, but there's zero dissent about the troops," he said. He used the example of Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., possibly President Bush's most ardent opponent on the war but also the most aggressive member of Congress in getting money for a safer combat vehicle.

Mattis told the Marines to believe their own eyes rather than news accounts on the issue of who is winning the war. Don't be discouraged by the politicians and pundits who haven't been to Iraq and don't understand, he said.

"Don't hold it against them," he said to Kessel and the others gathered at a base in al-Anbar. "The only reason they have that freedom of speech is because you'll fight for it."

Kessel nodded. "I understand now," he said later.

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From conception to the shroud, women rule

In the world of gender politics, death is the latest measure of parity.

Not only do women outlive men, but recent research shows that they're also being born more often than in the past. The allegedly stronger sex, it turns out, is really the weaker and more vulnerable — from conception until death do us part.

Nature has always seen to it that about 105 males were born for every 100 females, but that ratio has been sliding the past few decades, and is now owing to environmental pollution as well as to stressful current events. In both the U.S. and Japan, the male-to-female ratio dropped between 1970 and 2001 — from 106.4 boys for every 100 girls in 1970 to about 105 per 100 in Japan, and from 105.5 to 104.6 in the U.S.

Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh say that these dips, though small, suggest that paternal exposure to environmental pollutants is taking a toll on the male reproductive system. Some studies have shown certain pollutants may affect the viability of sperm that bear the Y chromosome, which determines male sex.

In Italy, men who were exposed to dioxin during an industrial explosion fathered significantly fewer boys than girls. Another study of workers at a Russian herbicide plant found that only 38 percent of children born to the male workers were boys, while female workers bore the normal male-to-female ratio.

If the environment doesn't reduce the male population, current events may. Last year, researchers at the University of California at Berkeley reported that women stressed out during pregnancy tend to produce fewer males. In the former East Germany, for instance, male birth rates declined following the country's 1991 economic collapse.

One possible explanation is that when women are stressed,



KATHLEEN PARKER

their bodies produce high levels of stress hormones — glucocorticoids — that cause problems for male fetuses.

Researchers concluded that women's bodies spontaneously abort weak male fetuses and embryos because weak sons aren't likely to produce as many offspring as will strong sons — or even weak daughters.

If nature is unpredictable, at least she is consistently ruthless. Not only do the strongest survive, but only the strongest males make it to the birth canal.

Meanwhile, other studies indicate that male testosterone levels and sperm counts are decreasing, while the rate of testicular cancer, which affects mostly young men, is increasing. With lower levels of male hormones, fewer sperm counts and fewer male babies, things aren't looking good for males. Not for females, who love their sons, husbands, fathers, brothers, uncles and

assorted others of the leisure persuasion.

Men's health is a relatively recent concern — and a political hot potato — as research monies the past 20 years or so have been directed increasingly toward women's health.

Thanks in large part to the grass-roots Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, breast cancer awareness has turned the world pink.

In a display of public virtue, corporate America has pinkified everything from cameras and cars to food packaging, so that buying a toaster or a cup of yogurt has become a political decision. Do you buy stainless in an act of gender neutrality — or pink to show solidarity with women suffering breast cancer?

The pink crusade took off in part because, let's face it, women are formidable organizers. They also have successfully convinced the nation that medical research is sexist and biased toward men. Though this myth has been largely debunked, it persists as a public perception.

In fact, as Cathy Young reported in Reason magazine, more than 400 clinical trials were conducted on breast cancer between 1965 and 1986, compared to just 121 on prostate cancer. But

who's counting? Men have begun fighting back against what they now perceive to be bias toward women's health, lobbying the past few years for a federal Office of Men's Health. Ultimately, of course, no one wins the war of healthier-than-thou, while another layer of bureaucratic one-upmanship is just that.

A better means for improving men's health — and saving the males — is for women to recognize that men are in trouble and that a world without men, while perhaps calmer, would be far less interesting and fun.

As we've recently witnessed, when women want something, they usually get it.

Perhaps it's time for a blue toaster.

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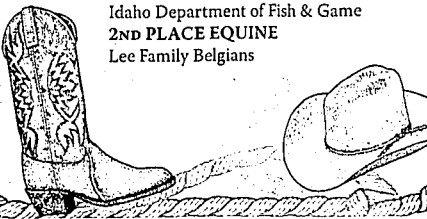
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Alaska's 'strangest' town strives to remake itself

By Jeannette J. Lee
Associated Press writer

WHITTIER, Alaska — When the town's lone museum opened two years ago, no one knew how long it would last. After all, Whittier, with a population the size of a large wedding reception, had gone without a movie theater since 1986. The library had closed in 1993. Today, the one-room museum on the first floor of a converted military communications building is the cultural centerpiece of this once-isolated former Army garrison. To Whittier's 180 residents it's yet another sign that growth, so long in coming, is on the horizon.

The revival began in 2000 when the railroad tunnel, the only link by land to the rest of Alaska, opened to drivers. In 2004, cruise ships returned after a 10-year hiatus, funneling about 150,000 passengers through town annually.

The year the museum opened, an optimistic city council drafted its first development plan in a decade and laid the groundwork for Whittier's first single-family homes. Residents live in one of two former Army quarters, converted to condominiums, that are more than a half century old.

The changes could whitewash the port town's reputation as a dilapidated but unavoidable stop en route to Prince William Sound's magnificent fjords. The abandoned military structures and other oddities that inspired Whittier's unofficial biography, "The Strangest Town in Alaska," could disappear, too.

Whittier lies in the midst of stunning glaciers and waters filled with wildlife, but the area is also known for frequent rain and blizzards. And before the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel opened to vehicles, many Alaskans, even those living nearby, considered the town just too hard to reach.

The one-track railroad tunnel, blasted through 2.5 miles of

rock in 1943, is the sole connection by land to Alaska's highway system. For decades there was only one train in and one out, daily. Anchorage, the state's largest city, lies just 60 miles to the north, but the rigid train schedule daunted many residents.

"It was so hard to get in and out that there used to be a T-shirt. On the front it said 'POW' and on the back it said 'Prisoner of Whittier,'" said Ted Spencer, the museum's exhibit

designer and a former Anchorage resident who now lives in San Diego.

In 2000, the state started letting drivers through to ease access to the Sound. Once an hour for 15 minutes each way, fishermen, campers and kayakers can drive the metal-plated tracks of one of the longest vehicle tunnels in America. The tunnel closes to traffic at 11:15 p.m. in summer and 5:45 p.m. on most days in winter.

An estimated 237,870 one-

way vehicle trips were recorded last year, according to the state Department of Transportation.

More than half of Whittier's citizens live in the 14-story Begich Towers. The former military for military families houses a police department, post office, church, and bed and breakfast.

There isn't much room to grow at Whittier's current site so city leaders envision a road that would open up land at Shotgun Cove.



The town of Whittier, Alaska is seen in this updated file photo.

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Fat chance we're going to Paris soon

So now we're supposed to eat like the French? Karen Collins, a registered dietitian who writes a nutrition column for MSNBC's Web site, points out a study by University of Pennsylvania psychology professor Paul Proulx that found folks in France eat smaller portions at meals and linger at the table — 40 minutes, on the average — longer than Americans do.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

As a consequence, one out of every nine Frenchmen is fat, compared to one out of every three Americans.

Personally, I don't think eating *haute cuisine* is going to make us any skinnier than walking down *La Vieillesse*.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the average French citizen consumes 108 grams of animal fat a day compared to 72 grams for the typical American. The French eat four times as much butter, 60 percent more cheese and nearly three times as much pork, and take in more saturated fat than we do.

Consider the typical French lunch:

- Starters, or *l'entree* — An assortment of both *hans doeuvres* and *charcuterie* (smoked hams or liver pate).
- The main course, or *le plat principal* — *Rosbif* (roast beef) or *gigot* (mutton) and *potimne* (potatoes).
- Cheese platter, or *le fromage* — A minimum of three or four cheeses such as camembert, roquefort and brie.

La dessert — *Tarte aux pommes* (fruit tart) or chocolate cake.

• *Le cafe* — A strong espresso, served after dessert.

• *Cognac* — Served after the coffee.

That amounts to 1,200 calories a day. Big Mac with super-sized fries is 1,100 calories.

And that's lunch. Dinner, which can be served as late as 11 p.m., is a veritable one-person buffet.

I think the French are svelte because they drink too much, smoke to excess, wring their hands a lot and only work — by law — 35 hours a week.

Frenchmen, who can legally buy alcohol at age 16, consume seven times as much wine as Americans. All that tipping takes time, which is why they spend the better part of an hour eating a meal. It's hard to chew when you have a wine glass at your lips.

Thirty-five percent of the French are cigarette smokers, compared to 22 percent of Americans. And they favor a brand of cigarettes, *Gauloise*, that smells like burning tar. You wouldn't have much of an appetite either.

As a people, the French take offense easily, fret endlessly about the Germans and agonize over trivial matters. A Frenchman, for example, who is five minutes late for an appointment will tell you he's *inconsolable*.

What's more, the French can legally work only 217 days a year — that works out to 12 days off a month. They just have more time to worry than we do.

But I could be wrong. Frenchmen, after all, could be thinner because they bicycle a lot, aren't much for sugary soft drinks and turn Gallie their noses up at fried foods — including french fries (those come from Belgium). And they don't snack between meals. You can eat the rest of that *entree*?

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Brothers stabbed at Filer party Saturday

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

FILER — A house party in Filer turned into a crime scene early Saturday morning when several unidentified guests were involved in an altercation at the residence.

Later Saturday police arrested Jason Landry, 30, in Burley for probation violations. He was then taken to Twin Falls County Jail on charges of aggravated battery for the stabbing of two

brothers at the party. He is the only suspect.

The Filer Police Department was dispatched at 2:05 a.m. to a home on 1100 Bailey Ave. in Filer where the caller reported a stabbing. Some of the partygoers fled the scene as police arrived — including an unknown number of uninvited guests.

"What we learned was that a group had left a bar in Twin Falls because they heard that there was a party in Filer," said Filer Police Chief Cliff

Johnson. "But when they arrived at the house there was no party so they decided to go down the street to another party on Bailey Avenue."

However, people at the residence said the group was not invited and they "didn't fit in," so they were asked to leave.

That's when one member of the uninvited group stabbed two brothers, who had asked the group to leave the residence.

Zachary Lynard, 24, and Joshua

Lynard, 22, both of Filer, were in stable condition Saturday afternoon after being treated for stab wounds.

Police also arrested partygoer Luke Young, 25, of Boise, for felony possession of methamphetamine. He has been booked into the Twin Falls County Jail. He was questioned but not wanted in the stabbing.

"When we arrived, a lot of people scattered, so now we are searching for those people to see what they know," Johnson said.

OVER THE HILL? HOW ABOUT UNDER THE BRIDGE



BASE Jumper Steve Van Duzen, 39, and son Justin, 21, of Los Angeles pose by jumpers as they pack their chute Saturday at the Perrine Bridge. Van Duzen will turn 40 Monday and plans to spend today jumping from the Perrine Bridge 39 times to celebrate. He'll make one more jump from an area cliff for an even 40.

Los Angeles man celebrates turning 40 with 40 BASE jumps

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Birthday traditions can vary depending on culture and personality — but not necessarily for young men, sweet 16 celebrations, and 21 drinks for the 21st birthday can all mark special milestones in one's life.

Or, like Steve Van Duzen, you can jump off a bridge.

Van Duzen, a contractor from Los Angeles, plans to BASE — building, antennae, span and earth — jump 39 times from the Perrine Bridge today and once from a surrounding cliff in celebration for turning 40.

Van Duzen said he's BASE jumped about 200 times in his life, about 150 times off the Perrine Bridge. He skydived regularly before that, including 30 dives for his 30th birthday. But in the past couple

months since he decided on the feat, he's had his doubts about jumping so much in one day. He said worries about time and the wear on his body, especially after being so sore after three jumps Friday, have crossed his mind.

"I think we were sitting in a bar somewhere and it (40 jumps) sounded good at the time," Van Duzen said. "(Now) I don't

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It was a pretty fishy day

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — If you didn't get out to fish on Saturday, you missed a lot.

That's when Idahoans were allowed to fish for trout. All public waters were open for free fishing, but a big draw for children was Riley Pond at the state Fish Hatchery in Hagerman. About 500 people were expected to turn out to the event.

"I think we are doing as well or better than expected," said Douglas Megarlie, manager of Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Magic Valley regional fisheries. "We've seen lots of people with lots of kids catching a lot of fish."

Information booths, door prizes and a hot dog lunch awaited participants, but 3-year-old Paulie Sanborn was only interested in the Golden Trout he had caught.

"It's my bestest fish," Paulie said. "I did good and caught my first fish. It's a pretty fishy."

The first fish memory is one that his family won't soon forget either.

"This is the sixth time I've come to (the event) and it seems to get bigger and better



Paulie Sanborn, 3, shows off his first catch, a Golden trout he caught Saturday at Riley Pond on the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery. The event was part of Free Fishing Day, which helps introduce the sport to children and other future anglers.

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Victim's name released in fatal Hansen Bridge wreck

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

HANSEN — Idaho State Police said Saturday it was Edward Coats, 48, of Twin Falls who died from injuries sustained in a collision that happened Friday on the Hansen Bridge.

It is unknown if Coats, who was driving a van for Action Couriers of Boise, was wearing a seatbelt when Sam Naranjo, 21, of Heyburn hit the van with his brown Chevrolet Z71 pickup, police said.

Coats was transported to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center where he later died from his injuries. Emergency crews had to cut Coats from the wreckage, police said.

Naranjo, brother of murder victim Jesse Naranjo, is being held in the Twin Falls County Jail and charged with felony vehicular manslaughter.

Naranjo was headed north on U.S. 50 on his way home from work in Twin Falls, his mother Bertha Naranjo said.

While crossing the bridge Naranjo's truck clipped a guard rail and swerved into oncoming traffic and into the van, police said.

Trooper Jesse Avery said alcohol was believed to be involved in the wreck, which is still under investigation.



More than 1,000 people on Saturday visited the Jerome County Airport for "Then & Now" Veterans' Appreciation Day. The free event featured war birds, airplane rides, a flight simulator, model helicopters and Army ground vehicles.

Enjoying 'then and now' at the Jerome airport

By Brandon Fala
For the Times-News

JEROME — Even though a B-17 bomber didn't arrive in time for Saturday's celebration at the Jerome County Airport, the crowd didn't seem to mind.

There were plenty of other attractions during "Then & Now" Veterans' Appreciation Day.

"We had a big turnout," said Bonnie Detrick, airport manager.

More than 1,000 people attended the free event, which included war birds, airplane rides, a flight simulator, model helicopters and Army ground vehicles.

The bomber was scheduled to fly into Jerome on Friday but was grounded due to mechanical problems at Elko Regional Airport, where it had been on display. By the time the plane

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OBITUARIES

Patricia Obemiller Adams

BURLEY — Patricia "Pat" Adams, 61, of Burley, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away quietly surrounded by her family on Friday, June 8, 2007. Her feisty spirit, love, and friendship will be missed by all.



Pat was born on July 25, 1942, in Burley, Idaho, the eldest child of Floyd V. (Obie) and Dominga Y. Obemiller. Pat was raised and attended schools in Burley graduating from Burley High School in 1961.

Pat married the love of her life, Leon (Ponce) Adams, on Dec. 4, 1963, and they began their life together. To this union three beautiful children were born.

Pat worked side by side with Leon on the family farm until his death on June 26, 1992. She has since managed and operated the farm and Golden Valley Warehouse.

Throughout the years, Pat was actively involved in many family affairs and functions some of which included: Campfire Girls leader, Ladies Golf, Duplicate Bridge, Pinnacch Club, past president of Cassia Memorial Hospital Pin Ladies, and a Relay for Life sponsor.

Pat and Leon enjoyed trips to California, Florida, the Caribbean, Mexico, Hawaii and New York. Family trips included going to Illinois, the Oregon Coast, Lake Powell, Wyoming, Montana and Canada. Pat traveled to Spain and France in 1985 with her mother and sister to meet her family of origin in the Basque Country.

Pat's greatest joy was the company of her grandchildren, Nick, Cody, Jenni, Derek and Makenzie. She loved

watching every facet of their lives unfold from birth to who they are today.

Pat's hobbies included shopping, playing cards, golf, entertaining, reading, cooking, attending grandkids activities, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her children, Lisa (Rex) Higley of Heyburn, Terri (Paul) Krihgam of Boise and Scott (Christy) Adams of Oakley; five grandchildren, Nick, Cody, Jenni, Derek and Makenzie; five sisters, Margaret (Bill) Sharpe of La Habra, Calif., Cecilia Obemiller of Garden Grove, Calif., Mary Ann (Wayne) Farkas of Great Falls, Mont., Cynthia (Terry) Gieseler of Paul and Marla (Dennis) Gullett of Bremerton, Wash.; two brothers, Vince (Julis) Obemiller of Bremerton, Wash., and Joe (Karen) Obemiller of Jacksonville, Fla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, parents, maternal and paternal grandparents, father and mother-in-law, a nephew and two aunts.

