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Less time and money for student field trips

Magic Valley schools bucking the trend

By Seema Mehta Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Scores of second-grade students scrambled through the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana, huddling inside simulators to feel the shaking of an earthquake, building mini-ski jumps to learn about speed and slipping wet sand into riverbanks to observe erosion. The hands-on experiences allowed them to test theories they had only read about in textbooks or heard about from teachers.

"A couple of kids have asked me, 'Is this really science?'" said Kathleen Carney, a teacher at Deerfield Elementary School in Irvine. At a time of shrinking budgets and increased emphasis on standardized testing, such class visits to science centers, museums and zoos are increasingly rare, according to educators and site operators.

Across the nation, 60 percent of teachers surveyed reported decreased funding for field trips in recent years. In California, that could get worse as school districts grapple with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget, which would cut about \$4.8 billion in education funding this year and next.

Field trip coordinators, school principals and teachers attribute the decline in student visitors to increased classroom hours devoted to the high-stakes English and math testing required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, as well as budget cuts.

"Everything is geared toward that testing," said Linda Kahn, a vice president at the Bowers Museum of Cultural Art in Santa Ana. "And money. Money is a huge issue for each and every school."

But while many teachers across the nation say they've seen less funding for field trips in recent years, superintendents in at least three Magic Valley school districts said that's not the case in south-central Idaho.

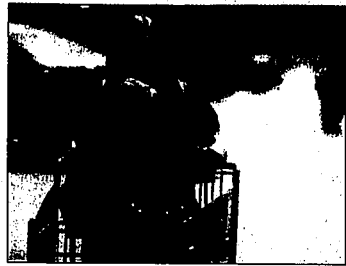
In the Shoshone School District, the number of field trips taken by students hasn't changed significantly in recent years, said Superintendent Mel Wiseman.

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DOING HIS PART



Larry Koldewey of the Twin Falls Monarch Lions Club places a flag in historic downtown Twin Falls Monday morning. Koldewey and Mervin Mueller (not pictured) placed 55 flags in the downtown Twin Falls area approximately 360 flags that were placed by other Monarch Lions Club members across town. Magic Valley veterans, families remember fallen soldiers on Memorial Day; see page A5.



Sara Beezley and her 18-month-old son, Sean, prepares to grocery shop Saturday morning at Wilco Foods in Twin Falls.

Stimulating times

For some, stimulus checks can't be saved

By Sean Breslin Staff writer

For Sara Beezley, \$600 would be the right amount to get a computer for her family.

But her economic stimulus check from the IRS won't be going toward a new machine, she said.

"That's just more money to pay my bills with," said Beezley, 27. The Twin Falls mother of two said that when she heard about the stimulus package on the news, she didn't bother herself with the politics of the plan.

"I'm not going to question money that's handed over," she said.

Beezley works as a caregiver at Idaho Home Health & Hospice. She also receives assistance from the South Central Community Action Partnership, which is helping her with housing and helping her get out of debt. In February, Congress passed an economic stimulus package to help boost

what many are calling a sluggish economy. The \$600 check from the federal government will go toward paying off her last bill to a collections agency, she said.

Some people can't just put the money in the bank and save it for a rainy day. Those who receive certain government assistance through programs such as the Idaho Child Care Program or food stamps — like Beezley — from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare must spend that money within three months. Otherwise, the state will count it as a resource.

But that's not likely to happen for many people. There's a lot of demand for everyday items like food and gasoline, said Department of Health and Welfare Spokesman Tom Shannahan.

"Poorer people are spending more of their income on basic necessities," Shannahan said.

It's a sentiment echoed by Leanne Trappen, community service director with South Central Community Action, who said the stimulus checks will give people like Beezley the opportunity

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See a video interview with Sara Beezley.

'Rewiring the brain in many ways'

Scientists study effects of brain pacemakers on depression patients, early results positive

By Lauran Neergard Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's a new frontier for psychiatric illness: Brain pacemakers that promise to act as antidepressants by changing how patients' nerve circuitry fires.

Scientists already know the power of these devices to block the tremors of Parkinson's disease and related illnesses; more than 40,000 such patients worldwide have the implants.

But psychiatric illnesses are much more complex and the new experiments with so-called deep brain stimulation, or DBS, are in their infancy. Only a few dozen patients with severe depression or obsessive-compulsive disorder so far have been treated in closely monitored studies.

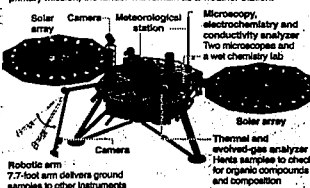
Still, the early results are promising. Dramatic video shows one patient visibly brightening as doctors turn on her brain pacemaker and she says in surprise: "I'm starting to smile." And new reports this month show that some worst-case patients — whose depression wasn't relieved by medication, psychotherapy, even controversial shock treatment — are finding lasting relief.

Six of 17 severely depressed patients were in remission a year after undergoing DBS and four more markedly improved, and more than half of 26 obsessive-compulsive patients showed substantial improvement over three years, say studies from a team at the Cleveland Clinic, Brown University, and

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Digging for clues in the Martian soil

The \$420 million Phoenix Mars Lander will analyze soil for 92 Earth days looking for clues to possible past life on Mars. Following its primary mission, the lander will remain as a weather station.



SOURCE: NASA

Firing up \$420 million backhoe 442 million miles away

Mars lander prepares for digging mission

By Alicia Chang Associated Press writer

PASADENA, Calif. — NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander spent its first full day in the Martian arctic plains checking its instruments in preparation for an ambitious digging mission to study whether the site could have once been habitable.

Sol 1, as the days are known on Mars, was a busy time for the three-legged lander, which set down Sunday in relatively flat terrain cut by polygon-shaped fissures. The geometric cracks are likely caused by the repeated freezing and thawing of buried ice.

"We've only looked at one tiny little slit" of the landing site, principal investigator Peter Smith of the University of Arizona, Tucson said Monday.

Phoenix planned to take more views of its surroundings to help scientists zero in on a digging site and also take images of its onboard instruments, including its

trench-digging robotic arm.

Early indications show the protective cover around the arm did not unwrap all the way after landing, but it should not affect the ability to unstow the arm, said Barry Goldstein, project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Ground controllers didn't know how Phoenix fared on the first day until late Monday, when an orbiting Mars probe passed over the landing site and relayed the data to Earth.

The earliest engineers would move

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Better bug repellants being studied. SEE PAGE A4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Opening reception for 2008 College of Southern Idaho Alumni Show with works of Angela Katona, Melissa DeBlieck and Adrienne Meckel, 7 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, 737-6655.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magia Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, new members welcome, 310-8534.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 245 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 624-2700. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274. Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., Carter Luther Vocational AG Building, high school, 104 Tiger Drive, 324-2992. Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267. Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 365-7418. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 342-8189. Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Roll St. W., 886-2030. Hagerman Planning and Zoning Commission, City Hall, 191 State St. N., 837-9636.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988. Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. Silversneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humans, limited for YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 732-0384. Arthritis Walking Class, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988. Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656. Mini-Casita Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987. Colfax Support Group of Magic Valley monthly meeting, for anyone interested in gluten-free diets, 7 p.m., Doctors' Meeting Room, St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, Twin Falls, 731-9079. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy theology, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7227.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Registration deadline for June 3 Watercolor Butterfly class, wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry techniques taught, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Parks and Recreation center, room 1356 Maxwell, Twin Falls, \$20 (includes supplies), 736-2265. Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass fiddle (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Ridge, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208)670-4868 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.

POLITICS

Lincoln County Democrats Primary Party, election of new officers, precinct chairs, national committee representatives and preparation for state convention, 6 to 8 p.m., Governors Mansion, Shoshone, bring snacks to share, 544-2480. Independent Movement of Idaho "Meet the Candidate" night, includes Republican precinct committee, Sheriff and legislative candidates, Republican congressional candidate Gregory Nemitz and supporters of Republican candidate Ron Paul, independent candidate for U.S. Senate Rex Ramwell, 7:30 p.m., Lamplighter Theater, next to Woody's Lounge, Twin Falls, 733-9658 or 731-2345.

SCHOOLS

Robert Stuart Junior High annual 9th grade awards assembly, 9 to 11 a.m., Twin Falls High School Roper Auditorium, no cost, 306-5237. Wendell Elementary Kindergarten Scrambling, for children age 5 by Sept. 1, bring child with certified adult, certificate and immunization records, noon to 6 p.m., at the school, 150 Third Ave. E., Wendell, 536-6611 to schedule appointment.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

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

WHAT'S NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

How will you spend your stimulus check? See an interview with a Twin Falls woman about her plans for the money.

CORRECTION

Location incorrect

A story published Sunday incorrectly identified the location of a track meet Twin Falls High School students competed in. The venue was held at Bronco Stadium. The Times-News regrets the error.

MORNING BRIEFING

say... Steve Crump

Not bad for a kid from Declo

He was the damndest thing Idaho ever saw... Declo's own John Richard Simplot, who died Sunday at age 99, was pretty much by consensus the most influential person ever to call Idaho home... And his personal fortune of \$2.6 billion started with a coin toss to decide who would get a \$252 potato sorter in Cassia County in 1926... He was tough, unflappable, fearless and, when required, ruthless... But Simplot was far and away the largest individual donor to Idaho's colleges and universities and to the state's charities... "Hardscrabble" doesn't adequately describe his upbringing in Cassia County... Born in Idaho in 1910, settling first in Burley and then in Declo... Simplot's father, Dick, put the boy to work on the farm when he was 6... By age 10, Jack was driving a team and managing farm implements, standing on a wooden box to unharness the horses... He also mowed, buck-raked, stacked hay,

Tell me about it

If it's quirky, funny, sad, poignant or weird and it happens in south-central Idaho, I want to hear about it. Call me at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

milked cows, fed calves, slopped hogs, drove a harvester, fixed fence, chased runaway cattle and cleaned irrigation ditches... When the youngster asked his stern father if he could go to a basketball game in town, his dad refused... So Jack moved into the Enyart Hotel, a boarding house in Declo... He was 14... While still living at home, Simplot had earned a little by selling bum lambs... He took that money and bought up interest-bearing scrip with which teachers in Cassia County were paid at the time at 50 cents on the dollar... With those profits, he acquired 600 pigs and fed them on spud scraps and the meat

of wild hogs Jack shot himself... He sold the hogs the next year for a \$7,800 profit and got into the potato business... Neither it nor Idaho would ever be the same... A few years ago, when my wife was working as the financial manager of the Boise Art Museum, Simplot and his ar-loving wife Esther came to a holiday art sale... Esther wanted to shop, so the staff found Simplot a chair... Not wishing to leave the richest man in Idaho sitting by himself in the corner, my wife pulled up a chair next to his and struck up a conversation... One by one, nearly every other person in the museum at the time walked up to Simplot, shook his hand and thanked him for money he'd given to their charitable causes... During a full, Victoria asked him about his farm... "Farm?" Simplot laughed... "Honey, I got lots of farms..." So long, Jack... Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

IOWA

Half of town destroyed or heavily damaged by tornado, six killed

PARKERSBURG — Half of this small town lay in ruins as a heavily damaged Monday following a deadly tornado that ripped apart a stretch of northern Iowa... The Sunday afternoon twister killed six people in Iowa, four of them in Parkersburg and two others in nearby New Hartford, in neighboring Minnesota, a child was killed by violent weather in a suburb of St. Paul... "You really are overwhelmed when you see it," Iowa Gov. Chet Culver said at a news conference Monday after touring the Parkersburg area... "You can't imagine this kind of devastation, homes completely gone. And to see them trying to dig through their belongings is



A resident looks through her belongings in Parkersburg, Iowa, on Monday, a day after a tornado struck the town.

very difficult... Rescuers continued picking through the wreckage in search of possible victims but officials said they were hopeful that no one else remained to be found... In addition to those killed,

about 70 people were injured, two of them in critical condition.

VIRGINIA

President Bush salutes American fighting men and women

ARLINGTON — President Bush paid tribute Monday to America's fighting men and women who died in battle, saying national leaders must have "the courage and character to follow their lead" in preserving peace and freedom... "On this Memorial Day, I stand before you as the commander in chief and try to tell you how proud I am," Bush told an audience of military figures, veterans and their families at Arlington National Cemetery. Of the men and women buried in the hallowed cemetery, he said, "They're an awesome

bunch of people and the United States is blessed to have such citizens."

"That provoked a standing ovation from the crowd in a marble amphitheater where Bush spoke. 'Whoo-hoo!' shouted one woman, who couldn't contain her enthusiasm."

Bush and his wife, Laura, traveled from the White House across the Potomac River to the rolling hillsides of Arlington. Along the way, one man stood with a sign that said: "Bring Our Troops Home." But, otherwise, the presidential motorcade on a sparkling clear spring day was warmly greeted at the cemetery entrance "by scores of people, including to men in hats, shirts and shorts made out of American flag material. Others visited gravesites where each white tombstone was marked with a tiny American flag."

— The Associated Press

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 27, the 148th day of 2008. There are 218 days left in the year. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: On May 27, 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif., was opened to pedestrian traffic. (Vehicular traffic began crossing the bridge the next day.)

ON THIS DATE: In 1818, American reformer Amelia Jenks Bloomer, who popularized the garment that bears her name "bloomers" — was born in Homer, N.Y. In 1933, Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three

Little Pigs" was first released. In 1941, the British navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France, with a loss of more than 2,100 lives. Ten years ago: Michael Fortler, the government's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after apologizing for not

warning anyone about the deadly plot. Five years ago: Two Iraqis shot and killed two American soldiers in Fallujah, a hotbed of support for Saddam Hussein. One year ago: American forces rescued two kidnapped Iraqis in a raid on an Al-Qaida hideout north of Baghdad.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF MAY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are more ambitious than usual this summer. Between now and the end of July you may find that to achieve your wants and desires, you will have to work harder than usual, too. You may be overwhelmed if you take on extra duties or obligations and your judgment may be off center, so do not make any irreversible decisions. In October your experience and business judgment may earn you honors or recognition. In December you charm and popularity hit a high mark. The best time to launch crucial plans or meet significant people is during December and January. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Let your senses go wild and experiment with your ideas. You may decide to put your focus on romantic interests; if possible, the merrier, so bring a friend. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your attractiveness may invite unwanted advances even if you offer a mere smile or hello. Be tactful in all respects, as your delicacy and consideration will be repaid later. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you are too tough, you won't

cut the mustard. Your idea of reasonable business practices might not be shared by someone else. Be more willing to compromise. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Although a social situation may arise that may make you think you're holding all the aces, do remember that you're not always going to hold the winning hand. A new acquaintance may end up with all the chips behind your back. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): However, your purse or wallet may suffer if you try to be overly generous. Passing flirtations may seem exciting and inviting, but don't let them become anything more. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The wise fist does not swim upstream. Go with the flow and don't fight the currents. Your relationships will progress almost effortlessly without a need for discussion or constant corrections. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Although social activities may distract you from your original intentions, stay with it. Get out and enjoy the sights and sounds of spring but keep objectives prioritized. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

A romantic encounter could come your way if you are perceptive enough to realize it. It could be a good time to begin working on those projects at home. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's only money but if you are careless with your spending you will be at a loss when you need it the most. Keep track of finances, as an extra penny saved here and there can add up. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your work ethic begins to pay off. Love is all around if you simply start looking for it.

You may be surprised to find out who has made you the object of their affection. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be afraid to take a chance; luck is sitting on your shoulder today. Put your best foot forward in social matters, as you may be surprised to find out who has made you the object of their affection. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't ignore your head, however, as you move relentlessly towards achieving key goals. You are poised to conquer all obstacles. Accept kudos and compliments with a grain of salt.

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Checks

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to catch up on debts and high-interest loans.
"This may be an opportunity to break even with that," Trappen said. She said rising costs of living make hanging onto the money unlikely. "For one thing, there is no money to put savings away."
Ken Robinette, the executive director at South Central Community Action, said the organization sometimes works with people who don't have experience dealing with that much money at once. At a time when the advisers and some in the federal government may be telling people to "spend, spend, spend," Robinette said Community Action is taking a different approach.
"You've got to watch how you spend the money," Robinette said. "Our initial advice is still going to be 'make sure you take care of

your basic needs."
In addition to paying for utilities, food and clothing, Robinette said he's encouraging financially-strapped families to plan for future needs such as school supplies or car repairs.
Not all state programs will be affected by the stimulus checks. For example, both the Emergency Food Assistance Program and Women's Health Check are exempt from the stimulus package.
While the stimulus check might not provide her household with a new computer, Beezley didn't seem too disappointed. Instead, she's looking forward to being debt-free — and being one step closer to her goal of owning a home.
"We have what we need," she said. "That's most important."

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Pacemakers

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Belgium's University of Leuven.
"Not all patients get better, but when patients respond, it's significant," said Dr. Helen Mayberg of Emory University, who has implanted about 50 depression patients. Her first remains in remission after five years; she estimates that 50 percent of every six show enough improvement to be classified "responders."
"We're rewriting the brain in many ways," said Dr. Al Rezal, chief of the Cleveland Clinic's Center for Neurologic Restoration.
"There's need for innovative therapies. Up to 20 percent of depression patients and 10 percent of those with obsessive-compulsive disorder are treatment-resistant — several million people in the U.S. alone."
"The use of implanted DBS is credible," said Dr. Wayne Goodman of the National Institute for Mental Health. Surgery sometimes helps worst-case patients by helping misty patients before surgery. The electrodes are placed into similar spots, but don't destroy tissue — the electrical signals can be adjusted and turned off.

But it's not yet ready for prime-time, Goodman cautions. He worried that because the electrodes already are widely available, centers without proper training will start offering the \$40,000 implant surgeries to psychiatric patients before science proves if they're really valuable.
"It is an invasive, experimental procedure," he warned, with risks including bleeding in the brain and infections. He called DBS "the most reason for stringently selected patients."
Earlier this month, federal health officials and the Cleveland Clinic brought together the field's leading researchers to highlight progress so far and debate if it's time for much larger studies — even whether DBS might be tweaked to

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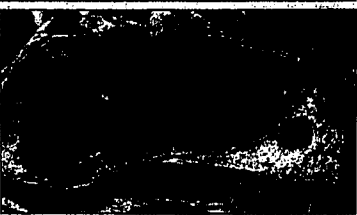
help people with traumatic brain injuries, such as Iraq war veterans.
"There's not enough awareness of what the potential is of this kind of stimulation," said meeting co-chair Dr. Margaret Giannini, who heads the government's Office on Disability.
In deep brain stimulation for Parkinson's, a wire is implanted within a walnut-sized area known as the thalamus, a hub of sensory information. That electrode is connected by a cable running through the neck to a pulse generator under the collarbone. Tiny electrical zaps disable overactive nerve cells, blocking tremors.

Scientists don't have nearly as much understanding of what goes awry to cause depression or other psychiatric illnesses — but they do know the thalamus may be a key spot for these patients. They're focusing instead on two regions with names only a neurologist could love — the ventral capsule/ventral striatum and so-called Brodmann Area 25. Ignore the names; the point is that these are regions where brain circuitry involved in mood and anxiety intersect.
It's not yet clear who should have DBS in which spot, or if there are still other target areas. Much of the research to date has been funded by electrode manufacturers, with some paid for by the government — and consists of measuring patients' disability before and after DBS, not more rigorous studies that randomly assign patients to treatment.

