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Sex offender out of high school

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

State agency will review cases of 70 young child molesters

TWIN FALLS — A 16-year-old child molester who committed over 200 sex acts with his victims won't be attending Twin Falls High School after all.

Moreover, the cases of nearly 70 juvenile sex offenders statewide will be reviewed "to see what special precautions are being taken to protect the communities and ensure youths are held accountable," Idaho Health and Welfare Director Jerry L. Harris announced Wednesday.

Twin Falls school superintendent Terrell Donich and Steven Woodworth, Health

and Welfare's regional director, announced that the juvenile offender has decided not to attend public high school in Twin Falls. But they wouldn't say where — or if — the teenager will attend school in the Magic Valley.

Wherever the youth ends up, school officials will be notified of his background, a department official said.

Local school officials learned about the offender this week after an article appeared in *The Times-News* Wednesday. Harris and Woodworth said their department erred by not informing the school district.

"We acknowledge we didn't do the job we should have in this case," Woodworth said, maintaining the error was an aberration.

Health and Welfare officials say the juvenile has undergone rigorous treatment, and appears to have developed empathy for victims. But Woodworth conceded, "I guess the jury's out on whether sex-offender treatment works or not."

Harris promised that public safety will be a cornerstone of planning for each offender.

"We will be sure that all appropriate authorities have been notified and are participating in management of the offenders cases," he said. "We also will ask school superintendents, law enforcement and other agencies to participate as partners in development."

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Recruiting visit



Samuel Sherwood encourages members of his Twin Falls audience to become active in the movement to develop legal militia units.

Militia association founder pitches benefits, service aspects of group

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — By joining The United States Militia Association you can be part of the salvation of your country, Samuel Sherwood told a Twin Falls crowd Wednesday evening.

By volunteering for fighting fires or educating kids about drugs, you can be part of the solution to high taxes, Sherwood said.

By forming independent militia units, you can help restore and preserve basic rights guaranteed by the nation's founding fathers, he said. You can lobby to repeal national and state laws that take away the freedoms of the Bill of Rights.

Oh, and there are benefits, Sherwood

Militias are ... 'the body of the whole of the people ...'

— Samuel Sherwood

told his audience of more than 100 persons.

Militia units are exempt from weapons restrictions in the 1994 crime bill, he said.

Audience members applauded when Sherwood spoke of a legislative filibuster against a proposed bill limiting ownership of automatic weapons.

Sherwood, a Blackfoot computer consultant and the founder of The United States Militia Association, is traveling around Idaho recruiting members for county militia units and visited Twin Falls Wednesday.

Sherwood brought membership applications to his Twin Falls meeting and told attendees that a large, organized militia association with money could "buy campaigns, buy laws."

Become involved with the militia association or the National Rifle Association to lobby for laws authorizing legal militia units and don't retreat, Sherwood urged.

Retreat is, he said, "a sure formula for destruction of every one of your lives and every one of your rights."

His appeal for organization followed a

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Stalemate under attack

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic leaders struggled Wednesday to pass the \$30 billion crime bill, saying it was being "held hostage" by Republicans who appeared to be angling enough votes to block its progress.

President Clinton, meanwhile, exhorted lawmakers to "put away the excuses" for inaction.

"All we want is to vote on the crime bill," said Majority Leader George Mitchell after Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole proposed votes on a series of amendments to the bill that the House also would have to approve. The Senate could not vote until the House acts.

"It appears to be a continuation of an effort to kill the crime bill by indefinite delay," Mitchell, the Maine Democrat, said, suggesting that the House would reject some amendments and add new ones, including one to strip out the ban on assault-style firearms.

U.S. triples refugee facilities at base

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration, racing to deflect the continuing current of Cuban refugees, said Wednesday it is expanding its detention facilities at the Guantanamo Bay naval base in Cuba to hold as many as 60,000 people — three times the camps' present capacity.

The move, unveiled at the White House by U.S. Defense Secretary William J. Perry, will force the Pentagon to bring home some 1,700 dependents of U.S. naval personnel now stationed at the installation to avoid overtaxing the base's water, supply and sewage systems.

The construction of the additional detention facilities, which Perry told reporters should be completed by the end of next week, is designed to help persuade would-be refugees that Washington is serious about denying them entry into the United States and that they should stay home.

Perry and Attorney General Janet Reno, who appeared with him at a news conference, also served notice the United States is prepared to keep refugees at the detention

camps "indefinitely," even if the standoff between Washington and Havana continues for years.

The "developments came" as the flood of Cuban refugees continued unabated, with federal authorities reporting some grisly scenes in which bodies of refugees have been found floating near makeshift rafts, apparently after the migrants died of dehydration or illness.

The U.S. Coast Guard reported that its vessels recovered 1,159 migrants in the Florida Straits by mid-afternoon Wednesday, after picking up 3,253 on Tuesday — the highest one-day number since the Mariel boatlift of 1980, when Cuba intentionally shipped refugees to Florida.

Officials said the expansion of the detention facilities at Guantanamo Bay on Cuba's southeast shore, would involve a major undertaking by the military, including a sharp increase in the number of military security forces on the island and additional support troops to service the refugee population.

Also Wednesday, the administration continued its hard-line stance against Cuban President Fidel Castro.

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A Cuban refugee rescued from a raft 15 miles off Key West, Fla., is helped aboard the Coast Guard cutter Gallatin Wednesday.

NRA fights assault-weapons issue by dancing around it

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as Sen. Arlen Specter was speaking on the Senate floor in favor of the crime bill, his office was logging 3,157 telephone calls from constituents, most of them opposed.

"It's about three to one against it," said Nicole Glushko, an aide to the Pennsylvania Republican senator, who formally announced his support for the bill on Tuesday.

Most callers oppose the bill's ban on assault-style weapons or what they believe is excess spending on social programs, she said. "This is a hot issue."

The primary lobbying group fanning the flames is the National Rifle Association, which for the occasion has transformed itself from defender of guns to defender of the treasury.

The group, recognizing that an outright ban of assault weapons would be a losing battle, is instead fighting the crime bill by casting it as a budget boondoggle.

The lobbying strategy ignores what the gun advocates is a gut issue — the bill's ban on assault-style firearms — and instead focuses on social spending programs in the \$30 billion measure.

"They're very smart," said Richard Aborn, president of rival Handgun Control Inc. "They've figured out it's not politically wise to be against the assault weapons ban."

When the NRA sought to defeat the ban in the House, "they turned the issue into pork," arguing that the

bill contained wasteful spending on social programs like midnight basketball leagues for inner-city youth, Aborn said.

"They succeeded for a while, and created a lot of momentum on the pork issue," he said. "But they lost." A key NRA supporter privately acknowledged that the strategy has been continued for the crime bill fight in the Senate. While unstated, "the gun ban still is an overriding issue," the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The NRA created television spots featuring longtime NRA spokesman Charlton Heston. In one, Heston doesn't mention the assault-weapons ban but complains the bill has enough money to hire only 20,000 new police officers, rather than the 100,000 Clinton has promised.

In fact, the bill sets up a matching program in which the federal government helps localities hire new cops by paying 25 percent of the cost, while the local government pays the rest.

The ads, which have aired nationally on CNN and in some local markets which the NRA declined to identify, urge viewers to call their senators. Telephones at the Capitol have been burning with calls on the issue.

The NRA has also fielded its own team of half a dozen staff lobbyists and has stationed Tom Korologos, a longtime political consultant, in the office of Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan. Korologos said

just outside the door Wednesday as several dozen GOP senators held a strategy session.

But Tanya Metaksa, the NRA's chief staff lobbyist, sought to minimize her group's role. "There are many groups, including the NRA, opposing the bill for a variety of factors," she said.

Al Cors, a lobbyist for the National Taxpayers Union, said his group had sent letters opposing what it sees as excess spending in the bill, but was putting most of its current efforts into the health care issue.

The NRA, he said, is by far the biggest force opposing the bill. "Obviously, they're working it because of the assault weapons ban. That's sort of a singular issue for them."

Metaksa said the Disabled American Veterans also were opposing the bill, but that group's lobbyist, Rick Schultz, said the group was taking no position on it.

In an interview about the group's lobbying efforts, Metaksa never mentioned the ban on 19 specific assault-style weapons and scores of others with similar characteristics.

Dole tacitly acknowledged the NRA's strategy in comments on the Senate floor late Tuesday. "We are being deluged with calls now saying, 'Fillbuster. Don't cave in. You can do it, stop it. Stop this bill. I do not think there are enough votes to filibuster that provision' on assault weapons."

High school burned by arsonists resumes classes Wednesday

WEDOWEE, Ala. (AP) — Students sat at donated desks in trailers as fall classes began Wednesday at a high school burned by arsonists during months of racial turmoil.

Black and white teen-agers smiled and laughed as they walked together on gravel paths among the 10 mobile classrooms set up at Randolph County High School.

Desks, books and televisions were donated by schools and companies to make up for the damage done by the fire Aug. 6.

"I think most people are trying to move on," said senior Jody Foster, who is white, with a tug of his baseball cap.

"It was cool going to school in trailers."

A black classmate, 16-year-old

Nikki O'Neal, agreed as students left school following an abbreviated, three-hour schedule. "We're just trying to get past what's happened."

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Judge rules in favor of Chippewa band

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa should retain rights granted in an 1837 treaty to hunt and fish in a large section of east-central Minnesota, a federal judge ruled today.

U.S. District Judge Diana Murphy said the privilege of hunting, fishing and gathering wild rice on land, rivers and lakes included in the territory ceded to the United States by the treaty continues to exist.

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Demos find 'incremental' benefits

By Jill Lawrence
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Call it damage control, advance.

With prospects for major health reform this year all but dead, congressional Democrats are now talking up the value of taking a step — any step — in the right direction.

President Clinton and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, remain cautiously noncommittal, determined not to enter into a public debate over how minimal a bill could be and still earn the reform label.

But House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., this week made a startling departure from the official non-elaboration policy. He offered his bottom line. The goals Clinton set early this year include universal insurance coverage, insurance reforms, containing health costs and reducing the federal deficit, Foley said a significant first move toward at least one would be worthwhile.

"He was only outlining one scenario," White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said Wednesday. Yet the scenario carried a strong feeling of inevitability.

Central to Senate hopes at this point is a modest bipartisan plan that seems to meet Foley's definition of "worth doing." Several members of the group that produced the plan hailed him Wednesday as a wise man.

"A very accurate assessment of where the future lies," said one Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo.

The White House was putting on a hopeful public face. "This is a president who doesn't take no for an answer very easily," Myers said Wednesday when asked whether Clinton was still counting on broad reform.

But leading Democrats seemed to be laying the groundwork for a Foley, scenario all week.

Unlike many liberals, Sen. Edward



Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., discusses the impact of health care on older Americans during a news conference Wednesday.

Kennedy, D-Mass., did not attack the bipartisan plan, but he urged Democrats to scrap "the rhetorical goals we've laid out" and go for "discernible" progress.

Less than 24 hours later, asked whether Clinton still stood by his threat early this year to veto any bill without universal coverage, Myers said his position had not changed.

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85 percent who have insurance. Clinton stretched it to mean 95 percent. If the bipartisan group's claim of 92 percent pans out, it could conceivably stretch it again.

But some things cannot be finessed. Particularly troubling to Mitchell, liberal Democrats and their elderly and union constituents, for example, are two elements of the bipartisan proposal: its lack of a prescription drug program and its limits on employer deductions on insurance expenses.

So if Mitchell manages to get some hybrid bill or package of amendments up for consideration, at least two contested issues appear headed for separate and time-consuming floor debate.

Time is becoming a major constraint at this point, particularly since Senate Republicans are dragging out debate on an anti-crime bill the White House had thought would already be ready for Clinton's signature.

It may be that Mitchell will decide to give senators a break — send them home for a week or so while he organizes amendments and awaits cost estimates on the moderates' plan from the Congressional Budget Office.

Some of the most pessimistic assessments are coming from the bipartisan group whose plan is widely viewed as the only viable route to action this year.

Prospects are "not terrific," said Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr. "Less than 50-50," said another member of the group, Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo.

It would be strange indeed if Mitchell, Kennedy and other champions of comprehensive reform ended up carrying the banner for the incrementalists. But it very well could turn out that way, because they're also the ones most determined to achieve something this year.

NAACP to discuss settlement with Chavis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NAACP and its fired executive director, Benjamin Chavis Jr., said Wednesday they would discuss an amicable settlement after a judge refused to force the civil rights group to reinstate him.

Judge Herbert Dixon of District of Columbia Superior Court declined Chavis' request for a temporary restraining order, saying he could no more order the NAACP to take Chavis back

than he could force Chavis to continue to work against his wishes.

"The judge's ruling stands for itself," said the NAACP's interim administrator, Earl Shinn-hozer.

Chavis said he hoped to avoid a full-blown court fight with the NAACP, but added that "we'll be back here, ready to go" if the settlement offers don't satisfy him.

Coalition sets sights on flag amendment

WASHINGTON — A coalition out to protect the American flag and claiming more than 10 million members nationwide embarked Wednesday on a mission to create and pass a constitutional amendment that would prohibit "purposeful acts of desecration" of the flag.

The Citizens Flag Alliance Inc., based in Indianapolis, Ind., claims the backing of more than 65 organizations and is seeking to become the largest grassroots coalition in the country. Leaders say they hope to have a flag desecration amendment on the books within three years.

The group officially came into being at a ceremony on the Capitol steps.

"The Alliance represents a broad cross section of American citizens who want to give back to the individual states and the Congress their historical power to pass laws that will protect their nation's flag from purposeful acts of mutilation, defacement, trampling or burning," the group's statement of principles reads.

Alliance President Daniel Wheeler said the group is planning a constitutional convention this week, led by Harvard law



Professor Arthur Miller, in Williamsburg, Va., to hammer out language for the amendment and address the concerns of those worried about the impact on American First Amendment right to expression.

On board for the Citizens Flag Alliance advisory group are Sens. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and Howell Heflin, D-Ala., as well as Reps. Tom Bevill, D-Ala., Leslie Byrne, D-Va., Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and Michael McNulty, D-N.Y., the group said.

Organizations joining the coalition include The American Legion, the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Moose, the National Association of State High School Associations, the National Vietnam Veterans Coalition, the Air Force Association and the Armvets.

Wheeler, the group's president, is the publisher and editor-in-chief of The American Legion Magazine.

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Cardiac device unveiled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jane Yearwood has a problem many would envy — she's preparing to live longer than she expected, thanks to a new cardiac device.

The Joshua Tree, Calif., woman lost seven close relatives to heart attack and suffered failed treatment herself until she received the "expandable stent," a metallic device that holds arteries open.

"So I haven't busied myself piling up anything for my retirement, which I have to do now," the 69-year-old said with a laugh.

Yearwood was one of several patients Johnston & Johnson introduced Wednesday in a media blitz for its newest product: an implant to keep diseased heart arteries from reclogging.

Some 300,000 Americans every year undergo angioplasty, in which a balloon pushes back artery-blocking

Bennett won't run

WASHINGTON (AP) — William J. Bennett, former education secretary and drug policy director and author of the best-seller "The Book of Virtues," said Wednesday he would not seek the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

After the success of his book, moral tales he compiled to counter what he contends is a decline of values in America, Bennett had been courted by religious conservative leaders and others to enter what is likely to be a crowded GOP field.

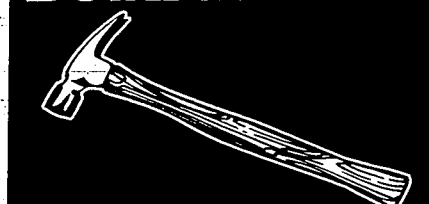


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Defense duo switches strategies

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — By reputation, the two men who run the Pentagon were supposed to be the wizards of high-tech — a duo who believed that U.S. military might hinges on the superiority of the latest advanced weapons.

In the past week, however, Defense Secretary William J. Perry and his number two man, Deputy Secretary John M. Deutch, embarked on what is — coming from them — a surprising and sharply different policy.

Faced with a tightening budget crunch, investments in the "geowhiz" weapons systems for the 21st century will get short-shift: First in line for funding will be more immediate and prosaic concerns like troop salaries, maintenance on tanks and airplanes, and better housing and child care on military bases.

"In sum, this message is, 'Money is tight and we are choosing people over systems,'" Deutch told reporters Tuesday. "Given the national security needs we see and which are in front of us every day in the newspapers, we are choosing people, we are choosing quality of life of the troops, in contrast to provisions for the future."



Perry

Deutch was defending his order to the services, in a memo delivered last week, to draw up plans for delaying or canceling a host of major acquisition programs, including the Air Force's F-22 fighter jet, the Army's Comanche helicopter, the Navy's V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, and the Navy's new attack submarine.

Deutch said unless Congress agrees to increase military spending — an unlikely event, he acknowledged — the Pentagon cannot afford the future weapons and preserve present readiness.

The shift in strategy prompted a vigorous debate Tuesday among military analysts about the soundness of the policy and the motives behind it.

Some discerned a clear political rationale. The Clinton administration is determined to avoid criticism that it is presiding over a "hollow force," the charge that so wounded President Carter during the 1970s.

But the risk of Clinton's approach

is "a budget that is all consumption and no investment," said L. Brent Thompson, a defense analyst with the Alexis de Toqueville Institute. "They're living-in-the-present and not the future."

Others said Perry made the right choice to emphasize present readiness. Because the huge buildup sponsored by President Ronald Reagan during the 1980s, Clinton can safely scrimp on new weapons, said Thomas McNaughton of the Brookings Institution.

Given cuts in military spending, McNaughton said, "it was inevitable there had to be a crunch somewhere."

Even so, Perry's response to the crunch is a surprise, given his own history and reputation: He is famous in defense circles for being an outspoken proponent of advanced weaponry. While still in the private sector in California, he drove a car sporting the license plate HI-TECH. Deutch, meanwhile, is a former Massachusetts Institute of Technology chemist who also has fashioned a reputation as a believer in modernization.

During the 1970s, when Perry served as the Pentagon's acquisition chief in the Carter administration, he successfully promoted such weapons as the F-117 stealth fighter jet and the

B-2 stealth bomber during a time when Pentagon budgets were strained and readiness suffered. But the gamble in favor of future capability arguably paid-off-a-decade-later when the Persian Gulf War became a showcase for the superiority of U.S. weapons systems.

This time, Perry is betting differently. During his tours of military bases around the globe, Deutch said, Perry concluded that better treatment of soldiers, sailors, pilots and the equipment they use "is the single most important thing to keep our military forces not only able to fight, but in a position of high morale and ability to dominate the military situations they might face."

Andrew Krepinevich, head of the Defense Budget Project, said technological advances may make some of the weapons named in Deutch's memo less relevant to future warfare. More worrisome, he said, are sharp reductions in research and development spending — which has gone from \$44 billion in 1988 to a projected \$27 billion in 1999 under the Pentagon's five-year plan.

"They ought to be looking at protecting military capability over the long term," he said. "The great risks (to security) don't lie in the near term, they lie in the long term."

Clinton plans state dinner for Mandela

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nelson Mandela of South Africa will visit President Clinton in early October to celebrate the birth of black majority rule in his homeland.

White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said Wednesday that Mandela will be guest of honor at a

state dinner during the Oct. 4-6 visit.

"The president sees this as an occasion for all Americans to celebrate and rejoice in the birth of a new South Africa," Myers said.

Mandela is celebrating his first 100 days in office. His visit will be his first to the United States since his inauguration in May.

Yeltsin visit to Seattle likely

Seattle Times

WASHINGTON — Russian President Boris Yeltsin will likely visit Seattle late next month.

A spokesman for Russian Federation Embassy in Washington said a Sept. 29 Yeltsin visit to Seattle is "quite probable" and that arrangements are now being made for Yeltsin's itinerary.

The visit, the first ever to Seattle by a Russian head of state, would likely include a tour of a Boeing facility and lunch with Seattle business leaders.

A source familiar with the arrangements said Yeltsin would be accompanied by his wife, who may visit the Seattle Art Museum.

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Battle for Brest rages while war rolls east

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The area covered by Lt. Gen. George Patton's Third Army was enormous, consisting of the bulk of France.

As Patton sent the XII and XX Corps racing toward the German border with the XV Corps following in August, 1944, he still had the VIII Corps committed in the Brittany peninsula 480 miles to the west.

The VII Corps had the 2nd, 8th and 29th Infantry divisions engaged in the siege of Brest, a major port at the tip of the peninsula. The port was well protected by hills, ridges, deep valleys and numerous streams. These natural features were strengthened with fortifications dating as far back as the 17th century. The garrison was built around the 2nd Parachute Division, an elite unit under the stubborn Generalleutnant Hermann Ramcke.

The total German garrison numbered nearly 50,000 at the battle's start.

It was a battle waged from strongpoint to strongpoint with flame throwers and satchel charges.

The corps commander, Maj. Gen. Troy Middleton, called in the heavy bombers whenever the weather was clear and the British battleships Vaspelle poured forth its broadsides of 15-inch guns. Middleton brought up an array of artillery, including 8-inch guns. Yet this enormous firepower was often wasted against an enemy entrenched in bunkers. It was up to the infantry to take and hold the ground.

Shortly after dusk on Aug. 29, the Germans launched a local counterattack supported by two flak guns.

Sgt. John McVeigh of the 23rd Regiment, 2nd Division, was covering a machine-gun section. The U.S. platoon had just come up and was not yet dug in. The attack was about to break through when McVeigh jumped up to rally his squad and direct its fire on the enemy.

The enemy charge was soon on top of their position, McVeigh drew his knife and dove into the enemy, killing



one German and disrupting the advance of the others. McVeigh was gunned down, but he had given his men a chance to regroup. Inspired, they held their ground and drove the enemy back. McVeigh was awarded a posthumous Medal of Honor.

The battle lasted into September. Slowly, the enemy began to weaken. On Sept. 8, G Company of the 115th Regiment (Maryland National Guard), 29th Division, made a bold charge across 700 yards of open ground in front of a major enemy strongpoint. The men fired from the hip and yelled the division battle cry as they charged. The Germans were so shaken by this act that they broke and ran.

On Sept. 10, the city walls were reached, and Ramcke surrendered the remaining garrison on Sept. 19. However, the Germans had so demolished the harbor that it proved useless as a supply base.

Work on rebuilding the port was halted before completion because the war had moved east so rapidly that other ports were of more use.

Critics have questioned why an entire corps had to be pinned down for more than a month at a useless port. Brest had been an original "Overlord" objective, and no one knew in advance how hard it would be to take.

Once the battle was joined, Gen. Omar Bradley told Patton, "we must take Brest to maintain the illusion that the U.S. Army cannot be beaten." Patton agreed, saying, "Any time we put our hand to a job, we must finish it."

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Editorial

Health and Welfare needs greater accountability

The way Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare dealt with a 16-year-old former child molester has the makings of a full-scale politico-bureaucratic meltdown.

Despite vigorous damage control by the agency Wednesday, the incident is likely to subject department officials to more public scrutiny than they ever could wish for.

Well, good. They earned it. If you want to feel sorry for somebody, feel sorry for Carl Snow.

Snow, principal of Twin Falls High School, learned on Tuesday that the state was planning to deploy a jackal among his lambs. The boy reportedly had committed more than 200 separate acts of child molestation.

What was most appalling was that Snow learned this news by accident. It popped up in Tuesday's *Times-News*, after a state caseworker mentioned the youngster in a legislative hearing on juvenile justice. So Snow divided his time Tuesday between fielding calls from terrified parents and trying to pry the boy's identity from state officials.

The state wasn't telling. On Wednesday, however, Snow got an assurance that the boy wouldn't come to Twin Falls High, and that state wouldn't pull the same stunt again.

And, by closing time Wednesday afternoon, department brass in Boise had faxed out a press release declaring that all such cases statewide — about 70 of them — would be reviewed. The press release also promised to notify "all appropriate authorities" about future placements of juvenile sex offenders.

That certainly was the right response, late as it was. Question is, how did the department get into this mess in the first place?

From our remote vantage point outside the system, the most likely explanation is institutional arrogance. It's the old pattern of Bureaucracy Knows Best. Juvenile cases are confidential, you know, and what the public doesn't know won't hurt it.

In fairness to Health and Welfare, we should recognize that the agency faces a dilemma with this boy and others like him. Even if the boy does have a history of molesting children, he has to go to school somewhere.

Furthermore, as well as we can determine, his numerous offenses took place when he was 12 or 13 years old, and he since has undergone 3½ years of therapy. The state's experts apparently think he can behave himself in a public high school — if he can escape the shadow of his grotesque record.

So we can sympathize — a little — with what the state was trying to do for the kid.

But the community's other children need protection as well, and school officials need to know about the risks that lurk in their hallways. It's purely deplorable that the department's regulations have not — until now — required local authorities to be notified.

Wednesday's damage control should soothe the immediate fears of Twin Falls High School parents. But it doesn't relieve a more general concern about how Health and Welfare conducts its business.

What other alarming secrets, you may ask, is the department hiding from taxpayers?

This incident suggests, once again, a need for greater accountability on the part of this enormously powerful state agency. Both the governor and the state Legislature should make the issue a priority.

Does truth-in-labeling law apply to government, legislatures?

Watching and listening to the unedited debate on C-SPAN concerning the proposals to reduce crime makes one wish that the truth-in-labeling law applied to legislation as well as to food. Can those making impassioned pleas to pass the "crime bill" really believe its programs will work?

If members of Congress are unaware of the facts, they are naive and haven't fully studied the issue. If they know the facts and hold positions that contradict the evidence, they are lying to us.

Supporters of the bill act as if the billions of dollars in additional spending for social programs, which they call "crime prevention," is something new. It is no more new than attempts by the federal government to end poverty by throwing money at the poor without addressing the poverty of some of their souls.

We have spent \$3 trillion fighting crime in our cities with social programs. This approach has followed the liberal philosophy that people commit crimes because their material desires have not been sufficiently met. This is why we get proposals like midnight basketball and classes on self-esteem.

The Republican minority in the Senate was right to take a principled stand against the Democrats' shell out of more money for pro-



Cal Thomas

grams that, history shows, just don't work.

UCLA professor James Q. Wilson offers a reality check about crime and our mostly failed responses to it in the September issue of *Common Sense* Magazine. Wilson says that only about 6 percent of the young male population is responsible for more than half of all serious crimes committed by young men, so proposals for reducing crime should focus on that 6 percent. He also asserts that the most frightening change in criminality over the past 10 years is the growth of random killings by young people, most of them male.