The family would like to extend a special thank-you to Dr. Michael P. Klett, and the staff of Intermountain Home Health and Hospice for their excellent, loving care and friendship. You are all greatly appreciated.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center, with Bishop Gary Lloyd officiating. Burial will be in the Marion Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Intermountain Hospice in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Opal Bingham

JEROME — Opal Bingham, a dear mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend, passed away quietly on Friday, June 8, 2007, in the early morning hours.



Opal was born Wilma O p a l Wollfingbarger, to William Anzly and Daisy French Wollfingbarger on June 25, 1921, in Richfield, Idaho.

Opal lived in Richfield and Jerome, marrying Lynn Afton Bingham on June 30, 1938. She was a devoted homemaker.

She and Lynn built their home on West Avenue C, later moving to the fire station, with Opal as the wife of the new fire chief and city inspector. Opal was active in the Women's Auxiliary for Firefighters.

Opal was a grandmother to every child she met and a wonderful cook, seamstress and ballroom dancer.

She was extraordinary at crocheting and a treasure to her family and many, many dear friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Wilma (Jim) Neal and Myrna (Rich) Liddell, both of Washington state; her sister, Frieda Wiles; her brother, Bill Wollfingbarger; her six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, great-nieces, nephews and great-nephews. Opal followed her son, Bob, 63 years, and husband, Lynn, 87 years, who both passed on in 2005.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the LDS Chapel at 100 S. 50 E. in Jerome, Idaho, with Bishop Alan Leavitt presiding. Interment will follow at Jerome Cemetery. Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Opal loved flowers, and she and Lynn were also passionate about the Lions Eye Bank. Donations can be made to the Lions Eye Bank or a charity of your choice.

Glenn Elmer Slatter

GOODING — Glenn Elmer Slatter, 68, died Thursday, June 7, 2007, at Gooding Memorial Hospital.



Glenn was born July 13, 1918, in Buda, Neb., to Leslie Slatter and Bessie (Marjorie) Slatter.

Glenn was in the Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946, serving during World War II, and was in Okinawa and Japan. He farmed for many years in Jerome and Gooding. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a former member of Moose Lodge and Good Sam Club. He worked for Walker's Gas & Oil for 17 years and later worked for the county highway department until he was hurt and had to retire.

Glenn is survived by his wife, LaVella; and son, Larry

(Louise) Slatter of Jerome; and daughter, Beverly (John) Bryan of Gooding; two grandchildren, Dawn (Tara) and Shaun (Stacy) Bryan; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 11, at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Cassidy and Michael. He was preceded in death by four brothers, George, Bob, Johnny and Ben; and one sister, Hazel.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 11, at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, June 10, the 161st day of 2007. There are 201 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

One hundred years ago, on June 10, 1907, 11 men in five cars set out from the French embassy in Beijing on a race to Paris. (Prince Scipione Borghese of Italy was the first to arrive in the French capital two months later.)

On this date:

In 1865, the Richard Wagner opera "Tristan und Isolde" premiered in Munich, Germany.

In 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio.

In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.

In 1942, the Gestapo massacred 173 male prisoners of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of a Nazi official.

In 1964, the Senate voted to limit further debate on a shutting civil rights bill, proposed by a filibuster by Southern states.

In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in

Tennessee with six others; he was recaptured June 13.

In 1978, Affirmed won the Belmont Stakes and with it, horse racing's Triple Crown.

In 1981 in Fresco, Italy, 6-year-old Alfredo Rampoli fell down an artesian well; the story ended tragically as efforts to rescue him proved futile.

In 1985, socialist Claus von Bulow was acquitted by a jury in Providence, R.I., at his trial on charges he'd tried to murder his heiress wife, Martha "Sunny" von Bulow.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II bade farewell to his beloved native Poland as he ended an 11-day pilgrimage.

Former Black Panther Geronimo Pratt was released on bail after 27 years behind bars on what he says were trumped-up murder charges. (Authorities denied charges, retrying him.)

Five years ago: Organized crime figure John Gotti died at a prison hospital in Missouri at age 61.

One year ago: Two Saudis and one Yemeni held themselves captive at the Guantanamo Bay military prison, the first successful suicides at the base after dozens of attempts. Justice Henin-Hardonne won the French Open, beating Svetlana Kuznetsov 6-4, 6-4. Iraq cruised to victory, holding off Bhadrang Cat in the Belmont Stakes.

SERVICES

Mable Frances Clark of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Lois Briggs Jones of Garden Valley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Garden Valley LDS Church; burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E. Friends may call from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Marsha J. Demuele of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Twin Falls

Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

Lori Satterthwaite Rogers of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.; graveside service at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Elko City Cemetery in Elko, Nev. Viewing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and at 9 a.m. before the service at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Lucy M. Holt

TWIN FALLS — Lucy Mae Holt, 89, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, June 9, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the funeral chapel. Burial will be at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Edward D. Coats

TWIN FALLS — Edward D. Coats, 48, of Twin Falls, died Friday, June 8, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Roy L. Mays

BLISS — Roy L. Mays, 82, of Bliss, died Saturday, June 9, 2007, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending

and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Marvin Bingham

RUPERT — Marvin Bingham, 62, of Rupert, died Saturday, June 9, 2007, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Warren E. Deahl

TWIN FALLS — Warren Eugene Deahl, 85, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, June 9, 2007, at The Caring Place in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Michael Lance

HOLLISTER — Michael Lance, 58, of Hollister, died Saturday, June 9, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Today's Birthdays: Actor Barry Morse is 89, Britain's Prince Philip is 86. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 82. Actor-director Lionel Linfield is 81. Author Maurice Sendak is 79. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 74. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 68. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 66. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 66. Media commentator Jeff Griesfeld is 64. Country singer-songwriter Thom Schuyler is 55. Actor Andrew Stevens is 52. Singer Barrington Henderson is 51. Rock musician Kim Deal is 46. Singer Maxi Priest is 46. Actress Gina Gershon is 45. Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is

44. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 43. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 42. Rock musician Joey Santiago is 42. Actor Doug McKean is 41. Rock native Poland as he ended an 11-day pilgrimage. Former Black Panther Geronimo Pratt was released on bail after 27 years behind bars on what he says were trumped-up murder charges. (Authorities denied charges, retrying him.) Five years ago: Organized crime figure John Gotti died at a prison hospital in Missouri at age 61. One year ago: Two Saudis and one Yemeni held themselves captive at the Guantanamo Bay military prison, the first successful suicides at the base after dozens of attempts. Justice Henin-Hardonne won the French Open, beating Svetlana Kuznetsov 6-4, 6-4. Iraq cruised to victory, holding off Bhadrang Cat in the Belmont Stakes.

Jerome

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 was fixed, there was no longer a pilot to fly it, said Edward Dziesicki, a member of the B-17 crew.

"I'm sorry the plane's not here," he said.

"We're still waiting for a pilot. We are a strictly volunteer group and our pilot got called back to work."

The 1945 "Sentimental Journey" B-17 Flying Fortress Bomber is still expected to visit Jerome.

"We're playing it day-by-day, but we're expecting it to be here before Friday," Driskoll said.

Once the bomber arrives, it will be available for tours and rides for sponsors, organizers and others, Dietrick said.

Jerome County Search and Rescue and a fundraising breakfast that saw strong attendance.

"The line never seemed to end," said Cinda Wilson, a member of Jerome County Search and Rescue. "We didn't run out of food, but there were a lot more people than in the past."

Kenneth Thaeet, a Vietnam veteran from Twin Falls, said he enjoyed looking at the World War II era planes.

"I love to fly and I love airplanes," he said.

Thaeet, who was awarded a Purple Heart, flew fighter jets over Vietnam.

"I flew 109 missions over North Vietnam and was shot down twice," he said.

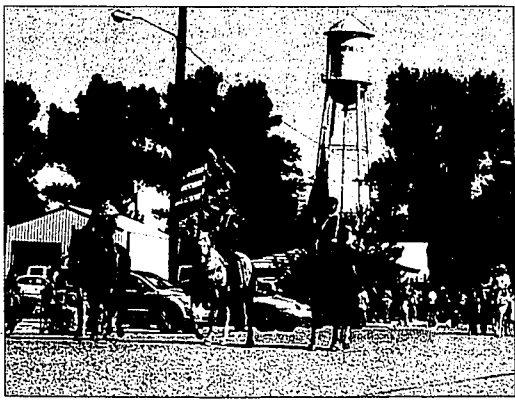
"I was lucky and got rescued, although the second time it was touch and go because I was 60 miles south of Hanoi."

Bracehead Wayman, an 8-year-old from Jerome, got his first flying experience Saturday.

"It was really fun, it felt like my insides were coming up," he said.

Wayman, Bractech's father, said he missed the B-17 but still had fun.

OUTLAW DAY IN RICHFIELD



Pancakes, dances and rodeo were just some of the things found Saturday at the 52nd Outlaw Day in Richfield. The event featured many family-oriented activities, including a parade down Main Street. Shown here is the American Legion, which participated in the parade. Other events were held at City Park and at Reynolds Arena on U.S. Highway 26. Outlaw Day came about in 1955 when several people decided to hold a celebration to help the Lions Club raise money for a city swimming pool. The pool project eventually foundered, but Outlaw Day has continued ever since. The Richfield Riding Club sponsors Outlaw Day, and though membership of the club has dwindled over the years the celebration continues with the help of other citizens of Richfield. This year's Outlaw Day also helped to celebrate Richfield's centennial.

Jumps

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 know if I'm even going to be able to walk when I'm done," His family and friends also have their worries about him jumping so much, but they figure Van Duzen's too stubborn to quit now.

"I have a bit of trepidation about the whole thing, but I can't do anything about it so I don't say anything," said Anne Mathys, his mother.

But she said she can't think of another fitting way for her son to celebrate. Some friends talked about Van Duzen's plans and have their own ideas.

"I think he's mad," said Nick Gough, a friend and fellow jumper. "For my birthday I'd

"If I get completely weathered out, that's the only way (I'd stop). I thought about if I got hurt, but then I'd just say 'hey, where's a splint?'"

— Steve Van Duzen

rather have a couple of beers and a nice dinner."

The day before his test Van Duzen said nothing short of bad weather would stop him.

"If I get completely weathered out, that's the only way," he said. "I thought about if I got hurt, but then I'd just say 'hey, where's a splint?'"

To make the sunlight deadline, Van Duzen will put about 30 friends to work throughout

the day. He'll need some to pack the 15 parachutes he'll use, another to pick him up and take him by boat to another friend waiting in a car. When he gets back to the top of the bridge, he'll have another friend bring him a scooter to the center of the 1,500-foot bridge.

Van Duzen said if all goes well, he'll be jumping about once every 15 minutes.

Fish

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 every year," said Paulie's great-aunt Tobi Bratcher of Twin Falls. "This little guy's a cancer survivor, too, so seeing him out here today having a good time is just wonderful. It was great to be here for his first fish."

Bratcher also brought some friends who had never cast a line in Idaho waters.

"We didn't catch anything,

but it was worth it," said Merlene Dew of Twin Falls, who recently relocated to the Magic Valley from California. "We don't have fishing licenses now but we're sure going to get some after today. It was great. The weather was super and it's beautiful down here."

Cost of an adult fishing license is \$25.75; a license for youth ages 14 to 17 is \$13.75. Free Fishing Day is a great

way to introduce people to the sport.

"We want to get them (new anglers) hooked and keep them hooked on fishing," said fish culturist Kevin Yelton.

Fish and Game also hosted a fishing event at Gaver's Lagoon at the Hayspur Fish Hatchery near Pico. Officials expected to host about 200 anglers at that event.

West Nile virus found in SW Idaho

BOISE (AP) — West Nile virus has been found in mosquitoes in southwest Idaho, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reported.

Mosquitoes in Gem County tested positive for the virus Friday. It is the first time this year the virus has been detected in Idaho.

Last year, the virus was found in 38 Idaho counties, infecting about 1,000 people and leading to 23 deaths. The virus is passed through the bite of infected mosquitoes.

"Idaho led the nation in West Nile infections last year," said Leslie Tengelsen, deputy state epidemiologist.

West Nile does not usually affect dogs and cats, but can make horses and certain bird species ill.

People affected by West Nile virus include magpies, crows, emmons, ravens and jays.

The health department said people can help protect themselves by not being outside when mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk.

People can also cover exposed skin and put on insect repellent. Mosquito breeding areas can be reduced by getting rid of standing water, such as in bird baths.

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Walking for a cure

Relay For Life a success in Mini-Cassia

By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Mini-Cassia residents banded together Friday and Saturday to try to "Kick Cancer Out of the Game." In its ninth year the Mini-Cassia Relay For Life event, which is held at the Rupert Square, has raised thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society and cancer research. Typically, the event draws around 1,000 participants, including committee and team members, cancer survivors and community members.

The Relay For Life is an overnight event to signify the fact that those battling cancer do so night and day. Activities are held throughout the day and night to keep participants active and excited.

The event began Friday with a reception and ceremony for cancer survivors. A total of 160 survivors were in attendance for these events. Survivors received a special t-shirt and photograph taken with their caregiver.

They also placed their handprints on a quilt block. These handprints will be used to make survivor quilts to be raffled at next year's event.

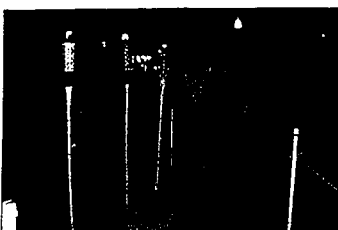
After the ceremony survivors made the first lap around the track. Teams then paraded around the square many of them in costume to match their team's theme.

With this year's theme, "Take Cancer Out of the Game," teams could use a sports or other game theme. Some themes were "Strike Out Cancer" decorated with bowling items; "Imagine LIFE without Cancer" decorated around the board game "LIFE;" and "Heal of Fortune."

This year's event boasted some new activities, including relay games and Luminaria torches that were lit during the



Roxanne Diamond paints the hand of Davia Young so she can place her handprints on a quilt block at the Survivor's Reception at the 2007 Mini-Cassia Relay For Life.



The reason Mini-Cassia residents participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is to help find a cure for cancer. During the Luminaria Ceremony candles and torches are lit in memory of those who have been lost to cancer and in celebration of those who are winning the battle with cancer.

Luminaria ceremony

At the conclusion of the event all teams took to the track for a "Victory Lap." Team members joined hands and took one final lap around the track to symbolize victory over cancer. Closing ceremonies followed and sponsors were recognized for their contribution to the event. Awards were then given

to teams in several categories. Separate categories were made for teams and mega-teams, which have 20 or more members.

The Heart of Relay award, which is given to one team that displays the true spirit of Relay both at the event and in advance, was presented to the Shockey Sheet Metal team as a

mega-team, and the Rupert 4th Ward.

Teams who were recognized for raising the most money were divided into three categories. The top team in the new teams category was Rupert 4th Ward with \$3,502; second was the Allen family with \$2,179; and Heyburn 1st Ward with \$1,483. Top returning teams were, first, Grace Community Church with \$3,006; second, Project Mutual Telephone with \$3,790; and third, Idaho Processing with \$3,403.

Winners in the mega-theme category were, first, Shockey Sheetmetal with \$16,131; second, Trinity Lutheran Church with \$9,351; and third, D.L. Evans Bank with \$4,979.

Total money raised was \$115,700. This amount will increase as pledges come in and other money is collected. Many teams continue to fundraise throughout the year as well.

The theme for next year's event will be "Fang 10 for a Cure" in recognition of the event's 10-year anniversary.

Former Burley resident reflects on WWII service

By Kelly Jackson
For the Times-News

KETCHUM — The world awoke June 6, 1944, to the news of the largest air-sea operation ever coordinated, as Allied Forces stormed France's Normandy Coast.

As John "Denny" Pace listened to news of the invasion on the radio, the first thing he thought about was his brother, Reid Pace.

Denny Pace had flown 50 combat missions as a fighter pilot between 1942 and 1943 and was stationed at an airbase near Los Angeles when the Normandy invasion began. But on that day, his thoughts were with his brother, a lead-world away.

"He was in the 101st Parachute Division and I knew he jumped on this day," Pace said.

Reid Pace, 29, was killed during the invasion. His body was flown back to Burley where it was later buried.

Denny Pace, on the other hand, went on to retire from military service, unharmed during combat in both World War II and the Vietnam War. But he experienced several close calls in his career as a fighter pilot for the U.S. Air Force.

heard about the Japanese bombing at Pearl Harbor.

"Where's Pearl Harbor?" Pace replied. Soon he found himself in Victorville, Calif., where he graduated from flying school in summer 1942. Afterward, he was assigned to a P-38 group and sailed to England on the Queen Elizabeth that same November, sharing the ship with 17,000 other servicemen.

