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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DAYS AHEAD

Museum to open

The Big Valley Museum will be open for the season beginning on Tuesday and open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bieber.

Ham Run

The Burney Chamber of Commerce will hold its fourth annual Ham Run at McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Park Saturday. The 2-mile run/walk will start at 8 a.m. and the 4-mile run begins at 9 a.m. Telephone the chamber office at 335-2111 for more information.

Yard sale

The Intermountain Preschool Co-op, located at the fairgrounds in McArthur has slated its annual spring multi-family yard sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include clothes, furniture, baby items and more. Saturday will also be the opening day of preschool registration for those ages 3-5. For more information, telephone Lori Salters at 336-6655 or Michelle Corder at 336-6039.

Senior fitness

Easy exercises to improve strength, balance and endurance for seniors of all abilities are scheduled to begin Tuesday and continue Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the Mountain Senior Center, 20635 Roff Way, Burney. There is no charge and those attending are urged to dress comfortably. The classes are sponsored by the Active Aging Community Task Force. Instructors are Susan Osborne and Keith Roper.

WEATHER

FORECAST

Today, sunny and becoming breezy. Highs 67 to 73. Northeast winds gusting to around 35 mph over exposed ridges. Tonight, mostly clear, windy. Lows 33 to 41. Northeast winds gusting to around 45 mph over exposed ridges. Thursday, sunny. Highs 67 to 78. Thursday night, clear. Lows around 39. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 80s. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the 30s to lower 40s. Saturday, mostly sunny with highs in the 70s to 80s. Saturday night, mostly clear with lows in the lower 30s to mid 40s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s to mid 80s. Lows in the lower 30s to mid 40s. Monday and Tuesday, mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the 70s to lower 80s. A current forecast is updated about 4 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily at im-news.com. Web cams of area road conditions are also available.

TEMPERATURES

	Hi	Low	Rain
April 26	86	36	
April 25	82	30	
April 24	76	28	
April 23	71	26	
April 22	68	25	
April 21	55	35	.31
April 20	54	38	.12

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Grants eyed for new golf course

BY MEG FOX

Burney Water District Manager Bill Suppa said there are grant funds for the nine-hole golf course he wants to build in Burney.

He said he's still looking into his idea to increase revenue for the swimming pool and told his board April 21 that there are grant funds available from the Economic Development Administration "but with conditions."

He said he wants to start with a nine-hole course that could be expanded to 18 holes.

Director Andrew Urlic said if Suppa had checked with Hayfork, which is also considering putting in a nine-hole golf course, or talked to anyone in McCloud about their nine-hole course.

"Maybe we could learn from them," Urlic said.

"We're doing some digging. We'll find out," said Suppa.

Suppa said the golf course planned by Trinity County Waterworks would serve as environmental mitigation for a parcel where they added a sewage treatment plant about 10 years ago.

"Their idea was that if they had to make it beautiful, they could put in a golf course," Suppa said.

In 1927, the McCloud River Lumber Company used teams of horses and high wheelers to build a golf course on pasture land; the field grass was maintained for the fairways, according to the McCloud Golf Course.

The course was originally for use by the company's board of directors when they came in from Minneapolis for meetings.

It was opened to the community in 1935, when the greens were changed to grass.

Suppa announced his idea at the March 17 board meeting, saying, "Golf courses are money"

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Burney fire rating stays at 5; J.P. at 9

BY MEG FOX

The Burney Fire Protection District recently received its Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating - a 5 within Burney and a 9 for the outlying areas - following a review by the organization that rates all fire departments in the United States about every 10 years.

The ratings are important to homeowners because insurance agencies use the figures to set premiums.

The higher the rating on a 1-10 scale, the higher the insurance premiums are.

"It's good news for (the district) because we stayed at a five," said Burney Fire Chief Bob May.

ISO analysts look at everything from a fire department's books and record keeping to its pumping operation, staffing levels and amount of equipment, the lets fire departments know where they need to make improvements.

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NEWS PHOTO / Craig Harrington

Casting call

Aaron Martin of Willow Creek casts at the waters below Burney Falls Saturday on opening day of trout season on area creeks and streams. The number of fishermen appeared to be up from last year due, in part, to better weather conditions. See video at The News web site www.im-news.com.

Wilson headed to pro gridiron at nation's capital

By RON HARRINGTON

Mark Wilson is in Hog heaven.

Or at least he hopes to be part of a new version of that storied offensive line after the Washington Redskins drafted him in the fifth round of the NFL draft on Sunday - the 151st pick overall.

"We were like, this is it, this is it," Wilson said, noting how he and his family reacted when the phone call from the Redskins came on Sunday morning. "I was in a state of disbelief."

The family didn't actually get to see the pick

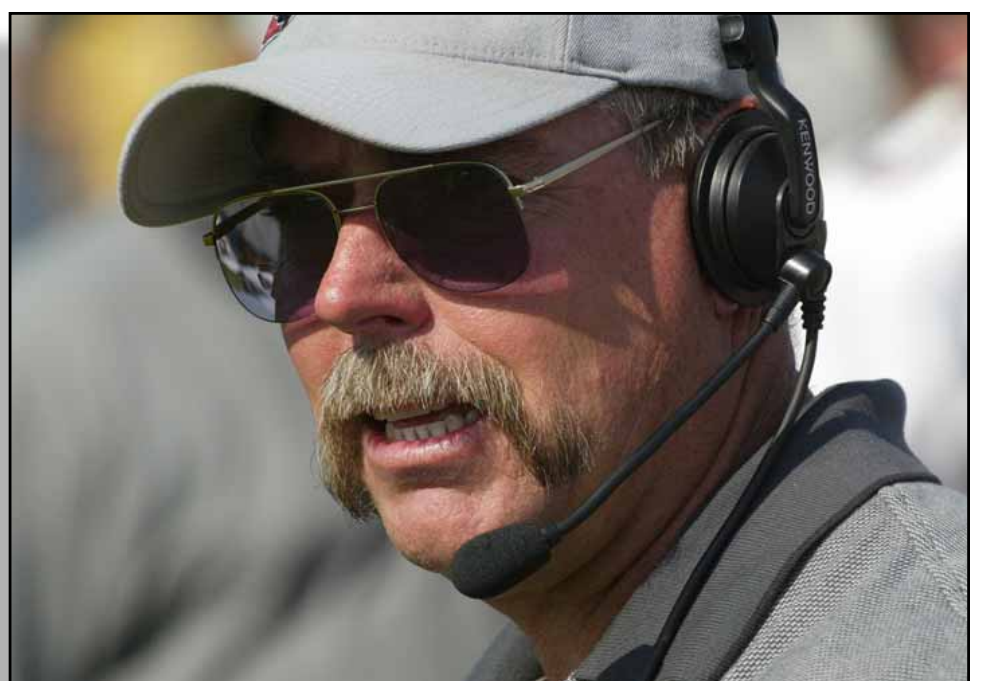
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MARK WILSON

Hunsaker accepts head football post at Shasta Lake

Big Valley Cardinal head football coach Matt Hunsaker, pictured at right, has accepted the lead coaching position at Central Valley High School in Shasta Lake. Under his leadership, the Big Valley varsity has won the Evergreen League championship the last seven years straight and the last eight out of nine years.



NEWS PHOTO / Craig Harrington

Pool books are a mess, says SOS

Committee wants better figures before asking for more money

BY MEG FOX

The Save Our Swimming (SOS) Pool advisory committee found the Burney Water District's accounts for the pool in a jumble and recommended they hold off on plans for a special election until it's clear what it costs to run the pool.

After studying the pool's current budget and financial reports for the past three years, SOS said they could not go out and talk to the community about the pool operation based on figures they have no confidence in.

"We have to educate the public on what it costs to run the pool," said SOS committee member Lynn Erickson at the water board's April 21 meeting.

The committee said the Burney Water District needs to "accurately and consistently" report the pool's revenues and expenses before asking voters to approve a one-dollar increase on their monthly water bills.

SOS also wasn't sure one dollar would be enough to cover long-term operations and maintenance.

District customer's currently pay a \$2 monthly fee on their bill and receive a seasonal pool pass each year.

Voters turned down a similar initiative in November 2003 and the Burney Water District is considering asking again in a special election as early as September.

SOS supports a pool fee increase and said their preliminary findings show the pool is losing more than \$29 every day of operation and that's before the lifeguards arrive on duty.

But with the district's current accounting methods for the pool, "expenses are not consistent from year to year. We couldn't figure out what they were," said SOS committee member Lynn Miller.

Pool expenses were "lumped together" in the audits, Miller said.

"The numbers aren't firm enough to sell a ballot measure," said Cindy Dodds, another SOS advisory committee member.

"We have to be able to show (the public), here's what it costs now, here's what's been collected, and here's the shortfall," said Lola Harris, who formed SOS and was among those who

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SHERIFF'S LOG BOOK

A Johnson Park caller reported Sunday at 7:57 p.m. a man, who had possibly been drinking, was causing a disturbance at the 38000 block of Highway 299.

Several subjects were reportedly causing a disturbance at the 29400 block of Highway 299 in Round Mountain Sunday at 4:44 p.m.

A Burney man said Sunday he had an ongoing problem with tenants from an apartment breaking slats to the caller's fence on Clusterwood Court.