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"We've been pretty well able to stay with our program the way it is," he said.
Shoshone teachers are judicious about setting field trips, and there's usually just one to two trips taken per grade level each year. "They make sure it fits the curriculum," Wiseman said.
Twin Falls Superintendent Willy Dobbs said he hasn't seen a big decrease in the number of field trips. There were 630 such trips taken this year, 694 in the 2006-07 school year and 604 in 2005-06 school year, said Dobbs.
"There's been no noticeable change in the number of field trips," he said, adding some teachers have talked about whether certain trips are necessary. "Perhaps some trips that used to be taken have been set aside in some cases."
The Ellet School District cut back on field trips about five to six years ago partly because of budget constraints, said Superintendent John Graham, adding he isn't superintendent then.
He said in the past two to three years there hasn't been a change in how many field trips have been taken. "We haven't been going on as many field trips as some other districts," he said. "The decision was made several years ago to cut back."
Graham said parent teacher groups often help

fund field trips.
Between the 2005-06 and the 2006-07 school years, student visits to Bowers' "First Californians" exhibit about mission life dropped nearly 50 percent to 880 students, she said.
The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County has seen a sharp decline every year since 2004-05, when 241,075 students visited. In 2007, the number dropped to 172,764, which museum officials attribute to increasingly crowded school days and concerns about funding.
"It makes me terribly sad," said Carl Salkin, the museum's vice president for education, who grew up in New York. "I still remember when I was a kid in school how exciting field trips were. I just grew to love museums, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History. Those are images I still carry with me."
Because it does not charge admission, the National Zoo in Washington does not keep track of student visitors. But certainly, neither do the other obstacles in taking trips to the 163-acre zoo.
"We've heard from many teachers the same sorts of problems — it's cost-prohibitive, they have to test to the standards, and there's not time for field trips, there are not enough chaperones. We hear



Leanne Thomas photo by 2008. The Maria Ilean touches a dinosaur skull at the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana, Calif. At a time of shrinking budgets and increased emphasis on standardized testing, such class visits to museums and zoos are becoming increasingly rare, educators and site operators say.

that all the time," said Elise Bernardon, an education specialist with Friends of the National Zoo. "A lot of schools just flat out can't pay \$300 for a bus, and frankly, there's nothing we can do about that."
Times-News staff writer Andrea Jackson contributed to this report.

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Mars

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Phoenix's 8-foot-long arm will be today, but it'll be another week before thelander takes the first scoop of soil.

After the initial taste test, Phoenix will spend the rest of the mission clawing through layers of soil to reach ice that is believed to be buried inches to a foot below the surface.

Mission co-scientist Ray Arvidson of Washington University in St. Louis is pleased with Phoenix's progress so far.
Scientists were especially interested in how the polygon patterns in the ground formed at Phoenix's landing site. The fractures look similar to the found on Earth's polar regions. Arvidson said Phoenix appeared — within reach of a shallow trough that could be a potential place to dig.

"I was just afraid that it'll be so uniform and homogenous and that we'd be digging in soil and we wouldn't know the context" of how it formed, Arvidson said.
Launched last summer, Phoenix sailed through 422 million miles of space over a period of about 10 months. The riskiest part of the journey came seven minutes before landing, when Phoenix, operating on autopilot, had to use the atmosphere's friction, deploy its parachute and fire its dozen thrusters to slow to a 5 mph thump.
The lander executed the maneuver almost flawlessly. The only snag came when it released the parachute seven seconds later than expected. The late timing caused the spacecraft to land slightly down range from its

bull's-eye mark.
"Two hours after touchdown, Phoenix beamed back a flood of images revealing the first-ever peek of the polar horizon. It also sent back images of its unfolded heat shield and another of its heat plants in soil next to pebblesized rocks.
Smith, the chief scientist, said Phoenix slid a bit after landing.
NASA on Monday released a grainy black-and-white image captured by its Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, which had a bird's-eye view of Phoenix coming down on its parachute.

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	7:00	Mystery of the Missing Seasons/Live Sky Tour
Thursdays	2:00	Rusty Rocker's Last Blast
	7:00	Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather
Fridays	8:15	Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon
	2:00	Mystery of the Missing Seasons/Live Sky Tour
	7:00	The Search for Life in the Universe
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State Senate District 23
District 23 Readers,

For the past six years, I have had the privilege of representing District 23 in the Idaho State Senate. During this time we have faced a number of significant issues ranging from low revenue, funding and structure of K through 12 education, to the state highway construction program. Many of these issues pit urban areas against rural areas. I have been representing our rural area in not only my votes, but also as Chairman of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee.

It has taken time to become senior enough in the Senate where I can hold a Chairman position in order to best serve the folks of District 23. Not only am I fortunate enough to currently hold this position, but during my tenure I have also had the chance to represent our district as a member of the Senate Education Committee, Local Government and Taxation Committee, Joint Energy and Environment Committee, Co-Chairman of the Energy Generation Sub Committee, and Co-Chairman of the Joint Early Childhood Development Task Force. With your support I will return to Boise and continue working for our rural interests.

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Battling over bullets

U.S. uses bullets ill-suited for new ways of war

By Richard Lardner
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — As Sgt. Joe Higgins patrolled the streets of Saba al-Bor, a tough town north of Baghdad, he was armed with bullets that had a lot more firepower than those of his 4th Infantry Division buddies.

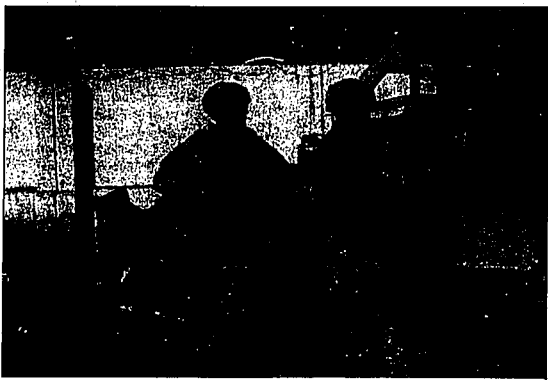
As an Army sniper, Higgins was one of the select few firing an M14. The long-barreled rifle, an imposing weapon built for wars long past, spits out bullets larger and more deadly than the rounds that fit into the M4 carbines and M16 rifles that most soldiers carry.

"Having a heavy cartridge in an urban environment like that was definitely a good choice," says Higgins, who did two tours in Iraq and left the service last year. "I just had more stopping power."

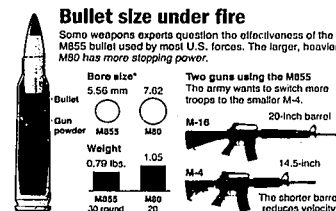
Strange as it sounds, nearly seven years into the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, bullets are a controversial subject for the U.S.

The smaller, steel-penetrating M855 rounds continue to be a weak spot in the American arsenal. They are not lethal enough to bring down an enemy decisively, and that puts troops at risk, according to Associated Press interviews with military officials.

Designed decades ago to puncture a Soviet soldier's helmet hundreds of yards away, the M855 rounds are being used for very different targets in Iraq and Afghanistan. Much of today's fighting takes place in close quarters; narrow streets, stairways and rooftops are today's battlefield. Legions of armor-clad Russians marching through the Fulda Gap in



Sgt. Joe Higgins, left, stands with his M14 rifle in Iraq in 2006. The unidentified soldier at right holds an M4 carbine. On patrols through the dusty streets of Saba al-Bor, a tough town north of Baghdad, Higgins packed a lot more firepower than his 4th Infantry Division buddies. As a sniper, Higgins was one of the select few to tote the M14.



Germany have given way to insurgents and terrorists who hit and run.

Fired at short range, the M855 round is prone to pass through a body like a needle through fabric. That does not mean being shot is a pain-free experience. But unless the bullet strikes a vital organ

or the spine, the adrenaline-fueled enemy may have the strength to keep on fighting and even live to fight another day.

In 2006, the Army asked a private research organization to survey 2,600 soldiers who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Nearly one-fifth

of those who used the M4 and M16 rifles wanted larger caliber bullets.

Yet the Army is not changing. The answer is better aim, not bigger bullets, officials say.

"If you hit a guy in the right spot it doesn't matter where you shoot him with," said Maj. Thomas Henthorn, chief of the small arms division at Fort Benning, Ga., home to the Army's infantry school.

At about 33 cents each, bullets are not a lot of public attention in Washington where the size of the debate is usually measured by how much a piece of equipment costs. But billions of M855 rounds have been produced, and Congress is preparing to pay for many more. The defense request for the budget year that begins Oct. 1 seeks \$88 million for 267 million M855s, each one about the size of a AAA battery.

Call grows for greater cosmetic surgery oversight

By Rong-Gong Lin II
Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Six months after Kanye West's mother died following liposuction and breast implant surgery, the reverberations continue to be felt. New lawmakers and physicians are urging greater protections for patients undergoing cosmetic surgery.

Across the country, such surgeries are increasingly done outside hospital settings in outpatient clinics, where a doctor can avoid the rigorous review that, say, a heart surgeon would face at a traditional hospital. Those lobbying for greater surveillance say attempts to regulate the fast-growing industry have faltered.

"These (clinics) are not hospitals. You have to raise the standards," said California state Sen. Mark Ridley-Thomas, who chairs the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development.

California is not alone in looking to tighten oversight of doctors performing cosmetic surgery. Two years ago, Florida passed a law designed to educate patients about their doctor's credentials. And in the Canadian province of Ontario, officials are increasing scrutiny after the death of a Toronto woman who received liposuction from a

general practitioner.

More than a decade ago, California pushed to regulate outpatient surgical centers amid high-profile reports that patients were critically injured or dying during procedures. Legislators passed a law that said such centers must be accredited by an agency recognized by the state, which requires a clinic to have resuscitation equipment and procedures to transfer a patient to a hospital. But Ridley-Thomas says the law has not been effective and has proposed legislation requiring regular inspections.

In addition, across-the-board budget cuts forced the Medical Board of California to close five years ago to disband a five-person investigative team designed to ferret out unlicensed doctors, said board spokeswoman Candis Cohen.

In California, the death of Donda West, 58, in November prompted lawmakers to push for additional patient safety protections.

A bill by Assemblywoman Wilmer Aminta Carter calls for a patient to receive a physical examination before

cosmetic surgery.

Yolanda Anderson, West's niece, said her aunt did not receive a physical exam by her surgeon, Dr. Jan Adams, before undergoing surgery. A spokesman for Adams has said previously that it was his understanding that both Adams and the anesthesiologist thoroughly questioned West before her surgery.

"It's not like she was 90 or terminally ill with cancer," Anderson said. "It was something that did not have to happen."

Another doctor whom West had seen previously declined to operate on her, saying she was at risk of having a heart attack if she went through with the cosmetic surgery.

A coroner's report cited West's heart disease and clogged coronary arteries as a factor in her death. According to the coroner, there was no evidence that her death was caused by a mistake in surgery.

Better bug repellants studied

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Researchers have identified seven possibilities for the next generation of mosquito repellent, some of which may work several times longer than the current standard-bearer, DEET. The new repellents aren't likely to be available commercially for a few years, early tests on cloth

showed promising results. While the new repellents aren't likely to be available commercially for a few years, early tests on cloth repellents repelling mosquitoes for as long as 73 days and many working for 40 to 50 days, compared to an average of 17.5 days with DEET, according to a study in Tuesday's edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Biting insects such as mosquitoes and ticks can spread diseases such as encephalitis, Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, malaria and dengue fever.

Several of the new chemicals "were just phenomenal," said Ulrich R. Bernier, a research chemist at the Agriculture Department's chemical repellent research unit in Gainesville, Fla. "I was so surprised."

Bernier, a co-author of the study, said he regularly receives new repellents from people and he ends up writing them back to say they don't work.

In this case, researchers funded by the Defense Department set out to determine what makes repellents work, and then to use that information in finding more



In July 2007, Matt Osborne, field coordinator, Arthropod Program, Division of Infection Disease Laboratories at the Massachusetts Dept. of Health State Laboratory Institute sorts mosquitoes collected from Boston according to species for testing in a lab at the institute in Boston. Researchers have identified seven possibilities for the next generation of mosquito repellent, some of which may work several times longer than the current standard-bearer, DEET.

effective ways to chase away disease-carrying insects, Bernier explained in a telephone interview.

"We thought, can we do a better job of designing repellents?" Bernier said.

Using USDA data on hundreds of chemicals collected over 50 years, researchers led by Alan R. Katritzky of the University of Florida rated chemicals from "1" to "5" on ability to repel insects, and then focused on what the most effective ones

— the 55 — had in common. Bernier focused on a type of chemical known as N-acylphthalides, they narrowed the study down to 34 molecules — 23 that had never been tested before and 11 that had — Bernier explained.

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LAWN & GARDEN

Craftsman 25V riding lawn mower, 42" cut, hydrostatic drive, with gas cutter - Craftsman 42" pull lawn mower - 2 wheel yard till bed trailer - 25 gal ATV sprayer with electric pump and hand gun - fertilizer cart - Toro gas snow blower - Chase lounge with canopy - lawn pump with electric motor - 2 old lawn mower - mowers - shovels, hoes, rakes - 5 gal propane tank and burner head - small gas lawnmower - Graco tools - push garden cultivator - Homelite gas trimmer - hand trimmers - lawn chairs - sprayers - 2 wheelbarrows

SHOP

Linnem 225 amp electric welder - welding table - Craftsman 9" table saw - Craftsman electric chain saw - single piston portable air compressor - 16' wooden extension ladder - Craftsman scroll saw - Craftsman 8' bench - metal drill - Delta die cast - welded hydraulic and mechanical jacks - pipe wrenches - crescent wrenches - hammers - pliers - screwdrivers - TrueCraft 3/4" drive socket set - step ladder - bench vice - "C" clamps - small toolboxes - pipe vise - old wood router and coolware - 2 tea kettles - 2000 1/2" push garden cultivator - helmets - organizers - boxes - soldering irons - WorkMate bench - bolt cutters - hand saws - sheet rock tools - wood chisels - cabinet clamps - ceramic tile saw - squares - saw vise - wood plane - assorted electric drills - punch bits - Graco Magnum electric paint sprayer - L.B. White propane shop heater

SPORTING

Water Skeeter Fly Fisherman Pontoon - 2 mens 10 speed bikes - Coleman heater - 2 Coleman lanterns - 2 fish smokers - kerosene heaters - assorted fishing tackle - Turner camp stove - fly tying ang - air mattress

COLLECTIBLES

Crown 3, 4 and 12 gal crocks - Marshall 4 gal crock - 1 and 2 gal crocks - 2 Duncan Pyrex end tables - 3 cast cookware - granite ware roaster and coolware - 2 tea kettles - assorted Jim Beam bottles - old bottles - Old White electric cabinet sewing machine (probably 100 years old) - old hand food grinders - child's sled

HOUSEHOLD

Several amplifiers and speakers - brass hall tree - plant stand - what not shelf - wooden bookcase - 8mm projector - handicap walkers - benches - coffee pots - 5.7t electric milk with attachments - tea pots - salt and peppers - 5 drawer chest of drawers - convection oven

HOT TUB - MISCELLANEOUS

Hot Springs Prology 6 person hot tub - 3 flat top chests - sewer snaker - swamp cooler - organizer boxes - bags - large stainless steel sink - milk cart - and other miscellaneous items too numerous to mention

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Demand is up," Caplan said. Not only are there more medical, dental and nursing programs, but surgeons want cadavers to hone new procedures; researchers want bodies for experimental purposes and various medical procedures.

Council to discuss water, Lighthouse, other issues

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

There's something for everyone at tonight's meeting of the Twin Falls City Council. The council will vote whether to hold a public hearing to change the watering schedule for neighborhoods, whether to reconsider a school's request for

a public address system and the appointment of a new city position. The council will decide whether to hold a public hearing to change city code to allow for constant use of city water seven days of the week. To provide for more water without overusing the water right, the city staff recommended using an odd-even

watering day schedule, according to a city staff report. The city tried to store water to cover peak demand, but moved away from large ponds, according to the report. The change would allow the city to exercise its full water right, and storage of water would be planned for only when the Twin Falls Canal Company indicates delivery

rates are unstable. Residents will have to determine by trial and error when water is available — a common method of control in the Treasure Valley, according to the report. The council will also vote on whether to reconsider a request by the Lighthouse Christian

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Primary election today in Idaho

Today is the primary election for statewide legislative and county candidates, as well as the Idaho Supreme Court and county precinct committee members. There is only one contested legislative race in the Magic Valley. Go to magicvalley.com for more election news. can be found at www.idahovotes.gov, your polling place or by calling your local county clerk. Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock may be reached at 208-736-4004.

Contested races:

* Indicates incumbent

U.S. Senate

Democrats
David I. Archuleta, Fort Hall
Larry LaRocco, Boise

Republicans
Fred M. Adams, Idaho Falls
Brian E. Hefner, Sweet
Bill Hunter, Rexburg
Richard Pfenninger, Coeur d'Alene
Jim Risch, Boise
Hal James Styles Jr., Desert Hot Springs, Calif.
Scott A. Syme, Wilder
Neal Thompson, McCall

Congress District 2

Democrats
Deborah Helmes, Boise
David Sneddon, Boise

Republicans
Mike Simpson, Blackfoot
Jack Wayne Chappell, Buhl
Gregory Nemitz, Twin Falls

Legislative District 23

* Tom Gannon, Republican, Buhl
Doran Parkins, Republican, Marsing

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Tom Carter, Republican
Ron Kirtland, Republican
Hobbin Stubblefield, Republican

Gooding County Commissioner, District 1

Thomas O. Bingham, Republican
* Helen F. Edward, Republican

Gooding County Sheriff

Kirtus S. Gaston, Republican
* Shaun Gough, Republican

Jerome County Commissioner, District 1

* Diana Obenauer, Republican
Cathy Roemer, Republican

Jerome County Commissioner, District 2

* Charles Howell, Republican
Marjorie Schmidt, Republican

Lincoln County Commissioner, District 1

* Jay Loesche, Republican
Rusty Parker, Republican

Lincoln County Sheriff

* K.C. McBride, Republican
Kevin Ellis, Republican
Justin Henson, Republican
Robert Quiroga, Republican

Idaho Supreme Court

* Joel Horton
John Bradbury

In memorial

Magic Valley veterans, families remember fallen soldiers on Memorial Day



By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

FILER — American flags blow through the wind. Empty cars line streets as their owners visit graves. The sounds of rifle shots, followed by a soft bugle, pierce the air.

Cemeteries are busy places on Memorial Day. They are colored by red, white and blue; blanketed in emotion; and sought after by those whose loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice.

To even the uninformed bystander, the scene is unmistakable.

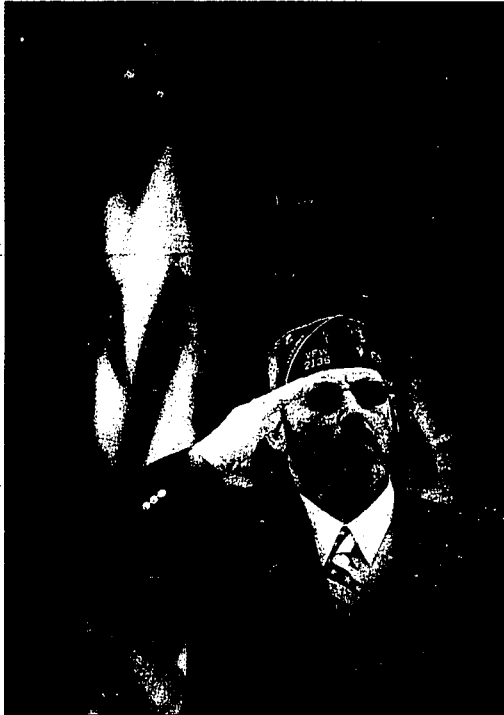
Across the nation Monday, soldiers, veterans and their families paid tribute to honor the men and women who died fighting for the United States. In the Magic Valley, services included the Buhl Veterans of Foreign Wars and Filer American Legion No. 47.

At Filer Cemetery, more than 50 people gathered for the dedication of a memorial honoring soldiers killed in World War II and the wars in Vietnam and Korea. The memorial replaces an original from 1947 that was damaged during Filer High School's reconstruction.

Wayne Goetz, who served in the Navy in the 1960s and regularly leads funerals for veterans, sang "Sgt. MacKenzie" a song written by Joseph Klina MacKenzie.

