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Good morning

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Sunny with highs in the lower 60s. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Lows 30 to 35 degrees.

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Daughters come along

Mothers and fathers across the Magic Valley took their daughters to work Thursday.

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GOP gets tough on welfare reform

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Republicans appeared galvanized last fall when they unveiled a detailed welfare-reform package that was much tougher than what Clinton advisers were discussing and that attracted admiring glances from some conservative Democrats.

The Republican plan more than matched President Clinton's idea of a mandatory work requirement for those who stay on Aid to Families with Dependent Children for more than two years, and it called for an

outright ban on assistance for teen-aged mothers of illegitimate children, a much more severe sanction than Clinton was considering.

For a while, the plan appeared to have bridged the party's wide ideological spectrum. But a recent spate of attacks from the party's right has splintered GOP unity and Thursday a small group of conservative Republicans, led by freshmen Rep. James M. Talent, Mo., and Sen. Lauch Faircloth, N.C., introduced a much more restrictive plan to compete with the original GOP proposal.

Arguing that the welfare system promotes illegitimacy, the Talent-Faircloth plan would cut off benefits to unmarried mothers under the age of 21 and turn over the savings to the states for programs to care for the children, such as orphanages and group homes. The proposal also would impose a ceiling on future welfare spending and force 50 percent of the welfare caseload into a work program by 1996.

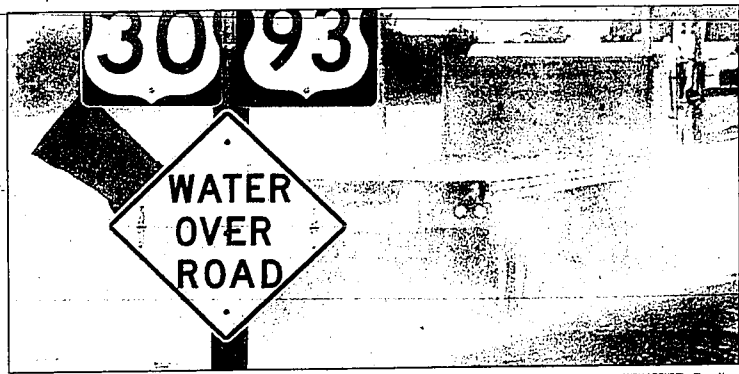
The majority Republican plan would also cut off AFDC benefits for unwed mothers, but it would target a smaller population — those below the age of 18 who could live

with their parents. That plan, which has been endorsed by 160 of the 176 House Republicans, would also give states the option of passing legislation to restore the AFDC benefits, a provision that has been roundly attacked by Bennett and others.

While the House plan would also impose a work requirement on AFDC recipients, the requirement would be phased in more gradually than the Talent-Faircloth proposal, to give states time to adjust to the requirement.

The issue of illegitimacy has become a focal point of debate over the legislation.

Wet blanket



ANDY ARENTH/Times-News

Thursday's weather in Twin Falls had something for everybody. The morning brought rain and snow showers, soaking fields and covering roads, including Highway 30 near Curry. By noon the wind, clouds and precipitation gave way to the sun and a remarkably pleasant afternoon and evening followed.

Canyon sobers Elvis Bob's handlers

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They came, they saw, but will they "chicken out?"

Two representatives from Los Angeles radio station KLOS got their first look at the Snake River Canyon Wednesday night. The station hopes to catapult a 200-pound fiberglass statue called "Elvis Bob" across the canyon in a June publicity stunt.

But station representatives acknowledged Thursday that the canyon had more than exceeded their expectations.

"It's a lot bigger, a lot wider and a lot deeper than we thought," said Carey Curelop, programming director for KLOS. Station president and general manager Bill Sommers explained how the pair approached the precipice. Curelop crawled on hands and knees, while Sommers got no closer than 25 feet from the rim.

"Standing at the jump site was a humbling experience," Curelop said.

The Snake River Canyon is 1,800 feet wide and 485 feet deep at the ramp where motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel unsuccessfully tried to fly over the canyon in a steam-powered rocket in September 1974.

Kent Just, executive vice president of the Twin Falls Area Chambers of Commerce, said Thursday he thought the radio station might modify, or even "chicken out," of the stunt after seeing the canyon.

"I think they understand the enormity of it now," Just said Thursday.

Early cost estimates for the stunt range between \$60,000 and \$75,000, but the costs are only a means to the radio station's greater goal.

"It's a promotional stunt for ratings," Curelop said.

KLOS-FM is ranked second among Southern Californians aged 25-54. The station's morning disc jockeys, Mark Thompson and Brian Phelps, have been talking up the stunt throughout the spring.

Thompson and Phelps say they are bringing Elvis Bob to Twin Falls to pay homage to Knievel's jump 20 years ago. The DJs used a catapult to launch Elvis Bob across the fountains at Caesars Palace last year in Las Vegas.

The DJs are expected to visit Twin Falls sometime in the next two weeks.

Although the radio station will need to clear a "safe" landing ground for Elvis Bob

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Photo courtesy KLOS Radio

This is Elvis Bob, the potential canyon-catapult stunt statue.

Africa's colonial era ends with historic elections

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The end of white minority rule in South Africa closes the colonial period in Africa after 125 bitter years of conquest, greed and bloodshed.

In its wake, South Africa joins the rest of the continent in the struggle to find African solutions to problems such as poverty, civil war and corruption.

"We are now finally cutting the link with our colonial mother," said Professor Sampie Trebranliche, an

economic historian at Stellenbosch University near Cape Town. "Now we become a part of Africa."

Britain, France, Italy, Portugal and Germany divided up the vast African continent in a few brief years at the end of the 19th century, in what became known as "the scramble."

The European powers relinquished their African possessions almost as quickly in the 20th century. Mozambique won independence from Portugal in 1975; Britain's Rhodesia turned into Zimbabwe in 1980; the former German mandate

of South-West Africa became Namibia in 1990.

Though not strictly speaking a colony, South Africa was the last European toehold on the continent. Many whites here previously fled Kenya, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe to escape black rule after independence.

"The whites have been busy building what one may call a new Europe here at the southern tip of the black continent, but now that is all finished," said Trebranliche.

The Africa they join is, to say the

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S. Africa extends voting an extra day

Los Angeles Times

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Massive distribution problems, ballot shortages, long lines of voters and allegations of sabotage in South Africa's first democratic elections forced officials to extend voting for an extra

day today in the Zulu heartland and five other rural regions.

The decision, approved by President Frederik W. de Klerk and other political leaders, came amid reports of wide problems, though no serious violence, at hundreds of the nearly 10,000 polling stations.

Millions of South Africans turned

up to cast ballots on Thursday, which was to be the final day of national voting. But election officials said ballot papers did not arrive at numerous polling sites in six regions, especially in remote villages, until late Thursday afternoon, just hours before they were due to close.

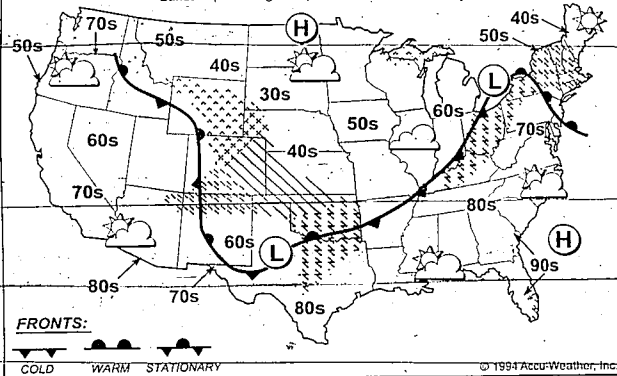


International Electoral Commission volunteers count and check full ballot boxes at a collection point in Johannesburg, South Africa, Thursday.

Weather

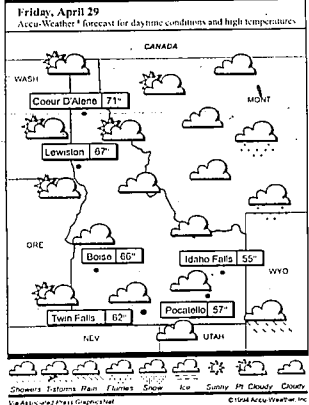
NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Friday, April 29.
Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



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Temperatures

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Atlanta	85	63	37	Spokane	61	42	01
Boston	62	47	04	Washington	82	64
Chicago	44	35	40				
Dallas	75	58	08				
Denver	45	30	00				
Des Moines	46	38	21				
Detroit	48	39	34				
Honolulu	81	71	19				
Houston	86	76	08				
Indianapolis	60	52	39				
Kansas City	64	44	2.53				
Las Vegas	87	52	00				
Los Angeles	67	50	02				
Miami	86	69	21				
Milwaukee	38	33	13				
Minneapolis	35	32	27				
New Orleans	88	71	00				
New York	65	49	08				
Oklahoma City	64	42	20				
Omaha	46	39	43				
Phoenix	76	53	00				
Pittsburgh	73	46	00				
Portland, Ore.	68	49	00				
Portland, Me.	62	41	00				
St. Louis	78	52	3.10				
Salt Lake City	52	37	58				
San Francisco	68	50	00				

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Sunny today with highs in the lower 60s. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 30 to 35. Saturday partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-60s.
Carnas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Sunny today with highs in the mid-50s. Tonight clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Saturday partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.
Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Sunday through Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers each day. Lows in the 30s to lower 40s. Highs in the mid-50s to mid-60s.
Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah - Mostly cloudy this morning with scattered snow-

ers becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs 55-60. Tonight clearing. Lows in the low to mid-30s. Sunday in extended clouds with chance of showers developing in the afternoon. Warmer, with highs 60-65.
Elko County - Increasing clouds and warmer with highs in the mid-50s to mid-60s today. Tonight mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers west. Snow level near 6,000 feet. Lows in the upper 20s and 30s. Saturday with rain showers with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Snow level 6,000 to 6,500 feet. Highs in the upper 50s to mid-60s.

Weather summary

Low pressure over the southeastern corner of the Gem State produced some lingering rain and snow Thursday. Over in the north and the southwest, skies were mostly sunny as higher pressure began moving into the region. The low pressure area continued to move eastward as higher pressure gathered across the state. This is expected to reduce the amount of clouds over most of the state. Temperatures moderated slightly and winds were light in the Magic Valley after a morning of rain and snow showers. Rainfall amounts were led by LavaHot Springs with .18 inch; a number of stations received trace amounts. The highest temperature in the state Thursday was 69 degrees at Payette. Elk City and Red River reported the lowest at 21 degrees. Elsewhere in the nation Thursday, the highest temperature was 94 degrees at McAllen, Texas. Wisdom, Mont., reported the lowest temperature at 15 degrees.

Navy expels 24 from academy for cheating

The Washington Post

Navy Secretary John H. Dalton ordered 24 U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen expelled Thursday in the biggest cheating scandal in the school's history, ending a wrenching 16-month investigation of the venerable military institution in Annapolis. Dalton ordered that two other midshipmen who had been recommended for expulsion receive lesser punishment. Officials would not say why Dalton agreed to allow the two midshipmen to graduate next month and probably receive their Navy commissions later this year. "This has been a very difficult decision to make, but in my judgment, it is both fair and just," said Dalton, an academy graduate. "We must strive to maintain a 'spirit of honor and integrity within the naval service.'"

considerations. However, sources said six of the midshipmen separated from the Navy were members of the varsity football team. Officials said Dalton decided the 24 expelled midshipmen will not be required to repay the academy for their education, which cost as much as \$90,000. Nor did he order them to serve for three years in the enlisted ranks. Current seniors will be allowed to finish their spring courses but will not get academy degrees. "Separation from the academy without a commission or degree was thought to be enough" punishment, said Lt. Bill Spann, a Navy spokesman. The 26 midshipmen Dalton reviewed were among 134 seniors implicated in the December 1992 incident, which triggered harsh questions from Congress and the naval inspector general's office about the academy's moral-training programs. These probes also faulted academy officials for reacting slowly when the cheating first was disclosed.



Crash kills carrier pilot

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A U.S. Navy pilot was killed Thursday when his jet crashed in the Adriatic Sea while taking off from the USS Saratoga. Military officials said the first death among the NATO allies as part of the air operation over Bosnia. Pentagon officials said they did not yet know why the F/A-18 crashed shortly after 3 p.m. local time (8 a.m. MST). A military official said the body of the pilot, who has not been identified pending notification of family, was recovered on the water's surface, leading to the conclusion he probably ejected from the plane as it was going down. The pilot was an unmarried lieutenant based at the naval air station at Cecil Field near Jacksonville, Fla., a Navy spokesman said. The Saratoga is participating in NATO's "Operation Deny Flight," which has been enforcing the United Nations prohibition on military flights over Bosnia.

Truck strike may be over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiators for the Teamsters and 22 trucking companies reached a tentative agreement late Thursday that would increase members' pay and could end a nationwide trucking strike. "We are pleased with the tentative agreement reached today with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters," said Arthur J. Bonte Jr., president of Trucking Management Inc., which represented the trucking companies. "I'm proud to say that our members won on very key issues, which we secured," Teamster President Ron Carey said. The Teamsters said the agreement

came after Trucking Management dropped its demand for low-wage part-time workers. The companies had proposed using new \$9-an-hour part-time workers to work 24 percent of the hours now worked by full-time dock workers. "There will be no such workers in the new contract," the union said in a statement. The union accepted binding arbitration of deadlocked grievances, the statement said. Wages would increase by \$1.30 an hour over the four-year contract and benefits would go up \$1.90 per hour, the Teamsters said. Trucking Management declined to release details of the agreement.

Colonial

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least, troubled. There is gruesome slaughter in Rwanda, anarchy in Somalia, and drought in East Africa. The map of the continent is dotted with despots, and its ledgers filled with grim economic statistics. There is a joke that the only thing worse than being a European colony is to be a part of the African continent. "This is not being colonized by a European country for ... years and then it packs up and leaves." In their short and brutal stay, colonizers created nation states that had little relation to the ethnic makeup of the continent, and forced tribal systems into European hierarchies. They exploited natural resources but did little to develop economies. The people they left behind were hardly equipped for stable democracy. "Black Africa was a pre-literate, tribal, and violent collection with the most self-civilized and best-equipped colonial juggernaut in world history," said Blaine Harden, a writer on Africa. The Europeans also brought medicine, the Morescoes, and other modern benefits that black Africans want to retain. The question is how. Many whites moan that black-run South Africa will "go the way of the rest of black Africa," a vision the government long used to terrorize them into supporting apartheid. But optimists put South Africa in a completely different category and say it is the continent's last, best chance. Although blacks huddling in

shanties is a truer picture of South Africa than whistles piping and tonics on verandas, the country has a better start toward fiscal status than other African countries. "The modern sector in South Africa is much, much larger than all the modern sectors put together in the rest of Africa," Terrence Lanchie said. "African National Congress leaders know that political power is of little use without economic prosperity. So they are wooing whites to keep their capital and expertise in the country, and they plan affirmative action to remedy the country's incredible inequities — but gradually. Even as white South Africa clung to its dream of a European order, it became more and more isolated from the developed world revolved by apartheid. Now it is ready to join the global economy again. The risk is neo-colonialism, with foreign powers planting their corporate flags and creating a new dependency. "We need foreign investment, but we don't want to be a colony of America," said Terrence Lanchie. That, however, is a problem for the new era. For now, the Organization of African Unity is disbanding its "liberation committee," which it established in 1963 to push for decolonization of countries still under European rule. The committee "has come to the end of its mandate," said the organization's Sam Ibok. "South Africa has been the last major task."

Canyon

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on the north side of the canyon, Curleup suggested a more probable resting place for the statue. "It's going to end up in the bottom of the river," he said. Sommers said he still has to sell the statue to the radio station's lawyers in New York City, and he is looking for ways to minimize the stunt's risks to the public and to the environment. The "Mark and Brian" morning radio show is syndicated in at least eight states. Curleup said he expects some of the show's listeners to come to Twin Falls to watch the Elvis Bob stunt, but he does not expect crowds of the like or size that came to see Knievel's 1974 jump. Knievel's jump garnered national media attention and was labeled a "blue-collar Woodstock." Just also does not expect chaos to follow Elvis Bob to town. He does think the radio station's stunt may damage a long-visioned Magic Valley in the future to see where the statue had catapulted into history.

Correction

A headline at the top of Thursday's front page was wrong. The headline should have indicated that the Snake River Basin Adjudication has been stalled until at least January 1995. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Visible planets

Morning: Jupiter, Saturn, Mars
Evening: Venus

Stormy weather brings rain, snow, tornadoes to midlands

The Associated Press

A strong low pressure system spread snow over parts of the Plains on Thursday and kicked up thunderstorms from the southern Plains into the Midwest. The low, which produced damaging tornadoes Wednesday, generated at least three funnel clouds Thursday in Missouri and Illinois, the National Weather Service said. Earlier Thursday, hail the size of golf balls fell north-west of Conway, Mo., and 1-inch-diameter hail fell near Midland, Texas, in Howard County, Texas, and Osceola, Mo. High winds damaged trees in parts of Arkansas. Moisture from the Gulf of Mexico was drawn northward along a cold front associated with the low, producing heavy rain from sections of Oklahoma into Illinois. For the 24 hours up to 7 a.m., 6.6 inches of rain fell at Chanute, Kan.; 6.2 inches fell at Uniontown, Kan.; 6.1

inches fell at Winfield, Kan.; 3.1 inches fell at Dyersburg, Tenn.; 2.8 inches fell at Kansas City, Mo.; 2.3 inches fell at Emporia, Kan.; and 2.1 inches fell at Rolla, Mo. The weather service said. For the six hours up to 1 p.m., 1.6 inches fell at St. Louis, and San Antonio, Texas, reported about an inch. Heavy rain was expected to spread northward into parts of Illinois and flash flood waters were issued. As the low pressure system moved eastward, colder air spilled southward bringing snow to the Plains. About 6 inches of snow fell at Culbertson, Neb., and Winner, S.D., and 5 inches fell in parts of Kansas and Nebraska. Freezing drizzle was reported across sections of northeastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. A winter storm warning was posted for north-central Nebraska, and a heavy snow warning was in effect for south-central and east-central South Dakota.

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Clinton still pushing health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unless Congress forces all employers to provide health insurance for their workers, there won't be any new drug benefits or long-term coverage for the elderly, President Clinton told senators' advocates.

Clinton, whose sweeping reform plan has encountered heavy opposition in Capitol Hill, complained Thursday about an "air of ineffectuality" in the current health reform debate.

"Don't let anybody tell you this is a government-run program. It's not," Clinton told more than 1,000 people at the annual conference of the National Council on the Aging, which is backing his plan.

"The truth is, the big debate on Capitol Hill is over whether all American employers and their employees, who either have no insurance today or woefully inadequate insurance, will have to assume some responsibility for providing this health care," said the president.

The council, a non-profit group representing 7,500 professionals, practitioners and organizations involved in issues related to aging, is eager to get prescription drug coverage added to Medicare and to secure the new community-based long-term care coverage for the disabled that Clinton has promised.



President Clinton addresses the National Council on Aging, Thursday in Washington.

But unless Congress passes a bill that guarantees health security for every American, we won't get to the prescription drugs and the long-term care. ... We won't get to step two," the president said.

He said some lawmakers have suggested raising taxes, squeezing money from Medicare or both. "I

don't think that's such a hot idea," he said.

The White House plan would save \$118 billion in Medicare over five years, primarily by trimming fee increases for hospitals and physicians. Clinton would apply those savings to pay for the prescription drug and long-term care benefits.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., said last Friday he believes some existing "broad-based" taxes will have to be raised to pay for universal coverage.

He ruled out a value-added tax.

"The president doesn't want to do it through a broad-based tax," Clinton's budget director, Leon Panetta, told reporters. The administration has argued it can pay for its reforms with no major tax hikes other than a 75-cent-per-pack increase in cigarette taxes and a 1 percent payroll tax on big corporations.

"We find it difficult to believe there is broad-based support for a large tax like the chairman (Rostenkowski) raised, but who knows?" said Panetta.

The "employer mandate" has been the most controversial feature of Clinton's blueprint, drawing heated opposition from business groups. "Republicans and some Democrats."

Both Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell, D-Mich., have floated proposals to exempt small businesses with 10 or fewer workers from having to cover their workers.

Democrats dump Senate spending cuts idea

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders have abandoned their long-shot effort to restore all \$26 billion in cuts the Senate made in President Clinton's long-range spending plans, congressional sources said Thursday.

The leaders made the decision after finding there would not be enough Senate votes to pass Clinton's \$1.5-trillion budget for 1995 if the cuts were fully abandoned, said the Democratic sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Instead, House and Senate leaders are likely to accept

roughly half the reductions, which would be made over the next five years. A compromise budget containing the cuts could be approved by Congress next week.

In an uprising against the Clinton administration and Democratic leaders, the Senate approved a budget last month containing the reductions, which were made in unspecified programs. They were sponsored by Sens. J. James Exon, D-Nebr., and Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who said they were needed to continue efforts to reduce near-record federal deficits.

Briefly

House votes to put drug users off rolls

WASHINGTON — After a fractious debate about drug addicts and alcoholics on the dole, a House committee voted Thursday to kick substance abusers off federal disability rolls after 36 months.

The vote by the House Ways and Means Committee came on an amendment to legislation that would spin off Social Security from the Department of Health and Human Services and make it an independent agency.

The bill, which also restricts unsupervised cash payments to drug abusers and alcoholics who collect Social Security, is expected to be approved by the committee next week.

\$580 million earmarked for screens

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will spend \$580 million over the next five years to foster private production of computer screens that could be used in items such as displays in soldiers' helmets and battlefield maps that can be instantly updated.

The plan to sharply increase government spending on the "flat panel displays" is aimed at overtaking Japan's lead in producing items based on technology originally developed in the United States.

The program will provide matching research and development funds to businesses willing to build plants to produce the panels, the Pentagon said.

Chicago exchange rejects request

CHICAGO — The Chicago Mercantile Exchange rebuffed a request from Republicans on the Senate Banking Committee for records that could shed more light on how Hillary Rodham Clinton reaped a \$99,000 profit on a \$1,000 commodities investment.

The exchange recently gathered and sealed the trading data at the direction of federal regulators but will not release them unless subpoenaed, exchange spokesman Andrew Yemma said Thursday.

"We take our responsibilities to our customers and member firms very seriously," he said.

