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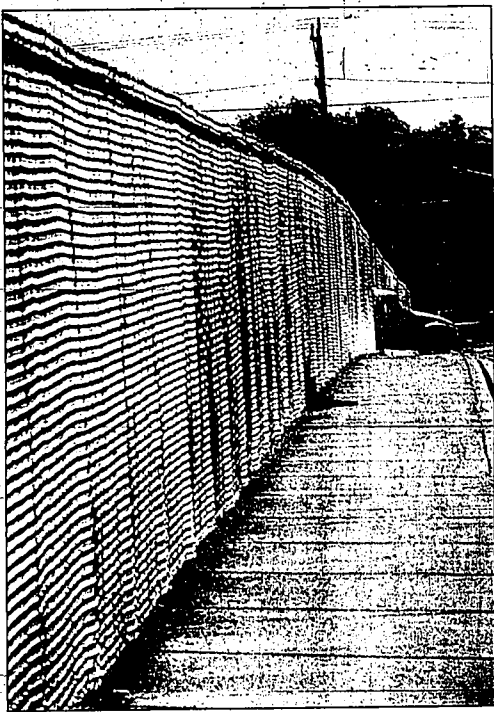
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Links of dislike



A new fence is in place surrounding Twin Falls High School in order to increase security at the school, says Principal Carl Snow.

Students cry foul over fence

Twin Falls High principal says fears of closed campus unfounded

By Brad Bowlin Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Don't fence me in. That's the refrain many Twin Falls High School students are singing this year after finding the campus parking lot surrounded by an 8-foot-high chain-link fence. "I don't see why they did it," said senior Jeremy McNulty, echoing the sentiments of many classmates Wednesday. Tires squealed and gravel flew as students raced in typical fashion to be the first to leave school Wednesday. One young driver showed his disdain for the new parking arrangements by driving his pickup over one of the orange and white plastic barrels blocking the entrance onto Filer Avenue.

High School Principal Carl Snow said the \$24,000 fence was erected to protect students and their cars. The high school parking lot has been a popular place for stereo thieves and car burglars, who could easily stroll on and off the lot without being noticed. Now they - and everyone else - must come and go through a couple of entrances that will snuff have large gates on them, Snow said. But those gates will remain open during school hours, and students need not worry that administrators are going to enforce a "closed campus," policy, Snow said. Students are allowed to leave the school grounds for lunch and other purposes. Although Snow said that policy Please see FENCE/A2

Liberal senators press priorities for health plan

The Associated Press

Costly delay - A4

WASHINGTON - Liberal senators skeptical about the outcome of backside health-reform negotiations are putting together a plan that aims to insure all children and give states money for long-term home care. The latest plan is relatively modest in cost and scope. Aides to the lawmakers say it is not real health reform but a step that points Congress in the right direction. They also say moderate Republicans have responded favorably to the proposal. When the Senate left last month for a two-week recess, hopes for a health bill this year were resting on talks between Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and the authors of a bipartisan "mainstream" plan that fell short of the systematic reforms originally sought by Mitchell and President Clinton. The liberals' new alternative reflects a belated recognition that time and money are short, and their priorities are in danger of getting lost. Once they protested that the mainstream plan - with subsidies to cover about half the nation's 39 million uninsured, and no fallback requirement that employers kick in - was not good enough. The pricing on the liberal plan underscores the shrinking hopes. It would cost a maximum of \$240 billion over 10 years, about the same as a bill introduced by Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole and \$100 billion less than the "mainstream" plan.