"When they come, I'll stand my ground," sang Goetz. "I'll stand my ground. I'll not be afraid."

His steady voice seemed to carry with the American flag that flew at half-mast behind him. As he sang, the birds chirped and wind chimed



Guest speaker Wayne Goetz salutes the flag during the Buhl Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Service held at the West End Cemetery Monday morning in Buhl. At top, the Buhl Veterans of Foreign Wars stand at attention during the service.

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Striking twice

60 years ago, lightning struck and killed two in Magic Valley

By Damon Hartzker
Correspondent

During a fierce lightning storm on May 27, 1948 — 60 years ago today — two Magic Valley farmers were struck and killed.

As E.R. Myers, a 43-year-old farmer south of Twin Falls, drove his tractor on his 40-acre farm, a lightning bolt landed on his head — "knocking the crown out of his hat," according to a *Times-News* article published the next day that provided details of the uncommon event.

His wife, Evelyn, watched as he fell off the tractor and was run over by the tandem disc that he had been towing. He was already dead, though.

On the same day, as 37-year-old Ralph Thompson irrigated a field near his Filer, home, two of his neighbors checked on him after they heard thunder and saw lightning strike near the area where Thompson had been working. They found him dead, on the ground next to an irrigation ditch.

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Filer family celebrates graduation of son, grandson

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

If you go

The Filer High School graduation ceremony will be 7 p.m. June 2 at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

Filer High School seniors are preparing for their graduation, but Connie Johnson of Castleford is planning for a milestone of her own. Johnson will celebrate both her youngest son's and eldest grandson's graduation from Filer High.

"This is neat because I don't think this happens very often, to get to see your son and grandson graduate from the same class," Johnson said.

Her son, Jeremiah Johnson, 19, and grandson, Tyson Johnson, 17, don't give their familial relationship much thought and said they act like cousins. They have had fun trying to illustrate how they are related —

through a mixed family blended by the marriage of Connie and Don Johnson 20 years ago.

"We've had to explain the story, and correct even the same teachers who think we're cousins," said Tyson, who was named as the senior class clown. "Because he's bigger and stronger, I do have to look up to Jeremiah or I'll be in trouble."

Jeremiah chides back, "I'll have to remember that for later."

The boys laugh about explorations and adventures



Connie Johnson, center, says she looks forward to the graduation of her grandson, Tyson Johnson, 17, left, and her son Jeremiah Johnson, 19, right.

they've had along the way. I'm just another classmate," like when Tyson broke a fence and Jeremiah had to fix it before the adults came home. Tyson said.

As coincidental as it is for the two to graduate together, home. Please see **FILED**, Page A6

Annie Phillips

RUPERT — Anne Marie Amende Phillips of Rupert went to her promised home on Friday, May 23, 2008, after a sudden illness.

She was born June 12, 1950, and lived in Albion until her marriage to Joe Phillips July 5, 1969. Joe and Annie had a daughter April 9, 1987, and named her Philana.

Impact in the lives of those who knew her will be remembered forever, and her memory will continue on through family and friends she never ceased to love and support.

Annie is survived and will be greatly missed by her husband, Joe; her daughter, Philana; her parents, Keith and Mary Amende of Albion; sisters Mary Lynne (Bruce) Bristol, Albion; Sharon (Bill) Tyson, Sandy, Utah; Gloria West, Rupert; Carol Amende, Declo, and the family cats. She was preceded in death by her younger sister, Sue (Jim) Stopper.

The family would like to thank Dr. Amy Kauffman and the CHRC staff, the Utah Life Flight team, medical personnel at Intermountain Medical Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, and all the friends who have been so supportive.

A special fund will be established at D.L. Evans Bank to help to family with medical expenses.

All are welcome to join in a Celebration of Life in Annie's honor Thursday, May 29 11 a.m. at First Christian Praise Chapel, 1110 Eighth Street, Rupert.

Philana would like to receive written memories about her Mom from anyone willing to share about their experiences with Annie.

CAREY — Delsa E. Wilde, 90, passed away Thursday, May 22, 2008, at the Heritage Assisted Living in Twin Falls.

She was born Nov. 26, 1917, in Carey, the fifth child of James and Ida (Clark) Wilde. Delsa is a graduate of Carey High School at the top of her class.

After graduating, she went to business school in Weiser, Idaho. From there she went to work at the Naval Supply Depot in Clearfield, Utah. After several years there, she went to work at the

Clearfield Airforce Base, from which she retired.

Delsa lived most of her years in Sunset, Utah, but loved coming back to Carey in the summer to go fishing, her favorite hobby.

Delsa was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and two brothers. She is survived by one sister, Nyla (Reed) Weaver of Carey and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 29 at the graveside in the Carey Cemetery. Bishop Dan Parke will officiate.

Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho (www.woodriverchapel.com).

Donald Robbins

RUPERT — Donald Udell Robbins, 85, of Rupert, passed away Saturday, May 24, 2008, at the Countryside Care and Rehab in Rupert.

Don was born in Fort Collins, Colo., on July 9, 1922, to Arthur R. and Hazel Williams Robbins. He received and completed his education in Colorado. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II, and was stationed in the Pacific Theater. He married Kathlene Hensley on Nov. 25, 1945, in Lafayette, La. They had three children, Dennis, Linda and Cheryl.

Don and Kathlene lived in Denver, Colo., prior to moving to Seattle, Wash., in 1955. In 1959, they moved to the Mint-Cassia area where Don had since resided.

Following Kathlene's death in November 1991, Don married Ellen Mae Wingler McClellan on Feb. 14, 1993, in Heyburn. Together they had 15 wonderful years together.

Don was a truck driver by profession and enjoyed his work immensely. He enjoyed

welding, gardening and was a survivor of cancer, constructing many different items to assist in medical living.

He was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Heyburn, Idaho. Survivors include his wife, Ellen, of Rupert; three children, Dennis (Joyce) Robbins of Kent, Wash., Linda (J.W.) Ray of Heyburn, and Cheryl Hayden of Chubbuck; four stepchildren, Barbara Herring, Tommy McClellan and Donna Peske; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; inventor, one sister and a granddaughter, Noelle Boss.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1250 E. 21st St., in Heyburn. Officiating will be Tom Edle and Jerry Langford. Military rites will be accorded by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

SERVICES

James Howard Burgoyne of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Jerome 5th Ward LDS Church, 100 S. 50 E. visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Elmer H. Shade of Layton, Utah, and formerly of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Lincoln LDS Church in Layton, Utah.

Brent Kay Heaton of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Almo LDS Church; visitation from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Jerome).

Edmond Wesley "Jack" Ballance of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Grace Community Church, 100 N. Meridian in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

John Richard Kober of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

The Rev. Albert Edward Allen of Portland, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Bartholomew's

Register online at MagicValley.com to view exclusive videos.

Episcopal Church, 11265 SW Cabot St. in Beaverton, Ore.

Mary Marie (Sengraevs) Hennig of Idaho Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ketchum Cemetery, followed by a gathering for family and friends at 3 p.m. at Cottonwood Condo in Sun Valley (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Tsuehl "Tish" Koto of Fruitland and formerly of Shoshone and Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls First Assembly of God Church.

Donald Lee Coon of Heyburn, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, 25 N. 4th E. in Paul (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

W. R. "Bill" Patterson of the Wood River Valley, celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Narra Inez on Main Street in Bellevue (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

DEATH NOTICES

George C. Henderson

JEROME — George C. Henderson, 81, of Jerome, died May 26, 2008, at his home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Margaret Dunlap

JEROME — Margaret Dunlap, 56, of Jerome, died May 26, 2008, in Jerome. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Anne M. Phillips

MURRAY, Utah — Anne M. Phillips passed away Friday, May 23, 2008, in Murray, Utah. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008 at the Rupert First Christian Church in Rupert. Funeral services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Mildred Greene Waters

RUPERT — Mildred Greene Waters, 97, of Rupert passed away Sunday, May 25, 2008, at Valley Vista assisted living center. Funeral services will be held at noon at the Heyburn LDS 1st and 2nd ward building.

Viewing for family and friends will be held from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on May 31, 2008, at the church. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Virgil Miller

BURLEY — Virgil Irvin Miller, 76, of Burley, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. The funeral is pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

John D. Melvin, Sr.

TACOMA, Wash. — John Douglas Melvin, Sr., 87, of Tacoma, Wash., died Sunday, May 25, 2008, at his niece's residence in Albion.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Zandra Robbins

BUHL — Zandra Robbins, 70, of Buhl, passed away May 26, 2008, at her home in Buhl. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Council

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Fellowship for the use of lights and a public address system at their new football field.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission voted 4-3 in April to recommend approval, but the Twin Falls City Council vote ended in a 3-3 tie and the recommendation failed.

Councilman Don Hall was absent from the meeting. The school is requesting reconsideration so the vote is before a full council, according to a letter sent to Mayor Lance Clow from Executive Pastor Ronald Heath.

The council will also vote on the appointment of an assistant city manager, a new position intended to handle the needs of the city as it grows. The city manager is Tom Courtney.

Memorial

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sounded. A mother pulled her son close for a hug. A young girl called out and reached for her father.

Creation of the memorial, which is 17 meters long, was led by a committee of Filer's class of 1947.

"On Memorial Day, with this field of crosses and flags waving, we remember how fortunate we are to live," said James Ramsey, who had sat on the committee. "On this day we have an added responsibility."

When Goetz finished, veterans fired a 21-gun salute. A bugle played "Taps."

The crowd dispersed — allowing the tribute to move from the group to the individual.

Marion Jerko, 59, a Vietnam veteran who served in the Navy, said the United States bears the difference tone that when he returned from Vietnam.

There's no draft, for example, he said, but there are now yellow ribbons to show support for troops.

He and Lillian Maxwell, 87, who served 3 1/2 years in

"We owe a great debt of gratitude to our servicemen."

— Buhl resident Lillian Stahlecker

World War II with the National Guard, said that while the Legion's memorial services remain the same, there are many veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan who served.

"It seems newer vets have to be back for 25 to 30 years before they really begin to realize what they've done for their country," said Maxwell.

Buhl resident Lillian Stahlecker, 86, distributed red poppies, the traditional flower used to commemorate soldiers. Stahlecker, whose husband, Jake, and two brothers served in the military, said she's handed out the flowers for more than 50 years.

"I feel we do not show enough support for our veterans," said Stahlecker. "We owe a great debt of gratitude to our servicemen."

they settled here, too.

"This whole thing is kind of weird and very coincidental."

The next family high school graduations aren't likely to be as riddled with veterans, said Connie Johnson.

"I've got 15 grandchildren left to graduate. But right now, I'm just enjoying this moment," she said.

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Strike

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Surviving family members could not be reached for comment.

The chances of getting struck by lightning in a lifetime are 5,000 to one, according to the National Weather Service.

Larry Holt, a hydro-meteorologist technician with the NWS in Boise, said one lightning-induced death is rare enough.

To have two people struck in the same area on the same day — the probability of that would be extremely low," he said. "It could have just been a really good storm, but it's extremely unusual."

So far in 2008, four people have been killed from lightning, none in the same state — let alone the same county

on the same day, according to Struckbylightning.org, an organization that is described on its Web site as promoting lightning safety and education.

Holt said the risk of getting struck is the same today as in 1948. "People are just better educated about it," he said, "but we're just as conductive now as we were 60 years ago. I would imagine people were more likely to be outside back then. Society has just become more urban than it used to be."

"Twenty-eight-year-old Adam Hansen of Idaho Falls stood on the scenic overlook at Twin Falls Park on Memorial Day afternoon immediately after a rain and thunder storm. "I never get nervous — I

just assume it's not going to hit me," he said. "But I know not to tie a key to a kite. I keep all of my kites with keys on them out of the air."

Holt said there are different types of lightning. "We're talking about cloud-to-ground, but the vast majority of lightning doesn't hit the ground," he said. When it does, lightning strikes the highest point in the immediate area, regardless of whether it's composed of metal, wood, or a human head. "It's the shortest distance between two points," Holt said. "That's where it's going to strike... there's only a very slight chance of getting hit, though."

Damon Hunsaker can be reached at 208-420-4697 or hunsaker@aol.com.

BLM firefighters report to work for new wildfire season

Bureau of Land Management Twin Falls District Fire and Aviation is welcoming new and returning firefighters to the 2008 wildfire season. Firefighters report to work today, beginning a rigorous agenda of fire training that lasts for three weeks.

State and local managers are planning to welcome firefighters at a unit-wide meeting Thursday. The leaders are seeking to emphasize safety and relay the overly-

ing missions of the BLM to fire personnel. At no other time of the season are firefighters gathered in one place. Crews will later be dispatched across south-central Idaho to maintain a strong response to wildfires. All newly-hired firefighters will attend Basic Fire School at Methodist Camp north of Fairfield on June 2 to 6. This week-long training is being held in cooperation with the Sawtooth National Forest and provides stu-

dents with a camp-like experience while learning the basics of wildland fire fighting.

The BLM remains prepared for late spring wildfires that may occur while training is being conducted. If needed for wildfire suppression, experienced firefighters are able to respond.

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Buhl requests carnival for July 4

By Blair Koch Correspondent

The Buhl Chamber of Commerce Sugebrush Days Committee is making a concerted effort to attract visitors to Buhl over Fourth of July weekend.

In addition to a parade, skateboard tournament, live music in the park, fireworks and other events, the chamber would like to attract a Schoepner Shows carnival July 3-6 to round out Sugebrush Days.

Chamber Director Christine Garrison is requesting permission to allow a carnival to set up in the vacant area behind the high school. The location is the only space large enough to accommodate the 10 rides and three concession stands. The carnival usually travels to the Midwest for its summer tour, but high fuel prices are forcing it to stay closer to its Southern California base — and would help draw people to Buhl, Garrison said.

"This is going to be a significant boost for Buhl business and merchants," said Garrison said. "This is a really

nice carnival." The chamber recently presented information to the school board about the carnival's insurance policy, but the board was not prepared to give its OK. School Board Chairman Ken McDonald said he was concerned, among other things, over the carnival's workman compensation coverage. He suggested the chamber obtain more information and have legal counsel look over the paperwork.

"I don't feel prepared enough... to jump on something and make a snap decision," said Trustees Jim Barker and Jackie Frey were in favor of moving to accept the chamber's request, pending approval by their lawyer. But McDonald called the special meeting Wednesday for a final decision.

The company is prepared to provide any information trustees need, said Chad Schoepner of the 20-year, family-run operation. He said the company is contracted with American Alliance Drug Testing and runs employee background checks.

Buhl School Board meeting
Trustees will discuss and vote on the Buhl Chamber of Commerce's request to allow a carnival to be set up behind the Buhl High School during July 3-6 Sugebrush Days. The meeting is 7 a.m. Wednesday at the District Office at 920 Main Street. For more information call 208-543-6438

"It is standard for schools to want to know what we are doing," Schoepner said. "It's no problem for us to get them what they need." In the meantime, Schoepner said they are comfortable waiting for the chamber's go-ahead.

"We've talked to the chamber and said we will work with them..." he said. "But if it ends up being we can't secure a location, I've got to search for something different."

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Flashback: Hailey to vote again on pro-marijuana initiatives

HAILEY (AP) — A tenacious pro-pot activist is taking his bid to legalize marijuana to the polls again Tuesday, saying another vote is necessary because this central Idaho mountain town's officials are dragging their feet on ballot measures passed by voters last November.

The initiatives in Hailey would legalize medical marijuana, give the go-ahead to industrial hemp and make it legal to grow. The lowest police priority for local officers.

Voters will also decide whether to legalize marijuana outright, the only one of four initiatives that failed during the 2007 election. Hailey Mayor Rick Davis, City Councilman Don Kern and police Chief Jeff Gunter sued earlier this month in 5th District Court to have the previously approved initiatives declared illegal. "I know that the city would pull something like this," said Ryan Davidson, a Boise-area resident who, as chairman of the Libertarian Liberty Lobby of Idaho, got the initiatives on the ballot. "It makes it politically less viable for them to do something if they pass twice."

Though the subject of this campaign has raised eyebrows of some in this blue-collar neighborhood to unsavory Sun Valley and Ketchum just

a few miles north up State Highway 75, there isn't a real surge of controversy about Davidson's campaign. For instance, there is no sign of election placards, either in support or against the measures.

Still, government officials, including Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, have reiterated their stance that legalizing marijuana in any form in Idaho breaks the law. The state's top law enforcement agency hasn't wavered from its position that municipalities do not have the authority to repeal state or federal criminal laws.

Last November, voters supported the medical marijuana and industrial hemp measures by about 54 percent, while 51 percent supported making pot arrests the lowest police priority.

The initiative to legalize pot sales to adults was supported by only 46 percent. Davidson expects similar results this time.

"It's kind of an insurance policy," he said. "If I hadn't

put them on the ballot again, they probably would have killed them all by now."

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EDITORIAL

Two years of Kempthorne: More minuses than pluses

Two years ago Monday, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne became the 49th U.S. Interior secretary, inheriting a troubled agency from scandal-plagued Gale Norton. How's Kempthorne done? Here's our report card:

Endangered species: F Simply dreadful. Until May 14, Kempthorne had not placed a single plant or animal on the federal endangered species list. Then he announced that the Department of the Interior will list the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

With strings attached: conditions intended to "keep from harming the economy" through the listing.

He also said the ESA should not be used to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, nor will the listing "set back door climate policy."

Kempthorne's hand was forced by a federal court in California.

The Fish and Wildlife Service began studying a possible listing in 2006, but Interior failed to make a decision by a January deadline, so U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken ordered it.

Our view: Dirk Kempthorne has seven months left in office to build his legacy at the Department of the Interior. He's got some work to do. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

By decoupling the polar bear listing from climate change, the Bush administration hopes to avoid roadblocks to development such as transfer of offshore petroleum leases in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska's northwest coast to oil companies.

Most of all it wants to head off a recovery plan that would subject new power plants and other development to federal review if they generate greenhouse gases that add to Arctic warming.

That's deceitful, but there's worse.

Last week, a congressional investigator said at least four Interior Department officials may have inappropriately interfered in ESA decisions by pressuring lower-ranking employees.

One of them was Brian Waldmann, Kempthorne's chief of staff.

Firefighting: C

On July 16 of last year, the lightning-caused Murphy Complex Fire in Twin Falls and Owyhee counties exploded like a gasoline-soaked

Christmas tree, eventually ravaging 652,000 acres. Some ranchers were happy about the speed of the Bureau of Land Management's response, nor were Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and Idaho's congressional delegation.

Kempthorne helicoptered into Three Creek on Aug. 9 to blame the weather, fuel accumulation and a resource shortage for the blow-up. He announced a task force to study climate change and its relationship to fires.

In its defense, the BLM had an extraordinarily busy year, battling 55 different blazes of 40,000 acres or larger. In all, 9.3 million acres burned — almost double the 10-year average.

Offshore oil drilling: C

In April of 2007, Kempthorne announced an ambitious program to expand offshore oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and off Alaska and Virginia. The urgency of more oil production has increased since then, with little action.

The secretary has argued that new off-shore drilling would create jobs, lower energy prices and reduce dependence on imports.

He's right, but additional drilling is driven by state politics and the courts, where environmentalists sue to stop nearly every offshore drilling plan. And with Democrats running Congress, forget about the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge.

National parks: B

In 2006, the Interior Department issued new management rules for national parks that drew praise from environmentalists but angered off-road vehicle users.

"When there is a conflict between conserving resources unimpaired for future generations and the use of those resources, conservation will be predominant," Kempthorne said back then.

He's been as good as his word on this issue. His National Park Service director, Mary Bomar, is aggressively fixing prob-

lems that have plagued the park system for years.

Last fall, Kempthorne and Bomar released details of a proposed winter use plan that would allow 540 snowmobiles a day in Yellowstone National Park — down from 720 earlier planned. Independent scientists say more than 250 would disturb animals.