Wilson also challenges widely accepted nostrums and fads, such as "three strikes and you're out" legislation, gun control, rehabilitation and censorship of violent television programs because of their negative influence on the young.

Specifically, Wilson believes that crime can be reduced by targeting police deployment in neighborhoods with high rates of youth vio-

lence, aggressive supervision of the small percentage of people who are responsible for serious violations of the law (he admits that will be controversial and a challenge to civil libertarians), enforcement of truancy and curfew laws and welfare reform.

He rejects the supposed causes of crime, such as unemployment, racism, poor housing, too little schooling and lack of self-esteem. The real causes, he argues, are temperament, early family experiences and the disastrous effects the neighborhood culture of violence can have on a young person. To which I would add the failure of society to instill a moral compass and affirm a virtuous code for living.

Republicans should do more than play defense against the Democrats' allegations of officialism about the poor and deprived. They should begin an offensive against failed and morally and financially bankrupt liberal policies.

The entire Great Society rested on the premise that government could "buy out" the evil that lurks in some souls. The evidence shows how wrong this thinking was. It didn't work. It has been incredibly expensive, and the now the Democrats want to up the ante.

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Letters

Slanderous remarks unethical

Pam Dowd, did you check into the credentials of Al Sandner before making slanderous and damaging remarks about his skills and abilities?

If you did not, your actions and behavior are very non professional and unethical as well. It is the duty of public officials to set positive examples, not negative examples, for our children and future politicians. You flunked the test.

Personally, I believe all the accusations you made about Mr. Sandner you, yourself, are guilty of.

Your crybaby bellyaching and foot-dragging is what is causing delay of E-911, which in turn causes rises in material costs, which you call mismanagement, mishandling and misspensing.

Look in the mirror, Pam, and you will see one of the main sources of E-911 problems. Whatever happened to majority rule and for the common good?

It is time to bury the hatchet and move forward into the 21st century. Positive attitudes will make the transition much smoother, enjoyable and economically prudent.

POLLY BICKETT
Jerome

Death causes more than pain

To my neighbor:
On Aug. 19, the day you shot my German shepherd with a .22 rifle, you cost me, my mother, another neighbor and her daughter a lot of pain and anxiety.

Blood all over and I was hysterical and couldn't drive her to the veterinarian, so my good neighbor next door and her daughter drove Sammy and I to the veterinarian with blood going everywhere.

You caused so much pain that day. I found it was legal when you did, so I have no recourse for your violent nature. But I pray to God that the next time you get trigger happy, you do not miss and hit one of our neighborhood children.

DEBRA CLARK
Jerome

Buses are blessing for riders

It is thoroughly amazing that those opposing the presence of the Health Security Express buses in Twin Falls were so misinformed and came ready for a fight with their 30 sign-waving opponents of

reform. Then that evening, Congressman Craig called the express "Phony Express." Was he calling Idahoans and all volunteer bus riders and their stories phony?

The 140 express riders and more than 40 local people were there to send their messages to Congress in support of reform that would ensure coverage for all Americans — coverage that would meet individual and/or families' needs.

Not just being able to buy the coverage you could afford that may not meet your individual or family needs leaves you to fall through cracks when you need it most.

People want universal access to real health care — health care that will cover the costs incurred by sudden or unexpected illnesses, injuries sustained in an accident, preventive care, prescription drugs, long-term care in your own home or a nursing home and mental health care for starters.

The Idaho Coalition for National Health Care Reform respectfully calls upon the president and Congress of the United States to enact a national health reform plan which includes the following set of principles:

- Coverage for all Americans with fair and equitable financing.

- A full range of comprehensive benefits, including but not limited to preventive care, long-term care, prescription medications and mental health services.

- Choice of providers and settings, quality of care, and geographical access.

- A system that controls costs with flexibility for the states to provide a plan that will implement the above principles.

People were at the park to hear from the bus riders who represented people from all walks of life and the western states.

They were also there to share with their written stories to be delivered to the U.S. Congress and the president.

Both those in support of and opposed to reform took the time and opportunity to write their individual concerns to be delivered to Congress. Many shared their differing views and some shared the need for reform but differed on what it should look like.

Health care is vital to us all. It must, at minimum, include the above principles. Many thanks to the bus riders

and those who provided food and shared their views on the vital health care reform issue.

PAMELA M. HEWARD
Burley
SANDY DRESSEL
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NADINE ANDERSON
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JOHN MARTINDALE
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Health care shouldn't be political

To Beverly Delaney regarding the July 29 letter, "Health rally stifled debate"

This event you seem to know so little about was not about support for the Clinton plan but rather health care reform that would ensure universal coverage for all Americans and do whatever it takes to make it work.

People were there to provide a meal for the bus riders and share experiences and send letters. This was not to get into a heated debate that you seem to have wanted. After the event, opposers tore down our signs and tore them up. One young man asked his mother if this is when they got to burn the signs. I'm not impressed with those who identified themselves representing the Christian Coalition and supported vandalism of others' property.

We respected your right to be there with your signs in opposition and heckling speakers. We did not vandalize your property or tear up your signs or heckle you. You took the opportunity to take handfuls of blank triplicate reform forms and a few were given back and sent with the bus.

I was glad I got to talk to those in opposition as some were seeing things in a different light by the time we left. People were willing to talk to those

in opposition, but many who were opposed would rather hurl insults at speakers than go talk to them discussing the issues.

Health care reform is a non-partisan issue. People from all levels of income have difficulty getting adequate coverage to meet their needs. Many delay necessary treatment as it is too expensive and others are turned away at the doctor's office door based on the way they pay their bills, no insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

I'm glad the Health Security Express came to Twin Falls, and I had the opportunity to hear its stories and share my views on reform. The bus riders were real people with real problems with accessing the current health care system — people with varied income levels that somehow fall through the cracks.

No one is safe. Even you can lose. Health care is a basic need, not a luxury.
TONYA SCHUT
Heyburn

Where did all the trillions go?

This is a letter that I have thought about writing for a while, but the actions of our politicians in D.C. the past few weeks have finally precipitated this letter.

I have been waiting very patiently for the so-called "right answer" to my question of what happened to the \$4.5 trillion debt which was created by the borrow-and-spend policies of the Reagan and Bush administrations? It seems to me I read that 154 multimillionaires were made during the last year of the Bush administration. I know that doesn't total \$4.5 trillion!

I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat, but it seems to me that Mr. Clinton is trying to do a good job for the American people. I am sick of

the Republicans in both houses (and even a few Democrats) who are disrupting our president.

They talk about "tax and spend" but seem to disregard the borrow-and-spend policies of the past 12 years in D.C. At least "tax and spend" creates the means to accomplish some things which need to be done today and the future. "Borrow and spend" has created nothing but a debt which is so huge that it is incomprehensible.

I wonder where all the \$4.5 trillion went.
JAMES H. RIDGELY
Gooding

Resident thanks firefighters

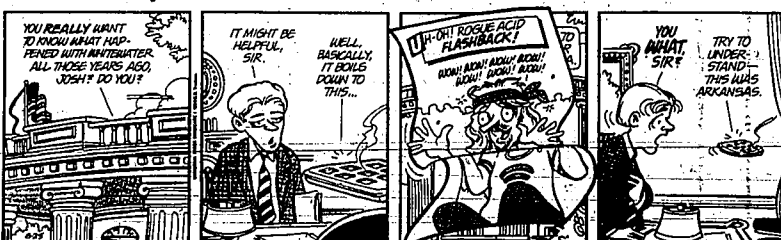
As part owner of most of the property below which a raging brush fire on the north side of the Snake River Canyon burned last week, I want to tell the world how much I appreciate the work of the Jerome Fire Department employees in containing and stopping this fire.

Not only did they respond very quickly to the first reports of this fire, but they stayed on site to spray water from their tanker trucks whenever they decided it could be done. My property on the canyon edge consists of several acres of bone-dry brush and grass ready to explode should a stray ember or spark from the fire below cause it to happen.

It was a great comfort for me, especially after night had fallen, to see the smoke and red glow of the fire from my home's back yard and know there were men standing ready on the canyon rim to protect and defend my property, as well as that of others nearby. I cannot commend these men too highly.

A very grateful Jerome County resident,
SHIRLEY R. CLARK
Jerome

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Mitchell, Gephardt health bills destroy private sector reform

James A. Klein

When health reform got started, businesses across the country looked forward to supporting it.

They had been working together in community after community to control costs and expand coverage to include even more of their employees and families.

Encouraged, companies saw health reform begin with these same goals and with a promise to make greater use of managed care — the same approach businesses had been using with much success in their communities.

Through their health plans, businesses had made great progress in the private sector. All but 15 percent of Americans have health coverage, most through their employers, and annual increases in the nation's health spending have dropped from 14 percent in 1991 to 6 percent this year.

Many businesses were ready for government to help finish the job.

Not anymore.

The health reform bills of Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and Sen. George Mitchell, D-Me., would destroy progress, not build upon it.

President Clinton and the congressional Democratic leadership may never have been able to create the support of small business. But the fact that they have alienated major employers with the most progressive health plans is a measure of how they have lost touch with those who could have been their natural allies in the health reform effort.

Take Mitchell's bill. Instead of more Americans getting health coverage, millions would lose their benefits. That's because employer costs would skyrocket under the Mitchell bill, forcing many to drop health benefits.

We can explain how this would happen by picking our way through a complex thicket of new rules, regulations, and bureaucracies. A lot easier to describe — and more disturbing — is what's really going on and who's behind it.

Simply stated — it's a question of who pays and who gets the money, with government wanting to shed costs off its budget and health care providers wanting more money spent on them.

First, for government, Mitchell would shift the burgeoning costs of the Medicaid program for the poor to business. How? By pooling Medicaid beneficiaries with workers and their families, he would then make businesses pay higher insurance premiums to cover the total costs.

On top of that, the Mitchell bill would require every employer of fewer than 500 people to join regional health insurance purchasing cooperatives that differ little from the mandatory regional alliances Clinton proposed and most Americans rejected months ago.

Obviously, we need to fix the Medicaid program. Its costs are the most uncontrolled of the entire health care system. However, the answer is not to sweep its problems under a rug, expecting the business community to cover the costs.

No. The answer is to keep the program separate. Fix its problems with a healthy dose of managed care and fund it honestly.

Next, for providers, Mitchell creates a long list of "essential community providers" and gives the secretary of Health and Human Services authority to create additional categories. These politically favored providers would have a guaranteed right to contract with health plans even if they do not meet plans' quality standards.

Obviously undermined would be the ability of managed care plans to control costs and improve quality.

As an added boost to providers, he would force employers to guarantee a more expensive and elaborate package of benefits. Higher costs of care would force employers to drop coverage, their inability to deny inappropriate claims under penalty of broadly expanded legal liability just might.

In fact, the U.S. Judicial Conference, the collective voice of America's jurists, took the unusual step of warning Congress that health care bills pending in Congress, including the Mitchell and Gephardt bills, could inundate the courts, slowing case resolution to a crawl. They worry that people's higher and legitimate medical needs could get lost in a court system overwhelmed with cases.

Not only could beneficiaries who disagree with benefit denials go directly to court, but the thousands of congressionally designated essential community providers could do the same if displeased with their treatment by a health plan.

Left out, after Mitchell takes care of government and providers, are the rest of us. Fewer Americans will have health coverage. Costs will go up faster than if there had been no health reform at all — by \$26 billion according to the Congressional Budget Office. Private sector managed care programs, our best hope for slowing costs and expanding coverage, would be shattered.

Passage of either the Mitchell or Gephardt bills and the destruction of managed care would be a tragedy. The fact is, America's businesses have made great progress with managed care and its potential remains even greater.

It's time Congress went back to the beginning when expanding coverage and controlling costs were the goals of health reform — not getting government off the budgetary hook and putting more dollars in providers' pockets.

It's time to reject the Mitchell and Gephardt bills and start over on health reform.

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Uncertain public creates edgy politicians

E.J. Dionne Jr.

For the Clinton presidency, the past week was a very big deal, to use one of the president's favorite phrases. There were lessons all around. The problem is that the lessons are contradictory. So beware of all the dogmatic conventional wisdoms busy being born. The real problem in Washington at the moment is that the American electorate hasn't figured out its own mind.

There will not stop the theorizing. It will, for example, be said that passage of the crime bill with 46 votes from mostly moderate Republicans shows the importance to Clinton of reaching out to the other party for support. That's true. But it's also true that by attacking the Republicans fiercely for working to kill the crime bill initially, the president scared some of those moderates back into negotiations.

They did not want to be blamed for gridlock. A little partisanship helped breed a little bipartisanship.

There will be much talk of governing from "the center" and how the final crime deal proved that could work. Well, maybe. But the initial crime bill that went down was in many ways a classic in centrism, Clinton-style. It tilted "right" on values rhetoric (three-strikes-and-you're-out, new death penalties), "left" on federal spending (for 100,000 cops, more prisons, the prevention programs) and against "special interests" (by supporting an assault weapons ban over the objections of the National Rifle Association).

This formula is supposed to bring right and left together. But the first time

around, parts of the left rebelled against the death penalties, most of the Republicans rebelled against the spending, and conservative Democrats preferred to stand with the NRA and aim their fire at Clinton. But wait! Don't conclude that Clinton's approach is hopeless. On the contrary, when a few dials were adjusted during all-night negotiating sessions last week, the old center came back to life.

There's a reason dogmatic pronouncements about Washington are both popular and mostly wrong these days. Many would like to offer some sweeping explanation of just why things here seem so strange. But that very strangeness is the product of contradictory political forces that neither Republicans nor Democrats have mastered.

The heart of the problem is that the electorate is sending a steady stream of confusing signals. It continues to be skeptical of government and yet wants government to do more. Majorities tell pollsters that they long for bipartisan concord, yet wonder if bipartisan deals are "just politicians' ploys." In any event, who can afford to be bipartisan when passionate sub-groups (who vote in large numbers) punish any sign of weakness on issues such as gun control or the death penalty? Voters seem to want Clinton to be both more conciliatory — to rise above partisanship — and also tougher and less compromising.

They want government to do it all on health care (i.e., guarantee everyone coverage), yet fear that their own health care will be wrecked if the government does anything.

An uncertain public creates edgy politicians who are always wary of putting a foot wrong, yet are always hoping to find opportunities to tilt public opinion their way. This puts a premium on cynicism.

One negotiator on the crime bill commented over the weekend that many of the issues at stake, especially the money issues, were easy enough to settle. Republicans mostly knew that not all of the social programs in the crime bill were junk — most of them had enjoyed Republican support. Democrats mostly knew that there were places where spending could be cut. But the political stakes had become so high that the negotiations were almost entirely about postures and appearances. Republicans who wanted to justify needed to get something to justify their switching. Democrats needed to give the Republicans their justification without seeming to cave on the essentials (which, mercifully, saved the assault weapons ban).

Episodes such as this one feed the public's sense that so much of what happens in Washington has more to do with partisan politics, narrowly conceived, than with the problems supposedly under discussion. Yet voters also need to hold themselves accountable for their role in creating this mess. Politics is about choices. Professional politi-

cians are paid to make them on behalf of majorities. But if they want the politicians to make choices, the voters themselves have to choose. For their part, politicians have only encouraged evasion by engaging in a symbolic politics of false choices.

Ultimately, voters have to gamble on one of two competing propositions — that government really can get some things right and is worth paying for, or that they really can live with less government. All of us also have to face what is for some an unpleasant fact: that many of these arguments are about the politics of class. The people who have the least to fear from the status quo are those who can buy their way out of it. Voters have to decide whether certain benefits — such as health care — should be guaranteed in some form, as a matter of course, to everybody, or whether certain people (the poor, middle-class families who can't afford insurance, the very sick) will be left to their own devices, or to chance or to charity.

President Clinton says he wants to change the conduct of politics. He might look less partisan and less compromising if he challenged the voters and Congress by speaking a few impolitic truths. The idea would be to encourage the electorate to make some choices so politicians could get on with making some decisions. As it is, the gridlock in Washington is only a reflection of the gridlock in the country.

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Stop the misguided mall sprawl in America

Jessica Mathews

Last year the National Trust for Historic Preservation put the entire state of Vermont on its list of Most Endangered Places. The qualities that make the state special — compact, walkable cities and towns, unspoiled countryside and a near absence of suburbs and strip development — were in imminent danger, it said, from the newest engine of sprawl — the huge discount superstore and the regional outlet mall.

It's happening all over the country, the trust says in a new report whose pictures and text capture the best and worst of our democracy. Ugly, homogenizing development — Wal-Mart, Kmart and the rest — that makes everywhere look like no place and derives a good part of its profits from shifting its costs to others (especially local governments) is galloping across America.

Misguided zoning and transportation policies are enabling these stores to do so small cities and towns where shopping centers did to the larger cities before them: to suck the life out of downtowns, destroy farm and rural land on the outskirts and clog the roads with the congestion that inevitably accompanies total auto dependence.

St. Albans, Vt., is a typical example. A 150,000-square-foot store has been proposed for this town of 11,000. It would be plunked down two miles out of

town (much too far to walk), on what is now farmland. If built true to form, the store would be a cheap, windowless box set amid a vast, flat, treeless expanse of concrete. Its 44 acres would cover an area as large as St. Albans's present downtown.

One, two, and five-acre zoning doesn't preserve open land as originally intended. Instead, it produces a chopped-up countryside of parcels that are "too big to mow and too small to plow."

Rules that forbid mixing residential and commercial uses mean no one can walk to work; a vast canyon of milk, much less to buy; and that the number and miles of automobile trips will climb inexorably. In the '80s, the number of vehicle miles traveled in the United States grew four times faster than population.

As congestion worsens, the local government tries to fix it. But state transportation agencies will only help pay for roads built according to their standards — very wide, no sidewalks, no trees, as straight as possible. The standards dictate roads that are great for cars but bad for people and devastating for neighborhoods.

Few states have land-use planning laws. Without them, residential develop-

ers can build pretty much where they like, which means on the cheapest land farthest from downtowns. These sprawling suburbs are the most expensive of all types of development to service with water, sewer, schools and transport, which means higher property taxes for the whole jurisdiction. Because they are auto-dependent (nothing else works at such low densities), congestion and air pollution follow. With more and more people living further and further from downtown, commercial development concentrates on the suburban strips, and the stores on Main Street begin to close.

No one ever planned it this way, but the result of all this, says the trust, is: "It is against the law in much of America to build tightly knit communities that people love — places they feature on Christmas cards ... (and) visit by the millions."

Citizens are starting to fight back with some success. Among photographs that are painful to look at, the trust's report also describes how communities that didn't want mall sprawl organized to stop it.

A handful of determined ordinary citizens is usually the key. In one case, they commissioned an independent economic analysis which showed that a store's claimed gain of 177 jobs and \$7 million in taxes dwindled to a net of eight jobs

and \$34,000 when the loss of existing businesses was counted.

Other communities chose to accept a superstore, but on their own terms. Some insisted on a smaller store, more appropriate to their town's scale. Others forced developers to recycle an existing building, or even to put the superstore downtown, where walkers and transit riders could use it.

The most successful weapon is a commitment to revitalize downtown. One town found financing to restore and refurbish existing buildings, put in benches, lights and plantings and even installed a "snowmelt" system of buried water pipes heated by waste heat from its local power plant so shoppers could stroll on clear, dry sidewalks.

Instead, they can recognize the iron link between zoning policies, patterns of development and transportation and choose to make the automobile serve the needs of people and community rather than vice versa.

Superstore-driven sprawl has a big and bad start, but it's further spread, says the National Trust, is not a forgone conclusion.

Jessica Mathews is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. She wrote this commentary for the Washington Post.

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Pilot alleges cover-up in Colorado wildfire

BEND, Ore. (AP) — A pilot says that air tankers could have extinguished a Colorado wildfire before it claimed the lives of 14 firefighters including two from Idaho.

"This is a giant cover-up," said Cal Butler, part owner of Butler Aviation in Redmond, which contracts with the U.S. Forest Service to make air tanker drops on fires throughout the Northwest.

He said air tankers were available and he claims they could have put out the fire the day it started. "They're whitewashing this whole thing," Butler said. "That fire should have never gotten as big as it did. They sat on their butts and watched it burn. If you fought a house fire that way, people would have a congressional action to get you thrown out of office."

Butler has outlined his allegations in a letter to Colorado Gov. Roy Romer and is awaiting a reply.

Romer's press secretary, Cindy Parmenter, declined comment on Butler's allegations.

Tuesday, saying neither she nor the governor had yet seen his letter.

According to a federal report released Monday, a fire was not dropped until July 5, three days after lightning started the South Canyon fire and one day before strong winds whipped it into a deadly fire storm on Storm King Mountain.

The report says higher-priority fires in Colorado diverted one tanker away from the area on July 3, and inadequate radio communication prevented drops on July 4.

Butler, however, maintains that two air tankers were waiting on the ground within striking distance of the South Canyon fire on July 4, when the blaze was still small.

At the pilots' request, he did not reveal their names or locations, saying only they were to the north and south.

"I checked with both pilots and they were both just sitting there during the morning when they knew it was only a two-acre fire," Butler said.

"Rather than 14 lives, it would have just cost them money," he said.

Butler's claims were disputed by Earl Dahl, an air tanker pilot based in Grand Junction, Colo. He said all available planes were fighting other fires at the time of the South Canyon fire.


"We were flying like crazy. There was nobody sitting here," Dahl said.

Janice Kingsbury, a spokeswoman for the Western Slope Dispatch Center for western Colorado, said if two air tankers were waiting on the ground, they were probably on standby to handle higher priority fires that were threatening structures.

Ross Talbot, president of the Burning Tree Fire District near the South Canyon Creek fire, said the fire should have been put out sooner.

"I can't speak for the air tankers," Talbot said, "but it's our opinion that it should have been put out on the first day."

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Briefly

Rudigoz to receive Emmy in Ketchum

KETCHUM — Michel Rudigoz, a technical consultant for CBS Sports at the 1992, 1993 and 1994 Olympic Games, will be presented with the Emmy Award he won for the 1992 Games at Michel's Christiania Restaurant in Ketchum at 5:30 p.m. today.

Among the invited guests are CBS commentators Tim Ryan and Cristina Cooper, CBS sports production personnel from the 1992 and 1994 games, athletes and coaches from the 1984 U.S. Olympic Ski Team, the coaching staff of the Sun Valley Ski Team and actor/director Clint Eastwood.

Commissioner says Big West likes looks of adding Idaho

MOSCOW — Big West Conference Commissioner Dennis Farrell says the University of Idaho appears to be just the kind of new member his league is looking for.

Farrell, who visited Moscow with NCAA President Joe Crowley on Tuesday, said Big West members have a "very favorable" impression of Idaho as they consider adding four schools to compete in all sports.

Members of the Big West expansion committee are scheduled to visit Moscow on Friday. Committee members will tour Boise State on Thursday, and have tentatively planned early September trips to North Texas State and Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

Idaho and Boise State have expressed an interest in moving up. The state Board of Education must approve any change in either school's conference affiliation.

Jansen decides to hang up skates, spend family time

MILWAUKEE

Having finally won Olympic gold and busy with endorsements and a new career as a television commentator, Dan Jansen announced his retirement from speed skating Wednesday.

"I have accomplished all that I can in my sport," Jansen said in a news release. "I will miss it, especially the competition, but I am looking forward to spending more time with my family."

Jansen, 28, who lives in the Milwaukee suburb of Greenfield, won a gold medal in the 1,000 meters at Lillehammer, Norway, in February, ending years of Olympic frustration.

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Luke LaChance, catcher for Brooklyn Center, Minn., misses the tag on Kevin Brower of the Middleboro, Mass., squad during Wednesday's game at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Middleboro stays alive in Little League play

The Associated Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Daryl Bradford hit a grand slam and Middleboro, Mass., slipped back into contention for a spot in the Little League World Series semifinal with an 11-5 victory Wednesday over Brooklyn Center, Minn.

The loss eliminated Brooklyn Center, but Thursday's American semifinal pairing still depended on the outcome of Wednesday night's Springfield, Va.-Northridge, Calif., game.

Springfield is in Northridge would advance if it beat Springfield or if it lost but gave up four or fewer runs. If it lost and gave up more than five runs, Middleboro would advance.

The international semifinal was set with a stunner. Saudi Arabia knocked Taiwan out of the tournament, winning 3-2 on Ronald Baptiste's 10 strikeouts and his two-run homer. Saudi Arabia, made up mostly of Americans whose families are employed in the Middle East country, will play Venezuela on Thursday.

Taiwan had failed to reach the final only once before in 18 Little League World Series appearances.

The championship game will be played Saturday. U.S. teams have won two in a row, but haven't won three or more in a row since 1966.

Also Wednesday, Venezuela beat Greece Bay, Nova Scotia, 3-0, in a game that had to be played on the semifinals.

Bradford's grand slam, off reliever



Krissy Wendell of Brooklyn Center, Minn., watches her team during fifth inning play Wednesday against Middleboro, Mass.

Eric Tauschek in the third inning, gave Middleboro a 5-2 lead. Brooklyn Center starter Dwayne Erickson (0-1) walked

Saudis deal Taiwan surprising blow

The Associated Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Say it ain't so, Wu.

Taiwan sends a team to the Little League World Series and it doesn't make the championship game.

"We prepared well for this game, and went over many things, but it was just bad luck," Taiwan manager Wu Ming-Tao said after Saudi Arabia knocked his team out of the tournament with a 3-2 victory. "We will work harder next year."

For only the second time in Taiwan's 19 World Series appearances, it will not be in the championship game.

"I've been playing against Taiwan and having them beat me up several times," Saudi Arabian manager Loren Schoenholtz said. "We're very pleased to have won this thing."

It might have been an omen when a chartered bus carrying Taiwanese fans

Please see TAIWAN/B2



Huang Chien Feng, right, slides safely back to first past first baseman Akul Nishawala of Saudi Arabia to avoid a double play Wednesday.

Navratilova turns politician, seeks unity in sport

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martina Navratilova is running for the WTA presidency on a platform of reform: Revamp the tour, revise the rules and restore sanity to the sport.

Navratilova endorsed the idea of a "tennis summit" to bring together all the key factions — the men's and women's tours, the USTA, the International Tennis Federation, manufacturers, advertisers, marketing experts, promoters, media and fans — to examine the problems of the game.

"Absolutely," she said in an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press from her home in Aspen, Colo. "Get all of

'Right now tennis is very splintered.'

— Martina Navratilova, running for WTA presidency

us together because we're all working for the same goal. Right now tennis is very splintered. A summit conference would be good for the game."