- Among the elements of the liberals' offering: - Low-income families would receive subsidies to buy insurance for children under 18; with the goal of universal coverage for that age group. - Insurance costs would be fully deductible for the self-employed. - States would receive a block grant for home and community-based long-term care. - Insurance coverage would be portable from job to job; insurance companies could not exclude people who had pre-existing conditions; and they could not limit lifetime benefits. - Authors of the plan would raise \$75 billion through Medicare savings. Like Clinton, they would require wealthy seniors to pay a bigger share of their doctors' bills, raising another \$35 billion. The balance would come from raising the 24-cent cigarette tax by between 75 cents to \$1. - Laura Quinn, Rockefeller's communications director, said Mitchell and the mainstream group "are still making the stretch for a comprehensive solution. If for some reason that stalls out, we want to be prepared with a down payment on reform." The liberal plan is simpler than Dole's package of subsidies and insurance reforms. It has a stronger long-term-care component and targets just one group of children - for expanded coverage.

EchoHawk party seeks big bucks in Big Apple

By Frank E. Lockwood Times-News writer



EchoHawk

TWIN FALLS - If you want to meet Dustin Hoffman, Robert Kennedy Jr. and a host of other Larry EchoHawk pals, all you need is a big wad of cash - and a plane ticket to New York City. EchoHawk - Idaho's attorney general and the Democratic party's gubernatorial nominee - is holding a big-dollar fund-raising event in New York on Sept. 20. And some of the biggest names in New York are lining up to be hosts for the party. Suggested donations for the gathering range from \$250 to \$1,000, according to EchoHawk spokeswoman Amy Stahl. "This isn't EchoHawk's first glitzy out-of-state (fund-raising) event. Earlier this year, he raised \$55,000 at a \$1,000-a-plate dinner in the nation's capitol. That event drew a number of prominent Washingtonians, including President Clinton. But the Sept. 20 fund-raising event could make the D.C. feel like an Ozark bar because by comparison, Fashion magazine's Liz Claiborne, actor Robert Redford, and New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley are on the host committee, with many other prominent personalities. The event will be held at the Fifth Avenue home of Francesca Kress, a clinical

psychologist in the nation's largest city. Kress, reached late Wednesday, said she's been a friend of the EchoHawk family for years. She said thousands of invitations have been sent out for the gathering, and predicted many of the invites will make generous donations. "I'm sure he'll raise quite a bit of money," she added. EchoHawk's Republican opponent, Phil Batt, has frequently criticized EchoHawk for raising hundreds of thousands of dollars from out-of-state deep pockets. Wednesday, Batt's press secretary, Amy Kleiner, said she isn't surprised by his latest out-of-state fund-raising event. "Mr. EchoHawk seems to be more interested in raising money from out of state than in following the wishes of Idahoans and raising his money from in-state interests for an in-state race," she said. Kleiner predicted EchoHawk will use his out-of-state money to buy advertising in the campaign's final days, but she said this Please see ECHOHAWK/A2

Cairo abortion accord fades

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt - A hard-fought compromise on abortion unraveled at the U.N. population conference Wednesday under an assault by allies of the Vatican, which drew increasing criticism for its tough stance at the meeting. Many delegates complained that the fight over abortion-related wording in a single paragraph of a 113-page policy document on slowing the world's population growth has distracted the conference from other important issues. The policy statement does not require blanket unanimous approval, and the Vatican did not support documents issued by U.N. conferences in 1974 and 1984. But great effort is being made to reach compromise because the United Nations likes consensus when issuing long-term goals. Whatever statement is finally adopted will not be binding

on any nation, but such U.N. documents influence national and international policies. The Vatican has a delegation because it's a permanent observer at the United Nations. Hours after the compromise fell apart, the Vatican's chief delegate delivered a tough speech attacking the draft of a plan of action for curbing world population growth over the next 20 years. Archbishop Renato Martino said that if adopted as is, the text "would endorse pregnancy termination without setting any limits" and might make access to abortions an international right. Such a right would contradict the laws of many countries and the "sensibilities of vast numbers of persons, believers and unbelievers alike," he said. The speech continued "a months-long campaign by the Vatican and Pope John Paul II to keep abortion rights out of the conference's conclusions.



Jane Fonda tells U.N. population conference delegates the world should spend more on family planning, development and environmental programs.