Pace started with the 78th Fighter Group and spent three months ferrying P-38s to various bases throughout England, Ireland and Scotland. In March 1943, he flew from London to Casablanca, Morocco and joined the 1st Fighter Group/Wing, and then the 94th Fighter Squadron in June 1943.

"You had to fly 50 missions and if you survived, you were sent home," he said.

Pace met his quota of 50 missions and was shipped back to the U.S. He finished his stint in California in 1946 and returned to Ketchum, where he built a log cabin.

He was recalled for service during the Korean War in September 1950, where he spent Texas and trained pilots for four years. He also participated in tours in Iceland, Greenland and Spain. He spent a year in Vietnam with the 19th Air Commando Squadron from 1955 to 1956, where he spent 369 air-hours in a C-123. He retired from the military not long afterwards.

Pace now belongs to the P-38 National Association and has attended reunions for approximately 30 years. The 94th Squadron, also known as the Hat in the Ring Squadron, still exists and is one of the oldest in the U.S. Air Force.

Pace reflects fondly about his time in the service, and recalls that America's youth at the time were eager to be a part of a war which he calls the only decent war — that involved the entire world.

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Adamcik convicted in classmate's death

POCATELLO (AP) — A jury late Friday convicted 16-year-old Torey Adamcik in the stabbing death of a classmate. A co-defendant was convicted earlier.

Jurors brought in from Twin Falls County deliberated about seven hours before convicting the teen of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in the Sept. 22 slaying of Cassie Jo Stoddart, also 16.

She was killed while house-sitting for relatives in the town of Clubhook.

Adamcik showed no emotion but his mother and older sister cried as 6th District Judge Peter McDermott read the verdict.

McDermott set sentencing for Aug. 9. Defense lawyers indicated they would appeal.

In April, a jury deliberated for five hours before convicting Brian Draper of the same charges. Draper, 17, faces life in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced later this year.

"We've convicted them both," Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Hledoman said after Adamcik's verdict was announced.

During Draper's trial, a pathologist testified that Stoddart was stabbed at least 30 times, with nearly half of the wounds being potentially fatal.

Police arrested Draper and Adamcik on Sept. 27.

In both trials, prosecutors relied heavily on an incriminating video, allegedly made by Draper and Adamcik, in which they talk about a plan to kill Stoddart. All three were juniors at Pocatello High School at the time of the murder.

Adamcik's defense tried to claim the video simply illustrated the teen's hobby of making horror-themed movies.

Prosecutors also presented extensive physical evidence in both cases, items they say

linked the two teens to the crime, including clothing, the video and a pair of knives. The knives were discovered by detectives days after the attack in the Black Rock Canyon.

"I want to thank the jurors, the detectives and the prosecutors," said Anna Stoddart, the victim's mother. "Justice has been done, and it's all for Cassie."

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E. Idaho woman convicted of killing her son

POCATELLO (AP) — An eastern Idaho mother who prosecutors say was careless with a marijuana pipe and caused a bust fire that killed one of her children has been found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

Savannah Berrey, 24, faces up to 10 years in prison after a jury convicted her on Friday after deliberating for just more than three hours following the four-day trial in 7th District Court.

Prosecutors said Berrey passed out after smoking a marijuana pipe at her Idaho Falls home on May 2, 2005. Prosecutors and fire investigators say embers from a marijuana pipe that spilled on her sofa bed caused the fire that killed 4-year-old Eric Brady, who died in his bed in the next room.

After the verdict, Berrey and her mother ducked into a restroom to avoid reporters. Berrey covered her face and said "I... hate this!" while leaving the courthouse.

Berrey is free on bail until her sentencing hearing, scheduled for July 17.

"Justice occurred, but at the same time, there are no winners in a case like this," Bonneville County Prosecuting Attorney Diane Watkins told the Post Register. "She lost a child with no intent to lose that child, but it happened because of her choices."

During the trial, Watkins used Berrey's statements made after the fire, including "Oh my God, what have I done!" and "I got high and killed my baby."

Berrey's attorney, Jordan Crane, in his closing argument told the jury, "Sometimes accidents happen, sometimes tragedies happen whether or not you smoke marijuana. You've got Savannah's life in your hands."

Crane did not comment to the newspaper after the verdict.

Berrey's earlier trial on the same charge ended in November in a mistrial.

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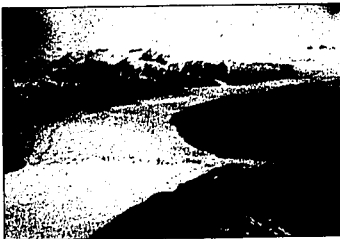
By Doug Struck
The Washington Post

JAKOBSHAVN GLACIER, Greenland — If Manhattan floods, it may start here, on an ice field that stretches in frozen silence to every horizon.

Global warming is working away at the Greenland ice cap. The frozen interior of that Arctic island is shedding ice much faster than simple melting should explain. And George Tsoflias wants to know why.

A sharp wind knives at the face of the scientist as he struggles — gloves off in the bitter cold — to make adjustments to his radar. His instrument is strapped to an unwieldy wooden sled adorned with batteries and cables and antennas that extend like flapping wings over the snow. He hopes it will peer through the ice to the ground two miles below.

Dozens of scientific teams are scattered over the frigid Greenland snowscape, sent by the National Science



Every day, the Jakobshavn Glacier dumps enough ice into the sea to supply 20 to 30 New York Cities with water.

Foundation, NASA and universities around the world. They are drilling the ice to collect samples, flying over it with radars and lasers, listening to its cracks and groans with seismometers, fitting it with GPS receivers to measure its pace, and photographing it as it slides to the sea and breaks into icebergs.

Their quest is crucial: If all the ice on Greenland were to

melt, the seas around the world would rise by 23 feet, submerging countless coastal cities. A modest three-foot rise would endanger 70 million people. "Greenland has the potential to put a lot of water, a lot of ice, into the sea," said Tsoflias, a researcher from the University of Kansas.

Greenland's ice cap contains 800 trillion gallons of water, and several outer glaciers,

huge rivers of ice that act as faucets from the ice cap. Those faucets are running faster. The Jakobshavn Glacier where Tsoflias works has doubled its speed in five years and every day dumps enough ice into the sea to supply 20 to 30 New York Cities with water.

From the air, the Jakobshavn looks like a still-life portrait of a river in white, rippled with frozen waves, sinuous as it moves toward the ocean at a rate of 135 feet per day.

"It's the fastest-flowing glacier in the world," said Don Voigt, huddled in a tent a few yards from Tsoflias' people, on a 3-degree day, trying to warm up with hot chocolate and the tiny blue flame of a camp stove. "The question is, why is it flowing so fast?"

Voigt, 53, a white-bearded veteran of 14 field seasons in Greenland and Antarctica, leads a team from Penn State University mapping the bottom of the ice by setting off explosives and recording the seismic reverberations.

They will live out here for a month, sleeping in tents in the

brutal weather, preparing explosive charges with cold-numbed hands, wiping snow off their instruments. They give nicknames to their jobs: "Shooter," "recorder" and "potato planter" — the one who shoves the small charges into the snow.

Scientists have a working theory for the glacier's speed.

The Jakobshavn is churning toward the sea over land that forms a trough deeper than the Grand Canyon. As higher temperatures melt ice and snow on the surface, the water is pouring down through crevasses to the rock. There, it is acting as a lubricant, lifting and carrying the glacier faster toward the sea.

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Cities take lead in U.S. on climate change

By Anthony Falola and Robin Shulman
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — To the long list of evils being blamed on global warming — hurricanes, heat waves, melting ice caps — tack on the smaller interior of Steve Benesuczy's cab. Inside, his passengers can already feel the squeeze of climate change in their knees.

"Of course it's less comfortable. Look, there's less leg room," said Benesuczy, 55, as he pointed to the back of his new taxi — a hybrid Ford Escape.

The company Benesuczy works for has started complying with a new directive ordering New York's entire fleet of 13,000 yellow cabs to go green over the next five years — part of an effort by the nation's largest city to cut its carbon emissions 30 percent by 2030.

Most taxis here are now roomy-if-gas-guzzling Ford Crown Victorias. But hundreds of busy hybrid cabs have already hit the roads, gradually altering the autoescape of

Manhattan's glittering byways.

New York is among a faction of U.S. cities from Boston to Portland, Ore., that are racing ahead of the federal government in setting carbon emission targets and developing concrete strategies to deal with climate change.

It is a direct consequence, municipal officials and analysts say, of the growing perception inside city halls that the Bush administration has largely ignored an issue that has reached a tipping point in American culture.

A nationwide poll released in April showed a third of Americans now call global warming the world's single largest environmental problem — double the number a year ago, according to a Washington Post-ABC News-Stanford University survey. Though the administration agreed last week to "seriously consider" a European proposal to slash emissions 50 percent by 2050, the United States rebuffed efforts to make the cuts mandatory.

"Because of what many see

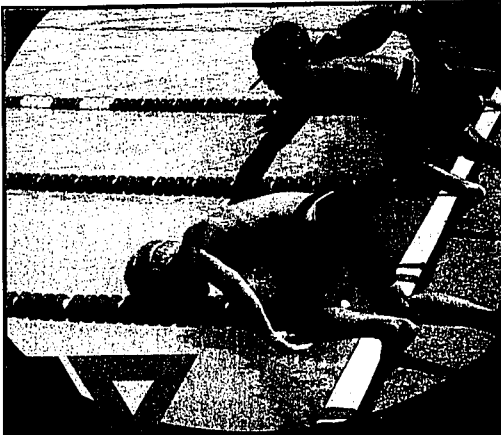
as a policy failure on this issue in Washington, you see state and city governments stepping up and taking the lead on global warming," said Daniel Esty, director of the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy. "You've got people in Europe saying that America is doing nothing on global warming, but that's not true. You are seeing real action. But it's happening in a local way."

What started in 2005 with the frustrations of one mayor — Seattle's Greg Nickels — over the Bush administration's resistance to the Kyoto Protocol has since grown to become a major nationwide movement. Nickels' "U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement" now includes 522 mayors representing 65 million Americans who have pledged to meet the Kyoto Protocol's standard of cutting greenhouse gas emissions 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.

Officials are still attempting to assess the overall impact of the combined effort of local governments. But they say those measures — along with

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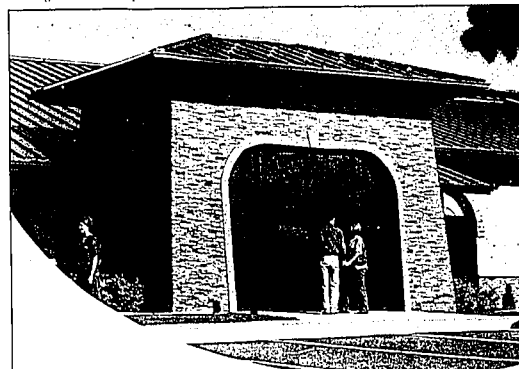


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TB controllers concerned about funding

By Colleen Slerin
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Everyday at Denver's public health department, people diagnosed with tuberculosis stop by to take their medication. Others, many of them immigrants from places like Somalia, Laos and Mexico, come to be tested to see if their bodies hold a latent form of the disease.

City investigators also fan out from here to find co-workers and relatives of their TB patients who might also have contracted the disease, using discretion as they reach out to people everywhere from law firms to homeless shelters to test them.

It's a labor intensive approach repeated in counties across the United States. Dr. Randall Reves, the director of the Denver Metro Tuberculosis Control Program, said it's the only way to prevent TB outbreaks. He also said it helps stop the development of such multidrug-resistant strains, or MDR, that are precursors to the extensively resistant, or XDR, strain contracted by Andrew Speaker, who's now being treated across town at National Jewish Medical and Research Center. "That is the nature of TB — if you treat it badly it will turn around and treat you badly," said Reves.

Reves and other TB controllers are concerned that federal funding cuts will make it harder to continue their programs. The disease still kills 1.6 million people each year, in 2004, it killed 662 people in the U.S.

Hundreds of people, many of whom who also had HIV,

died in MDR outbreaks in the 1980s in the U.S., causing Congress to beef up spending. But members of the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association are again worried about losing ground because they say federal TB funding adjusted for inflation has declined by 23 percent over the last decade — to \$137.4 million a year — just as XDR emerges as a threat.

About 75 percent of that money is distributed to local health departments, and controllers say the drop is hurting prevention and control programs.

The association, which represents leaders of TB programs across the country, wants a more than fourfold increase, to \$528 million, by 2008, including more money to pay for testing some promising new drugs to treat TB.

In 2006, there were 13,767 cases of TB reported in the U.S., the lowest ever, according to the report. But 20 states reported an increase in cases over 2005, and the District of Columbia had the highest rate — 12.6 cases per 100,000 people.

The Denver program diagnosed 92 cases of TB last year, it's seen a 15 percent decrease in overall funding — to \$1.2 million in 2006 — In the last three years mostly because of cuts in funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Reves said he's managed to maintain services by shifting staffers and getting an increase in state funding, but he's not sure how long that will work since assistant surgeon general Ken Castro told members of the NTCA in a Nov. 16 e-mail



Dr. Randall Reves, the director of the Denver Metro Tuberculosis Control Program, is shown during an interview June 7. Reves is concerned about federal funding cuts for programs like his across the country. Reves said the state has helped keep services intact for the Denver area but other departments have had to cut staff or stop doing preventative screenings for TB.

that they should prepare to absorb a total 25 percent cut over the next five years.

"I would rather be proactive in the management of this process, informed by the direct budget realities of the past several years," Castro wrote.

Responding to another urgent call for more funding from the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis — set up by Congress after the 1980s outbreaks — CDC director Julie Gerberding in March promised to place TB and the threat of XDR among top priorities for fiscal year 2008.

Telephone calls for comment left with Castro's office weren't returned and the CDC said it couldn't provide anyone else to discuss TB funding.

Michael Fleener, a county health officer in Birmingham, Ala. and chair of ACET, said TB controllers have only been told

that the CDC doesn't have much flexibility to give them more money. He speculates that the demand for money for bioterrorism programs is sucking money away from TB.

If nothing changes, Fleener expects there will be more cases of MDR and XDR, leaving local counties strapped to pay for treatment. Between 1993 and 2006 there were 49 cases of XDR reported in the U.S.

"The genie is already out of the bottle. It's a matter now of what we're trying to do to mitigate it," Fleener said.

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Quarantine laws need strengthening in light of TB case, health official says

By Kevin Fraking
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — States should have the power to quarantine people with contagious diseases even before they have the chance to disobey doctors' orders, federal health officials say.

"The need for such authority is to order someone to be quarantined as less than No. 1 from the case of the Atlanta lawyer who went to Europe, despite having a dangerous form of tuberculosis."

"If we believe the patient has a strong intent to do otherwise, we need to have confidence we can take action absent documentation of intent to cause harm," Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told lawmakers last week.

Gerberding also mentioned outfitting a CDC plane so the government could fly patients long distances without fear of contaminating others on board and improving communication among government agencies.

"Also cited by the Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing was the lapse at the U.S.-Canadian border that allowed Andrew Speaker to enter the U.S. even though his name was on a watch list with instructions to detain him." Officials said a lone border agent made a bad decision.

"The ability to require that someone be kept in isolation leads to legal and ethical questions about privacy, especially about the government, especially by the government."

"First of all, up front, before the patient left the United States, we believe that we could strengthen our states' ability to restrict the movement of patients before they depart. It's not non-compliance with the medical order," Gerberding told lawmakers.

Peter Jacobson, a health law professor, had concerns about Gerberding's statement on two fronts.

"That's not the federal government's role and it's far, far too broad a statement. There has to be a credible threat, a direct threat of harm before you restrict someone's freedom to move, before you intrude on their individuality," said Jacobson, director of the Center for Law and Ethics and Health at the

University of Michigan.

Besides granting states more power to isolate patients, Gerberding said the federal government should clarify its quarantine laws. "We need to focus on preventing sick people from coming into the country."

"Our statutes weren't really designed for this modern age of global travel," she said.

Speaker told lawmakers that doctors recommended he not travel, but they never said he was contagious or a threat to others. A county official disputed Speaker's recollection.

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Trailers are humble homes at the end of the road

By Richard Fausset
Los Angeles Times

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — In the Noel Jones, 8, and Wendell "Papa" Williams, 42, were strolling recently through their post-Hurricane Katrina trailer park — a self-contained universe of rows of white box homes, gravel streets and dogs on short chains.

It was unmythical seven hours before the start of hurricane season. There is no playground, no basketball court. The boys were a little bored.



Noel Jones, 8, is among hundreds in Pascagoula, Miss., who remain living in trailers supplied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after Hurricane Katrina.

They showed off the metal fence they jump to get the sways with its alligators and snapping turtles. Soon they would show off the trampled part of the fence that leads to their clubhouse in the woods.