A verbal disturbance was reported Sunday at 2:27 p.m. at the 25500 block of Yale Lane in McArthur.

A verbal disturbance was reported Saturday at 10:23 p.m. at the 20200 block of Fir Street in Burney.

Juveniles were reportedly acting suspicious and appeared to have a weapon Saturday at 7:45 p.m. at the 20300 block of Arrowood Street in Burney. Deputies found the youths were playing with a paintball gun and counseled them.

A verbal disturbance was reported Saturday at 6:44 p.m. at the 21200 block of Big Bend Road.

A subject was accidentally shot in the finger and leg Saturday about 5 p.m. and was driven to the Old Station fire department before being transported to the hospital.

An auto burglary was reported Saturday at 2:42 p.m. at the Hat Creek powerhouse below Pit One grade.

Two 1886 Winchester rifles and one 410 shotgun were taken from a locked vehicle while it was parked at the Old Station Chevron between Thursday and Saturday.

Juveniles were reportedly causing a disturbance Friday at 9:10 p.m. near Quebec

Street and Mountain View Road in Burney.

A Burney caller on Roff Way reported a male neighbor was out front acting strangely and disrobing Friday at 7:54 p.m. Deputies found the male had been drinking and was confused. He was assisted to his home.

A juvenile reportedly broke another youth's skateboard Friday near Bailey Avenue and Sugar Pine Street in Burney.

A Johnson Park caller reported Friday a neighbor had shot her cats with a pellet gun at the 21800 block of Cottonwood Street. No animals were hit and the neighbor was admonished by deputies.

A disturbance on Bridge Street in Fall River Mills between neighbors was reported Thursday at 6:34 p.m.

A disturbance was reported Thursday at 12:33 p.m. at the 19900 block of Moose Camp Road.

Domestic violence was reported Thursday at 10:55 a.m. A woman said her boyfriend had assaulted her at 4:30 a.m. that day and had just allowed her to leave their residence.

A Burney man reported Thursday a neighbor's dog had attacked and killed his chickens at the 20300 block of Marquette Street.

Bette Divine reported a burglary April 21 to a barn at Snuffy Lane in Round Mountain.

Loud music was reported April 21 at 7:11 a.m. at the 44200 block of A Street in McArthur.

A caller reported April 20 a vehicle was damaged while parked at Fall river High School in McArthur.

A caller reported April 20 at 2:07 p.m. two subjects were walking a dog on a chain, kicked the dog twice, hit the dog in the head and then picked up the dog and threw it into a fence near Tamarack Avenue and Oak Street in Burney.

A 23-year-old subject reportedly fired a BB gun at a Fall River Mills business April 19 about 6:15 p.m. The subject was contacted by deputies and admonished for improper use of the BB gun.

David Brush reported April 19 the theft of mail in Burney, including some checks that had been cashed.

Total incidents handled by the Shasta County sheriff's office throughout the unincorporated areas of the county:

- April 25 - 127
- April 24 - 129
- April 23 - 156
- April 22 - 139
- April 21 - 96
- April 20 - 110
- April 19 - 132

Still hush on future golf course location

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makers nowadays. It would increase property values. It would increase the economy in Burney."

Burney Chamber Executive Director Sherri Quinlan, who attended the meeting as a Save Our Swimming Pool committee member, asked where the proposed site is, but Suppa smiled and said he wasn't ready to say.

In other business, Director John Meeker said that one of the district's directors should provide the second signature on payroll checks, rather than have two employees - District Secretary Betty Jackman and District Manager Bill Suppa - sign the checks.

"I trust Bill with my life. I trust Betty with my life, but (one) director should always sign," he said.

Board President Jackie Young agreed and said it was also important for the directors to see what the payroll is.

In his district project report, Suppa said Les Schwab plans "major expansion" by adding 1,200 feet behind its Main Street tire business and is paying the district for the installation of two fire hydrants.

The water district is also installing a 350-foot line of water pipe on Superior Avenue and Suppa said the building contractor is paying

half the cost.

In compliance with new federal terrorism precautions and regulations, Suppa said the district is building a fence around the water tank on Ivan Marx Road and installing motion detectors that activate within fenced areas.

"You'll be seeing some bills for that," he told his board of directors.

The district's directors also:

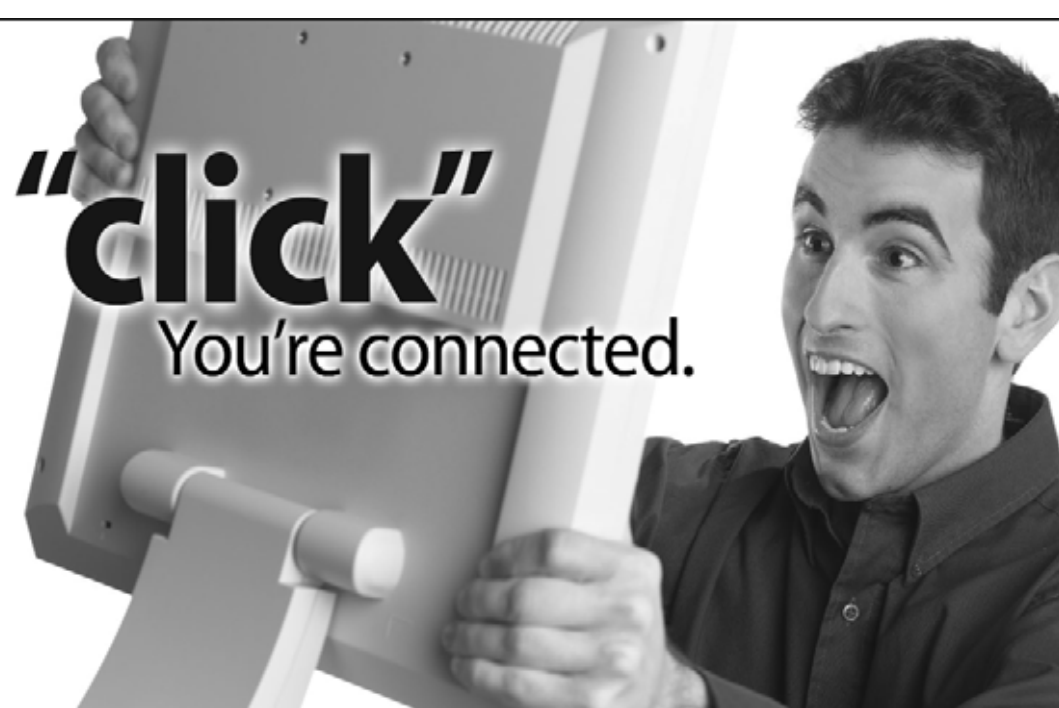
- Heard that longtime employee Fred Crumb is leaving May 7 to work for the City of Redding

- Heard recommendations from the Save Our Swimming (SOS) Advisory Committee (see separate story) and are having a special public meeting May 12, followed by the regular meeting May 19.

- Approved a park enhancement project presented by Burney Girl Scout Troop 35.

Park bench sponsors sought for Bailey community park

Individuals, organizations and businesses are invited to sponsor a park bench at Bailey Community Park in Burney. Sponsorships are \$730 and include a personalized plaque on the seven-foot, sandstone-colored, pre-cast concrete bench. Call the Intermountain Community Center at 335-4600.



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Concerns over expense report timeliness

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helped build the community pool on Bailey Avenue 17 years ago.

Dodds said the committee was also concerned about the timeliness of the pool's expense reports.

She said a business could not make wise or quick management decisions, or correct problems, based on accounting reports that arrive months later.

SOS suggested that the water district use accounting spreadsheets specifically for the pool account and produce an accounting at board meetings each month.

The water district has said that the pool is operating on a dwindling \$75,000 reserve fund and in January District Manager Bill Suppa told the board he would close the pool when the funds ran out.

Harris said she realizes now that she should have gotten involved in saving the pool five or more years ago.

"We think we're 10 years behind on dealing with this, so we won't solve this in 60 days," Dodds said, referring to a county deadline for the

ballot measure.

SOS also found ways to increase the pool's revenue by \$6,000 a year, but that still leaves an estimated \$16,000 annual deficit based on figures culled so far.

The committee recommends that the district operate the pool this swimming season, instituting their proposed cost increases and meeting the deficit with the reserves in the pool account.

Adding to the financial concerns was Suppa's announcement that effective July 1 the water district's insurer is no longer covering recreational activities, including the swimming pool.

Suppa said he was confident he could find coverage elsewhere "but at a cost."

Director Andrew Urlic, who represents the water district on SOS, read the committee's preliminary findings and recommendations following their three meetings in April.

In addition to operating the pool with reserve funds, the committee suggested that the water board and staff further investigate the pool's revenue and expenses and hold a public hearing to receive

input from residents.

SOS recommends that the water board, the pool manager, and the SOS chairperson receive a "timely accounting of the pool's revenue and expenses."

They also recommend that the water board "establish policy and procedure to assure the collection of gate fees" and pointed out that swimmers are often able to walk right in without providing proof of residency or paying the non-residency fee.

"Sometimes they collect fees and sometimes they don't," said Erickson.

Because fees collected did not always match up with body counts, the committee also recommends the water board "institute internal controls at the pool site to assure security of revenue."