Gang member, 11, laid to rest

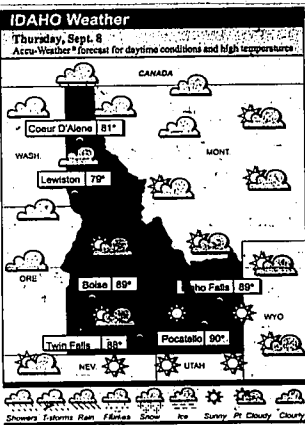
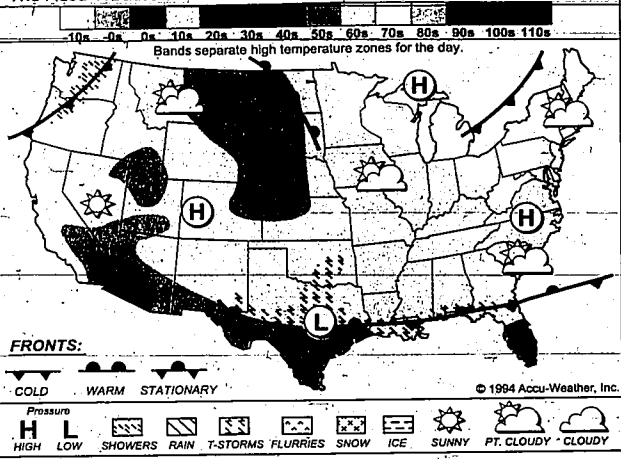
The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Robert Sandifer should have been starting sixth grade Wednesday, scampering across the schoolyard with other 11-year-olds tugging a backpack or chaffing in a new shirt. Instead he was buried, a murder suspect who himself was shot to death when fellow gang members got to him before police could. Nicknamed "Yummy" because he loved cookies, Robert was hunted by police for three days last week for allegedly firing a pistol into a cluster of people on Aug. 28. The shots killed a 14-year-old girl, Sheron Dean, 10 yards from the front door of her South Side home. Robert's body was found in a dank railroad underpass. He was killed with two bullets to the head. Two brothers, ages 14 and 16, are charged with his killing, allegedly planned to curtail the police attention Robert drew. Four hundred people crowded into the Youth Center Church of God in Christ, a converted movie theater, to say goodbye.

Weather

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Sept. 8



Temperatures		
Albuquerque	86	58
Atlanta	88	69
Boston	90	54
Chicago	77	53
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Denver	87	57
Des Moines	80	54
Detroit	76	58
Honolulu	90	77
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Reno	91	52
St. Louis	82	60
Salt Lake City	82	62
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Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight fair. Lows around 50. Friday partly cloudy. Highs around 80. The ultraviolet index forecast for today is 5, a moderate exposure level.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today sunny. Locally smoky. Highs 75 to 90. Tonight fair. Lows around 40. Friday partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Saturday partly cloudy and breezy. A slight chance of mountain showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid-40s to lower 50s. Highs in the 70s. Sunday partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 70s.

Pollen count

72; chenopods (kochia), sage; moderate

Courtesy Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Visible planets

Morning: Mars
Evening: Venus, Jupiter, Saturn

Fire danger index

Public range lands: very high
Public forest lands: very high

Weather summary

High pressure is still the main feature in Idaho weather with a continuation of warm, dry conditions across the state Wednesday.

Smoke continues to lower visibilities to near 5 miles in the Boise area. Scattered cumulus clouds were building over the mountain areas of the southeast in the afternoon, indicating a slight chance of thunderstorms.

A significant change in the weather is expected toward the weekend as a low pressure trough looping south from the Gulf of Alaska moves inland over the northwest coast. The highest temperature in the state Wednesday was 97 degrees at Riggins. Stanley reported the lowest at 24 degrees. That reading was also the lowest in the lower 48 contiguous states.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 114 degrees at Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Much of nation enjoys warm, dry late summer day

The Associated Press

Mostly warm and dry weather stretched across much of the United States Wednesday but wet, windy weather was headed for the Pacific Northwest.