Compiled from wire reports

Court hears debate on abortion protests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court struggled Thursday with how to safeguard the free-speech rights of anti-abortion demonstrators while also protecting abortion clinic patients and employees from harassment.

In a closely watched case from Melbourne, Fla., the court is trying to clarify how far judges and local governments may go in restricting protests outside abortion clinics.

Comments from several justices during Thursday's 60-minute argument session suggested the task is not going to be easy.

"This is a complicated case," Justice John Paul Stevens said.

Justice Antonin Scalia told one of the arguing lawyers, "I must say, you have me thoroughly confused." And Justice Sandra Day O'Connor called one line of argument "so confusing."

The court's nine members will cast their initial votes behind closed doors Friday, but are not expected to announce their decision until late June.

Matthew Staver, an Orlando lawyer representing three anti-abortion activists, argued that a Florida judge had gone too far in trying to protect patients and employees at a Melbourne abortion clinic.

The judge issued an injunction barring Operation Rescue members and those acting "in concert" with

them from coming within 36 feet of the clinic — effectively keeping all protesters across the street from the clinic's property.

The judge also created a 300-foot protest zone, in which demonstrators cannot approach someone seeking the clinic's services without some kind of invitation to do so.

"The injunction is overkill," Staver said. "This injunction, rather than using a surgeon's scalpel, cuts with a butcher's knife."

But Florida State University President Talbot D'Almeida, representing the clinic's owners, argued that people intent on closing down the clinic must be restrained.

These rescue organizations do not represent the entire pro-life movement, only a small portion of it," D'Almeida said, adding that not all anti-abortion demonstrators are bound by the injunction.

Solicitor General Drew Days III, representing the Clinton administration, also urged the justices to uphold the Florida judge's injunction.

The Florida Supreme Court upheld the injunction. However, the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, acting on a separate case, said it probably is unconstitutional.

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Woman shot by own gun in court building

GLENDALE (AP) — A court worker who carried a gun in her purse for protection against her ex-husband was critically wounded Thursday when she dropped the bag and the weapon discharged, authorities said.

No one else was injured in the morning incident in the Glendale Court building, police said.

Janis Wylie, 38, was in critical condition with a chest wound, said Debra Gelbart, spokeswoman for St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix.

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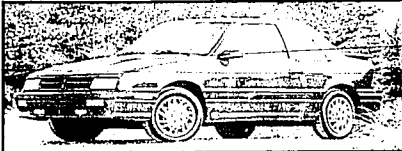
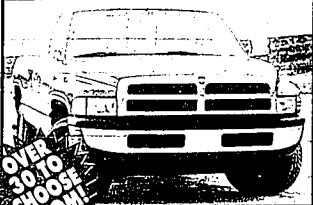


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Editorial

Bravo for effort to fight workers' comp abuses

Idaho's state-run Insurance Fund was wise to start a hotline for reports of workers' compensation fraud. Shortstopping fraud before it can become a major problem will help Idaho avoid the devastating costs that bedevil many other states.

The toll-free hotline was set up earlier this month. By this week, it had received about three dozen calls, and Fund Manager Merle Parsley said 15 of them appeared to be solid leads.

Some of those leads may relate to actual fraud, while others may reflect honest mistakes. Either way, the goal is the same: Keeping the fund from spending money needlessly.

Workers' compensation is an indispensable safeguard for employees. It assures that a person hurt on the job is not left with huge medical bills — or worse, an untreated and disabling injury.

But some states' compensation costs have been swollen by false or inflated claims. Injuries can be exaggerated, or compensation can be claimed long after an injury is healed. Sometimes, doctors inflate bills. These costs are passed on to

businesses in the form of higher insurance premiums, and then to consumers in higher-priced goods and services.

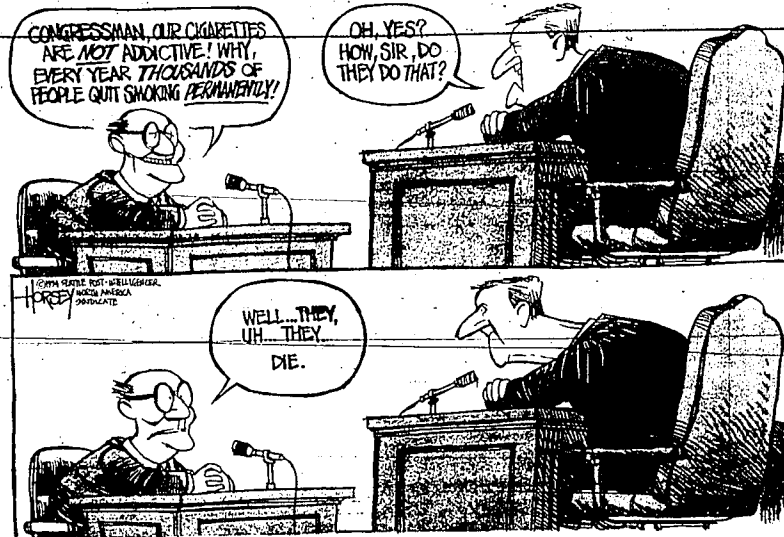
The most notorious example is California, where high costs of workers' comp are viewed as an incentive for businesses to move elsewhere. One place they move is Idaho.

That's because Idaho has been able to avoid abuses and keep costs down. With a rising population bringing the beginnings of big-city problems, we need to protect that record vigilantly.

As Parsley said this week, "We want to pay what we owe and what is proper. But we don't want to pay one penny more."

The hotline (800-448-4743) is one way to do that. Anyone who knows of workers' comp abuse can simply call in and report it. After business hours, the number is connected to a machine that records messages. Confidentiality is assured.

It's a good idea that will benefit both businesses and consumers. Meanwhile, state officials and the Legislature should watch the system closely to make sure it remains an attractive feature of our state.



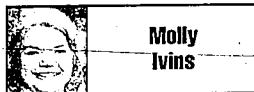
Top executives rack up big bucks

MARION, Ill. — As the business press reports the annual unveiling of the salaries of the CEOs of this great nation, we happy browsers for items of particular interest are having a lovely time.

This year's No. 1 Colossal Jumbo winner, coming in with \$203 million, is Michael Eisner of Walt Disney Co., the man who made such a success of Euro Disney that it is an international joke and who is now proposing to rape a chunk of Virginia countryside so he can build another Mouse theme park. That's the Texas spirit: Too Much Is Not Enough.

If this was simply an annual exercise in childishness — someone up there is doing a lot better than we are — it would have more point than the grumbling about the salaries of baseball players and movie stars. According to an item in Newsweek, grumbling is actually down this year (bear market in grumbling) because stronger corporate profits have made shareholders grumpy, whose grumbling counts, into happy campers. Furthermore, President Clinton limited the tax deductions that corporations can take for executive salaries over \$1 million, so at least we taxpayers are no longer indirectly subsidizing these ridiculous levels of pay.

So if the taxpayers aren't getting stiffed for much and the shareholders are happy, why be concerned about another wretched excess of the new Gilded Age? Check out the case of Sanford Weill, CEO of Travelers Corp., No. 2 for the third year in a row with a salary of \$55 million including stock options. His contribution to the rosy corporate profits picture came in the form of cutting his workers' benefits in health coverage and pensions. Get it? In the charming corporate argot of the business pages, "higher corporate profits" means "they figured out a



new way to screw the workers."

Now because all this is the happy result of private enterprise at its very best, perhaps you think we-the-public have no stake in it, except that we, too, would like to have one of those dandy CEO contracts that reads "bonuses not tied to performance." If the workers are too dumb to join a union, to hell with 'em, why should we worry? All these corporations that have "downsized" and "rightsized" and all that other fine stuff to increase corporate profits have made their shareholders real happy, and it's no skin off our nose, right? No one ever promised us security or performance-free bonuses.

Trouble is, all this really is our concern, both as citizens and as taxpayers. A recent study shows that almost 20 percent of American workers, those with full-time employment, are still below the poverty level, the lowest since 1967. For one thing, it's awfully difficult to move people off welfare and into minimum-wage jobs when they not only can't get out of poverty by going to work but also lose all their health benefits.

The sturdy new response from the right wing is not, as Clinton puts it, "to abolish welfare as we know it," but to abolish welfare, period. Ha! say our conservative friends who so pride themselves on being tough-minded. That'll force those lazy bastards to go to work. That people are on welfare in the first place because they can't find work seems not to have oc-

curred to the famously tough-minded.

For the most part, welfare in this country still does exactly what it was intended to do in the first place: give people a minimal (very minimal) safety net while they are between jobs. Most people stay on welfare anywhere from a few months to a few years; the much-discussed families that stay on welfare for generations are extremely atypical.

My fondest expectation for my colleagues in the news business is that someday, perhaps even soon, they will twig to the fact that the biggest story in this country is the radical, ongoing redistribution of wealth from the poor to the rich. My dream is that someday this very story will get as much coverage as Tonya and Nancy.

And in the meantime, think how pleasant it am to be — here in Marion, Ill. — within spitting distance of the home of one of my all-time favorite characters in American politics, the late Paul Powell. Powell was the state official here who croaked a few years back and was found to have left his foot lying around stuck in shoe boxes all over his house. Texas has had many famous thieves in office, but no one who ever stashed the loot in shoe boxes. For this touch alone, Powell ranks with the greats.

But listen to this item I just found out: According to a clause in Powell's will, some of his loot is used every year to buy a poinsettia plant at Christmas time for every shut-in and sick person in Johnson County, Ill. You see, friends, there is some good in everyone. I knew you'd be touched, too.

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Letters

Sports prepare youth for life

Adhelic competition has always been heralded as one of the potentially best ways in which to prepare young men and women for the competition they will face in real life, for whether we like it or not, real life is competitive. On the playing court or field, particularly in team sports, the team representing a school should consist of those athletes who have the best ability and fully use that ability through hard work and dedication.

Ideally, team selection and player utilization should be based upon fair and honest criteria, in the same way that the rules of a game should be adhered to by the players and enforced by the officials in a fair and unbiased manner. By doing so, honesty, fair play and good will are promoted and young people who participate learn very excellent lessons about the rewards and benefits which one receives from hard work and good conduct. This is what I have always believed as a player, as a coach and as a spectator. In believing this, I could say that I am an idealist.

I know that this ideal situation does not always exist, but the fact that it does not always exist does not excuse us from working toward that ideal. Parents, coaches, school administrators and school boards, what kind of lessons do we teach our young people when we do not adhere to and work toward those ideals? Do we wonder when our young people grow up to be cynical? When some of the potentially best athletes in a school do not even go out for a sport or quit during the season because of violation of the above ideals, do we care about those kids and do we wonder why in some cases the resultant team does poorly against other teams who practice those ideals?

When some of the best athletes sit on the bench while coaches' pets or, even worse, relatives of the coaches play or if parental/political pressure causes the coaching staff to play "favorites," is this right? I know that has happened in the past and certainly has in the present in many places, including Filer. But this does not make it right. I challenge school officials and others involved to do some real soul-searching and make some changes so that it doesn't continue to happen in the future.

DON PUDEP

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Music mother backs Madrigals

This letter is written in response to Linda Stevenson's letter.

While we understand her problem with the Twin Falls High School Madrigal name, we fail to understand her put-down of the vocal direction of the music department of Twin Falls High School.

Ms. Stevenson, the time has come for you to take off your blinders and join in with the rest of the music direction in the world is growing and changing, and we applaud Mr. Smack's efforts to instruct his students in all ways to perform. We feel very fortunate to have a teen-ager who is a student of Mr. Smack. Her appreciation of vocal technique, musical interpretation and music history has been a plus in her life.

Mr. Smack is much, much more than just the

fine man you say he is. His classes are full each year, and the requests to be in Madrigals are too long to mention. He truly cares about each individual student as a human and as a musician.

Perhaps you need to rethink the direction of the vocal music in the church where you direct. The lack of joyful music is one of the factors leading us to attend another church.

SHELLEY AND KIRK CHRISTENSEN
Twin Falls

Mother Nature can be cruel?

The other day while driving south of Wendell on my way to Bull, I noticed three young red foxes (probably teen-age foxes) huddled tightly together in a plowed beet field. I stopped and watched them with my binoculars for a while. They all had their heads down, and it seemed to me they were very excited about something they had found. I watched for a while longer because I had the feeling something out of the ordinary may happen as sometimes does with wild animals, especially foxes. As I focused in a little better with the binoculars, it happened. At first, I thought I must be dreaming and I rubbed my eyes, hoping what I may have seen would not be there when I looked at the trio of foxes again. My heart sank, my eyes had not fooled me, it was no illusion, it was real. Before my very eyes, a myth was being played out as fact. The young foxes had mated.

Each fox took a pawful of the small incendiary devices and trotted away. I watched the fox, that seem to be the leader, as he made his way to a patch of tall weeds and then ran to the opposite side of the weed patch. As the inflex was engaged by the stiff breeze, the fox crunched by an opening at the end of the weed patch.

Much to my chagrin, I finally realized what would happen next. Out they came, one, two, five, nine pheasants running for their very lives. The young (but very clever) fox nailed the first two birds before they knew what hit them. I cried right there and then.

Later on, I learned that this had been occurring throughout the entire Magic Valley for years and years. Now I knew the reason for the demise of the once abundant Idaho pheasant.

Mother Nature can be cruel, harsh and, yes, even ironic. Don't you agree?

DOUG YOUNG

Picabo

Give kids time to be kids

I heartily agree with Twin Falls School Board Chairman Steve Tolman about the need to curb our student "door-to-door salesmen." I rank the problem right up there with the calls from folks representing the sheriff's department who are trying to sell me concert tickets. You can add light bulb salespeople and dozens of others to the list. I find the whole idea an intrusion.

I would urge our school administrators and Parent-Teacher Organization folks to get together to work out a program to deal with this issue. Let's give the kids a break and allow them a chance to be kids.

TOM FRANK

Twin Falls

Letters

Training range has background

I feel it is important to bring to light some interesting facts concerning the proposed Idaho Training Range. Gov. Andrus and the Air Force have compromised more than seven different times in downsizing, relocating and changing the boundaries of the range from 1.5 million acres to 25,000 acres. This was done because, too, are environmentalists, and they want a working solution. These changes were recommendations from the Idaho Fish and Game, the special-interest environmentalist groups and the Native Americans.

Now the current proposed range avoids all these sensitive areas. End of story? No-humans! The Idaho Fish and Game jumped in bed with the environmental wacos and stabbed the governor in the back and voted against the governor and his own recommendations. Why? Because the agenda of the enviro wacos is no compromise, no reason. They want the Air Force Base closed and a no-use land

policy. If the range is approved, they will sue to stop it.

JACK JENSEN
Mountain Home

Police have better things to do

I'm glad there's no more crime in Jerome because the police have nothing better to do. That's why Officers Jim Sabino and Kelly Bangerter finished their coffee and doughnuts and found someone under 21 (who looked 30) to go to two stores in Jerome and buy beer. Now this must have taken years of thinking to come up with this stupid way of trying to stop teens from drinking and driving drunk.

If you two officers have so much time, why couldn't you have gone to all the stores that sell beer and have them put up a sign that says regardless of your age, to buy beer you must show a picture identification before you can buy said beer?

It also should be against the law to use a minor to buy beer. You, as officers, are breaking your own law by standing by

and letting the minor buy that beer.

Stop trying to get someone fired because they were tired at 12 o'clock at night from probably working two jobs just to get by to feed their own families and used bad judgment by not asking this person that looked old anyway and that's the ones you get to buy beer — not someone who is 25 but looks like he is 12 years old.

There are better ways to stop minors from buying beer. This is not one of them.

After all this, do you get your name on a plaque in the Officers Hall of Fame — or is that the Hall of Shame?

GENE GAMET

Twin Falls

A 'boss' sends message

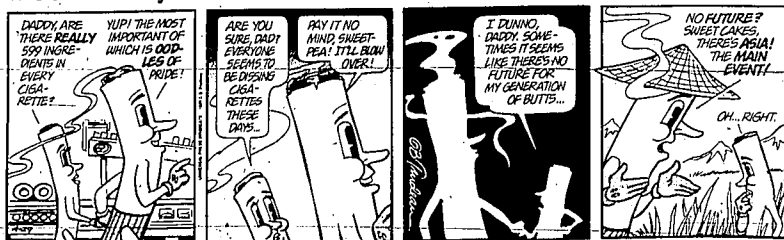
So you always wanted to be the "boss." Then don't light that cigarette.

boss,

HARRY WITTE

Twin Falls

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Briefly

Wisconsin teachers face criminal checks

MILWAUKEE — Wisconsin's more than 60,000 teachers will face criminal background checks to weed out child molesters and others guilty of immoral behavior under a bill signed Thursday by Gov. Tommy G. Thompson.

The bill was drafted after an Associated Press investigation a year ago found that the state had repeatedly licensed a teacher despite his child molestation conviction in California.

Thompson said he was pleased with the new law.

"We have so many outstanding teachers in Wisconsin, they don't need their reputations tarnished by a few bad apples," he said.

The measure sailed through the Legislature with only one dissenting vote.

Wisconsin joins seven states and the District of Columbia in requiring background checks for teachers. The states are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada and South Carolina.

Weapons vulnerable to organized crime

WASHINGTON — Russian weapons of mass destruction are vulnerable to theft by organized crime and some may already be in the hands of forces beyond government control, members of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Thursday.

Pentagon officials said intelligence sources have provided no evidence of significant weapons thefts.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., cited "evidence coming to this committee" indicating that Russia may be "covertly developing a new generation of chemical weapons" and other weapons of mass destruction. The development may be taking place outside official channels and without the knowledge of President Boris Yeltsin or other top Russian officials, Warner said.

And Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., the committee chairman, cited intelligence indicating the possibility Russia's organized crime network might try to sell weapons to U.S. and other criminals.

Scientist: Company suppressed research

WASHINGTON — Two former scientists for Philip Morris USA told a House panel Thursday their studies on rats more than a decade ago raised serious questions about the potential addictive nature of nicotine.

They said the tobacco company suppressed their research and abruptly closed down the lab where they worked.

"You cannot prove addiction from a rat, but you can say that further work is needed," Victor DeNoble told the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health and the environment. "It is a real strong indicator."

Steven Parrish, a senior vice president of Philip Morris, said Thursday that DeNoble had changed his opinions over time, making his findings more dramatic than they were.

Ignorance angers congresswoman

WASHINGTON — Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. angered a House subcommittee chairman Thursday, by sending executives to a hearing with only limited knowledge of the firm's admittedly deceptive life insurance sales.

Rep. Cardiss Collins, D-Ill., expressed extreme frustration when she unsuccessfully sought detailed information from the executives on the widely publicized scheme. She demanded that top officials testify at a subsequent hearing.

The nation's largest insurance company admitted the deceptive practices last month and agreed to fines and restitution that could cost MetLife almost \$100 million. The scheme was based in Tampa, Fla., where agents sold policies nationwide to thousands of customers who thought they were buying retirement plans.

Collins told the chairman of the board and the chief operating officer to testify. Collins told company executives Vincent Reusing and John Tweedie, who said they did not know many details of the Tampa operation.

Mother turns in pilfering son, 14

NORTH BELLMOORE, N.Y. — A sticky-fingered teen with a neighbor who distrusted banks went on a \$37,000 spending spree, buying sports cars and other valuable goodies before his mother spotted \$1,000 spilling from his pockets.

The seven-month underage buying binge ended when the 14-year-old boy's mother noticed wads of cash in his jeans and took him to the police.

"She wanted to get to the bottom of it," Nassau County Detective Sgt. Al Kuhnle said Wednesday. "We got it out of the kid."

The unidentified boy was charged as a juvenile.

He discovered the money stashed in the neighbor's basement and allegedly took the cash, a little at a time, while visiting the neighbor's teenage son.

The pilfering was discovered by the bank-distrusting neighbor only last weekend, when the teen and a buddy broke into the house and grabbed all the money they could find, police said.

Elvis' daughter separates from husband

LOS ANGELES — Lisa Marie Presley and her husband, musician Darin Keough, have separated and are planning to divorce.

"Danny and I will always love each other. However, friendship was more suitable for us than marriage," the 26-year-old daughter of Elvis Presley said in a statement Thursday.

Miss Presley and Keough, 30, were married in 1988.

They will seek joint custody of their children, Danielle, 5, and Benjamin, 1.

Study finds airliner cabin air safe

WASHINGTON — Airline passengers can stop holding their breaths. A study by the airline industry says the air is safe to breathe.

The Air Transport Association, which represents the industry, commissioned the study by Consolidated Safety Services, a Virginia consulting firm. The company tested airline cabin air on 35 flights without notifying the airlines or crew, ATA said.

"Both older aircraft, with an air-fresh-air system, and newer aircraft that have a combination of fresh and recirculated air, meet or exceed standards that are designed to ensure a healthy environment," said ATA President Jim Landry.

Compiled from wire reports

Plea opens probe of spy damage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aldrich H. Ames' guilty plea Thursday opened the way for the CIA to take full stock of U.S. secrets lost, correct slips in its security and deepen the hunt for any other moles harbored inside American intelligence agencies.

The CIA has been assessing the damage since Ames and his wife, Rosario, were arrested in February on charges of selling secrets to Moscow, but its investigation had been limited by Justice Department restrictions to protect the prosecution.

Now that the case is concluded, the CIA will "move out smartly" in assessing the damage and reviewing how it handled the Ames case, normally CIA Director R. James Woolsey told reporters Thursday before the Ames case made their pleas.

"We will be able at least to begin to talk to some of our own people about what transpired," Woolsey said, adding that he felt some frustration at the necessarily slow pace of the agency's efforts to discover more about the Ames case.

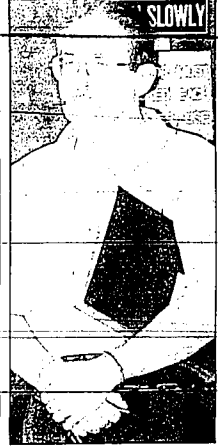
A team of government officials, led by the FBI, is to begin debriefing Ames today.

Ames' acceptance of a life sentence Thursday also meant there would be no trial. That spared the government the pressure to disclose sensitive information such as details of how it came to suspect that Ames was selling secrets.

A trial also would have prolonged world attention on an espionage episode that already has strained American relations with Ames' paymaster, Russia, and has triggered accusations in Congress of incompetence by high CIA officials.