Other recommendations were

- Increase the cost for non-resident individual and family passes for open swim
- Increase gate fees, charging \$2 for ages 12 and younger and \$3 for 13 and older
- Charge \$2 for the Tuesday and Thursday night swim
- Increase the cost for the two-week swimming lesson programs to \$25 per student
- Increase Mommy and Me to \$25 per student/parent
- Issue stamps on the season pool pass for lap swim, water aerobics, and water fitness and charge \$30 per person or \$50 per family.
- Cancel any classes, including swim lessons, that have less than 10 students
- Close the pool on Sunday
- Offer the facility for rent

on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons with fees to include two lifeguards, as well as use of the picnic area and sports equipment.

Director Jackie Young said they could "tighten the ship over there, but it won't solve this."

Director Rowdy Yates spoke up for the "whole bunch of water users on fixed incomes, who won't go for" a monthly fee increase, although seniors have the option to sell their passes.

"I am one of those seniors," Harris said, commenting that that the older community provided for her children and now it was her turn.

Harris argued that on a hot summer day more than

200 children are at the pool and not running around the streets.

She said she was passionate about maintaining the pool, especially since it was built with the intent of helping children learn to swim.

Warming to the idea of better educating the public on the benefits as well as the costs of the pool, Yates suggested that the senior bus service could transport its clients to the pool.

"There you go," said Urlic, who liked the idea.

Suppa suggested increasing the monthly fees for "high end users" or basing the monthly fee on property values or charging more for commercial property.

He said Burney Forest Products, which uses "thousands of gallons of water" a day and PG&E pay \$2 a month like every other customer.

Yates wanted SOS to write the district's policy and procedures, but Dodds reminded him, "You're the policy folks. This group's role is to look at the situation and offer recommendations."

The water board is having a special meeting at 7 p.m. May 12 to receive community input and consider approving the recommendations.

The board will also meet May 19 for its regularly scheduled 7:30 p.m. meeting. The June meeting was changed to June 30.

Outlying areas receive 9 rating

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"We need to do more enhancing of staffing," May said.

The district's outlying areas, in Johnson Park and along Black Ranch Road, received the 9 rating because the area's water is served by Chico-based Del Oro Water Company and it's "not up to standard," May said.

Paul Matulich, senior vice-president of Del Oro, said his company has plans to replace the entire system over the next 20 years and in a few months will be having local public hearings to outline the costs and improvements.

"We've had engineers working on this and they are big projects," he said.

Plans include increasing the size of the water lines to increase fire flow.

"Whatever it takes to improve the health and safety of the people. The bottom line is a better system that they really do need," Matulich said.

Del Oro has 380 connections in Johnson Park/Black Ranch.

Burney Water District Manager Bill Suppa said his district should be given credit for Burney's good rating.

"A good rating for a fire district is based on a good water system," Suppa said.

He said the ISO gave the Burney water system a 32.69 percent out of a possible 40 percent.

The Burney fire department received a 7.29 percent out of 10 percent in the category of receiving and handling fire alarms and a 20.51 percent out of 50 percent for the fire department, according to Suppa.

The Fall River Mills Fire Protection District recently received an ISO review and ranking, but Chief Chuck Bethel has not been available for comment.

McArthur Fire Protection District Chief Pat Oilar said his department is due for review.

McArthur VFD was last reviewed in the late 1990's when the ISO gave it a 6 rating within the district and 8 and 9 ratings in the outlying areas that are further from fire hydrants.

Criteria for lower ratings also includes whether or not structures are within 1,000 feet of a hydrant, he said.

"It's tough within a volunteer organization," Oilar said.

Other local volunteer departments (Big Bend, Montgomery Creek, Old Station, Hat Creek, Cassel, Soldier Mountain, Day Road) are within the Shasta County Fire Department, which has not yet received its rating since a review completed in January.

An ISO analyst started the county review in July 2003 but because of the size of the department, last summer's fire season, the flu, and various holidays, it wasn't completed until January 2004, according to Mark Romero, deputy chief of operations.

Romero said he expects the county ratings sometime this summer.

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Volunteers honored

Sheriff Jim Pope, left, and Undersheriff Larry Schaller, right, present Rich Weick of Redding as the 2004 Volunteer of the Year. Pope and the Shasta County Sheriff's Office held the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to honor the more than 500 citizens of Shasta County who volunteer their time to serve the community and the sheriff's office. About 160 attended the Friday luncheon at the Veterans Hall in Redding. Volunteers serve as chaplains, on citizens patrols in Burney and Fall River Mills, lake patrol on Shasta Lake, search and rescue members, and on the reserves, among others. For video, visit The News web site at www.im-news.com.

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Award-winning children's author at local school

Award-winning children's picture book author Verla Kay will be at Burney Elementary School Thursday for two assemblies and book signings.

The K-2 assembly is from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. and the 3-6 assembly is from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

A student representative from each class will have the opportunity to meet the author, who will later have an autograph session.

Kay is the author of *Tattered Sails*, named a Children's Best Book in 2002 by *Child Magazine*, and of *Covered Wagons/Bumpy Trails*, *Iron Horses*, *Gold Fever*, *Broken Feather*, *Orphan Train*, and *Homespun Sarah*.

The Bank Street College of Education named *Gold Fever* the Best Children's Book of the Year 2000.

The Society of School Librarians named *Iron Horse* an International Honor Book in 1999 and the Missouri State Teachers' Association has placed *Covered Wagons/Bumpy Trails* on its recommended reading list for primary grades.

Kay's picture books have American history themes, something she came to appreciate only as an adult.

"As a child I hated history. It wasn't until I was an adult that I realized how fascinating and interesting history and non-fiction could be. As a writer of children's stories, it's my goal to make history fun

for children to read," she said in an interview for Suite101.com.

Kay describes her writing style as cryptic rhyme because she writes "short, clipped, descriptive verses that paint vivid, concise pictures using almost no full sentences.

"Much is left up to the imagination of the reader, who has to fill in the gaps. Hence the term, cryptic (for) verses with hidden meanings," she says on her Website.

Kay and her husband now live in Washington State, but she is a California native who grew up in Watsonville.

In addition to raising three sons and a daughter, now grown, she had a variety of jobs before becoming a writer - from a two-week stint picking chives to becoming a district manager for a home toy sales business, a success that earned her and her husband free trips to South America and Europe, Israel, Hawaii and Alaska.

She decided to try her hand at writing while she and her husband owned and operated a laundromat in Carson City, Nev.

After selling two of her short stories to *Turtle Magazine* and *Humpty Dumpty Magazine*, she was on her way and six months later G.P. Putnam's Sons Publisher had accepted her first manuscript.

The community is invited to attend the school assemblies and meet Verla Kay.

Park named trail partner agency of the year

The Pacific Crest National Trail Association (PCTA) has named Lassen Volcanic National Park the Partner Agency of the Year.

The park was cited as "an example of trail management for all agencies to emulate" and was recognized for its efforts in improved trail signage, rigorous annual maintenance of the PCT, completion of a Trail Inventory and Condition Assessment, and team projects with the PCTA and other volunteer groups.

A portion of this National Scenic Trail is within the boundaries of Lassen Volcanic National Park.

The PCTA presented the award to Park Superintendent Marilyn H. Parris at the annual awards event April 3 in Sacramento.

Much of the work on the 18-mile route was made possible through donations and volunteer labor, Parris said.

The Pacific Crest Trail extends over 2,650 miles through three western states providing solitude, adventure, and challenge.

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OBITUARIES

Martha Bath McNeall Homemaker, 78

A memorial service for former Adin and Ash Valley resident Martha May Bath McNeall was held April 24 at the Adin Community Church.

There was a potluck supper with family and friends after the service at the Adin Community Center.

Mrs. McNeall died April 9, 2004 in Reno, Nev., following complications from hip surgery. She was 78.

Born Dec. 2, 1925 in Adin, she was the daughter of Thad and Amy Bath and grew up on the family ranch in Ash Valley.

After she was graduated from Adin High School, she went to flight school in Reno, where she met her future husband, Charles L. (Mac) McNeall.

Their life together took them to Quincy, Ill. to Flagstaff, Ariz. and back to northern Nevada, where they settled for life in 1954.

When Mac McNeall died very young, "Mart" was left to support and raise her children alone and began her career in the real estate business.

She maintained close ties to Adin and Ash Valley throughout her life and attended Big Valley class reunions and came home to the ranch often to ride, drive cattle and brand.

She also loved to travel and was to garden and she loved animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Fred Bath; her husband; and grandson Brian McNeall.

She is survived by her four children, Bruce McNeall, of Reno, Carole DeAngeli, of Tucson, Ariz., Connie Douglas, of Sparks, Nev., and Susan McNeall, of Reno; grandchildren Bradley, Justin and Amy; great-grandchildren Jessica, Levi, Devan, Joshua and Raji; sister Grace Bath DeForest; brothers Richard and John Bath; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Virginia J. Terry Homemaker, 81

Memorial Services for Virginia J. Terry were conducted March 5 at Grace Bible Church in Bieber with Pastor Kent House officiating.

Mrs. Terry died February 24, 2004 in Adin. She was 81.

Born Constance Virginia Jumper February 26, 1923 in Covina on, she was graduated from Covina High School.