A stalled storm system in the Gulf Coast caused scattered thunderstorms from Florida to Texas. One storm in Texas dumped more than an inch of rain in three hours near Lamesa.

Rainfall for the six-hour period ending at 6 a.m. MDT included 1.47 inches in Whiting Field Naval Air Station, Fla.; 1.13 inches in Abilene, Texas; and .66 inch in Pensacola, Fla.

Cuban refugee airlift speeds up

EMPIRE RANGE CAMP NO. 1, Panama (AP) — The U.S. military flew 118 Cuban refugees to Panama on Wednesday in an airlift to bring 10,000 refugees here and ease the strain on the detention camp at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

The refugees, wearing T-shirts and sandals, arrived at midday aboard two C-130 military transports at the Howard U.S. Air Force Base outside the capital.

"Fidel Castro, no!" some shouted. Soldiers and refugees played touch football and listened to an Army band play "Soul Man." Some of the arrivals exclaimed over eating chicken and drinking milk for the first time in years.

"Here we feel like human beings for the first time," said Redel Perez Alfonso, 31.

Rosendo Miranda, 38, said he was just happy to leave Cuba even though he would have to spend six months at the jungle camp beside the Panama Canal.

"You just can't live in Cuba anymore," Miranda said as he joined the first group of Cubans settling down on cots in green canvas tents at the U.S. Army's Empire Range Camp.

"My goal is to get out and be reunited with the rest of my family in Miami," he added.

Since the airlift began Tuesday, 212 Cubans have reached Panama. Their arrival has angered some Panamanian lawmakers who said they were not consulted during negotiations between President Clinton and new Panamanian President Ernesto Perez Balladarez, noting the camps are in U.S. military areas still controlled by Washington.

U.S. troops erected tents and cyclone fencing on the old firing range at the Empire Range Camp after Panama announced August 4 that it would accept the country besides the United States to help shelter Cubans as a "humanitarian gesture."

Maj. Gen. George A. Crocker, commander of the relocation effort in Panama, said the camps could take up to 1,000 refugees a day, although he expected the flow to be considerably lighter.

U.S., Cuba suspend exodus negotiations

NEW YORK (AP) — After a brief meeting Wednesday, the United States and Cuba temporarily suspended talks on stemming the Cuban refugee exodus, and Cuba's chief delegate flew back to Havana for consultations.

Negotiations are expected to resume in New York, possibly Friday. The delay in the talks, which began one week ago, indicates there will be no quick or easy solution to the refugee crisis which has bedeviled the United States but strengthened Cuba's bargaining position.

U.S. officials want to end the flow of more than 30,000 Cubans who have fled their island since early August. But diplomats say Cuba may be trying to prolong the talks to pressure the United States into tackling U.S.-Cuban relations and the

devastating U.S. economic embargo against the island.

Wednesday's session, which broke up after 45 minutes, focused on a Cuban counterproposal to the U.S. offer to expand legal immigration from Cuba to at least 20,000 people a year in return for Havana's promise to halt the exodus. Only 2,700 Cubans were admitted last year.

Fence

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will not change, many students worry that they will soon be prevented from coming and going at will.

"They want to have a closed campus by the end of the year," said 15-year-old Justin Weaver, a sophomore.

"It's Alcatraz '95 here, man," junior Seth Brooks, 16, said. "They're just paranoid."

Eventually all the district's schools will be fenced, Superintendent Terrell Donich said.

Money for the fence came from a plant facilities levy passed in 1987 and did not take money from the district's operating budget, Donich said.

At least one mother is upset about the fence. Mickey Gerdon called the fence "a danger to drivers and pedestrians" who must cross the gateways in front of cars.

She said she doesn't see how a fence that is always open will prevent car vandalism or burglaries. She added that she has never seen anyone patrolling the lot for lawbreakers.

Administrators and the school resource officer keep an eye on the lot, Snow said. And once the gates are in place, the lot can be secured

during events or on weekends and holidays, he added.