But first, they ran into the Johnsons, 28, owner of a home from his forklift job at the shipyard. Sometimes Johnson pays the boys to do odd jobs, but not tonight.

He and his wife were saving up for the moment when they, like the residents of the other 7 trailers, would be asked to leave. No one had asked them yet, but they figured it was inevitable: The Pascagoula City Council had stripped this park and two others of their zoning status on weeks earlier.

"If I was able to go somewhere else, I wouldn't be here," Johnson said angrily, noting that Hurricane Katrina had flooded him out of his old apartment.

The boys walked on. Their clubhouse, decorated with old truck tires and seat cushions, was a clearing in the trash-strewn woods. Papa flopped down, hands behind his head, and described his ideal home: "I'd like to live in a palace or a mansion. Or just in a plain, big house — with a good family."

Their families are among hundreds in Pascagoula that remain in trailers the Federal Emergency Management Agency set up after the August 2005 hurricane, many of them clustered on temporary sites. The agency, which typically provides temporary housing for 18 months after a disaster, has extended the deadline for leaving the trailers to March 2009, an acknowledgment of the difficulties many face in relocating.

But Pascagoula is one of many local governments that hope to move families out of the trailers long before that deadline. Local politicians see the trailer parks as hotbeds of crime and a blight to neighborhoods.

For the time being, this is Noel's and Papa's home: an unnamed, unmarked grid of trailers, set in the crook of a middle-class subdivision, on a lot next to a U.S. Army Reserve Center.

Apart from the trash in the woods, the place is clean and orderly — though no more charming than military barracks. All the trailers are three-bedroom units, the kind the government set aside for large families. They are indistinguishable, save for differing eight-digit serial numbers stamped on their sides. Between them, patches of sand are cluttered with bikes and barbecue grills.

The boys know most of the other children. Most are black, like Noel and Papa, but there are white and Hispanic kids too. Sometimes they get along. Sometimes they don't.

The boys know parents who are working hard but can't afford to leave. They know parents who aren't working at all.

For better or for worse, this is their neighborhood.

"We feel like they shouldn't kick us out," Papa said. "Because we've been here a really long time."

Noel was a few yards from Papa's trailer asking if he could do chores for the man he called Mr. Bobby. Bobby Cochran, 40, and his wife each had two pit bull puppies in their arms. They were showing them to some young men in an idling car. Cochran, a mechanic, sells dogs for extra money.

"I'll tell you what, Noel," Cochran said, looking down at the boy. "You find my wheelbarrow for me. I'll give you \$5. And you tell me who's got it."

Noel considered the offer and ran off.

Cochran, whose rental home was destroyed by Katrina, hopes to buy his trailer from

FEMA. But he isn't sure where he would relocate once the park closes. "I'm trying to find some property to put it on, but it's hard — everybody's buying everything up," he said.

Cochran and his wife seemed to treat Noel with tenderness and suspicion. This was a tough place for a kid to grow up, Cochran said. A lot of drugs, a lot of violence.

Police say crime is a problem in the trailer park. Sgt. Ronnie Castillo, a spokesman for the Pascagoula Police Department, said there have been at least two shootings. Residents say the trailer park on Jefferson Avenue has quieted since private security guards contracted by FEMA began patrolling sev-

eral weeks ago to supplement the police.

The sun sank. Neighbors stepped outside to talk with neighbors. Noel was in front of Sandra Davison's trailer, trying to grab a stick of sour-apple taffy from Leslie Sanchez, 7. Leslie's big sister Abigail shoved Noel away.

He got up in her face. "What are you going to try to do about it?" he said.

She gave a little snort of disgust. "Don't touch me!"

Most of the children in the park had gravitated to Davison's trailer. Her large flat-screen TV had been playing the Disney Channel all day, and her freezer, as always, was full of frozen blueberry drink in little plastic

foam cups, free for the taking.

The kids used to call Davison, 42, "the candy lady," because she had tried to sell them candy. But she was too soft-hearted and gave most of it away. Now many of them call her "Mama."

She keeps her door open to everyone, even Papa and Noel, who have a reputation in the park as troublemakers. Earlier in the day, Papa had run to Davison's trailer crying after arguing with his mother.

The kids came and went as the jump rope turned. After a few minutes, Noel and Papa came running around the corner, shouting wildly. The Hispanic girl had thrown rocks at them, they said. The boys

were going to gather their relatives. There was going to be a confrontation.

Soon there was a crowd. A few black teenagers yelled at Liliana Torres, Abigail's mother, and her boyfriend. The boyfriend, a refinery worker, stood in the gravel street, glaring at his tormentors.

The crowd dispersed just as three police cars pulled up.

They had come on a burglary call.

The boyfriend, who did not give his name, walked over to an officer and told him how kids in the trailer park were constantly harassing him and his family. He said he didn't know what the problem was.

"The problem is," the officer said, "that unfortunately, you're in a FEMA park."

PROPERTY TAX REMINDER

June 20th is the last day for payment of the second installment of 2006 Real Property, Mobile Home, and Personal Property taxes. Mail payments **MUST** be postmarked by **June 20, 2007**.

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Matt latest Tracy in line of Minico greats

By Bradley Gulre • Times-News writer

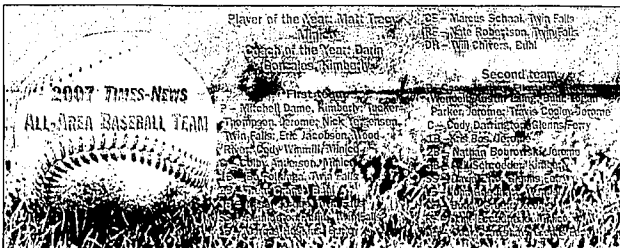
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RUPERT — Although arguably one of the most driven baseball players in the Magic Valley, Minico Spartans pitcher Matt Tracy isn't likely to talk a lot of smack.

It's most likely that the 2007 Times-News All-Area Baseball Player of the Year will burn a hole right through the batter before burning him with a fastball.

"He's a quiet, laid-back kid," Minico head coach Ben Frunk said. Whether reflecting on what turned into a six-game series against Great Basin Conference West rival Jerome or how he said one booted ball cost the Spartans another state championship, Tracy remained steady.

Not giving away much excitement when talking about the strength of the Minico rotation, but not showing massive despair when talking about the loss to Columbia High School in



the title game. People often pick up the traits of other family members, and such is the case with Tracy. He's the third brother to play for the Spartans and

Frank this decade. The oldest, Nate, played before Matt reached high school. Jared caught for Matt as a senior on the 2005 championship squad and seems to be the biggest

Player of the Year: Matt Tracy
Minico
Coach of the Year: Dan Peterson
Spartans
First team
— Mitchell Domo, Humboldt; Isaac Thompson, Jerome; Nick Gregerson, Twin Falls; Eric Jacobson, Wood River; Cody Verrill, Arden

Second team
— Brandon Galt, Caldwell; Parker, Jerome; Mike Cogol, Jerome; Cole Bos, Jerome; Nathan Bourgeois, Jerome; Matt Schrock, Jerome

Tracy by the numbers

9-2, 1.74 ERA, 60 K, 60 IP, 400 BA, 30 RBI, 8 2B

Besides sharing an interest in controlling the game from the mound, both Jared and Matt were named as Great Basin Conference West player of the year (Jared in 2005, Matt this season).

"He would teach me, tell me how to get ahead on a hitter, stuff like that," Matt said. But he grew as a baseball player even more when Jared graduated and left him the lone Tracy on the team. According to Frunk, a lot of that growth was a world of difference.

Tracy didn't consider himself the main event. It was just a guy that

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2007 COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO CSI cowgirls have sights on title

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Walking in a mall with a group of her friends, Tahai Lappin blends in easily. Pretty, lean and blonde, the Kimberly native is not unlike other College of Southern Idaho freshmen until she discusses her lifestyle. While her counterparts are kept busy by the usual trappings of college life — parties, shopping, being chased by young men — Lappin is blazing a trail across the intermountain west on horseback.

So immersed in the world of collegiate rodeo is Lappin that even the worth of the items so many young women concern themselves with attaining is weighed against tack and another go.

"People tease me," Lappin said, "because I'll go, 'It's 60 bucks for this. That's a whole entry fee right there for the seniors.'"

"That's one time you can throw your rope," CSI sophomore teammate Luena Harbert broke in as



College of Southern Idaho sophomore barrel racer Luena Harbert and her horse DocLaMoney tear around a barrel during the CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo in Twin Falls on Saturday, March 11. Harbert is one of the three CSI cowgirls that will compete at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., held today through June 16.

the two cowgirls, along with teammate Jana Bubak and coach Steve Birnie discussed the big-money culture of rodeo. "And you're going

Eagle Eyes

11); 33; Go 2 (7 a.m., June 12); 18; Go 3, Section 2 (7 p.m., June 14); 27. Luena Harbert
Barrel racing — Go 1 (7 a.m., June 11); 2; Go 2 (7 a.m., June 12); 44; Go 3, Section 1 (7 p.m., June 12); 2. Breakaway roping — Go 1, Section 4 (4 p.m., June 10); 25; Go 2, Section 1 (7 a.m., June 11); 24; Go 3, Section 3 (7 p.m., June 14); 32. Tarah Lappin
Goat tying — Go 1, Section 2 (7 a.m., June 11); 30; Go 2, Section 1 (7

to go 10 times in one weekend." The members of this year's CSI

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2007 College National Finals Rodeo At Casper Events Center, Casper, Wyo. June 10-16 (Finals at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 16)
College of Southern Idaho draws Cowgirls
Jana Bubak
Breakaway roping — Go 1, Section 4 (4 p.m., June 10); 30; Go 2, Section 1 (7 a.m., June 11); 20; Go 3, Section 1 (7 a.m., June 12); 3.
Team roping (With Brady Woodward, Weber State) — Go 1 (7 a.m., June

a.m., June 12); 20; Go 3, Section 3 (7 p.m., June 14); 28. Cowboys
Tag Elliott
Bull riding — Go 1, Section 4 (4 p.m., June 10); 21; Go 2, Section 3 (7 a.m., June 12); 24; Go 3, Section 3 (7 p.m., June 14); 23. Matt Morrison
Saddle bronc — Go 1, Section 6 (4 p.m., June 10); 39; Go 2, Section 4 (7 a.m., June 12); 33; Go 3, Section 4 (7 p.m., June 15); 34.

Henin wins fourth French Open

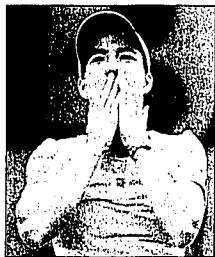
By Howard Feinlich
Associated Press writer

PARIS — An hour after clutching her fourth French Open trophy, Justine Henin cradled other precious cargo in her arms: her 6-week-old niece.

Talking and laughing with friends and relatives in a lounge just off center court,

Henin slowly rocked her brother's baby, then gently kissed her head. As much as a sixth Grand Slam title meant to the top-ranked Belgian, this scene was worth far more.

For Henin, life off the court has long presented far more problems than life on it. So after overwhelming No. 7 Ana Ivanovic of Serbia 6-1, 6-2 Saturday for a third consecutive French Open championship, Henin was thrilled to be able to sip champagne alongside



Belgium's Justine Henin blows a kiss after beating Serbia's Ana Ivanovic in the women's final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Saturday. Henin won 6-1, 6-2.

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MARLINS HOST SWIM MEET

Zach Melina, 8, gets a good start in the 50-meter backstroke Saturday during the Summer Heat Meet at Metat Twin Falls City Pool.

For Summer Heat Meet results, see page C2

SPORTS

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Cowboys AA sweeps Nampa

Twin Falls starts season at 8-0

Times-Herald

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Cowboys are off to another fast start.

The Cowboys Class AA American Legion squad bumped its record up to a perfect 8-0 to start the season after sweeping innings Nampa 11-1 in five innings and 8-1 in Saturday's doubleheader at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.

the mound. Jacob Cones, Nick Yergenson and Chase Elam also picked up complete-game wins over the weekend.

"A luxury too is that we haven't had to use Kasey Jerome this weekend," Stadelmeier said. "We've been able to rest his arm and let's one of the top arms in the area."

Bo Folkwing went 3-for-3 with a home run and four RBIs in Saturday's first game after putting in a 2-for-5, four-RBI performance in during Friday's first game.

"Those are two of the better clubs up in the Boise Valley so I was really happy to come out of the weekend with four wins,"

Stadelmeier said. The Cowboys, who are 2-0 in Area C play will look to keep things rolling on Tuesday as they host the Milico Spartans for a 6 p.m. doubleheader at Walker Field.

Game 1
Twin Falls 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th
Nampa 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

Game 2
Twin Falls 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th
Nampa 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

Friday's late games
Twin Falls 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th
Nampa 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

Game 1
Twin Falls 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th
Nampa 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

Game 2
Twin Falls 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th
Nampa 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

Times-Herald

TWIN FALLS — The top youth swimmers from Idaho and northern Nevada converged on the Twin Falls YMCA City Pool for Saturday's Summer Heat Meet hosted by the Magic Valley YMCA Marlins swim team.

Youth was served for the Marlins as 8-year-old swimmers Maddie Johnson and Zach Malina led the way with four and three individual wins, respectively. Other Marlins event winners were Patrick Trahert, Freddyjatt Atwood, Jessica Aguire, Michael Shea O'Donnell and Connor Harding.

The top eight finishers from each of Saturday's events follow.

2007 Summer Heat Meet

Age 8 and under 50 yd - 1. Jack Malina, MYMA, 0:37.50; 2. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 3. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 4. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 5. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 6. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 7. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 8. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00.

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Age 12 and under 50 yd - 1. Jack Malina, MYMA, 0:37.50; 2. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 3. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 4. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 5. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 6. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 7. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 8. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00.

Age 14 and under 50 yd - 1. Jack Malina, MYMA, 0:37.50; 2. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 3. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 4. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 5. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 6. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 7. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 8. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00.

Age 16 and under 50 yd - 1. Jack Malina, MYMA, 0:37.50; 2. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 3. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 4. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 5. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 6. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 7. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00; 8. Ryan Swanson, MYMA, 0:41.00.

Marlins host Summer Heat Meet



Hannah Bledenkach, 12, swims the first lap of the 100 meter breaststroke race Saturday during the Summer Heat Meet at Twin Falls City YMCA Pool.

Bobcats drop doubleheader to Idaho Falls

By Chuck Nunn

For the Times-Herald

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats' American Legion Baseball team went through some more growing pains Saturday as it dropped both halves of a doubleheader to the Idaho Falls Rangers, falling 10-2 and 7-1.

In the first game, the Rangers jumped on Bobcats starter Ryan Watkins early, with base hits by Jake Archart and Tim Morrissey. Morrissey was driven home on a single by Andrew Meng.

The Bobcats (0-1) answered back in the second inning, Christian Wimmill and Alfonso Sanchez both singled, and Garrett Lyons was hit by a pitch from Idaho Falls starter

Morrissey to load the bases. Logan Ottley brought Wimmill home and was safe at first on the fielder's choice. Sanchez made it home when the Rangers committed a throwing error on Sam Harris' grounder.

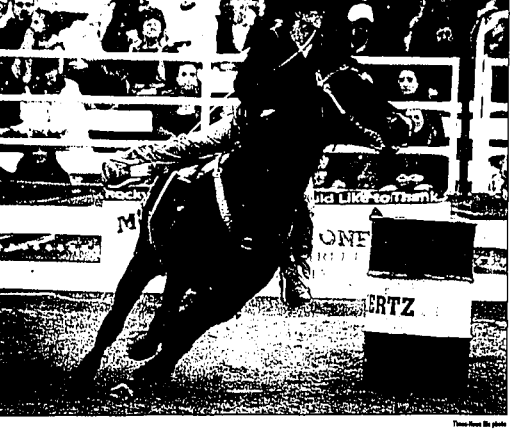
But through the next five innings, the Bobcats were unable to generate the offense they needed to seriously threaten the Rangers.

"We just didn't hit the baseball," Burley coach Matt Peterson said. "Their pitcher did a pretty good job of mixing up speeds and mixing up locations. But we need to put the ball in play a few more times."

buried somewhat better. Stephen Beck pitched six innings and the loss, striking out three and walking five, but not giving up any really big hits to the Rangers. Burley got its only run in the game in the first inning on an RBI double from Redder. Archart had two RBIs in the game, and Bowman hit an RBI double in the sixth inning for the Rangers. Burley hosts Bear Lake on Monday.

Game 1
Idaho Falls 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th
Burley 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

Game 2
Idaho Falls 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th
Burley 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0



CSI freshman Tarah Lappin and her horse round a barrel during this year's CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo at the Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls.

Rodeo

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rodeo team as no different than the rest of us. We not only define ourselves by the things we do — we become them. Anchored to our past successes, we set our course toward the next conquest, be it a big promotion, an exciting new fave interest or the gold of a championship buckle.