She was married to James Donald Terry on March 29, 1947 in Las Vegas, Nev. He died on their 45th wedding anniversary on March 29, 1992.

Mrs. Terry was active in her community, as a member of Grace Bible Church, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Big Valley Garden Club, and the 50+ Club. She was also a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law M'Lou and Matt Hunsaker and grandson J.C. Hunsaker, all of Adin, and granddaughter Kelsey Hunsaker of Medford, Ore.; and daughter and son-in-law Mindy and Jim Stuhler of Chino.

Memorial donations may be made to Grace Bible Church, Bieber, CA, 96009.

Charles Alfred Redding Boilermaker, 76

No services will be held for Charles Alfred Redding of Burney.

Mr. Redding died April 20, 2004 at Mayers Memorial Hospital Burney Annex.

He was born May 9, 1927 in Paris, Missouri and moved to Shasta County in 2000 from Alturas. He was a boiler-maker for 50 years.

He is survived by daughters Carla Ritchie of Macdoel, Sandra Kincade of Medford, Oregon; son Charles of Alturas; and 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



NEWS PHOTO

New center in Cassel

Some 300 meals were served Saturday at the annual Fishermen's Breakfast held for the first time in the newly completed Cassel community hall and training center. The facility, valued at more than \$200,000, is located next to the fire hall. A craft and bake sale were also held to raise funds for completion of the center. The community is still in need of a commercial kitchen, estimated to cost about \$30,000. For video of the project, see The News web site at www.im-news.com.

Burney, Fall River high schools compete in Highway Traffic Safety seat belt challenge

Students at Burney and Fall River high schools are buckling up as they compete for cash prizes.

The Intermountain Injury Prevention Coalition, through a grant from Office of Traffic Safety and the Injury Prevention Coalition of Shasta County, is sponsoring the 2004 High School Seat Belt Challenge between the two schools.

"The objective of The Challenge is to get across to teenagers the importance of buckling up," said Shellisa Moore, coordinator of the

Intermountain Injury prevention Coalition and the community development coordinator for Shasta County Public Health in Burney.

The school with the highest seatbelt usage rate, most improved usage rate, and best overall campaign will receive \$500 and the second place school will receive \$200.

The first place coordinators will receive \$100 each and the second place coordinators will receive \$50 each.

Moore said that in Shasta County, motor vehicles are the leading cause of death for

15- to 20-year-olds.

"When both a shoulder and lap belt are used, it has been found that they can reduce fatal injury by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by 50 percent," Moore said.

Wearing safety belts has been found to reduce the risk of death for front seat occupants in cars and light trucks by 60 percent, she said.

The rate of moderate-to-critical injuries is reduced by 65 percent when seat belts are worn.

The competition got underway in March at Fall River High School, where the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) group is coordinating the activities.

Fall River kicked off their activities with a seat belt assembly, where CHP Officer Rodger Ludwigs spoke about seatbelt laws and the importance of wearing a seatbelt to reduce injuries or death in a car crash.

"Vince and Larry, the crash test dummies, were at the assembly and every 12 minutes students were called down to represent the number of teens who die every 12 minutes in car crashes," Moore said.

A student from every class participated in a seatbelt race with the first student to buckle and properly adjust his seatbelt declared the winner.

Other Fall River High School activities have included giving out license plate frames with the Buckle Up! message and distributing Dum Dum lollipops with the message, "Don't B a Dum,

Dum! Buckle Up!"

Grant Moody and Luke Schechla, students in Peggy Snelling's Leadership Class at Burney High School, are their school's coordinators.

Some of the activities they have planned include distributing Buckle Up T-shirts for staff to wear on a special T-shirt day and a poster contest.

Vince and Larry are also making an appearance to deliver license plate frames and the CHP is presenting a simulated rollover crash.

For more information, contact Shellisa Moore at Shasta County Public Health, 335-6707.

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Burney Junior Girl Scout Troop 35 gave a presentation to the directors of the Burney Water District April 21 and asked their permission to complete a Bronze Award community service project in the wooded picnic area east of the pool. The board okayed the plan that includes pruning trees, refinishing the picnic tables, and completing a stepping stone path and thanked them. To the right of District Manager Bill Suppa are Hannah Howard, Ashley Ingalls, Megan Calzia, Jenna Watson and water board president Jackie Young. In front are Heather Henderson, Anastasia Martin-Borders and Katie Wallenberg.

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Chance for bond refinancing now lost opportunity

BY MEG FOX

A financial window of opportunity crashed on Mayers Memorial Hospital when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan announced that the nation's improved economy warrants an increase in the federal interest rate.

It immediately triggered an increase in market rates, which has killed the hospital's hopes of refinancing its bond at a lower rate.

"Essentially, the bird has flown the coop," said Mayers CEO Jerry Fikes.

Just last month, Fikes told his board of directors that with interest rates continuing at a 40-year low, the hospital could save about \$1 million over 15 years by re-financing the \$6,860,000 principal on the hospital's 1994 bond at a lower rate.

The hospital's board of directors agreed to start the process and pay the associated costs.

Less than a week later, Greenspan made his announcement.

"Market rates went up 30 basis points and they've incremented up to 50 basis points," Fikes said.

The hospital still has to pay a \$6,000 fee for legal counsel and has yet to receive a bill that could be from \$20,000 to \$40,000 from the firm that facilitated the process.

Fikes said he's glad the economy is improving and that people are going back to work, but it was not good news for the hospital.

Refinancing was "a correct premise, but we were a

month late," he said at the April 21 board meeting in Fall River Mills.

"The deal we had at one time would have saved us six percent," he said.

"It was a long shot, but if we could have saved \$1 million, it would have been worth it."

He asked his board April 21 to pass a resolution to continue the bond refinancing process anyway — just in case.

He said it's "long odds — one chance in 30" that interest rates would click down by the time the hospital was ready to redeem the bonds, on July 1.

"The economy is going so strong, no one thinks it will happen," he said.

But they'd come this far and would at least have the paperwork ready to take action if the financial outlook did change.

In giving the hospital's monthly revenue and expense report, Fikes said Mayers was \$710,838 in the red year-to-date and \$188,600 in the red for the month of March.

Director Gail McClung asked Fikes if he thought the hospital would be closer to breaking even at the end of the fiscal year.

"I don't think we'll be in the black, but it won't be life-threatening red," he replied.

"We're making progress. We're growing more business and showing dividends."

He said surgery minutes were down last month, among other factors affecting the monthly revenue.

"We were off by 487 minutes and that's reflective of our surgeons being gone. When they're gone, it impacts us significantly," he said.

On the other hand, laboratory visits were up, over budget by 459 visits, as a result of the annual Health Fair in McArthur.

"We did 330 lab draws; that's 100 more than we've ever done before," he said, crediting better publicity and bargain prices.

He said having more than \$3 million in accounts receivable for the month "is a good figure for us."

The hospital had new expenses and Fikes said he authorized the purchase of seven new gurneys.

The hospital is also purchasing an \$11,000 EKG machine, to be financed by the Burney Rotary's May 15 Fly Fishing and Golf Tournament, and spending \$11,000 to refurbish a gastroscope.

"We keep deferring things because we don't have the money, but we have to do some things to solve fundamental problems," he said.

"We can't keep not taking care of business because we don't have the money."

Fikes said, "The bottom line is not red, but above that line are people who are working hard and tending to business."

Donations continue as projects pick up for community park

Plans and projects are picking up at Bailey Community Park in Burney as warm weather approaches and community members continue to donate their time and expertise.

Dan Warren, of Warren Construction, in Burney, is building a fun box for the skatepark and Bob Boster, of Boster's Nursery, in Cassel, has designed a landscape plan for a barren section of the park for the Little League field to the Toddler Park.

"Last year we applied for, and were granted, the funds to purchase 100 beautiful trees for this area of the park.

"Boster's Nursery is caring for them until we're ready to plant them. This year we've applied for a grant to pay for the irrigation and lawn for a portion of the barren area.

"If the grant is awarded we expect to begin landscape work in July," said Lynn Erickson.

Bill Hawes has volunteered to mow the lawn at the Toddler Park this summer.

Several other community members have volunteered to work two-week shifts as park caretakers this summer and fall and include Carol Stovall, Chris and Carri Pirosko, the Pfadt family, the Childers family, and the Bertain family.

They will collect litter, sweep the skatepark when necessary, and keep an eye on the condition of the park.

Additional two-week spots are available for 6/12-6/25, 7/24-8/6, 8/7-8/20, 8/21-9/3, 9/4-9/17, 9/18-10/1, 10/2-10/15, and 10/16-10/29.

Call the Intermountain Community Center at 335-4600 if you would like to volunteer.

Shasta County Supervisor Glenn Hawes will be in Burney Thursday to visit Bailey Park and to start the process of instituting a four-hour parking limit on Bailey.

"Doing so will eliminate the long-term commercial vehicle parking that takes place in front of the baseball field, park and swimming pool and this should make it easier for vehicles and pedestrians to travel that street with greater ease," said Cindy Dodds, executive director of the Tri County Community Network.

On May 10, inmates from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention's Conservation Camp in Bieber are installing a fence around the Toddler Park.