All exits from the parking lot will be on Locust Street, preventing students from entering busy Filer Avenue, Snow said. Students may still be allowed to enter the lot from Filer Avenue.

Students eventually may have assigned parking spaces, Snow said. The completion of Roper Auditorium at year's end will add about 100 parking spaces, he said.

Administrators are contemplating a lottery system that would allow seniors, juniors and sophomores — in that order — to pay a "minimal" fee for an assigned space. That money would be used for monitoring the lot, Snow said.

"Students leaving Wednesday complained about the length of time it takes to squeeze all those cars through a couple of exits.

Snow acknowledged that school departure time is extended by about five minutes for those who end up in the back of the line, but he said there are benefits.

Students must enter the streets in a more orderly fashion, instead of speeding over curbs and sidewalks as has been the norm in year's past, he said.

"It's really for their protection," he said.

Marines start rehearsals for Haiti landing

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — U.S. Marines assigned to a potential Haiti invasion force began training Wednesday as Secretary of State Warren Christopher warned Haiti's army rulers that "their days are definitely numbered."

In all, 1,800 Marines are practicing on a Puerto Rican island to evacuate the estimated 3,500 American civilians in Haiti, said Lt. Elizabeth Jones, spokeswoman for the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in Puerto Rico.

Speaking in Washington, Christopher warned that Haiti's military leaders must step down voluntarily or be forced out by a U.S.-led invasion.

"One way or the other, the debt to government is going to be leaving," Christopher said. "Their days are definitely numbered."

In Haiti, a key supporter of the military warned the United States that Haitians will join together to fight U.S. troops.

"President Clinton must realize that an intervention will not be an invasion in army handouts, but of the entire country," Haitian Sen. Thomas Eddy Dupin told The Associated Press in Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital.

The Marines have been deployed on two U.S. combat ships in waters off Haiti since mid-August.

EchoHawk

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move could backfire.

"The Batt campaign is stupid — they know where that money came from, and money usually comes with strings attached," she added.

The Batt campaign has repeatedly made an issue of EchoHawk's Hollywood connections and his ties to the rich and powerful. On the campaign trail, Batt frequently reminds voters that Hoffman has donated \$50,000 to the EchoHawk campaign, and an East Coast casino operator has kicked in another \$30,000.

Wednesday, Stahl defended EchoHawk, noting that most of his fund-raising events have been held in Idaho, and that over 2,000 Idahans have contributed to his campaign.

In addition, most of EchoHawk's donations come from Idaho supporters, she added.

As for the high-priced New York event, Stahl said donation amounts are merely suggestions and that no one will be turned away. "It's open to anyone — it is not by invitation only," she added.

Despite the big-money dinners and the prominent backers, Idahoans can be certain EchoHawk will continue upholding "Idaho's values," Stahl said.

"Larry EchoHawk has been in public service for years in Idaho, you know his record," Stahl added.

It's that record — and that upstanding reputation, that will sway voters in November, Stahl said.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Powerball game are:

21-29-38-43-45; Powerball 27 (twenty-one, twenty-nine, thirty-eight, forty-three, forty-five; Powerball twenty-seven).

Estimated jackpot: \$5 million.

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Tri-West Lotto game are:

5-10-16-18-25-40 (five, ten, sixteen, eighteen, twenty-five, forty).

Estimated jackpot: \$1.25 million.

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Participants observe a moment of silence Wednesday prior to the groundbreaking for The African American Civil War Memorial in Washington.

Memorial to honor black Union soldiers

WASHINGTON (AP) — In this city of monuments, 360 commemorative episodes in U.S. history, a quarter of those honoring events and participants in the Civil War.

But not one honors the 178,000 "colored" soldiers who fought in that war.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt pointed that out Wednesday as he took part in the groundbreaking of an African American Civil War Memorial in one of Washington's oldest black neighborhoods.

Not one, Babbitt said, "makes even a passing reference to the heroism and the role... of former slaves,

the victims of centuries of oppression and injustice."