"We always say that rodeo," Harbert said. "People on the outside looking in don't understand it. It's all you do. It's your recreation and it's your business. It's everything."

The business of rodeo has been good for Bubak, Harbert and Lappin, the trio of cowgirls that will try to earn CSI's fourth national championship during the 2007 College National Finals Rodeo, held Tuesday through Saturday, June 16, in Casper, Wyo.

In Casper, they will be joined by top regional saddle bronc rider Matt Morrison and Idaho Mountain region bull riding champion Tuff Elliott.

Bubak, a Jerome product who finished second in the Rocky Mountain all-around cowgirl standings as a sophomore, has helped spur the CSI women to nationals. She will compete in breakaway roping, as well as team work with Weber State University (Utah) cowboy Barber "Woody" Woodward in team roping. Harbert will compete in both barrel racing and breakaway roping, while Lappin will compete in goat tying.

The Golden Eagles haven't ridden in a college rodeo since late March, but have used the time to work on their individual rodeo events, rest and practice. Now they'll be thrust into the weeklong grind that culminates with Saturday's 7 p.m. finals.

matter what situation were we put into, we'll be able to rise to the occasion and give our best." "While a measure of luck is always involved in rodeo, the Golden Eagles are banking on their steady practice regimen to keep control of any situation they're handed this weekend."

"You get a four-second calf, you rope it in four," Lappin said. "You get a two-second calf, you rope it in two. You can't make a four-second calf a two-second calf all the time. You're pretty lucky if you can."

"The Golden Eagles are hoping that the right mixture of skill, training and luck will equate to a very busy Saturday when the nation's top awards are handed out.

Tracy

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needed to throw strikes and do whatever he could to get out of innings and not give up runs. Frank noted that this year, Matt came into his own and accepted that spotlight opportunity when he was the pitcher. All the while, he was the same Matt Tracy.

"Matt made a big adjustment this year challenging the strike zone. He had issues with falling behind, but this year he was the best with his strike-out-to-walk ratio," said Frank, adding that a new maturity also contributed to how he took charge of his team.

"I'm proud of his leadership, and it's one of the main reasons we were so successful," Frank said. "He would come in and step up the intensity and go after guys along with the other seniors."

It was a shift that would affect the entire team, especially during the early games against Jerome. Minico would get the better of the Tigers late into the season through the District IV tournament and the semifinal game at state. But that wasn't always the case. Jerome took a few wins, and it didn't sit well with the Spartans at all.



Minico senior Matt Tracy pitches against Wood River on May 5.

"That series points out Matt two years ago and Matt this year," Frank said.

But high school is over, and Tracy will have even more opportunities to grow as a pitcher and all-around baseball player.

Tracy will be sidelined for the American Legion Baseball season as he rehabs his left, non-throwing shoulder. He had recurring problems with it dislocating, so pins were put in. He'd like to recover in time for the end of the season and

the team tournament, but that's to be determined. Otherwise, he'll spend a good bit of time deciding whether he wants to attend Lamar Community College (Colo.) or Valley Community College (Mont.).

"I'm looking forward to following him with college ball," Frank said.

Tracy hopes that a stint in the NJCAA will lead to a shot at playing NCAA Division I baseball down the line.

If he continues to demonstrate the progress he's shown at Minico, that dream will surely come to pass.

I think what's key for the three of us is that together we've matured and become a strong team and are competitive," Bubak said. "So that no

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

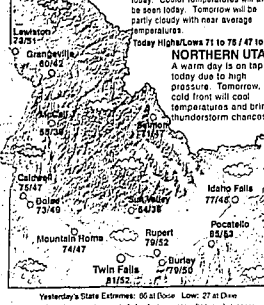
Today: Warm and partly cloudy with an evening thunderstorm possible. Highs in the lower 80s. Tonight: Increasing clouds with a chance for rain. Low in the lower 50s. Tomorrow: Cooler with a chance for isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

BURLEIGH/REPURT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with increasing clouds and maybe a rumble of thunder. Highs in the upper 70s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a thunderstorm possible. Lows in the lower 50s to around 50. Tomorrow: Temperature cooling with a chance for isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Clouds will be on the increase today, and so will the chance for showers. A cold front is blamed for these shower chances. Tomorrow will be cooler and showers will continue to be possible. Today Highs 65 to 80. Tonight's Lows 33 to 45. Boise High 81. A cold front will create the chance for showers and thunderstorms today. Cooler temperatures will also be seen today. Tomorrow will be partly cloudy with near average temperatures. Today Highs 65 to 80. Tonight's Lows 33 to 45. Boise High 81.



Weather Sky: Be cloudy today. It'll be heavy, but it'll have a surprise. No more clouds, it'll be a good day, it'll be a good day, it'll be a good day.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. "I'll be more focused on Tony Parker..."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday, Wednesday. Lists cities and their respective weather forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for various cities.

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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday, Wednesday. Lists Canadian cities and their weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Wise Guy: LeBron James relaxed as Game 2 nears

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker, Tony Soprano, One's going to get hacked, the other might get whacked. At roughly the same time the Cleveland Cavaliers and San Antonio Spurs take the floor for Game 2 of the NBA finals on Sunday night, the final episode of "The Sopranos," HBO's series about a dysfunctional New Jersey mafia family, will air.



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) drives past San Antonio Spurs forward Bruce Bowen (12) in the first half of Game 1 of the NBA Finals in San Antonio on Thursday. The teams meet again today at 7 p.m.

"I'll be more focused on Tony Parker," Cavaliers star LeBron James said, "even though it's just a game of Tony Soprano." James had better be locked in following a nightmarish performance in his — and Cleveland's — finals debut, when he went 4-of-16 from the field, scored just 14 points and had six turnovers in an 85-76 loss to the Spurs.

As reporters in the interview room deep inside AT&T center erupted in laughter at his rambling response, James smiled — and continued. "I'm serious," he said. "I'm a big Sopranos fan, and this is the first time I finally get a question which is not the same question I've been hearing all year. I appreciate that. I'm pretty tired of answering the same questions."

Like, how do you get away from Bruce Bowen? The Spurs have a wise guy of their own: Bowen. He does their dirty work. Arguably the league's best perimeter defender — and the dirtiest in many NBA circles — Bowen's assignment in this series is to cover James, who is 13 years younger, an inch taller and 40 pounds heavier than his counterpart.

Unlike other defenders, who overplay Cleveland's All-Star to the right, thus forcing him to drive with his weaker hand, Bowen stayed directly in front of James. When James tried to shoot, Bowen would kick him during the Western Conference semifinals. Bowen simply played hard-nosed, belligerently defense — the way he learned as a kid. "I came up old school," Bowen said, explaining his defensive prowess. "If you didn't play my 'D,' you didn't get on the floor."

Cavaliers coach Mike Brown is very familiar with Bowen's tactics. While he was as assistant with San Antonio, Brown came to appreciate Bowen's ability to frustrate and disrupt scorers with a variety of tricks. Bowen has other intangibles that make him a defensive standout. "This effort, his defensive desire off the charts," Brown said. "He understands that that's what he brings to the table, and he just takes it to another level. When I was coaching here, our guys used to hate when he coached them in practice because he didn't let up."

Bowen is the Spurs' most active player in the San Antonio community, sometimes appearing at two or three charitable events in a week. On Friday, he helped dedicate a local reading and learning center. He has a foundation that aids underprivileged children, and when the father of two this wife, Yardley, lost the couple's second child on Saturday, Bowen was the one who stepped in to be a high school teacher. James got to know Bowen better last summer when they played together on the U.S. national team. "It's definitely family first, basketball second with him," James said. "I really respect Bruce."

He's been vilified for so long that he has learned not to let the name-calling bother him.

Game 2 Spurs lead series 1-0 Cavs vs. Spurs When: Today, 7 p.m.; TV: ABC; Line: Spurs by 7

back-to-back says enough." Arizona State, reigning NCAA indoor champions, wrapped up the title with a 1-3 finish in the shot put.

There have only been three schools to win indoors and outdoors, Sun Devils coach Greg Kraft said. "LSU and Texas are storied programs. For us to be mentioned in the same breath as them is huge. It really does add credibility to what we're doing."

NCAA TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS Dix wins 200, leads Florida State to another title

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Walter Dix put on quite a show in what might have been his farewell to college track. The Florida State junior collected a triumphant week at the NCAA track and field championships by repeating as 200-meter champion and leading the Seminoles to their second consecutive title.

The Arizona State women rebounded from a disappointing start to the meet to win their first outdoor championship. Dix won three events — the 100-, 200- and 400-meter relay — to the first man to accomplish that feat since John Carlos for San Jose State in 1969.

"It's something I've been working toward since my freshman year," Dix said. "Now that goal's out of the way I still have the 100-meter record to get." Dix was noncommittal about whether he'd return for his senior year of eligibility or not. "I'll see," he said. FSU coach Bob Braman

sounded as if he expected Dix to leave. "Could you blame him?" Braman said. "This done everything he needs to do. It's up to him to completely up to him. I'd like to find some records for him to chase. It's the only reason he'd come back." Dix edged to victory in the 200 in 20.32 seconds, well off the record and second in a new, world-leading 19.69 he ran two weeks ago at the East Regional. With his 9.93 in the 100 on Friday, Dix holds the world's best times in both events.

"This is huge," Braman said of winning two titles in a row. "It's so hard to do. Kids are going pro, kids are graduating, kids get hurt. We had a lot of injuries this year, and we were lucky enough to survive." Lopez Lomang of Northern Arizona, one of the "Los Boys of Sudan" who spent 10 years in a Kenyan refugee camp before coming to the United States in 2001, won the 1,500 meters in 3 minutes, 37.07 seconds. He passed Leonard Muzina to close down the stretch, then raised his fist in triumph after crossing the tape

and howed to the crowd from the victory stand. Manzano was second in 3:37.48. LSU finished second in the men's and women's team races. Florida State won with only six men entered, all but one in the sprints. The Seminoles had 54 points to LSU's 34 and Tennessee fourth with 20.8. "We're establishing something at Florida State," Dix said. "I think two championships

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The queen quest



• Photos and story by Meagan Thompson •
Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Lipstick, curls, rhinestones, dust and sweat are all part of the quest for queen.

In this pursuit you have to be eloquent and flashy, and knowledge of the rodeo is imperative. Above all, you must be able to ride.

Instead of a scepter, you will carry the flag of your state. Wranglers will replace the elegant gown, and atop your simple cowboy hat, a crown of jewels will tell the world (or at least the spectators at parades across the Magic Valley) that you are queen — the queen of the rodeo.

It takes a woman of strength and even glory to rule over anything or anyone.

However, at the rodeo, strength and glory seem to be footnotes to other more awe-inspiring things, such as blood and broken bones.

The rodeo conjures up images of magnificence to some, while to others it renders disgust. "How could someone treat a cow like that?" some might question.

But this is the queen's domain, and she must be its greatest advocate.

After three days of tight pants, super-hold hair spray and sequined shirts, Krystal Kenney, 21, of Twin Falls tipped her head slightly to the right, causing a huge teardrop stone in her tiara to shake gently in place. She was posing for final snapshots as the new reigning Queen of the Magic Valley, 2008.

To Kenney, the rodeo has been a way of life since childhood. She says you have to have your head on straight to be queen. She would know, too. She says she has always worked hard to get what she want — the registered nursing program at the College of Southern Idaho takes up most of her time.

Most of the girls in the Twin Falls County

Girls meet at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer before the start of the Queens of the Magic Valley competition, a three-day event connected to the Western Days festival in Twin Falls. Eleven girls in four categories were a part of the competition this year.



Cara Vierstra, 10, last year's Sweet Heart, walls backstage as a contestant speaks during the Queens of the Magic Valley competition during the Western Days celebration in Twin Falls.

More photos on page E3

View a slideshow of the hardworking girls of the Queens of the Magic Valley, online at Magicvalley.com



Caitlin Thornton and her mother, Pat, prepare Axel for the big day. Contestants in the queen competition have to be able to ride and exhibit public speaking skills among other things in order to win a title.



Caitlin Thornton, 18, rides her horse Axel as she prepares for the Queens of the Magic Valley competition late in May.

competition have set high standards. Caitlin Thornton, 18, spent the majority of the competition darning between the contest and school.

"We're going to do the meeting, run to school for the (graduation) practice,

then run back here again to the horse-manship," said her mother, Pat.

Caitlin, winner of Best in Show for the horsemanship portion of the queen competition, can be found most days with her horse, Axel, riding circles

around the Sundance Arena in Twin Falls. She says she wants to run a rodeo stock company, a unique job quest for a young woman. It is this kind of drive that is in the hearts of the women who reign over the rodeo.

The queen quest

• Photos by Meagan Thompson • Times-News •

Crystal Kenney, 21, named the 2008 Queen of the Magic Valley, poses at the Western Days celebration in Twin Falls. 'Little girls really look up to you. They stand on the side and their eyes just get really big,' says Kenney.



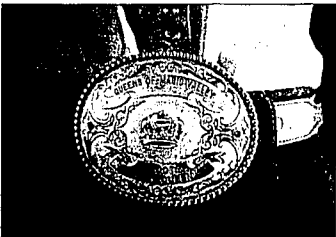
Brittney Harvey, 13, practices her speech as little sister Ashley, 7, looks on at their home in Buhl. Harvey walked away with the Miss Congeniality award during the Queens of the Magic Valley competition May 31 through June 2.



Kandace Boggs, 18, the 2007 Queen of the Magic Valley, leads contestants through the Western Days parade in downtown Twin Falls.



'I swear at our house there's a hole in the ozone,' says Caitlin Thornton, as her mother fixes her hair May 31 in preparation for the queen competition.



A belt buckle for the 2007 Teen Queen winner. Winners in the four categories will attend rodeos and parades in the Magic Valley throughout the summer.



Contestants wait for the winners to be called June 2 in Twin Falls City Park.

Venus presents an observing challenge

If you've been watching Venus in the evening sky lately, you might have wanted to see it up close with a telescope.

But if you've tried to do so, you've likely experienced the same disappointment that has befallen Venus-watching astronomers since Galileo. Unfortunately, Venus is perpetually shrouded in fluke, impenetrable clouds. Through a telescope Venus appears uniformly white, with nary a hint of variation to be seen other than its moon-like phases.

Most of what we know of Venus comes from space probes that flew past, orbited, or landed on the hellish surface.

The European Space Agency's Venus Express probe has been circling Venus since last spring, concentrating especially on the cloud structure, which stands out in ultraviolet and infrared light.

And, last Tuesday, the MESSENGER spacecraft zipped just 170 miles above Venus's cloud tops, gaining a gravitational boost and a final opportunity to test its instruments before rendezvousing with Mercury next January. MESSENGER collected data on Venus's magnetic field, charged particle environ-



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Saturday:

Planets:
One hour before sunrise:

Mars: E, low
Jupiter: SW, very low
One hour after sunset:
Venus: W, low
Saturn: W, low
Jupiter: SE, low
Moon: Close to Mars this morning. New Moon Thursday, 9:13pm.

ment, and images of the clouds in various wavelengths.

Together with Venus Express's view, scientists are enjoying a first-ever "stereo" look at our so-called sister planet.

Visit the MESSENGER web-site (<http://messenger.jhuapl.edu>) to see some of the results for yourself.

Why Venus's cloud structure is best seen in ultraviolet light is one of the mysteries Venus Express is designed to solve.

But with a good telescope, exceptionally clear skies, and

a bit of luck, you can occasionally see a hint of variation in the Venusian clouds with your own eyes.

My very first such glimpse came last month, using the Centennial Observatory's 24-inch Norman Herrett telescope shortly after cleaning its optics.

In late afternoon skies, I saw a subtly darker diagonal streak in Venus's southern hemisphere cloud cover.

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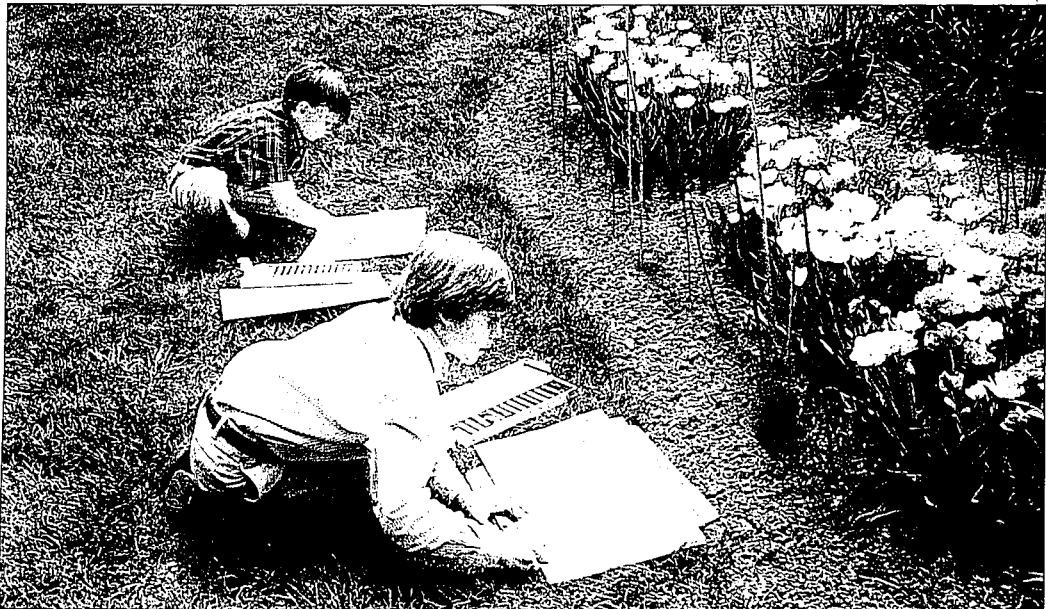
Before he could receive an award as "National Father of the Year," a Magic Valley single dad was killed in a crash.