Hat Creek Construction is repairing the park's broken water line. "When that is completed, we will turn on water to the drinking fountains and request the return of our potty," said Dodds.

Carri Pirosko has been researching tennis court construction and associated costs. If anyone would like to see a tennis court at Bailey Park, call the community center for more information.

Third quarter honor roll for Fall River district names 116 students

Fall River Junior-Senior High School in McArthur has announced its 2004 Third Quarter honor roll.

Students who earned all A's are designated (4.0), and students on Gold Card who maintained a 3.86 or better grade point having earned a B in only one subject are designated (GC).

Honor roll represents students who earned a 3.0 GPA or better with no more than one C and no D's or F's.
Seniors: Nicole Gerow, Josh Ingram and Max Scott (4.0).

Honor Roll: Chad Bidwell, Katie Camarata, Dakota Crum, Sammy Eastman, Amanda Gonzales, Cody Jacobson, Sarah Lincoln, Nikki Looper, Brandon Mee, Sarah Myers, Alfred Olvera, Ashley Overton, Florencio Reyes, Lorena Sanchez, Rodney Sanders, James Smith, Jeff Smith, and Billie Waltz.

Juniors: Mimi Brown (4.0).
Tim Arnold, Tristan Howard, Angela Feldt, Keegan Moyer and Brittany Wagner (GC).

Honor Roll: Valerie Ander-

son, Brian Barnett, Lynnea Bettger, Blaire Bidwell, Troy Blaylock, Cory Eades, Kelsi Halvarson, Jessica Hero, Larry Holscher, Emilee Pierce, Deiter Salters, Robert Senko, Caleb Shuler, and Heather Turner.

Sophomores: Kevin Carter and Leslie Taylor (4.0).

Rebecca Anderson, Jonny Barrett, Daniel Myers (GC).

Honor Roll: Jordan Brainard, Delaney Chapman, Brady Corr, Maggie DeCoito, Kyle Dennis, Daniel Drollinger, Richard Dye, Elisabeth Eye, Russell Holscher, Casey Hubauer, Caleb King, Jake Kyle, Christina Sahlin, Abby Salters, Colter Sisk, Caitlin Spalding, and Alex Vigil.

Freshmen: Kelsey Sloat (4.0).

Esther Dolman and Casi Carpenter (GC).

Honor Roll: Cheyenne Bernal, Brent Handa, Amanda Holscher, Sara Howard, Eichelle King, John McArthur, Tera Strickland and Ray Webb.

Eighth Grade: Emily Estes and Lisa Senko (4.0). Karissa King (GC).

Honor Roll: Sandra Alvarez, Kaila Betz, Bliss Bidwell, Adam Brubaker, Ariel DeWitt, Brad Kyle, Cody Macabe, Saul Marquez, Anayeli Martinez-Anguiano, Lydia McDemos, Sy Moreno, Jessica Neugebauer, Brook Oehmigen, Kimberly Royce, Caitlin Royce, Michelle Vaughn and Cody Wagner.

Seventh Grade: Moriah Nicholls, Shelby Sisk and Ashley Taylor (4.0). Dan VanRiet (GC).

Honor Roll: Chase Carpenter, Juliana Corr, Lindsey Crum, Jessica Curtis, Katelyn Hansen, Elizabeth Haydock, Ashley Holscher, Nick Lakey, Anna Lewis, Scott McArthur, Kyle Pereira, Liberty Ruelas, Kayla Russell, Zach Van-Cleave, Jose Venegas and Jessica Vigil.

Reno exhibit features 29 known artists

The new Nevada Museum of Art in Reno is featuring an exhibit of 29 works by some of the best-known Impressionist artists.

The exhibit opened April 25 and continues through July 18.

"An Impressionist Eye: Painting and Sculpture from the Philip and Janice Levin Foundation" provides a glimpse of the works of Edgar Degas, Claude Monet, Mary Cassatt, Pierre Bonnard, Toulouse-Lautrec, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Camille Corot.

The Nevada Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The museum is closed on Monday.

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New fire center up and running

Northeastern California firefighting agencies unveiled a new state of the art emergency dispatch center Thursday in Susanville which drew about 230 people to the dedication ceremonies. The new building, located on Fifth Street just east of the Lassen National Forest vehicle yard, cost \$3.3 million which includes \$1.4 million in telecommunication equipment. The 9,000-square-foot dispatch center has double the work space of the original Susanville Inter-agency Fire Center building that began operation in 1974. The heart of the center is a six-console setup (partially shown below) where staff can direct responses to fires and other emergencies over a 6.5-million acre swath of northeast California and northwest Nevada. Pictured below are Larry Ault, center manager for the Lassen Forest, and Jerry Burke, battalion chief with the California Department of Forestry in Bieber. For video of the dispatch, see The News web site at www.im-news.com.



Shown above are Lassen County Supervisor Jim Chapman, right, and Gary Zack, Bureau of Land Management dispatcher at the aircraft dispatching station. The agency is a cooperative among the BLM, CDF, forest service and National Park Service.

Residents asked to speak frankly about health needs

BY MEG FOX

Residents will be asked to talk frankly about their health care needs and their opinions about local medical services as members of the Community Needs Assessment Committee begin inviting people to focus group meetings and mailing out a four-page survey.

After several weeks of preparation the committee of volunteers from throughout the Intermountain area is ready to start compiling the data needed as part of the qualification process for a share of grant funds to build a new community health care facility.

The committee will later submit its data to the directors of Mayers Memorial Hospital, who make a final determination on issues, such as where, if needed, a new facility might be built.

Mayers Memorial Hospital is one of 13 hospital members in the Rural HealthCare Design Network that are sharing grant funding to build seismic-safe facilities.

The Network is also funding the community needs assessments.

Cassel resident Mike Kerns, a former corporate management consultant who volunteered to lead the committee, said the group developed seven basic questions for the focus group discussions that will be led by trained, volunteer facilitators.

All comments are to be recorded without names. "Individuals with negative comments need to be allowed to speak," he said.

"We're not pitching anything," said Kerns. Focus group leaders have been trained to listen and record comments, not to express opinions or solve problems.

He said their goal is to "flush out answers and anecdotal data" and the expectation is that the overall result will be similar to responses on the questionnaire.

In the focus groups, people will be asked if they feel their health care needs are being met, if they have met barriers to accessing health services, what factors determine their health decisions, where they go when sick, and how community health care could do better to meet needs.

Currently serving on or

working with the committee are Lillian Arnold, John Betz, Dan Bouse, Joe Bruce, Les Cufaude, Brian Dahle, Susan David, Bill Estes, Jerry Fikes, Richard Hall, Kari Hovis, Bill Johnson, Kris Lipanovich, Sandra Martinez, and Diane Mayle.

Also Jerry McDaniel, Renee Mee, Lynn Miller, Shellisa Moore, Diana Oxenford, Jack Pearson, Keith Roper, Sally Taylor, Karen Van Cleave, Nancy Weaver, Lela Wimer, Lori Winningham, David Yarbrough, Karen Yarbrough, Terry Lease and Walt Caldwell.

Anyone interested in attending a focus group gathering is encouraged to contact a committee member.

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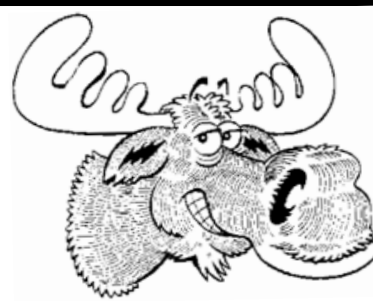


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Jeff Smith of McArthur was awarded scholarships and grants totalling more than \$28,000 for college.

Fall River pitcher shows hard work does pay off

BY MEG FOX

Jeff Smith, 17, of McArthur, can stop thinking about where he's going to college and how to pay for it and concentrate on what he loves best – baseball.

The Fall River High School senior and baseball pitcher has received an \$11,000 President's Academic Scholarship from Menlo College in Atherton, along with various other grants for a total package of \$28,500.

"It's pretty nice," said his parents, Tom and Barbara Smith of McArthur.

Tom Smith credited his son's hard work, his commitment to school and to playing ball, and the positive influence of other adults with this recent accomplishment.

He also wants other students to know that "if you work hard and keep your grades up, it does pay off."

Jeff Smith maintains a 3.67 GPA, plays for the Fall River Bulldogs' baseball team, and, when that season ends, he travels to Redding three to four times a week to practice with and play on weekends for the Redding Rattlers, a traveling team with games in Arizona, Oregon, Nevada, and throughout California.

"Jeff leaves school on a Tuesday, drives to Redding, practices with the team until seven o'clock, drives home and does his homework, and goes back down the next day and does it all over again," his father said.

"He has been a very committed young man to achieve this goal," he said.

Based on baseball stats last week, Smith was leading the North Section with a record of 58 strikeouts in 28 innings pitched. His batting average is .467.

He's always liked the game.

"Our family is very baseball oriented," his dad said. "My kids have always loved the game and they love to play. I saw my kids had the drive and we pursued it for them."

Jeff has a brother, Colby, 22, and a sister, Danielle, 19.

Smith also credited some of the mentors in his son's life with helping him reach his goal, like Dom Traverso of McArthur, Larry Snelling, of Burney, and Kelly Freeland-Sloat, of Fall River Mills, who also stressed the importance of academics.