The memorial will be on a plaza created by construction of an underground subway-stop in the Shaw neighborhood, at 10th and U Street, N.W. The area is named after Col. Robert Gould Shaw, commander of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, which figured in the movie "Glory," of recent years. "It marks the beginning of a new thrust of tourism beyond the monuments and memorials on the Mall," said Frank Smith Jr., a member of the District of Columbia city council who was the driving force behind the memorial project.

Haiti leaders told their days are numbered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring that their days are "definitely numbered," Secretary of State Warren Christopher warned Haiti's leaders Wednesday they will be evicted by military force if they don't step down voluntarily.

"We think they should get the message and leave themselves," Christopher said.

His comments were the latest in a series of administration warnings to Haiti's military rulers that, after almost three years, U.S. patience with them is at an end.

Christopher also used the occasion to blunt speculation about an impending accommodation with North Korea, calling that country's nuclear program "the most urgent security issue in the Asia-Pacific region." He said the U.S. security commitment to South Korea is "absolutely firm."

On Haiti, some officials who had been skeptical about the administra-



Christopher

tion's resolve said they are now convinced it's just a matter of time before the invasion takes place.

Christopher spoke hours before a high-level meeting at which Haiti was to be the dominant agenda item. He and his colleagues planned to discuss such issues as notification of Congress about invasion plans and ways to convince the U.S. public that the restoration of constitutional rule in Haiti is a U.S. national interest.

After the planned U.S. assault in Haiti forces the surrender of the country's military leaders, more than 200 troops from several Caribbean countries would be sent to help stabilize the situation. This, in turn,

would lay the groundwork for the deployment of a UN peacekeeping force. The plan has the endorsement of the U.N. Security Council.

Christopher reinforced comments by other officials who have tried in recent days to dispel the notion that, because of the exodus of boat people from Cuba, the invasion of Haiti would be deferred.

"One way or the other, the de facto government is going to be leaving," Christopher said. "Their days are definitely numbered."

One official said a major impetus for moving ahead with the invasion is the rapidly deteriorating economic and social situation in Haiti.

The administration's goal is to restore President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was deposed in September 1991.

Christopher appeared at the news conference accompanied by South Korean Foreign Minister Han Sang-joo. Han is visiting here as U.S. offi-

cials are preparing for working level talks this week and with North Korean officials in Pyongyang and Berlin.

Some in South Korea are worried about a pro-North Korean tilt by the United States, and Christopher offered forceful assurances of the continuing U.S. determination to defend South Korea.

Christopher reaffirmed the U.S. view that North Korea should replace its current nuclear reactors with light water reactors, which are less adaptable to nuclear weapons production.

But he said that light water reactors can be provided to the North "only when they respond to the international community's concerns about past nuclear activities."

The U.S.-North Korean meeting set for Saturday in Pyongyang will explore the possibility of opening liaison offices in each other's capital.

Iraqi wetlands in danger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saddam Hussein's deliberate draining of southern Iraqi marshlands has created an environmental "disaster of epic proportions" and destroyed a haven for Shiite rebels, according to a CIA report released Wednesday.

"The dry and denuded areas remaining provide no sustenance or protection for the insurgents" and give Iraqi government forces an unobstructed line of fire on the Shiites, the report said.

A U.N. Security Council resolution last week called for the immediate aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War for-

bids Saddam from oppressing the Shiites. In an effort to enforce that resolution the United States and allied nations have been patrolling a "no-fly zone" over southern Iraq to prevent air attacks on the Shiites.

Nonetheless, the CIA said, an undetermined number of Shiites have been killed by Iraqi government forces who are burning not only vegetation but also homes.

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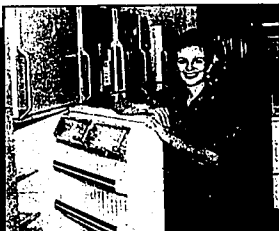


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Health care flounders in quest for perfect plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five days into his presidency, Bill Clinton put his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, in charge of making good on a bedrock campaign promise: Send Congress a bill to reform health care within 100 days.