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FLOWER ART



James Blake Dannenbaum, foreground, and Dylan Mitchell were among students at Landon School for boys in Bethesda, Md., whose art class was held recently at the 2 1/2-acre Perkins Garden. With extra-big clipboards and crayon-like oil and charcoal pastels, they sought the perfect flower to sketch.

Budding artists turn to flowers for inspiration

By Ellen Edwards
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The sun was shining, the breeze was blowing, the fields were calling to come play. And 14 third-grade boys did just that, but maybe not in the way you would expect.

They ran out of their classroom at the Landon School for boys in Bethesda, Md., carrying extra-big clipboards and crayon-like oil and charcoal pastels, hunting for the perfect flower to sketch.

"See the big bunch there?" shouted one boy as he ran. "The rest ones?"

"We have been studying the feeling of art, the feeling you get from different colors," explained Noah Gear, 9.

"And geometric shapes," said Max Meikes, 10. "I like the different things

you can do with geometric shapes."

The boys spread out in the 2 1/2-acre Perkins Garden to work, looking for what they wanted among the more than 1,000 varieties of azaleas there, all coming into bloom.

Their art teacher, Megan Rains, encouraged them to use their hand-made "viewfinders" to focus on one small area. The viewfinder was a little square cut out of the middle of a sheet of white paper to block out everything except the subject.

The flower could cover an entire piece of paper, following the style of artist Georgia O'Keeffe. The class has been studying her work, which Rains explained is more about understanding the feelings created by the artwork than having the flower look exactly as it does in nature.

In art terms, it is "abstract," mean-

ing it does not have to look real.

"Colors can tell all kinds of feeling," said Noah. "Fuchsia makes you angry." He explained that his room at home is "brownish, and that makes me feel warm."

Max and Noah chose big purple irises to sketch very close up, drawing colorful lines and blending them with a paper towel.

"I see the colors as they come out to me," said Drennan Greene, 10. "Georgia O'Keeffe really liked to get close to the flower. I am trying to get really close up to my flower. It's as though I was inside the flower, and I could see what it was like."

James Blake Dannenbaum, 9, found some small yellow flowers he liked. "Yellow makes me think of taking a nap on a hammock," he explained as he used yellow and

Georgia O'Keeffe on their minds

The Washington Post

The students at Landon School in Bethesda, Md., studied the work of artist Georgia O'Keeffe before their sketching session. O'Keeffe, who lived from 1887 to 1985, often painted directly from nature, as the Landon boys did.

She would fill a huge canvas with a painting of a small flower or an

animal's skull. She worked on conveying the feeling of the painting instead of worrying about whether the painting looked exactly like the real thing. She spent much of her time in the West, painting clouds, skies and landscapes in that same way.

O'Keeffe loved northern New Mexico. She lived at a place called Ghost Ranch.

were drawing.

"Five minutes," shouted the teacher. Class was over. Back inside on this warm, sunny, yellow kind of day.

Talking with actor Ben Stiller

By Tommy Dredger, Shannon Kikluh and Kelsey Podaras
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We interviewed actor Ben Stiller when he was in New York recently. He appeared in one of our favorite movies, "Night at the Museum."

Question: How did you feel about being in another movie with Owen Wilson?

Answer: We are pretty good friends. We have known each other for more than 10 years. It is always fun to work with him. Working with friends gives us a feeling of looseness and camaraderie.

Q: What was it like having parents as actors? Do you want your kids to be actors?

A: It had a big influence on me because everybody around me was in it. I was on my mother's (TV) series when I was about 10 years old. For me it was normal because this is what my parents do. It is a funny life because there is a lot of traveling. It always seemed exciting to me and my sister. It just became part of our lives. I am sure I could do other things, but when I was about your age I knew I wanted to do movies and be a director. With



Ben Stiller

my kids? I have to let them do what they want to do.

Q: Do your kids ever visit you on the set?

A: Yes. They visit me all the time. When you are working on a movie, the hours are so long, if you don't do that, you don't see your family enough. I try to work it that I only work five days a week and a certain amount of hours a day. But even that is 12 hours a day. I have them come by my trailer. I have a room for my daughter so she can play and hang out.

Q: Was it easier or harder to enter show business because of your parents?

"I've enjoyed doing comedy. It has its own type of pressure, and it is challenging in its own way. It is also fun."

A: In a lot of ways, it helped.

With parents in the business, they can help you out. They have tips for you (and) can help you make auditions. The hard thing is, you are ultimately going to be judged for who you are, not who your parents are. Acting is such a competitive world, you should use anyone you can to get an audition or a job. (But) you kind of want to be anonymous if you are not doing well.

Q: Your Web site says that you prefer doing serious movies. Is it disappointing that lots of your work is comedy?

A: No. I've always liked drama and always liked watching movies that are not comedies. I hope that down the line I get to do all kinds of movies, both as an actor and a director. I've enjoyed doing comedy. It has its own type of pressure, and it is challenging in its own way. It is also fun.

Q: Did you audition for "Night at the Museum"?

A: I did not have to audition.

If I did, I probably wouldn't have gotten the part because I am not very good at auditioning. I find auditioning very hard. I spent about three years when I first went out and (didn't) get any jobs. Learning how to audition is its own sort of art form. I feel really fortunate that every now and again I get offered a movie I don't have to audition for because I get nervous. There is so much less pressure when you are making the movie because you know you have the job and you also get the chance to do it (scenes) over and over again.

Q: If you weren't in show business, what would your career be?

A: I was always interested in history as a kid. I remember going to the Museum of Natural History and looking at dinosaur bones. I always thought about being an archaeologist and studying ancient Rome and ancient civilizations.

BOOK REVIEW

'Little House on Rocky Ridge'

The Washington Post

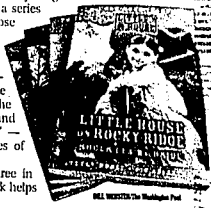
By Roger Lea MacBride, ages 8 and older

Your mom or aunts might remember the "Little House" books (or TV series) about Laura Ingalls and her family as they move from the woods of Wisconsin to the prairies of Kansas in the late 1800s.

Now a newly republished series tracks the adventures of a grown-up Laura and her husband as they, in turn, move with their young daughter, Rose, to Missouri. Rose quickly makes new friends, discovers adventure and finds herself asking some tough questions about right and wrong.

"Little House on Rocky Ridge" is the first book in a series called "The Rose Years," which takes its name from Laura's daughter. Other series — including "The Caroline Years," "The Charlotte Years" and "The Martha Years" — track the adventures of Laura's ancestors.

A handy family tree in the back of the book helps you sort all that out.





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Finding the foam



Wine country too snooty? Brewery hopping provides alternative

By Joe Melicia
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — Beer usually conjures images of fraternity keggers, tailgate parties and Homer Simpson loafing at Moe's Tavern.

But U.S. beer drinkers are becoming more sophisticated in their suds consumption, matching beer with food and experimenting with different varieties than those endlessly promoted on football Sunday TV commercials.

Some are willing to travel long distances to find them.

Although beer lacks a major destination such as Napa Valley, many beer aficionados are taking vacations that are more like extended beer runs, visiting the nation's many craft breweries, brewpubs and beer festivals.

Nearly every major city has a brewery these days. In Cleveland, the century-old mahogany bar at Great Lakes Brewing Co. has seen its clientele change over the years. Originally, hardworking locals belted up — like famed crime-fighter Eliot Ness, who frequented the place decades earlier when it was called the Market Street Exchange.

The locals still show up, but on weekends the parking lot is filled with out-of-state plates from as far away as Nevada and Florida. Beer drinkers come for a taste of the brewery's award-winning Dortmunder Gold, a crisp lager, and Edmund Fitzgerald Porter, named for the ore carrier that sank in Lake Superior in 1975 during a storm as dark as the chocolate black brew.

If you go in and ask for a Bud Light, tour and tasting guide Chas Murray will offer you a glass of tap water.

"We have good beer, really good beer," Murray said.

Great Lakes Brewing — <http://www.greatlakesbrewing.com>, 2516 Market Ave., 216-771-4404 — expects to produce 50,000 barrels this year and was ranked by the Boulder, Colo.-based Brewers Association as the 26th largest craft brewery — defined as small and independent — in the country.

The brewery has a restaurant where manager Pete Jerome will help customers pair beer with food. He recommends the rich, sugary Eliot Ness Amber Lager for fried foods and any dish with tomato sauce. The crusty-topped Holy Moses White Ale contrasts well with Thai cuisine.

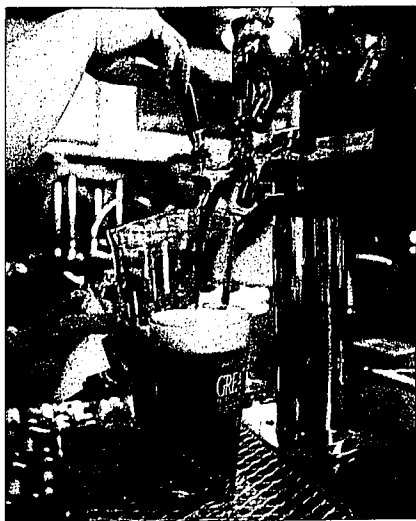
"The biggest thing when you're pairing things up — if you have a bold beer, you need an equally bold dish to stand up to the flavors," Jerome said.

Mike McAllister of Dayton traveled to Great Lakes Brewing Co. for its limited release of Lake Erie Monster Double IPA. Such limited releases are a big draw for breweries, and customers were restricted to six 22-ounce bottles, which sold for \$10 each.

McAllister is a converted wine drinker who gave up on vino because he couldn't afford the expensive varieties he enjoyed.

His beer travels have taken him to Michigan, Indiana, New York and Illinois. He returned with 19 cases of beer from his latest seven-brewery trip, which included stops at Bell's Brewery — <http://www.bellsbeer.com>, 355 E. Kalamazoo, 269-382-2332 — in Kalamazoo, Mich., and Flossmoor Station Brewery —

Customers sit at the century-old mahogany bar of the Great Lakes Brewing Co. in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 12. While famed crime-fighter Eliot Ness frequented the place decades ago when it was known as the Market Street Exchange, the Great Lakes Brewing now entertains guest and tourists from around the nation who come to enjoy their local brews.



A bartender pours a pitcher of one of the many brews on tap at the Great Lakes Brewing Co. in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 7. Many beer aficionados are taking vacations which include visiting the nation's many local breweries, like Great Lakes Brewing, as well as brewpubs and beer festivals.

moorstation.com, 1035 Sterling Ave., Flossmoor, Ill., 708-957-2739 — outside Chicago. It should be enough beer to help keep his 500-bottle beer cellar stocked.

It turns out the beer crowd isn't all that different from the wine and cheese crowd, according to

McAllister.

"A lot of the people who are beer geeks are actually bigger snobs than the wine people — just without the money," he said.

While visiting Cleveland, beer lovers are likely to stop at the Brew Kettle Taproom & Snokhouse — <http://www.thubrewkettle.com>, 8377 Pearl Rd., 440-230-8788 — which is only a short drive from Great Lakes Brewing.

Inconspicuously located in a strip mall in suburban Strongsville, the Brew Kettle was voted by ratebeer.com as the No. 1 brew pub in the country. Visitors can brew their own beer in the fermentation room or imbibe an impressive variety of craft beers on tap, including Collis Belgian white ale, a crisp, slightly floral brew, and New Holland Dragon's Milk, a bombon barrel-aged ale with oak and vanilla tones.



An Irish band plays live music to entertain guests at the Great Lakes Brewing Co. in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 7.

Brewery events around the U.S.

WEST COAST

OREGON BEER FESTIVAL:

<http://www.oregonbrewfest.com>, July 26-29 at the "Tom McCall Waterfront Park in Portland. Entry is free, and a \$4 souvenir mug is required for consuming beer. Minors are welcome, if accompanied by a parent, and can taste complimentary handcrafted suds but only from the root beer garden.

ALESMTIH BREWING CO.:

<http://www.alesmith.com>. Located in the craft brewing hub of San Diego, all of Alesmith's employees are home brewers. They add coffee to their Speedway Stout (12 percent alcohol by volume) to give it a boost.

EAST COAST

AMERICAN BEER FEST:

<http://theeraadvocate.com/fests>, June 15-16 at the Boston Center for the Arts. The first day is all about lagers, while day two is a celebration of craft beer with more than 35 breweries represented.

EMPIRE STATE BREWING & MUSIC FEST:

<http://www.empirebrewfest.com>, July 20 at Clinton Square in Syracuse, N.Y. Billed as a tasting event, rather than a drinking event, visitors receive a 4/34-ounce glass that allows them to receive 2-ounce samples. About 300 styles of beer will be represented.

BREWERY OMMEGANG:

<http://www.ommegang.com>. Visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, then toast the Babe at this Cooperstown, N.Y., brewery with a Belgian-style ale, which the

makers call "functional art."

DOG FISH HEAD CRAFT BREWERY:

<http://www.dogfish.com>. Dogfish in Milton, Del., specializes in using unusual ingredients. Its Pango beer due out in October is brewed with ingredients from every continent, including crystallized ginger from Australia, water from Antarctica and basmati rice from Asia.

MIDWEST

THREE FLOYDS BREWING CO.:

<http://www.threefloyds.com>. Its fourth annual DarkLord Day (in April) drew thousands who came to the Munster, Ind., brewery for the one-day sale of DarkLord Russian Imperial Stout. They sold out the beer in four hours at \$15 per 22 ounce bottle. Brewer Barnaby Struve says he doesn't know if the brewery will do it again next year out of fear they won't be able to accommodate the crowd. Visit any other day of the year to experience a true small-scale brewery — it only employs five brewers — and for its refreshing Gumballhead American wheat beer, available during the summer only.

BELL'S BREWERY:

<http://www.bellsbeer.com>. Formerly known as Kalamazoo Brewing Co., the Michigan brewery claims to be the oldest craft brewery east of Boulder. Founded by Larry Bell as a home-brewing supply shop, it first sold beer brewed from a 15-gallon soup kettle in 1985. Its Expedition Stout is available only in the fall and winter and earned high marks at ratebeer.com.

Charles Murray gives visitors a whirl of different kinds of hops while on a tour of the Great Lakes Brewing Co.



TRAVEL

Atlanta preps for new World of Coca-Cola

By Daniel Yee Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — At the new World of Coca-Cola, Joan Crawford and Clark Gable greet visitors from a 74-year-old advertisement. A 3-D movie ride takes audiences on a journey to find the secret recipe of one of the world's most popular drinks. A nearby bottling line fills keepsake bottles before visitors' eyes.

The nearly \$100 million museum, which opened May 24, is the latest attraction in the tourism and development boom of Georgia's capital city, following the September birth of Zoo Atlanta's new panda, the High Museum of Art's unique exhibit of works from the Louvre and the late 2005 opening of the world's largest aquarium, the Georgia Aquarium, next door to the new World of Coca-Cola. Also nearby are CNN's headquarters and the Georgia Dome.

"It's making a new epicenter for tourism in Atlanta," said Jeff Swannigan, executive director of the aquarium. "Maybe we're not yet Orlando or Las Vegas, but we're certainly moving things up several notches."

What's getting Atlanta officials excited is that the new Coca-Cola is expected to draw about 1.2 million visitors in its first year and businesses have been working with the museum on packages to link attractions and services together. "When people think of Atlanta, they may think of civil rights or the Atlanta Braves, but the one thing everyone thinks of Atlanta is Coca-Cola."



The 'collector's corner', one of the highlights of the new World of Coca-Cola Museum in Atlanta, Ga., is shown May 9 during a preview tour of the facility.

Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We've got an awful lot of product here. We need to do a better job of telling our story of all the things we have to see and do in this city."

The Omni Hotel at CNN Center is preparing hotel packages with the new museum, which is only a short walk away, based on the hotel's success with packages related to the Georgia Aquarium.