Indian gambling: A

Late last year, Kempthorne correctly denied permission to 11 Indian tribes to acquire more land for casinos.

The casinos would have been hundreds of miles from reservations and of little benefit to tribal members.

Under federal law, tribes can't acquire new land unless the Interior Department gives it federal trust status.

Kempthorne, who has long opposed non-reservation Indian casinos, refused.

Royalties: D

Congress and the

Interior Department's own inspector general are hammering the agency for abdicating responsibility to collect royalties from oil and gas companies that drill on public lands. Capitol Hill is so incensed that it's making an independent effort to recover the money by trying to assess companies a surtax on new oil pumped.

A loophole in leases signed by the Clinton administration allowed oil companies to duck royalties. The Interior Department knew about it as early as 2000 yet went so far as to block four auditors from attempting to recover unpaid royalties.

Cost to the taxpayers so far: about \$2 billion.

Inspector General Earl Devaney blamed lazy management, ethical lapses and a departmental culture of secrecy that hid mistakes.

Kempthorne cleaned house at the Minerals Management Service, but the agency's credibility is shot in Congress.

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Gas prices are about to transform the way Americans live

BERLIN — I have seen the future, and it works.

OK, I know that these days you're supposed to see the future in China or India, not in the heart of "old Europe."

But we're living in a world in which oil prices keep setting records, in which the idea that global oil production will soon peak is rapidly moving from fringe belief to mainstream assumption. And Europeans who have achieved a high standard of living in spite of very high energy prices — gas in Germany costs more than \$8 a gallon — have a lot to teach us about how to deal with that world.

If Europe's example is any guide, here are the two secrets of coping with this new world: One is fuel-efficient cars, and don't drive them too much.

Notice that I said that cars should be fuel-efficient — not that people should do without cars altogether. In Germany, as in the United States, the vast majority of families own cars (although German households are less likely than their U.S. counterparts to be multiple-car owners).

But the average German car uses about a quarter less gas per mile than the average American car.

By and large, the Germans don't drive lousy cars, but they do drive modest-sized passenger vehicles rather than SUVs



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and pickup trucks. In the near future I expect we'll see Americans moving down the same path. We've already done it once: Over the course of the 1970s and 1980s, the average mileage of U.S. passenger vehicles rose about 50 percent, as Americans switched to smaller, lighter cars.

This improvement stalled with the rise of SUVs during the cheap-gas 1990s. But now that gas costs even more than ever before, costs after adjusting for inflation, we can expect to see mileage rise again.

Admittedly, the next few years will be rough for families who bought big vehicles when gas was cheap, and now find themselves the owners of white elephants with little trade-in value. But raising fuel efficiency is something we can and will do.

Can we also drive less? Yes — but getting there will be a long haul.

There have been many news stories in recent weeks about Americans who are changing their behavior in response to expensive gasoline — they're trying to shop locally, they're canceling



vacations that involve a lot of driving, and they're switching to public transit.

But none of it amounts to much. For example, some major public transit systems are excited about ridership gains of 5 or 10 percent. But fewer than 5 percent of Americans take public transit to work, so this surge of riders takes only a relative handful of drivers off the road.

Any serious reduction in American driving will require more than that. It will mean changing how and where many of us live. To see what I'm talking about, consider where I am at the moment: In a pleasant, middle-class neighborhood consisting mainly of

four- or five-story apartment buildings, with easy access to public transit and plenty of local shopping.

It's the kind of neighborhood in which people don't have to drive a lot, but it's also a kind of neighborhood that barely exists in America, even in big metropolitan areas. Greater Atlanta has roughly the same population as Greater Berlin — but Berlin is a city of trains, buses and bikes, while Atlanta is a city of cars, cars and cars.

And in the face of rising oil prices, which have left many Americans stranded in suburbia — utterly dependent on their cars, yet having a hard time affording gas — it's starting to look as if Berlin

had the better idea. Changing the geography of American metropolitan areas will be hard. For one thing, houses last a lot longer than cars. Long after today's SUVs have become antique collectors' items, millions of people will still be living in subdivisions built when gas was \$1.50 or less a gallon.

Infrastructure is another problem. Public transit, in particular, faces a chicken-and-egg problem: It's hard to justify transit systems unless there's sufficient population density, yet it's hard to get people to live in denser neighborhoods unless they come with the advantage of transit access.

And there are, as always in America, the issues of race

and class. Despite the gentrification that has taken place in some inner cities, and the plunge in national crime rates to levels not seen in decades, it will be hard to shake the longstanding American association of higher-density living with poverty and personal danger. Still, if we're heading for a prolonged era of scarce, expensive oil, Americans will face increasingly strong incentives to start living like Europeans — maybe not today, and maybe not tomorrow, but soon, and for the rest of our lives.

Paul Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

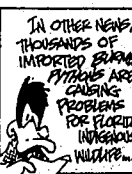
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And the geek shall inherit the Earth

In 1950, Dr. Seuss published a book called "If I Ran the Zoo," which contained the sentence, "I'll sail to Ka-Too, and bring back an IT-KUTCH, a PREEP and a PROO, a NERKLE, a NERD, and a SEERSUCKER, too!"

According to the psychologist David Anderg, that's believed to be the first printed use of the word "nerd" in modern English.

The next year, Newsweek noticed that nerd was being used in Detroit as a substitute for "square." But, as Anderg writes in his book, "Nerds," the term didn't really blossom into mass consciousness until Time Fonz used it in "Happy Days." In the mid- to late-'70s. And thus began what you might call the ascent of nerdism in modern America.



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nerd moguls — Bill Gates and Paul Allen, Larry Page and Sergey Brin and so on.

Among adults, the words "geek" and "nerd" exchanged status positions. A nerd was still socially tainted, but geekdom acquired its own cool counterculture. A geek possessed a certain passion for specialized knowledge, but also a high degree of cultural awareness and poise that a nerd lacked.

Geeks not only rebelled against jocks, but they distinguished themselves from alienated and self-pitying outsiders who wept with recognition when they read "Catcher in the Rye." If Holden Caulfield was the sensitive loner from the age of nerd oppression, then Harry Potter was the magical leader in the age of geek empowerment.

But the biggest change was not Silicon Valley itself. Rather, the new technology created a range of mental playgrounds where the new geeks could display their cultural capital. The jock can shine on the football field, but the geeks can display their supple sensibilities and well-modulated emotions on their Facebook pages, blogs, text messages and Twitter feeds. Now there are armies of designers, researchers, media mavens and other cultural producers with a talent for whimsical self-mockery, arcane social references and late-night analysis.

They can visit eclectic sites like Kottke.org and Cool Hunting, experiment with fonts, admire Stewart Brand and Lawrence Lessig and join social-networking communities with ironical names. They've created a new definition of what it means to be cool, a defini-

tion that leaves out the talents of the jocks, the MBA types and the less educated. In "The Laws of Cool," Alan Liu writes: "Cool is a feeling for information." When someone has that dexterity, you know it.

Tina Fey, who once was on the cover of Geek Monthly magazine, has emerged as a symbol of the geek who grows into a swan. There is now a cool geek fashion style, which can be found on shopping sites all over the Web (think Japanese sneakers and text-laden T-shirts). Schwinn now makes a retro-looking Sid/Nancy bicycle, which is sweet and clunky even though it has a faux-angry name. There are now millions of educated-class types guided by geek manners and status rules.

The news that being a geek is cool has apparently not permeated either junior high schools or the Republican Party. George Bush plays an interesting role in the tale of nerd ascent. With his professed disdain for intellectual things, he's emerged and alienated the entire geek cohort, and with it most college-educated Americans under 30. Newly militant, geeks are more coherent and active than they might otherwise be.

Barack Obama has become the Prince Caspian of the iPhone hordes. They honor him with videos and posters that combine aesthetic mastery with unabashed hero-worship. People in the 1950s used to earnestly debate the role of the intellectual in modern politics.

But the Lionel Trilling authority-figure has been displaced by the mass class of blog-writing culture producers.

So, in a relatively short period of time, the social structure has flipped. For as it is written, the last shall be first and the geek shall inherit the Earth.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Choir night in Twin Falls was a great experience

On Tuesday night, we had the pleasure of experiencing Choir Night 2008 at Twin Falls High School. Our daughter sang in the Women's Chorus for the first time as a sophomore. Our heartfelt congratulations to Dennis Borz, O'Leary Junior High; Karen Goodrich, Robert Stuart Junior High, and Joseph Casperson, Twin Falls High School. It was so great to see so many young people in our city having fun and enjoying music with a beauty that brought tears to our eyes.

Thank you for the positive experience for our daughter and for hundreds of other Twin Falls kids.

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EDITORIAL

Two years of Kempthorne: More minuses than pluses

Two years ago Monday, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne became the 49th U.S. Interior secretary, inheriting a troubled agency from scandal-plagued Gale Norton. How's Kempthorne done? Here's our report card:

Endangered species: F
Simply dreadful. Until May 14, Kempthorne had not placed a single plant or animal on the federal endangered species list. Then he announced that the Department of the Interior will list the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

With strings attached: conditions intended to "keep from harming the economy" through the listing.

He also said the ESA should not be used to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, nor will the listing "set back door climate policy."

Kempthorne's hand was forced by a federal court in California.

The Fish and Wildlife Service began studying a possible listing in 2006, but Interior failed to make a decision by a January deadline, so U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken ordered it.

Our view: Dirk Kempthorne has seven months left in office to build a legacy at the Department of the Interior. He got some work done. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

By decoupling the polar bear listing from climate change, the Bush administration hopes to avoid roadblocks to development such as transfer of offshore petroleum leases in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska's northwest coast to oil companies.

Most of all it wants to head off a recovery plan that would subject new power plants and other development to federal review if they generate greenhouse gases that add to Arctic warming.

That's deceitful, but there's worse.

Last week, a congressional investigator said at least four Interior Department officials may have inappropriately interfered in ESA decisions by pressuring lower-ranking employees.

One of them was Brian Waldmann, Kempthorne's chief of staff.

Firefighting: C
On July 16 of last year, the lightning-caused Murphy Complex Fire in Twin Falls and Owyhee counties exploded like a gasoline-soaked

Christmas tree, eventually ravaging 652,000 acres. Some ranchers weren't happy about the speed of the Bureau of Land Management's response, nor were Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and Idaho's congressional delegation.

Kempthorne helicoptered into Three Creek on Aug. 9 to blame the weather, fuel accumulation and a resource shortage for the blow-up. He announced a task force to study climate change and its relationship to fires.

In its defense, the BLM had an extraordinarily busy year, battling 55 different blazes of 40,000 acres or larger. In all, 9.3 million acres burned — almost double the 10-year average.

Offshore oil drilling: C
In April of 2007, Kempthorne announced an ambitious program to expand offshore oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and off Alaska and Virginia. The urgency of more oil production has increased since then, with little action.

The secretary has argued that new off-shore drilling would create jobs, lower energy prices and reduce dependence on imports.

He's right, but additional drilling is driven by state politics and the courts, where environmentalists sue to stop nearly every offshore drilling plan. And with Democrats running Congress, forget about the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge.

National parks: B
In 2006, the Interior Department issued new management rules for national parks that drew praise from environmentalists but angered off-road vehicle users.

"When there is a conflict between conserving resources unimpaired for future generations and the use of those resources, conservation will be predominant," Kempthorne said back then.

He's been as good as his word on this issue. His National Park Service director, Mary Bomar, is aggressively fixing prob-

lems that have plagued the park system for years.

Last fall, Kempthorne and Bomar released details of a proposed winter use plan that would allow 540 snowmobiles a day in Yellowstone National Park — down from 720 earlier planned. Independent scientists say more than 250 would disturb animals.

Indian gambling: A
Late last year, Kempthorne correctly denied permission to 11 Indian tribes to acquire more land for casinos.

The casinos would have been hundreds of miles from reservations and of little benefit to tribal members.

Under federal law, tribes can't acquire new land unless the Interior Department gives it federal trust status. Kempthorne, who has long opposed non-reservation Indian casinos, refused.

Royalties: D
Congress and the

Interior Department's own inspector general are hammering the agency for abdicating responsibility to collect royalties from oil and gas companies that drill on public lands. Capitol Hill is so incensed that it's making an independent effort to recover the money by trying to assess companies a surtax on new oil pumped.

A loophole in leases signed by the Clinton administration allowed oil companies to duck royalties. The Interior Department knew about it as early as 2000 yet went so far as to block four auditors from attempting to recover unpaid royalties.

Cost to the taxpayers so far: about \$2 billion. Inspector General Earl Devaney blamed lazy management, ethical lapses and a departmental culture of secrecy that hid mistakes.

Kempthorne cleaned house at the Minerals Management Service, but the agency's credibility is shot in Congress.

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Gas prices are about to transform the way Americans live

BERLIN — I have seen the future, and it works.

OK. I know that these days you're supposed to see the future in China or India, not in the heart of "old Europe."

But we're living in a world in which oil prices keep setting new records, in which the idea that global oil production will soon peak is rapidly moving from fringe belief to mainstream assumption. And Europeans who have achieved a high standard of living in spite of very high energy prices — gas in Germany costs more than \$9 a gallon — have a lot to teach us about how to deal with that world.

If Europe's example is any good, here are the two secrets of coping with expensive oil: Own fuel-efficient cars, and don't drive them too much.

Notice that I said that cars should be fuel-efficient — not that people should not drive cars together. In Germany, as in the United States, the vast majority of families own cars (although German households are less likely than their U.S. counterparts to be multiple-car owners).

But the average German car uses about a quarter less gas per mile than the average American car.

Don't drive, the Germans don't drive. They buy tiny cars, but they do drive the modest-sized passenger vehicles rather than SUVs



PAUL KRUGMAN

and pickup trucks. In the near future I expect we'll see Americans moving down the same path. We've already done it once: Over the course of the 1970s and 1980s, the average mileage of U.S. passenger vehicles rose about 50 percent, as Americans switched to smaller, lighter cars.

This improvement stalled with the rise of SUVs during the cheap-gas 1990s. But now that gas costs more than ever before, even after adjusting for inflation, we can expect to see mileage rise again.

Admittedly, the next few years will be rough for families who bought big vehicles when gas was cheap, and now find themselves the owners of white elephants with little trade-in value. But raising fuel efficiency is something we can and will do.

Can we also drive less? Yes — but getting there will be a lot harder.

There have been many news stories in recent weeks about Americans who are changing their behavior in response to expensive gasoline — they're trying to shop locally, they're canceling



vacations that involve a lot of driving, they're switching to public transit.

But none of it amounts to much. For example, some major public transit systems are excited about ridership gains of 5 or 10 percent. But fewer than 5 percent of Americans take public transit to work, so this surge of riders takes only a relative handful of drivers off the road.

Any serious reduction in American driving will require more than this — it will mean changing how and where many of us live.

To see what I'm talking about, consider where I am at the moment: in a pleasant, middle-class neighborhood consisting mainly of

four- or five-story apartment buildings, with easy access to public transit and plenty of local shopping.

It's the kind of neighborhood in which people don't have to drive a lot, but it's also a kind of neighborhood that barely exists in America, even in big metropolitan areas. Greater Atlanta has roughly the same population as Greater Berlin — but Berlin is a city of trains, buses and bikes, while Atlanta is a city of cars, cars and cars.

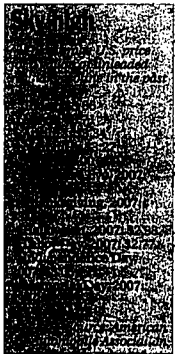
And in the face of rising oil prices, which have left many Americans stranded in suburbia — utterly dependent on their cars, even waving a hard time affording gas — it's starting to look as if Berlin

had the better idea.

Changing the geography of American metropolitan areas will be hard. For one thing, houses last a lot longer than cars. Long after today's SUVs have become antique collectors' items, millions of people will still be living in subdivisions built when gas was \$1.50 or less a gallon.

Infrastructure is another problem. Public transit, in particular, faces a chicken-and-egg problem: It's hard to justify transit systems unless there's sufficient population density, yet it's hard to persuade people to live in denser neighborhoods unless they come with the transit systems.

And there are, as always in America, the issues of race



and class. Despite the gentrification that has taken place in some inner cities, and the plunge in national crime rates to levels not seen in decades, it will be hard to shake the longstanding American association of higher-density living with poverty and personal danger.

Still, if we're heading for a prolonged era of scarce, expensive oil, Americans will face increasingly strong incentives to start living like Europeans — maybe not today, and maybe not tomorrow, but soon, and for the rest of our lives.

Paul Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Donnesbury



By Garry Trudeau



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And the geek shall inherit the Earth

In 1950, Dr. Scuss published a book called "If I Ran the Zoo," which contained the sentence, "I'll sail to Ka-Toot, and bring back an IT-KUTCH, a PREEP and a PROO, a NERKLE, a NERD, and a SEERSUCKER."

According to the psychologist David Anderg, that's believed to be the first printed use of the word "nerd" in modern English.

The next year, Newsweek notified that nerd was being used in Detroit as a substitute for "square." But, as Anderg writes in his book, "Nerds," the term didn't really blossom onto mass consciousness until The Fortunate Pilgrims' "Nerd Days." In the mid- to late-'70s. And thus began what you might call the ascent of nerdism in modern America.



DAVID BROOKS

nerd moguls — Bill Gates and Paul Allen, Larry Page and Sergey Brin and so on. Among adults, the words "geek" and "nerd" exchanged status positions. A nerd was still socially tainted, but geekdom acquired its own cool counterculture. A geek possessed a certain passion for specialized knowledge, but also a high degree of cultural awareness and poise that a nerd lacked.

Geeks not only rebelled against jocks, but they distinguished themselves from alienated and self-pitying outsiders who wept with recognition when they read "Catcher in the Rye." If Holden Caulfield was the sensitive loner from the age of nerd oppression, then Harry Potter was the magical leader in the age of geek empowerment.

But the biggest change was not Silicon Valley itself. Rather, the new technology created a range of mental playgrounds where the new geeks could display their cultural capital. The jock can shine on the football field, but the geeks can display their special sensibilities and well-modulated emotions on their Facebook pages, blogs, text messages and Twitter feeds. Now there are armies of designers, researchers, media mavens and other cultural producers with a talent for whimsical self-mockery, arcane social references and late-night analysis.

They can visit eclectic sites like Kotkoo.org and Cool Hunting, experiment with fonts, admire Stewart Brand and Lawrence Lessig and join social-networking communities with ironic names. They've created a new definition of what it means to be cool, a defini-

tion that leaves out the talents of the jocks, the MBAs types and the less educated. In "The Laws of Cool," Alan Liu writes: "Cool is a feeling for information." When someone has that dexterity, you know it.

Tim Fey, who once was on the cover of Geek Monthly magazine, has emerged as a symbol of the geek who grows into a swan. There is now a cool geek fashion style, which can be found on shopping sites all over the Web (think Japanese sneakers and text-laden T-shirts). Schwinn now makes a retro-looking Sid/Nancy bicycle, which is sweet and clunky even though it has a faux-angry name. There are now millions of educated-class types guided by geek manners and status rules.

The news that being a geek is cool has apparently not permeated either junior high schools or the Republican Party. George Bush plays an interesting role in the tale of nerd ascent. With his professed disdain for intellectual things, he energized and alienated the entire geek cohort, and with it most college-educated Americans under 30. Newly militant, geeks are more coherent and active than they might otherwise be.

Barack Obama has become the Prince Caspian of the iPhone hordes. They honor him with videos and posters that combine aesthetic mastery with unabashed hero-worship. People in the 1950s used to earnestly debate the role of the intellectual in modern politics.

But the Lionel Trilling authority-figure has been displaced by the mass class of blog-writing culture producers.