"She wants fewer tournaments so top players will meet each other more often and develop rivalries. 'I've gone for a year without playing against Steffi Graf,' she said. 'I'm ranked No. 4, she's ranked No. 1 and we never play each other.'"

Navratilova also would like to see the

men's and women's game speeded up, playing less, reducing the number of times players sit on changeovers, and serving more quickly. And, after seeing Jennifer Capriati's decline, she's urging tougher rules restricting the eligibility of young players to "let these kids have a life" before they go on the tour.

"I will be running for WTA president," she said, announcing her intention of replacing former doubles partner Pam Shriver.

Roh mows down field at Ore-Ida

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Susie Roh completed her wire-to-wire domination of the Ore-Ida women's amateur golf tournament Wednesday afternoon.

Roh, an Idaho Falls miss who will be a junior on the University of Oregon golf team this year, added a 4-under 71 to go along with her opening 4-under 71 to earn a 12-stroke victory over Joyce Billings of Utah. Second-day runner-up, Sergene Jensen of Rupert, came home with a 157.

With former Minico hoop star Jim Boatwright, who played for Susie's father Les Roh in 1969-70, serving as gallery, Roh's 71 was considerably more bumpy than one would expect.

"I had an off (out-of-bounds) on the second three par (No. 5) and had to take an unplayable on the back nine," she said. Her tee shot on the fifth caught the left side of the fence and bounced over the fence. Jensen's chance to remain in second place died on three consecutive three-putts on the back nine although she came back to birdie two and par three of the final five holes.

But Jensen was more impressed with Roh, noting "she's the first woman I've played with who can consistently back the ball up. In fact, I don't know if I've ever seen a woman do that before," said the 27-time Burley club champion.

"And her driving," Jensen continued. "It's tough when she's always out there a 100 or more yards ahead of you on every tee shot. It's a real pleasure to watch her play."

"Twin Falls' Kathy Hanchett shot a 78, the third best score of the day, to claim the net title at 133.

Championship Flight
143-Susie Roh, Idaho Falls; 155-Joyce Billings, Utah; 157-Sergene Jensen, Rupert; 162-Kathy Hanchett, Twin Falls; 160-Stacy Tyler, 164-Dora Elmgren, Durley; 161-Johnny Hanchett, 129-Jensen and 129-Cathy; 142-Hedge Fast, Boise, and Evonne Kraemer, Idaho Falls.

First Flight
174-Jessie Gasser, Twin Falls; 179-Betty Grant, Ada Harbor and Vinnie Stanley, Net 127-Vinnie Stanley, Betty Grant, Bernice Hovey and Anne Lundberg.

Second Flight
148-Carrie Kasse, Twin Falls; 150-Linda Rockne, Twin Falls; 151-Jessie Gasser, 152-Kathy Hanchett, 153-Gloria Campbell, 154-Dora Elmgren, Durley; 161-Johnny Hanchett, 129-Jensen and 129-Cathy; 142-Hedge Fast, Boise, and Evonne Kraemer, Idaho Falls.

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Oakland offers Seahawks a home

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — In another effort to fill the stadium abandoned by the Raiders a dozen years ago, the city of Oakland has offered the Oakland Coliseum to the Seattle Seahawks while the Kingdome undergoes roof repairs.

The Seahawks may not have a home stadium by the start of the NFL season if repairs to its roof are not completed. The Kingdome has been closed since July 19, when ceiling tiles fell into the stands before a baseball game.

"We've made them the same offer we made the Raiders after the earthquake," Coliseum President George Vukasin told the Santa Rosa Press Democrat on Tuesday.

"If you don't have a home and you need a place to play, we're offering you the use of our facility. If they want to talk seriously, they know our goals (of finding a permanent tenant)."

Crews had been working around the clock in hopes of finishing the costly repairs in time for the Seahawks' Sept. 18 opener against San Diego.

But work was stalled by the death of two workmen last week in a construction crane accident. That virtually ensured that the Kingdome would not reopen in time.

The Seahawks played an exhibition game at the University of Washington's Husky Stadium last Saturday and have been negotiating a deal to play regular-season games there.

A Friday deadline for a decision was extended, and a deal may be completed by the end of this week, university spokesman Jim Davis said.

Vukasin's offer is for the 1994 season. But he would "give (his) right hand" to get the Seahawks, or any other NFL team, permanently.

QB Dickenson leads Grizzlies in Big Sky

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Montana football coach Don Read's philosophy for the upcoming season sounds something like a commercial for a certain popular sports shoe.

"You have these high aspirations. You have these lofty goals, but you have to go out and do it," he said.

"People will be gunning for us this season because of what we accomplished and the key players who have returned," said Read, now in his ninth year at Montana and already the school's winningest coach with a record of 61-31.

"We're not going to sneak up on anybody. We'd better play at our best every Saturday."

But Read, whose overall college coaching record in 24 years is 130-122-1, also sounds confident.

And who wouldn't be with the nucleus returning from a team that won the Big Sky Conference title with a 7-0 record and went 10-2 overall, including a heartbreaking 49-48 loss to Delaware in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

This time around, the Grizzlies are expected to replace their role as a division power, in large part because of junior quarterback Dave Dickenson.

There aren't enough superlatives to explain Dickenson's contributions to the Grizzly program.

The 5-foot-11, 175-pounder from Great Falls, chosen ahead of Idaho quarterback Doug Nussmeier, a fourth-round pick in the NFL draft.

And the league coaches and media have tabbed Dickenson as the preseason MVP.

Dickenson set nine Montana records last fall. He led all Big Sky players with 361.6 yards total offense per game as a sophomore.

"He is a very quality young man and a quality player," said Read. "He blends those two things together, and that gives him the leadership, the intangibles, that people rally around. People have a lot of respect for him."

Offensive tackle Scott Gragg, a 6-9, 305-pounder from Silver Lake, Ore., is a pre-season All-American and an early Senior Bowl pick.

"He's going to be a high draft choice and he does so many things well," Read said. "He doesn't have any numbers. He's not a receiver."

"But as far as playing his position and contributing to our program, he's big league in every way," Read said. "He's also really important in terms of leadership on the front line."

First-team all-conference linebacker Dan Downs, a 225-pound senior from Helena, also returns for Montana.

"He's been a big-play guy for us; he's had good numbers," Read said. "He plays extremely well against the run and the pass. He is multi-talented."

Other returnees include pre-season All-American wide receiver Scott Gurnsey, a senior from Tunwaver, Wash., plus wide receivers Matt Wells and Shanon Baker; linebacker Kurt Schilling and cornerback Keith Burke.

Montana fans are going to get to see a lot of the Grizzlies, who will play seven of their 11 games at home.

The 1994 Grizzlies Schedule

Sept. 3 — Sonoma State
Sept. 10 — Carson-Newman
Sept. 17 — E. Washington (X)
Sept. 24 — N. Texas
Oct. 1 — Cal Poly-SLO
Oct. 8 — N. Arizona
Oct. 22 — at Weber St. (X)
Oct. 29 — Idaho (X)
Nov. 5 — at Boise St. (X)
Nov. 12 — at Idaho St. (X)
Nov. 19 — Montana St. (X)
(X) denotes Big Sky Conference games

Upstart Bobcats ready to build on '93-'94 season

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Montana State may not be quite as big as the Bobcats, but coach Cliff Hyatt would like. But some of his players are quick enough, and the team is improving.

"It's still an extremely young group," said Hyatt, who's beginning his third season as the Bobcats' head coach. "We're still a year away from being as physical as I would like us to be."

Montana State surprised quite a few folks last season by posting a 7-4 record, including a 4-3 mark in the Big Sky Conference, after going 4-7 (2-5 in the league) in Hyatt's first year.

And Hyatt is pleased that the Big Sky coaches and media picked the Bobcats to finish fourth in the league race in 1994.

"It's a tremendous feeling," he said. "I don't know if fourth is realistic, but I felt that we should not be last like we were the last couple of years. I don't know if we've caught up with Eastern Washington, which I believe is behind us (in the preseason poll), but it's close to being right."

The Bobcat offense is built around senior tailbacks Fred Moore and Clint Morton, who combined for 1,750 yards and 18 touchdowns last season.

"The two complement each other," Hyatt said. "Without Fred, Clint wouldn't have gained 700 yards; without Clint, Fred wouldn't have gained 1,000 yards."

Hyatt said he would like to get to a point where his team passes about half the time and runs about half the time — but that depends on how much of a threat the tailbacks are.

To throw effectively, for the guys

that we have, we've got to be able to run the thing," he said.

Brock Spencer, a 6-foot-3, 208-pound senior who quarterbacked the Bobcats for the second half of last season, is more comfortable with the offense, Hyatt said.

Defensively, Montana State returns starters like defensive end Brian Steinbecker and Mark Grimmer. Hicks, a 195-pound sophomore linebacker, led the team in last season with 14. Grimmer, a 176-pound junior free safety, led the Bobcats with 106 total tackles and was tops in the league with seven interceptions.

Senior defensive end senior linebacker, was third on the team in total defensive stats last season, including 98 total tackles. "He's just an extremely tough kid. Not the most talented guy in the world, but extremely tough," Hyatt said.

The key for the Bobcats, he said, is to get back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1978-1979, is to play well on the road.

Three of the teams the Bobcats must play on the road this year — Idaho, Montana and Stephen F. Austin — advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs last season.

The 1994 Bobcats Schedule

Sept. 3 — Minnesota-Duluth
Sept. 10 — at Stephen F. Austin
Sept. 17 — at Weber St. (X)
Sept. 24 — N. Arizona
Oct. 1 — at Sacramento St.
Oct. 8 — Idaho St. (X)
Oct. 22 — Boise St. (X)
Oct. 29 — at E. Washington (X)
Nov. 5 — W. New Mexico (X)
Nov. 12 — at Montana (X)
(X) denotes Big Sky Conference games

Dolphins favored in East

The Associated Press

Things never change in Fredonia, N.Y., where the Buffalo Bills hold summer camp.

Every year, Jim Kelly, Bruce Smith and their lesser-known teammates, coming off another Super Bowl loss, say en masse, "We'll be all right." They're usually correct.

The only problem, for four straight seasons, has been their final game, which has happened to be the Super Bowl.

And so, Marv Levy repeats the litany: "We forget about that game the day after and concentrate on the future."

This year's future looks a little dimmer.

The salary cap forced the Bills to cut \$7 million from their \$41 million payroll, loaded with long-term contracts to Kelly, Smith, Thurman Thomas and Cornelius Bennett. That cost them the services of several long-time starters, notably cornerback Nate Odomes and left tackle Howard Ballard.

The advent of Bill Parcells in New England has helped balance the division: the Patriots may join Miami and possibly the New York Jets as challengers to the Bills' reign atop a division they've won five of the last six years, and Marshall Faulk could improve the Colts.

Still, if Buffalo's not the favorite to win the division, who is?

Three of the four starters in the secondary are likely to be new and the offensive line is in some disarray, but the nucleus that's helped win four straight AFC titles is still there. It is aging, however.

There's Kelly at quarterback handing off to Thomas; Smith at center; the Bennett line blocker; and a solid corps of outstanding if less-heralded veterans: linebacker Darryl Talley, center Kent Hull, wide receivers Andre Reed and Billy Brooks, safety Henry Jones, linebacker Marcus Patton and special teams dynamo Steve Tasker. Levy and general manager John Butler also have done a good job of integrating younger players like offensive tackle John Fina, cornerback Thomas Smith and linebacker Mark Maddox.

Still, stockpiles have been diminished by free agency.

Levy is depending on plugging the hole left by Ballard's defection to Seattle with Jerry Crafts, a 360-pounder "slimmed down" to 330.

And Jones is the only sure thing in the secondary, where the corners are Thomas Smith and Mickey Walker. "We'll be OK," Bruce Smith says. "We still have our nucleus. Maybe we're getting older, but we're getting wiser, too."

Miami started 9-2 last year, then lost its last five games to miss the playoffs. In injury-riddled last year, the first and worst was Dan Marino's torn Achilles' tendon, an absence that was partially filled by Scott Mitchell.

But Mitchell did so well that the Dolphins couldn't afford to keep him. He went to Detroit for \$11 million over the next two years and Bernie Kosar was brought in to back up Marino, who is less mobile but still looks good.

The offense, in fact, should be solid.

Second-year running back Terry Kirby plus Mark Higgs and Keith Byars give Don Shula, who became the NFL's all-time winningest coach last year, the best running game they've had in years. Richmond Webb anchors a solid offensive line, and Irving Fryar, Mark Ingram, O.J. McDuffie and Keith Jackson are excellent targets.

As usual, the questions are on defense, where the most critical injuries occurred late last season.

Cornerback Troy Vincent, who tore up a knee, is recuperating faster than expected, but the most help will come from No. 1 draft pick Tim Bowens, who may give the Dolphins the inside pass rush they've lacked.

That could help linebacker Bryan

Miami's backer battles for control

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — As another season approaches, Bryan Cox still struggles to temper his tantrums.

The Miami Dolphins' linebacker, who made shouting and shoving matches a bad habit last year, pledged to change his ways at the start of training camp.

But Cox's anger got the best of him once more during last Saturday's preseason game against Tampa Bay, when he was involved in a brawl and drew penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct and unnecessary roughness.

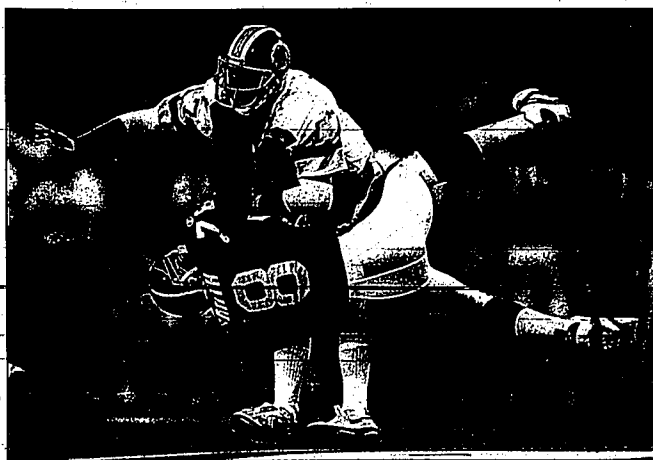
The episode renewed concern about Cox's temperament.

"I see Bryan as a loaded weapon," defensive end Jeff Bledsoe said Wednesday. "When aimed and handled properly, he can be quite effective. If not, it can be a disaster."






Cox admitted that he needs to exercise better self-control.

"It's something that has to be dealt with," he said.

A Pro Bowl starter two seasons



Buffalo Bills defensive end Bruce Smith wraps up Redskins quarterback John Friesz during pre-season action earlier this month. Smith is among a core of veteran players facing one more year before free agency and economics break up the team.

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BOULDER-Home games

Cox, one of the game's best when he's focused.

New England started 1-11 under Parcells last year, although the Patriots were competitive in most of their games. Then they won their last four as Drew Bledsoe, the No. 1 overall

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added cornerback Ricky Reynolds from Tampa Bay and drafted linebacker Willie McGinest, who could combine with second-year man Chris Slade to provide him with the pass-rushing duo he loves.

Still, how strong the Pats will be is open to question. Injuries have hurt at running back, where Marion Butts, obtained in a trade, and free agent Blair Thomas went down in training camp.

The Jets always seem to promise more than they provide.

Last season, they started 7-4, looked like they'd make the playoffs, then lost four of five to finish 8-8. That and the reluctance to hire an offensive coordinator got coach Bruce Coslet fired and defensive coordinator Pete Carroll promoted.

Carroll has loosened up the Jets, who still depend on a nucleus of veterans led by quarterback Boomer Esiason and safety Ronnie Lott. He has a potentially solid running game led by Johnny Johnson, but there's little depth at receiver, where another golden oldie, Art Monk, has been brought in to play opposite Rob Moore, although Moore may be out a while with a broken wrist.

But the Jets have a relatively solid defense, particularly if cornerback James Hasty recovers quickly from a knee injury, and linebacker Marvin Jones, last year's first-rounder, can come back from a serious hip injury.

There was addition by subtraction in Indianapolis when quarterback Jeff George was shipped off to Atlanta—George's still-unexplained holdout was in part responsible for the slide from 9-7 to 4-12 last year.

But the trade also created a void.

Bill Tobin, the new player personnel director, brought in Jim Harbaugh, whom he drafted in Chicago, to play quarterback. He also has ex-Jet Browning Nagle and Don Majkowski. None inspires confidence.

Faulk, however, does. The second overall pick in the draft has given the Colts their first running threat since Eric Dickerson was in his prime.

It would help if left tackle Will Wolford, signed as a free agent last year, comes back from his rotator cuff injury.

The defense is strong at linebacker, where free agent Tony Bennett joins Jeff Herrod and Quentin Coryatt. But Steve Emtman is still out with his second serious knee injury, leaving a hole up front. The secondary is in its traditional questionable state.

Prediction: 1. Miami (10-6); 2. Buffalo (9-7); 3. New England (7-9); 4. Jets (7-9); 5. Indianapolis (6-10).

The glamor, the fame — I'm not necessarily one that wants this. Unfortunately from my point of view, it comes with the territory."

The Dolphins want to curb Cox's excesses without extinguishing the spark that makes him a leader and perhaps the team's best defensive player.

The brawl against Tampa Bay began when Cox ran with what he believed to be a fumble recovery. The play was blown dead, but Buess full-back Rudy Harris tackled Cox anyway. Cox jumped up and tackled Harris, and players from both teams then piled on.

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Report: Lemieux will sit out coming NHL season

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mario Lemieux is expected to make official in a few days what the Pittsburgh Penguins have known for weeks: he's not going to play hockey this season.

While Lemieux isn't ready to announce his retirement — he will take a fully paid, \$3 million sabbatical during the 1994-95 season — some Penguins' officials are privately wondering if he will ever play hockey again. "Mario's just not in the frame of mind now to play hockey," said a close friend who did not want to be identified. "His leg strength isn't there ... and the desire's not there right now."

The four-time NHL scoring champion would be only 29 if he resumed his career in September 1995, but some Penguins offi-



Lemieux

cials believe he would be even less inclined to play following a year off.

"He's got his golf ... and he's got enough money he doesn't have to play hockey again," the friend said. "Mario is Mario, and he will do what he wants to do."

Lemieux is expected to announce at a news conference Monday that he will spend this winter rehabilitating from the anemia he developed as an aftereffect of Hodgkin's disease, which was diagnosed in January 1993.

The anemia left him leg-weary and drained during the Penguins' playoff loss to the Washington Capitals last April, and he said he was considering retirement.

The Associated Press reported July 31 that Lemieux was preparing to tell the Penguins he wasn't healthy enough to play for an indefinite period; Lemieux and Penguins board chairman Howard Baldwin met four days later, before the two-time Stanley Cup playoff MVP began a series of medical tests.

Lemieux has missed more than 100 games over the last five seasons due to periodic back problems, but his more immediate concern is his lack of energy and strength.

"When he developed anemia, that was obviously very serious," said Tom Reich, Lemieux's agent. "If you or I developed

anemia, it's no big deal. But when someone with Hodgkin's disease develops anemia, it's a whole new ballgame. The downside of the back is one thing, but the downside of Hodgkin's is something quite different."

After holding out hope, Lemieux might return for the playoffs — even teammate Jaromir Jagr raised that possibility — the Penguins are now preparing to play the entire season without Lemieux. They traded for high-scoring winger Luc Robitaille, resigned center John Cullen and locked up Jagr with a long-term, \$19.5 million contract.

Lemieux has spent most of the summer playing in numerous charity and celebrity golf tournaments, including the Mobil Celebrity Invitational in suburban Boston

last week. At that tournament, a fan asked Lemieux if he was going to play this season, and he replied, "I don't know, you'll know in the next week or so."

Later, Lemieux told The Boston Globe, "Basically (the anemia) causes me to be fatigued. I was really fatigued all during the playoffs. They still can't figure out what it is."

Sources close to the Penguins expect Lemieux to spend much of the hockey season away from Pittsburgh, perhaps in Florida so he can play golf.

He recently sold one of his two Pittsburgh residences to agent Ralph Chindrich for \$551,000, or about half the asking price. The Mount Lebanon house was on the market for nearly two years.



Charlotte Hornets Alonzo Mourning visits the exercise area of the Robben Island prison near Cape Town, South Africa, Wednesday, during a brief tour of the island that was the home of many political prisoners.

NBA stars view prisons during tour of South Africa

ROBBEN ISLAND, South Africa (AP) — NBA stars here to watch a few moves to South African youngsters learned a lesson themselves during a visit Wednesday to a prison.

Centers Alonzo Mourning of the Charlotte Hornets, Dikembe Mutombo of the Denver Nuggets and John Crotty of the Utah Jazz toured the island lockup where President Nelson Mandela spent much of his 27 years behind bars.

"To see where Nelson Mandela

spent almost all of his life is really shocking," Mutombo said. "I wondered what was going through his mind when he crossed this sea for the first time."

"It is all part of gaining an historical perspective on change that's taking place in South Africa," said Charles Grantham, director of the NBA's Players' Association. "Our players feel a bond to some degree to this change and are committed to South Africa's development."

Mutombo, a 28-year-old Zairean, also visited South Africa last year and held basketball clinics for black youths in Soweto. He and the rest of this year's contingent plan clinics in black townships near Cape Town and Johannesburg.

The group includes retired NBA players Michael Banton and Alex English and coaches Wes Unseld and Lenny Wilkins.

New York Knicks star center Patrick Ewing is scheduled to join the group on Thursday.

Golfers take mid-day reprieve from work in downtown Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Steven Swinder lugs more than a briefcase to the office. He brings his golf clubs and a change of clothes, too.

The accountant's building in the bustling heart of Chicago is just three blocks from what experts say is the country's first urban downtown golf course, nestled between traffic jams and a world-class skyline.

"I take a cellular phone, and I'm only five minutes from the office," Swinder said Tuesday as he waited with attorney Mark Liss for their 5 p.m. tee time at Illinois Center Golf.

The nine-hole, par-27 public course opened Sunday. It has been

crowded in late afternoons, with golfers willing to pay \$22 for a 70-minute round or \$9 to hit a bucket of balls on the driving range.

The course, located along the Lake Michigan shore, is a mere five-minute stroll from crowded Michigan Avenue. A streetside elevator under construction soon will give walkers a way to avoid the soot and exhaust fumes of Lower Wacker Drive, where many homeless people live.

The fairways are lush, with tricky greens — No. 9 is surrounded by water and reached by a bridge — and sneaky hidden sand traps. The

holes range from 57 yards to 145 yards.

Traffic noise from Wacker and Lake Shore Drive is a distraction, but the spectacular skyline views from the fifth, sixth and eighth tees are pleasant diversions.

"This is pretty nice," said Mark Monoscalco, gazing at the spread of architecture from Sears Tower to the south to the John Hancock Building north.

"There's no reason for me not to become a better golfer," Monoscalco, a self-employed computer consultant who took Tuesday afternoon off to try the new course.

Price shoots sub-par golf despite back surgery on cancerous moles

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Nick Price, playing with 12 stitches in his back after minor surgery last week to remove some cancerous moles, shot a 6-under-par 64 Wednesday in the pro-am leading to the World Series of Golf.

Price, whose career year has led him to the top of the world golf rankings, underwent the surgery in his doctor's office on Aug. 15, the day after he won the PGA Championship.

He said it was uncomfortable to swing a club the day after the procedure, but he got a good indication his game is still on track with the bogey-free 64. "I made four birdies in a row on the back, all with putts about 20-25 feet," he said. "The putting is still there. That's a good sign."

Price is looking to extend his domination that has included the British Open and three victories on the U.S. tour.

"It's asking a lot — not impossible, but asking a lot — to keep playing at the pace I have been," Price said Wednesday after a final practice round for the World Series, which begins Thursday.

"Everybody who knows golf knows that you can't keep this up forever. It's just that the pendulum has swung my way the last six weeks. I just hope I can keep it up

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— Nick Price, on his torrid pace in recent months

for the next few weeks, until I take my break."

The consecutive victories in majors and five overall titles vaulted him to the top of Sony World rankings and have clinched a second consecutive Player of the Year title.

Price comes in as the clear favorite for this tournament, according to U.S. Open champion Ernie Els of South Africa.

"No doubt about it," Els said, "he's put himself a step ahead of the rest of us."

While he has accomplished most of his goals for the season, Price is not lacking in targets as the golf year begins to wind down.

"I'd love to win the money title again, get another Arnold Palmer statue for the mantle," Price said.

He trails his close friend, Australian Greg Norman, \$1,195,164 to \$1,156,927.

"It will go down to the Tour Championship," next star, including Els, Norman, Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain and defending champion Fulton Allem of South Africa.

Among the leading Americans are Fred Couples, John Daly, Corey Pavin, Phil Mickelson and Hale Irwin.

All will be playing a course that is new to them.

The tournament site was shifted last month when the South course at Firestone — home of this event since its beginning in 1962 — suddenly lost its greens to a mysterious blight.

The adjacent North course, redesigned in 1969 and with water in play on 10 holes, was pressed into service. Trees were trimmed, bridges widened and bunkers built up.

With only Price able to win more than once on the American tour this year, a larger-than-usual field of 59 qualified. Ten, including Johnny Miller, declined invitations.

Stockton looks for Utah repeat

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Dave Stockton, who last week became the first Senior PGA Tour player to break the million-dollar barrier two years' running, will try to add to his winnings this weekend at Park Meadows.

"If the past is any indicator, Stockton will be in a good position to do just that when the \$500,000 Franklin Quest Championship gets under way Friday."

Last year, he fired rounds of 68, 66 and 63 for a 197 total while breaking the tournament's 54-hole record and winning by nine shots.

This year, Stockton will be joined by 77 other pros in chasing the \$75,000 first place prize.

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Favorites eye LPGA classic

OTTAWA (AP) — The last of the LPGA's majors — the du Maurier Classic — isn't lacking for favorites. Patty Sheehan, Jane Geddes and Liselotte Neumann all can stake claim to that role when the 72-hole tournament begins Thursday.

"The goal I've always had is to win the du Maurier — that's why I came here," said Sheehan, winner of the last major on the LPGA circuit — last month's U.S. Open.

Geddes is coming off a victory at last week's Chicago Challenge. "I probably played the best four rounds I've ever put together," Geddes said Wednesday.

Then there's Neumann, who won the British Women's Open two weeks ago and followed up with her third Swedish Open title last weekend. "I've been playing great — it's my best year ever," the native of Sweden said. "I just hope I can carry it off for another week."