"We really anticipate that the new World of Coca-Cola is going to be incredibly successful," hotel spokeswoman Kimberly Murdock said. "When people think of Atlanta, they may think of civil rights or the Atlanta Braves, but the one thing everyone thinks of Atlanta is Coca-Cola."

The new museum is about

twice the size of the beverage company's former museum, which was built in 1990 and located about a mile away, next to the Georgia Capitol building. That museum closed April 17 and drew a total of about 13 million visitors in 17 years.

It's also more expensive — adult tickets are \$15, compared to \$9 at the original museum. (Tickets are now \$13 and \$9 respectively for seniors and children, although there's a \$1 discount for online purchases.)

Yet Coca officials say the cost reflects more to see and do at the new museum, including more than 1,100 Coca artifacts never exhibited before. Only about 60 artifacts in the new museum were brought over from the old museum. Among the new items to see are an 1800s

marble-and-onyx Coca-Cola soda fountain recovered from a shop in Toombsboro, Ga., a 1939 distributor's truck from Argentina, and the Coca-Cola couch from the popular TV show 'American Idol.'

The museum also has the "Secret Formula 4-D Theater," a movie ride in which the audience donns 3-D glasses and gets bumped, blown with air and sprayed with mist during the show.

Some of the old favorites that will again be on display are one of the company's original prototype contour bottles (only two exist), and a soft-drink dispenser used in 1905 on the space shuttle Challenger.

A section of the museum highlights Coke television commercials and there's also the popular tasting room that was part of the original museum, where visitors can try 70 of the company's 400 worldwide beverage brands, including exotic tastes such as Beverly, a bitter, ginger-ale colored soda offered in Italy, and Bibó Candy and Pine Nut, which is sold in Africa.

Another part of the museum features rotating exhibits including one that features about 30 Andy Warhol renderings of Coca-Cola's curvy trademark bottle, on loan for a year from The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh.

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Beer

Continued from page F1 "We had a couple guys pull in in a station wagon doing the low ride because they had so much beer in the back," Mekim said. "There's some passionate people. It's another hobby for them that isn't too expensive."

Beer appreciation is a transformation in progress. Beer is evolving from a working-class beverage guzzled out of a can to something that's judged, critiqued and enjoyed with food by discriminating connoisseurs.

"I feel like we're on the edge of a cultural shift — people are starting to understand beer styles now and learning about variety and diversity," said Paul Catza, director of the Brewers Association, which represents 983 U.S. breweries.

While many casual beer drinkers wouldn't know an India pale ale (characterized by hoppy bitterness and higher alcohol content) from a

Belgian-style ale (a citrus-tinged, spicy taste), he's encouraged by the growing number of people visiting breweries and festivals.

"We first started seeing the beginning of that in the mid-'80s when people started seeing brew pubs pop up all over the country," he said. "Things started accelerating the last three years where people are traveling all over the country to go to beer festivals."

The largest of those festivals in terms of breweries represented is the Great American Beer Festival — <http://www.beertown.org/events/2007> — at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, which runs Oct. 11-13. About 41,000 gathered last year to try more than 1,600 beers on tap from about 380 breweries.

The competition is fierce as professional judges award gold, silver and bronze medals to beers in a variety of categories.

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Traveling in the path of Lewis and Clark

Times-News

Train Holidays is offering a "In the Path of Lewis & Clark" vacation featuring a fall passage on the three great rivers of the West: the Columbia, Willamette and Snake. This is combined with train travel, a luxury hotel stay in Portland, Ore., lunch at the famed Timberline Lodge atop Mt. Hood and much more.

Guests begin their holiday in Portland on Oct. 25 with a two-night stay at Oregon's highest-rated hotel, the ultra-luxury Westin Hotel along with a stylish welcome dinner at the acclaimed Ringside Steakhouse, continually voted one of the top ten steakhouses in the country.

Guests have plenty of free time to explore "The City of Roses." A special treat is an included excursion to the top of spectacular Mt. Hood with lunch at the historic Timberline Tavern before boarding the highest rated riverboat in North America, the opulent Empress of the North for a seven-night Three Great Rivers cruises, sailing round-trip from Portland.

Ports call next like the travel journals kept by Lewis and Clark on this very passage to the Pacific: Astoria, Ore., Mt. St. Helens, the Columbia River Gorge, Maryhill, the Bonneville Dam, Umatilla, Walla Walla and Lewiston, where our guests enjoy the famed Jetboat ride up the rapids of the Snake River. All shore excursions during the cruise are included, as are all meals and entertainment aboard the boat.

The program ends back in Portland on Nov. 3. Complete fares for the entire program, including the hotel stay in Portland, most meals, sightseeing tours, the seven-night steamboat cruise, special parties and events aboard the steamboat and ashore start at only \$2,995.

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Wild surf and serenity

When money talks, it sometimes insults

By Rosemary McClure
Los Angeles Times

Psst! I've got a secret that can save you money. You tip too much when you travel overseas. In some cases, you hand out so much money in gratuities that people think you're crazy—and a little foolish.

So please stop. Otherwise, in no time at all, the entire world will be ponying up 18 percent every time they buy pomegranates, fettes in the Caribbean or tamales de pollo in Guatemala.

Anna Post, an etiquette maven at the Emily Post Institute, learned this lesson the hard way while living in Italy.

"It was difficult for me not to over-tip," she said. "But eventually, I heard from some of the workers in restaurants I visited regularly that Americans tend to over-tip. Of course, they said it with a smile. Then I realized I was doing it too."

Lynn Stanoff, of Magellan's travel supply company, spent several months researching overseas tipping. Her findings: "We over-tip outrageously," she said.

"The most glaring way to show you're an American—besides your accent—is to over-tip. In some countries, particularly Asia, it isn't even considered polite to tip. When you do it in these places, you're saying that the person you're tipping isn't hospitable enough to provide service without a bribe."

Tipping is a relatively recent custom, even in the United States. It was considered demeaning here until the 20th century, etiquette expert Miss Manners, a.k.a. Judith Martin, has written in her columns. Before that, many Americans thought that accepting a bit of extra money from a customer, besides your regular pay, seemed like a handout. It smacked of old-world servitude.

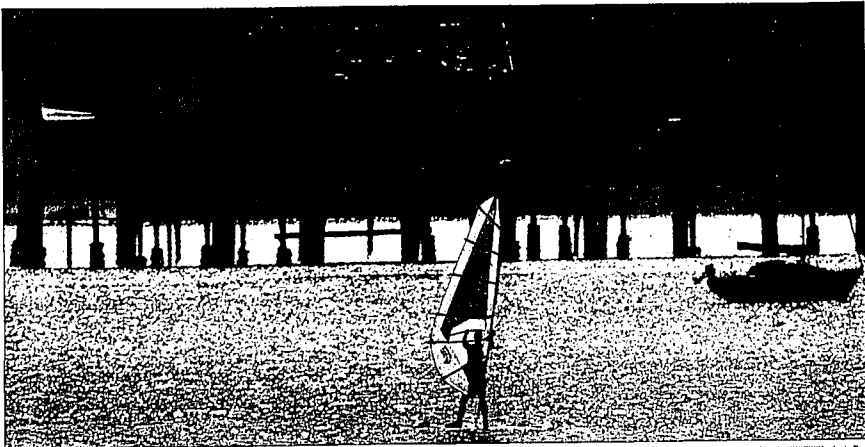
"We got over that, so some people's dismay. As Miss Manners is fond of saying, "(I have) been railing against tipping for years, as a vile system that brings out the worst in both giver and receiver."

Unfortunately, as we wander to the far corners of the world, we're spreading that "vile system."

"The more Americans travel, the more countries expect tips," Stanoff said. "Pretty soon everyone will tip 15 percent everywhere."

And some countries still consider it demeaning.

In Japan, for instance, tipping is viewed as insulting. In other countries, it's considered disrespectful to hand a tip to a waiter. That's why small trays are left on the table in those regions, Post said.



Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay, Calif., is the launch pad for various water sports in this surf-mad town.

California's Half Moon Bay offers great playground

By Hugo Martin
Los Angeles Times

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — "Don't paddle outside of the harbor," says the worker at the kayak rental shop. The waves outside Pillar Point Harbor can be unpredictable and dangerous.

But the waves are what I came to see. I planned to kayak past the breakers off the shores of Half Moon Bay to look at Maverick's, a point break feared and admired by surfers around the world. Only the most insane surfers ride these waves, which, in winter, rise up to 50 feet and break on bulldozer-sized boulders half a mile from shore.

I slide a red kayak into the choppy harbor waters and paddle toward open sea. Cold gusts shove my kayak toward shore.

I eventually heed the worker's advice. After an hour of paddling, I head for shore, vowing to return another day to Maverick's.

During Prohibition, bootleggers slipped boats past Half Moon's giant boulders under cover of night and fog. Today, the bay has outgrown its reputation as a part of entry for runners. Now the bay is about seafood joints, antique shops, cozy B&Bs and an annual pumpkin festival.

Just this coastal town 20 miles south of San Francisco, at the base of the Santa Cruz Mountains, is also a great playground.

The lush Santa Cruz Mountains cradle Half Moon Bay against the sea. One way to get here is to take on Devil's Slide, a crumbling bit of the California Department of Transportation. When the road is intact, Highway 1 from San Francisco snakes along steep cliffs, over boulder-strewn shores, dropping into Half Moon Bay from the north.

But Devil's Slide is a hellish neighbor, shutting down Highway 1 nine times in 70 years with rockslides, mudslides and roadway fissures. The last Devil's Slide closure—in April 2006—has cost Caltrans \$9 million to repair.

The alternate route into Half Moon Bay is state Route 92, a winding, two-lane road that runs east-west from San Mateo. When Devil's Slide closes, Route 92 becomes a gridlock mess and the region's tourism—a \$16-million annual industry—falters.

So why isn't everyone cheering that Caltrans is boring two freeway tunnels to bypass Devil's Slide and plans to widen Route 92? Some residents fear that reliable access into Half Moon Bay will invite growth and development, and that means a mini Monterey: commercial and crowded.

But there is still time to catch unspoiled Half Moon Bay. The tunnels won't open until 2011. Later, I drove about a mile north of Maverick's to



Half Moon Bay attracts whale watchers, bird watchers, beach strollers and others. Tourism could jump with the completion of tunnels that will bypass Devil's Slide, a portion of Highway 1 prone to rockslides.

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. At low tide, the pools at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve stretch for nearly 50 yards toward the ocean. The reef, covered in dark sea grass, seaweed and purple coralline algae, shelters a shimmering world of sea stars, hermit crabs and anemones.

I walk toward the water, studying the tiny creatures at my feet. A park ranger intercepts me. It's against the law, she says, to disturb a marine mammal.

What mammal? She points to the tide pools where harbor seals are sunning themselves.

Three bird watchers train their binoculars on a large brown hawk circling over Pescadero Marsh Natural Preserve.

"The Harrier hawks are the only hawks that you can distinguish their sex by their color," says one of the birders.

They turn their attention to a great blue heron that swoops past and lands at the marsh's western tip. Herons, the birders say, build nests in the nearby eucalyptus grove.

The 500-acre preserve is about 15 miles south of Half Moon Bay. Birders walk slowly through the marsh flats, following sandy trails, around a knee-deep creek and a large, murky lagoon bordered by waist-high buckwheat, mustard, milk vetch, blackberry and thistle plants.

preserver" I ask. "Yeah. Steelhead trout," says a birder.

Later, state fish and game officials say that the creek is one of a few waterways in the region that support a steelhead population.

According to surfing lore, Maverick's was named in the early 1960s for a German shepherd named Maverick, who followed three surfers into the waves off Pillar Point.

One surfer, worried that the swells were too rough for the dog, leashed Maverick to a car bumper. From then on, surfers called the break "Maverick's Point," later shortened to Maverick's.

The waves at Maverick's are born from Arctic storms that send swells along the California coast until they hit the reef at Pillar Point, which juts out of the northern end of Half Moon Bay. An underwater terraced reef necks the swells skyward, producing gigantic waves.

Maverick's remained relatively unknown until 1994 when Hawaiian big-wave surfer Mark Fofo drove here. The San Francisco Chronicle called Maverick's "treacherous." Sports Illustrated called the waves "glam" and "massive." The Orlando Sentinel said Maverick's waves were "monsters" with the "power and speed of a locomotive."

Now Maverick's secret is out, and I've come to see whether those Arctic swells have kicked in.

Determined to see a surfer take on Maverick's liquid giants, I leave my B&B early the next morning and drive to a dirt

parking lot behind the Half Moon Bay Airport. I have some inside knowledge: The B&B owner says I can get a better view by hiking down the cliffs on the western side of the peninsula.

I follow his instructions and climb to a wide beach, looking south at the point break.

Peering at Maverick's distant waves, I see what looks like black gulls bobbing on the swells.

But as I get closer, I realize

these are surfers in black wetsuits. I watch a dozen riders line up in a north-south row on the water. When the waves crest and break to the south, the surfers paddle hard to catch a ride.

I spot a man in a black wetsuit, standing on top of one of the huge boulders pounded by the crashing waves. One rogue wave and he's a goner.

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Celebrating a city's 50-year groove

By Margaret Roth
Special to The Washington Post

WHAT: Seven Days of Soul, one of the top events of the year, returns to celebrate 50 Years of Soul (www.memphisoul50.com). The week-long fest marks the 1957 founding of both Stax Records and Royal Studios, which launched the careers of numerous soul stars.

WHEN: June 16-22.
DON'T MISS:
• The Stax Museum of American Soul Music (926 E. McLemore Ave., 901-946-2535, www.soulsvillaeusa.com) in what remains of Southern's downtown south of downtown at the heart of the Memphis soul scene. Stax Records, founded in 1957 as Atlantic Records and defunct since '75, pioneered the sounds of Otis Redding, Booker T. & the MGs and hundreds of others. An exhibit of photos taken by Joel Brodsky, a longtime album cover photographer for Stax, opens June 8 and runs through Aug. 27. Brodsky, who died in March, shot photos of Aretha Franklin and James Brown, among others.

On permanent display are Redding's favorite brown suede jacket and Hayes' peacock jacket 1972 Superfly Cadillac (Florida), with television, refrigerator and gold trim. Admission: \$10.

• Concord Records' concert at 7:30 p.m. June 22, at the Orpheum Theatre (203 S. Main St., 901-525-7800, www.orpheum-memphis.com). The concert, blending the Stax Museum and Stax Music Academy, will bring together Isaac Hayes, Booker T. & the MGs, William Bell, Eddie Floyd, Mabel John, the Temprees, Lance Allen and the Reddings, a group consisting of Hayes and his sons, Buster and Otis. Tickets start at \$27.

• The Gibson Guitar Factory (145 L. George Lee Ave., 901-544-7998, Ext. 2, www.gibson-memphis.com) will host soul performances in the lounge of its new store, beginning June 11, which serves lunch from 11 to 3 weekdays. The factory offers 45-minute tours several times daily (\$10) to see guitars in



The Beale Street entertainment district, Soul Central in Memphis, has a history as a center of 20th-century black culture. Part of the year-long 'Memphis Celebrates 50 Years of Soul' will be June's 'Seven Days of Soul', marking the 1957 founding of both Stax Records and Royal Studios.

the making.
• Access All Areas: Your Backstage Pass to the Music Industry at the Memphis Blues Museum (3150 Central Ave., 901-320-6120, www.memphisbluesmuseum.org). The exhibit, through Sept. 2, invites visitors to make their own music (or video) with 33 displays about the physics, technology and history of music. Admission: \$8.25.
• Soul Food! African American Cooking and Creativity, through Aug. 19 at the MemphisRocks Museum of Art (1934 Poplar Ave., 901-544-6200, www.memphisrocks-museum.org). Tennessee's oldest and largest fine-arts museum. Photos, mixed-media installations, paintings and artifacts

explore the evolution of black cooking. Free admission on Wednesdays, \$7 other days.
• The Beale Street entertainment district (www.bealestreet.com), with clubs, shops and restaurants celebrating the area's history as a center of 20th-century black culture, is a popular stop for tourists, but the souvenirs store to prove it. But it is also Soul Central, where you can hear live music while sampling some of the best ribs and barbecue in the South.
GETTING AROUND: In addition to buses, all Memphis Area Transit Authority (901-274-6282, www.natrantransit.com) runs three trolley routes serving Beale Street and downtown. Fare is \$1, 50 cents from

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Bus tours abound, with myriad themes including music, shopping, local history, civil rights and, of course, Elvis Presley's Graceland. Backbeat Tours (www.backbeattours.com) puts musicians in charge, and they play as you go. For a list of four companies, go to the Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau Web site.
SLEEPS: For a dose of Southern splendor two blocks from Beale Street, the Peabody Hotel (149 Union Ave., 800-732-2639, www.peabodymemphis.com) has an indoor pool and spa. It has a "50 Years of Soul" package through the end of the year for \$310 double occupancy, \$250 single, including tickets to the Stax Museum and the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum, a "Top of the Shack" CD, breakfast and valet parking. Skip the tickets and CD, and the "Bed & Breakfast" package offers the rest for \$255 double.