So, in a relatively short period of time, the social structure has flipped. For as it is written, the last shall be first and the geek shall inherit the Earth.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Choir night in Twin Falls was a great experience

On Tuesday night, we had the pleasure of experiencing Choir Night 2008 at Twin Falls High School. Our daughter sang in the Women's Chorus for the first time as a sophomore. Our heartfelt congratulations to Dennis Boren, O'Leary Junior High; Karen Goodrich, Robert Stuart Twin Falls High, and Joseph Casperson, Twin Falls High School. It was so great to see so many young people in our city having fun and enjoying music with a beauty that brought tears to our eyes.

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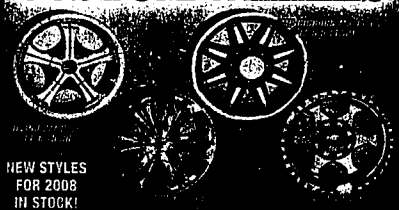
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Osgood stymies Pens to give Wings 2-0 Finals edge

By Iva Poial
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Hockeytown is halfway to hoisting the Stanley Cup again.

With first-period goals from Brad Stuart and Tomas Holmstrom and another lockdown defensive effort, the Detroit Red Wings beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0 to take a 2-0 lead in the Stanley Cup finals on Monday night.

The puck-possessing Red Wings held onto it again all night and registered 34 shots. They hit the clamps on the Penguins, who have yet to score in the finals. After a 19-save effort in a 4-0 series-opening win Saturday, Chris Osgood stopped 22 shots in a rocking-chair game and earned his third shutout of the playoffs — 13th in his career.

The often-overlooked Osgood owns the Red Wings record with 50 postseason vic-

tories, ahead of Hall of Famer Terry Sawchuk, and is closing in on his third Cup with Detroit — two as the starting netminder.

Osgood is the first to post shutouts in the first two games of the finals since New Jersey's Martin Brodeur in 2003 against Anaheim. Of the 31 teams to win the first two games of the finals at home, 50 have captured the Cup.

Game 3 is Wednesday night in Pittsburgh, and the Penguins will have to win one of the next two to force a trip back to Motown.

The Penguins are 8-0 at Mellon Arena in the postseason and have a 16-game winning streak inside the Igloo, dating to Feb. 24. Detroit needs two wins to lock up its 11th Stanley Cup title and fourth in 11 seasons.

Unlike Game 1 when the teams played a scoreless first period, the Red Wings came

out flying. Showing none of the nerves Detroit coach Mike Babcock said his team had in the opener, the Red Wings got goals from Stuart and Holmstrom 4:23 apart.

Valteri Filppula scored his fourth playoff goal 8:48 into the third, streaking to the net around defenseman Kris Letang with the teams skating 4-on-4.

Pittsburgh managed only six shots in the first period, despite four revamped lines, and none came at even strength. The Penguins didn't get much of a hit with head-hitting 42-year-old Gary Roberts back in the lineup after a four-game absence, and Detroit again shut down young scorers Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

Osgood hasn't allowed a goal in 137 minutes and 33 seconds, dating to Game 6 against Dallas in the Western Conference finals.



Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood makes a save against Pittsburgh Penguins forward Gary Roberts (10) during Game 2 of the NHL Stanley Cup finals Monday in Detroit. The Red Wings won 3-0 to take a 2-0 series lead.

McDyess' moment

Piston forward's big game evens series

By Larry Laga
Associated Press writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Antonio McDyess refused to let the Detroit Pistons get pushed to the brink of elimination.

McDyess had his best game of the playoffs, scoring 21 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to lift Detroit to a 94-75 series-evening win Monday night in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Game 5 is Wednesday night in Boston, then the Pistons will host Game 6 on Saturday night.

Boston's Big Three shot awfully as did most of the Celtics, but the NBA's top-seeded team stayed competitive for much of the game thanks to a stark disparity in free throws.

Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen combined to miss their first seven shots and finished 11-for-38 from the field. Garnett and Pierce both scored 16 points and Allen had 11.

McDyess led the Pistons' balanced attack. Richard Hamilton had 20 points, Rasheed Wallace scored 14, Chauncey Billups added 10 and reserve Jason Maxiell filled in for teammates in foul trouble by scoring 14 points and

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playing tough defense. Detroit scored the first 10 points of the game and started the second quarter with an 11-2 run, but led just 43-39 at halftime.

The Celtics stayed in the game by making 17 of 20 free throws in the first half while Detroit was 5-for-9.

Boston had more points from the line (32) than from the field early in the fourth quarter when it pulled within 67-62.

The Pistons built some nine-point leads, but they could not put the Celtics away.

Billups essentially sealed the win with a 3-point-er with just under 3 minutes left, making some forget the offensive struggles he had much of the game on his sore right hamstring.

Detroit improved to 5-0 in games following losses in the playoffs and the



Detroit Pistons forward Antonio McDyess reacts after drawing a foul in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals against the Boston Celtics in Detroit on Monday. Detroit won 94-75 to even the series at 2-2, behind McDyess' 21 points and 16 rebounds.

Celtics fell to 1-7 on the road and 0-6 when trailing after three quarters. Boston reserve James Posey scored 11 points and Kendrick Perkins, who fouled out, had 10. The Pistons attacked

Boston at both ends of the court as they got off to a strong start.

They led 10-0 thanks to McDyess' eight points and swarming defense that led to Boston missing its first four shots and later having

more turnovers (3) than points (2).

Detroit led 18-6 after Billups joined the rest of the starters in the scoring column, then he went about 35 minutes without a field goal.

BELMONT STAKES Specialists say Big Brown should be good to go for run at history

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The trainer calls it a "hiccup" and the owner is sure everything will be fine.

So far, there doesn't seem to be a crack in the confidence of camp Big Brown.

Twelve days before the Belmont Stakes, hoof specialist Ian McKinlay began repairing a quarter crack to the left front hoof of the Triple Crown hopeful.

He carved a little trench along the slight crack and stitched it up with stainless steel wire Monday.

It was another step in a several-days process that would allow Big Brown to resume training as early as Wednesday for his attempt to become the first Triple Crown champion in 30 years.

"Just a little hiccup on the way over there that's all it is," trainer Rick Dutrow said a few minutes after McKinlay briefed him on the colt's condition. "The time that he has missed means nothing to me or him."

Michael Iavarone, co-president of Big Brown's majority owner IEAH Stables, stopped by Barn 2 at Belmont Park for an update.

"At this point, I'm very comfortable with us making the Belmont," Iavarone said.

"If something goes wrong, I'll deal with it on time. Right now, it's Rick's call. He's going to do what's best for the horse."

The injury is common and not serious. Healing can range from a few days to a few months, depending on the severity of the crack.

McKinlay says there is no infection, and Big Brown is in no pain.

But no matter how well the crack heals, the big test will come when Big Brown returns to the track for a gallop and puts his full weight on the injured foot.

While Big Brown's connections may be upbeat, there has to be concern about the first bump in the road for the unbeaten 3-year-old colt who overpowered 19 rivals in the Kentucky Derby and 11 more opponents in the Preakness Stakes.

His five wins have been by a combined 39 lengths.

With three weeks between the Preakness and the Belmont on June 7, Dutrow is putting a positive spin on the injury.

Big Brown has been kept off the track since Friday, an unusual break in training so close to a big race — in this case, perhaps the biggest horse race in 30 years.

"I think things are very, very good," Dutrow said.

"I think it's probably a blessing in disguise that it happened at this time, and hopefully we get to see this thing up and nothing else happens and we'll be as happy as we can be."

Out West, Gasol and Odom try to get back on track

By Mike Bresnahan
Los Angeles Times

SAN ANTONIO — They fed off each other since the Trade That Changed Everything... Lamar Odom and Pau Gasol hungrily snapping up each other's passes and missed shots, practically competing each other's teammates as the Los Angeles Lakers rolled to a 32-B record with Gasol in their lineup.

Then came Game 3 of the Western Conference finals, and Odom and Gasol were left without any sustenance.

They missed 20 of 29 shots, many from close range, and were primarily singled out by Coach Phil Jackson for not being aggressive enough.

Odom had seven points, Gasol had only five rebounds, the Lakers were throttled by San Antonio and their lead was sliced to 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

Game 4 is tonight in San

Antonio, and the Lakers seemed quietly confident as they agreed to practice Monday, though there was definitely an interest in what Odom and Gasol had to say.

Odom already had some ideas on how to improve his Game 3 performance.

"I dunk the basketball," he said. "Attack the rim a little harder. Finish at the free-throw line."

Odom had five turnovers, missed nine of 11 shots and five of eight free-throw attempts in one of his worst outings of the season. He took the blame for the loss after the game, and was still unhappy with his play Monday morning.

"I got to the point where I couldn't make a shot, and then I got to the free-throw line and couldn't make a free throw," he said. "That can't happen."

Odom's struggles were magnified because Gasol made only seven of 18 shots on the way to 15

points. Gasol and Odom each missed four layups and were out-rebounded by Tim Duncan, 21-16.

"Usually we're both sharp," Gasol said. "Or one's sharp and the other might not have the best night. But (Sunday) night, I don't think offensively we were where we needed to be and we didn't finish as we usually finish."

Jason spoke to Gasol and Odom after the game. He thought they needed to attack the basket with more ferocity.

A follow-up conversation apparently wasn't needed Monday.

"I said what I wanted to say to them (Sunday) night," Jackson said.

"Which was 'Can't remember,' he said coyly. Meanwhile, the Spurs looked more like defending champions, with Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker outscoring

Odom, Gasol and Kobe Bryant in Game 3, 72-52.

The Spurs are 7-0 at home in the playoffs. Duncan has 55 rebounds in this series while Gasol and Odom have a combined 56.

The Spurs have also been here before, having lost the first two games in New Orleans before coming back to win in seven games in the West semifinals.

The Lakers still control home-court, but well, they obviously weren't the better team in Game 3. They'll have a chance to put a strong sense of distance between themselves and the Spurs tonight.

"We want to come right back and show them that we're a young team, but just because you beat us by 20, that's not going to affect the next game," Bryant said.

"We'll come out here and bring it to you. I think that's the message that we have to send to them, is show them that we're worthy of taking that crown."

Webb roughed up by Braves for second straight loss

ATLANTA — Mark Webb drove in four runs to help the Atlanta Braves beat Brandon Webb and the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-3 Monday.

Webb (9-2) allowed seven runs in four innings — and a season-high 10 hits in 4 1-3 innings, his shortest start since Oct. 1, 2006. He won his first nine decisions before losing 3-1 at Florida last Wednesday.

Manny Acosta (3-1) pitched two hitless innings to win in relief of Jair Jurrjens, who gave up three runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings.

CUBS 3, DODGERS 1

CHICAGO — Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez homered to back Ryan Dempster. Lee hit a two-run drive in the first inning off Chad Billingsley (4-6) for his 250th home run, and Ramirez added a solo homer against Scott Proctor in the eighth.

BREWERS 4, NATIONALS 3, 11 INNINGS

WASHINGTON — Pinch-hitter Gabe Kapler singled home a run in the 11th inning.

Prince Fielder led off the 11th with an opposite-field double to left against an exaggerated shift, then moved to third on Corey Hart's sacrifice bunt. After Russell Branyan struck out, Kapler lined the first pitch to St. Louis River (1-2) to center for an RBI single.

MARLINS 7, METS 3

NEW YORK — After embattled Mets manager Willie Randolph had a much-anticipated meeting with ownership, New York lost for the seventh time in eight games.

General manager Omar Minaya said Randolph's job wasn't in danger going into the session.

Luis Gonzalez hit a three-run double for the NL East-leading Marlins (9-2), who moved 10 games over .500 for the first time since Sept. 14, 2005.

PHILLIES 20, ROCKIES 5

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley drove in a career-best six runs, Jarrod Meyer (5-3) had a season-high seven strikeouts and Philadelphia scored its most runs since a 21-8 win over the Cubs on July 3, 1999, according to Elias.

Utley hit a three-run shot to tie Lance Berkman and Dan Uggla for the major league lead with 16 homers. Utley finished 3-for-6, Chris Coste added a three-run homer and Pedro Feliz had four hits and four RBIs.

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ORIOLES 6, YANKEES 1

BALTIMORE — Garrett Olson pitched seven innings of three-hit ball, Nick Markakis went 3-for-4 with a home run, and Baltimore ended New York's five-game win streak.

Aubrey Huff also homered for the Orioles, who snapped a five-game skid that began with successive defeats in New York. Markakis is 9-for-11 with two doubles and a homer against Darrell Rasner (3-1), who gave up one run and five hits in six innings.

BLUE JAYS 7, ROYALS 2

TORONTO — Shaun Marcum won for the first time in four starts, Gregg Zaun hit a two-run homer



Atlanta Braves shortstop Yunel Escobar avoids Arizona Diamondbacks outfielder Jeff Salazar after forcing him out at second base on a Chris Young ground ball in the ninth inning of the Braves' 7-3 win Monday in Atlanta.

and Toronto completed its first four-game sweep of Kansas City.

RAYS 7, RANGERS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. —

Scott Kazmir won his fourth straight start in dominating style, striking out 10 batters in seven innings to lead the AL East-leading Rays over the Rangers.

WHITE SOX 6, INDIANS 3, 12 INNINGS

CLEVELAND — Orlando Cabrera's fourth hit drove in the go-ahead run in the 12th inning to hand the Indians

their ninth loss in 10 games. Boone Logan (2-1) pitched a perfect 1 1-3 innings for the win and Bobby Jenks got his 13th save.

— The Associated Press

'Canes top seed for NCAA tourney

The Associated Press

Miami was selected as the top seed for the 64-team Division I college baseball tournament Monday, while two-time defending champion Oregon State was left out of the field.

The Hurricanes (47-8), who won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the first time, will host one of 16 four-team, double-elimination regionals that begin Friday.

Miami, making its 36th straight tournament appearance to extend its NCAA record, was ranked No. 1 in various polls for the majority of the season and opens up against Bethune-Cookman (36-20).

"There was a lot of discussion about who the No. 1 seed should be, and quite frankly, North Carolina and Arizona State all got a strong look at that position," Division I selection committee chairman Larry Templeton said.

The other national seeds, in order, are: North Carolina (46-12), Arizona State (45-

11), Florida State (48-10), Cal State Fullerton (37-19), Rice (42-13), LSU (43-16) and Oregon (35-21-1).

The winners of each regional will advance to the super regionals, played June 6-8.

The eight winners of the super regionals will play in the College World Series, which starts June 14 in Omaha, Neb.

Being the top seed hasn't necessarily guaranteed tournament success. The only No. 1 overall seed to win the College World Series since the field was expanded to 64 teams was the 1999 Hurricanes, and no top-eight seed has won it all since Rice in 2003.

Oregon State (29-24) did not receive an at-large bid, despite having five series wins against teams in the 64-team field, including Arizona, Arizona State and Georgia.

"Beavers, the first defending champ to not make the tournament since Georgia in 1991, will not have a chance to join Southern California (1970-

74) as the only schools to win three straight titles.

"The committee struggled long and hard and, quite frankly, probably wouldn't have struggled as long if Oregon State had not been the two-time defending national champion," said Templeton, also the athletic director at Mississippi State.

A year after getting only five berths, the Southeastern Conference led the tournament field with nine, tying its record it set in 2004 and matched in 2005.

The ACC (Florida State, Georgia Tech, Miami, North Carolina, North Carolina State and Virginia) and Big 12 (Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A&M) each had six teams selected.

UC Davis, Dallas Baptist, Lipscomb and Mount St. Mary's are in the tournament for the first time, while Columbia is in the field for the first time since 1976.

Dallas Baptist is the first independent other than Miami to be selected to the tournament since Cal State-Northridge in 1992.

Randolph's job is safe, for now

By Anthony Rieber
Newsday

NEW YORK — Willie Randolph still is the New York Mets manager. For now.

Randolph emerged from a Shea Stadium meeting with Fred and Jeff Wilpon and general manager Omar Minaya on Monday with his job. He did not come out with a guarantee that he will keep it for the rest of the season.

"No, they didn't say that," Randolph said. Minaya didn't say it either during a 17-minute tg-team news conference that basically announced nothing had happened. It was the second time in eight months that Minaya and Randolph have met the media to announce that Randolph was not being fired.

"Willie's the manager," Minaya said. "Willie has a contract for this year; he has a contract for next year. I hope Willie will be our manager for many years to come."

Whether he is, and how long Randolph has to turn it around, is not clear. The

Wilpons ducked reporters after the nearly three-hour sit-down before Monday night's game, a 7-3 loss to the first-place Florida Marlins that increased fourth-place New York's deficit to 6 1/2 games in the National League East.

One thing Randolph and Minaya agreed on was that the meeting was not called to fire the manager.

"Willie's job was never in danger going into this meeting," Minaya said.

Said Randolph: "I didn't know in thinking I was going to get fired."

A lot of other people were thinking about it, though. The Mets have now lost seven of eight to fall to 23-26. Given the expectations over the season, either of the pundits or the Wilpons, that doesn't compute. The Wilpons apparently think they deserve more return for their nearly \$140 million payroll investment.

"They're very, very disappointed in how the team is playing," Minaya said. "It's fair to say that. They've expressed that. I talk to Fred y

and Jeff. I know they're very disappointed in how the team is playing. They wanted to talk to Willie about those things."

But that wasn't all they wanted to talk to the manager about. Minaya said the meeting with the owners would not have happened at all if not for Randolph's comments last week about race. Mets fans and the team-owned television network.

Randolph apologized last week and did so again in the Wilpons in person Monday. Last week, the owners had Minaya return the manager's phone call in an easy-to-decipher snub.

"They were disappointed in the comments and they wanted to sit down with Willie, and pretty much have Willie explain himself," Minaya said. "But also to be able to talk to Willie and myself on the status of our team. Where are we? What do we need to do to get better?"

"I think we were able to accomplish that this afternoon. I think we had a good, productive meeting."

NASCAR

Wheeler quietly exits stage left, but deserved a better send-off

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Long after Kasey Kahne crossed the finish line, the fireworks finished and the last of the fans finally began their slow exit from the grandstands. The lights at Lowe's Motor Speedway flipped off, and Humpty Wheeler exited stage left.

There was no grand final bow. Humpty wanted his last moments at the speedway to be about another great show.

He got his wish as Kahne outlasted several NASCAR heavyweights in a last-man-standing fight to the finish. For Wheeler, an amateur boxing champion, it was a fitting close to the 33 years he'd spent promoting events at the track he'd dubbed "The Best of the Southeast."

But Wheeler deserved so much more. He'd spent most of his adult life working tirelessly to sell tickets for the centerpiece track in owner Bruton Smith's showcase of speedways. It was never the

sparkling showpiece like the track Smith built in Las Vegas, the destination spot in Sonoma, Calif., or the action-packed Bristol Motor Speedway, where an opening on the season ticket list is like winning the lottery.

Nape Wheeler had to work to push the nearly 50-year-old track. In doing so, he brought attention to NASCAR and its stars at a time when racing was still a sideshow to the traditional stick-and-ball sports.

He used a flair for the dramatic to draw attention to the track and the sport story lines, falling back on over-the-top stunts that required a dead shark, infield explosions, school bus races and Wheeler even once sucking his own blood into the mouth of a live tiger.

"He's just constantly pushing the envelope," said four-time series champion Jeff Gordon. "All the creativity and excitement and entertainment he's brought for the competitors, as well as

for the fans, is definitely going to be missed."

"I've never thought of this sport or Lowe's Motor Speedway without Humpty Wheeler."

Now the show will go on without Wheeler, who abruptly announced his retirement as president of LMS last Wednesday in a hastily called news conference that raised more questions than answers.

No one can say they didn't see Wheeler's announcement coming sometime in the near future. He'd been off his game all year, sitting quietly as Wheeler protege Eddie Gossage laid claim from Texas to the title of NASCAR's most outrageous promoter.

The twinkle in his eye had disappeared, and Wheeler was no longer having the time of his life in tirelessly selling tickets.