In comments reminiscent of the Cold War, Russian President Boris Yeltsin said this week that even while the United States complained of Russian penetration of U.S. intelligence, the CIA was stepping up its spying in Russia.

"I can assure you that Russia will no longer put up with such discrimination," he said.



AP photo

Rosario Ames, left, and former CIA agent Aldrich Ames plead guilty to spy charges. Aldrich, the highest-ranking CIA employee ever caught spying, will be sentenced to life in prison.

Ames and his wife pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit espionage and to evade taxes. He is the highest-ranking CIA official ever convicted of spying. For a time in the 1980s his duties included helping ferret out Russian spies; thus he was in a position to help Moscow defeat U.S. intelligence operations.

U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey called it "the most damaging spy case in the history of the country."

Senior members of congressional intelligence panels said Thursday the Ames case made them question the value of the CIA's intense focus on human espionage.

"I'm not saying we should end it all," Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said in an interview. But the Ames case makes him think it is time to "redirect the resources to more pressing things."

With the Ames case in February, the CIA reportedly halted its intelligence operations in the former Soviet Union until it could learn the extent to which he compromised agents and methods of operation.

Beyond the uncertainty about which agents were fingered, U.S. officials have yet to determine exactly which

national security secrets Ames sold to Moscow among his acknowledged disclosures of U.S. agents, spy satellite operations, eavesdropping and general spy procedures.

Equally troubling is the possibility that Ames may have had accomplices inside the CIA or in another U.S. intelligence agency.

Plato Cacheris, Ames' attorney, said Thursday he did not think Ames would be able to identify for the government any other Russian agents in this country because the Russians would be expected to keep their agent operations separated.

'Most damaging spy' receives life sentence

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Aldrich Ames, the highest-paid and highest-ranking Russian spy ever caught inside the CIA, was sentenced to life in prison without parole Thursday in what a prosecutor called "the most damaging spy case in the history of this country."

Ames, 52, pleaded guilty without a trial and admitted being paid \$2.5 million by the Soviet Union and then Russia since April 1985 for U.S. secrets. Once head of counterintelligence in the CIA's Soviet-East Europe section, Ames admitted disclosing the identities of 10 Russian officials and one East European who were spying for the United States or Great Britain.

Prosecutors said at least four Soviet KGB or GRU (military intelligence) agents among the 11 were executed. U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey told a news conference, "He traded people's lives for \$2.5 million."

Ames said he never learned the fate of those he betrayed. But reading his first public statement since his Feb. 21 arrest, Ames expressed "deepest sympathy" for those "whom I may have suffered from my actions."

Professing "profound shame and

guilt" for "this betrayal of trust, done for the basest motives," money to pay debts, Ames nevertheless said he did not believe he had "noticeably damaged" the United States or "noticeably aided" Moscow.

"These spy wars are a sideshow which have had no real impact on our significant security interests over the years," he told the court in a matter-of-fact tone.

But, the prosecutors said in court papers, "Ames' compromise of these penetrations of the Soviet military and intelligence services deprived the United States of extremely valuable intelligence material for years to come."

Ames' wife, Rosario, 41, also pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit espionage and evade income taxes, but the government said she aided and supported her husband's treachery without ever handling or transmitting secrets to the Russians.

U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton deferred her sentencing until Aug. 26 so the government has time to see whether Ames fulfills his agreement to tell investigators everything he disclosed, how he operated and any help he may have received.

"The results of his debriefing will be very influential," in her sentencing, her attorney William Cummings said. As part of the plea bargain with the Ames case, prosecutors have agreed to recommend she be sentenced to 63 to 72 months, which Cummings said means she could be released, with time off for good behavior, in somewhat more than four-and-a-half years at the earliest.

The Ames case accepted the deal in part so Mrs. Ames could be freed in time to help rear their 5-year-old son, Paul, who is staying with relatives in Columbia, her native land.

In another part of the deal, the Ames case agreed to give the government any future payments they might earn for the sale of their homes and all their assets. These include their \$540,000 suburban home, Jaguar and Honda cars, Ames' pension for 31 years in the CIA, all domestic bank accounts and

all foreign accounts, which Ames' attorney Plato Cacheris estimated hold less than \$100,000 now.

"This plea agreement leaves Mr. Ames and his wife penniless," Fahey said.

The couple was brought into court in prison jumpsuits with "prisoner" printed on the back. Mrs. Ames, who pleaded first, went during the short proceedings.

Then Ames pleaded and, before sentencing, read an eight-page statement that combined contrition, a bitter attack on the government for what he called oversteering the guilt of his wife, and an argument that the CIA and other U.S. spy agencies waste money to gather information of little use.

Ames said in April 1985 he sold the Soviet KGB the identities of several Soviet citizens who appeared to be working for the CIA inside the Soviet Union, but whom he believed actually were still loyal to the KGB.

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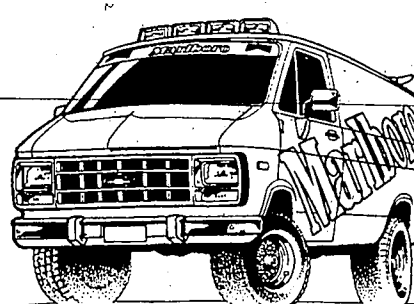
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Nation

Conservative lawmaker helps push weapons ban through committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Proponents of a ban on assault-style weapons got the unexpected support Thursday of Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., as the House Judiciary Committee approved a measure to prohibit 19 such firearms.

"I can see a lot of danger in their proliferation," Hyde, a senior Republican on the committee, told reporters after he became the sole GOP member voting for the bill that passed 20-15. Two Democrats opposed it — Committee Chairman Jack Brooks of

Texas and Rep. Rick Boucher of Virginia.

The full House could vote on it as early as next week, although its primary sponsor, Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., has said he prefers to wait another week. It could take that long, he said, for President Clinton and others to round up the 15-20 votes still needed to pass the measure.

A Justice Department official said the administration has told the House leadership it would like to have more time, but expects to be ready for a vote

at the end of next week.

Brooks wasted no time getting the bill through committee. Schumer's subcommittee passed it just two days earlier.

The Clinton administration is putting on a series of media events to prompt phone calls to Congress supporting the measure.

Attorney General Janet Reno and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen have played prime roles.

On Thursday, at a firing range to demonstrate the firepower of some of

the weapons, they were joined by Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy. The former Mississippi congressman has appeared in a National Rifle Association ad entitled, "I am the NRA," and was the keynote speaker at its 1990 convention, an aide said. The NRA strongly opposes the ban.

The measure would stop the manufacture, sale and new possession of 19 specified semiautomatic assault-style weapons, bar production of copycat models and limit detachable magazines to 10 rounds.

At the same time, it would spare 650 named rifles and shotguns. Banned guns now legally in private hands also would be exempted, although people transferring those weapons to others would

have to file a federal form. The Senate approved a similar measure last November as part of its broader crime bill.

The House deliberately left it out of the crime bill that passed last week.

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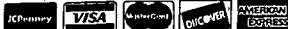
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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Young anglers derby set Saturday at CSI

TWIN FALLS - Young fishermen can learn to cast for rainbow trout at the College of Southern Idaho pond Saturday.

Children up to the 6th grade are invited to the pond, north of the Expo Building on North College Road at 3 a.m. for two hours of instruction by members of the Magic Valley Fly Fishers.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the pond will be open to the young anglers for fishing. A limited number of rods and reels will be available, courtesy of Mike Todd of the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

Participants must bring bait, a fishing pole and barbless hooks. Call Jim Wilson, 733-9554, ext. 410.

Vocational rehabilitation plan ready for public comment

TWIN FALLS - The public is invited to review and comment on the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's state plan for fiscal year 1995 and its three-year strategic plan.

The state plan summarizes programs and services available to people eligible for rehabilitation services. The strategic plan projects accomplishments of specific goals and objectives.

The plans can be reviewed through May 10 at the regional office in Twin Falls, 245 Third Ave. N. Anyone requiring special assistance to review the materials should contact the office at 736-2156 before visiting.

Asbestos review at Twin Falls schools planned this summer

TWIN FALLS - An independent contractor will review the Twin Falls School District's asbestos management program this summer.

Federal regulations require district personnel to inspect schools every six months to ensure asbestos is not presenting a health threat to students, faculty or the public. In addition, the rules require an independent contractor to inspect the facilities every three years.

The district adopted an asbestos management program in 1988, and since then has removed or encapsulated all asbestos considered hazardous.

Call Doyt Simcoe or Buck Blankenship at the district office, 733-6900, for more information.

Kindergarten registration, open houses set at schools

TWIN FALLS - Kindergarten registration in Twin Falls will be May 2-6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the elementary schools.

Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1 to register for kindergarten. Parents must bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security number and immunization record.

Parents are asked to register their children in their current elementary school zone. Anyone unsure about her zone can call the school district office at 733-6900.

Open houses and orientation sessions are scheduled on the following dates:

• 9:30 a.m. Monday at Sawtooth Elementary

• 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Harrison, Lincoln, Morningside and Perrine elementary schools

• 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Bickel Elementary

For more information, contact your nearest elementary school.

Bank offers free seedlings in honor of Arbor Day

TWIN FALLS - West One Bank and Idaho's forest managers will distribute free tree seedlings today to honor Arbor Day. West One branches will have 16,000 seedlings for the public.

The effort to make trees available for planting is done with the help of the Idaho Forest Products Commission, U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Idaho Department of Lands and West One.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Council meets in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The State of Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has planned its regular meeting for 10 a.m. today at the Health and Welfare Building on Pole Line Road.

Hearing impaired and deaf people are encouraged to attend. The public is also invited.

For more information, call 334-0879 (number is TTD compatible).

Compiled from staff reports



Shasha Cheyney joins mother Shana for a taste of the business world Thursday morning at First Security Bank in Twin Falls.

Girls invade the workplace

Across the Magic Valley, moms, dads take daughters to work

By Liz Wright and Mick Normington
Times-News writers

Law clerk Mark Wasden thought he'd teach his 8-year-old daughter, Chelsea, about career choices when he took part in Thursday's "Take Your Daughter to Work Day."

By afternoon, Chelsea had already ruled out becoming a lawyer.

"I don't think court is fun," Chelsea said at the Minidoka County Courthouse in Rupert.

The Ms. Foundation for Women began the nationwide event last year to build self-esteem in girls and show them career opportunities they can have.

"More and more women are entering the workplace and so I want her to be prepared at an early age," Wasden said.

Chelsea toured the law offices and the law library with her father. She met 5th District Administrative Judge J. William Hart. She watched a jury trial. But most of the day she entertained herself with Wasden's typewriter while he was in court.

Chelsea said she wants to be a librarian. Others who tagged along with parents Thursday said they don't want to follow in mom's or dad's footsteps.

Jennifer Craig, a 15-year-old from O'Leary Junior High School, spent much of the morning watching her mother work on a computer and make phone calls. Her mother is Jody Craig, community relations director for the Twin Falls Hospital and Clinic.

Craig and her daughter also toured the radiology department, hosted a health fair, and went to a staff meeting.

"It was kind of boring," Jennifer said.

"I'm not really a meeting person."

She said she wants to be a psychologist instead. "I really don't know if I could do

her job because I really don't like paperwork," Jennifer said.

Across town, 12-year-old Sasha Cheyney got to sit at her mother's desk and test out the office intercom.

"It's definitely been an experience," said her mother, Shana Cheyney, a loan processor at First Security Bank in Twin Falls.

Sasha said she wants to work for a big company and become a secretary.

"They make a lot of money," Sasha said.

Her mother's secretary, Bonnie Goemmer, customer service manager at Bank of America in Twin Falls, brought 8-year-old Jaime.

Branch Manager Jennifer James brought in 14-year-old Kara.

"It's good to teach kids what you teach kids what you

they'll know what you're talking about. It's a good idea, but it should be for boys, too," Goemmer said.

Others who took their daughters to work included:

• Rita O'Toole, registered nurse in the emergency room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, brought 9-year-old Mary Alana, who at one point escorted a patient.

"I showed her what I do, and she brought me a guy who cut his finger off," O'Toole said.

• Margie Adema, receptionist at The Pediatric Center in Twin Falls, had 8-year-old Mandi enter patients' bills into the computer. Mandi also helped check in patients and painted pictures for the doctors.

Diane Erdmann in the center's billing department brought in 5-year-old Chelsea while Debbie Stinson of the same department brought in her 12-year-old niece, Alyssa Shetter.

• Kerry Wentworth, an employment counselor at Job Service, took his 12-



Diano Erdmann teams up with her 5-year-old daughter Chelsea while working on Medicaid remittance at the Pediatrics Center in Twin Falls.

year-old daughter, Jennifer, to meetings and to meet with clients.

"You need to be patient and explain things thoroughly so they can take something back from this to school," Wentworth said.

• Bruce Sternke, a Weyerhaeuser lumber salesman, took 10-year-old Ranie on sales calls all day.

They hit the road at 6 a.m. to drive to lumber yards from Twin Falls to Ketchum, covering 200 miles.

Filer grapples with gang activity in smaller towns

By Earl LeMaster
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Even a small community like Filer is not immune to gang activity, police officials say.

Last month, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Investigator Bob Gauthier told school officials that "Filer is becoming a bedroom community for the gangs."

In an effort to head off more serious problems, sheriff's officials are planning a gang awareness program that would involve all

fifth- through 12th-grade students in Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls counties.

The five-day program would feature experts from the Pacific Northwest and local authorities.

High school counselor Brian Keene said the program is a good idea, but that it's

'The gangs will welcome these out-casts with open arms ...'

— Brian Keene, high school counselor, on why gangs attract some youths

only a beginning.

The problem can't be solved by a police sponsored program, the schools, or

family of sorts," Keene said.

But gangs don't have much of an effect at the high school, Keene said

Most kids who join gangs are "trying to make up for a lack of a family, or some kind of family support system," he said.

They only want to fit in. But cast out of other social groups, they turn to a gang.

"The gangs will welcome these out-casts with open arms, and become a surrogate family of sorts," Keene said.

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Group advocates safety at playgrounds

SPOKANE (AP) — Legal and consumer advocacy groups said Thursday they plan a campaign to give playground safety standards the force of state law.

Many of the thousands of injuries Washington children receive each year at public playgrounds could be avoided if equipment were properly

installed and maintained, the groups said. "These kinds of injuries can be prevented with a minimal amount of money," said Judith Proler, president of the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association.

Proler is part of coalition that plans to push for state safety standards in next year's legislative session. The

coalition includes two consumer advocacy groups, the Washington Public Interest Research Group and Washington Citizen Action.

The coalition estimates 3,300 Washington school-age children each year are hurt seriously enough to require treatment at hospital emergency rooms.

Services

Lola Fink, of King Hill, 11 a.m. today, Glenn Ferry LDS Church, (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Ralph Corbin Walston, of Gooding and formerly of Bliss, 2 p.m. today, Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Bill Whitehead, of Kimberly, 11 a.m. Saturday, Redeemer Lutheran Church, (White Morley's Kimberly Chapel).

Beulah Reeves, of Portland, Ore., and formerly of Stanley, graveside service, 2 p.m. Saturday, Salt Lake City Cemetery, North Street and Fourth Avenue.

Laman "Willie" Strunk, of Jerome, graveside service, 2 p.m. Monday, Jerome Cemetery, (Cloverdale-Gibson Funeral Home in Boise).

Josephine B. Davis, of Center, Colo., funeral Monday in Center, Colo., (local arrangements, Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Death notices

Leslie Grover-Wood
TWIN FALLS — Leslie Grover-Wood, 35, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 27, 1994, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Fergus J. Kilmartin
BURLEY — Fergus J. Kilmartin, 65, of Burley, died Wednesday, April 27, 1994, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by McCulloch's Funeral Home in Burley.

Hospitals

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Stephanie Rodriguez and Boyd Stokes, both of Twin Falls; Grace Bradshaw, of Castleford; Jane Humphrey of Pocatello; Olga Lahti of Filer; and Elsie Pryor of Buhl.

Released
Laura Fromke and Martha Richards, both of Twin Falls; Robert Burden of Gooding; and Laura Nino of Hansen.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Betty Caudill, Carla Collins, Joann Friedrich, Becky Larson and Nathan Tanner, all of Burley; Burtion and Rachel Jurek, both of Heyburn; Linda Schellenberg, of Burley; both of Maltus; Glenn Walker of Rupert; and Jeanette Lamoreux of Elkhorn, Iowa.

Released
Annette Christensen and Lawrence Isham, both of Burley; Shirley Kraus of Paul; and Tyler Wight of Malta.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Released
Carlos Juarez, Vanessa Delacruz, Blair Spaulding, Penny Thomas and Juan Castillo, all of Rupert; and Christopher Burkhardt of Heyburn.

Released
Cade Leoni, David Ball, Arlene Felt and Leona Anderson, all of Rupert; Glen Bates, Grant Clifford and Robert Thurston, all of Burley; and Daniel Hernandez of Kila, Mont.

Birth
A daughter was born to Angelita Olmos and Rangel Damasio of Rupert.

For obituary rate information,
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Obituaries



L.Z. 'Zeke' Bartlett

TWIN FALLS — L.Z. "Zeke" Bartlett, 88, died Tuesday, April 26, 1994, at his home in Gilbert, Ariz.

He was born Feb. 20, 1905, in Borna, County, N.Y., the son of Neus Penner and Sarah Alice Bartlett. At the age of 3, he moved with his family to Pleasant Grove, Utah, and three years later, they moved to Burley, where they lived in a tent for some time. He attended country schools in the Burley/Oakley area. On Nov. 11, 1928, he married Fred Zoko began working for the tire department in 1929, saying he would stay "just until spring," for he had always wanted to farm. After 17 years, he retired from the tire department in 1946, and the marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple on Aug. 19, 1937. They had seven children. Zoko began working for the tire department in 1929, saying he would stay "just until spring," for he had always wanted to farm. After 17 years, he retired from the tire department in 1946, and the marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple on Aug. 19, 1937. They had seven children. Zoko began working for the tire department in 1929, saying he would stay "just until spring," for he had always wanted to farm. After 17 years, he retired from the tire department in 1946, and the marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple on Aug. 19, 1937. They had seven children.

Mr. Bartlett was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He held many positions and loved serving wherever and whenever he was called. He said he was "always a counselor, never a bishop," for he served in several bishoprics. His wife, Elva, died on May 14, 1968, while serving as a Relief Society president.

He was a very good dancer and enjoyed going to the LDS singles dances. It was there that he met Neus Penner of Elkhorn, Idaho. They were married in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on Oct. 23, 1970. In 1975, Zeke and Nettie served in the Colorado Donor LDS Mission, spending most of their time in Hayes, Kan. He loved the gospel and his Heavenly Father, and was truly a man of great integrity. Survivors include his wife, Nettie Bartlett of Gilbert, Ariz.; her son, Dattoy Forbes of Boise; and her daughter, Cheryl Hansen of Washington. He is survived by three sons, Leo Bartlett, Max Bartlett and Dale Bartlett, all of Mesa, Ariz.; one daughter, Sharon Jones of Washington, Colo.; two sisters, Delois Hall, Vera Motz and Norma Tison, all of Twin Falls; Valio Bagley of Bountiful, Utah; and Annela Connolly Baisch of Roseville, Calif.; 29 grandchildren and 74 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Hassel Poppleton; three brothers, Max Gerald, Elmer and Victor; his first wife, Elva May Bartlett; one infant son, Gary Lynn; one son, Jay; and one daughter, Shirley Tolman.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 1994, at Twin Falls LDS West Stake Center, 667 Harrison, with Elder G.J. "Hoby" Stanger conducting. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

William 'Bill' A. Suesz Sr.
JEROME — William "Bill" A. Suesz Sr., 51, of Jerome, died Wednesday, April 27, 1994, at St. Bonedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Bill was born Dec. 23, 1942, in Bell, Calif., the son of Ernest and Eleanor Andrew Suesz. He was raised and educated in South Gate, Calif., and graduated from high school in 1961. He then attended Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, where he graduated with a degree in photography. He moved to Gooding, later moving to various locations in the Magic Valley. He settled in Jerome, where he worked at Mosses Bus, a piece-and-parts yard and a bird. He loved the outdoors where he enjoyed hunting and target shooting.

Bill is survived by his parents, Ernest and Eleanor Suesz of Gooding; one son, William "Bill" A. Suesz Jr., of Jerome; one brother, C.O. Nickles of Las Vegas, Nev.; two nieces and 15 grandnieces. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, three uncles and one aunt.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 1994, at Demary's Gooding Chapel with the Rev. Ron Grandall officiating. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the chapel.

Jewell Glover

JEROME — Jewell Glover, 66, of Jerome, died Wednesday, April 27, 1994, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

She was born Jan. 18, 1928, in Twin Falls, the daughter of James and Luella Crump Wood. Jewell moved to Jerome with her family at an early age and received her education there. She lived in Rupert and in Washington State and then returned to Jerome, where she has spent most of her life. Jewell liked reading books and watching birds. She loved being with her daughters, grandchildren and sisters very much. Jewell was a member of the Jerome 4th Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She is survived by her two daughters, Starla Kay Gentry and Laura Carlson, both of Twin Falls;

three sisters, Glenna Harris of McCammon and Nellie McGuire of Rosalia; and two granddaughters. Jewell was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with Bishop James Meservy conducting. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the funeral chapel.

Ralph E. Fletcher

GOODING — Ralph Eldon Fletcher, 86, of Gooding, died Thursday, April 28, 1994, at the Green Acres Care Center in Gooding.

Ralph was born Aug. 4, 1907, in Pine Grove, Idaho, the son of Elijah B. and Ethel Hicks Fletcher. At the age of 3, Ralph moved with his parents to Jarvisburg, W.Va., where he lived until his family moved to Twin Falls. Ralph was a sophomore at Twin Falls High School when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1927. He was discharged in 1929 and worked in the shipyards following his trade of electrical engineering. He was working there when World War II broke out. He immediately rejoined the Navy and spent his tour of duty fighting in the South Pacific. He soon rose in rank to chief petty officer. At the end of the war, he settled in California and worked in the shipyards as an electrician. He married Elvora Johnson, and they made their home in Covina, Calif. He later became a real estate broker and followed this business until his retirement.