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Outdoors

Elk hunters hear call of wild

For archers, staring into eyes of enraged bull elk enhances thrill of the hunt

By Greg Thomas
Times-News correspondent

Stalking the shifty dove

As the first of September approaches, the anticipation of upcoming hunts has my adrenaline levels rising.

So it's probably a good thing that the first shooting hunt of the fall is for doves. This shifty, evasive little game bird gives me the opportunity to empty my guns on nearly every encounter. Sometimes I bag a dove, but I always collect a pile of empties and enjoy the challenge of the hunt.



David Hocklander
Hunting

The nonstop action provides me with a release of energy that's been building since duck season ended last winter. It also helps me to save the slower action of later upland bird and duck hunts. Another benefit of dove hunting is that it isn't too hard on the body, which gives me more time to prepare for trekking in the mountains later this fall.

Finding doves is the lone drawback to an enjoyable hunt. Almost any shotgun and shell combination will work, the weather is usually pleasant (particularly if you like it hot), and a dog is not a necessity unless you're foolish enough to drop birds over knee-high alfalfa or a corn field.

The spots that doves prefer are not hard to identify. Just look for harvested grain fields, accessible water holes, sunflower patches, and groves of trees or willows where they can roost.

The real trick is finding exactly which spot they're in on the day you're hunting.

Complicating the problem is the fact that the Magic Valley is rich with creative dove hunters, which allows finicky doves to favor some areas and ignore others for no apparent reason. Another complication is their annoying habit of changing their address overnight.

A hunt carefully planned for a dove-filled field can end with an abandoned field on Saturday.

On the other hand, a spot may stay hot all season with unlimited doves willing to risk everything for the opportunity to feed or water in one magical location.

I'm fortunate to have several hunting companions who, in the course of their daily work, travel most of the hunt areas of the county. This provides our hunting group with day-to-day reports on hot spots and bird activity. If you know anyone who spends time in rural areas, ask them to scout for you during the season. Their help could save a lot of gas and time on your next dove hunting excursion.

Extreme changes in the weather can turn a good hunting spot into a dead zone in a matter of hours. Hunting pressure can also push birds from one spot to another. Therefore, scouting more than a day or two before your hunt is often fruitless if the birds decide to feed somewhere else. A final check on the day before a hunt can improve your chances, but there are no guarantees the birds will be there in the morning.

If you are as anxious as I am to pull the trigger on a challenging target — even if it's his nothing but air — the opportunity is close at hand. And don't forget that the final reward comes after the hunt, when you sit down to a tasty dove dinner.

David Hocklander is a teacher at Gooding High School.

Agency seeks trout comment

The Times-News

JEROME — Bull trout are on the path to extinction — and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is looking for ways to keep the rare fish from going belly up.

To meet that goal, Fish and Game officials will hold an open house Monday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., at the regional office in Jerome. The address is 868 E. Main.

Specifically, the department wants to know how people feel about a proposed conservation strategy for bull trout. Central to the plan is a Conservation Agreement between the state and federal land management agencies.

In simplest terms, the agreement seeks to maintain and restore strong bull trout populations throughout their historical range in Idaho.

Copies of the conservation strategy and agreement will be on display at the Fish and Game office prior to, and during, Monday's open house. Call 324-4350.

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TWIN FALLS — It's barely audible at first, beginning as a low growl down in the trees, extending up-slope into a high, violin-pitched squeal before dying out on the highest ridge in a series of low, lung-deflating grunts.

It's the warning cry of an animal that may want to kick your butt!

If you hear it in the woods for the first time, you could wonder, "Holy heart-stopping serenade, what was that? Bigfoot?!" Making rapid trucks in the opposite direction is an overwhelming consideration.

The eerie squeals may confuse the greenhorn, but for the serious hunter it's the music of wapiiti: the bugle of bull elk. For Idaho bowhunters, it's a familiar tune that's fraught with urgency.

Many non-hunters say the official birth of fall — when summer and winter are locked in their eternal tug of war — stands three weeks distant. But to Idaho's bowhunters, fall arrives when the first elk bugles begin bouncing around the mountain canyons.

They usually begin bugling in late August. They will certainly be bugling on Tuesday, opening day of archery elk hunting.

The sound of bugling elk alone may cause bowhunters to lose their self-control, forsaking work, friends and families for the lure of the woods. It's hard to blame them for their excitement.

For many, bowhunting Idaho's rugged mountains for elk epitomizes the hunting experience. Alone on a high ridge where the air is thin, armed with a modest weapon, they summon elk by blowing on a mouth diaphragm call.

Far below, down in the thick, black timber, comes a screeching reply from a bull elk who is hell-bent on protecting his harem of females. Challenging a bull elk is nothing to be taken lightly, especially when armed with a bow. A very large bull elk weighs about 1,000 pounds, and he may measure 10 feet from the bottom of his hooves to the peak of his white-tipped, sword-like antlers.

When challenged by a hunter's bugle, an enraged elk may sprint toward a hunter, looking for a fight, shredding small trees, bushes and just about anything else in its path.

When a six-point bull is standing 30 yards away, tearing up trees and stopping only to rip off an ear-piercing bugle, wide-eyed bowhunters may glance down at their equipment and ask the eternal question: "What in the heck have I gotten myself into?"

While most bowhunters bugle for their



Former Filer resident Dennis Fix is proud of a magnificent bull elk that he took with a bow. His joy is understandable, given that the weather is warm and he's got a wapiiti worthy of the living room wall.

bulls, two local men have developed unique techniques that work well in the Sun Valley area. The methods are most effective during the mating season, commonly referred to as "the rut."

One local hunter who's felt the hot breath of an enraged bull is Bob Mathison, who runs Snake River Archery in Twin Falls. He's taken a four-point bull with a bow and arrow near Sun Valley, and he offers a simple method for success: spot and stalk with a minimal amount of calling. When the bull gets close enough, try to sound like a cow elk rather than a bull.

"We don't bugle to them very much," Mathison says.

"We like to find an area where we can glass a couple of basins that have spur drainages and spot the animals," he says. "Once we locate them, we move in as close as we can and cow-call or occasionally bugle. If a bull is hot, he may bugle at you the

first time you cow-call. If he doesn't respond, you have to move in closer."

While Mathison relies heavily on cow elk calls, another Twin Falls hunter, Monte Carlson, doesn't call at all.

"I did a lot of bugling years ago, and I didn't have much luck getting an elk," Carlson says. "I decided to hunt water holes and my luck changed. While hunting over water holes, I've never had to shoot an elk further than 25 yards from me. I shot one nice spike elk at 16 yards."

Carlson has taken four elk since he began hunting water holes five years ago. It may sound easy, but Carlson assures aspiring hunters that killing an elk is never an easy matter.

"Once I saw a nice five-point bull coming in that I would have been very happy with," Carlson says, "but between me and that bull were 21 cows and calves. I passed on the bull and shot one of the cows."

One of the advantages to archery elk hunting is the option to take a cow elk; hunters don't need a special permit. Your bowhunting license, along with a general hunting license and an elk tag are all you need to take an elk of either sex.

Regardless of whether you shoot a bull or a cow — or nothing at all — heading off during the archery season will give you a new perspective.

Being on a frost-covered mountain while an angry 1,000 pound animal eyes you malevolently is a rare experience. Don't worry when an enraged bull comes into range — and you're shaking so badly that you can't draw your bow.

That's elk hunting, and that's why hunters return to the woods every fall.

Greg Thomas is the mountain-edition editor of Fishing and Hunting News. He lives in Ketchum.

Professional river guides look for escape

The Associated Press

SALMON — The crystal-clear Salmon River runs through God's country — and when adventures float down the Salmon's Middle Fork with guide Mark Finley, they ride with a Roman Catholic priest.

"Once people find out, they want to ride with me. They say, 'If anybody's safe, it's got to be this boat,'" Finley said.

Finley is among thousands who spend their weekends and vacations working as river guides, leading about 2 million tourists a year through the nation's white water from West Virginia's New River to Arizona's Grand Canyon.

Most of America's 20,000 river guides are part-timers, said David Brown, executive director of America Outdoors, a trade organization with members in 32 states.

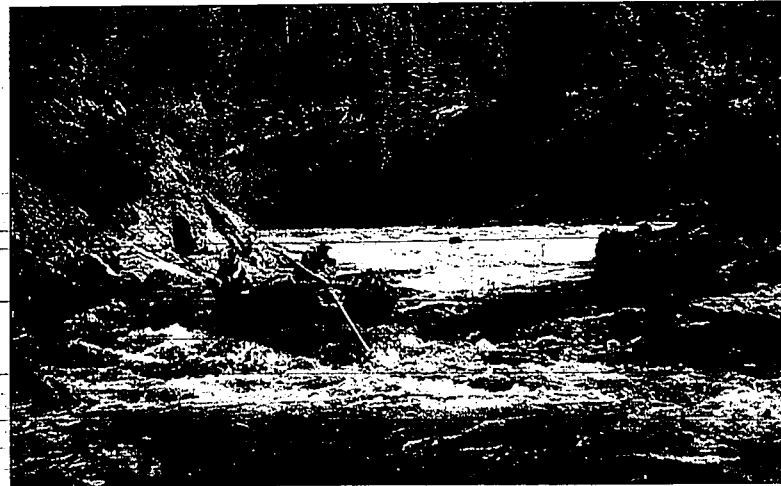
Guides must know first aid and complete a number of practice runs mandated by the state, Brown said. But individual outfitters often have much higher standards.

"We require five to six years of whitewater experience. They also must go through a week of advanced wilderness training, and learn how to talk to guests," said Ken Howle, spokesman for Nantahala Outdoor Center in Bryson City, N.C.

Year-round guides often spend their winters on warmer rivers in Australia or South America.

Teachers and college students, off for the summer, drift toward casual jobs. But doctors, accountants, executives and priests can be found on the river, too. It's a great way to

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Greg Edson, owner of the Middle Fork Rapid Transit, pilots a ponderous "sweep" boat through Pistol Creek Rapids on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Paying close attention is Father Mark Finley, who often guides for Edson; the two men are childhood friends from Twin Falls.

Catfish takes Idaho woman on tour of Brownlee

The Associated Press

BOISE — When a fish starts pulling your boat, and keeps pulling for hours, you know you've got a whopper.

Jessy Newberry, of Star, and her niece, Kim McCormick, of Boise, dragged in a record fish at Brownlee Reservoir over the weekend.

It was a 58-pound, 9-ounce catfish, probably a flathead, in addition to being heavy, it was big: 48 inches long and more than 31 inches in girth. The Idaho

Fish and Game Department estimated it was 30 years old. The anglers were using 20-pound test line Saturday, fishing on the bottom, when the fish struck.

"I thought it was a rock. It wasn't moving and we couldn't get the rock up," McCormick said. "Pretty soon the rock started pulling our boat. It was weird."

"Once I realized I had fish instead of the bottom, I thought I had a surgeon," Newberry said.

The fish pulled the boat and the women

around the reservoir for about three hours. "He pulled us in circles," Newberry said. "I don't think I tired him out, he tired himself out."

Eventually, Newberry's fishing rod broke in three pieces as the boat neared shore.

McCormick jumped into water up to her chest and herded the fish toward the bank with a towel.

A man watched from shore, then jumped into the water and helped McCormick pull the fish out.

Fish and Game officials hadn't confirmed the catch, or even what species it was, but said it likely was a flathead catfish. The listed record is a 36-pound, 4-ounce fish taken out of the Snake River in 1979.

Fish and Game spokesman Bill Goodnight said, "It could be the heaviest game fish ever caught in Idaho, other than a sturgeon."

Newberry said she wants to donate the catfish to Fish and Game, so it could be mounted for display.

Fish prompt worries in Yellowstone

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) — Federal officials are worried about reports that fishermen have been catching lake trout in Yellowstone Lake because the presence of the non-native species could be devastating to cutthroat trout.

Lynn Kaeding, acting manager of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's fisheries program in Yellowstone National Park, said reports of lake trout in Yellowstone Lake have been trickling in since two fish that anglers believe were lake trout were caught there earlier this month and turned in.

He said some of the reports indicated anglers thought they may have caught lake trout in Yellowstone Lake as long as 10 years ago.

"It's hard for me to think of a more potentially damaging act than this one," Kaeding said of the possibility that someone planted lake trout in Yellowstone Lake.

Lake trout are voracious eaters that prey on cutthroat and compete with them for habitat. Most of the other lakes in Yellowstone National Park are dominated by introduced species like brown, rainbow and lake trout.

"There isn't another cutthroat population like this anywhere," Kaeding said of Yellowstone Lake.

The cutthroat also are a major source of food for grizzly bears, eagles, osprey and pelicans in the park.

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blow off the stress from the business world," said Don Freeland, a USAir marketing executive in Cleveland.

"It's also very rare to be part of someone's vacation, not only keeping them entertained, but keeping them safe," Freeland said.

Two weekends a month, Freeland flies 300 miles to his native West Virginia to guide tourists along the New River and Gauley River, home of some of the roughest rapids in the country. He earns little more than minimum wage.

Such dedication is not uncommon. "Most guides were introduced to whitewater rafting at a young age, decided it was something they wanted to pursue during their college years, and never entirely gave it up," said Greg Edson, a partner in Middle Fork Rapid Transit in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Edson's nine guides lead multi-day excursions along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, 100-mile trip that passes through forests, high mountain desert and canyons in the largest wilderness area in the contiguous United States.

His guides include a doctor, a lawyer and Finley.

"I started when I was 19, did it during my summers in college and even spent my four summers of theology school guiding," said Finley. The 40-year-old priest was born and raised in Twin Falls; he and Edson have been friends since childhood.

Finley runs the Roman Catholic student center at the University of Idaho in Moscow, and spends most of the year behind a desk. He said his experience as a spiritual guide comes in helpful as a river guide: "I always try to remind people you have to let the river take you. Let it sort of cleanse you and take out the things that are burdening you," he said.

"Most people seem to be enamored by the whole thing. They find it refreshing because it's not their typical experience with a priest," he said.

Every guide has his own way of showing his crew a good time. Sometimes it's a dirty joke or a history lesson will loosen the tension among strangers.

The New River, for example, is lined with deserted mining towns from the turn of the century. There are tales of the Civil War and labor wars, the world's longest poker game (14 years), and Indians who have disappeared.

The guides have to be ready for almost anything in the river, too, including unexpected boulders and currents that seem to suck everything down.

Just don't bother the guide about their big-money jobs.

"This is an escape from the real world," said Jeff Maxwell, 32, a veterinarian from Oak Hill.

"I get bummed out when people call me 'Doc.' I just want to be a river guide."

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Janitor keeps busy in Oregon wilderness

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — After pulling on a pair of thick leather gloves, Brian Irwin dug his fingers into the ash-colored garbage. He found fire-scorched tinfoil, melted plastic, steak bones, wooden match sticks, eggshell, tea bags.

"Luxury blend," he read as he inspected a tea bag. "Yeah, and here's some toilet paper. You always find a lot of that."

Irwin is no urban sanitation worker. He is a wilderness guard deep in the 112,400-acre Sky Lakes Wilderness, which lies in the Rogue River and Winema national forests high in the Oregon Cascades.

As his title suggests, his job is to guard against degradation in the wilderness. His work often calls for digging into fire pits to remove evidence of humans having passed this way.

Working for 10 days at a stretch, Irwin, 26, patrols the Seven Lakes Basin, a tiny area of high peaks and crystal-clear lakes. Each year, up to 20,000 people visit the area. Wilderness guards — southern Oregon's Red Buttes Wilderness also has one — make \$3 an hour or more.

"When it gets right down to it, this job isn't very romantic," said a grinning Irwin, who laughingly refers to himself as a "wilderness janitor."

"You pick up trash, burn a lot of toilet paper,"

But Irwin, reared in Butte Falls, would just as quickly admit that the majesty of the wilderness more than makes up for the trash detail involved in his work.

His backpack at the fire pit could be a postcard: Devil's Peak, rising 7,500 feet above the water, towers over picturesque Cliff Lake, clear as a swimming pool. Remnants of the winter snowpack linger on the north side of the mountain.

An ice-cold spring bubbling up out of the mountainside near the Cliff Lake camp forms part of the headwaters of the Rogue River.

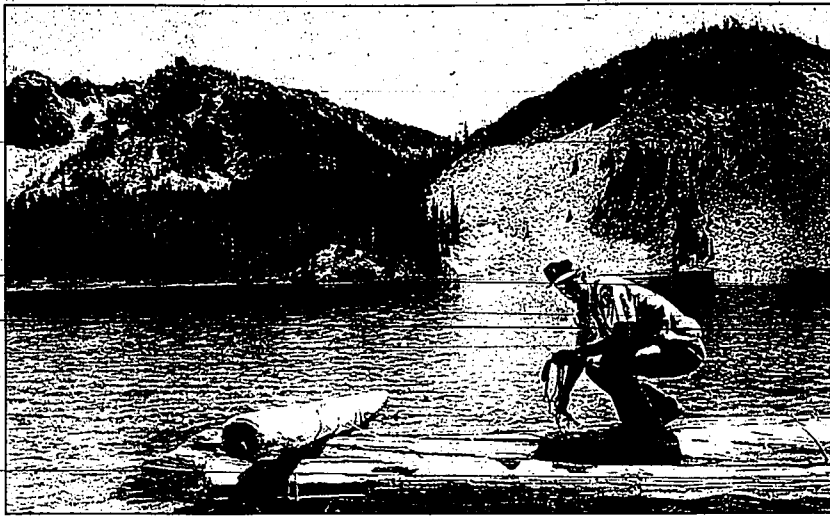
"This is where it all starts," Irwin remarked.

Where it all started for him was a job as a summer employee for the Butte Falls Ranger District while still in high school. During college, he worked summers on the district trail crew.

Irwin first arrived in the wilderness early in May this year when much of the 6-mile trail into the heart of the wilderness was still buried in snow. Cliff Lake, one of seven lakes formed in the glacial basin, was frozen.

Working out of a base camp, he may go for days without seeing anyone, but there are usually campers seeking the solitude of wild places.

In addition to cleaning up after campers, Ir-



Wilderness guard Brian Irwin removes rope from a makeshift raft on Cliff Lake in the Sky Lakes Wilderness in southern Oregon. The 7,500-foot Devil's Peak is in the background.

win talks to visitors about the need to protect the wilderness.

"There are people out here who are really conscious of the wilderness, and trying their best to preserve it," he said. "Those are the people who make my job easier and enjoyable."

But there are also those who have no clue about leaving a light footprint.

"I've seen people toting coolers into the wilderness," he said. "Of course, they don't usually get much farther than the first lake they come to. Unfortunately, they are also the people who leave the bottles and things."

Earlier this month, he met two campers carrying out a stash of garbage. They had found it — along with pots, pans and fuel — apparently left behind by hikers too pooped to pack it out.

The solution, Irwin suggested, is not to pack anything into a wilderness that you can't

pack out. "These campers were probably better than the average campers," he said of the fire pit he was cleaning at Cliff Lake. "But they did forget some things, like tinfoil. If you leave tinfoil, pretty soon it will be scattered all over."

After cleaning out the pit, Irwin spread the coals and ashes around the area beyond the campsite.

"If we leave them, the fire rings will become real big," he said. "We try to keep the fire pits small and clean."

Wilderness regulations prohibit camping within 100 feet of a lake shore or 50 feet from a stream.

"We're trying to protect the lake shore areas," Irwin explained.

"When people come in here, they naturally want to enjoy the scenery. When they come to lake like this, a couple of tents along the lake shore spoils their visit."

Although he camped with his family as a youngster, this summer marks his first camping trip solo in a seemingly endless wilderness.

"It gives you a lot of time to reflect," he said. And to ponder the wonder of nature. Take the time he was working near Honeycomb Meadow.

"I stepped over this log and there was this little fawn," he said. "He just sat there looking at me. His eyes were half open. I stood there for a few minutes, just watching him."

Irwin, who is getting married this month and expects to spend part of his honeymoon in the wilderness, hopes to protect it for future generations.

"There is a bald eagle on Grass Lake that you see fly in and catch a fish early in the morning," he said, adding, "That's something you don't find everywhere."

Biologists monitor dwindling summer steelhead runs

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Some Oregon Coast summer steelhead are broadcasting radio signals as they swim toward their spawning grounds.

The signals are part of an effort by biologists to build up a wild fish population.

Biologists think that less than 100 wild summer steelhead now return to spawn in the Siletz River every year. It is the only known stock of wild summer steelhead in the Coast Range.

"We need to know where their holding pools are, how fast they migrate, and exactly where they spawn," said Randy Reeve, an assistant fish biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Radio tracking has been used extensively in recent years to monitor salmon, steelhead and warm-water species, such as largemouth bass, in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California.

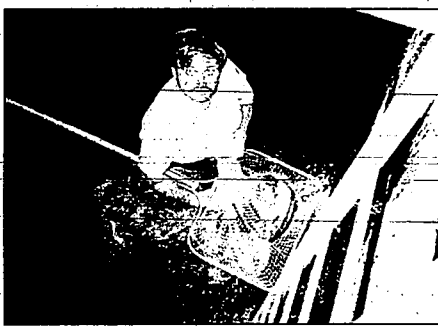
The transmitters most frequently are used to track fish migrating out of the Snake and Columbia rivers, said Trent Stuckell, a propagation specialist.

Radio technology has advanced to the point where even a fish's body temperature can be transmitted. Managers use the temperature information to locate and protect cold-water pools needed by migrating salmon and steelhead, said Barry McPherson, a salmon coordinator.

The bigger the fish, the bigger the radio tag and battery and the longer the device lasts, McPherson said.

Smaller tags are placed in juvenile fish, which must be closely followed. The largest in adult chinook salmon can be tracked by airplane.

Last summer Reeve installed 25 transmitters, and this summer he plans to implant 30 of the devices. Only hatchery fish receive the transmitters because Reeve doesn't want to jeopardize a single wild fish.



Oregon fish biologist Randy Reeve checks the sex and origin of a steelhead before letting it continue with its migration on the Siletz River earlier this summer.

"We tranquilize them chemically, depress the transmitter and slide it down their throats," he said.

The transmitter is the size of a roll of Lifesavers. The end of an 18-inch antenna protrudes from the fish's mouth.

Reeve uses a portable receiver to track the steelhead to their spawning grounds, often more than 70 miles inland. He can follow a fish's movements while he drives along a logging road high above the river.

This year he is inserting transmitters in fish in the lower reaches of the stream. He aims to determine if they spawn in lower tributaries or exclusively above Siletz Falls, 65 miles upstream.

Biologists want to know more about the relationship between winter and summer steelhead and between hatchery and wild stocks.

They use information about the fish's movements, counts at the fish trap at the head of the Siletz Falls

in winter blocked others.

Introduction of a long fish ladder in the late 1950s permitted winter steelhead and salmon to share the spawning grounds of the summer steelhead.

Winter and summer steelhead are the same species, but of different breeding stock. The fish ladder introduced competition and interbreeding.

The effects of this mix remain to

be determined, biologists said, but the numbers of wild fish have dwindled since the ladder was built.

The wild run is not classified as endangered or threatened, although the population has declined from an estimated 500 to 700 fish in the 1950s.

"I try to not even touch them," Reeve said on one of his three weekly fish-counting trips at the trap on Siletz Falls.

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Fluence Chamberlain examines the condition of one of her beehives in Nottingham, N.H., earlier this month after it was attacked by a bear. The annual bear hunt is expanding into the southern part of the state because bears are spreading into the region for the first time in 150 years.

State faces battle with roaming bears

NOTTINGHAM, N.H. (AP) — Some people see them as cute, fuzzy, roly-poly clowns, real-life teddy bears. Fluence Chamberlain knows what New Hampshire's bears are really like. "They're nothing, but pigs with fur," the beekeeper growled.

One bear topped two of Chamberlain's beehives, ripping them apart to get at the honey inside. "They get stung, but ... they figure it's worth the price," she complained.

annual hunt to the state's three northernmost counties to stem a drastic decline in the bear population. Bears multiplied and began spreading downstate.

Unfortunately for residents, bears are resourceful and will take whatever food they can find — even if that means someone's garbage. "It's a real frustration," said Chris Tower, whose campground trash containers in Waterville Valley are magnets for bears. "If

'We're seeking to essentially slow the growth and hopefully eliminate some of the nuisance problems.'

— Eric Orff, New Hampshire wildlife biologist

New Hampshire's Fish and Game Department is getting increasing complaints about bears tearing apart bird-feeders, knocking over trash cans and, in some cases, dragging off livestock.

"What is unusual is many of the reports are from southern counties, where bears haven't been seen for 150 years."

"It surprised me they have increased this rapidly in the far south," said state wildlife biologist Eric Orff.

In response, the state has expanded its annual two-month bear hunt into 64 new communities this fall, including rural areas outside the cities of Concord and Manchester.

"People want bear-until-it's knocking over their bird-feeder, lugging off their pig or knocking over their barbecue grill," Orff said. "We're seeking to essentially slow the growth and hopefully eliminate some of the nuisance problems."

Unrestricted hunting eliminated bears from southern New Hampshire in the early 1800s as settlers tamed the land for farming.

By 1985, the state confined the

there, they strew it everywhere. They love to have a picnic."

Tower thought spraying pepper gas on the garbage or taping the container lids down might discourage the bears.

It didn't work. "They are right through the pepper gas," she said. Ann Bennett of Conway knows just how far out of hand a bear can be. For the past two springs, bears have hauled sheep off her field, in spite of electric fences.

The bear hunt begins Sept. 1. It runs until Nov. 27 in northern counties and to Oct. 14 in some southern counties. There still is no bear hunting in counties along the Massachusetts border.

Hunters kill about 300 bear each year, Orff said. He doesn't believe the numbers will change with the expanded hunt, but he said the expansion will allow people to hunt bears that have become nuisances.

Chamberlain believes expanding the hunt is a humane way to control the bear population. "I don't believe in a mass slaughter," she said. "There's just no food. We just crowd them out. They're like humans. They get to stealing."

Idaho extends duck season; hours unchanged

The Times-News

COEUR D'ALENE — Idaho's duck hunters will have an extra 10 days to enjoy their sport this year, following action by the state Fish and Game Commission earlier this month.

A proposed bag limit increase was dropped in favor of a season extension, which takes advantage of increased waterfowl populations in the Pacific Flyway. The 1994 fall flight forecast for ducks is 71 million birds for North America — up 20 percent from 1993.

Following are the highlights and changes in the regulations:

- No change in shooting hours, which remain fixed from sunrise to sunset.
- Area boundaries for ducks and geese remain

the same as last year.