"They worked hard to help him and they encouraged him. If people get behind you and believe in you it makes a difference," Smith said.

Smith plans to major in media studies with a minor in coaching.

First place awards for B.V. thinclads

Big Valley High School's 27-member track and field team competed Friday at the Weed Invitational at College of the Siskiyous.

In women's events, Stacie Juranits won first place in the 1600M (6.17) and in the 800M (2.43) and took second place in the 400M (69.5).

Her sister, Cydnie Juranits, had a first in the 300 hurdles (55.4) and took second and third places in the 100M, 200M and long jump events, said coach Dr. Dan Dahle.

Kelly Peterson landed in fourth place with her 4-4 leap in the high jump.

In men's competition, the 4x100M relay team of J.C. Hunsaker, Blake Oney, Jason Roope and Juan Escalante won first place with their time of 46.6.

Blake Oney took a first in the 800M (2.19) and second in the 400M (56.09), coming in just nine seconds after the first place runner from Williams, Dahle said.

Josh Levan took a second in the high jump (5-6) and a second in the triple jump (36-8).

In his first time starting out of the blocks, J.C. Hunsaker took a second in the 100M (11.76), a second in the 300 hurdles (46.5) and a third in the long jump (17-7).

Running hurdles for the first time, Tim Fritsch placed third in the 300 event with a time of 36.7. He won third in the 100M (11.87) and third in the triple jump (33-7).

Juan Escalante had a fourth place finish in the 100M (11.94).

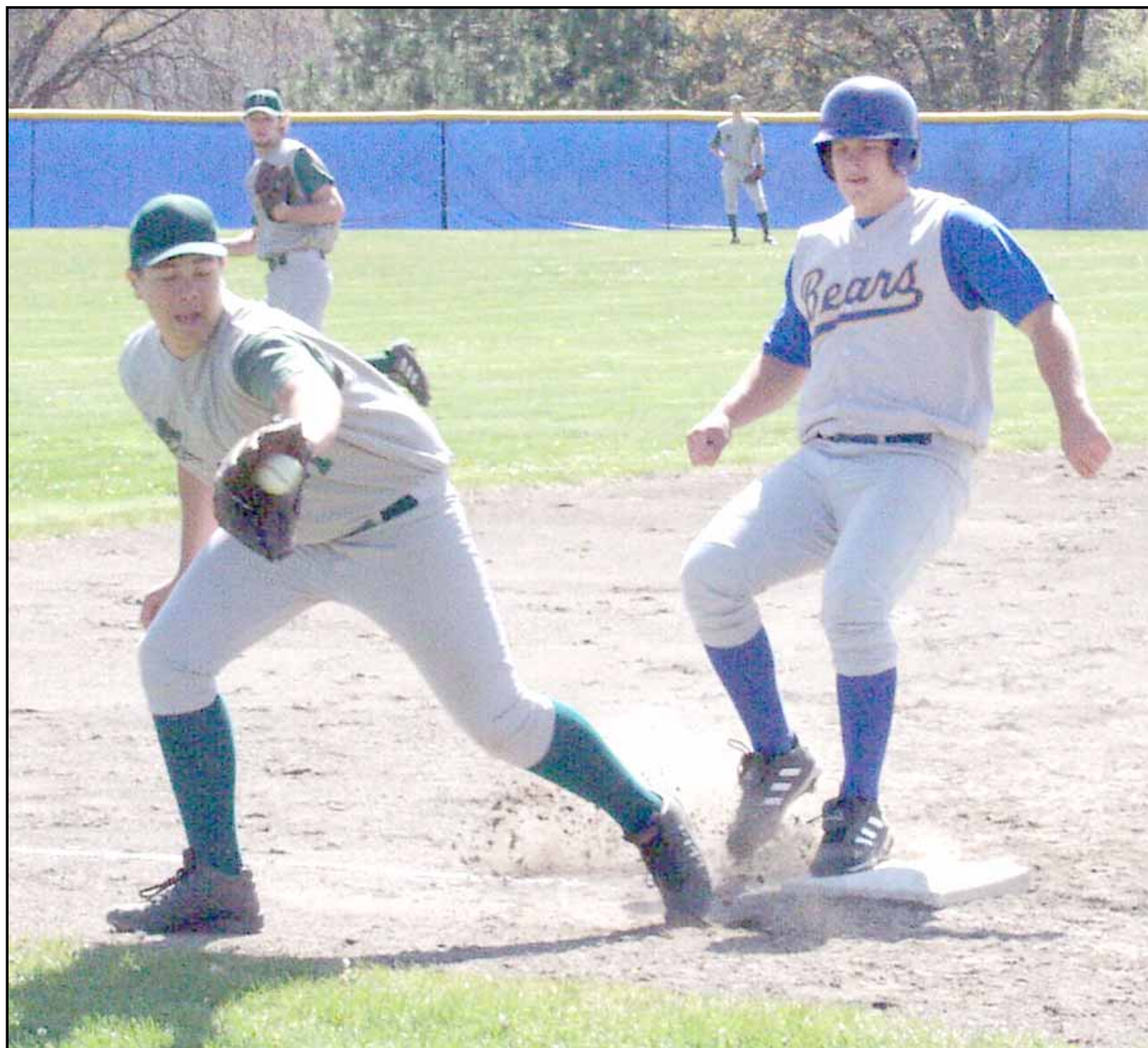
In men's junior varsity competition, Jake Cenceny took first in the 100M (12.22).

Ladies golf opens their season as 15 hit links

The Ladies Golf Club opened their season on the greens at the Fall River Valley Golf and Country Club last week with 15 participants and they invite any interested lady golfers to join them on Tuesday mornings, weather permitting. Sign-ups are at 8:30 a.m. and tee times start at 9 a.m.

In Flight 1, Lynda McDaniel had 32. Fran Wilson had 33.5 in Flight 2 and Shirley McArthur had a 39 in Flight 3.

McArthur, McDaniel, Deborah Halpenny and Lydia each had chip-ins. For birdies it was Barbara Hanan, #15; McDaniel, #4; and Halpenny, #1.



Burney's Steven Gibbs needed a quicker throw for an out at third in Friday's game with the Mt. Shasta Bears.

Burney loses twin bill to Bears

Burney High School freshman Mike Pearson brought his team to their feet when he hit a triple Friday in Mt. Shasta emptying the bases and putting 3 RBI's on the scoreboard.

"He came in head first," said coach Larry Jacobs.

The team lost their doubleheader, 17-1 and 16-6, but Game 2 had a few other highlights with Kevin Wrigley and Cory Drenon each hitting

doubles and Pearson and Tyler Roads each getting a single. Cooper Allison was 2-for-3 on two bunt singles.

Steven Gibbs was the starting pitcher in Game 2. "Then Wrigley came in for us

and we had two innings with three up and three down," said Jacobs.

Drenon pitched the opener and also scored a home run for his team's solo score. Pearson and Derek Harrington each hit singles.



Beginning of Little League

Red Sox batter Tristain Angel, 7, of Burney, takes a look at his hit on opening day of Little League season Saturday in the game versus the White Sox.

Ladies golf club sponsors girls only golf clinic

The Fall River Valley Ladies Golf Club is sponsoring a girls-only golf clinic this summer, open to girls in 7th through 10th grades who live within the Big Valley and Fall River school districts.

The clinic begins June 22 with a session on the driving range. The June 24 session is on the putting green and on June 29 students play on the course.

The two-hour classes begin at 3:30 p.m. Clubs are provided if needed.

The clinic is limited to 10 girls and the registration deadline in June 14. Mail the \$20 registration fee, which includes range balls and green fees, to Susan Lauer, Fall River Golf Club, PO Box 827, Fall River Mills, CA 96028.

Burney U12 beats R.B.

The Pizzazz, Burney's U12 girls, beat the Red Bluff Poison Ivy, 5-1, in Red Bluff Saturday to win their fifth consecutive game.

Sarah Gard started them off by kicking in the first goal in the first 60 seconds of the game.

Delia Saber, described by her coach Dawn Watson as an "aggressive forward," scored three more goals for her team and Ashley Bonsey added another.

The U16 Maestro's tied 3-3 with Yreka Saturday in Yreka. Nate Bartell, Nick Calzia, and a player from the Yreka team each kicked one into the net to score for Burney.

Burney's Boyer first in the 3200m at Weed Invitational

Burney High School's track and field team traveled to College of the Siskiyous in Weed Friday to compete against 10 other schools at the Weed Invitational.

Garrett Boyer ran the 3200m for the first time and took first place with his time of 12:51.

Boyer ran the 1600m in 5:32:00 and the 800 in 2:28, both his personal best times.

Competing for the first time in pole vaulting, freshman Jackie Harris scored 6-1 and tied for second place for junior varsity girls. She had a time of 14.77 in the 100m and 32 in the 200m.

Sophomore Mike Young ran the 100m in 12.44 and the 200m in 24.68 to record his personal best times. He

ran the 400m in 59 seconds.

Junior Jennifer Wall ran the 400m in 70 seconds and had a time of 6:19 in the 1600m race.

"She picked up the 200 meter just for fun and did it in 30.49," said coach Bill Hawes.