After he retired, he came back to Idaho and settled in Gooding. His wife, Elvora, died in 1959. In 1960, he married Rosalie Eslinger and continued to make his home in Gooding. Ralph was a member of the Gooding Church. Ralph is survived by his wife, Rosalie of Gooding; a sister, Alice Hicks and nephew, Bruce Hicks, both of Mountain Home; two daughters, Teresa Fletcher and Joylene Austin-nephew, Melvin Fletcher; and niece, Barbara Brock, both of Fairfield, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Worth and Owen.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 2, 1994, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding with Pastor Paul Jackson conducting. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

The latest line



Wayne Rothchild of Williams Gaming Inc. shows Gil Romero a multi-poker gambling machine at the International Gaming Business Exposition this week in Las Vegas. The machine has four different video games and is available in six states and in Canada. More than 4,000 people attended the two-day exposition.

Lewiston family deals with 6 years of flat tires, ruined paint

LEWISTON (AP) — Earl "Jack" Woods of Lewiston said he used to lay awake at night thinking about ways to kill the person tormenting him and his family.

He could stop the hang-up calls by pulling the plug on the phone. He could remember to check the driveway for scattered roofing nails before backing out the car. And he could hide the family vehicles to avoid more damage from acid spatters and tire slashings.

But there was no way to protect his family from the fear and anxiety caused by the harassment he says began in 1988 and continued almost daily for six years.

Michael J. Ceske, Wood's ex-son-in-law, was convicted in December under Idaho's 1992 stalking law. Ceske pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count, which accuses him of "harassing by a course of conduct evidencing a continuity of purpose."

The underlying "course of conduct" that prompted the stalking charge was two charges of littering. Ceske was accused of tossing nails in the driveway of the Woods family in January and February of 1993. Both charges were dropped in a plea agreement, said Lewiston Assistant City Attorney William Lambert.

The stalking conviction does not implicate Ceske in any of the other incidents reported to police by Woods.

He and his wife, Leona, describe their life as hell during the past six years.

"(At one point) I asked to borrow a gun, but my two brothers talked me out of it. You get so frustrated after a while, something has to be done," Woods said.

He held back partly because he believed the stalker wanted him to retaliate.

"You feel a lot of anger, but knowing his principal reason for doing it was to get me to do something and then sue me, that he was just trying to bait me," helped him keep control, he said.

"When I didn't take the bait, I think it became a game between him and the police and me."

"The couple remains frustrated it took so long to catch and convict someone. And they aren't sure the problem is solved. When they returned last month from a winter trip down south, they found their pickup

truck had been spattered with acid. Beginning March 11, 1988, when someone smeared skunk oil on his Honda, Woods has taken note of every nagging incident.

He abandoned the diary during a 1½-year period when he tried to put what was happening out of his mind. But then he decided the best way to stop the situation was to keep the pressure on.

'(At one point) I asked to borrow a gun, but my two brothers talked me out of it. You get so frustrated after a while, something has to be done.'

— Jack Woods, Lewiston

"I was told the best way to help the police is to keep records so they can see a pattern and catch (the criminal)," he said.

The list notes 300-plus hang-up calls, most late at night; 100 times when nails were scattered in their driveway and street; 30 times when acid was splashed on their house and vehicles and nearly 20 incidents of tire slashings.

Every week there was something, usually three or four something, Woods said.

Also on the list are less frequent mischief, like the time their bathroom locks at Lake Chatelet were sealed shut with Superglue and when a rock came flying through the picture window in their living room.

Although the Woods reported most of the incidents to police, officers told them without an eyewitness, there was little they could do. The suspect was observed frequently driving by their home, but they were told that alone wasn't a crime.

A couple of attempts at police surveillance were unsuccessful. They couldn't get a protective order because they were not related to the suspect.

Private investigators were hired several times, but still it proved difficult to nab anyone in the act.

One hired investigator kept a vigil all night outside the Woods home, but the next morning showed another acid attack on the family car. The man apparently had fallen asleep on the job.

Prior to the littering charges, Ceske had faced two separate criminal charges. A 1990 charge of telephone harassment against Ceske was dismissed and a 1990 charge of principal to malicious injury to property was reduced to disturbing the peace.

One of the reasons gangs are moving into smaller communities is that members feel they have less risk of being apprehended, Keene said.

"It doesn't take very long for them to realize that Filer only has four policemen," he said.

Filer

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"In fact, we have our own little 'gang' of cowboys here that pretty well keeps the trouble out," he said. They use the same kinds of gang tactics — threats, intimidation, fighting.

"The problem of gang related crime in our smaller communities is on the upswing, and officials recognize that the problem will only get worse," Keene said.

A grant from the state attorney general's office could cover part of the cost, but Gauthier hopes to get some help from local businesses and

civil organizations, he said.

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Jack Woods said he became excited when the Idaho Legislature passed a stalking law in 1992, making it a misdemeanor crime to maliciously follow or harass another person.

But police told him he still lacked hard evidence to prove who was harassing him.

Woods was unhappy police could not devote more manpower to the case. Considering the number of incidents, he believes the case deserved higher priority and he would have liked an around-the-clock watch by police officers.

Lewiston Police Sgt. Paul Ayers, who handled the case for several years, said officers did as much as they could, including stakeouts, but also were frustrated the stalker was so elusive.

I wanted it to stop as much as he did," Ayers said. Woods finally hired a private investigator and on Jan. 19, 1993, a man was observed tossing nails on the Woods' driveway. But that still wasn't enough to merit a stalking violation. So another watch was made and on Feb. 8, a man was seen again dumping nails on the driveway.

With those two littering violations on record, Assistant City Attorney William F. Lambert felt there was enough evidence of a pattern of harassment to charge Ceske with misdemeanor stalking.

Ceske agreed to plead guilty to stalking in exchange for the littering citations being dropped. Magistrate Carl Kerriek set a \$750 fine and sentenced Ceske to five days in jail, with \$300 suspended and all the jail time suspended if he successfully completed one year of probation.

As a condition of probation, Ceske was ordered to keep at least one block distant from the Woods home.

A second charge of stalking within seven years of the first charge is considered a felony, punished by \$5,000 fine and up to five years in prison.

To date, the Woods have spent \$17,512 repairing damage to cars and buildings and paying private investigators.

Jack Woods said he's willing to spend more money, but this time for a reward. The acid shower he picked up truck got in March tells him the trouble isn't over yet.

He'll pay \$1,000 to anyone who can provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons stalking him or his family.

"I don't know what else to do," he said.

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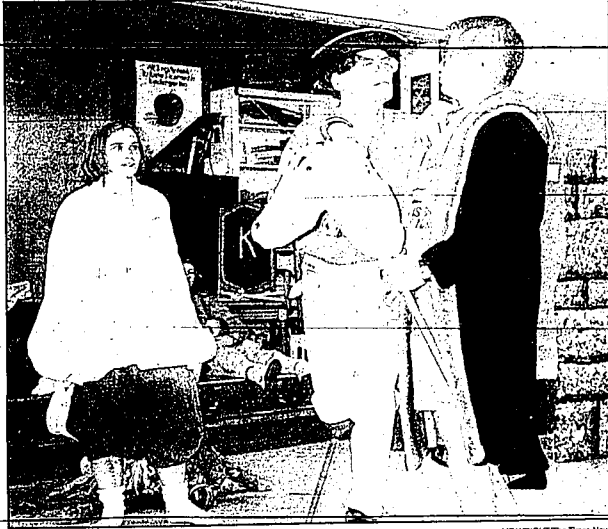
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Drama students Ana Jensen, 15, at left, Matt Barlow, 18, and Mark Dilworth, 17, rehearse the romantic comedy "Festival" at Burley High School Thursday. The show runs at 8 p.m. May 8-10. Tickets are available at the school auditorium.



Beck

J. Weldon Beck
Age: 83
Education: Graduated from Burley High School in 1929. Attended one year at Utah State University and the University of Idaho, 1933-1934.

Experience: Owns a farm west of Burley where his family raises corn, hay, sugar beets and potatoes. He has served 12 terms - 34 years - on the county commission.



Christensen

Paul Christensen
Age: 40
Education: Graduated from Burley High School in 1973. Attended Rick's College in Rexburg in 1976. Attended Utah State University in 1978.

Experience: Burley farmer raising wheat, beans, hay, sugar beets and potatoes. He has served for seven years on the county's Law Enforcement Advisory Committee. He was a member of the citizen's planning and zoning committee from 1992 to 1993.



Smith

Dale Smith
Age: 67
Education: Graduated from Raft River High School in 1944.
Experience: Owns Smith Oil Co. in Burley, a wholesale gasoline distributor. He ran for county commissioner

four years ago.

Trio face off in race for Cassia commissioner

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Weldon Beck has often faced an opponent in 12 elections for Cassia County commissioner.

Now he faces two challengers in the May primary.

Paul Christensen, a farmer, and Dale Smith, a wholesale gasoline distributor, are running against Beck, the incumbent for 36 years.

Christensen, who grew up on a farm next to Beck, says Beck has been his mentor.

Smith challenged Beck four years ago for the District 1 seat. Christensen says the commissioners are wasting taxpayers' money by spending \$25,000 to hire architects to study building a new courthouse.

"I think it's ridiculous. I think it's a wasted resource," Christensen said. "If we're going to do it, our leaders can make that decision without spending money to hire this firm."

The county spent about \$70,000 to remodel the magistrate's courtroom in the existing building last year, he added. "The input I'm getting from taxpayers is that we need to be moderate," Christensen said.

Beck says the building is cramped and poorly arranged. Someone could use the county if a fight broke out or a judge was unable to escape a person threatening him. "You can't afford a lawsuit," Beck said.

The study is a good idea as a way to plan for the county's future, Smith said. Taxpayers may not have to pay for a new courthouse until five years from now, he said. But he is not familiar enough with the issue to know if the county needs a new courthouse, he added.

Beck favors the county spending more money on the Cassia County Historical Museum. The museum needs help to raise money to build an

addition and to remodel, he said. "If we're going to preserve (county history) you've got to maintain it," Beck said. "You've got to preserve to let them know how hard it was to survive. When you do that it's going to cost more."

To combat juvenile crime, Smith suggested a method similar to one that sparked controversy at Burley High School several months ago.

Burley High School administrators had invited selected parents to a meeting by telephoning them and telling their children were summoned to school.

Smith favors a similar idea, or perhaps just forming a program of parents, police and school officials to let students know they are watching. "If these kids who are on the edge get the heat put on them by parents and police, they'll think twice before breaking into cars and houses," Smith said.

Haley of Rupert. The daughters are in their early teens, Haley said.

Man charged with intimidating daughters

The Times-News

BURLEY - A Twin Falls man was arraigned Wednesday on charges that he warned his two daughters not to testify against a relative charged with aggravated assault in Minidoka County.

Gary Plocher, 38, is charged with two felony counts of intimidating witnesses. Wednesday he asked for a preliminary hearing. He was released from the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center on a \$2,500 bond.

According to Cassia County Deputy Prosecutor Howard Smyser, Plocher telephoned his daughters at their home in Declo on March 11. His daughter Jessica did not want to talk to him and handed the phone to her mother, Francis Baker, Smyser said.

Plocher called back later that evening and told Jessica not to testify or she could get killed, Smyser said. He then called a third time. When his daughter Melissa answered, he told her to watch out or she would get hurt, Smyser said.

His daughters were called as witnesses in a case against Wayne Dryden in Minidoka County, Smyser said.

Plocher denies threatening his

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Thousand Springs Energy lawsuit reaches settlement

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

JACKPOT - A lawsuit over an aborted coal-fired power plant has been settled.

The insurance company for Sierra Pacific Resources recently decided to settle a class-action lawsuit with Sierra Pacific's shareholders, a spokesman for the utility said.

AEGIS Insurance Services Inc. of New Jersey has placed its \$8 million settlement in a special account to divide up among the shareholders. The insurance company is trying to locate Sierra Pacific shareholders who bought stock in the utility com-

pany from Aug. 9, 1990, to July 13, 1992.

In July 1992, Sierra Pacific's board of directors decided to cut the company's stock dividend and the price of the stock fell sharply.

With their stock devalued, some stockholders sued, claiming the company had misrepresented its financial status. They made the claims based on Sierra Pacific's failed attempt to build a \$5 billion coal-fired electric plant at Thousand Springs, in the desert 45 miles south of Jackpot.

Sierra Pacific sought the electric plant project in 1990 after partners involved in the project pulled out amid allegations that the utility had

overpaid the owners of the Thousand Springs land.

Sierra Pacific denies any wrongdoing in the land deal, and this settlement isn't an admission of guilt, said utility spokesman Karl Walquist.

"The insurance carrier decided it's in their best interest to settle it rather than going into litigation," he said.

"This settlement should have no impact on our shareholders or our customers. In fact, it should only help because it lifts a cloud of doubt from over the company," Walquist said.

The settlement will next be heard by U.S. District Judge Edward Reed Jr. on June 14.

Administration says forest plan will use funds from other areas

WASHINGTON (AP) - Clinton administration officials assured Congress Thursday they will have enough money to implement the president's Northwest forest plan because they are postponing some of the less critical work.

Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., and timber group leaders said the region remains skeptical of the plan, especially because Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and others misled them about how much logging would be allowed.

Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas said earlier this year that the agency was receiving only about half the \$208 million it requested from the Agriculture Department to put the forest plan in place next year.

But Thomas and Assistant Agriculture Secretary James Lyons told the House Appropriations subcommittee on the interior Thursday that they will put off some of the less critical work, and extra research so as to complete all the essential tasks in the coming year.

Lyons likened the budget situation to postponing improvements on a new house.

"When I built my house, I elected not to finish the basement and another room. We decided we would do that at a later time," he told the panel.

"That way, we were able to move in. We were still happy, and content. But we were going to stretch out the cost over more years. We decided not to do everything at once," Lyons said.

Rep. Sidney Yates, D-Ill., subcommittee chairman, asked Lyons

'The president's plan won't do the job if you don't have enough money to carry it out.'

— Rep. Sidney Yates, D-Illinois

few years. He and Lyons said they were confident U.S. District Judge William Dwyer of Seattle would accept the plan and lift a 3-year-old court injunction banning logging across much of the region.

"We have done everything we possibly can to comply with the judge," Thomas said. "In many cases, we've gone far beyond what the judge asked. He asked us to look at 39 species dependent on old growth. We addressed 1,400."

Subcommittee vice chairman Dicks, who represents the Olympic Peninsula where logging levels have fallen to about one-tenth the peak levels of the 1980s, said the administration undercut its credibility when Babbitt said a year ago he expected about 2 billion board feet of timber to be logged in the region in the coming year.

"Two weeks ago, Babbitt acknowledged in an interview with The Associated Press his estimate was overly optimistic."

The administration now projects the plan will produce only about 1 billion board feet annually, less than 4 billion a year in the 1980s, and that level won't be reached for at least three years.

"There is a tremendous amount of frustration in the Northwest," Dicks said Thursday.

Suspect in slaying goes AWOL

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - A Hill Air Force Base sergeant under investigation for the slaying of an airman involved in a drug case has gone AWOL, base officials said Thursday.

Tech Sgt. Michael T. Gendreau had bailed out from the Weber County Jail Wednesday, the day after he was booked on felony charges of possession of a pipe bomb, HAFB spokesman Len Barry said Gendreau failed to show up for work Thursday morning.

Gendreau is a suspect in the slaying of 21-year-old Sgt. Simmons, an airman whose body was found in Wyoming last week.

Barry said he did not know whether anybody had been watching Gendreau, even though military investigators had been following him since his activities after finding apparently stolen military property in a storage shed Wednesday.

"I don't know who, or even if, anybody was doing that," he said

Thursday.

Weber County Sheriff Craig Dearden said his investigators were surprised when Gendreau turned up missing.

"We were just kind of assisting, so I don't know all the details," he said.

"But I do know that my lieutenant came to me this afternoon and said, 'Oh Jez, it sounds like he's gone.'"

He said investigators were preparing another search warrant Thursday, but could not elaborate.

Barry said the Air Force Office of Special Investigation had begun an investigation into Gendreau after military investigators found unspecified electronic equipment, goggles, binoculars and other property bearing government procurement stickers.

Investigators also found a pipe bomb in his house.

The sheriff's office, along with Wyoming lawmen and federal agents, have questioned Gendreau in connection with the slaying of Simmons, a HAFB airman whose body was found

along a Uinta County, Wyo., road on April 17.

Simmons, from Beverly, Mass., disappeared two days earlier - May 1 - he was to be discharged from the Air Force and catch a flight from Salt Lake City to Boston.

His father, Harold Simmons, said the airman was naked and had knife marks on his body, suggesting his clothes had been cut off. His wrists were bound with his back and tied with parachute cord.

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through May 14, 1994

EVERY SATURDAY - 11 A.M.
Household Miscellaneous - Tools - Antiques - Twin Falls
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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1994
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Investment - April 28
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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1994
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MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

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Helen A. Bell - Snake River Ranch
Investment - May 5
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Briefly

Israeli court sentences settler to life

JERUSALEM — An Israeli court sentenced a Jewish settler to life in prison Thursday for murdering a bound and blindfolded Palestinian. Yoram Skolnick shot and killed Mussa Abu Sabha, 21, on March 23, 1993, in the Jewish settlement of Sussiya in the occupied West Bank. Skolnick claimed that he acted in self-defense.

The murder occurred during a particularly bloody month of Arab-Israeli violence, in which 15 Israelis and 26 Palestinians were killed in a wave of Arab knife attacks.

Ethnic slaughter continues in Rwanda

NAIROBI, Kenya — New discoveries of corpses in Rwanda left an increasing sense of desperation among the living Thursday as the ethnic slaughter entered its fourth week and showed no signs of ending. Rwanda's capital, Kigali, erupted again in heavy fighting that sent shells screaming over the roof of the U.N. headquarters. Huddled in flak jackets, hurried officials sought ways to move relief supplies into the bleeding nation.

Private aid workers and U.N. observers, meanwhile, continued the gruesome task of accounting for the dead in the tiny Central African nation, where more than 100,000 people are believed to have been killed. An estimated 1.3 million more have fled their homes since the bloodbath began April 7.

Survivors honor attack victims

SLAPTON, England — Survivors of one of the least known Allied disasters of World War II returned Thursday to remember 749 U.S. soldiers and sailors killed when their D-Day landing practice came under surprise German attack. Before a remembrance service at the 13th-century parish church in Slapton, elderly veterans walked near a Sherman tank memorial to the men of Exercise Tiger, who died off Slapton Sands in the early morning of June 6, 1944.

After morning prayers at the memorial, a dozen American and 35 British veterans made their way to the small stone church in the village, where they were joined by U.S. and British officials and Slapton residents evacuated in 1943, before the secret landing practices began.

Some Afghans want communism back

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Two years after Islamic rebels ousted Afghanistan's communist government, many Afghans say they have nothing to celebrate and some even long for the once-hated Communists. The streets of the Afghan capital were mostly deserted Thursday, the second anniversary of the establishment of the Islamic government. Residents of Kabul, shell-shocked after four months of almost daily rocket attacks by rival Islamic leaders vying for power, rarely linger in the markets.

In an overnight rocket attack, 21 people were killed and 32 people injured, state-owned Radio Kabul reported Thursday. The report could not be independently confirmed.

New nuclear safeguards ready for test

LONDON — A large quantity of nuclear fuel disappears from a Lithuanian power plant. Nuclear fuel rods being prepared for a Russian submarine are stolen. Such cases have led Russian and U.S. experts to develop a system to tighten safeguards on nuclear material. Now, Russian specialists want millions of dollars from the United States to test the new system. Ultimately, it could be used to safeguard nuclear material at facilities throughout the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China, a Russian nuclear expert said Thursday.

"When the modern system will be deployed ... it should indicate any loss and prove it — if not stop it," said Vladimir Sukhoruchkin, head of international projects at the Nuclear Safety Institute.

Italian wants to start new government

ROME — Media magnate Silvio Berlusconi received approval Thursday to form the first conservative government in Italy's post-World War II history. President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro earlier had indicated he would tap Berlusconi for the post of prime minister, after two years of political corruption scandals discredited Italy's dominant parties. His campaign allies and likely coalition partners are two political forces on the right that have often clashed — the anti-bureaucratic Northern League and the National Alliance, a rightist party with fascist roots.

Compiled from wire reports

Envoys try to restart Bosnia peace talks

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — American and Russian envoys trying to resume Bosnian peace talks faced opposition Thursday from Muslim leaders who refused to negotiate until they were assured Gorazde is free of Serb forces.

U.N. and NATO officials say Bosnian Serbs have sufficiently met the terms of an ultimatum threatening to bomb any big guns not removed from a 124-mile exclusion zone around Gorazde.

But the Muslim-led government is not convinced all the guns are gone from the enclave, a U.N.-designated "safe area" 35 miles southeast of Sarajevo.

"Our people spotted some 11 positions with heavy weaponry," said Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic. "As soon as the ultimatum is complied with fully, we are ready to talk."

President Alija Izetbegovic complained that Serbs could simply move the weapons to other fronts. "We are afraid of some new Gorazde," he said.

'Our people spotted some 11 positions with heavy weaponry.'

— Haris Silajdzic, Bosnian prime minister

Such skepticism complicated matters for U.S. envoy Charles Redman and his Russian counterpart, Alexei Nikiforov, who arrived Thursday in Sarajevo.

They are part of a group formed by Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozhev to restart the talks in Bosnia.

U.N. officials concede they cannot be certain all Serb guns are gone from the rugged terrain around Gorazde, but they say progress is encouraging.

The envoys hope the return of quiet to the enclave, home to 65,000 refugees and residents, will bring the warring parties back to the negotiating table.

"It's difficult to be an optimist, but that's what we and the contact group and diplomats are paid to be,"



Two Bosnian Serb soldiers, right, show maps of the Gorazde area to two French U.N. soldiers at a Bosnian check point.

Redman said after a session with Bosnian government leaders.

He said there was no target date for achieving results. Redman and Nikiforov were to meet with Bosnian Serb leaders Friday at their Pale headquarters east of Sarajevo.

There were signs the Muslim-led government is hardening its stance on issues other than Gorazde.

Izetbegovic said talks would hinge on a commitment to "respect the sovereignty and integrity" of Bosnia — a shot at Serbs who intend to merge their holdings with Serbia.

In addition, he said, the issue of Muslims in the troubled Sandzak region within Serbia must also be addressed. Serbia's powerful president, Slobodan Milosevic, has said repeatedly that Sandzak is an internal matter that cannot be linked to a Bosnia peace settlement.