- The duck season in areas in north and east Idaho will run from Saturday, Oct. 8, through Sunday, Dec. 4, and Thursday, Dec. 22, through Sunday, Jan. 1.

- South central and southwest duck seasons will run from Saturday, Oct. 8, through Sunday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Nov. 12, through Tuesday, Jan. 10.

- Fort Hall area duck seasons set by the Tribal Council will likely be Saturday, Oct. 22, through Thursday, Dec. 29.

- Statewide, the duck bag limit will be four ducks, may not include more than three mallards (no more than one hen), one pintail of either sex, one canvasback of either sex and two red heads of either sex.

- The southwest Idaho goose season has been extended to 100 days, running from Saturday, Oct. 1, through Sunday, Jan. 8. The bag limit has been increased to three per day and six in possession. This represents a change from last year's 93-day season and limits of two and four.

- The north and east Idaho goose seasons and bag limits remain the same as last year.

- Some changes were adopted for goose hunt in Area 3, the Magic Valley. The season went from 93 to 100 days, ending on Jan. 8. Bag limits changed from one for the first two weeks of the hunt, and two thereafter, to two (four in possession) seasonlong.

- Goose bag and possession limits and the seasons in Area 4, Fort Hall, will remain the same as last year.

Pesky Canada geese find foul reaction in grape flavoring

ROWE, Mass. (AP) — Some folks snickered when local officials considered sprinkling an artificial grape-flavored drink on the town common to shoo away some pesky Canada geese.

But federal researchers aren't laughing. Birds, unlike many kids, can't abide the taste. An Ohio company is even preparing to market a goose repellent laced with a heavy dose of the same artificial grape flavoring used in punch, bubble gum and other foods. The key element is methyl anthranilate, a naturally occurring chemical that gives the fla-

vor to Concord grapes and red New York state wines, said Russ Mason, project leader for the U.S. Agriculture Department's Animal Control Division.

He said USDA chemists have been working with the chemical, that is also synthesized, for the past 12 years in hopes of developing the first safe repellent to use on birds.

Although simply sprinkling the grape-flavored drink on the common won't do the trick, high concentrations of methyl anthranilate have the same effect on birds as superhot chili peppers have on humans.

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Researchers seek source of deformities in birds

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — In 21 years of caring for sick and injured birds, Dave Siddon had never seen anything like it.

Over the past two months, eight birds have been brought into the Wildlife Images rehabilitation center from around the Rogue Valley with deformed bills, missing eyes or both. They include two red-tailed hawks, an osprey, three kestrels, a Brewer's blackbird and a robin.

"About three years ago we had a red-tailed hawk come in with a crossed bill," said Siddon. "This is the first time we've ever had this number of birds come in with such obvious physical anomalies."

Among them is a red-tailed hawk with a crossed bill and missing one eye, including the orbital bone around the eye. It has been kept alive through force feeding. "Tissue and blood samples from this bird could provide the best clues to solving the mystery."

The answer is likely complex. Red-tailed hawks eat small mammals, osprey prey on fish and robins eat worms and fruit, suggesting that if some contaminant is causing the deformities it is not limited to one place.

"If you are finding a wide range of animals feeding on a number of different things, that is pretty unusual and concerning," said Don Steffek, chief of the environmental contaminants division at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Portland. "Unfortunately, there is not any one element of contamination that can cause these."

The prospect of a wide range of pollution worries Arnie Abrams, who found the red-tailed hawk with the crossed bill and missing eye in his back yard in Ashland.

"I would sit out here on the deck in my back yard and look up with my binoculars at the nest and wonder how good life is in southern Oregon," Abrams said. "Maybe now it makes you think about how bad things can be."

The deformities bring to mind two well-known cases of birth defects among birds, one of which started appearing in great numbers

around the Great Lakes in the 1970s, and the variety of deformed waterfowl on the Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge in central California in the 1980s.

Siddon's birds don't appear to match those from Kesterson, said Joe Skorpura, senior biologist in the environmental contaminants division for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Sacramento, Calif.

'What makes this stuff so insidious is that when you see these gross changes in animals' appearance, that may be just the tip of the iceberg.'

— Brent Palmer, Ohio University assistant professor

The deformities among the Kesterson birds were traced to the naturally occurring metal selenium, which was concentrated in irrigation water running off farms by evaporation. When female birds were exposed to high concentrations of selenium a week before laying their eggs, their young hatched with no eyes, missing lower bills, deformed upper bills or deformed legs and feet.

"I would be looking for some kind of organochlorine," said Skorpura. That's the deadly family of chemicals that includes polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, as well as dioxin and DDT.

Carol Schuler, supervising biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's environmental contaminants division in Portland, plans to concentrate on those chemicals in her search.

She is arranging for contract laboratories to scan blood and tissue samples from the birds for metals and estrogen levels, too. The National Wildlife Health Laboratory in Madison, Wis., will

do necropsies, the equivalent of autopsies in humans, to look for more insidious problems, such as deformities in reproductive organs. Results of the tests should be available in several months.

PCBs were once commonly put in oil in electrical transformers to prevent fires. Dioxin, a by-product of making paper, can cause problems in minute amounts. DDT, a pesticide, caused the swift decline in bald eagle and peregrine falcon populations by producing eggshells too thin to survive incubation. The chemicals have been outlawed for their toxicity. But, spills and dumping have left them widespread around the nation.

When they get in the body, organochlorines can mimic the female hormone estrogen. That can cause deformities, as well as make males act like females.

Brent Palmer, an assistant professor of microanatomy at Ohio University, has been working with double-crested cormorants exposed to PCBs around Green Bay, Wis., Lake Superior. Many of the birds have crossed bills and other anomalies related to estrogen mimicking.

"To get the crossed bills and missing eyes, if it is a pollution induced effect, there had to be a lot of pollution," involved with the Oregon birds, Palmer said.

"What makes this stuff so insidious is that when you see these gross changes in animals' appearance, that may be just the tip of the iceberg," he added. "We have other populations of animals like alligators in Florida, where the adults grow up normally, but their reproduction is impaired. The habitat looks wonderful, the adults look fine, but they cannot sustain their population, so you have the potential for a true environmental tragedy."

Finding the contaminant that caused the deformities still leaves the question of its origin, Steffek said.

There might even be some natural condition of such as malnutrition, to explain the deformities, said Skorpura.

'Flashover' saves many from death due to lightning strikes

ATLANTA (AP) — A typical bolt of lightning packs 50,000 amps of electricity at 30 million volts. Considering that enormous power, it's amazing that about two-thirds of lightning-strike victims survive. In the United States, about 100 per year don't.

Survivors of direct hits can attribute their continuing ability to breathe to "flashover."

The lightning is moving so fast there's not enough time for it to burn a hole in the skin and run right through, even though the human body is an excellent conductor of electricity. So it flashes over the outside of the body, vaporizing sweat and blasting off clothing.

It also turns jewelry, belt buckles and other accessories into little hot plates, which leave burns.

Lightning frequently kills by knocking out the heart or the brain's automatic breathing reflex. The victim can be saved by cardiopulmonary resuscitation if started in time.

It also kills by the force of the blast of its strike, even if it doesn't actually hit the victim. It can also kill by sending waves of electricity out through the ground after a strike.

There are 16 million thunderstorms a year worldwide. At any minute, about 2,000 are in progress.

Outdoor sportsmen make ideal targets for lightning, because their gear is a natural attraction and they tend to be in target areas.

Fishermen on a lake, hikers on a ridge, a hunter in

a tree, or a rock climber on a cliff all provide the kind of highly conductive target that attracts lightning.

Lightning, however, telegraphs its punches, and there are ways to take precautions. Thunder is the sound lightning makes as it goes through air.

Since the speed of light is about 1 million times the speed of sound, you can figure out how far away lightning is occurring. Count the number of seconds between the flash and the thunder and divide by five. That will give you the distance in miles.

Take precautions immediately. Boaters should head for shore. Campers should get out of their tents, because the metal frames are obvious targets. Hunters should put down their weapons.

Those in a group should disperse. That prevents the group from being a target, and if one person is hit, the others may not be and can help the victim.

Seek shelter, but not under a single tree in an open field. In the woods, find a low area under a thick growth of small trees. In the open, find a ditch or lie down on a rubber or plastic tarp, or, if no contact with the ground. If you can get into a building or vehicle, do so.

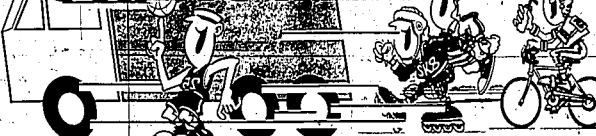
If you're outdoors and feel a tingling on your rods or guns, or your hair trying to stand on end, it means lightning is ranging in on you. Get down, fast.

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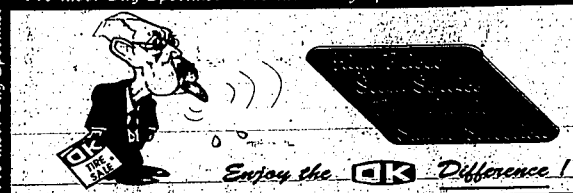
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Around the valley

Accident cuts power to Twin Falls area

TWIN FALLS—A man escaped injury, but about 145 northeast Twin Falls residents were without electricity and cable television Wednesday night after a truck's boom snagged a bunch of utility wires.

The power was out in the area of Madrona and Bitterroot streets.

At about 6 p.m., the wires were torn and two utility poles broken when a man headed south on Madrona Street near Bitterroot apparently forgot to lower the boom of his dump truck, according to Capt. Ken Thompson of the Twin Fire Department.

The truck flipped on its side but the man was uninjured, Thompson said.

Workers of the Idaho Power Co. were at work Wednesday night repairing the broken poles and wires and expected to finish by midnight, said Ken Jones, service supervisor at Idaho Power.

Open house at Oregon Trail Elementary set for Friday

TWIN FALLS—An informal open house for students and parents is scheduled Friday at the new Oregon Trail Elementary School.

Students who will attend the school are invited to bring their parents from 2 to 4 p.m. and walk through the building.

The general public is encouraged to attend the formal dedication and open house Sept. 17.

For more information, call Principal Ted Popplewell at 733-8480.

Pioneer fire spreads to 7,437 acres; containment at 20%

CHALLIS—The Pioneer Fire 32 miles west of Challis has been estimated to be 20 percent contained Wednesday, but had grown to 7,437 acres of sagebrush, grass and Douglas fir timber.

On Tuesday, the fire spread from the bottom of Loon Creek to the ridge top between Loon Creek and Trail Creek. The fire also moved one mile south in Pioneer and Tango Creeks, with major runs and spotting for half a mile, according to information from the Challis National Forest.

Fire fighting crews made progress in Sair Creek where the fire line was still holding.

Forest officials were still concerned with the potential fire threat to the active Lost-Packer-Mine-and-the-archaeological old mining town sites of Ore Grande and Camanche.

With the approach of the hunting season, officials were also concerned with people not knowing about the closure of areas in the forest and entering them.

For the protection of public health and safety, the areas in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness between Loon Creek Summit northeast to the Custer County-Lemhi County lines and northwest to Cold Spring Creek and Bear Creek are still closed.

Shoshone residents beware: Street repairs slated Friday

SHOSHONE—Several streets in Shoshone will be seal coated and chipped Friday. Residents living on these streets are asked to have all vehicles, trailers and other items removed from the streets so the job may be completed.

Streets to be coated and chipped are the 500 and 600 blocks of West B; East and West C, D, and E; the 100 block of West F; the 300 block of South Elm and the 400 block of South Date. The job is set to begin at 7 a.m. and should be completed by 3 p.m.

Vehicles not removed from the streets by Friday morning will be towed. For more information, call Don Schmidt at 886-2172.

Immanuel Lutheran School plans open house for students

TWIN FALLS—Immanuel Lutheran School has planned an open house for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students.

Kindergartners are invited to bring their parents to meet their teacher and see the layout of the school from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday at the school, 2055 Filer Ave. E. The event for pre-kindergartners and their parents is set for 4 to 7 p.m. today.

For more information, call Carolyn Lewis or Diana Westermann at 733-7820.

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Dead mother's children battle stepdad

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Tommie Nino probably never imagined that her death would lead to a legal dispute between her second husband—who is charged with killing her—and her children.

Last week, J.C. Penney Life Insurance Co. filed a lawsuit in 5th District Court against her children and her second husband, seeking a judge's ruling on who will collect the \$100,000 from her policy.

Meanwhile, the husband, Juan Fernando Nino Rivera, was recently arrested in a separate incident and charged with drunken driving and a hit-and-run.

Tommie Nino died Feb. 22 when Juan Nino, of Kimberly, crashed her pickup. No beneficiary was named on her policy, said Mick Edwards, attorney for Tommie Nino's children.

When she was alive, she told her children that they would be covered under her insurance policies if she died, Hodges said.

But the company's rule is that the spouse gets the money.

In July, Jeffrey Hepworth, Juan Nino's attorney, wrote to J.C. Penney Life demanding the money. Hepworth also threatened in the letter to sue J.C. Penney Life if it didn't pay within 30 days.

Then Hodges wrote to J.C. Penney Life asking for information for the children to collect on the insurance policy. The nine children range in age from seven to 21.

J.C. Penney Life is confused. The insurance company filed the civil suit last week against Juan Nino, the children and West One Bank, the conservator of Tommie Nino's estate.

J.C. Penney Life states it wants to pay the money, but if it chooses between the husband and the children, the loser will sue.

Tommie Nino's first husband died.

Her second husband, the 28-year-old Juan Nino, is familiar with District Court.

In 1992 he was charged with battery, but the case was dismissed. Then in 1993 he was charged with battery and domestic battery, but those cases were also dismissed.

Then on Feb. 22, he was driving his wife's 1994 Chevrolet pickup back from the South Hills on Rock Creek Road. Inside

the truck were his brother and his wife.

He was driving 86 mph in a 50 mph area six miles south of Hansen when he lost control of the truck and it rolled over. Tommie Nino wasn't wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the truck. The truck landed in a sump pond. She died pinned beneath the truck.

Beer cans were found in the truck. When Juan Nino got to the hospital, his breath smelled of alcohol and he tried to deny being the driver, according to police reports. But officers determined he was the driver and gave him an alcohol test. He was found to have a blood-alcohol level of .249 percent, the legal limit for drivers is .1 percent.

He was charged with manslaughter, but got out of jail on bond. His public defender, John Olson, didn't return a call to comment.

On Aug. 11, Twin Falls Police officers stopped him driving through an alley from the scene of a car crash. Witnesses said he drove his 1970 Dodge pickup into a Volkswagen Bug parked on Heyburn Avenue East, knocking the Bug 20 feet and demolishing it. Witnesses said he then drove through a yard, tearing

ing out three buried railroad ties and ripping up a sprinkler system.

The officers found his blood-alcohol level was .17 percent.

He was arrested and charged with drunken driving and leaving the scene of a crime. He lost his license this time.

Meanwhile, Tommie Nino's children have pulled together to survive without their mother, who was the main bread winner in the family.

After February's fatal crash, Tommie Nino's oldest child, 21-year-old Gregorio Cuellar Jr., successfully sued for custody of his eight brothers and sister. He and 20-year-old brother, Tomas Cuellar, have been supporting the family with help from the local Catholic Church.

So her nine children sued their stepfather for killing their mother and asked for \$10,000 in damages.

Then the Progressive Casualty Insurance Co. filed a suit in Twin Falls to prevent having to pay the children on Tommie Nino's auto insurance policy, claiming she didn't file the correct papers when she bought the policy. That case is still pending.

Kissing babies



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Attorney General Larry EchoHawk campaigns for governor on the weekends, visiting fairs and community celebrations.

EchoHawk will attempt to disavow party label

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Democratic Attorney General Larry EchoHawk claims Idaho is one of the two most-Republican states in the country. But as he runs for governor, he says his party label isn't a major handicap.

"They're independent voters," EchoHawk explains. "Idaho is a state where you get to meet the candidates, look 'em in the eyes, shake their hands, and judge them on their experience and their qualifications."

"I'm ready to step out there and be judged by the voters of Idaho, standing right next to (GOP candidate) Phil Batt," he said.

Saturday, EchoHawk was stepping out—at the Cassia County Fair in Burley, the Gooding County Fair, and later that day, at another fair in Boise.

The attorney general works full time at his office in Boise, so he has to cram as much campaigning as possible into every weekend.

"Phil Batt has the luxury of campaigning full time—he's retired. I can't do that," EchoHawk said.

When asked Saturday why he's a Democrat, EchoHawk stressed that his Democratic ties are a fairly new acquisition. "Before I ran for elected office in 1982, I was never affiliated with either party, and I had never worked on a political campaign," he said.

But Democratic leaders in Bannock County convinced him to run on their ticket, he said, and he won.

Candidates set to debate issues

Idaho's four candidates for governor are heading to Twin Falls Monday for their first televised debate.

Republican Phil Batt, Democrat Larry EchoHawk, and independent Ron Rankin and Gary Cridler will appear on the same podium to face questions from the press—and from Magic Valley residents.

The noon forum, sponsored by The Times-News and KMYT television, will be in the KMYT Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Times-News readers who have questions for the candidates should send them to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Questions must be received by 1 p.m. Friday.

Twelve years later, EchoHawk is a prominent Democrat who is capturing national—and international—attention. If he wins in November, he'll be the first Native American elected governor.

But, EchoHawk insists, "I'm not a hard-core partisan."

Explaining his Democratic leanings Saturday, EchoHawk talked about education, ignoring a host of other partisan

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Liquor money flows into pockets of cities, counties

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—When downtown business leaders complained about cracked sidewalks Monday, Councilman Lance Clow's thoughts turned to booze.

He suggested the City Council spend some of the \$101,721 the city unexpectedly got from state liquor sales to fix the sidewalks.

"That's on my wish list," Clow said at Monday's council meeting.

This month, the Idaho Liquor Dispensary has county commissioners and city council members across Idaho inebriated with thoughts of how to spend a financial windfall.

In Idaho the state controls the liquor industry. And by law the first \$8.3 million in profits made from distributing liquor must be spent on the state school system, and alcohol rehabilitation programs.

At least 40 percent of the rest of the profits must go back to the cities and counties where people bought the liquor.

Recently, the Liquor Dispensary sold off its surplus liquor. The result was \$6.5 million in excess money given to the state. So it's getting the money to Idaho cities and counties.

"This large a distribution will not occur again," Idaho Liquor Dispensary Superintendent Dean Summers said in a letter to all city councils and county commissions explaining why they were getting such fat

checks from the state this month.

So while liquor sales have been down in Twin Falls County by 2 percent, the money more than doubled and poured into the city and county.

The city got \$181,721 from the dispensary. The city was expecting \$80,000.

"It's excess money the council can literally do with however they want," said City Manager Tom Cotnam.

The previous year Twin Falls got \$83,529 from the dispensary.

The county got \$153,880 from the dispensary. The previous year the county got \$35,936.

"It's just money thrown in to the general fund, and that's money we don't have to tax for," said Commissioner Marvin Hempleman.

The city councilmen will discuss their wish lists for the money.

Councilman Howard Allen said he likes the idea of fixing downtown sidewalks and is mulling over some other wishes.

Clow said he would also like to see improvements to city parks. And after attending a Hispanic festival in City-Park-on-a-hot summer day, he would like to see a canopy to block the sun and make such festivals cooler.

"Considering this is a one-time source of funds, I'd like to see it used for things that might get put off otherwise," Clow said.

"There's nothing wrong with using it to cut back on taxes. But we've done a good job of keeping taxes low," he said.

Plea bargain halts sex trial

By Maria Stafford
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—A jury trial for a 51-year-old Twin man accused of having sex with a minor began with an emotional testimony from the victim and ended in a plea bargain Wednesday.

Under an agreement with the prosecution, Jerry Schmoce pleaded guilty in court Wednesday to a misdemeanor charge of battery. He admitted committing "offensive touching" on a 16-year-old Filer girl in June 1993.

If the jury had found him guilty as charged of "lewd and lascivious conduct," Schmoce would have faced a possible sentence of life in prison. Now, after a planned pre-sentencing investigation, Schmoce faces a maximum penalty of six months in prison and a \$300 fine.

Fifth District Judge Daniel Mehl ordered Schmoce to have no contact with the girl and to report receiving any contact from her.

Under Idaho law it is a felony for any person at least five years older than a 16- or 17-year-old minor to engage in any sexual conduct with such a minor.

The public defender, "I was too shy," said Deputy Public Defender John Olson, who initiated the plea agreement during a lunch recess. "We had a chance to get it taken to a misdemeanor, and we decided to take it."

Olson would not say if there was strong evidence against Schmoce.

"It was a mutual decision with consent and

advice of the girl and the family," said Twin Falls County Prosecutor G. Richard Bevan. "It really changes things when you have 12 people making a decision."

Bevan also said that for the first time Wednesday he heard a taped interview between the girl and an investigator from the public defender's office. Olson cited several passages of the interview that showed discrepancies between what she had testified in court and what she had told the investigator.

According to Olson, she had told the investigator that her relations with Schmoce didn't go past kissing and holding hands.

In October 1993, Schmoce was charged with the felony after the girl, 16 at the time, had reported to Filer Police that she had sexual intercourse with an adult man in June 1993.

In court Wednesday, the girl told the jury that it was her mother's idea to file the police report.

The girl testified to repeatedly sneaking out of her bedroom window to visit with Schmoce, whom she had met in 1992 when he began working for her father. Schmoce was later fired after her father discovered they had spent a late night together in Schmoce's truck.

"I wanted to see him because I loved him," she said. "And he told me he loved me and wanted to marry me."

Olson told the jury that the girl had a "sexual obsession" with Schmoce. In his opening statement, Olson told the jury that the girl had become angry with Schmoce when he rejected her and that the criminal charge was her way of a retaliating.

Filer City Council awaits approval of commissioners on impact area

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

FILER—The City Council voted unanimously to extend some of its property zoning authority beyond the city limits.

The new "impact zone" must be approved by the Twin Falls County Commissioners before it takes effect. Commissioners will vote on the plan Monday during their 10 a.m. meeting.

The area of impact would extend from 4100 North south to 3800 North, and from 2400 East to Cedar Draw on the West. Pieces of property smaller than 20 acres

within that area would be subject to city zoning rules, Filer Mayor Bud Sheridan said.

Larger parcels will continue to fall under county zoning ordinances.

In general, the city's rules are more lenient than the county zoning laws that currently govern those areas, Sheridan said.

"It doesn't change anything at this time," he said. "No taxes change."

The city allows parcels to be subdivided into smaller lots, he said.

Filer will become the last city in Twin Falls County to have city zoning.

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Restrictions placed on trailer park

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A filter landowner is creating a travel trailer park near Curry Crossing — at least not until he cleans up his property and prepares a detailed plan for the proposed park, the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission decided Tuesday.

Robert Emery had requested a permit to operate a travel trailer park for his employees and other customers on 4 acres of his property at 21359 Highway 30.

But Doug Hall, who lives nearby, complained to the board about junk cars on the Emery property. A landowner is allowed to have only two unlicensed, non-functioning cars standing on a piece of land at one

time, according to county code.

The board said it would reconsider Emery's request at its regular October meeting, if Emery removes the cars and brings a septic and well plan for the proposed trailer park.

Also in Tuesday's packed meeting room, commission members heard numerous complaints from neighbors of Richard Logan, who applied to divide off 10.7 acres from his 23.7 acres at 2135 E. 3600 N. in Fil-

Logan said the requested division was for financing and possible sale.

Neighboring livestock and dairy owners said they were concerned about shortages of groundwater in the area and said the division would open the possibility for more land divisions, more houses and more wells in the future.

We don't want people moving out to the country and subdividing the farmland around us, they told the board.

The commission denied the request. But Logan said he plans to appeal and let county commissioners make the decision on land divisions for financing purposes.

"Commissioners need to set this particular policy," planning and zoning board member Jim Barker said.

Board member Jim Patrick said he was "tired of lending institutions setting county policy" and was against allowing divisions that might increase concentration of houses in farmland.

Other members objected to the proposed split saying it would turn a farm of more than 20 acres into two non-farms. They offered to consider

splitting off fewer acres to meet Logan's financing needs, but Logan declined to alter his request.

Also Tuesday the board approved a request by Rodrick Good to divide off an acre for sale from 2.5 acres at 3814 N. 2500 E.

Barker argued the division would be consistent with the board's "clustering concept" because the land is adjacent to other small land lots.

Despite a letter signed by five objecting landowners, the board also approved a request by Marvin McKenzie to split in half 8.62 acres for home sites at 4375-F N. 1200 E. in Bull.

The land is not suitable for farming — "the kind of ground where people should be building," McKenzie said.

Oregon fire bosses order evacuations

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — Firefighters joined residents Wednesday in fleeing the path of a forest fire that grew to 1,800 acres and threatened dozens of homes.

There were no immediate reports of any homes burning among the 87 houses owners were told to evacuate, but some of the crews mowing fire engines to protect buildings had to bail out as the flames of the Hill Town fire approached, said Oregon Department of Forestry spokesman Mike Barsotti.

"Some of the engines had to leave because it was too risky to stay and protect the homes," said Barsotti. "But they don't have any evidence the homes burned."

The fire was expected to continue growing through the night as hot winds pushed it through dry brush and timber in an area about 15 miles northwest of Medford. The fire was in back country, between the small towns of Gorge Hill, Shady Cove and the rural community of Sams Valley.

It was the second time this summer fire has threatened Karen Smith's home.

"We moved our four horses, one pot-bellied pig and our dog. We love it here, though, and we don't want to move."

Another area resident said the fire arrived at his after his home was robbed.

"I'm wondering if we're injured or something," said Don Wilcox. "We love it here, though, and we don't want to move."

A shelter was set up at Patrick Elementary School in nearby Gorge Hill, said Barsotti. People with horses, cattle and other animals were told they could take them to the Jackson County fairgrounds.

The fire broke out Tuesday

near a forest road at the bottom of Ramsey Canyon. It sent up a huge mushroom cloud of smoke that was visible miles away in Grants Pass and Medford.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation, but the lack of any lightning strikes made it likely it was somehow started by people, said Barsotti.

Fire bosses called in reinforcements, doubling the number to six retardant bombers, six helicopters, and 650 firefighters, said Barsotti.

A fire camp was established at Valley of the Rogue State Park outside Rogue River.

By Thursday, the number of forces fighting the fire should double again to 1,200 people, including a special team from Washington that creates fire line with explosives in rugged terrain.