In the shot put event, Nicole Carlotto threw 22-foot, 6-1/2 inches. Her discus event was 66 feet.

SPORTS DESK

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Salters 3rd in 200m of 72 runners

Fall River High School's Deiter Salters placed third overall in the 200 meter in a field of 72 runners Friday at the West Valley-Chico Invitational at CSU, Chico.

His preliminary time for the event was 22.77, according to coach Gere Handa, who said his race times were not available at press time.

In the same event, Keegan Moyer took 12th place with his time of 24.01.

In the 3200, Brent Handa set a new personal record with a time of 9:57.00 to put him in sixth place in a field of 24 runners.

Salters had a seventh place finish in the 100M with his time of 11.46. Moyer's time was 11.92, good for a 15th place slot in a field of 78 runners.

By BETTY DEBNAM

Celebrate Space Day

Looking Far Beyond Our Sun

In the early 1800s, Lewis and Clark set out to explore a part of their planet that was mysterious to them and to most European Americans, the American West.

Now, 200 years later, humans are exploring farther than anyone could have dreamed of two centuries ago. Scientists are looking far beyond our home planet, exploring outer space millions of miles from our own solar system.

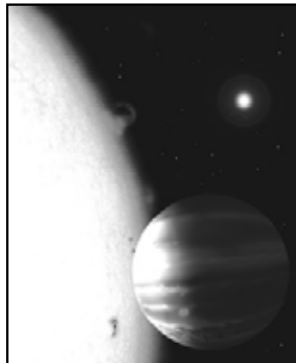
The Mini Page celebrates Space Day by looking at some of the explorations beyond our sun and planets.

The search for other planets

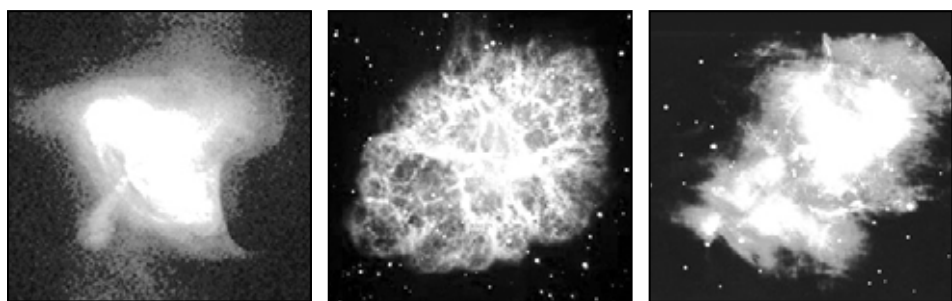
One of the most exciting missions is the search for planets outside our own solar system. In the last 10 years, scientists have discovered more than 100. Before that, no one had found any.

There are about 100 billion stars just in our galaxy alone. There are probably billions of planets as well.

This is an artist's idea of a planet outside our solar system. At this time our equipment is only able to detect planets as big as Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system.



These pictures show how the Crab Nebula looks when observed by different types of telescopes.



As seen by an X-ray telescope.

As seen with a visible light, or optical, telescope.

As seen with an infrared telescope.

The search for life

One of the most exciting mysteries is whether there is life anywhere else besides Earth. Life may exist on planets all over the universe. Or we may live in a universe where life is rare. Right now, no one knows for sure.

Life as we know it must have water to exist. So finding water is one of the first steps to finding life.

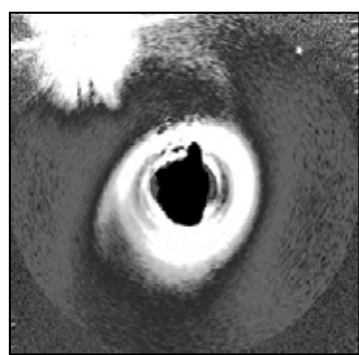
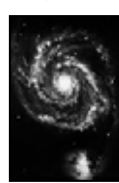
In our own solar system, the rovers now on Mars, Spirit and Opportunity, have found signs of water. Experts wonder if life could have existed there, too.

Scientists are trying to figure out if faraway planets may also have water. Scientists are also searching outside our solar system for materials that make up life as we know it. These include elements such as carbon, nitrogen and oxygen.

The search for beginnings

Astronomers use many different ways to get a better picture of the universe. They hope to find out:

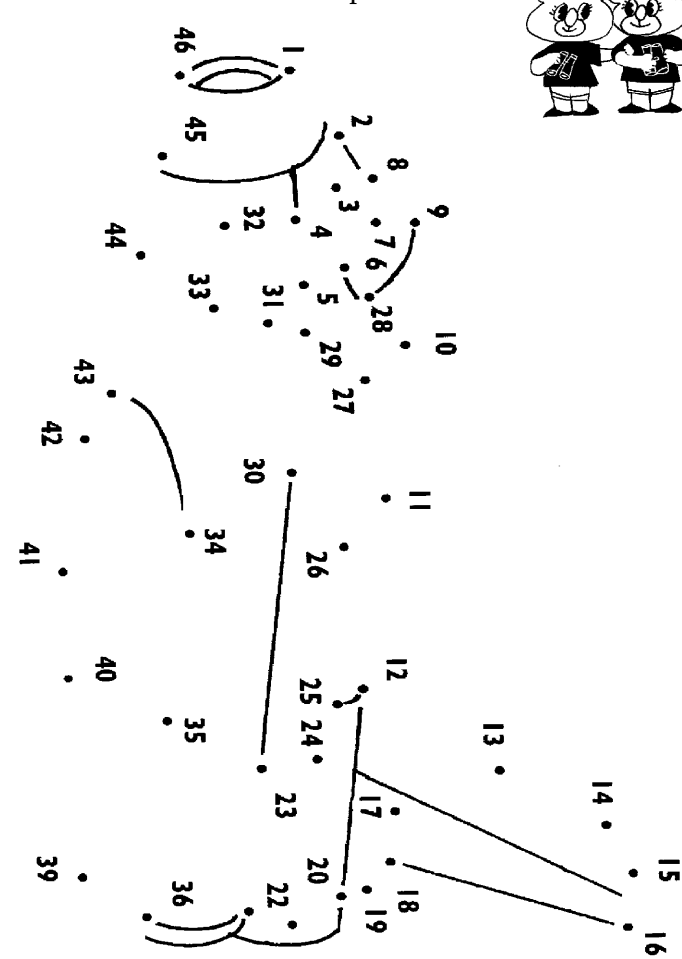
- how our universe began.
- where galaxies come from.
- how galaxies form.
- how stars form.
- how planets form.



This Hubble photo shows a place where planets might be born, in a disk of dust around a star.

This year, Space Day is on May 6. Its theme is "Blazing Galactic Trails." (Galactic means among the galaxies.)

Go dot to dot and color the space shuttle.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Easy Pound Cake

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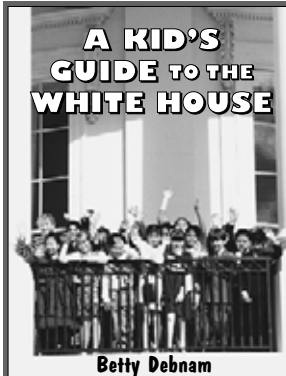
- 1 box "butter recipe" cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 (8-ounce) container sour cream

What to do:

1. Mix together cake mix, eggs, sugar and oil until smooth.
2. Stir in the sour cream, making sure not to overmix.
3. Pour into a greased and floured bundt pan.
4. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 1 hour. (If top gets too brown, cover with aluminum foil.)
5. Let cake cool before removing from the pan.

Yields 10 to 12 slices.

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Kids! You're Invited to the White House

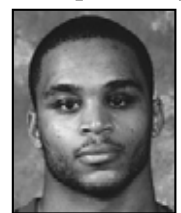
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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Jameer Nelson



Height: 5-11 Birthdate: 2-9-82
Weight: 190 Hometown: Chester, Pa.

When he trots onto the basketball court, Jameer Nelson doesn't look imposing — but keep looking. Watch him dart past a defender, swish a long jumper, or steal the ball like a pickpocket.

The senior guard led the St. Joseph's Hawks to a 27-0 regular-season record and into the NCAA playoffs. He averaged about 20 points, five assists and three steals per game — and also earned a National Player of the Year honor.

The popular Hawk also starred in the community as well as on the court. His autographed jersey sold for \$3,500 at an auction, and the money went to the Philadelphia Archdiocese Catholic Youth Organization.

St. Joe fans will never forget Nelson, whose jersey No. 14 will be "retired" — a fitting tribute to the man hailed as the best Hawks player ever.

Meet Matthew Lillard



Matthew Lillard, 34, is back again this spring as "Shaggy" in the new movie "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed."

Matthew first appeared in movies after he graduated from high school and was hired as an extra. He studied at the Pasadena College of the Arts in California. After college, he started his own theater company with a friend. Then, in 1991, he moved to New York City to work in another theater company, Circle in the Square.

Matthew co-starred with actor Freddie Prinze Jr., or "Fred," in the first "Scooby-Doo" movie. He also appeared in "It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie."

Matthew was born in Michigan but grew up in California with his younger sister. He now lives in Los Angeles with his wife and a daughter, Addison Grace.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

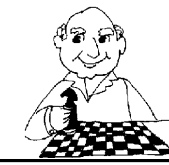
Matt: What is a mouse's favorite game?
Erin: Hide 'n' squeak!