Bosnia's Croats and Muslims recently ended their hostilities and agreed to form a loose federation in a deal brokered by Redman.

But talks involving Serbs, who control most of the country, have been largely stalled since February, when NATO warned them to withdraw their heavy weapons ringing Sarajevo or be bombed.

That reinforced a cease-fire that has mostly held in Sarajevo for more than two months. But Serbs took it as a sign that NATO and the United Nations were taking sides in the 2-year-old war.

The arrival of the envoys initially was overshadowed by a furor over comments by the U.N. commander in Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Sir

In a videotaped discussion with peacekeepers Wednesday in Gorazde, Rose implied that the Muslims deliberately let the Serbs advance in a bid to draw in U.N. troops and NATO warplanes.

"I think they basically turned and ran and left us to try and pick up the bits," Rose said.

"They think we should be fighting their war for them."

The tape was made by a soldier traveling with Rose. It apparently was not edited before it was made available to TV journalists in Sarajevo.

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Rose's remarks infuriated some Muslims, who maintain they could defend themselves if the United Nations would drop an arms embargo against Bosnia.

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Egyptian court sentences blind cleric

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A security court sentenced an Egyptian cleric, who also faces charges in the United States, to seven years in prison Thursday for his role in a 1989 demonstration in which two policemen were injured.

The Egyptian court convicted and sentenced Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman on charges that he was acquitted of in 1990 for lack of evidence. Shortly after his acquittal, he received a U.S. visa and moved to the United States.

Abdel-Rahman, blind and diabetic, was convicted in Egypt of illegal possession of a firearm and using violence against the police in Fayoum.

Shaky coalition under Hata holds reins in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — After three weeks in limbo, Japan finally has a government — if that term can be applied to a shaky coalition deprived of a majority in Parliament and with little hope of doing much about the country's problems.

Shortly after naming his Cabinet Thursday, Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata acknowledged that solving such pressing issues as tax reform and trade frictions with the United States will not be easy.

"As this administration is built on a minority coalition, I expect we'll face an extremely difficult situation," he said at a news conference.

Senior coalition legislators Yushio Yoshida of the Democratic Socialist Party put it more bluntly: "It can't get worse than this."

Hata's coalition controls just 187 seats in the powerful 511-seat lower house of Parliament, making it the first minority government since 1955.

The new Cabinet has two months to meet a self-imposed deadline for new market-opening measures to reduce Japan's \$359 billion annual trade surplus with the United States.

American officials say the package should include a long-term tax cut to spur demand for imports, and cuts in bureaucratic red tape that are considered a barrier to foreign goods.

The Cabinet got off to a shaky start Thursday after Hata failed in a final attempt to coax the left-leaning Socialists back into his ruling coalition.



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World

Military-backed intimidation campaign toll rises across Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—It's body-counting time again in Haiti. Every morning for two weeks, at least one or two bodies have appeared on the streets around the capital, some hog-tied, others decapitated. Many of the victims were supporters of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

But the killings in Port-au-Prince pale beside the growing number of military-backed slayings in the countryside, U.N. and human rights officials say.

As many as 3,000 people have been killed in political violence in the desperately poor Caribbean nation since Aristide's first democratically elected president, was overthrown by the army in September 1991.

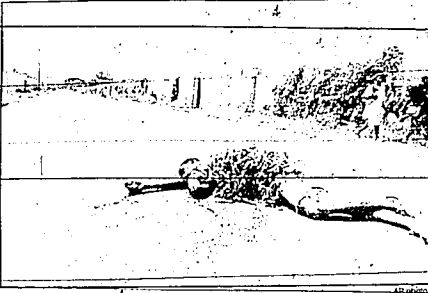
Dozens of people have been reported killed by the army in recent months. Haiti's military rulers say the slayings are in response to armed attacks by Aristide supporters, but diplomats and U.N. and human rights officials say at least four reported "attacks" were little more than a pretext for army raids.

The reports of new killings came as Washington struggles to come up with a new policy toward Haiti. U.S. envoy Lawrence Pezzullo was sent packing Tuesday after the failure of efforts to restore Aristide to power. State Department officials said Wednesday Pezzullo's two top assistants would also leave their posts.

Pezzullo had been at odds with Aristide over his urging of the exiled president to work with opposition forces in Haiti.

Witnesses say at least 28 people were killed last week in a bloody army sweep through the Raboteau slum, a pro-Aristide stronghold in the west coast city of Gonaives. Thousands of others fled their shacks in the dusty seaside slum.

The newspaper Le Nouvelliste reported Wednesday that 12 people were slain off Raboteau while heading down the coast in a sailboat. It was



Near the airport in the Haitian capital of Port-Au-Prince, a body of a man covered with leaves lies in the road.

not clear if their bodies were among those counted by witnesses.

A source close to the military said the figure of 28 was too high, but he said more than 70 people were killed in two other recent army attacks.

Army officers claimed Raboteau

The source close to the military, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said more than 40 people were killed in a military sweep earlier this month in the remote northern Le Borgne region, and 30 were slain in a similar operation in February in southwestern Le Pétre.

Both Fuller and a Western diplomat said those numbers were higher than anything they had heard from the regions. A U.N. team was sent Wednesday to Le

Borgne to investigate. The Clinton administration, which has been widely criticized for its policy of returning Haitian boat people to their homeland, is proposing tighter international sanctions against Haiti to force its military leaders to step down and allow the restoration of democracy.

But several Haitian businessmen said Wednesday that U.S. military intervention is the only way to keep soldiers from destroying what remains of the nation's legitimate business.

'I don't believe there was an attack on the outpost. That's just totally a lie.'

— Anne Fuller, head of the Haiti office for the New York-based National Coalition of Haitian Refugees

raid followed an hourlong attack on an military outpost there. But not a single bullet hole could be seen on the one-story concrete building.

"I don't believe there was an attack on the outpost. That's just totally a lie," said Anne Fuller, head of the Haiti office for the New York-based National Coalition of Haitian Refugees.

In an interview Thursday, Fuller said the only possible sign of dissent before the army raid was a burning tire, which she said might have been set on fire by an army supporter.

Iraqis celebrate leader's birthday

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—Iraqis celebrated Saddam Hussein's 57th birthday Thursday with vigils and prayer services in Baghdad and other cities in what state-run media described as an outpouring of loyalty.

But there was no word on whether Saddam appeared in public. Reports published in the West suggest he has become increasingly concerned about his safety as economic sanctions inflict hardship and misery on Iraqis.

The official Iraqi News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, reported that "large crowds" took part in all-night vigils, but it gave no specific numbers.

The celebrations in Baghdad, it said, culminated in public squares, where Muslim clergymen led prayers to God to guard the great leader against all evil and keep him well and alive for many years.

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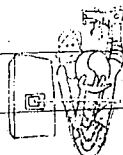
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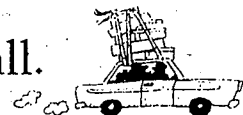


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Features

'Love Letters' hits the road

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Call it shuttle casting. "It's been a really interesting experience," said Lori Van Rinsum, director of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters," the Magic Valley Little Theatre's 1994 production. "I go to somebody else's house every night to rehearse."

Van Rinsum hit upon the idea of casting five couples, most of them Dilettantes and Little Theatre veterans, in the roles of Melissa and Andrew, to tell the story of their 40-year friendship.

Reader's theater opens Thursday

Magic Valley Little Theatre will present A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" Thursday-Friday-May-6 and Saturday-May 7, and again on Friday, May 20, and Saturday, May 21, at Welch's Music Recital hall in the Blue Lakes Mall. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5, and can be purchased at Larsen Arts, Canyon Motors Subaru and at the door.

"It's reader's theater, but no two couples do the roles exactly the same," Van Rinsum said.

The first performance will be Thursday, with Nick and Esther Nicholson, two of the earliest members of the Little Theatre, performing. On Friday, May 6, Bruce Whitehead and Darlene Kirsch will take the roles, and on Saturday, May 7, it will be Joan and Larry Hovey.

The play will resume on Friday, May 20, with newcomer Robin Bowler teaming with Dilettantes veteran Art Frantz, while on Saturday, May 21, the play will pair Larry and Maria Larsen.

They're in good company. Carol Burnett, Martin Sheen, Trish Van Devere and Cliff Robertson have done the play for the Sun



MIKE SALSBURO/The Times-News

The casting of the Magic Valley Little Theatre production of 'Love Letters' includes a different couple for each night of the show. Actors include, from upper left, Art Frantz, Bruce Whitehead, Larry Larson and Larry Hovey. Front, Esther Nicholson, Robin Bowler, Darlene Kirsch, Maria Larsen and Joan Hovey.

Valley Repertory Co.; and in its two runs off-Broadway, it's attracted many marquee actors. The actors sit side by side at a table and read their lives through letters they've written to each other, starting with a birthday invitation from early childhood.

"The play follows these two people from the time they meet in the second grade," Van Rinsum said. "It has an adult theme and adult language, so people who come shouldn't be thinking they're going to see 'The Sound of Music.'"

"But the language is no worse than you hear on TV these days, and it's a very moving work," she continued. "I think people will enjoy it, and I know they'll enjoy seeing all these familiar actors doing the play."

BYU dancers waltz into Magic Valley

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—The BYU Ballroom Dance Company is coming to Twin Falls and Burley.

It's a company that has just returned from a tour in China and will be performing in Russia and the Ukraine later this year.

According to Pam Williamson, the U. S. amateur champion ballroom dancer and former member of the BYU troupe who is handling arrangements for the southern Idaho trip, precision and rhythm combined with fluid, graceful movements have won the BYU company the United States National Formation dance championship title for the past 12 years.

The BYU show will be similar to a Broadway show, said Williamson. It will be a roller coaster ride of sensual Latin dances, funky modern pieces and beautiful traditional waltzes. Some of the solo costumes are worth \$2,000 apiece.

As the current U. S. Latin American Formation dance champion, the company will perform next year at the world championships and also at the prestigious British Formation championships in Blackpool, England. The company's directors, Lee and Linda Wakefield, hold membership degrees in standard and Latin American dancing with the Imperial Society of Dance.

The ballroom dance company originates in the Department of Dance at Brigham Young University.

The life of a ballroom dance competitor is a lot like that of a skater, Williamson said. Throughout her career, she danced with the same partner, and they practiced from 6 to 8 a.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. each day.

Ballroom dancing includes 10 basic dances, five in the standard designation and five in the Latin category. The standard dances are waltz, foxtrot, quick-step, tango and Viennese waltz.

Company performs Monday, Tuesday

The BYU Ballroom Dance Company will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium and at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Burley High School Gym.

Tickets, priced at \$8 general admission or \$7 for senior citizens, students active military and National Guard, are available from Wilson Bates, Everybody's Business and Bell's Family Bookstore in Twin Falls, from West One Bank, First Interstate Bank or First Security Bank in Jerome, from West One Bank or Farmers National Bank in Wendell, from First Interstate Bank, Bank of America or First Security Bank in Gooding, from West One Bank, First Security Bank, First Federal Savings Bank or Farmers National Bank in Buhl, from Book Plaza in Burley or from the Bookstore in Rupert. Tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information, call 678-3814.

The Latin are cha-cha, samba, rumba, pasodoble and jive.

Williamson teaches dance in both Burley and Twin Falls. Her beginner teams, ranging in age from 7 to 18, took fourth, fifth and sixth places at the U. S. Formation championships in 1993. Three of the couples also received four first places and two second places in a Las Vegas competition.



Photo courtesy BYU Ballroom Dance Company

The BYU Ballroom Dance Company will bring its collection of waltzes, sensual Latin numbers and modern dances to the Magic Valley.

Magic Valley

Weekend Calendar

Today

• Concert: The Magic Valley Symphony Pops concert is set for 9 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets, priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at Accents, Welch's Music, CSI Bookstore, Keith Jorgensen's, Jan's Music Outlet and The Music Center in Twin Falls, West One Bank in Jerome, Positive Way in Wendell, Welch's Music in Burley or at the door.

• Comedy: "An Evening of Comedy: Three One-Act Plays" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday at the Gooding High School.

The GHS Drama Club will present "Graceland," "Teeth" and "The Ugly Duckling." Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students at the door. For more information, call Linda Byron at 934-4831.

Film: The Sun Valley Center Film Festival will show two movies a night beginning today and continuing through Thursday at the Sun Valley Opera House. Movies are scheduled for 7 and 9:15 p.m. nightly. For price information, call 726-9491.

Saturday

• Dance: A pow wow, featuring Native American dancers and a fair-like atmosphere of demonstrations and booths will be held in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium. The event is being sponsored by the college's Golden Eagle Native American Society.

Native American dancing, featuring dancers in full regalia, will highlight the event. Show hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$3 per person or \$5 per family.

Upcoming

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The group will also perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the gymnasium at the Burley High School. Cost is \$8 per person and \$7 for senior citizens, students and military people. Burley show tickets are available at the Book Plaza in Burley and the Bookstore in Rupert or at the door. For more information, call 678-3814.

• Concert: Twin Falls High School has planned an Orchestra Night for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Fine Arts Center at the College of Southern Idaho. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students at the door.

• Autograph party: Ken Mochizuki will be autographing his book, "Baseball Saved Us," from 4 to 5:30 p.m. May 6 at the Twin Falls Public Library. He will also present a program and autograph party from 2 to 4 p.m. May 7 at the library.

The May 7 program will also feature Japanese storytelling by Rebecca Brown, an original sketch by Patrick Kalange and a presentation from the Oregon Puppet Theater.

Presentations are geared for kindergarten through sixth grade. Space is limited for the May 7 event. Register by calling 733-2854. "Baseball Saved Us" is priced at \$15.70.

Drama: The Magic Valley Little Theatre's production of "Love Letters" is scheduled for May 6, 7, 20 and 21 at Welch's Music in the Blue Lakes Mall. Adult language and theme.

• Concert: The Army Ground Forces Band will perform at 7 p.m. May 9 in the gymnasium at the College of Southern Idaho.

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AP photo

Andrea Baker, left, takes a lesson from former Metropolitan Opera soloist Blanche Thebom.

Young opera singer dares to dream

By Dana Akiko Tom
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—Andrea Baker is so excited about restarting her singing career that the last four digits of her phone number spell D-I-V-A.

The Massachusetts native has performed with pop music bands and church choir, but nothing compares to getting her first role with the San Francisco Opera.

"I'm nervous ...," she said. "I mean, I guess you're supposed to be nervous when you've waited 26 years for the job of your dreams and now you've got it."

In November, the mezzo soprano had moved to the West Coast without a job and with only a few hundred dollars. She decided to give herself two years before thinking about trying something else—something else.

She started out on a positive note.



Andrea Baker
Restarting her career

landing a waitressing job at Max's Opera Cafe, where employees can sing during the slow periods, after only a few weeks in town.

And in January, she auditioned for the

San Francisco Opera.

"I went and did—fortunately, that day—the best that I could do. ... My voice that day was in peak form," she said.

"She gave the feeling that she was a performer," said Ian Robertson, who hired her for a spot in the opera's extra chorus. "After my very short listening to her, I was prepared to offer her all the work I could give her."

She will appear in seven performances this season.

Raised in Sudbury, Mass., Baker began singing with a church choir when she was about 10. It was her minister who first heard something special and encouraged her to continue singing.

But it was opera, not church music, that moved her—something she said disturbs blacks and whites who would prefer to typecast her.

"Unfortunately, much to the chagrin. Please see SINGER/C2

Foreign flicks spice up Sun Valley festival

The Times-News

SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley Film Festival is set for April 29 through May 5 at the Sun Valley Opera House.

The first film, "With Honors," stars Joe Pesci and Brendan Fraser. It is the story of a homeless man who brings the wisdom of the streets into the life of four Harvard undergraduates.

Other films include "Helas Pour Moi," the work of French director Jean-Luc Godard. It stars Gerard Depardieu and is based on the Greek myth of Zeus assuming human form for a visit to earth in search of love.

"Belle Epoque," won an Oscar for best foreign language film. It's a Spanish romp in which a confused young soldier deserts the army in the 1930s and takes refuge in the home of a wise old artist.

From the Sundance Film Festival comes a suspense film entitled "Suture," an ironic return to the black and white detective films of the 1950s. And this year's documentary "Black Harvest," is from Australia and charts the impact of civilization upon the native people of Papua, New Guinea.

"Scent of the Green Papaya," is a dreamlike saga of daily life in Vietnam in the 1950 and 1960s. It won an award at the Cannes Film Festival.



The steamy Jean-Luc Godard film, Helas pour moi, stars Gerard Depardieu and Laurence Masilah.

val, "Blue" is about a young woman's life after her composer husband's death. It's a musical drama that won an award at the 1993 Venice Film Festival.

"Women from the Lake of Scented Souls" from the 1993 Berlin Film Festival's Golden Bear. It's about Xiang, a dedicated businesswoman who runs a sesame oil plant so effectively that the Japanese want to invest in her.

Dates and times of each film are as follows:

- "Scent of the Green Papaya," 6 p.m., April 29 and 8:30 p.m., May 2
- "With Honors," 8:30 p.m., April 29 and 6 p.m., May 1
- "Suture," 6 p.m., April 30 and 8:30 p.m., May 3
- "Blue," 8:30 p.m., April 30 and 6 p.m., May 2
- "Helas Pour Moi," 8:30 p.m., May 1
- "Belle Epoque," 6 p.m., May 3 and 8:30 p.m., May 5
- "Women from the Lake of Scented Souls," 6 p.m., May 4 and 6 p.m., May 5
- "Black Harvest," 8:30 p.m., May 4

Tickets, priced at \$6 general admission and \$5 for Sun Valley Center members, are available at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts and Humanities or at the door. Call 726-9491 for more information.

A festival pass, priced at \$35 general admission and \$30 for center members is also available.

Wendell slates kindergarten registration

The Times-News

WENDELL Kindergarten registration for children who will be 5 on or before Sept. 1 will be May 5 and 6 at the Presbyterian Church on First Avenue East. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Those with last names beginning with A-L will be May 5 and M-Z will be May 6. Parents should bring the child's immunization record, official birth certificate and the child.

The registration and screening process takes about one hour. Parents should call the school for an appointment, 536-6611.

'Helas pour moi' shows Godard's mastery, passion

By Dave Kehr
New York Daily News

God wears a raincoat and carries a copy of the London Observer in "Helas pour moi," Jean-Luc Godard's latest film and one of his wildest and richest. Godard was one of the founders of the French New Wave, and in the '60s he was a name to conjure with at the box office, with such international successes as "Breathless," "Pierrot le Fou" and "Contempt" to his credit.

Though Godard has continued to make films, they are often imported these days, perhaps because the American art-house audience has

lost its taste for challenge and confrontation. We now prefer our foreign films pre-digested and as much like Hollywood products as possible. Godard asks, however, that his public work with him. He makes his movies out of story fragments and enigmatic images, out of quotes from texts, paintings, classical music and other films, asking his audience to find the links among the highly varied bits and pieces he puts on display.

"Helas pour moi" - which translates roughly as "woe is me" - finds its framework in the Greek myth of Alcmena, who was seduced by Zeus in the form of her husband, Amphitryon,

and gave birth to Hercules. In Godard's version, set by a beautiful Swiss lake that serves as a constant sign of the eternal, Alcmena is Rachel Domadieu (Laurence Masilah), a village schoolteacher, and Amphitryon is her husband, Simon (Gerard Depardieu), manager of the local inn.

Zeus, an uncredited, dimly perceived figure, arrives by the thunderbolt of an express train, accompanied by a tennis racket totting Mercury (Jean-Louis Loea). He is looking for a woman with whom he might experience the pleasures and pains of mortality, and takes over Simon's body in an attempt to conquer Rachel. But Rachel, saying

she has no interest in immortality, declines him.

Or at least, so it seems to me after two viewings of "Helas pour moi," which is otherwise so dense in stunning images (the magnificent cinematography is by Caroline Champetier), overlapping dialogue, philosophical asides and Godardian one-liners ("The Communist Manifesto" was published the same year as "Alice in Wonderland," someone dryly observes) that the sense of a story being told disappears almost completely.

'Honors' uses time-honored film formula

By Bob Thomas
The Associated Press

It's a sure-fire film formula: A free-spirited stranger suddenly appears among a clutch of uptight individuals, transforms their lives with his forceful personality, then moves on.

It has worked from "Picnic" to "Down and Out in Beverly Hills" to "The Fisher King." But seldom has it been employed more engagingly than in the new Warner Bros. release "With Honors."

The comedy-drama is tailor-made for Joe Pesci, currently the screen's favorite rascal. He's the tattered, beard-

ed, scruffy Simon Wilder, who prides himself in being a bum, not a homeless person. A bum, he explains, is someone who has dropped out of society of his own free will, not economic hardship.

Simon makes a habit of hanging around university campuses. He holes up in the boiler room of Harvard's Widener Library. Student Brendan Fraser slips on ice and loses the only copy of his doctoral thesis down a library grate. Simon holds the manuscript hostage, demanding food and favors for each page.

Gradually, Simon enters the lives of four house-sharing students. They

are: Fraser, a scholar under the thumb of a reactionary professor; Moira Kelly, a bright, competitive student; Patrick Dempsey, a bearded throwback to the anarchic '60s; Josh Hamilton, a nervous, prissy med student.

The comedy arises from Simon's noisy challenge to the absurdities of the world around him; he even appears in class and puts down the overbearing professor (Gore Vidal in a splendid takeoff of John Houseman).

Gradually, the tone turns somber as Simon's health deteriorates and the students lose their fear and contempt of him.

Singer

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I'm sure, of the African-American community, I was not raised in a gospel environment," said Baker, who is black.

"People were really surprised when I started on Wagner, Verdi and Mozart as opposed to gospel," she said. "I was raised in a very classical-oriented environment. Gospel music is my heritage, yes. ... Mahalia Jackson still sings to me. But that's not what I found my personal voice in."

Seeing Leontyne Price perform sold her for good.

For the next decade, Baker focused on opera, attending music camps that included fellow students such as Itzhak Perlman's daughter.

She was accepted into the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., but quit after less than a year. "I was a complete and total mess," she said. "I was saving my outs, as they say."

"I think it's hard for those of us that know what we want from a very young age to be that focused, career-minded, at 17 or 18," she said. "Most kids go to college and have a

good time for four years, and then they get out and they get serious. Whereas those of us that are in the business ... there's no fun time, there's no party time, there's no time to screw up."