Several families voluntarily evacuated their homes Tuesday night, and the fire burned around seven structures without damaging them, Barsotti said.

Firefighters completed lines Tuesday night on the back side of the fire, and Wednesday were attacking the flanks and front of the fire, which was moving south and west, Barsotti said.

The heat, smoke and debris from the fire short-circuited a 500-kilowatt power line through the fire area, but power was brought back on Tuesday night, according to Pacific Power & Light Co.

The steep terrain made it necessary to rely on hand crews, which cannot work as quickly as bulldozers.

Four firefighters reported minor injuries, including one singer, a twisted knee and smoke inhalation.

D.A. to investigate Simpson's friend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The district attorney said Wednesday he is using a grand jury to investigate O.J. Simpson's friend Al "A.C." Cowlings, but is not seeking an indictment, suggesting he may be searching for more evidence against Simpson.

"Any information we obtain there can be used in any other criminal proceeding as long as it's relevant," Gil Garcetti told reporters at his monthly news conference.

He said that means any information the jury turns up about the June 12 kidnapping of Simpson's ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman could be used in prosecuting Simpson, who is charged

with the murders.

Garcetti also said that although he isn't seeking a grand jury indictment of Cowlings, his office could use any information the panel turns up to charge him.

"If the evidence establishes that Mr. Cowlings or anyone else was involved in assisting criminal conduct we're going to prosecute that," Garcetti said.

Cowlings drove the white Ford Bronco seen on national television as he and Simpson fled police on a freeway pursuit before Simpson surrendered on June 17.

His lawyer said Cowlings stopped Simpson from committing suicide

that night and was not trying to help him flee.

Asked why he was using the grand jury rather than his own investigators to probe the case, Garcetti said the panel has subpoena power, which his office does not. He also said the formal setting of the grand jury often elicits more truthful answers from witnesses.

Wednesday was the first time Garcetti has confirmed what was going on behind the grand jury's closed doors.

Normally, prosecutors do not comment on secret grand jury proceedings and the investigative powers of the panel are rarely invoked in criminal

cases where an indictment will not be sought.

Defense attorney Harland Braun, a former prosecutor, said he has never heard of a district attorney publicly discussing grand jury proceedings, although he said it is not illegal.

The state Penal Code bars grand jurors from discussing the proceedings but doesn't mention a district attorney.

"It is sort of indiscreet," Braun said. "The whole point of the grand jury is if you don't indict someone, then you haven't besmirched their name."

He said Garcetti was clearly using the grand jury probe to assist in the Simpson case.

EPA wants aquifer as 'sole source'

SEATTLE (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency wants to designate a 14,000-square-mile area the sole source of drinking water for most people in seven Eastern Washington counties.

An agency official on Wednesday tried to ease farmers' concerns that the sole-source listing could result in a ban on the use of agricultural chemicals within the boundaries of the eastern Columbia Plateau aquifer.

If approved, the designation means the agency can review federally-funded projects for potential groundwater pollution.

Acting on a petition by the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute of Moscow, Idaho, the EPA concluded there would be no alternate source for drinking water for 260,000 people should the aquifer become contaminated.

Under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the sole-source designation gives the EPA authority to review any program or project receiving federal funding for its potential to pollute groundwater, spokesman Scott Downey said.

In its January 1993 petition, the environmental group said the Columbia Plateau aquifer is vulnerable to contamination by petroleum products, pesticides, fertilizers and heavy metals.

That raised concern among farmers that the designation would be used to ban use of farm chemicals.

Some people seem to think that EPA is going to be able to review programs or projects receiving federal funding, would bring agriculture to a virtual halt," said Roger Mochnick, chief of the EPA regional groundwater section in Seattle.

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issues. "I believe in Idaho, the Democratic party has the higher ground on supporting quality education — they've got a better record," he said.

He also evoked the civil rights movement of the 1960s. "It's a benefit of that movement, and I have some very strong feelings about what was done to open the door of opportunity for me," EchoHawk said.

EchoHawk is now the front runner in this race, but he hesitated before entering the contest. His family was willing to back him, he says, but "I was the one that was struggling and searching for that heart-felt feeling that it was the right thing to do."

As attorney general, EchoHawk

Investigators try to find cause of fatal factory explosion

SPANISH FORK, Utah (AP) — Federal and state investigators on Wednesday probed the debris of explosions that killed one worker and injured two others at the Trojan Corp. plant.

Arthur E. Dix, 38, died in Tuesday's blasts at an unused building being decommissioned 45 miles south of Salt Lake City near the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon.

Jerry Newitt, 41, of Payson, and Larry Bradshaw, 57, of Mapleton, sustained minor injuries after being thrown through the air by concussion from the explosions. Both were treated at Mountain View Hospital Tuesday afternoon and released.

About 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, two quick blasts leveled the three-story building that once was used to mix explosive materials, said Farnell Badger, business systems manager at Trojan.

Dix and Bradshaw were inside the building loading an empty ingredient tank onto a backhoe being operated by Newitt. The tank fell off the backhoe's bucket, hit a brick floor, and the explosions followed.

Dix was trapped inside the rubble, but Bradshaw was blown through a window and Newitt was thrown off a piece of machinery by the blasts.

It took plant and area firefighters nearly an hour contained the subsequent fire, which filled southern Utah County with thick black smoke.

Badger knew what kind of explosives had been stored in the unused building, but he declined to provide details.

Trojan safety director Rob Gardner

confirmed that preliminary findings indicated that the site may have been contaminated with explosive materials from earlier operations.

"It's still a little bit early to tell," he said. "But it's looking like that is a possibility."

"The bottom line is, it is something that shouldn't have happened. We just have to try to find out what it is and make sure it doesn't happen again," Gardner added.

In 10 routine inspections by the state Occupational Safety and Health Administration since 1985, Trojan has been cited eight times — twice for serious infractions.

The last time the plant was inspected was 20 months ago — about the average inspection interval for such visits, said OSHA administrator Jay Bagley. "As far as I know, they've been very responsive in trying to correct any problems," he said.

An explosion on Dec. 6, 1981, obliterated a building and carved an 80-foot-wide, 3-foot-deep crater where the building had stood.

In April 1987, a pipe exploded in an area salvage yard, killing the man who was feeding the pipe into a giant hydraulic shear. A second man was critically injured.

Another blast on Feb. 21, 1989, injured five people. That blast was caused by friction of the paddle of a large mixer.

"As far as I know, they've been very responsive in trying to correct any problems," he said.

The resultant explosion touched off other mixing pots and a total of 6,000 pounds of explosives detonated.

Hoffman and \$30,000 from an East Coast casino operator. The White House is backing his candidacy and reporters from papers in Italy and England are vying for his time.

Ironically, EchoHawk's spot in the national spotlight could end up bringing him closer to the White House. His opponent is eager to point out his close ties to President Clinton.

But EchoHawk isn't about to apologize for his Washington, D.C. ties. "Two-thirds of Idaho is owned by the federal government. There are several issues where we have to deal with the federal government: water rights to grazing fees, endangered species, nuclear waste, and timber harvest — the list goes on and on," he said.

Services

Ethel Lucille Carter Anderson, of Buhl, graveside service, 10 a.m. today, West End Cemetery in Buhl, (Moffett's Memorial Chapel in Buhl).

Alma Fry, of Rupert, 11 a.m. today, Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Rupert.

Thore Bates Christofferson Beasie, of Twin Falls, noon today, Mortuary LDS Ward Chapel, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Jose Luis Gil, of Declo, Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Rupert, (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Doc L. Sevelberg, of Boise and formerly of Buhl and Sun Valley, 2 p.m.

Hospitals

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Diana Hayes and Luangayale Purdy, both of Twin Falls; Kirtus Gaston of Shoshone; Mary Gordon, Stehney; Winslow and Marie Sedano, all of Jerome; and Wilfred Herrett of Filer.

Released
Sandra Paachman of Twin Falls; Desires Hummel and Marie Sedano, both of Jerome; Amalia Lagunas of Gooding; Viki Osterhout of Burley; and Linda Rector of Buhl.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Norman Asher, Marilyn Gibbons, Gerardo Lagunas and Mollie Wolf, all of Burley; Ellen Danner of Albion; Maria Garza of

Paul; Roxanne Gillette of Declo; and John West of Rupert.

Released
Lurain Doty and Joyce Shaffer, both of Burley; Max Coursey and Jesse Herndon, both of Boise; Peggy Marizza and Amalia Ries, both of Rupert; and Tonya Zollinger of Malla.

Births
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gillette of Declo; and to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Garza of Paul.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Celia Torres and Brandon Essig, both of Rupert; and Roy Write of Paul.

Released
Jan Schut and Isadora Pena, both of Rupert; and Wesley Stoller of Paul.

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

Obituaries



Kay L. Brown

TWIN FALLS — Kay Lois Brown, 40, of Benton City, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Aug. 8, 1994, at Kadlec Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 16, 1953, in Powell, Wyo., to Arthur John and Vera Evelyn Crosmor. Her dad was a Lutheran Pastor and Kay moved with her family to Rapid City in 1959 and Sioux Falls in 1970. She attended Concordia College in St. Paul and graduated in 1975.

Kay taught school in Good Thunder and Elk River, Minn., and in Twin Falls before moving to the Tri-City area in 1985. Since then, Kay had worked for the Kennenwick School District as a music teacher for most of that time. Kay married

Michael Joseph Brown in 1986.

She was known for her gentle spirit, compassionate heart and loyal friendship. While at Lincoln, Kay directed many excellent children musical productions.

Kay especially liked a good laugh, a good cry, good music and good friends.

She was a member of the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church and also attended Shelton United Church of Christ.

Kay is survived by her husband, Michael Joseph Brown, a daughter, Sarah Kay Werner-Brown, stepchildren, Matthew Michael Brown, Aaron Clark Brown, Sarah Elizabeth Brown and Stephen Kenneth Brown; her parents, Art and Vera Crosmor of Twin Falls; and her siblings, Paul Arthur Crosmor of Rogers, Ark.; Joel Ray Crosmor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Charly Sue Hiroe of Yamato, Japan, along with their wives, husbands and children. Kay was preceded in death by her first husband, James Werner.

Interment for family took place at the Evergreen Cemetery in Benton City and a memorial service for all to celebrate her life was held Aug. 16 at the Shelton United Church of Christ in Richland, Wash. Pastor Karen Gardner of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Richland officiated.

Samuel F. Webb

KIMBERLY — Samuel F. Webb, 81, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 1994, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

He was born Nov. 10, 1912, in Lehi, Utah, the son of George W. and Elizabeth Whimpy Webb. Mr. Webb moved to Idaho about 1920, and farmed all his life, retiring in 1977. On Feb. 21, 1958, he married Martha Stanley in Twin Falls and the marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in 1963.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Webb of Kimberly; one son, Corey Webb of Kelchum; two daughters, Lenny (Lloyd) Payne of Twin Falls and Shelly (John) Holland of Boise; five grandchildren, Eric and Bobbie Payne, Christina Johnson and Sean and Casey Holland; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Wilbert Webb of Riverton, Utah, and Roy and Don Webb, both of Filer; and one sister, EdDora Preston of Declo. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, 1994, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with Cliff Bradshaw conducting. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Friday at White Mortuary.

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Falls County to have an impact zone.

Hempleman said the issue has been burning since before he took office 14 years ago. But opposition to the idea has faded, and only two people showed up at Tuesday night's meeting in Filer.

Those citizens were not against

the proposal, but wanted more information, Sheridan said.

One change in the Filer impact zone will be the manner in which appeals are handled, Hempleman said.

In other cities, if a property owner appeals a decision in the impact zone, the matter goes before a four-person panel made up of two City Council members and two county

commissioners.

If the panel deadlocks — as often happens — the city's decision stands. In Filer's case, a member of the city planning and zoning board will be added to make a five-person panel. Hempleman said the county hopes to eventually change the appeals boards for all cities in order to avoid tie votes.

...and the other is the fact that the system is not self-correcting. The system is not self-correcting because the system is not self-correcting.

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Police upgrade man's charge to murder

IDAHO FALLS — One of the charges against Michael Clements in an Idaho Falls shooting incident has been upgraded from aggravated battery to attempted murder.

Clements, 44, of Blackfoot, is charged with first-degree murder in the Aug. 17 shooting of Mary Ellen Johnson-Hill, 35, and the wounding of her niece, Lori Ann Oakes, 28.

Authorities at first charged Clements with aggravated battery for shooting Oakes, but on Wednesday made it attempted murder. Bonneville County Prosecutor David Johnson wouldn't elaborate, other than to say, "It more accurately describes the crimes committed by the defendant."

Clements also is charged with burglary and two sentence enhancement counts of using a firearm to commit crimes. He remains in jail awaiting a Sept. 20 preliminary hearing.

Board will not budge from proposal

MOSCOW — Moscow School Board members have decided they will not budge from their proposal to turn the state formula for distributing aid to public schools into the salary schedule for their teachers.

"It's on the books, it's the law, and our funding is based on it. It will make it harder to reconcile if we are using some other grid," board Chairman Elaine Vincent said after trustees met in executive session late Tuesday.

Ken Jordan, the Moscow Education Association's chief negotiator, has maintained Moscow teachers want to stick with the locally developed salary schedule.

No murder trial for man, lawyer says

BOISE — A Boise man with a rare neurological disease never will stand trial for killing his nursing home roommate, his lawyer says.

"It's a foregone conclusion that the man's incompetent," Ada County public defender Arvil Myshin said Tuesday. "Really, the only thing they can do is make him as comfortable as possible."

To stand trial in Idaho, defendants must be able to understand the proceedings and be able to help defend themselves.

Ralph Anderson, 55, was charged with involuntary manslaughter in mid-June in the death of Marcus Brown, 65. The two were roommates at Boise Samaritan Village.

Boise attorney to ask for investigation

BOISE — The attorney for a man accidentally run over by a Boise police officer early on June 28 will ask the Idaho attorney general's office to investigate the incident.

Attorney Bill Lister said he also will ask the Boise Police Department to review its policy of when police officers can drive without their lights on. Lister filed a \$250,000 tort claim with the city Tuesday on behalf of Thomas James. The tort claim notified the city that James plans to seek damages.

Business offers class for violent offenders

COEUR D'ALENE — A class for first-time domestic violence offenders will be offered in Coeur d'Alene beginning in October.

Based on similar workshops for drunken drivers, the workshops will be offered by Boise-based Court Referral Services, owner James Dickey said. Dickey said Tuesday that he will rely on an intense educational program with counseling overtones to help people break the cycle of violence.

Dickey said his program will be aimed at helping abusers before their problem becomes chronic.

"We don't intend to get the heavy abuser. This is more preventative than heavy counseling," he said. "Prevention may be a pie-in-the-sky idea, but it's worth trying."

Compiled from wire reports

Cousteau to advise senator on salmon

The Associated Press

Famed oceanographer Jacques Cousteau agreed Wednesday to serve as an advisor to Idaho Republican Sen. Dirk Kempthorne on ways to restore endangered Northwest salmon runs.

"This is a resource that is going to be helpful and is just one more resource that we need to ultimately bring about a solution," Kempthorne said in a statement.

"Good science must be the basis for listing a species as endangered or threatened," Kempthorne said, and Cousteau "has long advocated that any recovery program for a species must also be based on science so that communities and other species are not endangered."



Kempthorne

Kempthorne said Cousteau believes the eight power-generating dams on the Columbia and lower Snake rivers are a major cause of the salmon's demise and is "very intrigued with the innovation and the potential of fish friendly turbines."

The senator, who spoke with Cousteau by telephone Wednesday morning, said Cousteau would be reviewing the work already done on the salmon runs to determine if the best science and technology is being used.

With Kempthorne's support, the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory has received federal funding to develop turbines that will allow for the safe passage of fish past the dams at the same time they increase power generation.

The focus of the salmon debate has been on Gov. Cecil Andrus' so-called Idaho Plan for significantly drawing down the slack water reservoirs behind the dams to increase water velocity so the migrating fish can be pushed to the ocean more quickly.

Downstream interests have fought that proposal vigorously because of the severe economic impact it would have on them through reduced power generation, river commerce and irrigation.

They have backed barging fish around the dams despite 17 years of barging history that resulted only in the listing of three runs as endangered.

They have also demanded increased water releases from Idaho reservoirs to speed the flow of the slack water behind the dams with little beneficial impact on the salmon and serious water shortage problems in Idaho.

Andrus has said the Idaho plan would dramatically reduce the need for release of major amounts of Idaho water downstream, but the Democratic governor has still been opposed by a number of Republicans led by Sen. Larry Craig, who claim there is no proof that drawdowns will work.

Opponents attack DOE waste disposal proposals

MOSCOW (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy is preparing for nuclear weapons production at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory under the guise of waste management, the director of the Trust-based Environmental Defense Institute claims.

Chuck Brosious criticized an Energy Department draft environmental impact statement during a public hearing Tuesday in Moscow. Hearings also are planned in Boise, Twin Falls and Idaho Falls.

The Energy Department is taking comments through September on an impact statement that includes a 10-year plan for environmental cleanup and waste management at the INEL. The statement also evaluates various 40-year options for storing spent nuclear fuel generated by the government nationwide.

Alternatives range from keeping the fuel where it is generated or already stored to transporting it all to a single site for interim storage. The INEL and the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington are candidates to become a nationwide depository for spent nuclear fuel.

Jerry Lyle, deputy assistant manager for the Energy Department's office of program execution in Idaho Falls, said the draft statement projects minimal environmental impacts from any of the alternatives.

But Brosious called the 4,200-page impact statement "deficient."

Nuclear operations at the INEL pose a serious risk to the Snake River Plain Aquifer, he said, and the Energy Department's plans to process spent fuel for permanent storage mask other purposes.

Brosious argued that no processing is needed to prepare spent fuel for storage, and that the Energy Department wants the equipment and material in place for future bomb production.

"Those guys feel like they're naked if they don't have a facility on line that they can crank up next week if they need to," he said.

Gertie Hanson of Coeur d'Alene, chairman of Citizens Against Nuclear Weapons and Extinction, suggested that the Energy Department ship the spent reactor fuel to Washington, D.C., store it outside the Capitol and "quit using the West and its fragile lands as a dumping ground."

Kate Schlick, a Moscow geologist, said the INEL was built in an active earthquake region and the Energy Department's analysis of geological dangers at the eastern Idaho site is "completely incomplete."

Consumer violation carries different standard, court says

BOISE (AP) — A lawsuit alleging "violations" of the Idaho Consumer Protection Act carries different standards of proof than fraud laws, the Idaho Supreme Court says.

The court on Wednesday unanimously upheld an award of \$40,000 in compensatory damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages to an Ada County couple from Mac Tools, Inc.

District Judge George Carey signed a judgment against the tool company for \$594,000, including costs, fees and interest.

William Griffin and his wife, Cathy Jo Patterson, signed up in 1987 to become independent tool distributors for Mac tools. At the end of the next year, he quit in dissatisfaction with the program.

Mac tools sued Griffin for \$19,204 allegedly due the company. Griffin countersued, alleging the company made misrepresentations about financing, training and customer territory that violated the Idaho Consumer Protection Act. The Griffin couple won a jury verdict after a 1991 trial.

In the key portion of the appeal, Mac Tools argued that Carey failed to instruct the jury it had to find the company's behavior was an "extreme deviation from reasonable standards of conduct" to justify punitive damages.

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Russian agents seize 21 pounds of uranium stolen from complex

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's counterintelligence agency said Wednesday it arrested two unemployed men and seized 21 pounds of industrial-grade uranium stolen from a nuclear complex.

News reports said the suspects' parents were involved in producing uranium-238 at Arzamas-16, a restricted-access nuclear city in central Russia.

The arrest was the latest in a series of cases involving theft of nuclear materials from Russian plants and research facilities. Russian authorities say security is often lax, but deny any weapons-grade material has disappeared.

German authorities have seized four shipments of contraband radioactive material since May, including small amounts of weapons-grade uranium and plutonium, and have suggested the material came from Russia. This week, Russia and Germany agreed to cooperate to combat nuclear smuggling.

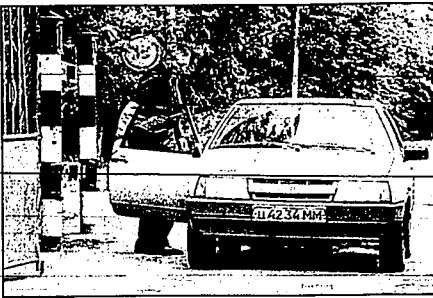
Uranium-238 is used to make fuel for nuclear power plants. It can also be used to produce plutonium, the key ingredient in nuclear bombs, but the technology is extremely complex.

Federal Counterintelligence Service spokesman Vladimir Tomarovsky said the stolen material was not weapons-quality.

Counterintelligence agents, backed by police, arrested the two men and seized the uranium Sunday, Tomarovsky said.

The suspects, whose names were not released, were charged with theft and illegal possession of radioactive material, punishable by up to five years in prison.

He said it was the third time since 1993 that people tried to



AP photo

A security guard at Russia's top nuclear research institute inspects a car leaving the facility Tuesday. Cars leaving the facility must pass by radiation detection devices.

steal anti-sell small amounts of uranium-238 from the restricted-access installation.

The deputy director of Arzamas-16, Yuri Yakovlev, told the ITAR-Tass news agency that reports about nuclear materials disappearing from Russian facilities were part of a "planned campaign. It is beneficial for somebody to present Russian nuclear facilities as defenseless."

Arzamas-16, 250 miles east of Moscow, is one of a network of closed cities built during the Soviet era for the research and development of nuclear weapons.

Though its existence is no longer secret, security remains tight and includes a 60-mile security zone around the town, nuclear officials said.

But in 1992, commandos from

the elite Vypel (Pennant) unit, posing as terrorists, seized a nuclear factory at Arzamas-16 in 17 seconds during a training exercise, the daily Izvestia reported.

It was not immediately clear whether there might be other suspects in the Arzamas-16 case or how the uranium was to be used.

According to the agency overseeing Russia's nuclear power plants, the substance is legally sold for export by licensed companies, and the amount of stolen uranium was very small compared to the approximately 330 pounds needed to produce one container of fuel.

Russian criminals, however, have been stealing virtually anything radioactive, believing there is a thriving black market for it in the West.

Israelis hand over school system

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinians began spreading their control outside Jericho in the West Bank Wednesday, taking on the challenge of running Ramallah's crowded, rundown schools.

"This is the first step in the West Bank to controlling civil authorities," said Naim Abu Humus, Palestinian director-general of education, as he signed the agreement.

At the same time, negotiators in Cairo agreed Palestinians would take control of health care, tourism, welfare and taxation Sept. 12 in West Bank areas still occupied by Israel.

The May 4 autonomy agreement that gave Palestinians control of the Gaza Strip and Jericho in the West Bank envisioned self-rule expanding to cover all of the Israeli-occupied territories.

"We hope donor countries will help us do our job," Abu Humus added, amid handshakes and embraces over soft drinks and plates of cookies.

His concern was justified. Palestinians have asked foreign nations for \$9.5 million to tide over the self-rule government of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat

until its tax system is in place. But international donors want a strict accounting system before they release any money. The lack of such a system has held up the \$600 million in aid pledged this year.

Israel officials warned that the Palestinian school system would crumble without money. Israel said Israel was considering donating \$600,000. "I told the Palestinians that they have to start paying salaries and provide for the schools in September," said Israeli liaison officer Mahfouz Zaher, who signed the agreement with Abu Humus.

Pakistan government strongly denies it possesses nuclear bomb

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The government strongly denied Wednesday a statement by the former prime minister that Pakistan already has a nuclear bomb.

Several government officials reiterated the country's long-standing position that it has the capability to make atomic

weapons, but has not done so. "We have made a sovereign decision not to produce nuclear weapons," Munir Akram, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, told a news conference.

Ex-Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who now heads the main opposition party, touched off the latest controversy Tuesday when

he said, "I confirm that Pakistan possesses the atomic bomb." Sharif made the comment in a speech at Neela Butt, part of the disputed Kashmir territory controlled by Pakistan.

Pakistan and India have fought two wars over the disputed Himalayan state, which both nations claim as their own.

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WHY DO THEY THINK THAT?

CATS DON'T WEAR VISORS

Calvin and Hobbes By Bill Watterson

HELLO?

HI DAD! IT'S ME, CALVIN.

CALVIN, UNLESS THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT, HANG UP. OK? I'M VERY BUSY.

OK-DAD-GOOBYE

THIS SHOULD QUALIFY IN ANOTHER 15 MINUTES

B.C. By Johnny Hart

IF WE COULD JUST WIN THE LOTTERY, I'D BE RICH BEYOND MY WILDEST DREAMS.

MY WILDEST DREAMS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH MONEY.

Garfield By Jim Davis

I'M CREATING THE ILLUSION OF MOVEMENT.

YOU NEED DUSTING.

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YOU'RE THE BEST FATHER IN THE WHOLE WORLD!

HOW ABOUT THE UNIVERSE?

WELL, YOU CAN'T BEAT OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN... BUT ON EARTH YOU'RE NUMBER ONE!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HO HO HAR HAR, HAW HAW HO HO, HEE HEE HO HAR.

WHAT KIND OF A LAMENT IS THAT?

THEY'RE BURYING THE GUY THAT INVENTED THE "LAUGH TRACK".

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

TWO COTTAGES AND A BREWERY BURNED DOWN. THEY THINK IT WAS ARSON. WE THINK IT WAS ARSON, TOO.

THAT'S AWFUL.

ARE YOU GONNA TALK TO YOUR SON ABOUT IT?

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

BEETLE! QUICK!! GET UP AND GET DRESSED!

WHAT IS IT?

AS LONG AS YOU'RE UP, GO TO THE PX AND GET ME A CHEESEBURGER.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

DR. ERNIE, COMIC STRIP PSYCHIATRIST, ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS.

A READER FROM KOKOMO ASKS, "DEAR DR. ERNIE, WHAT IS PARANOIA?"

BEFORE I CAN ANSWER THAT, I'LL NEED HIS FULL NAME, ADDRESS AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

I'VE GOT TO RUN OUT TO THE BOOKSTORE.

HAVE AN OVERWHELMING URGE FOR SOME EMILY DICKINSON.

NO... FOR A CARPOCCINO.

For Better or For Worse

HI, I'M BACK! WE HAD A REALLY COOL TIME!

GUESS WHAT DAWN AND I DID ON OUR LAST DAY AT THE LAUNDROMAT. WE WENT AROUND AND CLEARED UP THE KASH CAMPERS HAD LEFT.