CSI Cheer/Dance students to hold benefit yard sale

TWIN FALLS—Students in the College of Southern Idaho are holding a benefit yard sale will be held between the CSI Gym and Meyerhoeffer Library.
Anyone who can donate something for the teams to sell is asked to deliver their items to the site between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday.
For more information, contact CSI Assistant Cheer Coach, Cassia Myers at 539-3990.

Maxim magazine joins DR resort boom

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)—Maxim, the magazine known for scantily clad cover girls and reports on the high-flying male lifestyle, is lending its name to a new pair of Dominican Republic resorts, the developer said.
The Maxim Bungalows—representing an investment of \$100 million—join a Dominican resort-building boom that includes the \$2-billion Trump at Cap Cana. The first 108-bungalow resort in Cofresel Beach, near the northern city of Puerto Plata, is scheduled to open in October. A second resort, with 240 rooms is slated to open in Juan Dolio, near the capital of Santo Domingo, in early 2008.

Giving props for Kenya's planes

By Andrea Sachs
The Washington Post

Q: I am planning on going to Nairobi, Kenya, and will be getting around on small flights. Are small planes considered safer?

A: "If you are going to Africa or any developing country, you need to be a bit more cautious," says Ted Curtis, president of the AirSafe.com Foundation (www.airsafe.org), which tracks airplane safety records around the globe. "It's up to that country to make and enforce the aviation safety rules."

International flights are considered the safest because the aviation industry must adhere to international standards. The rules change on flights within a country's borders. "There is a higher risk of flying a small plane in Africa than there is of flying the same size in the United States," Curtis says.

That said, he adds that Kenya's civil aviation system is among the best in Africa. (South Africa's ranks at the top.) For example, Curtis says that since 2000, Kenya Airways has had two fatal crashes internationally on the Ivory Coast and more recently in Cameroon. Within the country, there have been a few small plane crashes, including a cargo plane in 2004 and a tourist flight over the country's highest peak in

2003, but that was "an unusual route," Curtis adds.
For accident updates and a safety database, check the Web site (http://aviation-safety.net/index.php) of the Aviation Safety Network, a private organization that compiles a database on airline accidents and safety issues, among other things.

To protect yourself, inspect the airport facilities and plane before you board. Smaller airports might not have the most modern infrastructures—some may lack radar or emergency medical facilities—but your plane should be in good working order. For instance, look for leaks or "something visibly wrong," Curtis says. Also, take only scheduled flights on established airlines rather than some guy's plane that leaves in five minutes. If you sense something is not right, don't board the plane; reschedule or ask your hotel if your destination is accessible by car, bus, train, elephant, etc.

Q: Is there a product that straps wheels onto a small suitcase so it can be pulled?
A: Unfortunately, immobile luggage can easily sprout a set of wheels. Shoring up a new bag or attaching rollers to your luggage, the choices are limited. Laila Mahmud, public relations coordinator for eBags (www.ebags.com), an online

vendor that carries more than 400 travel product brands, says that a solution is a collapsible wheeled cart. Mahmud recommends the Traveler Adventurer (\$24.99) for smaller bags and the Traveler President (\$39.99) for larger luggage. The Adventurer weighs seven pounds and can carry two full-size suitcases or 80 pounds; the President is a bit heavier at 11 pounds, with room to hold up to 135 pounds. The wheels on both can be folded up and the cart stored in a plane's overhead compartment. A bonus: You'll no longer have to spring for the airport luggage trolley.

For other models, check luggage retailers and major department stores such as Target, which currently lists online a 3 1/4-pound steel model for \$16.

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Milner Dam came about because of the vision of Ira Burton Perrine, a rancher who had developed a Shoshone Falls resort and a Blue Lakes farm down stream. Perrine chose the site of the dam and acted as his own engineer. He obtained financing for the project through Stanley B. Milner, a banker and financier from Salt Lake City, and eastmen Frank H. Buhl and Peter L. Kimberly. As a result, the Buhl-Kimberly Corp. was formed and in 1903 a contract was entered into between the State of Idaho and the Twin Falls Land and Water Co. for construction of the project. The dam was formed by three earth and rock-filled embankments, abutting against the river banks and two islands.

In 1905 construction on the dam was completed. Men with mules and scrapers had also finished their work on the canals and all was ready for the water. "On March 1, 1905, Frank Buhl gave a ceremonial pull on the wheel on a winch and the gates of Milner Dam were closed, and the gates to a thousand miles of canal and laterals were opened, and the Snake River was diverted, and that night Shoshone Falls went dry as the water rushed across the desert for above, and Perrine's vision was realized, and 262,000 acres of desert were shortly transformed."

Milner Dam and its canal system have national significance in agricultural history. They are one of the rare examples of successful state supervised private irrigation development.

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Huck Finn House open to public

HANNIBAL, Mo. (AP)—Huckleberry Finn is finally getting his due.

Huck and Tom Sawyer were fictional characters based on boys Samuel Clemens, later Mark Twain, knew growing up in Hannibal, Mo. Now the building known as the Huck Finn House is open to the public.

Huck was based on Tom Blankenship, the son of a

drunkard who lived in a ramshackle house near the Mississippi River. The Huck Finn House is located immediately behind the home where Clemens grew up, and sits on the site where the Blankenship family lived. The original house was demolished in 1911, but reconstructed.

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Kimberly student honored for Idaho win

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Math Department recently honored sophomore Zachary Espil of Kimberly for winning the Idaho division of the challenging American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges competition. This is a national contest that incorporates algebra, trigonometry, calculus, and other higher mathematics. A team of judges evaluate the work of math students from two-year colleges all over the country, who are competing for scholarships. Espil will continue his education this fall at the University of Hawaii as a History major.



Espil

Clegg received his Doctorate of Pharmacy in graduation ceremonies at Idaho State University on May 12.

He is a 1998 graduate of Burley High School where he participated in student government and basketball. He served an LDS mission to Baguio City, Philippines. He, his wife, the former Katie Froelich, and son Ty will be relocating to Medford, Ore., where he has accepted a position with the Safeway Corporation.



Clegg

He is the son of Leon and Dori Clegg of Burley.

Valley students make dean's list at EOU

LA GRANDE, Ore. — Three Eastern Oregon University students have been named to the dean's list. They are Tracey Briece of Burley, Christine Petersen of Jerome, and Norkamari

Bandolin of Twin Falls. To qualify for the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 semester credits and receive a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

Rupert woman named to Gonzaga dean's list

SPOKANE, Wash. — Sarah L. Gillespie, a junior from Rupert, was among the 635 students named to the Gonzaga University Dean's list for fall semester 2006.

Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.69 grade-point average to be listed.

Heyburn woman receives bachelor degree

LINCOLN, Neb. — Heather Lynn Hill of Heyburn received her Bachelor of Science degree in education and human sciences from the College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She was one of approximately 2,175 students that received degrees from the University of Nebraska-



Moody Nelson

Rebecca Moody and Stachya Nelson graduated from Magic Valley High School May 3. Rebecca attended MVHS only briefly, while Stachya spent over a year at the school. They offered words of encouragement and thanks, and were joined by their family and friends at the ceremony.

Spooner named to Calvin College list

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Ruth Anna Spooner, a senior from Twin Falls, has been named to the Calvin College dean's list for fall semester 2006.

Students must earn a 3.5 grade-point average to be listed.

Burley student receives doctorate from ISU

POCATELLO — Brandon M.

Summer music classes offered in June

TWIN FALLS — Enrollment is continuing for music classes open to students from elementary to adult to be held this summer at Twin Falls High School beginning Tuesday through June 22. All the classes will be taught by TFHS Band Director Ted Hadley in the TFHS band room.

The following classes are offered: Summer Beginning Band is open to students who have never played a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument before. The class meets Monday through Friday, two sessions daily, 11 to 11:40 a.m. or 1 to 1:40 p.m. Piano Keyboard Class is for any student who would like to learn how to play melodies and chords on piano, electronic keyboard, synthesizer, and keyboard percussion. The class will meet Monday through Friday from 10 to 10:40 a.m.

Drum Class is open to students who have had at least some experience with performing music. Basic stick technique, rudiments, counting, African drumming and intro to the drum set will be covered. Students must provide their own 2B-size sticks. The class meets Monday through Friday from 9 to 9:40 a.m.

Swap Band is for students or adults who have had one year of musical training on any instrument. Students who wish to learn to play an instrument different from their regular band instrument or adult beginners are welcome in this class. Arrangements must be made prior to the class to secure the new instrument. The class will meet Monday through Friday from 8 to 8:50 a.m.

Recreation Band is for students who have had at least one year of band. Students

will play concert and other fun music; small ensemble playing will be introduced. The class will meet Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 12:40 p.m.

Guitar Class is open to student and adults who want to learn chords, strumming, lead guitar, and reading music on the guitar.

Students must provide their own guitar or call early to reserve a school guitar. Nylon string, steel string, and electric guitars are welcome. The class will meet Monday through Friday from 2 to 2:40 p.m.

A \$50 fee will allow the student to take as many classes as he/she may wish to attend. For answers to questions, please contact Ted Hadley, band director, Twin Falls High School, 733-6551; Robert Stuart Junior High, 733-4875; or home phone, 733-1079.



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 Georgia Rule (w) Daily 7:00 - 9:30
 Fri-Sat 7:00 - 9:30
 Mr. Brooks (w) Daily 7:00 - 9:30
 Fri-Sat 7:00 - 9:30

Motor-Vu All Adults are \$10.00 - Kids Under 12 FREE
 Open Fri - Sat - Sun Only
 Shrek 3 (w) at 9:30 PM
 Comedy Disturbia (w) at 10:30 PM
 FM STEREO on your car radio
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Grand-Vu All Adults are \$10.00 - Kids Under 12 FREE
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 The Rescuers (w) at 10:30 PM
 FM STEREO on your car radio
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El Korah Shrine Circus
55TH ANNIVERSARY ONE DAY ONLY
Thursday, June 14th
 4:00 & 7:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$12.00 - Adults
 \$6.00 - Children 12 and under
 Twin Falls Fairgrounds opens at 3 p.m.
 The Shrine Circus - Idaho's Best Entertainment Value
 Tickets available at: Albertsons and show day at the gate
 Proceeds from this Shrine Circus are for the benefit of El Korah Shrine. Payments made are not deductible as charitable contributions.

9th Annual Jazz in the Canyon
 Twin Falls, Idaho
June 14-16, 2007
 Twin Falls and Blue Lake Rotary Clubs

Jazz in the Canyon Continental Park Twin Falls in the Snake River Canyon
 Saturday, June 16 Noon to 9 P.M.
 Featuring:
 Frim Fram Four..... Noon
 New style jazz jazz standards
 \$15 for Adults in advance and \$20 at the door.
 Children under 12 FREE.
 6 Miles Ahead..... 2:00
 Utah's premier vocal jazz ensemble
 Jeff Baker..... 3:00
 Backed by Seattle's best jazz musicians
 Soul Survivors..... 4:00
 Serious funk & soul classics
 The Latin Tinge..... 5:00
 featuring Grammy Nominated Masters
 Best Latin Jazz north of Havana
 Nimi Harris..... 7:00
 Great Harris' daughter, a musical triumph
 Free shuttle bus at parking of hotel. Shuttle runs every 30 minutes.

Jazz and Wine Thursday, June 14 6:30 - 9:30 P.M.
 Live Jazz by The Jeff Baker Group
 Free Northwest Wine & Specialty Wine Tasting
 Sponsored by: S2S for Adults, \$45 for Couples Includes wine tasting
Jazz on Main Friday, June 15 4:00 - 9:00 P.M.
 Featuring:
 Skip-n-School 5-7 Bill Ansell Group 7-9 Rudy's a Cook's Paradise
 Side Men 5-7 Bob Nora 7-9 Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art
 Free Admission
 Soul Cats 4-6 JazzHouse Big Band 6-8 Magic Valley Bank
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SERVICE NEWS

Craig R. Cook

Army National Guard Pfc. Craig R. Cook has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, he studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Cook, son of Irene Cook of Kimberly, graduated in 1993 from Twin Falls High School and received an associate degree in 1995 from the College of Southern Idaho.

Leonard R. Campbell

Army Sgt. Leonard R. Campbell has graduated from the Ammunition Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

The course is designed to train soldiers to assist in receipt, storage, issue, maintenance, modification, destruction, and demilitarization of conventional and explosive components according to technical and safety directives. Soldiers

are also trained to perform ammunition supply stock control and accounting duties using automated and manual procedures, and operated material handling equipment to maneuver ammunition.

He is the son of Irene T. Campbell of Brentwood Drive, Lacey, Wash. His wife, Jacqueline, is the daughter of Fred L. and Nancy Fiegel of Twin Falls. Campbell graduated in 1984 from Capital High School, Olympia, Wash., and received an associate degree in 1998 from Lower Columbia College, Longview, Wash.

Brenna McClymonds

CAMP LEMONIER, Djibouti

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brenna J. McClymonds, daughter of David McClymonds of Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls, and the late Vicki McClymonds, is one of more than 1,800 U.S. service members, civilians, coalition forces and partner nations taking part in the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

They are conducting unified operations in the combined joint operations area of the Horn of Africa, which includes a large portion of northeast Africa. The task force is there to prevent conflict, promote regional stability and protect coalition interests in an attempt to prevail against extremism.

McClymonds, a hospital corpsman, has been deployed to this remote location for three months. "I am in charge of managing the Emergency Medical Facility's front desk and running sick call for all of the military and civilian personnel assigned here. We also handle medical evacuations as needed," said McClymonds.

McClymonds and other military members spend some of their off-duty hours helping reach out to those in need. They donate supplies to a local orphanage, help fix up their facility and also take part in conversational English classes which help the locals develop their use of the English language.

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He is the son of Brian Engel of Twin Falls, and Janet Newman of Rupert and is a 2005 graduate of Minico High School in Rupert.

James R. Bolish

Army Pfc. James R. Bolish has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, he received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of Robert Bolish of Wendell and Hayley Kuwilton of Twin Falls and is a 2006 graduate of Wendell High School.

Buhl Public Library hosts teen reading program

BUHL — The Buhl Public Library is hosting a teen summer reading program from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning June 13.

The library is also hosting three programs in June and one in July. The summer reading programs will explore the world of Secret Codes and Cryptic Messages. They'll take a look at the history of how people have communicated secretly. Teens will try their own hand at some secret writing and communication techniques.

June 20, the guest speaker for CSI Buhl is Les Howells formerly with the Twin Falls Police Department and the Twin Falls County Sheriffs Office.

Howells was the supervisor of the crime scene lab and evidence department. He will be sharing an inside look of what detectives look for at crime scenes, what's fact and what's fiction on today's mod-

ern TV shows, and what a student can do in school if his career is of interest. Howells will demonstrate how to do fingerprints and show some equipment police use.

Tea with Ben Franklin is scheduled at the library on June 27, as Tim McNeil dons costume and persona to explore history's mysteries. Teens will have a front row seat to find out what life is like for Ben.

This program is made possible by funding from the Idaho Humanities Council, the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The last summer reading program will be July 11. On that day teens will solve a murder mystery. There are many possibilities to explore as teens attack the game of Clue to discover a traditional mystery and a popular cultural game icon.

Magic Valley Bible Church
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 June 13, 14, 15 & 16 • 8:50 am - 12:00 Noon
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 Call Magic Valley Bible Church for more information at 733-5248

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Volunteers — Hospice Visions is seeking volunteers for its hospice home, Visions of Home. Volunteers are needed to assist patients with letter writing, reading, visiting, playing cards or being a friend during a difficult time. Call Hiro at 735-0121.

Drivers — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Call Karen at 734-5084.

Drivers — Disabled American Veterans are in need of drivers to transport veterans to their VA Medical Center appointments. Requirements include private insurance, valid driver's license and a safe driving record. Drivers receive training and physicals, and do not need to be a veteran. Call Dick at 678-3599.

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers to mow lawns for elderly and handicap people who can't mow their lawns. An alternate

driver is also needed to transport dialysis patients to and from treatment. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of a volunteer with a background in human services to handle limited face-to-face assessments for requests of services. A handyman also is needed to assist with minor home repairs. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

Drivers — Volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, are needed in the Mini-Cassia area to take senior citizens to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers will be reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Call Kitty at 677-4672, ext. 2.

Mattresses/clothing — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of twin-size mattress/box spring sets and clothing of all sizes. To donate items, bring them to the office at 1526 Highland

Ave. E. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call 736-2166.

Barbecue grills — Safe

Harbor, a nonprofit organization which provides Saturday meals to the needy, is looking for large barbecue grills. (Donate items, call Phyllis at 735-6787.)

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