Yet something happened in the six months since Wheeler privately floated the retirement idea past his longtime boss.

Smith was prepared to let Wheeler do it his way — as long as it was this coming Wednesday, long after the show had packed up and moved on to the next town.

Instead, the former South Carolina football player pulled an end-around and announced it himself a full week ahead of schedule.

Conspicuously absent was the 81-year-old Smith, who later offered only backhanded compliments in his assessment of Wheeler's devotion to LMS and all the Speedway Motorsports properties.

But that wasn't really a surprise.

Wheeler had seemed to distance himself of late from a handful of Smith's manic episodes, including an incident last fall when he steamrolled over the city of Concord after officials tried

to oppose the building of a drag strip.

As the days wound down to Wheeler's final Coca-Cola 600, a schism was revealed that cut so deep, two men who have worked side-by-side for more than three decades would not be seen publicly in the same room together.

Wheeler skipped Smith's Thursday announcement that SMI was purchasing Kentucky Speedway, and Smith was a no-show at a heartfelt send-off from NASCAR and lengthy standing ovation at the driver meeting.

Their brief final moment together came in an awkward hug as Wheeler walked off the stage during pre-race activities.

"I'll leave you with one thing and I will send a little bit from an Irish blessing," Wheeler told the drivers, "and that is to tell you today that I hope that the green flag waves slowly on you today and until we meet

again may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

It was a classy goodbye, touched chairman Brian France, who later said there just may be a role for Wheeler in NASCAR.

International Speedway Corp., Smith's chief rival, and perhaps the NASCAR Hall of Fame will also come calling.

There's a role somewhere in this sport for Wheeler, and the fact that so many people are clamoring for his consulting speaks volumes to the work Wheeler has done.

It's just a shame that Smith, the one man who benefited most from Wheeler's efforts, chose not to hear it.



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AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders
1. Jeff Burton, 2,001
2. Matt Kenseth, 1,774
3. Tony Stewart, 1,742

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ESPN 8 p.m.
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Francis Cup Tennis
Andy Murray vs. James Blake
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Singh, Els the latest big-name golfers to take a pass on the Memorial

DUBLIN, Ohio — Vijay Singh withdrew Monday from the Memorial because of a rib injury, and Ernie Els said on his Web site that he won't play until next week.
That would leave the Memorial with six of the top 10 players from the world ranking. Tiger Woods, recovering from April 15 surgery on his left knee, did not enter last week and Adam Scott decided not to play.
Singh, who won the Memorial in 1997, said he injured a muscle in his ribs upon arriving in England last week for the BMW Championship and felt pain while warming up on the range ahead of the first round.
Tournament officials were trying to contact Els' managers after learning from his Web site that he wasn't coming.
"I have a week or two before my next tournament, the Suncoast St. Jude Championship, start on June 5," Els wrote Monday. "I haven't made any firm plans yet, but I will probably stay here at Wentworth with the family."

sport — the BCS football championship game isn't an NCAA event.
SYDNEY, Australia — Iraq's soccer federation was suspended from international competition for one year Monday because of the decision by its government to disband all national sports governing bodies.
FIFA's executive committee made the decision Monday and said it would revoke the ban if it received by Thursday "written confirmation from the Iraqi government that the decree has been annulled."
Iraq, the Asian champion, was slated to play Australia in a World Cup qualifier at Brisbane on Sunday and was scheduled to arrive in the Queensland state capital late tonight from Thailand, where the team was training.

Sports Shorts

beach in western Venezuela and was on a pier when he was struck late Sunday night.
MAGIC VALLEY
CSI volleyball summer camp coming
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball program is currently accepting registrations for its summer camps. Three individual camps and one team camp will be offered from June 30 to July 12. Visit http://athletics.csi.edu/volleyball/camps.asp for registration forms.
Due to gymnasium floor resurfacing at CSI, space will be limited to the first 60 applicants to camp. Those interested are encouraged to pre-register. For more information, contact head CSI volleyball coach Heidi Carrister at 732-6485.
CSI hoops camp announced
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Junior Eagles Basketball Camp will be held June 9-12 at CSI Gymnasium. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. each

day. The camp is for boys in grades K-8 and the cost is \$150 per player. For more information, call Ginger Nukuyaya at 732-6486 or visit the "Camps" link at http://athletics.csi.edu/mensBasketball/index.asp.
CSI softball camps planned
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho softball camp will take place in early June. The camp will run from June 2-3 for ages 11-14 and June 4-5 for ages 15-18. Both camps will include two sessions. The hitting/fielding session will run from 9 a.m. to noon, with the pitching session from 4-7 p.m. Campers may participate in both sessions for \$90 or one session for \$50. Call 733-4978, 732-6494 or 308-4978, or visit the "Camps" link at http://athletics.csi.edu/softball/index.asp for more information.
CSI golf scramble nears
TWIN FALLS — The 12th annual College of Southern Idaho Fly Line Eagle Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The entry fee for the five-player scramble is \$100 per player or \$500 per team and includes green fees. Call 732-6488 for more information.
— Compiled from staff and wire reports

COLLEGE LACROSSE

Syracuse wins NCAA title
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Syracuse won its 10th NCAA men's lacrosse championship Monday, beating defending champion Johns Hopkins 13-10 behind Dan Hardy's hat-trick.
The crowd of 48,970 was the largest to see an NCAA championship outdoors in any

BASEBALL

Ex-MLB pitcher killed by lightning
CARACAS, Venezuela — A government official in Venezuela said former major league pitcher Geremi Gonzalez is dead after being hit by lightning in the South American country.
Emergency management official Herman Bracho said the 33-year-old pitcher was at the

SOCCER

FIFA provisionally suspends Iraq
SYDNEY, Australia — Iraq's soccer federation was suspended from international competition for one year Monday because of the decision by its government to disband all national sports governing bodies.
FIFA's executive committee made the decision Monday and said it would revoke the ban if it received by Thursday "written confirmation from the Iraqi government that the decree has been annulled."
Iraq, the Asian champion, was slated to play Australia in a World Cup qualifier at Brisbane on Sunday and was scheduled to arrive in the Queensland state capital late tonight from Thailand, where the team was training.

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup Finals
Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 2
San Jose 4, Anaheim 2
Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 2
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WINDY SPRING SHOWERS

Today: Scattered spring showers. Highs, lower 70s. Tonight: A low more showers still around. Low near 50. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and a bit warmer. Highs, upper 70s.

CHANCE FOR PASSING SHOWERS

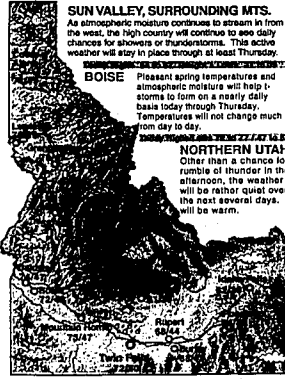
Today: Chance for passing showers. Highs, upper 60s to near 70. Tonight: Lingering showers, with partial clearing overnight. Lows, 40s. Tomorrow: Becoming partly cloudy and also a bit warmer. Highs, lower 70s.

SUN FOLLS, SURROUNDING MTS.

An atmospheric moisture continues to stream in from the west, the high continues to provide to give daily chances for showers or thundershowers. This active weather will stay in place through at least Thursday.

BOISE

Pleasant spring temperatures and atmospheric moisture will help it storms to form on a nearly daily basis today through Thursday. Temperatures will not change much day to day.



NORTHERN UTAH

Other than a chance for a rumble of thunder in the afternoon, the weather will be clear and calm for the next several days. It will be warm.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 81 at Lewiston. Low: 29 at Dixie. Weather: heavy to moderate rain, showers, drizzle, light snow, no-moisture, dry, wintry mix, partly cloudy, fresh showers, no-snow, heavy.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

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WINDY SPRING SHOWERS

Weather forecast table for Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes icons for sun, clouds, rain, and temperature ranges.

ALIGNING TWIN FALLS

Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollution Count table.

MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon Phases: Last Day, New Moon, First Q, Full Moon.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing Moonrise and Moonset times for Wednesday and Thursday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. Index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various cities including Denver, Salt Lake City, and Phoenix.

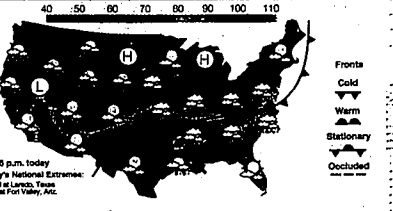
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and New York.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for international locations like London, Paris, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for cities like Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

Dixon in 'dreamland' over Indy win

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Scott Dixon was exhilarated and screaming. He also felt alone, dazed by winning the Indianapolis 500. A day after the biggest victory of his life, he took a moment to savor it around Indy. He rode slowly around the 2.5-mile oval on a white speedway bus, surrounded by microphones, notepads and cameras.



Scott Dixon, of New Zealand, stands with the Borg-Warner Trophy during the traditional Indianapolis 500 winner's photo shoot Monday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis on Monday. Dixon won the 92nd Indianapolis 500 race on Sunday.

"I don't normally yell too often," he recalled Monday. "But I was definitely yelling and I had a few four-letter words in there as well to the team. Winning here, it's like nothing else." "I keep saying to people that the funny part of it because all you're wanting to do is get back to the pits and enjoy it with everybody else. You feel so alone out there on that (cool-down) lap, and all you can do is talk to them on the radio."

Scott Dixon, of New Zealand, stands with the Borg-Warner Trophy during the traditional Indianapolis 500 winner's photo shoot Monday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis on Monday. Dixon won the 92nd Indianapolis 500 race on Sunday. The enduring image from the 92nd Indy 500 most likely will be that of the 5-foot-11, 100-pound Patrick Stimpert toward Briscoe's pit stall, ripping off her gloves, looking for a fight. She was stopped by track security.

"It's pretty cool. I only just saw the paper. Seeing yourself on the front page and drinking the milk of the little things like that that add to it, you know, and you start to feel the sensation of it." Nobody disputes that Dixon is one of the best drivers in the IRL's IndyCar Series. But because he is quiet and generally stays out of trouble on the track he is often overlooked.

"I think that gave us enough buffer than Vitor could've got by Dixon said. "That was the key moment for me and I think that won the race." Monday, as he rode the media bus at speeds approaching 40 mph — about 180 mph slower than his fastest laps Sunday — Dixon was enjoying being the Indy 500 champion. But the 2003 IndyCar champion was also looking toward next Sunday's race in the end, it was Dixon, who won the world's most important and richest open-wheel race. He took the lead for good in the pits 29 laps from the end, getting out just ahead of eventual runner-up Vitor Meira.

Honest honors student has to compete with cheaters

DEAR ABBY: I am a ninth-grade honors student in a highly rated public school. I have never cheated on any assignment, nor have I ever helped anyone else to cheat. However, I know several of my classmates cheat on quizzes and homework assignments because I have seen them. Abby, many of these students have better grade point averages (GPAs) than I do. In my school, the competition to become valedictorian is cut-throat. The valedictorian typically graduates with a 4.5 GPA. It's frustrating to see the honor code at this school, as well as the hard work of honest students who are trying to make it to the top, undermined by the cheaters. Yet I'm hesitant to turn them in to the teachers if I see it happen again. What would be the appropriate thing to do? —VALEDICTORIAN

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Fed, Venus advance at French

PARIS (AP) — Venus Williams was cruising along with a 6-3, 4-1 lead over her 35-year-old opponent at the French Open on Monday when suddenly everything went awry. The double-faults piled up. The forehand errors did, too, and Williams lost six consecutive games to fall behind as a young prodigy. The crowd was rooting for the underdog, applauding in unison every time 93rd-ranked Tzipora Obziler of Israel earned a point. When the No. 8-seeded Williams would hit a winner, the sounds of approval emanated mainly from her personal guests. "What one of her sisters kept yelling back around quickly enough to pull out a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Obziler and reach the second round at Roland Garros before the rain grew heavier and washed out the latter part of the day's schedule. "I'm glad at the end that I figured it out," Williams said. "I was defending men's champion Rafael Nadal was supposed to follow her on center court, but his match never began.

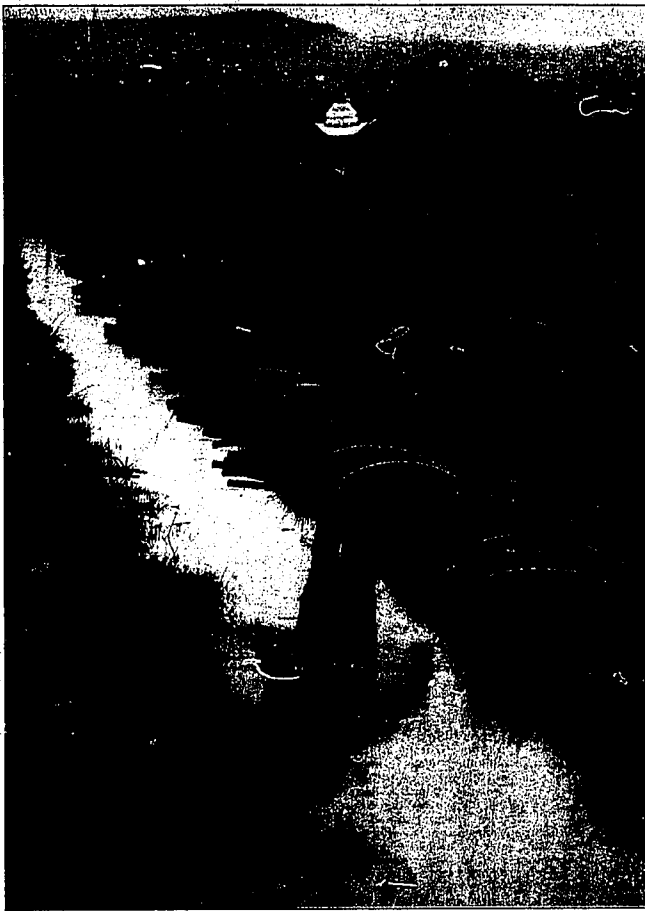
Among those who did play Monday was No. 1 Roger Federer, who wasn't tested much in a 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Sam Querrey of the United States. "You never think you're going to be the guy that's going to draw him when the draw comes out," the 40th-ranked Querrey said; "But someone has to." The day's most significant upset was produced by another American, 106th-ranked Wayne Odesnik, who beat No. 29 Guillermo Canas of Argentina 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (8). The match lasted the minimum number of sets yet took 3 hours, 46 minutes. "There's not too much to say. I think he played really well," said Canas, who's lost his past six matches, all on clay. "I didn't play well at all." The only other seeded man to exit on Day 2 was No. 17 Marcos Baghdatis, the 2006 Australian Open runner-up, who lost to Simone Bolchi of Italy in straight sets. Odesnik is only 22, yet he was exhausted after his match and was checked by a doctor. He credited recent work with a sports psychologist for helping him play well in all of those debacles. "On the big points, I thought I played more aggressive and executed my shots better," said Odesnik, who was born in South Africa and moved to the United States as a toddler.

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Late spring brings late work to fields



Gregorio Ortiz irrigates a field near Kimberly on Thursday.

Staff photo by ARNELY BERTH

Input costs may be lower, but insects and diseases are a concern

By Cindy Snyder
Correspondent

Spring is making a late appearance in the Magic Valley and that's kept crop producers out of fields. "It's been a tough spring," said Rick Speicher, district sales manager for Cropplan Genetics in Twin Falls.

Corn silage growers in southern Idaho like to get started planting by the middle of April, but planting by a date on the calendar proved tricky. Speicher works with one large dairy that was forced to start planting in mid-April to get all the acres planted in time. Soil moisture was adequate at the time, but a lack of precipitation combined with wind dried the soil out and forced the producer to try to irrigate up the crop. That led to crusting and other problems, which ultimately led to replanted acres.

CROP	2008	2007	5-YEAR AVERAGE
Field corn, planted	65	43	78
Field corn, emerged	11	40	34
Soil, 6 inches, average	77	87	93

*For week ending May 19, 2008
SOURCE: Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

"It was a bad situation, that first week of May," Speicher said. As a general rule, producers like to wait until soil temperatures have warmed to 50 degrees Fahrenheit before planting corn. But they also want to get the seed in the ground before the middle of May, when planting delays start to cut into yield potential. "The weather data doesn't look like we're that far behind," said Mike Sato, district sales manager for Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

in Twin Falls. "But when you factor in the wind, it's been quite a bit colder." The average daily temperature in Twin Falls during April was 43.6 degrees, off 3 degrees from the 30-year average. Daily wind speeds averaged 13.1 miles per hour, up from a normal of 11.2 mph. From January through April, Twin Falls received just 2.42 inches of precipitation, about half of normal.

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More of a necessity Rising costs lead farmers to go high tech

By David Mercer
Associated Press writer

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — When Martin Barbre got his first look three years ago at a system that would drive his tractor for him, he didn't buy the device — or the premise that it would cut costs on his farm. "When they first came out with them and we first looked at it, it seemed like a fancy gadget," said Barbre, a 53-year-old who grows corn and soybeans in southern Illinois. But with the cost of fuel, seeds, fertilizer and just about everything else it takes to grow his crops rising fast, Barbre quickly came around after he started using the global positioning system to drive his tractor a year and a half ago. "As soon as we used it, we realized the benefits," he said. American grain farmers are enjoying the highest crop prices of their lives, but they don't expect that to last forever. As a hedge against the inevitable downturn, owners of mid-size farms like Barbre's — and even some smaller-scale farmers — are investing that cash in technology that's increasingly integrated.

"These new economics have changed the whole landscape," said Dan Davison, an agronomist with agricultural-data company DTN in Omaha, Neb. "They've got the money to spend; they're going to update. They know the (profit) margins we have today are not going to be around forever."

Conserving resources

Large-scale farmers have used GPS-based automated steering for tractors, sensors that probe soil for nutrients and moisture and other gadgets since the late 1990s to cut their expenses and increase their production. It wasn't until the past five years or so, however, that the savings owners of smaller and mid-size farms could realize from using high-end technology would significantly offset their rising costs, said Davison.

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Winter wheat farmers succumb to nature

By Blake Nicholson
Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. — Jerry Blotter has grown winter wheat on his central North Dakota farm for decades. This year, he's destroying much of his crop and seeding corn and spring wheat instead. A lack of soil moisture last fall, lack of protective snow cover for the young plants over the winter and lack of rain in the spring left him no choice, despite the added cost of reseeding. Blotter, who farms near Coleharbor, said he lost or killed off about 400 of his 550 winter wheat acres. "Because of the lack of moisture, it just didn't have anything to get it up and going when it broke dormancy (this spring)," he said.

"It wasn't really a tough decision, because there was no crop there." Other Upper Midwest farmers are in the same position, plowing under their winter wheat and starting anew with different crops, industry officials say.

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Coddling the cattle Dairy farmers pampering cows to boost milk output

By James Beltran
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — When it comes to comfort, Kirk Christie's cows have it all — a new barn, a flat-screen television and waterbeds.

"That's because of the dairy farmer's philosophy that a happy cow is a productive cow. More milk means more money, so Christie doesn't mind providing the frills."

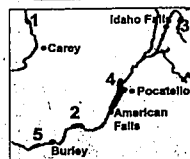
"Them cows are my girls," said Christie, who runs a farm near Slater, about 25 miles north of Des Moines. "You ask anybody, I probably think more highly of those cows than I do myself."

Christie's 23 cows spend about 18 hours a day on waterbeds he installed in November.

If he said the beds, durable rubber mats that lay flat on the ground and are filled with water, were popular

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Price quotes as of Friday afternoon. Prices subject to change at any time. To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

Cows

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with the animals from the beginning. They provide heat for the cows in the winter and coolness in the summer, depending on the water Christie pipes in.

The beds are covered with woods chips for extra padding to prevent friction. "They really took to them right away," he said. "When they're laying down chewing cud, they're comfortable and happy."