Josh: Will the band play anything I ask them to?
Lisa: They might play checkers!



Sarah: What makes a chess player happy?
Dennis: Taking a knight off!



SPACE TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of outer space are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: EXPLORE, PLANET, STARS, GALAXY, TELESCOPE, RADIATION, LIFE, WATER, UNIVERSE, HUBBLE, LIGHT, CHANDRA, INFRARED, HEAT, ENERGY, FAR, SUN, SPIRIT, SHUTTLE.

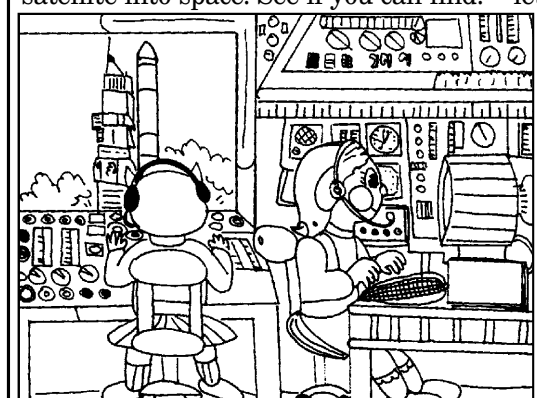
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- banana
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- book
- comb
- boomerang
- olive
- letter L

Exploring Space in Many Ways

Observing outer space

Visible light, or light we can see with our unaided eyes, is only one form of radiation*. There are many other kinds, each one detecting different information.

In order to see past the interference from Earth's atmosphere, scientists have launched many types of observatories (telescopes and other instruments), each using a different type of radiation.

*Radiation is made of rays of energy.

The Hubble Space Telescope

The most famous space observatory is the Hubble Space Telescope, which uses visible light to explore the distant corners of the universe.

Some of its most important discoveries include knowledge about:

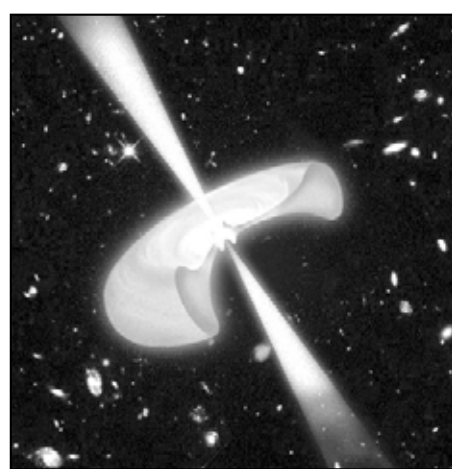
- the origins of galaxies, with photographs of galaxies 10 billion years old.
- the universe's age, about 12 to 14 billion years old.
- many more black holes* than once believed.
- planets forming around young stars.

*Black holes are invisible objects in space with such strong gravity that not even light can escape from them.

Because of safety issues, the U.S. will not send up any more shuttle missions to service the Hubble. NASA is considering sending up robotic spacecraft to work on it and keep it going longer. In a few years it will be allowed to fall to Earth in such a way as not to harm anyone.



This Hubble photo is of a supernova explosion. The bright spots, known as cosmic pearls, are areas where gas has been heated to as much as 1 million degrees (F) by the explosion.



This is an artist's idea of gamma rays bursting out from a supernova.

Gamma rays

Gamma rays are energy bursts that develop when matter is hit by cosmic rays, or high-energy waves in space. Gamma rays put out about a billion times more energy than visible light.

Several gamma ray telescopes are exploring the skies from both Earth and space. These are useful for gaining information about violent events, such as exploding stars, or supernova.

The Mini Page thanks Dr. Anne Kinney, division director for astronomy and physics, NASA, for help with this issue.

Sites to see: www.nasa.gov
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Look on the weather page of your newspaper to see what will be visible in your night skies.

Next week The Mini Page celebrates Mother's Day with a look at where florists get their flowers.

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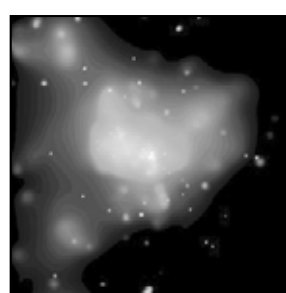
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X-rays

X-ray telescopes study areas in space that are giving off a lot of energy. X-rays have a temperature of about a million degrees.

X-ray telescopes can study events such as material falling into a black hole.



This X-ray image from the Chandra X-Ray Telescope shows matter from a supernova surrounding a black hole in our own galaxy, the Milky Way.

Infrared

Infrared can measure anything giving off even small amounts of heat. Almost every object, even an ice cube, gives off some heat.

In space, infrared instruments can detect objects inside cold and dusty regions, such as areas where stars and planets are starting to form.

Because infrared telescopes detect even tiny amounts of heat, the telescopes in space must be cooled to about 459 degrees (F) below zero. If a telescope is not that cold, its own heat will interfere with finding infrared rays in space.



This is a picture of a dog seen in visible light, as we normally would see it.



This is a picture of the same dog taken with an infrared camera. Notice that the dog's eyes and ears seem to be glowing. This is because they are the warmest areas. The nose is the darkest, or coldest, of all.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS MAY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY					
ALL EVENTS AT THE HAT CREEK RIFLE RANGE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC						Dia de los Ninos Festival & Carnival Bieber park - Noon-4 p.m. Burney Chamber Ham Run at McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Park 2-mile run/walk - 8 a.m. 4-mile run - 9 a.m. IM Preschool Yard Sale - 8am					
2	Burney Chamber of Commerce - Noon at the Chamber Gardens American Legion, Post 441 at Burney VFW Hall - 7 p.m. Burney Cemetary Board Meeting - 7 p.m. Burney VFW & American Legion Honoring WWII Vets	3	4	Fall River School Dist. Board Meeting - 6 p.m. Big Valley Chamber at Community Hall, Adin - 7pm Burney Mosquito Abatement District Meeting - 5 p.m. F.R. Comm. Svcs Dist - 7 p.m. Sr. Girls Dinner, Lions Club in Burney - 6 p.m.	5	Oral Boards for Senior Class Projects Burney Basin Days Meeting Burney Fire Hall - 5:30 p.m. McArthur Fire Board - 7 a.m. Big Valley Lions Club at Bieber Mem. Hall - 6:45 a.m. Lions Club in Burney - 7 p.m.	6	Cassel Fire Company board of directors election meeting - 7 p.m. Community Clean-Up with Burney Lions & high school students - 10 a.m. Xmas Tree Lane Improvement Committee at Round Table - Noon Pit River Casino Hot Seat Drawing	7	Cowboy Action Shoot at Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club - 10 a.m. Pit River Casino Live entertainment - 8 p.m. Montgomery Grange presents dinner & variety show 'What Is This Thing Called Love' at community center - 6 p.m. for dinner, show at 7 p.m.	8
NRA Cowboy Rifle Shoot - 10 a.m. Club board of directors meeting following shoot at Sam's Pizza Pit River Casino Big Bucks Bingo - 1 p.m. Mother's Day Brunch - 10am <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10	11	Burney Fire Board - 7 p.m. Soroptimist Club at Sam's Pizza in J.P. - Noon Bel Canto Womens Choir at Intermountain Evangelical Free Church, McArthur - 7pm	12	Burney Rotary - Noon Burney Lions Club - 7 p.m. Fall River Fire Board Meeting at the fire hall - 7 p.m. Intermountain Artists meet Fall River Mills - Noon	13	Burney American Legion Car Wash fundraiser - 10am Small Bore & Field Pistol Shoot at rifle range - 9 a.m. Burney Rotary gold tourney at Fall River course - 9 a.m. Info, call 336-5511, ext 1130	14	15	
IMHSA Big Bore Shoot - 9am NRA Hunters Pistol & Cowboy rifle shoot - 10am & 1pm at the Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club Range off Hwy 299, 1 mile east of Pit River	16	IMAGE - 11 a.m. at the Acorn Cafe, Montgomery Crk.	17	Soroptimist Club at Sam's Pizza in J.P. - Noon Mayer's Memorial Hospital District Board Meeting - 1pm Burney Water Dist. - 7:30 p.m. Fall River Chamber - 7 p.m.	18	FR Elementary Open House - 7 p.m. Burney Basin Days Meeting Burney Fire Hall - 5:30 p.m. Big Valley Lions Club at Bieber Mem. Hall - 6:45 a.m. Burney Rotary - Noon Burney Lions Club SOM - 7 p.m.	19	NRA Black Powder Rifle Shoot - 11 a.m.	20	21	22
Muzzle Loader Rifle, S/B Hunter Pistol, S/B Cowboy Rifle - 10am Muzzle loader Pistol - 1pm	23	Burney Vets Honor Guard Ceremony at the old Burney Cemetery - 11 a.m. <i>Memorial Day</i>	24	25	26	Soroptimist Club at Sam's Pizza in J.P. - Noon	27	Intermountain Fair Board Meeting - 8 p.m.	28	29	
30		31				Mountain Cruisers Poker Run - Registration at Tom & Ginger's - 4 p.m.	Mountain Cruisers Car Show at the Rex Club - 10am-2pm				

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