After years of drifting around the continent, including a stint in Montreal, Baker finally moved back to Massachusetts.

And about a year ago, she got the itch to pursue opera again.

"I feel like I'm 15 years, old again," she said. "Except I know what I want and I know what I'm willing to give up to get it."

Calendar

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Admission is free, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at The Times-News office, 132 Third St. W., or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The Times-News, Army Band Tickets, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls ID 83303. Requests are limited to four tickets each. The band, known as the Musical Ambassadors of the American Combat Soldier, is sponsored by The Times-News.

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Briefly

Cowboy poetry set at senior federation

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Federation has planned a cowboy poetry reading for today.

Bob Schild will be the featured poet at 12:45 p.m. at the senior center, 616 Eastland Drive. He is part of the "Tumbleweeds: Writing Around the West" project. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Anyone wanting to catch lunch at the center should arrive shortly before noon. Suggested donation for lunch is \$4.75 per person for seniors and \$2.50 for others.

The poetry reading is sponsored by the Sun Valley Center for the Arts and Humanities and the Magic Valley Arts Council. Support for the Tumbleweeds project in Idaho is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Western States Arts Federation and the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

For more information, call the senior center at 734-5084.

Native American group pow wow slated

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho gymnasium will resound with the beat of big drums on Saturday as the college's Golden Eagle Native American Society hosts a pow wow.

The pow wow will feature 20 to 30 Native American dancers and a fair-like atmosphere of demonstrations of Indian crafts and booths selling items with a Native American theme. Anyone wanting to purchase booth space for sale of appropriate items may call Debbie Jack at 324-7085 or Marcie Donner, club advisor, at 736-2122.

Native American dancing, featuring dancers in full regalia, will highlight the event. Show hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$3 per person or \$55 per family.

Dilettantes will elect officers Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Dilettante Group of Magic Valley has planned its annual business meeting and election of officers for 7 p.m. Monday at the Elks Lodge, 205 Shoshone St. N. (If the door is locked, ring the buzzer and then proceed up the stairs.)

A nominating committee has chosen a slate of officers for members' consideration. Nominations may be made from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee. Officers to be considered are Lori Van Rinsum, president; Rele Van Wyhe, vice president; Darlene Kirsch, secretary; Bruce Whitehead, treasurer; Helen Lee, historian; and Diane Stauffer, three-year board member.

All members over 18 may vote if their annual dues of \$1 have been paid. Dues may be paid at the meeting. Anyone who is unable to attend but who wishes to vote by mailing a ballot to Lori Van Rinsum, 652 Monroe, Twin Falls, ID 83301, by today, or by sending the ballot to the meeting with another member.

The meeting will include a complete financial report. Bring suggestions for next year's show.

Twin Falls High plans Orchestra Night

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School has planned an Orchestra Night for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Fine Arts Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students at the door.

Author will autograph baseball book

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The May 7 program will also feature Japanese storytelling by Rebecca Hom, an origami workshop by Patrick Kalange and a presentation from the Oregon Puppet Theater.

Presentations are geared for kindergarten through sixth grade. Space is limited for the May 7 event. Register by calling 733-2964.

"Baseball Saved Us," is priced at \$15.70.

Events are being sponsored by the Magic Valley Arts Council, the Children's Book Connection and the library and library foundation.

Compiled from staff reports

Kindergarten registration set at Eden Elementary School

The Times-News

EDEN - Eden Elementary School has planned kindergarten registration for 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the school.

Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1994, should register. A pre-screening for registered students is scheduled for May 9. The pre-screening process will be explained during registration. For more information, call 825-5261.

To register, each child should have an official state birth certificate, Social Security number and

complete immunization record. A school nurse will be available to update immunizations.

A physical education preview for all incoming kindergartners is planned for 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the school. Children will have the opportunity to see and participate in some of the games that take place during physical education class. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 825-5261.

Smart lady has right answer for con man

DEAR ABBY: I saved a column you wrote dated Feb. 10, 1990. Although it's more than four years old, it should be repeated every few years.

I can vouch for its importance because I was one of those people who get stung. I'm signing my real name, but please don't print it.

Sign me ... A SUCKER IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR SUCKER: I agree. That column is well worth repeating. And here it is.

DEAR ABBY: The following incident just happened, and it occurred to me you should publicize it to warn others.

One recent afternoon, a man phoned and asked if I was "Mrs. G." living at (my address). I verified the facts. Then he said he handles my account at the bank and asked me if I would be so kind as to get my Visa and Mastercard so he could check the numbers and expiration dates, as the bank is issuing new cards and he wanted the information to be correct.

I laughed and told him he must be



Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

out of his mind to think I would give that kind of information over the telephone. Then I hung up.

I called the police department and reported the incident, and I was transferred to the hunch squad, who happily took all the information and said I was a "smart lady" because, since the caller already had my name, address and telephone number, all he needed were my credit card numbers to make purchases by phone.

Abby, please let people know that if they ever get a telephone call (supposedly from a bank employee) asking to "verify" their credit card numbers, they should get the person's name and call the bank to verify it.

- JUNE G. IN DEL MAR, CALIF.

DEAR JUNE G.: You are, indeed, a

"smart lady" - and thanks for a valuable tip you deserve a lot of credit.

DEAR ABBY: Concerning your article on escadators, my son once got his sneaker caught in the broken steps of a poorly maintained escalator, and was caught there while the escalator slowly chewed up his sneaker and threatened to injure his foot.

Luckily, he was not injured, and we learned at that time that all escalators have an emergency shutoff button located at the top and bottom. They are mostly colored red and are located below the handrail close to the floor. I think it would be a good idea to notify your readers of this safety item.

- CHARLIE LOMBARDI, PORT ST. LUCIE, FLA.

DEAR CHARLIE: Thanks for the tip.

DEAR ABBY: I just read your article about the Chiquita banana song. I love it and have even sung it to my 3-year-old grandson. Here is the complete jingle:

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"For bananas like the climate of the very, very tropical equator."

"So you should never put bananas in your refrigerator."

"No, no, no, no."

- VICKY MASCORRO, FORT WORTH

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Walkington honored for literary efforts

By S. Carolyn Lewis
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Members of the Twin Falls chapter of the Idaho Writers' League recently paid tribute to a long and literary life.

The group gathered at the Woodstone Retirement Center to honor Ethlyn Walkington for her contribution to literary arts in Idaho with a lifetime membership in the league.

Walkington's adventures into writing began more than 30 years ago. She has been an active member of the Idaho Writers' League since the early '60s.

In 1966, Walkington published her first book, "Journey Through a Century," a biography of her stepmother.

"I felt impelled, even compelled, to write this story of other times because, otherwise, this bit of history would have been lost forever," Walkington said.

At her family's urging, she also penned her autobiography, "Gently Down the Stream," in 1981.

Of this book Walkington noted, "A primary theme is the difference in life-styles, attitudes, standards and values from those current, suggesting our need to pursue and evaluate the changes."

Growing up in a midwestern Quaker family at the turn of the century, Walkington developed a sense of adventure. It was that spirit of adventure that prompted her move west.

"I always felt drawn to the West," she said, sitting comfortably on the sofa in her room at Woodstone. "One day I took down a map and marked several cities in Idaho. I wrote to each of them asking if they needed an English teacher."

Having received degrees from Friends University and the University of Chicago, she had already taught children of immigrants from eight European countries near St. Louis, Mo.

When she ventured to the Magic



Walkington

Valley in 1923, it was to head the English department of Twin Falls High School. She married a farmer Laurence Walkington in 1926, and the couple raised three sons.

Several years ago, Walkington began to research the life of Betsy Ross, maker of the first United States flag. She entered her article into the Idaho Writers' League statewide writing contest and earned a first place award. "The Little Rebel," her book on the subject, was published in 1991.

Now 98, Walkington offered some advice for aspiring writers:

"Write and write. Keep it up," she said. "The way to learn how to write is to write. Also, make the most of opportunities to get help through classes and correspondence courses."

Walkington's books are available at the Twin Falls Public Library.

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arts events

May

1: The **CSI Swing Band** will present a concert at 3 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium. Admission is \$2.

2: The **BYU Ballroom Dancers** will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts auditorium. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$7 for seniors, students or military. Call 678-3814 for more information.

3: **Twin Falls High School Orchestra Night** is set for 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts auditorium. Suggested donation is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

5-7 and 20-21: The **Magic Valley Little Theater** will present "Love Letters" at 8 p.m. at the Welch Music Recital Hall in the Blue Lakes Mall. Tickets, priced at \$5, are available at Larson Arts, Canyon Motors Subaru or at the door. The play contains adult subject matter and language.

6: **Ken Mochizuki** will be autographing his book, "Baseball Saved Us," from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Twin Falls Public Library. He will also participate in a program, in celebration of Asian/Pacific Islander Month, from 2 to 4 p.m. May 7 at the library. For more information, call 733-2964.

8: The **Magic Valley Choral** concert is set for 3 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets, priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens, are available at Larson Arts, Welch Music, West One

Bank in Jerome, from any chorale member, or at the door.

10: **Twin Falls High School Band Night** is set for 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts auditorium. Suggested donation is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

12: The **Twin Falls High School Band Pops** Concert is set for 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Donations will be accepted.

14: The **Spring String Thing** Suzuki concert is set for 3 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. No admission charge.

17: **Twin Falls High School Choir Night** is set for 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts auditorium. Suggested donation is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

21: **Mauldin's Dance Academy** will present "Dance Capades of 1947" at 2 and 8 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. Donations will be accepted at the door.

28: **Hagerman Fossil Days** events, including magic shows and bands, will run from 1 to 11 p.m. in Hagerman City Park.

Each month, The Times-News Arts Events Calendar will list special arts and entertainment events occurring around the valley. Submit items to "Arts and Events," The Times-News, P. O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Items for the June calendar are due May 20.

'Mrs. Doubtfire' out on video

The Times-News

New videos this week in Twin Falls stores:

"Mrs. Doubtfire" (Fox, 125 minutes, PG-13): Playing opposite Dustin Hoffman in "Hook" seems to have left Robin Williams with the desire to remake two of Hoffman's most celebrated movies simultaneously.

"Tootsie" meets "Kramer vs. Kramer" in "Mrs. Doubtfire" — a comedy that's more doubtful than sure-fire. As in "Tootsie," the hero is an out-of-work actor. As in "Kramer vs. Kramer," he's a loving father whose marriage is breaking up.

So that he can see his three kids more often than the divorce settlement allows, Daniel Hillard (Williams) poses as an elderly Scottish widow and takes a job as the children's nanny. This means that not only must his performance, as "Mrs. Doubtfire," fool his own kids, it must also buffalo his wife of 14 years.

"You remind me of someone," remarks Miranda Hillard (Sally Field) soon after encountering her husband's drag persona. "I feel like I've known you for years."

Director Ching Clumbus and screenwriters Leslie Dixon and Randi Mayem Siegel keep setting up increasingly contrived situations to showcase Daniel's predicament. The movie reaches its climax with Daniel, as Mrs. Doubtfire, attending a birthday celebration for his wife in a restaurant's smoking section while, as himself, taking a meeting with a TV exec in nonsmoking.

On the plus side is the supporting cast, including Lisa Jakub, Matthew Lawrence and Mara Wilson, who play Daniel's kids

New videos

with considerable charm. As Miranda, Sally Field has some classy moments. And as Miranda's boyfriend, Pierce Brosnan strikes just the right comic tone for his scenes.

Also amusing is Harvey Fierstein, who pops up in the small role of Daniel's makeup-artist brother. If you can believe that Williams and Fierstein are brothers, you'll have no problem accepting Williams as a woman.

(Orlando Sentinel) (Blockbuster) "Josh and S.A.M." (New Line, 97 minutes, PG-13): Twelve-year-old Josh (Jacob Tierney) and his 8-year-old brother, Sam (Noah

Fleiss), run away from home and make a cross-country trek in this "Thelma & Louise," children's department, film.

Also: Video West: "Ernest Rides Again," "Russian Roulette," "Passion in Paradise," "Man from Left Field," "Deadly Current," "Saturday Night Special," "Flesh and Bone," "The Last Outlaw," "Dead Center" and "Return of the Living Dead 3."

Blockbuster: "Batman: Mask of Phantasm," "Heidi," "Bright Eyes," "Dimples," "Ernest Rides Again," "Return of the Living Dead 3," "The Last Outlaw," "Barney's Alphabet," "Zoo" and three Flintstones favorites.

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Generation X finds unlikely musical hero in Tony Bennett

By Tanya Barrientos
Knight-Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — So you want to be hip?

You want to be able to talk to the young, rap about rap, get into grunge and understand exactly what "alternative" is the alternative to?

Well, then, turn down that latest tune from the Meat Puppets, and turn up Tony Bennett.

Yeah, you heard right. Tony ("I Left My Heart in San Francisco") Bennett, "Tony Bennett? He's talking about the old guy, right? That Tony Bennett?" asked an incredulous Ed Andriola, just 27 but obviously already edging out of hipness.

"Yeah, absolutely," replied Missy McMonagle, 24, who works for Andriola at his store, Erogenous Zone, on Philadelphia's South Street.

"It's this whole new thing," McMonagle said.

Now? Tony Bennett?

Well, what can ever explain the young or their trends?

Crooning is cool. And Tony is tops. Really. Just ask a member of Generation X.

"I don't know why he's so popular exactly," said McMonagle about the Tony trend.

"I think maybe everybody is so bored with all this modern music and this is something new. Well, it's more like something 'old,' but it's new," she attempted to explain.

Andriola, who was still floored by the news that Tony Bennett was a modern rock icon, tried to rationalize it.

"Ah, you've been brainwashed by your parents," he said.

"No way," McMonagle shot back. "My parents listened to the Rolling Stones."

Feeling that generation gap widen?

Well, maybe that's the point.

For some reason that is even beyond Tony Bennett's own complete understanding, the flannel-shirt set has adopted the 67-year-old as one of its own.

His black-and-white "Steppin' Out With My Baby" video was a favorite on MTV in November and December.

He appeared on last fall's "MTV Music Video Awards" show with the Red Hot Chili Peppers and joked around with Flea, a member of the group.

He has done the David Letterman show and has yucked it up with shock jock Howard Stern.

Earlier this month, Bennett taped an "MTV Unplugged" concert with guest artists k.d. lang, Elvis Costello, Evan Dando of the Lemonheads and J. Mascis of Dinosaur Jr. That concert is scheduled to air in late May.

Today, Bennett will open at Merv Griffin's Resorts Casino, in Atlantic City, and its local ticket sales reflect all his other concerts, about 50 percent of the audience will be young people, said Sylvia Weiner, Bennett's publicist.

"The interesting thing is that he's not placating them," said Weiner about Bennett's young fans. "He's not singing songs that would necessarily



Bennett

appeal to them. It's the same show he's always done. It's just that his music has made inroads to a younger audience."

So what gives? Tony Bennett, who has seen plenty of music fads come and go during a career that took off when Harry Truman was in the White House, says the younger set is turning its back on marketing and liberating itself to find good music wherever it may be.

Others say that Bennett himself has benefited from some crackpot marketing strategies cooked up by his son and manager, Danny Bennett.

"When I started working with Tony, going on 15 years now, I asked him what he wanted to accomplish," said Danny Bennett in a telephone interview from his office in New York.

"He told me that he deplores the notion of demographics," said Bennett, explaining that his famous father wasn't willing to change his act just to please the market.

So I knew it was a matter of turning the market around," said the younger Bennett. "Instead of fitting the artist to the marketing, I fit the marketing to the artist." Danny, 40, decided to book his father "where the enthusiasm is."

He got the singer a deal to do the voice of a cameo character on "The Simpsons." He found out that Anthony Kiedis and other members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers admired the singer's style, so he arranged a meeting. He booked his father on a Christmas concert tour with alternative bands, such as the Lemonheads and Bad Religion. And when Tony Bennett hit MTV, his popularity soared.

"We are living at a time when young people are expanding their horizons. It's a time when Frank Sinatra can share the top of the charts with Pearl Jam," said Danny Bennett.

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From Tubb to Hendrix, guitarist enjoys his role

By Jim Patterson
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It sounds like a concept for a cartoon character: a short, droll guy with a deep voice and a big cowboy hat who fixates on Ernest Tubb, Jimi Hendrix and the Ventures.

Think of him as a musical Underdog — traveling the country with wife Tanya Rae (shades of "Josie and the Pussycats") on rhythm guitar and harmony vocals. Together, they sing the praises of kindness, highway patrolmen and how "My Baby Don't Dance To Nothing But Ernest Tubb."

A virtuoso on both guitar and steel guitar, Junior Brown has mashed the two together to make one instrument, called the guit-steel. So, he's an inventor, too. He probably fights crime in his spare time.

The idea of Junior Brown may sound whimsical — but the man is very real, a 41-year-old original based in Austin, Texas.

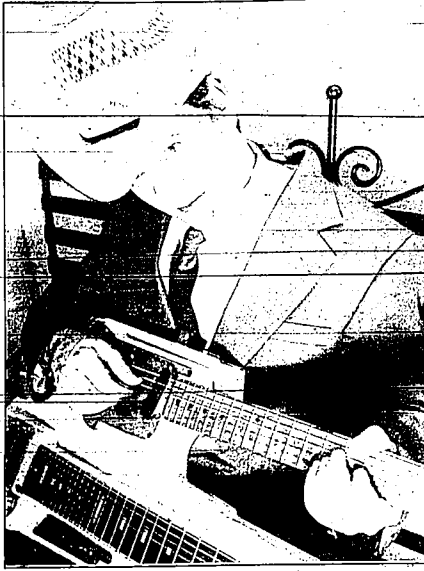
"I took a lot of flak from club owners," Brown said in an interview. "They sort of laugh at you, because I guess they thought I was old-timey and out-of-date."

The "old-timey" rap comes from Brown's proud Tubb influences.

Known as The Texas Troubadour, Tubb had a way of making a love song such as "Walking The Floor Over You" sound positively good-natured.

Brown's tune about a woman who likes all kinds of music, but will only dance to Ernest Tubb, is a fan favorite.

—But he's just as likely to tear



Junior Brown tours the country with his 'guit-steel' and his wife, through "Secret Agent Man" on the guit-steel.

Brown said of Tubb, "I don't wear a Western suit. It's just the hat — I shape my hat the same."

'Fugitive' runs away with top video spots

The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

AUDIO

- Singles**
1. "The Sign," Ace of Base (Arista) (Platinum)
 2. "Bump N' Grind," R. Kelly (Jive) (Platinum)
 3. "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World," Prince (NPG) (Gold)
 4. "Return to Innocence," Enigma (Virgin)
 5. "Without You-Never Forget You," Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Gold)
 6. "Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm," Crash Test Dummies (Arista) (Gold)
 7. "I'll Remember," Madonna

Top of the Charts

- (Maverick-Sire)
8. "Baby, I Love Your Way," Big Mountain (RCA)
 9. "The Power of Love," Celine Dion (Music) (Platinum)
 10. "Now and Forever," Richard Marx (Capitol)
- Albums**
1. "The Division Bell," Pink Floyd (Columbia)
 2. "The Sign," Ace of Base (Arista) (Platinum)
 3. "Not a Moment Too Soon," Tim McGraw (Curb)
 4. "Above the Rim" Soundtrack, (Death Row-Interscope)
 5. "Chant," Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo De Silos (Angel)
 6. "August & Everything After," Counting Crows (Geffen) (Platinum)
 7. "12 Play," R. Kelly (Jive) (Platinum)
 8. "Longing In Their Hearts,"

- Bonnie Raitt (Capitol)
9. "God Shuffled His Feet," Crash Test Dummies (Arista) (Platinum)
 10. "The Colour of My Love," Celine Dion (Music) (Gold)

VIDEOS

- Sales**
1. "The Fugitive," (Warner)
 2. "The Fox and the Hound," (Disney)
 3. "We're Back!: A Dinosaur Story," (MCA-Universal)
 4. "The Secret Garden," (Warner)
 5. "Yanni: Live at the Acropolis," (BMG)
 6. "Aladdin," (Disney)
 7. "Playboy College Girls," (Playboy)
 8. "Penthouse: 25th Anniversary Swimsuit Video," (AVision)
 9. "Playboy Celebrity Centerfold: Dian Parkinson," (Playboy)
 10. "Playboy Video Centerfold 40th Anniversary," (Playboy) Rentals
 1. "The Fugitive," (Warner)

"Mostly, it's attitude. I've watched him perform all my life."

But nobody — Tubb included — ever played guitar like Junior Brown. Lip curled into an Elvis sneer, eyes flashing with obvious delight, Brown punctuates his singing with lightning-fast licks that begin on steel and end on regular guitar — or vice versa. He's also partial to the Hawaiian steel guitar sounds found on records by Hank Williams Sr., Jimmie Rodgers and Tubb.

So you can get a 1940s-style country song, usually something with a twinkle like such as "My Wife Thinks You're Dead." There's an equal chance Brown's guitar solo will be in the chugging style of a Johnny Cash train song, an acid-rock lick via Hendrix, or a Hawaiian reference. Sometimes, all three will be in the same phrase.

Brown has been a club favorite in Austin for a few years now. Curb Records recently bought two of his albums, "12 Shades of Brown" and "Guit With It." The company has been quietly evaluating whether country deejays will play Brown's music alongside the pop fare in vogue these days.

The two songs that seem to have the most radio potential: "My Wife Thinks You're Dead," about the less-than-welcome return of an old girlfriend, and "Highway Patrol," a deadpan tribute to the men who keep the highways safe from speeders.

—The highway patrol the highway patrol, My hours are long and my pay is low, But I'll do my best to keep you, Drivin' slow. I'm just doin' my job, I'm the highway patrol."

Comments Brown: "I got it from an old album from the mid-'60s of Red Simpson's called 'Man Behind The Badge.' It's about police songs, which were totally serious when it came out. Little kids love it for some reason."

"You never hear songs about cops. It's not meant to be making fun of cops at all, but at the same time it is a little humorous. I wrote a song about a janitor, too," he said.

The janitor song, and another about the homeless called "They Don't Choose To Live That Way," incorporate Brown's Christian beliefs with the hot licks and funny stuff.

"You don't hear anything in my music that will glorify any kind of immorality or wrongdoing," Brown said. "I don't think I lose any of the soulfulness by leaving all that trash out of it."