Christie's cows aren't the only ones enjoying such comforts. Industry experts say waterbeds are increasingly being used in dairy farms across the country, as well as in Canada and Europe, where the idea originated more than a decade ago.

The idea is to boost milk production by making the cows more comfortable. Leo Timms, a dairy scientist at Iowa State University, estimates cows with comfortable bedding produce 6 percent more milk daily.

"There's no question, probably one of the most important things that a scientist at the surface they lay on," said Timms, who conducts research at a university dairy facility. "The overwhelming majority (of dairy farmers) understand that."

Christie estimates his cows' milk production has increased 10 percent since he installed the waterbeds. He figured a flat-screen TV couldn't hurt, either, so the cows are spending the spring snoozing in their beds and



Agnes lays down on the waterbed pad in her stall in Slater, Iowa. The barn, owned by Kirk Christie, is equipped with waterbeds and slats installation Christie has seen an increase in milk productions and attributes the increased production to more comfortable lying conditions.

enjoying "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Dr. Phil" and other shows.

"The nice part about it is they get used to different voices," Christie said. "A lot of people like to come in and look at my barn. When someone different comes in and talks, the cows don't get all nervous because they're used to hearing different voices."

While Christie swears by waterbeds, most dairy farmers in the United States use other bedding methods for cows, such as mattresses or sand, industry experts said. Those methods are generally cheaper than waterbeds —

which cost about \$200 each — but require more upkeep, and sand can sometimes damage dairy equipment.

A study released last summer by Colorado State University found that sand and waterbeds are far more comfortable for cows than mattresses, which cause more swelling in their legs.

Temple Grandin, a professor who oversees the project, predicted the findings would prompt more dairy farmers to invest in waterbeds, but said new dairy facilities would likely be the trailblazers.

"It's going to take time," she

said. "Existing dairies just aren't going to change things overnight."

Dean Thronsdon is hoping they do. He owns Advanced Comfort Technology Inc., a waterbed company in Reedsburg, Wis., that sells to dairy farms across North America and Europe.

Thronsdon said business has flourished since farmers in the United States began investing in waterbeds about three years ago. He said he has lost count of sales but estimates he has sold 200,000 waterbeds.

"And demand is growing tremendously," he said.

Wheat

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Winter wheat is seeded in the fall for harvest the following summer. It has become popular because it saves farmers time in the spring, and yields have been strong in recent years. Also, prices have moved closer to those for spring wheat after years of running behind.

Last fall, farmers in North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana seeded nearly 5.3 million acres of winter wheat, up from 4.8 million acres the year before, according to federal Agriculture Department data.

In North Dakota, the problems this spring are primarily in the central and western part of the state, which have been harder hit by dry weather, said Eric Peterson, a marketing specialist with the North Dakota Wheat Commission.

In Montana, "we've heard some spotty reports of the same kind of thing, where folks have either had winter kill or the spring rains haven't come," said Cheryl Tuck, spokeswoman for the Montana Wheat and Barley Commission.

Nelther Peterson nor Tuck had an estimate on the number of winter wheat acres in their states that have been lost or destroyed this spring.

The Agriculture Department Risk Management Agency regional office in Billings, Mont., does not

expect to have figures for another month. Data also will not be available for the entire region, because winter wheat cannot be insured against winter kill in North Dakota and part of South Dakota. In areas where the crop often does not make it through the winter, it can be insured only if the plants get a good start in the spring.

"We understand there's new, harder varieties being developed all the time," said Kathleen Gilbertson, a senior risk management specialist in Billings. "But in our crop insurance world, we deal with past statistics."

Blotter said the crop insurance program is unfair and should at least compensate North Dakota farmers for loss of seed and time, if not for the actual loss crop.

A program that pays farmers in the Dakotas who grow winter wheat also lost some acreage this spring. Blake Vander Vorst, a Ducks Unlimited regional agronomist in Bismarck, estimated that up to 15 percent of the 5,700 acres planted through the program last fall will be seeded to other crops this spring.

Ducks Unlimited, a conservation group, provides the incentives with the help of chemical companies because winter wheat minimizes field disturbance in the spring when ducks are nesting because it is seeded in the fall.

Tech

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Sure, there are environmental benefits: spraying less fertilizer and fewer herbicides; not overwatering; cutting fuel costs and reducing soil compaction. And farmers could take the data that high-tech gear gathered in the field, downloaded to their computers and use it in planning.

But now fertilizer used by corn and soybean farms costs almost double what it did two years ago, while seeds and fuel cost 25 to 35 percent more, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Meanwhile, the cost of auto-steering systems — among the most popular high-tech products — has remained relatively flat the past few years, and in some cases it has fallen. Systems that now typically cost from a few thousand dollars to \$25,000 used to run as high as \$100,000.

Look no further than Barbre's farm, he said, for examples of technology's payoff in the current farming economy — and of how important it may be if costs continue rising.

With auto-steering, a farmer manually drives the perimeter of a field to map its boundaries so the GPS gadget can then direct the tractor to curve near-perfectly straight through. A few systems will even turn the tractor around at the end of each row.

By cutting down on overlap, the system saves fuel, and it means the same ground won't be planted twice or sprayed unneces-

sarily with fertilizer or pesticides. Barbre estimates that using auto-steering on his 4,000 acres — split about evenly between soybeans and corn — has cut his fuel costs up to 5 percent.

"That's maybe 30, 50 cents an acre," he said. "Over 4,000 acres, that adds up."

Yield mapping — tracking how much corn or soybeans parts of his fields produce, which he's used for more than 10 years — brings him an extra \$30 or \$35 on every acre of corn. He figures he's spent about \$14,000 on it over the years, buying and upgrading his hardware and software, for a net benefit of \$60,000 to \$70,000 or more per year on 2,000 acres of corn.

Not the end-all tool

But technology has limits for Barbre. Some of his fields are extremely hilly terrain, while others are near-perfect squares and rectangles of flat prairie.

"This field I'm planting in right now goes all the way from flat, black ground to ridges, with steep terrain," he said while taking a break from corn planting.

The auto-steering helps a lot more in fields like that and less on flat, relatively square tracts. Similarly, yield mapping can work in different types of soil, but not so much if all your crops sprout from similar ground.

A lot also depends on how effectively a farmer uses the technology.

Iowa State University agri-

culture professor Matt Darr said, "Using and using high-tech gear is a lot like buying exercise equipment."

"Just because you have a treadmill in your basement doesn't mean you're in great shape," he said.

That's why equipment dealers are offering new services.

"They've had to hire consultants. They have to go out to the farm," said Barry Nelson, a spokesman for the agricultural equipment division at Holt Cat, Inc., a Deere & Co. "There are some extra expenses."

Growing savvy

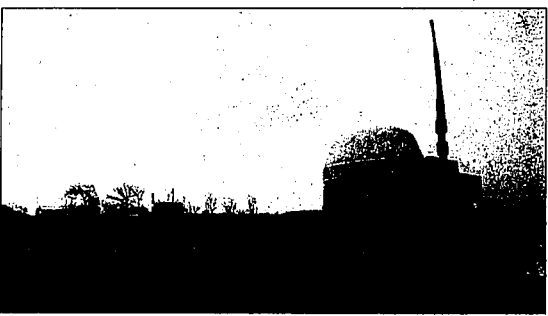
A 2007 survey of farm equipment dealers conducted by Purdue University and CropLife magazine found that 85 percent offered customers custom applications and someone to come out and put in-field technology to use. Only 45 percent reported making money on the services.

Companies like Deere now try to entice farmers to stick with their brand by making their various high-tech options compatible. "You can get more out of a farmer can get more use from data and high-tech parts, like GPS receivers."

"You can take the receiver off the tractor and plug it into the combine and, boom, you're off and running," said Nelson.

Just over the horizon, even more technology is coming to the farm.

Researchers at the University of Illinois are working on a small robot that can identify individual



A permanent GPS base station continuously broadcasts a reference point signal that gives farmers extreme accuracy while planting and spraying herbicide and fertilizer.

weeds in a field and spray them with herbicide so farmers don't have to spray an entire field as they combine it now. The robot will move perhaps 2 mph picking out weeds by color, location and other characteristics, engineer Lei Tina said.

"Actually we have a prototype," he said. "You can identify the individual plant pretty well."

The technology is years from commercial viability, however.

Then again, Davidson says his expensive and far-fetched idea could quickly become cost-effective if fuel and fertilizer costs don't drop back.

"All of these things are so tied to energy," he said. "I don't expect them to come back down."

Crops

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and producers in the traditional Corn Belt are having trouble getting even those fewer acres planted. Cold, wet weather has hampered planting, particularly in the eastern Corn Belt. Nationwide, just 73 percent of the corn crop is in the ground compared to the 50-year average of 88 percent for the middle of May. An estimated 23 million acres of corn still needed to be planted as of mid-May. Emergence is also running about half of normal, with just 26 percent of the crop out of the ground.

If the wet weather continues, Midwest growers may opt to switch corn acres to soybean acres, particularly given the strength in soybean prices lately. Here in the Magic Valley, growers aren't likely to switch acres.

Not only are dairies demanding corn silage, but Spelcher says the season feels

later than it really is. Even though corn planting is 17 to 14 days behind last year, growers who typically plant corn silage as a double crop behind triticale are often just planting that corn now. They will plant a shorter day corn hybrid — 95- to 100-day term — instead of the longer day hybrids used earlier in the season.

Silage corn growers aren't the only ones feeling the pressure. Sugar beet growers are also behind the long-term average for planting and emergence.

Stan Gortsema, University of Idaho Extension educator in Power County, said most years sugar beets are emerged by the first week of May. Not this year and it was a good thing. "They'd have all been frozen off," he said.

He thinks sugar beet growers delayed planting, hoping

for better growing conditions because of the relative scarcity of Roundup Ready sugar beet seed compared to conventional seed.

"I've always told farmers, late springs are cheaper in terms of input costs than an early spring," Gortsema said. An early spring increases the chances of replanting plus can add an irrigation or two.

But a late spring also increases the chances that the crop will mature at the same time, disease and insect pressures are at a peak.

"A cool, unstable spring weather pattern delays planting and creates crop management dynamics," said Larry Smith, UI extension educator for Nez Perce County. "If you can get planted early, you can hopefully get the crop harvested before disease and insect pressures start to build."

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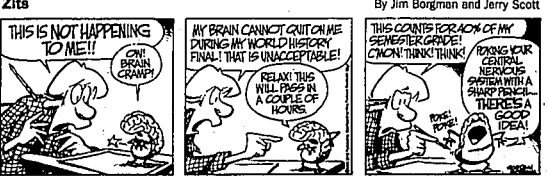
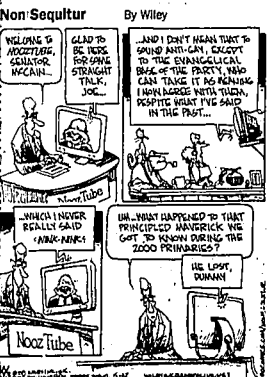
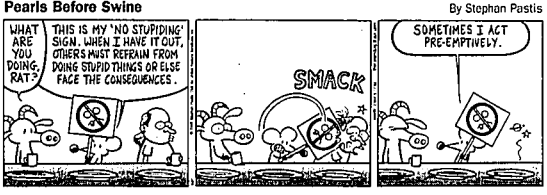
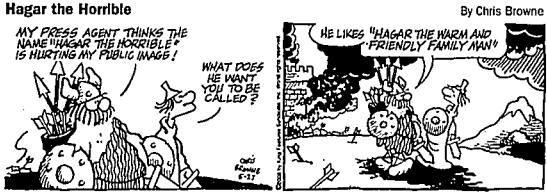
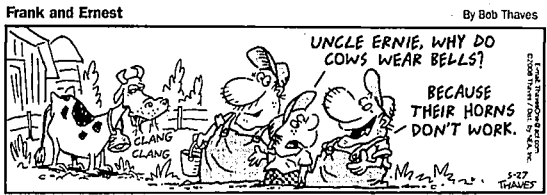
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND PROPOSED & AMENDED BUDGET HEARINGS
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 411
TWIN FALLS COUNTY
STATE OF IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Twin Falls School District #411, Twin Falls County, Idaho, will be held on the 8th day of June, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., at the School Extension Office, 242 Main Avenue North, in said district, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming school year, 2008-2009, and another hearing at 7:30 p.m. on the amended 2007-2008 budget.

Dated this 20th Day of May, 2008.
Michello Lucas, Clerk
Twin Falls School District #411 of Twin Falls County, State of Idaho

SUMMARY STATEMENT - 2007 - 2008 SCHOOL BUDGET ALL FUNDS
Twin Falls School District #11

Table with columns for REVENUES and EXPENDITURES, subdivided into GENERAL M & O FUND and ALL OTHER FUNDS. Rows include Beginning Balances, Local Tax Revenue, Other Local, County Revenue, State Revenue, Federal Revenue, Other Sources, Salaries, Benefits, Purchased Services, Supplies & Materials, Capital Outlay, Debt Retirement, Insurance & Judgments, Transfers (net), Contingency Reserve, and Unappropriated Balances.

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ADVERTISMENT FOR BID
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Based on award, the project will consist of construction of the Base Bid work plus all alternates as selected by IDPR. All work shall be completed by October 1, 2008...

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Plans, specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination after May 28, 2008, at the following locations: Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation Boise Headquarters...

Questions regarding this advertisement may be directed to Mr. Paul Bizau, IDPR Engineer at the Boise Headquarters, (208) 514-2453

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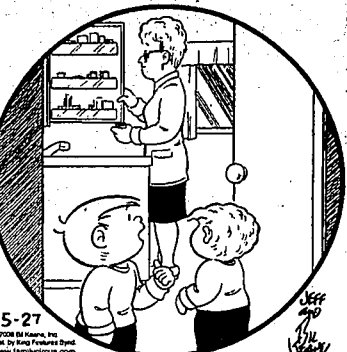
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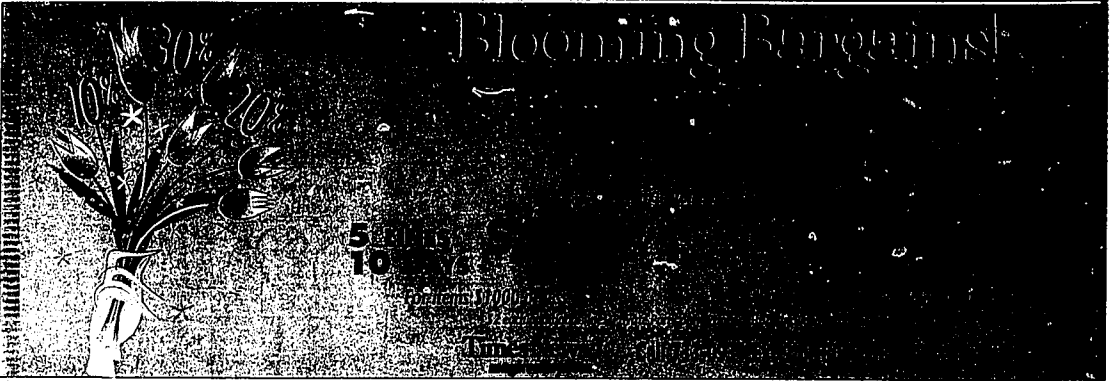
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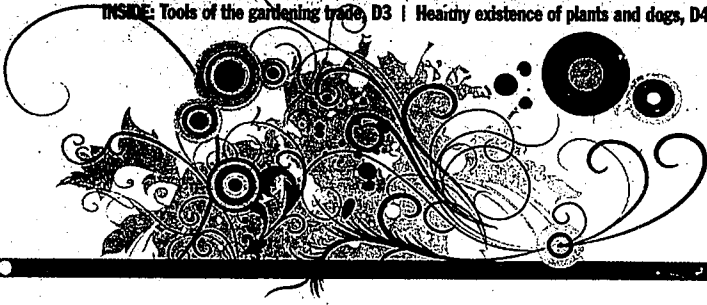
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Spring's fine photography

Rural folk are particularly in tune with the seasons, as these winners in our spring photo contest demonstrate.

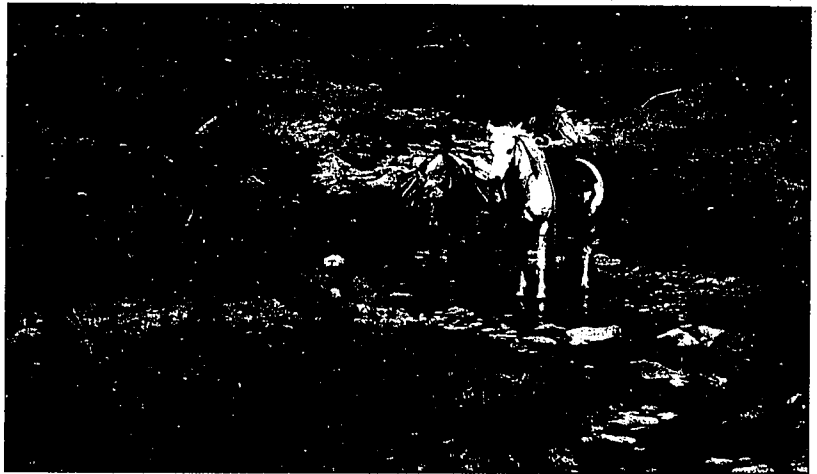
Janet Williamson recorded a "classic southern Idaho moment" with her image of a rider, said Ashley Smith, the *Times-News*' chief photographer, and the creek leads the viewer's eye from the photo's lower right to the focal point of man and horses.

Smith, who helped choose the winners on this page, praised John Stolzman Jr. for capturing a progression of three swans at different points of takeoff. "What I really like about this moment is the peak of action," Smith said.

He gave points to Ted Whiting for detail, repeated patterns and "just right" lighting in a frozen irrigation shot, and — in Whiting's second winning photo — for clean background, ground-level perspective and surprising juxtaposition of small child and big horse.

In Brigham Duncan's picture, Smith liked the "beautiful colors, really vibrant colors." The bloom arrests the eye, but the bee provides a second surprise.

— Virginia Hutchins



Quirt Boyles of Mountain House — who rides for Dotson Livestock of Gooding — saubs Frosty with a pack saddle and weighted panniers to take the 'fresh' off her in early May. 'It is unusual for there to be so much water up in the Little City of Rocks, which is just seven miles north of Gooding,' says Janet Williamson of Gooding, who shot the photo. 'The wildflowers mixed with the running water make for an incredible ride through some of the most beautiful rock formations I've seen in southern Idaho.' Quirt is riding Ranch, 'a super handy horse that we use for almost every job on the place,' Williamson says.

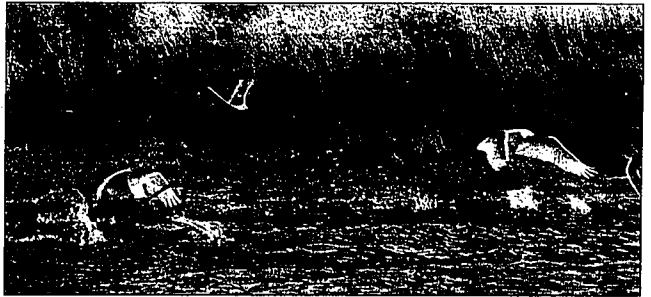
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See a photo gallery of these winners in our no-prize spring contest, and a gallery of the winners announced last week.



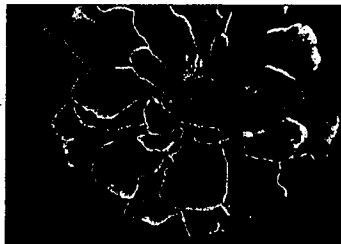
Courtesy photo by TED WHITING

Little cowboy William Whiting feeds his horse on a warm April morning at his home in Barley. "The new horse had to be fed by hand when arriving, as the other horse did not share the food. William was up to the new task," says dad Ted Whiting, who captured the moment.