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

THIS WILL BE A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARTY.

I SUPPOSE YOU'LL WANT ALL THE USUAL KIDDIE.

OH NO, THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL!

THIS PARTY IS FOR US.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

Don't forget. If the burglars right-handed you bat against him left-handed, or if he's left-handed you bat against him right-handed.

The Far Side By Gary Larson

MAN, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT SOME PEOPLE CAN BE!

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

Let's say, for example, you have just discovered how to resurrect dead fowls. By the way, keeping your diagram right? The sound should originate deep and low - about here!

In their final year, all research science students are required to take one semester of Manical Laughter.

Worms have ulterior motive

According to an authority on earthworms, they don't surface in the rain to keep from drowning, as frequently reported, but to look for mates. They find ways, wherever, says this expert, but it sometimes can be more difficult to mate deep in the dirt.

Science is bigger than Germany.

Q. When was the can opener invented?

A. Which one? The pumpmeater with the sickle-shaped handle came out in 1858. Denver was founded that year. Everybody was delighted with the new song 'The Old Grey Mare'. The turn-of-the-century wheel-cutting blade showed up in 1870. Same year DNA was first scooped out but not identified. And Jules Verne put forth his Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea.

Lawns are getting smaller. Sales of reel mowers are going up.

Ant authority-on-wildlife consultants those long-lived turtles don't appear to grow old. Until something kills them, they go on about their normal business of laying eggs, feeding, swimming, creeping, winnever. Gerontologists are fascinated. And baffled. They're studying armored animals.

What chickens are to the modern diet, it's said, so pigeons were to the fare of the Middle Ages. But there were no Kentucky Fried Pigeon places, or the like.

So relaxing is laughter that some psychiatrists call for it as a deliberate treatment for tension. Among them are some who prescribe Robin Williams for such therapy. Other have organized laughing gas parties. And if the record is right, a few with a curious mind bent have undertaken private little feather-flicking sessions.

Ten percent of all pregnancies end in spontaneous abortion, according to the medical statisticians.

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF AUGUST 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are perceptive, some claim you are "pensive family." Domestic cycle relates to pressure, break from past, need for special attention to partnership, marriage. Vitality makes comeback in September as circumstances take sudden turn in your favor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Rules are "loosened" for your benefit. Focus on creativity, style, entertainment, ability to blend humor with profundity. Gift adds to wardrobe, improves body image.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stand tall - refuse to give up something for your favor. Property involved. Secret arrangement could lack legal validity. Hold tight to territory - don't be intimidated by threats.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be saying, "This is my kind of day!" You'll gain powerful allies, love will not be a stranger, circumstances suddenly turn in your favor. Property involved. Secret arrangement could lack legal validity. Hold tight to territory - don't be intimidated by threats.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Family member is back in fold. Be diplomatic, avoid causing embarrassment in relation to family. Family member's secret involves luxury, art, marital status. Music figures prominently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wish fulfilled in connection with travel, publishing, reaching wider audience. You'll be dining on foreign cuisine, with person who speaks more than one language. Piques figures in scenario.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Mystery of missing money resolved in "dramatic fashion." You'll learn true status of financial security of mate, partner. Solutions come via discovery of hidden resource. Cancer native involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stress universal appeal, refuse to be limited by those who lack imagination, faith, marriage plays major role, business partnership also involved. Aries, another Libra dominate exciting scenario.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Imprint style, be vulnerable to love, welcome report on physical condition. Creative juices stir, your work will be considered innovative, exciting. Leo plays role, these letters in a name, A, S, I.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Refuse to be pulled in two directions - be decisive, protect interests. You'll exchange exciting, domestic adjustment. What appeared finished will be revived as result of your efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on design, fashion, apparel aimed at improving body image. Focus on security, family relationships, sale or purchase of property. Legal agreement requires scrutiny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Roadblock causes temporary delay - within 24 hours path will be cleared. Display strength of conviction, courage, talent, style.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Disseminate information, analyze character. Don't be confused by one who knows price-of-everything-value-of-nothing. You'll get money when least expected. Lost credit cards will be found.

Worms have ulterior motive

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What's what?

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5 Possession
10 Headliner
14 Prayer ending
15 Contract
16 Island near Florida
17 Wills
18 Assist in a crime
20 Cassia
21 Mexican dish
23 Donkey
24 Name
25 Absorption
29 Trud out again
33 Leases
34 Farm buildings
35 Cup handle
36 Ron Howard role
37 Kind of chest
38 Pan
39 Dog doc
40 Fraught with danger
41 Models
42 Components
44 Pranks
45 Hoists
46 Foreign heavyweight champ
47 Nap
50 Land between building and street
55 Not working
56 Landmarks
58 Phobia
59 Olmeca public
60 FBI, e.g.
61 Browns
62 Raring to go
63 Father

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2 Portent
3 Exploit
4 Poker stake
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6 Leaks
7 Raining riddle
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Begin preparing early for 1st day

The big 1st day of kindergarten is one of most important life transitions

Knight-Ridder News Service

It is one of the most important transitions in a child's life, a marker in an educational career that will have many milestones. Even in this era of preschool and day care, the entrance into kindergarten remains rite of passage — for parent and child.

"Kindergarten," says Lois Giuffreda, coordinator of early childhood education for Broward County, Fla. schools, "is a new and big, no matter what their experiences before. Here they are with the big kids, walking down the big halls, eating in a big cafeteria and going to the big bathrooms."

No wonder the weeks before the start of school and the actual first day can be full of anxiety. Adults experience the same fears and apprehensions when starting a new job. Why shouldn't children?

Teachers and school administrators say parents can do plenty to assuage some of those feelings. But you have to be patient, and you have to keep it ideally, you also need to start early, though it's never too late to help your children — to read to them, to play games with them, to listen and talk to them regardless of age or grade level.

A parent's early stimulation of a young mind can influence a lifetime of learning ability — and joy in that learning. The early years are extremely important for any child. They provide the foundation on which everything, including personality and school skills,

will be based. In fact, by the time a child enters kindergarten, he or she will have had five years of education with the first and most important teacher — you.

Teach with care: no drilling, no pushing, no pressure. "It's wonderful to do certain things," says Miriam Mades, a kindergarten teacher at South Pointe Elementary in Miami Beach, "as long as you're not pushing. It has to be something natural, something that fits in with whatever you are already doing."

The best preparation for kindergarten is, without a doubt, reading to your child. It is the one activity every teacher, principal and administrator agrees on. If you haven't done so already, you will pass on to them a life-long interest and joy in books.

Reading improves vocabulary, teaches about the connection between spoken language and the written word, provides information and expands comprehension. Experts say a child's early success in school, and even later in life, can be linked to her ability and interest in reading. Children who have been read to often and consistently, children who have been surrounded by books, have an academic

jump-start they keep throughout their school years. "Encourage them to talk about their experiences," Giuffreda says. "Be real aware of their activities and talk to them about it, but don't always be the one talking."

Use children's innate curiosity to teach them. "Your daughter asking about the grasshoppers in the back yard? Look up information in the library. Does your son want to help you bake cookies? Let him — and use this as a math lesson."

"Rather than drilling a child on the alphabet, it's much better for him to understand the concept and the connection between letters and words and thoughts," says Barbara Miller, a spokeswoman for the National Association for the Education of Young Children. "Instead of counting to 10, it's more important to know the numbers in relation to something concrete. How many blocks in your tower? Or, how many blocks does it take to make a rectangle?"

Karen Casey-Robinson, a kindergarten teacher at Country Hills Elementary in Coral Springs, Fla., believes that a young child's most important lessons do not always come with paper and pencil. They involve interaction with parents, conversation with adults, in the tacit permission to experiment within reasonable boundaries.

"You start this from the very beginning, from when they are infants," Casey-Robinson says. "You not only provide them with enriching experiences. You also take the time to answer all their questions."

Attitude counts, too. "New experiences should be valued," says Betty Key, supervisor of prekindergarten education for Broward County public schools. "They should be celebrated, talked about, even if it's something as small as dressing up to go to school for the first time. The focus should always be on the positive, on encouraging."

In addition to exposure to books and a variety of experiences, teachers also expect children to enter kindergarten with certain specific skills. If your child doesn't have them, don't worry about it. Not every kid has each concept down pat. He "will" learn them eventually — sometimes in spite of us.

"I am always telling parents not to get so upset when they see another child who is already reading or doing something their child isn't," says Mades of South Pointe Elementary. "Learning is developmental, but parents think if they're not reading by the end of kindergarten the child won't be going to Harvard. Relax!"

Some skills kids should have before starting school

Knight-Ridder News Service

Here are some concepts children should know by the time they enter kindergarten. Parents can help teach these ideas, but remember to make learning fun.

Counting

While many children can count to 10 or more, it is better for them to understand what each number means. Help them count objects in one-to-one correspondence. How much is three cans? Five Barbies? Also teach the difference between empty and full, more and less. Apply them to their daily lives. Who has more toys — Johnny or Suzie?

Colors and shapes

Kids should be able to recognize and name primary colors as well as basic shapes, such as circles, rectangles, squares and triangles. They should also be able to copy them. "When dressing, ask what color do you want to put on," says Miriam Mades, a kindergarten teacher at South Pointe Elementary in Miami Beach.

Size and direction

Children entering school should understand big and little, small and large, long and short. They should be able to match objects based on size. Children learn quickly, and at a very early age understand who has the biggest truck or longest hair. A 5-year-old should understand

up and down, top and bottom, hot and cold, fast and slow, front and back, over and under, in and out. To teach or reinforce these concepts, make a game of putting one toy inside a box, outside, and so on.

Motor skills

A child should be able to jump, march, throw a ball, walk a straight line, run, stand on one foot for about five seconds, walk backward for five feet. She should know how to paste objects, build with blocks, button a shirt, clap hands, zip a zipper, control a pencil or crayon, handle scissors well and draw.

Allow your child plenty of time outside running, skipping, throwing. At home, let him color to his heart's content, give him safe scissors to cut shapes and glue to paste them with.

Social skills

A 5-year-old should be relatively independent. He should know how to brush his teeth, cross a residential street, know his address and phone number and take care of his toilet needs alone. He must also recognize authority and maintain self-control.

Other skills

Kindergarten teachers expect a child to know both his first and last name, identify his own name in a manuscript, know what a letter is, name common animals, like to look at books, be able to repeat a short sentence, and know the meaning of common words heard in a story.

Road trip no vacation with feuding children

DEAR ABBY: Already I am worried about our next summer vacation. My husband gets three weeks off, and he wants to take me and the children on a picture-taking trip to the Western parks region, as he is a camera buff.

Our children are 7 and 10, and they do not get along with each other, so you can imagine what an automobile trip with them is like for three weeks.

I realize that my husband works hard all year and deserves the kind of vacation he enjoys, but I don't like the idea of being referee for the kids while Father pursues his hobby, which involves looking for places to photograph and endless waiting for perfect sun directions.

—PLANNING AHEAD
DEAR PLANNING: Why not compromise and spend part of your vacation doing his thing, and the other part doing whatever you prefer?

A suggestion: On long motor trips, with kids who don't get along, instead of putting them both in the back seat, let one sit in front with Dad, and keep the other in the back with you. Then switch.

DEAR ABBY: Why is it that when a woman announces that she is pregnant, all the other women in the company immediately start to rehash their own pregnancies? Invariably they all had a very hard time delivering, and one keeps trying to top the other with tales of how long she was in labor, etc.

My wife is four months pregnant, and she hasn't had one sick day, but all the talk about "rough deliveries" has scared her half to death. What's wrong with some women? Please,



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

print this. It may stop the cackling of some of those hens!

—PEEVED IN MARYVILLE, TENN.
DEAR PEEVED: All right, it's done. Perhaps some of those "hens" are only looking longingly back on their laying days.

DEAR ABBY: What is a 25-year-old woman to do when people keep coming to her door and asking, "Is your mother home?" This has happened to me so many times lately I want to scream.

I am a high school teacher, and at the beginning of the school year, a fellow teacher (whom I had not met yet) stopped me in the hall and asked if I had a "pass" to be out of class.

Abby, I try hard to dress and look my age, but no matter what I do, I still come off looking like a 17-year-old kid. Suggestions?

—PATTY IN TACOMA
DEAR PATTY: Yes. Relax and enjoy it. Most women complain because no sooner do their pimples clear up, when they start getting wrinkles.

—CONFIDENTIAL TO "FEBRUARY BRIDE": A good marriage isn't a matter of luck. It's the result of a conscious and constant effort. It's giving and forgiving, knowing when to talk and when to keep quiet. All marriages are beautiful. It's the living together afterward that's difficult.

Family meetings: Talk with purpose, get results

Orlando Sentinel

School was giving Katie Stear fits. Problems with friends, school policies and other assorted concerns combined to make life at the Seminole County private school stressful for the 15-year-old Longwood, Fla. student.

She needed a change. The fact that her mother, Kathy, worked at the school only complicated matters. But she needed to let her parents know. And she did. Katie revealed her anguish during one of the Stear family meetings. She is going to Lake Brainerd High School instead.

"We had to weigh a lot of variables, but there was just this basic unhappiness where she was," said Kathy, a grade-school teacher. "She was stepping into the public school with a lot of trepidations, but we talked a lot about what we could do with it. She plugged into summer

school so she could get to know people. It's going to be all right."

Enhanced communication and problem-solving make up the heart of family meetings, experts say, which provide families a forum to express feelings, air concerns or simply spend quality time practicing the old-fashioned art of conversation.

Informality is the earmark of the family meeting, which can range from discussions at the dinner table to structured weekly sessions. No matter how they're fashioned however, the bottom line is chitchat with a purpose.

"I think they're (family meetings) an invaluable, if not critical skill, especially in today's family, given the constraints of schedules of working parents and their children," said Dr. Becky Bailey, a professor of early childhood development and education at the University of Central Florida.

Experts say family meetings offer a regular setting for family members to communicate and listen to the reactions of others.

It's a tool that Bill and Cathy Stephens have used with their children — Meredith, 19; Trina, 17; Jimmy, 14; and Jordan, 8 — to quash problems and to provide their children with a comfortable atmosphere to come to Mom and Dad with their growing pains.

The meetings are a casual sort of thing for the Stephenses. They call them "family councils."

"It's more of a little business meeting that we have at the beginning of the week to find out where everybody's going to go," said Bill Stephens, Orlando leasing manager for Koger Equity.

"It was very informal. I usually would say 'Let's get together for a family council.' Everybody would

gather up in the living room. (The kids) would moan and groan. I would just throw base on a few things 'real quick."

Actually, anyone could call a meeting. Once past the initial moans and groans, meetings were generally effective.

"Even though they moaned and groaned, when they got down to a particular issue, some good stuff would come out. There would be disagreements, areas of concern, but it was good that we were talking about it," he said. Today the family holds meetings on an as-needed basis.

Generally, families use the meetings to discuss topics like vacations, the start of the school, or what to do with Grandma when she comes to visit. Family meetings also are an ideal forum for dealing with practical subjects such as planning family routines and chores.

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Diet, exercise effectively trim overweight kids

—TORONTO (AP)—A strict diet combined with exercise and behavior changes slashed the pounds from overweight children and teens, improving their social lives, grades and self-esteem, researchers reported Wednesday.

The weight-loss program also lowered the children's cholesterol levels and reduced the likelihood they would suffer from complications of obesity as adults, the researchers said.

The program addresses one of the most important and most widely overlooked problems in children, said Dr. Robert Susskind, a pediatrician at Louisiana State University and co-director of the Weight Reduction Clinic at the Children's Hospital of New Orleans.

Surveys show that at least one-fourth of U.S. children are 20 percent or more above their ideal weights, Susskind said. And 70 percent of children who are overweight at ages 10-13 will go on to become overweight adults, he said.

Even so, many pediatricians ignore the problem, Susskind said. "Children will go to the pediatrician and he will say, 'They will outgrow it,'" said Susskind.

Dr. William Dietz, a pediatrician and obesity specialist at the Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, agreed. "It's a recognized problem that is not being attended to as it should be," he said.

A key feature of Susskind's program is a very restricted diet of 600 to 800 calories per day for up to 30 weeks, followed by a 1,200-calorie diet for the rest of the year-long program.

Another key feature is a graduated exercise program, carefully designed not to overwhelm children with too much activity too soon, said Melinda S. Sothern, an exercise physiologist and the director of the clinic's childhood weight-loss program.

"People give too much exercise too soon and they give the wrong kind of exercise," she said. "When you tell an overweight person to do something that hurts them, they won't do it."

The program also includes encouraging many behavior changes, such as eating more slowly and not eating between meals, Sothern said.

Education and parental support are also crucial in helping children lose weight, she said.

In a report at the Seventh International Congress on Obesity, Susskind described the results with 48 children ages 7-17. In 10 weeks, their weight dropped from an average of 175 pounds to 154 pounds.

At the end of the year-long program,

Belgium finds stolen Picasso

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—The Picasso painting "Woman with Dark Eyes," which was stolen last fall in Stockholm, has been recovered.

Police arrested three Swedes in connection with the theft when undercover agents acted as prospective buyers were led to a car where the painting was hidden Tuesday.

The Picasso is worth an estimated \$7 million, police said.

The Picasso was one of seven paintings stolen from the Modern Art Museum in Sweden's capital last November. A police official, who demanded anonymity, said the Swedes were trying to resell it here.

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Tips for parents of heavy kids

The Associated Press

Parents who don't have access to programs that treat overweight children can follow these tips, said Melinda Sothern of Louisiana State University.

Involve the entire family. Everyone must eat healthier, not just the overweight family member. Children need healthy role models.

Set reasonable limits for your children and be consistent.

Change unhealthy habits gradually.

Encourage your child to get up and move as often as possible.

Put exercise equipment in the backyard.

Sign your child up for dance classes or sports.

Avoid high-fat foods such as butter, chicken with the skin on, chocolate and ice cream.

Substitute such alternatives as fresh fruit, rice cakes, low-fat yogurt, bagels and light popcorn.

Watch portion sizes by always measuring servings when preparing your child's meals.

their weight was an average of 159 pounds, showing that they were able to keep the weight off, he said.

Some of the mildly obese attained ideal body weights, and virtually all of the moderately and severely obese patients showed dramatic drops in weight gain if they stuck with the program, Susskind reported.

The children's cholesterol levels fell from 187 to 167 in 10 weeks, he said.

Dietz and others raised questions about the safety of the restricted diet. "I don't think we know enough about the safety of that diet before we put it into widespread use. I use it, but I reserve it for children with severe obesity," Dietz said.

Susskind said that the children on the diet had growth rates slightly below normal, but he said he believes the diet is safe when used with a doctor's supervision.

Sothern emphasized that parents should not put their children on such a diet without a doctor's oversight, because the diet requires careful supplementation with minerals and vitamins.

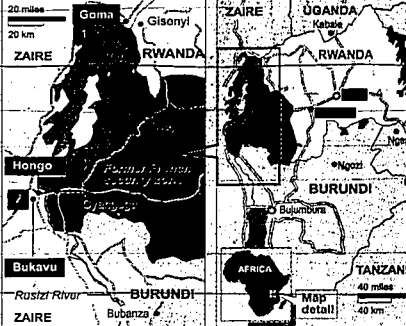
After one year, the children are seen every three months to help them maintain the weight loss, said Sothern.

Hutu extremists mob gorilla trackers

Violence and murder among refugees

Officials of the former Rwandan government and its defeated soldiers who are some of the 850,000 people living in the camps have threatened to kill anyone returning to the country now ruled by the former rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front. There have been a number of deaths and beatings among people advocating a return home.

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1 About 300 Rwandans set out from the Goma-area refugee camps this morning but never made it out of Zaire.

2 Thousands of refugees who had not left after the rebels took over the country are still streaming out of Rwanda to other Zairian refugee camps around Bukavu.

AP/Wide World

RUGARI, Zaire (AP)—The United Nations suspended efforts to repatriate Rwandan refugees Wednesday after Hutu extremists mobbed the first group to agree to be brought home: game scouts from the country's famed gorilla reserve.

One tracker was nearly killed in this village 27 miles north of the main refugee center of Goma. Others escaped into the bush and banana groves.

The group of 250 Hutus—some 25 trackers and their extended families—had been living for about a month at a nearby mountaintop Zairian gorilla station.

They ticked down the mountain before dawn to meet U.N. trucks that were to take them home to the Karisoke Research Center in northeastern Rwanda.

The center was once the base of Dian Fossey, the late U.S. naturalist whose book was made into the movie "Gorillas in the Mist." It is still funded by the Colorado-based Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund and several of the trackers attacked Wednesday worked with Fossey, whose 1985 slaying remains unsolved.

Tracker Jean-Bosco Bizumurenzi, 25, was treated for serious head wounds but was reported out of danger at a Goma field hospital. Bizumurenzi visited Karisoke last week and returned to persuade his fellow trackers they had nothing to fear from the Rwandan Patriotic

Front, the former rebels now in government.

He told The Associated Press Tuesday that he was looking forward to forgetting the war and returning to work because "gorillas are much more peace-loving than men."

We got to the meeting point on time, but the trucks weren't even there," said Leonidas Munyantarama, 23, one of those hoping to return home. "But then a group of about 50 men came and started saying we were traitors, accomplices."

Rwanda's civil war, surrounded the trackers' leaders, hacking at them with machetes and pounding them with rocks, Munyantarama said.

The rest of the trackers scattered into surrounding banana groves as a U.N. jeep rescued one and was mobbed. The group's possessions were looted, Munyantarama said.

The United Nations suspended its repatriation program, which aims to persuade some 800,000 Rwandans in camps here to return home. Aid workers were advised to avoid the Rugari area.

It was the second U.N. attempt to truck refugees back to their country. The first failed last week when supporters of Rwanda's former government made veiled threats against 170 people who signed up for U.N. bus rides back.



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Analysts see slowdown in new factory orders

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Temporary shutdowns by auto factories for the model-year changeover helped push new orders for durable goods from U.S. manufacturers down 4.2 percent in July, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

The drop, which was unexpected by most private analysts, was the steepest since December 1991, when orders fell 5.4 percent, a Commerce official said. Durable goods orders in July totaled a seasonally adjusted \$144.86 billion, after moving up 1.2 percent in June.

The July durable goods orders data showed the U.S. economy is slowing, although not as sharply as the overall 4.2 percent decline would initially indicate, analysts said.

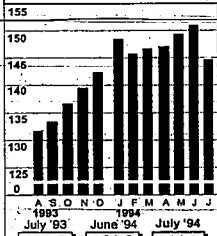
Economists blamed the overall decline on the seasonal shutdown of auto plants, but they agreed that the 0.3-percent decline in durable goods orders underlying slowdown in manufacturing.

The ex-manufacturing decline came following June's revised 0.9 percent in-

Durable goods

New orders

Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

AP

crease. "The numbers were weaker than expected, but a big piece was in the transportation category," said Ron Bhagavatlur, Citicorp economist.

Loss prompts workforce cut by Utah firm

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Novell Inc. Wednesday reported a \$4 million loss for its third quarter and said it would lay off 1,750 workers during the next six months to help improve its financial situation.

The company, which produces the top-selling software for linking personal computers in networks, has experienced greater costs and less revenue than expected from its June purchase of WordPerfect Corp., a maker of word processing and other software.

The cutback amounts to about 17 percent of the combined workforce of Novell and WordPerfect.

It follows a cut of 1,025 workers at WordPerfect in January.

Bond surge pushes Dow up 70

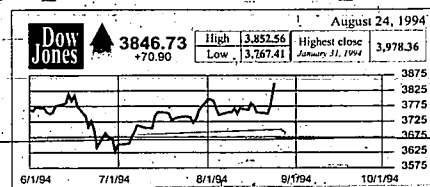
Knight-Ridder News Service

NEW YORK

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 3846.73, a five-month high, as the U.S. Treasury bond market surged following continued gains in the dollar.

Investor interest also rose on follow-through buying from Tuesday's impressive rally, and amid blossoming of what traders widely termed a rennaissance of takeover fever in the market.

Technically, the Dow pleased market bulls by closing above 3800 for the first time since mid-June, suggesting that the market may be building momentum for a run at 3900 by Labor Day, which general-



ly holds an upward bias for equities.

The U.S. 30-year bond — to which stocks are held hostage in the current interest-rate environ-

ment — was up only 5/32 as stocks opened, but sharply extended its advance to 3/32 after strong demand was seen at the Treasury's auction of five-year notes.

California company will relocate to Post Falls

The Associated Press

POST FALLS

California fastener distributor Bild Industries Inc. will move to Post Falls, Idaho, next March, general manager Randy Bild said.

The company distributes fasteners to airlines, government contractors and aerospace companies, Bild said.

"We decided about two years ago to get out of here," Bild said Monday from his office in Van Nuys. "It doesn't matter so much where we're located in the country, and I happen to really like the area up there."

Bild Industries will lease 18,000 feet of a new building in the Riverbank Commerce Park. The company

is expected to employ about 15 people when settled in Post Falls, said Bob Potter, president of Jobs Plus, the Kootenai County economic development group that helped recruit Bild.

Randy Bild said it was unclear how many of Bild's employees would move from California.

Markets

Dow-Jones

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Mutual funds

NEW YORK (AP) — The following table lists the 100 largest mutual funds by assets under management as of June 30, 1994. The table is organized by fund type and includes columns for fund name, assets, and other relevant information.

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Glance behind the numbers of yields of money funds

NEW YORK (AP) — If a money-market mutual fund isn't returning quite what you were hoping for at the moment, the explanation may go deeper than the latest ups and downs of interest rates.

Just possibly its manager has discontinued, or decided against, a policy of waiving expense and management fees, which otherwise would have resulted in a higher yield to investors.

For most of the 1990s, as interest rates fell, more and more money funds waived some or all of their fees, competing to attract and keep investors who were tempted to look elsewhere for places to put their cash reserves.

But in recent months, according to IBC-Donoghue Inc., an Ashland, Mass. firm that tracks the money-fund business, that trend has shown signs of reversing itself.

Donoghue's Quarterly Report on Money Fund Performance for the April-June period found the percentage of all money funds waiving some or all of their fees declined to 57 percent from the record high of 60.2 percent reached last winter.

The firm counted 48 funds that stopped waiving part or all of their fees during the second quarter.

"Fund companies have aggressively sought to attract assets by waiving fees," said Teresa Redinger, the report's editor. "Now with interest rates on the rise and money funds showing more favorable yields, this marketing approach isn't as essential as it had been in the past to boost a fund's yield. Additionally, newly introduced funds are not as apt to consider waiving."