Here's how Jamison Brown of Kirkland, Ind., became Junior Brown of Austin, Texas — in his own words:

"I was born in 1952, and we left this rural area of Indiana called Kirkville in 1959. All that time in the mid-'50s, I'd hear country on the radio."

"And in the early '60s, I saw 'The Ernest Tubb Show' on TV. But then, through the high-school years, I was playing that

Ventures-type sound on the guitar."

"Before the Beatles — even after the Beatles — at a high school dance, that's what you played," he said.

"Then, I heard Jimi Hendrix and it just blew me away. I love Hendrix and all his inventiveness and what he did with the guitar, bending strings and all that had never been done before."

"In 1969, I dropped out of school and started working in the country honky-tonks and I've been playing country ever since." For a long time, Brown found it hard to win audiences over.

"They liked that I could play hot licks and things like that, but if I didn't play what was on the radio, they thought I was just sort of corny," he said.

"Cause you gotta realize, country music — steel guitar and fiddle and things like that — were out. They wanted pop. We're talking the '70s through the mid-'80s."

He found a refuge in Austin, and he thinks country audiences all over are coming around.

"People didn't want to laugh at themselves too much unless it was something totally loony and silly, like a comedy singer," he said. "But for mainstream country singers, they're so serious. I think that's starting to change now."

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The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The annual College of Southern Idaho Kids Appreciation-Day-Fishing Derby is planned for Saturday.

The event will be held at the pond on the north end of the campus near the Expo Center on North College Road.

Members of the Magic Valley Fly Fishers will give fly fishing instructions from 8 to 10 a.m., and open fishing will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for children through the sixth grade. Fishermen should bring bait and fishing rods and use barbless hooks. A few rods and reels will be available, compliments of Mike Todd and the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

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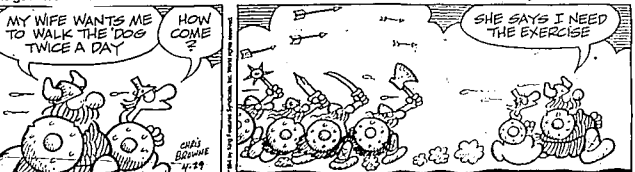
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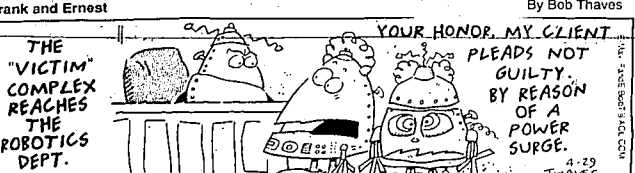
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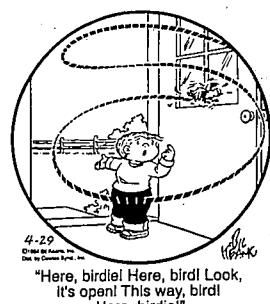
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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF APRIL 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may have recently changed your name. You are dynamic, creative, controversial. You are drawn to teaching, psychology, astrology. Relationship with mother was unorthodox. You are impulsive, romantic, are skillful in utilizing elements of timing, surprise. June and September will be your most memorable months of 1994.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plans for travel firm up — also becoming more solid for situations connected with social affairs, publishing, communication. Gemini involved, has these letters, initials in name: C. L. U.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be willing to revise, review, remodel, to become more familiar with accounting procedures. Individual who held on to your money will finally release funds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check Aries' message. Read and write, learn through process of teaching others. Relationship that held you back will be finished within 24 hours. Don't be sad — instead, celebrate!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Attention revolves around gifts, music, flowers, domestic adjustment that includes lifestyle, residence, manner, communication. Libra partners play outstanding roles. Letters: F. O. X.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Play waiting game, don't equate delay with defeat. Get second emotional wind, perfect techniques, perceive potential. Love relationship getting "sea legs."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on organization, responsibility, awareness of time limitation. Creative juices stir, good news relating to creative endeavor, project, Capricorn involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Long-range prospects clarified — invitation to travel dominates. What had been evanescent, firmly becomes solid, coincides with, creates "inner strength." Another SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take special care in traffic. Make fresh start, accept independence, be vulnerable to love. Leo plays significant role, these letters in name: A. S. I.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Remember aphorism: It's never too late! Make amends for recent impulsive statements, actions. Focus on romance, creativity, style, sex appeal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Circumstances are turning in your favor — you'll be certain you did right thing at correct time. Make personal appearances, wear dark colors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Welcome challenge, display courage, inventiveness, creativity, unique style. At least last minute wish comes true — you'll have good fortune in matters of finance-romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What was nebulous is transformed into sure thing. Display talent as character analyst — explore, reject superficial responses, check references, signatures, refuse to be intimidated. Weekend is time for relaxation.

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

Across: 1. Mansail-support 5. Abrades 10. Ato 14. A Gardner 15. TV's "Kate" 16. Roman statesman 17. Substantal 18. Canines 19. Made a hole in one 20. Network feature 22. Exotic Biblical dancer 24. Coolidge and Ripker 25. Do office work 26. Miskey Way 29. Writing paper 33. Fruit drinks 34. Mountain pools 35. "Life to Live" 37. Clock sounds 38. Eat elegantly 39. Aged 40. Skeletal parts 41. Participating 42. Limit 44. School papers 46. Scent's command 47. Platform 48. Auto's place 51. Wrong 52. Wagon 55. TV's "L..." 56. Macbeth's title 58. Queen of Sparta 59. Tender 60. Magnificent 61. Swagging 62. Listen to 63. Time periods 64. Sicilian mount

Down: 1. Blackbird 2. Space 3. Thin strip 4. Put on the air 5. An impulsive 6. Choir section 7. Sluggish 8. Fruit seed 9. Meetings 10. Fish features 11. Mexican food 12. Part of a list 13. Traveled 21. Instrument for Stan Galt 23. "I will that ends" 25. Table setting items 26. Zsa Zsa 27. An Astoria 28. Yorkshire city 29. Diamond feature 30. To — phrase 31. Vox 32. Hammer heads 34. Colored 37. Talcum or cologne 38. Melt 40. Boast 43. Mottled 44. Painters' needs 45. Sunday subject 47. Jordanian dollar 48. Get together 49. Softening agent 50. Uncommon 51. Yucatan resident 52. Get together 53. First place 54. —avis 57. Garden tool

In Alberta, rabbits have rights

L.M. Boyd What's what?

A. One. The first, the 1794-95 Flowing Hair dollar.

Q. You said either bamboo or kelp was the fastest growing vegetation. What's the fastest growing animal?

A. The larger of the whales. One of same goes from a tiny egg to a 15-ton 23-foot-long baby in 11 months. Then to a 65-ton 65-foot-long yearling. That whale puts on 2.3 tons a month.

People who live at high altitudes have more blood in their bodies, pound for pound, than sea-level people. To compensate for less oxygen in the air, Denver denizens, for instance, circulate more blood than say, San Franciscans.

Q. The Susan B. Anthony coin was only put out for three years. Has there ever been another U.S. dollar with so short a life span?

Explains the why of this: The hand grip of the baby one day old is much stronger than the grip of a baby one month old.

'P.C.U.' plays to tough crowd at Wesleyan University

By Frank Rizzo
The Hartford Courant

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — There were no pickets, no egg throwing, no chants of "Hang the alums."

But it was still a tough audience of Wesleyan University students at a screening of the comedy "P.C.U.," loosely based on the politically correct college in Middletown, Conn.

The PG-13 film, which opens nationally today, is a madcap college comedy with an insider's perspective.

"It was produced by Paul Schiff, a Wesleyan grad (1981) and written by two other alumni, Adam Leff and Zak Penn ('90), inspired by their experiences at the liberal-arts college known for being well liberal."

They were all in attendance for the screening the other day, as was Hart Bochner, the actor making his debut as feature-film director.

"You'd think Smashing Pumpkins were playing the way hundreds of students waited outside the 200-seat auditorium trying to get in for the first of two screenings, eager to see how they would be portrayed on film."

The first audience was mostly receptive, laughing easily at much of the slapstick in the film, and even applauding at the end of the movie. They roared at such movie moments as when the college president says: "I think the Bisexual Asian Studies



The cast of the new movie, "P.C.U.," received a less-than-warm welcome when the movie debuted at Wesleyan University.

Department should have its own building.

But there was some hissing, a few isolated shouts, some paper airplanes aloft and several walkouts during the 81-minute film.

"P.C.U." centers on a naive young man who visits the fictitious campus of Port Chester University in a pre-fresh weekend. The film follows his involvement between politically correct zealots and a looser group of college hipsters.

"The story of the pre-fresh is close to mine," said Penn, a theater major who hung out at the film department at Wesleyan. "But I was from New York City, so I was more sophisticated. We dumbed down the character for a general audience."

The film's theme of political correctness received the most attention from the crowd.

Schiff said he thought the issue was no longer a vital one for the college "but I think Wesleyan is usually ahead of the curve." He added that nationally, the issue is alive and ripe for satire.

Schiff said the filmmakers constantly struggled about going too far.

"It was a constant struggle to define the line and decide whether to go on the right side of it," he said.

"If it were up to me, the movie would have been even more brash and offensive," said Penn.

Penn pointed out "P.C.U." is not a documentary.

"This is not written to be a serious exploration of the issue of political correctness," he said.

It's rather a fairly broad comedy in the tradition of "Animal House," "Meatballs" and "Caddyshack." (Twin Cinema)

Many models make it on screen

By Bob Thomas
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Pretty people with acting ambitions would be well advised to try modeling first. From Lauren Bacall to Sharon Stone, the runway has proved successful.

Bacall was spotted on the cover of Harper's Bazaar by the wife of director Howard Hawks, who was seeking a siren to charm Humphrey Bogart in "To Have and Have Not."

Grace Kelly modeled for the Sears, Roebuck catalog to pay for her acting classes. During the search for Scarlett O'Hara, Susan Hayward was brought to Hollywood after being seen in fashion ads.

Now, supermodel Elle McPherson, famed for her appearances in Sports Illustrated's swimsuit issue, enters the field.

She was preceded in more recent times by child model Brooke Shields, cast at 12 as a prostitute in Louis Malle's "Pretty Baby," and Anne McDevitt, who modeled for Calvin Klein before being cast as Jane in "Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes." Lorraine Bracco became a model at 16 and worked 125 pounds on her six-foot frame.

Geena Davis' statuesque beauty qualified her to model for New York's Zoli Agency until her first movie break in "Tootsie." Stone signed with the Ellen Ford Agency at 19 and worked as a top model in Italy and elsewhere before Woody Allen started her acting career with "Stardust Memories."

Isabella Rossellini and Lauren Hutton are high-fashion models who succeeded as actresses and still lend their elegant faces to beauty products.

You've seen McPherson on the cover of Sports Illustrated. Now, you can see all of her in the new Australian film "Sirens." She plays



Elle McPherson
Not bothered by nudity

one of three models for painter Sam Neill, who specializes in shocking allegories with female nudes.

Surprisingly, McPherson looks as though she stepped out of a Rubens painting rather than a fashion ad.

The director, John Duigan, told her to put on weight. "That was the hardest part of preparing for the role," said McPherson, disciplined to maintain 125 pounds on her six-foot frame. "I didn't know how to prepare for the role because I had never done it before. All I could do was put on weight. I added 15 or 20 pounds in a couple of months."

Unlike most movie-struck models, McPherson, 30, remains ambivalent about an acting career. When Duigan sent her the "Sirens" script, she allowed it to languish on a shelf for three months. Her agent insisted she meet the director in Los Angeles, so she hastily read the script the night before and "I couldn't put it down."

"Sirens" required McPherson to appear nude as she posed for Neill.

"Nudity was the least of my prob-

lems," she said. "I'm sure the press will play up the nudity, and I understand that. But the nudity is incidental, completely in context. It's void of sexuality, in a sense."

"It was easy for me to do because I can understand it and intellectualize it. And I'm Australian, and we're nude on the beach."

Models who have turned to acting also include Suzy Parker, Pam, Twiggy and Jennifer O'Neill. For every success story there are failures, among them Anita Colby and Jinx Falkenberg in the 1940s and Christie Brinkley in the 1980s.

Models trained to hold a pose for a photographer, often prove stiff before a movie camera.

"The problem is that they are trained to be one-dimensional," said director George Sidney ("Shogun Boat," "Amie Oer Your Gun"). "Actresses must have more than one dimension."

"When I was a test director at MGM, I tested a lot of models and actors who had stepped on the screen. But sometimes you get a girl whose nose might be a little cockeyed, yet she conveyed a certain quality. Katharine Hepburn was not the greatest looking beauty, but she projected an intelligence that photographed miraculously."

"Looks are not enough," agreed Michael McLean, former casting agent and now a talent manager.

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'Bad Girls' with guns enjoyable

Los Angeles Times

Movies playing in the Twin Falls area this weekend: (Review are by the Los Angeles Times and ratings are by the Motion Picture Association of America)

BAD GIRLS (R). Even cowgirls get the guns. This Western is shamelessly high concept but sometimes enjoyable anyway. Andie MacDowell, Mary Stuart Masterson, Drew Barrymore and Madeleine Stowe play prostitutes who rampage with righteous fury while showing off the latest designer fashions from the Old West. Stowe is remarkable, as usual. (Mall downtown, Jerome 4)

BRAINSCAN (R). Edward Furlong stars as a different teen-ager swept up in a virtual reality game in which a series of murders may actually be real. Scary in a workmanlike way, but the film does live up to its full potential. With Frank Langella. (Twin Cinema)

COPS AND ROBBERSONS (PG). Michael Ritchie's slyly subversive family comedy in which Chevy Chase plays a suburban guy who thinks his big chance to be a hero occurs when crusty cop Jack Palance uses his tract house to stake out his villainous next door neighbor (Robert Davi). Funny, inspired but with a tinge of sadness amid the laughter. With Dianne Wiest

Capsule reviews

as Chase's too-perfect wife. (Twin Cinema, Jerome 4)

02 THE MIGHTY DUCKS (PG). A disappointing, overly correct sequel to the impressive and popular 1992 original. Once again an energetic Emilio Estevez is coaching his pee-wee ice hockey team, but the first film's clear concern for values gets badly muddled this time out. (Mall downtown, Jerome 4)

FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL (R). A cheerful and witty bit of business that belies its no-nonsense title, the latest from director Mike Newell ("Enchanted April") provides the kind of sly pleasure typical of British comedy at its best. Hugh Grant stars as a marriage-shy young man who keeps running into the very eligible Andie MacDowell at wedding after wedding. A tasty romp that garnishes its humor with style. (Twin Cinema)

MAJOR LEAGUE II (PG). The inevitable sequel to the 1989 baseball hit is a so-so clobber comedy with a few funny moments, mostly from Bob Uecker as the play-by-play announcer of the laggard but pennant-bound Cleveland Indians. Charlie Sheen, Dennis Haysbert, Tom Berenger and others recap their roles from the first film. (Twin Cinema)

NO ESCAPE (R). It's 2022 and pris-

oners too tough for maximum security are airlifted to a peninsula called Abasco and left to fend for themselves between warring jungle lords.

THE PAPER (R). John Robbins is the anthero convict who tries to survive in the jungle. It's a no-brainer with some exciting action sequences and lots of grunting, decapitating and gouging. (Twin Cinema)

THE PAPER (R). This Ray Howard-directed ensemble piece about a day in the life of a bustling New York City tabloid newspaper and its quirky staff can be awfully funny when it chooses to be, but too much of the time it is unwisely intent on showing the serious side of its characters' lives.

A lot of energetic acting from its cast, especially Michael Keaton in the lead, does help out. (Twin Cinema)

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Soundtrack reflects Beatle sound before the polish of success

By Gary Graff
Knight-Ridder News Service

None of the modern rockers recruited to participate in the "Backbeat" soundtrack album was thrilled about recording an album of rock and R&B oldies.

"It seemed like a half-baked idea when it started," says guitarist Fleming, who fronts the band Gumball and has produced records by Screaming Trees, Teenage Fanclub and the Posies. "All of us were initially like, 'eh. It sounds a little too Hollywood.'"

But thanks to the persistence of producer Don Was and a little prodding from Sonic Youth guitarist Thurston Moore, "Backbeat" turned into a hip soundtrack concept — some of the finest players in the so-called alternative rock community playing some of the most timeless songs in pop music history.

"Backbeat" is a movie about the Beatles before they became the Fab Four, mostly deals with the relationship between John Lennon and Stuart Sutcliffe, the Beatles bassist from 1959-61 who died of a hemorrhage in 1962 in Hamburg, Germany.

The soundtrack had to reflect the rough and tumble music the Beatles played at the time — not the polished pop they later used to conquer the world's youth. It was Ringo Starr — who was not a member of the Beatles at the time — who reminded "Was of that."

"He was in another band and would see them play a lot," says Detroit native Was. "He told me, 'Don't get a bunch of really good studio guys who will try and do "Beatlemania." The Beatles back then were really raw, filled with beer-and-amphetamine fueled energy."

"Ringo told me 'Think of a punk band in 1960. That's what you have to go after.'" Was says.

So the "Backbeat" band was filled with today's brash young musical youth. Joining Fleming and Moore were REM bassist Mike Mills, Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl, Soul Asylum's Dave Pirner and Afghan Whig's Greg Dulli. All but Pirner convened last spring at Ocean Way Recording Studio in Los Angeles. Dulli sang Lennon's parts, while Pirner overdubbed Paul McCartney's vocals on three songs.

The format was deliberately loose and spontaneous. "The musicians would listen to bootlegged Beatle performances from the period — when the Fab Four was actually a quintet of Sutcliffe, Lennon, McCartney, George Harrison and Pete Best — and to the original versions of the songs by Little Richard, Chubby Checker, Edna Cochran and the Marvelettes. They'd work out the chords and simply bash 'em out."

Was even decided to use rough mixes for the album rather than polishing and sweetening the recordings. "The reason it worked for me is that instead of technically reproducing

Beatles' songs and sounds, these guys are approaching these songs with exactly the same attitude and anarchy and energy that the Beatles did in Hamburg," says "Backbeat" director Director Iain Soffley. "You get what it was that made the Beatles at that time. You get these guys just kicking the hell out of these songs."

Fleming says it was that approach that finally convinced the musicians to take part. "Once we decided we were going to do it that way and not really rehearse, we were all a lot more interested," says Fleming, who wrote a 1977 letter to Cream magazine explaining why Sutcliffe was the saddest Beatle (the sunglasses, the haircut, dying before the band hit big).

"It probably took about 10 minutes to figure them out, and we did no more than three takes of any one song. It was a fun thing to do; these were songs we all knew, but none of us had played any of them before."

The musicians had never played as a band before, either, and wound up having a grand time during the two-day recording session. One highlight

was a phone call to Little Richard to invite him to sit in on some of his songs. The early rocker never showed, but Was was able to pick his memory for chord changes and other information.

There was also time for an excursion to a record shop near the studio that specializes in old vinyl albums. Not surprisingly, the sight of these

MTV-hyped rock stars walking in en masse turned a few heads.

"Somebody who worked in the store was all over Thurston pretty quick," Fleming remembers. "I guess it was kind of amusing, all of us just showing up and digging through the vinyl. But that was really our only outside entertainment. The rest of the time we were cranking out oldies."

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Triad Stone sends players on adventure

By Roy Bassave
Knight-Ridder News Service

TRIAD STONE
Formats: Pioneer LaserActive.

Price, manufacturer: \$80, Sega.

Recommended ages: 10 and up.

How the game works: Triad Stone

is an adventure set in an ancient time

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island of Yllin where you must

overcome Baroli, the evil king who

has stolen legendary magical stones,

sacred land and enslaved his subjects.

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young knight, Ashe, who fights to

recover the stolen "triad stones" and

restore peace to Yllin. Though this

game is made by

Sega, it will not play on your

Sega game system. You will need to

purchase the Pioneer LaserActive player

(\$25), which consists of the CLD-

A100 (a combination laser disc/CD

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trol packs (each \$48) that play Sega

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Turbo Technologies' DuoSoft discs

and game cartridges.

Good points, bad points: Contains

stunning high-quality animation and

"real-time" response for the most

authentic, live action visuals available

on any format. Triad Stone was

recorded using Dolby Surround, so set

your amplifier or TV to enjoy it.

Tips: The first time you see the

knight Ashe, he has to pull apart a

division in a wall. The game then asks

you for more power. To do so, you

must press either the A, B or C button

on your controller. If you don't suc-

ceed, you will be sent back to the

previous point in the game. Your con-

troller is the same as the Sega's six-

button controller.

The Verdict: Games on laser disc

out-perform CD-ROM based games

by a long shot and with the Pioneer

LaserActive system you also get to

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Miami puts heat on Hawks in opener

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Glen Rice got the screen he needed from John Salley, broke free across the lane and tipped in the biggest basket of the night, helping the Miami Heat post their first playoff victory in franchise history.

"It wasn't hard at all," Rice said of the tip that gave Miami a 30-27 lead with 32 seconds remaining on the way to a 93-88 win over the heavily favored Atlanta Hawks on Thursday night.

Rice added two free throws 20 seconds later to stretch the lead to 92-87.

"Salley set a screen on the backside and it was wide open underneath," Rice said. "I'd say it's the biggest tip I ever got."

The victory gave Miami a 1-0 lead in the best-of-5 first-round series against the team that posted the best record in the Eastern Conference to earn a No. 1 seed.

The Heat held the Hawks without a field goal in the final seven minutes and erased a 77-69 deficit in the final 10 minutes. It was the Heat's first victory on Atlanta's home court after 11 previous defeats.

Miami, swept by Chicago in 1992 in the team's only other postseason appearance, carries a 1-0 lead in the series into Saturday night's game, also in The Omni. The Hawks won their last seven home games in the regular season and posted a 36-5 record at The Omni going into the playoffs.

"This is a very big victory," guess the biggest the franchise has had," Rice said. "We win our first playoff game. We finally win in this building. I think we put a lot of pressure on Atlanta."

"I said before that if we play our top basketball, we have a chance," Heat coach Kevin Loughery said. "You don't expect to come in here and automatically beat the best team, but we have a chance."

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15 points for the Hawks.

"The shots just didn't go in for us," Willis said. "We have to regroup and get ready for the next one."

"We came out with a lot of intensity at the beginning and I thought we stayed up defensively," Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens said. "Then, all of a sudden, we were out of sync."