"If it were 101 days, I wouldn't have a heart attack," Clinton conceded good-naturedly. "But I want it done now."



B. Clinton

The president and his health reform task force missed a deadline on it wasn't until late September before Clinton outlined his plan. The final White House product — a 1,342-page bill — was unveiled Oct. 27.

Looking back, friends and foes of Clinton's drive for major health reform agree that the battle was lost in those long months wasted on a secretive, widely ridiculed search for the perfect plan.

Health reform now hangs by a thread in Congress, with hopes gone for legislation that would deliver on Clinton's promise of "health care that's always there."

The House and Senate have barely a month before lawmakers break for elections, and the issue is what incremental changes Congress will make. And if a modest bill is passed, Clinton will have to decide whether to abandon his veto threat and sign the legislation.



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Last year's delay "was an enormous advantage to us," Clinton said.

John J. Motley, vice president for government affairs for the National Federation of Independent Business, which rallied opposition against forced employer contributions.

As the Clinton administration worked on its plan, the health industry and business groups launched a \$100 million-plus effort by early against the president's reforms — a campaign the White House blames for its troubles.

The administration also decided that health reform had to take a back seat to winning congressional approval of its budget. But Clinton's slim budget victory in August 1993 made health reform even harder.

The financial plan tapped \$55 billion of savings from Medicare and Medicaid over five years to reduce the deficit and stiffened Congress' resistance to any additional tax increases.

And as the economy picked up, Americans' anxieties about losing their health insurance went down.

That made it tougher for Clinton and his allies to convince middle-class Americans that their health benefits were not safe. Fifteen percent of Americans — almost 39 million people — are uninsured, but 85 percent have coverage.

Back on Sept. 22, 1993, expectations were high for Clinton's health reform address to the nation. He unveiled a prototype of a health security card emblazoned with the seal of the United States and promised, "This card will guarantee you a comprehensive package of benefits that can never be taken away."

The health care system, the president argued, "is badly broken and we need to fix it."

Polls showed overwhelming public support as Mrs. Clinton campaigned for health reform on

Capitol Hill, delivering a whirlwind of congressional testimony to friendly committees. But other Clinton administration officials got a much frostier reception.

"Lurking in the background were genuine philosophical disagreements about what to do and major political obstacles," said Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, a non-profit policy group.

The private health insurance industry poured \$12 million into "Harry and Louise" ads that showed a middle-class couple voicing their fears about bureaucrats restricting health choices and rationing care.

Bill Clinton, president of the Health Insurance Association of America, said the ads resonated because they asked questions that already were on people's minds.

Ira C. Magaziner, the senior White House adviser who oversaw the preparation of Clinton's plan, said, "Never in the history of this country have modern technology and scarce talents combined to produce the degree and tone of misinformation that was spewed out so quickly about health care reform."

But Clinton's mandatory insurance-purchasing alliances were dead on arrival, reviled by Democrats and Republicans alike.

The drug industry was less confrontational but equally effective. Congress quickly scuttled Clinton's plan because it had to decide whether to abandon his veto threat and sign the legislation.

Bob Blendon, a Harvard School of Public Health expert on polling, said the erosion of support for the Clinton plan was "like water dripping on a stone."

Fifty-nine percent of Americans favored it in September, but only 43 percent by February, according to USA Today-CNN-Gallup surveys.

"They didn't make a very good political call about the environment they were in," said Blendon.

Republicans, led by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, raised the question of whether there really was a health crisis. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, also expressed doubt about whether the health system was in such dire straits.

Moynihan earlier had given the White House heartburn by calling Clinton's financing a "fantasy."

Clinton got a chance to relaunch his health initiative in his Jan. 25 State of the Union address. He emphasized that what he wanted was "guaranteed private insurance for every American," not a government takeover.

Then he took out a pen and threatened to veto any bill that failed to guarantee health insurance for everyone "that can never be taken away."