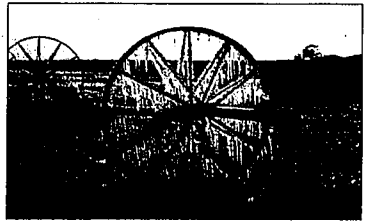
Courtesy photo by JOHN STOLZMAN JR.

Swans moving north for nesting stop over at Bliss. Photographer John Stolzman Jr. of Gooding might see deer, antelope, coyotes, elk, sandhill cranes or swans while driving a route he takes north of Bliss. "This particular day I saw the beautiful and graceful swans," Stolzman says. "They congregate in and around Flower Reservoir. You might see a few or a few hundred."



Courtesy photo by BRIGHAM DUNCAN

Brigham Duncan of Rupert took this front-yard photo on a morning in June 2007. "I was out doing yard work and happened to see many bees pollinating on the flowers," Duncan says. "I waited for the bee to land almost perfect in the middle of the flower. ... Luckily, this bee stayed around long enough to get a couple of cool shots."



Courtesy photo by TED WHITING

At 7 a.m. April 26, a wheel line watering winter wheat in Barley is decorated by a spring freeze. "After soiling field after field with frozen sprinklers I stopped the car to take a few photos," says Ted Whiting of Barley.



Horse Monthly

JUNE 2008 SCHEDULE

Disclaimer: The dates and times of events are subject to change.

Every Saturday (12:00 -2 pm) **Magic Valley Pony Club** meetings at the Southwind Ranch in Jerome, Idaho www.ponyclub.org; or call 324-1496 for more details.

Every Tuesday & Thursday (6pm-8pm) **College of Southern Idaho Equestrian Team** meetings at the CSI Expo Center or at the Arrow E Arena when the CSI Expo Center is being used for other events. www.ihisainc.com or call 324-1496 for more details.

Second Monday of each Month (7 pm) **Magic Valley Reined Cowhorse Association** meetings at Travelers Oasis Eden, ID. Contact Mike Zebarth (208) 423-9055 for more details.

Thursday Evenings (7pm) **Jackpot Ranch Sorting & Practice Copus Cove Arena**, Buhl, ID. Call 543-6695 or 731-6635.

Silver Spurs Equestrian Team, would like to welcome new members please contact Charlene Royce (208)539-5804 or Luann Studer (208) 731-4311 or Rochelle Shank (208) 731-9812 for meeting details. The club has put together a fund raiser to raffle three items a saddle, saddle pad, and saddle rack. The drawing will take place during the T.F. county Fair. Contact a member in purchase your tickets.

Filer Junior Riding Club, are seeking more members (ages 8-18) for 2008 riding year. Contact Karen Stoker at 308-3377 or Rick Schulz 308-4552.

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Interested Horsepersons are invited to our membership meeting. Contact Kathy Kerley at 324-4754 or 539-7766 for more information.

Plant Foods Incorporated (area schedule) **Wednesday Nights Roping** is March 21st - June 25th; **Team Roping** is June 1st- 21st; and **Barrel Racing** on June 26th. Contact the office for more details.

May 28th, June 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th & July 2nd (6pm) -Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E. 1400 S. Gooding, ID) **4D Barrel Racing** www.shufllyarena.com.

May 30th & June 27th (6 pm) -Twin Falls Livestock Comm. Co. Horse Sale (Schedule: tack, registered horses, and then grade horses).

May 30th-June 1st -Idaho Wrangler Jr. High Rodeo, Shouse arena.
May 30th-June 1st -Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E. 1400 S. Gooding, ID) American West 5D Barrel Racing www.shufllyarena.com.

May 30th-June 1st -Western Days. Saddle up and join the fun. Family-oriented event featuring a carnival, two days of music, arts and crafts show, food booths and a parade at 10am. Held at the Twin Falls City Park.

June 7th & 21st -ISHSA Show Events. Shows will be held at the Zebarth Arena at the T.F. County Fairgrounds (Filer). Contact Pam Bolton at (208)734-5216 for more details; <http://fishsa.tripod.com> for entry forms and details.

June 6th-8th -Toby Lapp's Horsemanship Clinic Stargazer Ranch, Twin Falls ID. For more information Contact Toby Lapp at (208)731-3315 or (208) 732-5557.

June 7th in Grace, Idaho; June 21st in Preston, Idaho; July 12th in Rigby, Idaho - Idaho Junior Rodeo Association <http://www.idahojrrodeo.com> for

more details. Entries must be turned in two weeks prior to rodeo.

June 8th- 14th -5th & 6th District National High School Rodeo Associations State in Pocatello Idaho.

June 9th-10th & 23rd-24th -- Buhl Junior Rodeo, Buhl Arena.
June 14th--Star Valley Supreme Classic Horse Sale, Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Afton, Wyoming. For more information call (435) 286-2281.

June 14th -Toby Lapp's Ground Manners Clinic. Stargazer Ranch, Twin Falls ID. For more information Contact Toby Lapp at (208)731-3315 or (208) 732-5557.
June 14th (6pm), 15th & 22nd (1pm) -Jerome Horse Racing Association. Jerome County fair grounds, Jerome ID. www.jeromecountyfair.com.

June 15th -21st -College of Southern Idaho Rodeo Team, College National Finals Rodeo Casper, Wyoming.

June 15th-Wrangler Team Roping Championships (JST Arena), Gooding, Idaho. Please contact Jeff Faulkner 539-4218 for more information to enter.
June 16th --(6pm-9:30pm) PFI Arena (Filer, ID) Created by Shu-Fly. Time only starts at 6pm and race starts at 7:30 pm. www.shufllyarena.com.

June 21st - Wendell Dairy Days Parade 10am: Wendell Idaho.

June 21st & 22nd (8:30 am) - The Grass Roots Cutters, which is an equestrian cutting club centrally located in Twin Falls are having a show each day at Silver Springs. For more information, contact Shauna Koopman by email koopie33@yahoo.com, or our website www.grassrootcutters.com.
June 21st-Toby Lapp's Ranch Horse-

manship Clinic. Stargazer Ranch, Twin Falls ID. For more information Contact Toby Lapp at (208)731-3315 or (208) 732-5557.

June 25th (Time Only 6pm & Jackpot 7:30pm)-Jerome Barrel Summer Series. Jerome County fair grounds, Jerome ID. Contact Fair Office at 324-7209.

June 27th - 29th -Toby Lapp's Building Value, Building Feel Clinic. Stargazer Ranch, Twin Falls ID. For more information Contact Toby Lapp at (208)731-3315 or (208) 732-5557.

June 28th -Magic Valley Reined Cowhorse Association Practice Show. Contact Mike Zebarth (208) 423-9055 for more details.

June 28th - Filer Fun Days Parade 10am: Filer Idaho.

June 30th --(6pm-9pm), Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E. 1400 S. Gooding, ID) **American West at the Shu-Fly**. Time only starts at 6pm and race starts at 7:30 pm www.shufllyarena.com.

July 4th - Buhl Sage Brush Days Parade 10am: Buhl Idaho.

July 4th - Hailey Parade 12pm; Hailey, Idaho.

July 14th (Time Only 6pm & Jackpot 7:30pm)-Jerome Barrel Summer Series. Jerome County fair grounds, Jerome ID. Contact Fair Office at 324-7209.

July 16th -(6:30 pm) Glens Ferry, Idaho Magic Valley Team Sorting Association (MVTSA) is starting the Fair Series for 2008 and will rotate locations around the Magic Valley. For membership & details contact Kayla at 587-9445 or 509-1034 or Penny at 587-9680 or 599-3533.

This promotion will publish the last Tuesday of every month in our Country Roads Section, and online at magicvalley.com If you would like to promote your horse events, please submit information to: **Times-News Horse Monthly - P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548 or email debi.johnson@lee.net**

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Help start a farmers market in Shoshone

Staff report

Local farmers and backyard gardeners might get another venue for marketing their produce directly to consumers — and for riding the wave of popularity of local foods.

Those interested in starting a farmers market in Shoshone are invited to a planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln County Extension Office meeting room, 115 W. A. in Shoshone. Information: Jammie Engle at 284-2268.

For an interactive map of south-central Idaho's existing farmers markets, go to magicalvalley.com/farmers_market.

Aberdeen fields bloom with native wildflowers for tour

Staff report

On June 5, horticulturists at the University of Idaho's Aberdeen Research and Extension Center will host a free public tour of their Idaho native plant variety trials and cold-hardy rose evaluations.

Visitors will enjoy three colorful acres — of two greenhouses — and native wildflowers, including more than 130 species of penstemons, 50 species of buckwheats, 30 species of asters and daisies and a dozen species of columbines, as well as native mints, globe-mallows, shrubs and grasses. At demonstration plots in Rotary Park in Aberdeen, they'll also see 160 varieties of roses, among them floribunda, miniature, hybrid tea, modern shrub, Explorer, Parkland and Buck.

"We timed the date to capitalize on the bloom of the native plants," Steve Love, horticulturist and superintendent at the southeastern Idaho research center, said in a press release. "The penstemons should be in their full glory, and the asters, daisies and columbines should be blooming as well."

Love expects the three-year-old native plant breeding effort to lead to new varieties developed for Idaho landscapes and sold by nurseries in Idaho and neighboring states. Some promising seed has already been distributed to interested growers, U of I release said.

Most of the native perennials on display at the field day were grown from seed collected from over 1,500 Idaho desert or mountain plants by Love and his colleagues during the past three summers. Winners of the side-by-side field evaluations must have exceptionally beautiful flowers or foliage, grow reliably under commercial conditions, tolerate drought and thrive with less than a third of the water that most Idaho landscapes get. This year, Love will ask field day visitors to help him decide which plants to advance through the trials.

In addition, Love is looking for varieties with "civilized" growth habit; large, double, fragrant blooms; and the ability to withstand Idaho winters. So far, he's found especially promising varieties among the Parkland, Buck and miniature roses.

The event will run from 1 to 4 p.m. Information: Love at 208-397-4181 or slope@uidaho.edu.

Tap into outdoor secrets

Staff report

Dust off your sturdy shoes for a three-part "It's Your Backyard" class series, offered by the College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Cassia Center in Burley this summer. Each course is \$40 and includes a field trip.

• "Come Out to Play," 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays, June 3-24. Instructor Amanda Crump will expose students to the

area's recreation possibilities, local plant identification, animal science, area geology, historic locations, art in the outdoors and more.

• "Discovery," 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays, July 8-29. Class will focus on outdoor education and interests with new recreation possibilities, new plants, new animals and more. Participants will learn to listen to the sap in trees and do

a low ropes course. • "Survival Preparation," 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays, Aug. 5-26. Crump will cover how to prepare in advance to aid — whether someone is stranded in a car or stuck in the wilderness. Students will learn why to prepare, the most useful tools and equipment and the importance of mental preparation. Information and registration: 678-1400.

'Foliage' offers beautiful photos

Newsday

"Foliage," by Nancy J. Ondra, with photographs by Rob Cardillo (Storey Publishing, \$24.95, 304 pp.).

Beautiful photography helps Ondra drive home the point that flowers alone do not a garden make. Foliage

lends structure to a space, she explains, while ensuring season-long interest. Chapters are organized by color, shape and texture, and they illustrate the characteristics of dozens of plants, and instruct on selection and appropriate plant combination.

Tools of the gardening trade

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Some of the best gardening products are aimed at improving your personal comfort and protecting your skin from mosquitoes and ticks.

• **LawnGrips Pro.** These men's shoes are engineered for comfort in the garden. The designer considered every practical requirement to protect your feet in the field, including a waterproof steel toe, waterproof leather and sealed seams set on lug soles that offer a unique design for traction in soft soil and turf. Another handy feature is that the lugs are self-cleaning. **Cost: \$99.95.**

• **LawnGrips ProLite.** If extra toe protection isn't needed, LawnGrips ProLite have all the features of the Pro without the weight of the steel toe. They have characteristics usually found in hiking shoes, with a removable insert, an insole boot, steel shank, polyurethane midsole, a good hard heel counter to firmly hold the foot in place and an exceptionally flexible toe box that bends easily right where the foot naturally flexes. **Cost: \$99.95.**

• **GardenGrips Clogs.** These come in three colors — moss, indigo and slate — and come with the same features as other LawnGrips work shoes, sans steel toe and heel counter.

Tested in the garden by landscape professionals, these clogs withstand hills and unstable ground, and they are up to any gardening challenge, from kicking a shovel to pushing a wheelbarrow. Available in women's sizes. **Cost: \$74.95.**

• **Mumz Buzz Off.** This line of comfortable, practical outdoor clothing helps keep you free of ticks, mosquitoes, black flies and other bothersome and disease-carrying insects. The Buzz Off line is stylish and 100 percent cotton. There are hats, scarves, slacks, shorts, long and short-sleeve shirts, gloves, aprons, socks and other gear, some of it also rated to block 98 percent of harmful ultraviolet rays. This is the only insect-repellent apparel approved by the Environmental Protection Agency after rigorous testing and review. **Mumz Buzz Off** might not be for everyone, however. The repellent used is permethrin, a toxic insecticide. **Cost: \$10 to \$57.**

• **Buzz Away Extreme.** An alternative to treated fabric is wearing long sleeves and pants and covering any exposed skin with insect repellent. Products that contain DEET are deemed to be the most effective, but there is some controversy about their safety. A nontoxic repellent from Quantum Health called Buzz Away Extreme is effective and offers two to eight hours of protection. It is



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made from soybean, geranium, castor bean, cedarwood, citronella, peppermint and lemongrass oils. **Cost: \$9.99 for a four-ounce bottle.**

• **Poison Ivy Care Toxin Removal Cloths.** The best way to avoid getting poison ivy is to know what it looks like and avoid touching it. But if you slip up, Cortaid's cloths can help clean off the oil before you start to itch. If you get the poison ivy allergen, called urushiol, on your skin, the severity of the rash will depend on how much contact you have and how long it has to absorb into your skin. Soap is not the best solvent for urushiol, so a box of Poison Ivy Care Toxin Removal Cloths could be handy for emergencies. **Box of six: \$9.99.**

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Lerner is president of Environmental Design in Capitol View Park, Md., and author of "Anyone Can Landscape" (Ball 2001). Contact him through his Web site, www.gardenlerner.com.

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IN YOUR GARDEN

Toward a peaceful, healthy coexistence of plants and dogs

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Those who love both their dogs and their gardens often seek ways to protect their plants from the stress of daily dog traffic.

There are no dog-proof plants. If flora is frequently trampled, you can expect torn leaves, broken branches and mud, especially in smaller yards. But there are techniques to help dogs and beautiful gardens happily coexist.

My preferred solution is to separate the dog from the garden. Other options include taking pets to obedience school and creating a naturalistic design using tough ground covers, perennials, shrubs and trees and simply adopting a "survival of the fittest" mentality regarding plants.

Sometimes a sturdy fence is the only answer, but even an 18-inch-high wire fence can ruin the look of a garden and can discourage only small dogs. To separate the dog from the garden, consider installing an 18- to 24-inch-tall picket fence to enclose a perennial and shrub garden. Plants along the pet side of the fence still need to withstand paw traffic. Remember that dogs can dig under fences, so install the fence into the soil or add a rock barrier at the base.

Other dog-loving gardeners look for more attractive options. Alain and Valeria Roman, of Rockville, Md., rely on "colder" stiff wire fences to hold back their Labrador retriever and St. Bernard from their plants, but they plan to

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build a retaining wall to limit where the dogs go. Flowers will be above and behind the wall, on the opposite and sunny side of the yard, out of the dogs' direct path.

Pets like to explore, and it's in a dog's nature to patrol borders, including fences. Plant flowers and vegetables in raised planters with mulched or grassy paths between them. Leave buffer zones between plants, walls and fences. Mulched paths can be used to guide pets to locations away from beds to play or to take care of other business. If a path network is not extensive, use pavers, which will be smooth on dogs' paws.

If your pet loves the garden, plant sturdy flora where it likes to tread. Black-eyed Susan has a sturdier character and will retain flowering value while your pet romps. Others include verbena, shasta daisy, liatris, peony, butterfly weed, Russian sage, raspberry and viburnum, as well as small flowering trees like syringa, halesia, fringe tree and eastern redbud.

Most pet owners know lawn chemicals can be harmful to their dogs and cats, but many forget that some plant material can be toxic to animals.

Sometimes animals know which leaves and berries to avoid, but don't count on it. We had a client whose dog ate

the foliage and berries of a Carol Mackie Daphne. The plant's sap is caustic and can burn the mouth and irritate an animal's stomach.

Other plants to avoid include yew, wild black cherry, azalea, rhododendron, hydrangea, nandina, oleander, English ivy, daffodil, tulip, lily of the valley, foxglove, hyacinth, rhubarb and castor bean. A longer list of toxic plants can be found at www.cybercanine.com/toxic-plants.htm.

If you already have some of these plants, minimize exposure by fencing them off, if possible.

Avoid tying dogs to trees. It can kill the tree and create an aggressive animal. And don't leave dogs out for too long. When a dog begins to dig to find a comfortable spot, it's been in the yard too long. Make sure your pet has an area of soft lawn or shaded soil for lying outside.

Pull weeds by hand, and use caution with any chemicals. Look for products promoted as pet-safe. Organic isn't necessarily the best approach. For example, one organic method of adding phosphorus to the soil uses pulverized bone meal. Dogs love bones, but the bone meal could make them sick depending on the origin of the bones and any ingredients that have been added to the fertilizer.

Dog owners should also avoid cocoa bean mulch. It is a byproduct of chocolate manufacturing and contains both caffeine and theobromine, both of which are harmful to dogs. Coffee grounds may be good for your soil, but they're not good for your dog, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

If a potentially more harmful substance is required for the health of your garden, keep pets away from areas being treated. "The First Aid Companion for Dogs and Cats," by Amy D. Shoaf (Rodale, 2001, \$20), suggests keeping pets off sprayed surfaces for a week.

If you use a pest-control company, make sure the worker knows you have pets and uses the safest pesticide or containment system. Watch pets while they're outside, and keep them away from containers.

If you think your pet has ingested or contacted something dangerous, isolate it and try to find the substance. If a plant, determine what part — seeds, berries or foliage. If a pesticide or herbicide, locate the container. Call a veterinarian or pet emergency center immediately. One resource is the National Animal Poison Control Center, which is staffed 24 hours a day. To reach it, call 800-548-2423. There is a consultation fee that may require a credit card.

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Some tulips can come back year after year

By Joel M. Lerner
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Q. My wife loves tulips. Is it true they only last one to two seasons? Are there any species that come back every year?

A. Tulips have a well-earned reputation of not returning for more than a year or two because they may decay when their bulbs are left in the ground all summer. Some varieties, however, can better tolerate

heavy soil and humidity. Drainage is the most important soil condition; you may even need to create a gravelly growth medium.

Several species to look for are the sturdy-flowered *Tulipa tarda*, white-and-gold; *T. turkestanica*, cream-and-yellow; *T. batalinii* Bright Gem, canary yellow; and *T. praestans* Fusilier, scarlet. They grow only six inches tall but make a good edging plant for early spring color. Plant in the fall.



The length of tulip season is partly a product of the amazing variety of wild tulips and the sheer numbers of hybrids bred over the past four centuries.

For some irises, divide to conquer

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q: I have irises that are planted in a bed that receives full sun half of the time. Every year there is profuse foliage but very few flowers. What can I do to get more?

A: Bearded irises need full sun all day long to bloom well. Sometimes, dividing them and replanting will result in more flowers. If the clumps have begun to crowd themselves. If that doesn't work, consider planting other irises that do well with a bit of shade.

Siberian irises will tolerate some light shade, and they do not need to be divided as often as bearded irises. The flowers are smaller, but each clump tends to produce more flower stalks, so the impact of the flowers in the garden can surpass that of bearded irises. Unlike bearded irises, Siberian irises tolerate heavy, wet soil.

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