Willis allowed them to get too many second shots.

The Hawks appeared to be on their way to another routine victory over the Heat in the first quarter, building an 11-point lead less than 10 minutes into the game behind the play of Jon Koncak, who scored all of his 11 points in the first period.

The Hawks were never able to expand that lead, and Miami began chopping away in the final 4:35 of the half, getting six points from Coles and five from Smith during a 14-5 run that produced a 46-46 tie at halftime.

Miami went on a 12-4 run at the start of the second half, with Rice scoring five, for a 58-50 lead before a 15-2 burst put the Hawks in front 69-65 near the end of the third.



Miami Heat forward Glen Rice (41) and Atlanta Hawks guard Mookie Blaylock struggle for the loose ball Thursday.

Knicks face Nets

NEW YORK (AP) — The

New York Knicks must face the bald truth when they face underdog New Jersey in the playoffs: They were outplayed by the Nets in four of five regular-season games.

The Knicks, who ran away with the Atlantic Division and won 12 more games than the Nets, have several ideas — frivolous and strategic — about how to reverse the string of losses against their cross-Hudson River rivals.

Four Knicks — Charles Oakley, Derek Harper, Charles Smith and Herb Williams — have shaved their heads for Friday night's opener of the best-of-5 series, and they were trying to convince their teammates to join them. For one, Patrick Ewing said, "No way, I like my flat top."

More seriously, New York wants to neutralize a huge advantage at the free-throw line by the Nets, who outscored the Knicks 128-74 at the line in the five games.

"They were getting to the free-throw line because of the ability of Kenny Anderson and Derrick Goleman to draw fouls," coach Pat Riley said. "And when we over-help or over-double team, players like Kevin Edwards and Jayson Williams are putting the ball on the floor and taking it to guys."

There's a danger that trying to cut down on fouls would temper the Knicks' aggressiveness, a key ingredient in their success. But Riley said many of the fouls New York committed against the Nets were not from being too aggressive.

"We gave guys maybe four free throws a quarter because we're fouling on the perimeter," Riley said. "I would say 30 percent of their free throws came in those non-threatening situations. We've got to play smarter."

Riley hopes the Knicks will be bolstered by the return of John Starks, out since March with a left knee injury. Starks, an All-Star this season, will not start, however, as Hubert Davis will continue in his place.

"When he's going well defensively, he can go from Point A to Point B to Point C like nobody else," Riley said of Starks. "But where he is right now is going from Point A to Point B. He has another step to go."

The Knicks, who left the New York area this week to practice at Charleston, S.C., also welcomed back key reserve forward Anthony Mason, who was suspended by Riley for insubordination and missed the last three games of the regular season.

The Nets got a setback Thursday when center Benoit Benjamin injured his left shoulder in an auto accident. Doctors said the injury was minor, and he is expected to play in the opener.

Benjamin playing at less than full strength would be a major worry for Nets coach Chuck Daly, whose biggest problem is containing Ewing.

"All I ever see (on tape) is people walking away from him, letting him have wide-open shots," Daly said. "It makes me so mad. You leave him open, it's automatic; he's going to get 30, it's like shooting ducks in a pond."

Daly has had success keeping Ewing from finding a comfort zone.

In two previous playoff series, Ewing shot 46.6 percent and 41.8 percent from the field. This season, Ewing made 50.1 percent against the rest of the league and 42.9 percent against the Nets.

Bulls try for 4th win Jordanless

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — All season long the Chicago Bulls have heard the question: "Can they do it without Michael?" Now as they begin the playoffs in search of a fourth straight NBA title, they must answer it again.

Their opening-round opponent Friday night couldn't be more familiar — or happier that Michael Jordan is trying to hit sliders rather than jump shots. The Cleveland Cavaliers have lost to the Bulls in the playoffs four times in the past six years.

And twice, in 1989 and a year ago, Jordan hit last-second shots to clinch a series.

"They've had enough games without him, they pretty much know by now what type of team they are without him. Scottie Pippen has certainly had a season's worth of MVP consideration," Cleveland coach Mike Fratello said.

"They've done a tremendous job of defeating what many people thought was going to be a huge dropoff. Now people understand why they won all those world championships. That one guy was very special, but these other guys are also outstanding players."

The Cavaliers' chances of winning the best-of-5 series were damaged when John Williams was probably lost for the series with a sprained ligament in his right thumb and a small fracture.

Williams, the starting center in place of Brad Daugherty, hurt his hand in practice this week. Williams started the last 29 games and averaged 16.8 points, 8.4 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.86 blocks per game.

Daugherty, bothered by a herniated disc in his back, had already been added to the playoff roster but was not expected to play much. Another big rebounder, forward Larry Nance, is out with knee problems.

"They know how to play without people in their lineup. They are resilient. They've had a lot of injuries," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said Thursday.

Jackson said the Bulls will not expect an easier time because of the injuries.

"We end up getting beat by 20 when we think about someone being out," Jackson said. "They'll be ready, it doesn't matter. They've still got some players."

Cleveland, just 2-8 in the playoffs, is off at Chicago Stadium in the last four series, will need an ever bigger performance now from guard Mark Price.

Price, averaging 17.3 points and 7.8 assists, had a difficult time a year ago in the playoffs, when he was guarded by B.J. Armstrong.

"I expect them to be all over me," said Price, who had a bad thumb a year ago. "I couldn't shoot the ball and I couldn't dribble it."

ORLANDO, Fla. — Indiana trailed by two, and Byron Scott's playoff experience told him he shouldn't play it safe.

The veteran of 11 NBA seasons ruined the Orlando Magic's postseason debut Thursday night, hitting a 3-point shot with two seconds left to give the Pacers an 89-88 victory in the opener of their best-of-5 series.

Scott scored on Indiana's fourth shot in one trip downcourt after Shaquille O'Neal rebounded and put Orlando ahead 88-86 with 25 seconds to go. Rik Smits missed a 12-foot jumper, Derrick McKey missed a tip inside and Reggie Miller missed on a 3-pointer before Scott made his game-winning basket.

"In my mind, I wanted it to be a 3 or nothing," Scott, a member of three Los Angeles Lakers teams that won NBA titles in the 1980s.

"Forget overtime. Let's win it or lose. That's how I felt," he added. "I think Reggie felt the same way. Unless the ball came out and I had someone wide-open for a layup, I was going for the win."

The Magic, who led by as many as 17 points, watched Nick Anderson's desperation 3-point shot over the rim as time expired, and a stunned crowd of 15,291 quickly filed out of Orlando Arena.

Miller led Indiana, which seized the homecourt advantage in the series that continues Saturday in Orlando, with 24 points. Scott had 12 points, five of them late in the third quarter when the Pacers trimmed a 12-point deficit to 70-64.

Miller's 3-pointer made it 86-86 with 42 seconds to go and set the stage for the see-saw finish. O'Neal rose above Indiana's Dale Davis to tap in Donald Royal's miss, but the Magic's inability to keep the Pacers off the offensive boards eventually cost them the game.

On Indiana's final possession, McKey missed a tip after Smits' miss and Davis eluded the ball down after Miller's potential game-winner came out to the foul line. Davis got the ball back to Miller, who spotted Scott standing alone on the other side of the court.

"My shot was a little strong, but Byron was wide open in the corner," Miller said. "He could have counted to 10 before he shot it."

O'Neal led Orlando with 24 points and 19 rebounds. Dennis Scott scored 15 for the Magic, who began the series short on experience, but brimming with confidence after winning a franchise-record 50 games during the regular season.

"I can't make any predictions on how we're going to play after this," O'Neal said. "Our backs are against the wall, and now we're going to see what we're made of. We've got to come out with the same aggressiveness and try to eliminate the mistakes we've had tonight."

Four of Orlando's five starters had never played in a postseason game, yet they played with the poise of playoff veterans in the first half.

After shooting 61 percent to lead 26-20 after one quarter, the Magic



Indiana Pacers guard Haywood Workman, center, takes the ball to the basket despite the guarding from Orlando's Larry Krystkowiak (42), Dennis Scott (3) and Shaquille O'Neal (32).

used a 23-9 run to open a 54-37 lead late in the second period. Reserve Donald Royal had 10 points in the spur, and O'Neal contributed two dunks and a pair of free throws to finish the half with 14 points.

Smits kept Indiana close with 16 first-half points, but the Pacers missed the scoring of Miller, who

made three of his first four shots and then disappeared from the offense.

Orlando, which allowed 101.8 points per game during the regular season, also stepped up its defense. Indiana shot only 36 percent in the opening half, and the Magic forced nine turnovers and blocked seven shots.

Anderson and Scott took turns defending Miller, and the Pacers' leading scorer didn't attempt a shot while playing six minutes in the second quarter. The Pacers made a concerted effort to get him involved in the third period, and Miller responded with 10 points in the first eight minutes of the quarter.

Blackhawks lose to Toronto; Detroit roars over San Jose Thursday

CHICAGO (AP) — Felix Potvin stopped 27 shots for his third shutout of the series and the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Chicago Blackhawks 1-0 Thursday night to clinch the opening-round NHL playoff series in the first hockey game at venerable Chicago Stadium.

Toronto won the series four games to two, including three by a 1-0 score, and advanced to the Western Conference semifinals. Mike Gartner scored the game's

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only goal in the first period as the Blackhawks completed their 65-year history at Chicago Stadium.

A new arena across the street will be the Blackhawks' new home starting next season.

Toronto killed two Chicago power plays in the first period, and Potvin, when Potvin made five saves, once smothering Joe Murphy's

rebound shot right in front.

The Maple Leafs went on a power play after Chicago was called for having too many men on the ice. Gartner deflected in Dave Ellett's shot from just inside the blue line with 5:11 left in the period and that turned out to be the only score.

Potvin, shaken up in pre-game warmups, had 13 first-period saves, making another great stop on Christian Ruutu from just to the left side of the goal.

Detroit 7, San Jose 1

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit's big guns finally roared to life Thursday night, powering the Red Wings to a 7-1 win over the San Jose Sharks, tying their Western Conference series at 3-3.

The Red Wings, who had the best record in the conference and the fourth-best in the NHL, scored their first five goals. They will host the seventh and deciding game Saturday night at Joe Louis Arena.

Ray Sheppard and Vyacheslav Kozlov scored first-period goals. Steve Yzerman, who missed the first four games with a knee injury, scored in the second. Dino Ciccarelli scored in the second and third, giving him five goals in the series.

Ulf Dahlstrom scored for San Jose, the 3-year-old franchise that slipped into the playoffs with a losing record. Detroit rookie Chris Osgood, who was pulled after letting the first two shots of Game 5 get past him for

goals, faced 23 shots. Arturs Irbes, who had topped the Red Wings, putting them on the brink of elimination, was replaced by Jimmy Waite to start the third period. Irbes faced 26 of Detroit's 34 shots.

It was the first playoff goal for Yzerman and Fedorov, who scored 56 during the regular season, and only the second of either. Sheppard, who had 52 in helping Detroit to a 46-30 record, good for 100 points.

Will Seles ever return to tennis?

By Jim Litke
The Associated Press

Someone in a recent movie defined the point of no return as that place from which it was harder to go back to the way things were than it was to go ahead to the way they might be. From some of the things she said recently, Monica Seles sounds like she's already on the other side. Good for her. But bad, maybe, for the rest of us.

A year ago, a fanatic fan climbed out of the stands at a tournament in Hamburg, Germany, and pulled Seles in the back during a changeover. She hasn't played a competitive set since, and when that may happen next is anyone's guess.

This much, though, is certain: No sport with a single performer the way women's tennis missed Seles. And with each passing day — Seles' own words to the contrary — her return seems less and less likely. If that's the case, she ought to at least say so and get on to something else. Raschall, perhaps.

When Michael Jordan turned his back on the NBA last year, the response of those he left behind was decidedly mixed. Some were dismayed, some disappointed, some suspicious, and still others checked that an athlete knew enough to get out on top, with both wallet

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and health intact, and more good years ahead than behind.

In Seles' case, that last emotion is a luxury no one who still cares about her sport can afford. Big as Jordan was — or Larry Bird or Magic Johnson, for that matter — the NBA was still big enough to fill the void he left and move on. It's hard to say the same thing about Seles and women's tennis with any conviction.

At this year's event in Hamburg, Steffi Graf continued to mow down all the usual suspects in the usual straight sets, and get off the court and out of the interview room, usually, in an hour or less. She has yet to lose a match this year, or any match in a Grand Slam event since Seles knocked her out of the Australian Open in 1993.

Graf brings to tennis any number of admirable qualities — courage, intelligence and efficiency come to mind immediately. But without the counterbalance of Seles' funky game and her funkier personality, Graf comes off as the terminator. And she's a terrific woman's tennis player.

Of course, it's not just Seles who is absent at the moment, or who has made vague promises about a return.



Seles

Four short years ago, Jennifer Capriati was the future of the game. Today she's a sullen high school student who just turned 18 and can't decide if she wants to

squander her summer back on the pro tour. Martina Navratilova has said she is through after this year, but concerned pleas are being made behind the scenes to convince her to linger a little longer. Gabriela Sabatini isn't absent, but for as well as she's played recently, she might as well be.

When all this gloom and doom is brought up to Women's Tennis Association executive director Gerard Smith, he rightly notes that the sport has quite a few promising young players in the pipeline — Lindsey Davenport, Chanda Rubin and Iva Majoli, most prominent among them. But it's also worth noting that Seles was a champion several times over at similar stages in her career.

No matter how you frame the picture, the game needs Seles more than she needs the game. And judg-

ing by her remarks in a recent issue of Tennis magazine — her natty public pronouncement of any length in some time — she needs tennis less than ever. Her time is now taken up with the varied pursuits that her single-mindedness about tennis would not allow: books, painting and seeing the world with out a tennis ball forever bouncing in the foreground.

"... I want to live the rest of my life happy with what I'm doing," Seles said in Tennis. "So when I play tennis again, I have to play it for the right reason. I don't want to play to get my No. 1 ranking back. I don't want to play for the attention, or to earn more. I don't even want to play because the world wants to see me do it, even though it's nice to know that the world is interested. I only want to play because I love the game, which is the reason I began to play at age 7 in the first place."

Although she is only now 20 years old, it's already too late in Seles' professional life to make a hard decision based on something so fragile.

By all indications, she has healed completely from both her psychic and physical wounds. If Seles genuinely intends to come back, she had better return sooner, rather than later. Otherwise, there won't be much to come back to.

Korda, Gustafsson take BMW Open wins

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Petr Korda of the Czech Republic and Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson escaped the upset trend in the BMW Open on Thursday and breezed to easy victories.

Korda had a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Oliver Gross of Germany, playing in his first ATP tournament. Gustafsson ousted countryman Magnus Larsson, 6-2, 6-3.

Four seeds were upset in the first two rounds, including second-seeded Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine and third-seeded Cedric Pioline of France.

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Barcelona title last week, will be trying to reach her fifth final in seven tournaments this year. If she succeeds, the Spaniard is likely to face a rematch against Steffi Graf, a seven-time winner of the tournament whom she dethroned last year.

Graf, whose next opponent is fifth-seeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria, is unbeaten in 1994. She did not play on Thursday.

Edberg takes smooth victory in Madrid

MADRID, Spain — Defending champion Stefan Edberg swept to a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy Thursday in the Madrid Open, pushing his unbeaten streak in the tournament to 15 sets over two years.

"I was expecting a lot tougher match," Edberg said. "I saw Gaudenzi play well in tournaments the last two weeks. But today he gave me lots of free points."

Edberg will face Peruvian Jaime Yzaga in Friday's quarterfinals.

Yzaga advanced with a second-round win over Javier Sanchez of Spain 6-4, 6-4.

In other second-round matches Thursday, No. 6 Ivan Lendl States defeated Guillaume Raoux of France 6-2, 6-0 and No. 4 Thomas Muster of Austria defeated Gabriel Markus of Argentina 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3).

Vicario wins in Citizen Cup despite injury

HAMBURG, Germany — Defending champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario did not seem bothered by an knee injury as she routed Argentina's Bettina Fulco-Villena 6-3, 6-0 in the Citizen Cup.

"The Spanish player suffered a strain in practice Monday," Vicario said. "It still itches when I'm running, but it's much better."

Sanchez Vicario's next opponent is Georgian Leila Meskhi, who upset eighth-seeded Katerina Maleeva 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Germany's Anke Huber, coming off a three-month layoff, also reached the quarterfinals by edging Poland's Katarzyna Nowak, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, while Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva ousted Czech Pavlina Radzova, 6-1, 6-4.

Sanchez Vicario, who won the

Swanson takes Drake Relays decathlon

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Brad Swanson, accustomed to cold weather after going to college in Minnesota, shrugged off the chill and rain Thursday to win the Drake Relays decathlon with his best score ever.

Swanson finished strong despite 40-degree temperatures, achieving personal bests in two of the last three events and scoring 7,454 points — 27 more than his previous high. He beat runner-up Louis Hinshaw of Wisconsin by more than 400 points.

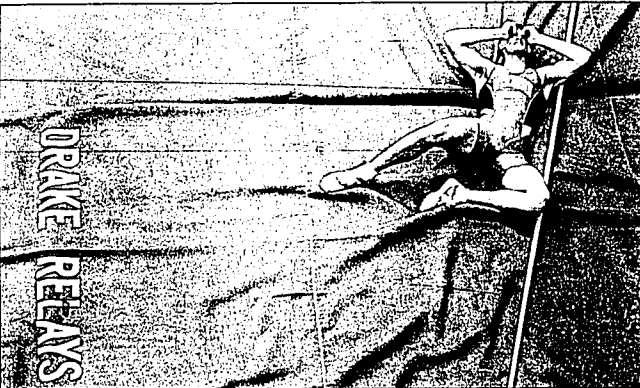
Defending champion Denise Steenstra also was an easy winner in the heptathlon, finishing first in five of the seven events over two days of competition in compiling 5,286 points.

Swanson won the discus and javelin Thursday after winning three of five events Wednesday. He was second in the three other final-day events — pole vault, 110-meter hurdles and 1,500.

His efforts in the pole vault (14 feet, 3 1/2 inches) and the 1,500 (4 minutes, 39.52 seconds) were the best of his decathlon career. The pole vault was held indoors, but it rained for much of the 1,500.

"I've been working on the 1,500 a little more at this point," Swanson said. "I knew I had it in me. It was just a matter of doing it in a meet."

Swanson, a former Moorhead State athlete who now trains in Pella, said the pole vault keyed his strong finish. "That was kind of the turning point," he said. "That helped boost my morale. I had a bad javelin and really



Wisconsin's James Dunkleberger misses his final pole vault attempt during the Drake Relays decathlon Thursday.

needed a good pole vault. That really helped me finish the meet."

Hinshaw scored 7,024 points and Wisconsin teammate James Dunkleberger was third with 6,866.

Neither defending champion Ron Blums nor five-time winner Kip Janvin competed this year.

Steenstra finished the heptathlon by winning the long jump and 800 and finishing fifth among the 15 competitors in the javelin. She won the 800 despite running her worst time ever, 2:26.31.

Considering the conditions, she couldn't complain.

Woodward, running on her 23rd birthday, was timed in 3:21.6 in opening a 35-yard lead over Michigan's Molly McCliman.

"Coach said to run normally with your strong kick and bring it on in — and that's what I did," Woodward said.

After Woodward's dominating

Villanova wins distance medley in Penn Relays

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Villanova launched the 100th running of the Penn Relays and gave the school's coach Marty Stern an early going-away present by winning the women's distance medley relay at the Penn Relays on Thursday.

The Wildcats, with Tosha Woodward taking command on the opening 1,200-meter leg, finished in 11 minutes, 4.21 seconds.

Woodward, running on her 23rd birthday, was timed in 3:21.6 in opening a 35-yard lead over Michigan's Molly McCliman.

"Coach said to run normally with your strong kick and bring it on in — and that's what I did," Woodward said.

After Woodward's dominating

leg, the Wildcats never were in trouble.

Cathalina Staye followed with a 54.9 for 400 meters, then Abby Hunte ran 2:07.0 for 800 meters and Becky Spies completed the impressive victory with a 4:40.7 for the final 1,600 meters.

This was the 21st Penn Relays victory for Stern — 18 for his women's teams, three for the men — who has announced his retirement at the end of the season. Stern has coached the women's team for 10 years, the men for four years.

The Relays are the biggest meet for the Wildcats each year, except for the NCAA championships, and they generally peak for the meet.

LPGA's Dibos birdies 3 holes to lead Sprint Championship

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Alicia Dibos, a Peruvian who has won only \$2,311 in the LPGA Tour this season, birdied her final three holes Thursday to shoot a 6-under-par 66 and take the first-round lead in the \$1.2 million Sprint Championship.

Now in her second year on the tour, Dibos recorded seven birdies with just one bogey to claim a one-stroke lead over England's Trish Johnson in the LPGA's richest tournament.

"It was the best round of my life putting," Dibos said. "I wish I could do it more often."

Dibos, 34, has never won a professional event with her best finish a second place at the 1992 French Open.

In 25 LPGA tournaments a year ago, Dibos finished no higher than 24th and earned less than \$28,000. The winner of this tournament earns \$180,000.

"I have the game to do it," Dibos said.

Johnson's 67 stood up most of the day before Dibos finished in a windy afternoon at Indigo Lakes Golf Resort.

"I didn't actually hit that good today," Johnson said. "I hit poorly off the tee. I did hit it straight and putted very well."

Johnson, who won back-to-back events last year for her first LPGA victories, missed a chance for a share of the lead when she bogeyed her final hole.

Amalia Arriuri, a former Spanish amateur champion and tour rookie, was in a pack at 68. Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez, looking for her first tournament victory of the year and 48th in her career, was at 70.

A 16-year-old high school sophomore from Miami, Cristie Kerr, debuted against professional competition with a 73. Kerr, who won a boys' high school district Wednesday, was one of two amateurs who qualified for the tourna-

ment when she shot a 71 Monday.

Donna Andrews, the lone LPGA player with two victories this season, was among those tied with Kerr.

"I just wasn't ready to come back and play," Andrews said. "I practiced a couple times last week ... tried to get back into it."

Defending champion Kristi Albers, who won only four victories came in this tournament a year ago when it was held in Tallahassee, and 1990 winner Beth Daniel recorded 71s.

The tour's top money winner this season, Britain's Laura Davies, skipped the tournament to play in Japan.

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