Money funds' average seven-day yield, as reported by IBC-Donoghue, stood at 3.83 percent in early August, up from 2.65 percent a year earlier.

Over that same span, yields offered by competing vehicles at banks — money-market deposit accounts and short-term certificates of deposit — have risen much more slowly.

Also, fixed-income funds with longer maturities, ranging from short-term bond funds to



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bond funds with average maturities of 20 years or more, look less appealing to investors after having been rocked by this year's price volatility in the credit markets.

So the competitive pressures on money funds have eased, giving them more leeway in their fee policies.

This is not to say that money-fund fees have suddenly ballooned. By Donoghue's tally for the second quarter, they averaged 58 basis points, or .58 percentage point, per year.

That matched the record low they reached in the first quarter, down two basis points from where they stood in the second quarter of 1993.

If the drive to waive fees had kept its momentum, quite possibly fees would have gone lower still, leaving more money from interest received by the funds to be paid out as dividends to shareholders.

Whatever happens with fee waivers in the future, the current

situation makes clear that policies on this subject bear scrutiny when you choose a money fund in the first place, and for as long as you keep an account there.

"Watch out for fee waivers," urges Mark Green, New York City's public advocate, in a report on fund prospectuses. "Some funds voluntarily pay some of the fees instead of passing them on to you. This lets them advertise a higher yield."

But prospectuses rarely tell you when this generosity will run out. If you invest after the fee waiver expires, your returns will likely be lower than advertised.

An atmosphere of increased fee consciousness comes at a time when money funds are getting closer attention on other fronts — including the derivative investments they may hold in their portfolios and the safety of other securities they may buy.

So far their record of reliability and stability has not been blemished. But questions like fee waivers make it plain that these funds, which carry no government guarantees, should not be bought or owned without a measure of care and discretion.

Table with multiple columns listing various mutual funds, their assets, and other financial data. The table is organized by fund type and includes columns for fund name, assets, and other relevant information.

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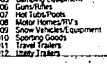
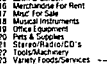
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"Never learn to do anything: if you don't learn, you'll always find someone else to do it for you."

— Mark Twain.

Today's South knew enough to take a 3-1 shot at making his slam. Certainly these were reasonable odds. What he hadn't learned is that good odds are not as good as greater odds.

South could count 11 top winners and a 12th could come by finding one or both of the missing diamond honors in the West hand. Another possibility was to play the top spades, hoping to drop the jack. However, if he tried the latter, it would be dangerous to finesse in diamonds. So he settled on a compromise. He won dummy's heart king and cashed the king and ace of spades, hoping to drop the jack. When it didn't fall, South took two diamond finesses. Neither plan was on and South was left with only his 11 tricks.

A much better line of play is to force the opponents to do something for you. South should cash all four heart winners, discarding two diamonds from dummy. (He doesn't need them.) On the fourth heart, East safely discards a club and South's slam becomes unbeatable. He leads a diamond, finessing into East and East has no safe exit. A diamond exit is an obvious loser and an exit in either black suit is just as bad. South now gets his 12th winner, all because he went for the best chance instead of just a good one.

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 10 3
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A J 9 8 4
 ♣ K 10

EAST
 ♠ J 9 6 2
 ♥ 7 4 3
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ 8 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A 7
 ♥ A Q J 5
 ♦ A Q 6 5

Vulnerable: Both

Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 2♥ Pass 6 NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ J 9 6 2
 ♥ 7 4 3
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ 8 4 2

North South
 1♦ 1♠
 2♣ 2♦
 3♦ 2

ANSWER: Pass. This is a rock-bottom minimum and it's time to stop bidding.

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By: M. Bryan - Deputy City Clerk

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Employment

209 RESTAURANT/ LOUNGE
Part time cook needed. Apply in person between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. phone call 446 Addison Ave. W.

210 SALES
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Are you looking for a part-time evening job for back to school & holiday money? Then we're looking for you! Must have a pleasant speaking voice for telemarketing. Must be able to work evenings. Contact George Hillard or Jon Ober at Con Pex Chevrolet, Pontiac, GMC Truck and Geo. 734-6552-324-3000 No phone calls please.

Roy Raymond Ford Mitsubishi is looking to fill the following positions:
Entry Level Service Advisor - Must have good person-to-person skills. Lube experience preferred, but not required.
Auto Technician - with Ford experience in auto transmission diagnosis and repairs. Top pay, top benefits, top shop!
Contact Rupert Nafon for Interview at 736-2482 or 1-800-473-5797.



210 SALES
Dependable PT Retail sales person wanted. Sales experience preferred. Must work Saturdays. Apply in person at Fox Floral, 17 Main Ave East, Twin Falls.

FRESH POTATO SALES
A fresh potato sales person for a large Eastern ID, fresh ahead operation. Position sales in 325 Overland Ave, Burley ID 83318.
Circle A construction is taking applications for truck drivers, loader operators, dispatchers, & mechanics. Apply in person at 212 Highway 8, 8-8 Mon-Fri. Twin Falls & Paul locations.

COME ON DOWN!
We're seeking a person to be a field inspector or bring your green thumb and knowledge to our horticulture center. Or bring a mechanical background and build a mechanical knowledge to our horticulture center. Love of flying and work around aircraft or bring manufacturing background. Many of these opportunities are available for someone who is a career for someone.
CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-727-5865

1-800-727-5865 AMERICAN STAFFING, INC.
Curry concrete finisher. 1000 per hour. 734-1622.
DICK SIMON TRUCKING
New higher pay scale. 48 hrs. 1-800-727-5865

Driver, Freightliner, doubles and triples, 2nd class, variable, class A CDL with endorsements, night through Thursday, home everyday. Call 1-800-227-2882 for appt.

Drywall hangers, tapers, drywall applicators, & painters. Apply in person at Valley High School, Hazelton, Mon through Thurs. See Malcolm Emery

Experienced auto body painter wanted for busy shop. Excellent pay and benefits. Send resume to: Box 92031, The Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303

Experienced professional painter. 734-6677 between 6-7pm.
EXPERIENCED SIDING FORMERLY PEPPERHAWK own tools. Whitehead Home & Energy. 733-2636

Exper. mechanic-welder for potato warehouse. Salary DOE. Call 834-6644.
Help wanted: Full time mechanic. Salary commensurate with experience. Must have 2 yrs exp. knowledge of fabrication as well as experience with diesel and gas engines. Please contact: Snake River Casino, American Falls, ID 83411 or call 208-225-5126 or 208-225-5771

Hiring for:
• Factory food processing
• Warehouse workers
• Forklift operators
• Construction
• Mechanics
• Machinists
• Carpenters
• CDL drivers
• Cooks
Twin Falls 733-7300
Burley 678-4040 No Fee

EXPRESS PERSONNEL SERVICES
Idaho Fresh Pack Transportation seeking full-time, non-medicated OTR drivers. Must have 2 yrs experience, good driving record, DOT own tools & class A CDL license, good wage & benefit plan. Call 1-800-535-2631 for details.
Immediate opening for two service diesel mechanics for group company. Day & swing shift needed. Experience preferred. Should have own tools. Send resume: Box 94052, The Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303

Insulation installers wanted. Drivers license required. Will train in Boise. Great pay. 208-377-9555.
Insulation workers needed. Ketchum-Halley area. Transportation & rail. Will train, experience preferred. Wage negotiable \$5-\$10 starting. Call 726-10-72

KRAFT FOODSERVICE
KRAFT Foodservice is currently seeking line drivers in the Twin Falls area. Qualifications: Must be 21 years of age, must have current class A CDL w/ doubles endorsement, clean MVR, one year experience pulling doubles must have copy of MVR. Interested persons please contact our Service in Twin Falls.

Local delivery: Class A CDL endorsement required. Must have good driving record. Call 1-800-227-2882 for more information.

212 TRADE
Local delivery person needed. Apply in person at Rainbow Auto Paint & Supply, 124 Blue Lakes Blvd S.

LOCKSMITH
In Jackpot, Nevada is currently looking for a locksmith with 3 to 5 years experience in all aspects of General Locksmithing. Must be capable of developing & maintaining Master Systems. Maintain and create preventive maintenance programs on all locks both mechanical and electronic. Install, trouble-shoot, rekey, calibrate, and adjust all locks. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact: Actus Petes Employment Recruiters at 1-800-442-3833, ext 6609 or (208) 736-1626, Monday thru Friday, between 9 am and 3 pm. Equal Opportunity Employer. M-F-H-V

Meat order for local grocery store. Experience required. Send resume to: Box 94075, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Mechanic for engine, transmission, & related. Starting salary DOE. 423-4269.
Mechanic needed. experience & tool set. Send resume to: Box 94075, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Need exp. cable 2 well drilling operator. 736-9207.
Need someone with mechanical & welding skills. Need own tools. Excellent wages & benefits. Apply in person at 201 West Ave. B, Jerome.

OTR drivers wanted. low turnover company. CDL, no exp. needed. Send resume to: Box 94075, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

PLUMBER
Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nevada is currently seeking qualified applicants for a Plumber position. Must have experience in all phases of plumbing. We offer excellent working conditions and benefits. Qualified applicants should contact Cactus Petes Employment Recruiters at 1-800-442-3833, ext 6609 or (208) 736-1626, Monday thru Friday, between 9 am and 3 pm. Equal Opportunity Employer. M-F-H-V

212' TRADE
Over the road drivers needed. 2 yrs experience necessary. Call 734-9055.
Person needed to work in glass division. Basic computer skills required. Call Whitehead Home & Energy 733-9636

Plumbing & line running service person needed. Full time. Will need CDL with tanker endorsement. Experience helpful, will train right person. Great starting potential. Call Monday thru Friday, 5-5 733-9266.

Salon clerk/retail driver needed. CDL required. Auto body experience preferred. Send resume to: Box 94075, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

STAFF SURVEYOR
Surveyor, experienced with ACAD and Softcad, necessary. HP 485X, GPS experience desirable. Four years minimum experience with field and field capabilities. Submit resume to: Chilton Engineering and Surveying, 4211 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801. 736-2121.

Transit time drivers for Jerome & Twin Falls. Call 736-2133.

Truck driver position. Full time, CDL and all endorsements necessary. Benefits available. DOE. 543-5874.

Truck drivers needed. Top pay scale, new equipment. Home twice a week. Call 204-7618 or 324-5817.

TRUCK DRIVERS
Starting com harvest!! Wagon DOE, 13 appt, or automatic, new full time. Call 423-5892

Truck driver - class A or Class B, 13 appt, or automatic, new full time. Salary DOE. 423-5892.

Truck & farm mechanic needed. Full time. Salary, bonuses, & benefits. Fairfield, ID 734-2636.

Wanted experienced short haul truck drivers. Call 734-7148.

Wanted: experienced siding applicators. Top pay and benefits. Must have hand tools, reliable transportation, & a valid driver's license. For more info, call 733-9636

213 MISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES
9-12 months, Mon-Fri, light workload work. Call for appt. 733-8100 or 736-8100.
A Cashier & a Waitperson. Prefer mature, dependable persons. Work 7-9:30, 11:00-1:00. Blue Lakes Blvd, S.

ARE YOU ON LAYOFF?
Don't go away-off! We have JOBS. Call SNAKE RIVER T.E.M.P.S. 736-HIRE (4473) EOE A.D.A. M/F/H/V

Cashiers needed for grave and swing shift. 10 key and typing a must. Computer experience helpful. Apply in person at Petros 2, 1-84 & US Hwy 53.

Checkers & deli help. Evenings a weekends. Apply at Fidelity's, 230 W. Main, Jerome.

DELIVERY-A Local area up to \$100-\$200 daily. Driver legal papers, no exp. part-time. 404-433-2090.

Delivery driver position. Apply in person at: 818 Commercial Ave, Twin Falls.

DISCOVERY TOYS
Best home based business for parents. Party planning, sharing developmental toys, books, and games. Send resume for free information packet. 736-2786.

Distribution center seeking full time employment. Mon through Fri, 9-5 at 259 Main Ave. E. Twin Falls.

Driver wanted for light delivery work. 736-9222.

Driver wanted for well established classic rock-n-roll band. 326-4615.

Early morning janitorial PT, full time janitorial positions. Call 734-9637.

Gravestone position open for clerks & bakery persons. Inquire in store. Merivick Country Store, 5 Idaho St, Wendell.

Guyard Outlet needs full-time freight driver. Must be 16 yrs. or older, hard working, & honest. 733-9688.

Insulator needed: willing to train. Call Whitehead Home & Energy. 733-2636.

It's time to get those bills paid! Sell Auto. No door to door. Call 734-9637.

K-Mart is accepting applications for our stock replenishment team. 12 mid-night-6am, 24 hrs/week. Come & work while your family is asleep. Apply in person. Twin Falls K-Mart.

Be sure to include price when advertising items for sale in classified.

213 MISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES
Like Yard sale? IDAHO COUTH RANCH has a job for you. Part time retail sales. Good pay for advancement. Pick up applications at 1118 Main, S.

Looking to hire someone willing to learn & work hard. Must be reliable. This is a part-time job that includes working Sundays. Must have telephone & reliable transportation. Please send resume to: Box 95573, The Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Merchandise transferring & UPS shipping. able to lift heavy boxes, hard working responsible individual, full-time with benefits. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1266, Attention: Shawna, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Mini-Lube is now hiring for full time automotive service techs. Some experience, preferred, but not necessary. Apply in person at 2362 Addison Ave E.

NFL exhibition ticket sales. lots of fun, comm or fr, new work. 736-9293.

NOW HIRING!
\$5.00
Bon for every 6 weeks work. SNAKE RIVER T.E.M.P.S., 963 Blue Lakes Blvd, 736-HIRE (4473) EOE A.D.A. M/F/H/V

NOW HIRING
Our company has 3 immediate openings for junior periodical trade representatives. Who are looking for a challenging career, are free to travel and start immediately. No experience necessary as we provide an on the job training program.

Company offers guaranteed base salary plus bonuses, all company transportation, supplies, drivers license helpful but not essential. Only cash advances if necessary. We offer a one week paid holiday every year. We offer a one week training plus medical & dental programs available for permanent employees. If you have an outgoing personality and need to appear, we may have a full time job for you. Only those who are free to travel and can start immediately need apply. Apply in person on Friday, August 26, between 1-5pm at the Weston Plaza Hotel, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N, ask at the front desk for Shawna Leonard, parents welcome on interview, no phone calls please.

Now Hiring!
We are seeking applications for mallroom personnel. Must be able to work nights & weekends. Stop by our office at 132 3rd St W, for an application, if interested.

Volleyball officials. Monday evenings, 6:15-7:30pm, experience & certification minimum. Contact YFCA 733-4384.

Wanted: Nani, clean, self-starting individuals who want an excellent income. \$230 week guaranteed minimum. Contact Troy Hiley 733-8350

Wanted: Warehouse person experience preferred. Will need knowledge of record keeping. Mediola, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

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NOW HIRING!
Forklift operators. Long hours. Immediate openings. SNAKE RIVER T.E.M.P.S., 736-HIRE (4473) EOE A.D.A. M/F/H/V

Now Serving Twin Falls. Western States Bus Service. We are hiring for a new position. For YOU... Now hiring school bus drivers for Academy type & Regular type. Suburban drivers. No experience necessary. Paid training. Wages \$8 to \$22 an hour. Apply at: Western States Bus Service, Inc. 2134 Highland Ave, East, TF, 733-0003. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Phone sales in our office. good pay. 736-9222.

PT jobs, earn \$6.40-\$11.60 (DOE) plus benefits, working for your Idaho National Guard. Call today EOE. Burley - 678-2411. Coalinga - 934-8896. Jerome - 324-2871. Twin Falls - 734-9171

Taking applications for call center, starting \$5 hr. Apply in person at 433 West Addison or 1341 Kershaw Blvd, Twin Falls.

Taking applications for full and part time positions in housing. Apply in person at Bridgewell Estates, 1828 Bidwell Blvd, EOE.

TARGET NOW HIRING!
Merchandise low positions available. 4am-noon. Great hours for your early birds. Open weekdays, \$4.65 per hour. Applications at Service Desk.

TARGET
1611 BLUE LAKES BLVD, N, TWIN FALLS, ID.

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GALA ROOM FOOD SERVERS

Are you an experienced food server who goes the extra mile to give quality guest service? If so, don't miss this opportunity.

Cactus Petes is seeking experienced food servers for our Gala Showroom, which features nationally known entertainment and dinner/cocktail service. You must have experience in a high-volume, full-service restaurant. If you have the experience necessary, the drive to succeed, and desire the opportunity for lucrative tip potential, call us today.

Qualified candidates should contact our Employment Recruiters at 1-800-442-3833, ext. 6609 or (208) 736-1626, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.



Jobs, Careers & Futures



In The Hospitality Industry

Cactus Petes Resort Casino, the only Four Diamond property in Northwest, invites you to experience the exciting gaming and hospitality industry. We have full and part-time winner positions available for all types of work.

We offer competitive wages, excellent working conditions, health insurance and profit sharing. If you are interested, call us at (208) 736-1626 or 1-800-442-3833. 6609 for our human resources representatives Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- Stocker/Checker
- Food Servers
- Cooks
- PBX/Reservations
- Busperson
- Bar Steward
- Teen Center
- Attendant
- Plumber
- Cashier/Hostess
- Pantry
- "Keno Runner/Writer"
- Plateau Players Club
- Host/Hostess
- Locksmith
- Houseman
- Buyer/Asst. Buyer
- Bellman

Position includes incentive bonus.



Cactus Petes
Jackpot, Nevada
Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/H/V

NOW HIRING SALES REPS: NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

If you are interested in starting a new career, we would like to talk with you.

These sales positions offer a potential income of \$30,000 to \$70,000 annually. To qualify you must have a good driving record, must be able to follow simple directions and must be able to work closely with people. And you must be able to start immediately.

- We offer:
- One-on-one Training
 - Paid Vacation
 - Liberal Commissions
 - Medical and Dental Package
 - Excellent Retirement Package
 - Good Working Conditions

Apply in person at the Dealership, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to Ken Christiansen or Manuel Davila.

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Employment-Financial-Instruction-Real Estate/Sale

213-503

THE TIMES-NEWS IS CONTRACTING JUNIOR CARRIERS FOR THE FOLLOWING AREA

ROUTE AREA 735

1500 & 1600 block of Filer Ave.
400 block of Madrona North
1700 block of Maplewood
400 block of Sophomore & Maurice

If you are interested in delivering...

Call 733-0931 ext 202

TWIN FALLS INDEPENDENT JUNIOR CARRIER ROUTES AVAILABLE.

ROUTE 832

300-400 Addison Avenue
300-400 Borah Avenue
300-400 Filer Avenue
300-400 Heyburn Avenue
100-500 Jackson Street
100-400 Quincy Street
300 Shoup Avenue

ROUTE 837

500 Filer Avenue
500-600 Heyburn Avenue
100-400 Polk Street
600 Shoup Avenue

ROUTE 838

600 Addison Avenue
600 Heyburn Avenue
600 Shoup Avenue
100-200 Taylor Street

If you live near these areas and you are interested in delivering the Times-News!

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TIMES-NEWS JUNIOR CARRIER ROUTES AVAILABLE IN TWIN FALLS.

ROUTE AREA

808 900-1000 2nd Avenue West
100-1001 3rd Avenue West
300 3rd Street West
100 Austin Avenue
100-200 Delong Avenue
700-800 Delong Avenue
300 Oak Avenue
100-300 Ostrander Street
100-200 Washington Street
300 Witt Street

809 100-800 2nd Avenue West
100 2nd Street West
100-500 4th Avenue West
200-500 4th Street West
200-600 5th Avenue West
100-400 5th Street West
100-400 6th Avenue West
100-200 6th Street West
100-300 7th Street West
300-700 All Street
300-700 Oak Street
400-800 Russell Street
300 Wall Avenue
300-600 Washington Street

838 500 Addison Avenue
600 Heyburn Avenue
500 Shoup Avenue
100-400 Tyler Street

865 100-600 Addison Avenue
100-200 Blake Street North
100-200 Carney Street
300 Casa Grande Court
100 Cherry Lane
100 Martin Street
100 Rose Street
300-600 Shoup Avenue West

890 400-500 Park Terrace
1100-1200 Parkway Drive
1100-1200 Parkway Drive
1000 Sparks Circle
1000-1200 Sparks Street North

If you live near these areas and you are interested in delivering the Times-News!

Call 733-0931 ext 203

214 EMPLOYMENT WANTED

I will clean houses or flower beds. Call 324-4497.
Needs some cleaning done? No turn in at all. No job to do! Call 324-4497 or 324-4497.

215 BABYSITTERS WANTED

Babysitter needed, 9-5, Mon-Fri, in my home, no other kids. Call 324-4497.
Babysitter needed for school year in my home. Must have transportation & references, flexible hrs, good pay. Call 734-7039.

In home child day care, 2-3 days per week, dependable transportation. Live near Hegman, 733-4444 ext. 1.
Needed: A family type environment to help a single mother keep her job. Hours will vary. Any given day 1 maybe scheduled Mon-Sun. Please contact 6/30pm-10pm, 324-4497.

217 RESUME PREPARATION

733-2009 for customized resume. - Roy Schott
Professional Resume Cindy at 733-1026

300 FINANCIAL

301. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
Excel opportunity in a strong economic area to own your own pain-glass & decorative store or expand your existing business. Fuller O'Brien point is looking for an aggressive dealer in your area. For more info contact Lyle Van Orden 208-237-5084 or 1-800-338-8837 ext 4724 leave mess. Contact Lyle Van Orden.
For sale: Complete equipment package for manufacture and sale of quality ice cream and yogurt. Phone 734-1379 or 736-8635.
\$ PAYPHONE ROUTES & Local area for sale \$2000 wk pos. 800-206-5300 24 hrs.

302. HOMES FOR SALE
24 1/2 ACRE ESTATE
3,718 sq ft Dutch country style home, labrador master suite, guest house, shop, corral, home facility, pasture & alfalfa field overlooking green fields & foothills in Gooding. \$275,000. 208-454-5692.
4 bdrm 2 bath 1,978 sq ft. \$95,000. Call 733-8157.
Adorable 2 bdrm, 1 bath cottage. Everything in tip-top condition! Carpet, fenced backyard, lg shade trees. \$61,500. 733-8265 ext. 1.
Attention Potential Home Buyers!
Build your dream home without the big upfront \$\$\$! Mile Homes provides construction financing with no down payment on materials or subcontracted labor. Act before interest rates increase! Land does not have to be paid in full. Call today! Mile Homes, 1-800-343-2854, ext. 1.
Beautiful home on 2 1/2 lots in Fairfield, located across the street from the schools. 4 bdrm, 2 bath, full storage basement, very nice landscaping. 201 Fondacres. Call 208-784-2522.
Brand New Listing! Charming 2 bdrm, 1 bath, all brick, with 2 car attached garage, fireplace, central AC, gas stove, fenced yard, underground sprinklers. Also inc new range & refrigerator. Move in ready. Ready to move into for only \$67,000. 734-2793.
By owner: Beautiful brick ranch home, lovely location. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, lg living room, formal dining room, oil fireplace, 2 car garage, sprinkling system & large lot. Maintenance-free. Price reduced! 621 Hayes Drive. Call 733-0981.
BY BUILDER: New 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. 544 TF, 1-3 acres. \$63,500. 733-5923 or 324-5367.

303. CONTRACTS AND MORTGAGES
Personal Loans, bill consolidation, auto financing. \$500 to \$10,000.
Call today Associated Financial Services
780 Blue Lakes Blvd N
733-8120

400 INSTRUCTION
Great location. 5 bdrm, 2 bath, dbl garage, fenced backyard, wood stove, fruit trees, RV parking. \$22,000 offer. 733-4945, 847-2405.

500 REAL ESTATE/SALE
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502 HOMES FOR SALE
By owner: 635 Addison, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, finished basement, many extras. Clean, ready to move into. Come take a look! \$73,500. 734-2768.

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EXECUTIVE HOME: 5000 sq ft plus deck, storage buildings, RV parking. Lots of extras. \$129,900. 733-8157.
PRICE REDUCED TO \$85,500
Home and shop, what a great package. Recently remodeled home has 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, shop is 48'x27' with large overhead door. To see this new listing, give Kathy Partridge a call at 324-3065 or Virginia Eldridge at 733-1723, 894-167.

502 HOMES FOR SALE
PRIME AREA
Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath, loaded with nice features. \$156,000. Call 733-0063.

502 HOMES FOR SALE
Quiet location in nice neighborhood, 4 bdrm, 2 bath, potential bth or family rm. Newly renovated kitchen & bath, finished basement, central AC, easy maintenance. \$94,000. Call 733-6526 after 5:30. 733-6570 days.

502 HOMES FOR SALE
UNBEATABLE
Value at \$63,500. Hurry to see this 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath home with nice, roomy kitchen-dining area, beautiful fireplace, unfinished basement. Gas heat, private back yard, patio, 1-car garage. Call Jean Brannon 733-8678.

502 HOMES FOR SALE
SABALA REALTY
733-4321

502 HOMES FOR SALE
Lovely 3 bdrm home on one acre. Located on Addison Ave. E. Many extras. \$100,000. Call 453-5803.

502 HOMES FOR SALE
YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL
This immaculate home with 5 bdrms, and 3 baths is ready for you to move in. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, air conditioning, auto sprinklers and in a great area. Convenient to the new city park and in Morningdale School District. 2 car garage and 2200 sq ft this is a wonderful home for only \$115,500. CALL RON FREEMAN AT 734-4208, 894-220.

502 HOMES FOR SALE
GEM STATE REALTY
734-0400

502 HOMES FOR SALE
By Owner: Immaculate 2700 sq ft home with finished basement. 5 bdrm, 3 bath, den, fenced yard, sprinkler system, oak entry & cabinets, woodstove, covered patio, lots of storage. \$126,500. 734-1654, 1970 Bitterroot, TE 16-400 (negotiable).
By Owner: Home: 3 bdrm, 2 bath, AC, all kitchen appliances, dbl garage, fenced. Asking \$65,000. 734-9539.

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Country living, quality through out, move or surpasses. Good Centre. Roomy new 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1848 sq ft, reasonably priced. Choice interior colors now. Highway 30 3/4 mi. N. of Asper Research. Filer Country Estate. Call 326-5814 for information.

305 CONTRACTS AND MORTGAGES

Buying trust deeds, mortgages & contracts. Call 208-736-1752 for quote.

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