The bold gesture cheered Clinton's strongest supporters, but painted the president into a corner. "It was a bad mistake," said Michael Bromberg, executive director of the Federation of American Health Systems, a group of for-profit hospitals. "It made it even more difficult for him to compromise."

A few weeks later, the Congressional Budget Office said the White House plan would increase the deficit by \$74 billion over five years, not shrink it.

The Business Roundtable, a policy arm for top corporate executives, endorsed the less regulatory approach in a bipartisan-managed competition bill by Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., and others.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce dropped its support of employers' and employees' sharing responsibility for health premiums. Even the American Medical Association retreated from an endorsement of making employers pay.

Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA Foundation, an unabashed advocate of the White House approach, complained that while opponents kept up their "disciplined mantra of government, bureaucracy and taxes," supporters said, "We're in favor of much of the plan, BUT," and focus on their narrow concerns.

Clinton complained that every time he made a concession, the Republicans moved farther away. Dole and 23 other Republicans had endorsed the idea of combining subsidies with a mandate on individuals to buy insurance by 2004, but they retreated from that.

Republicans weren't Clinton's only problem.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., was indicted and forced to relinquish the chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Committee. Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., whose father introduced the first national health insurance bill 51 years ago, couldn't break the gridlock over employer mandates in his Energy and Commerce panel.

Clinton offered a new definition of universal coverage in July, saying no government program ever covers everybody and suggested that 95 percent coverage might be enough to control costs.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell set a 95 percent target in the compromise he proposed in early August.

It would rely largely on subsidies and changes in insurance rules to cover all but 14 million Americans, and impose a 50-50 employer mandate in 2002 and beyond in states that failed to achieve 95 percent coverage.

But hopes quickly dimmed for getting either house to vote for any employer mandate.

The Senate went through a desultory two weeks of debate, with Democrats waving their insurance cards and Republicans brandishing charts ridiculing the bureaucracy in Mitchell's 1,443-page proposal. A mainstream group of senators came up with a proposal for 92 percent coverage in a decade.

The House never even started its debate, delaying for estimates on various alternatives as Democratic leaders hunted for votes.

Mitchell sent senators home Aug. 25 on a delayed summer break, abandoning plans to make them work through the summer.

When they came back Sept. 12, the health reform they may come up with will bear little resemblance to what Clinton originally envisioned.



National Park Service employee Gerard Dews makes repairs on the driveway of the White House Wednesday.

Put out: Clintons are guests in their own home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even though President Clinton and his family were returning Wednesday from vacation, they won't be able to stay in the White House until Sunday at the earliest.

That is because repairs are being made to the White House heating and ventilation system, including removal of asbestos insulation.

Instead, the Clintons will stay across the street at the official governmental guest residence, Blair House, until the repairs are completed, an aide said.

Heavy security was hastily put up Wednesday around Blair House, including sealing off the sidewalk in front of the building on Pennsylvania Avenue and the complete sealing of Jackson Place, to the side of the building.

"The majority of the work is in the attic," said Neil Lattimore, a spokesman for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

He said the work involved "minimal asbestos removal" and that much of the asbestos that had been in the White House had been removed during the Reagan administration. Airborne asbestos is a contaminant that can contribute to lung cancer and other respiratory ailments.

In Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, as Clinton prepared to return to Washington after a 12-day vacation, spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers confirmed the asbestos problem.

ER staffers may lack experience

NEW YORK (AP) — Many U.S. emergency rooms are staffed by doctors who were never taught how to treat a heart attack, resuscitate a child or treat bleeding.

The consequence could be needless loss of life, experts say.

"It would be fair to say that lives could be saved ... if all emergency departments were staffed by appropriately trained individuals," said Dr. L. Thompson Bowles, president of the National Board of Medical Examiners and the chairman of a group who studied the issue.

The panel included experts who were not emergency medicine specialists. Their report is to be released Monday.

The report strongly condemns a practice in which medical residents supplement their modest incomes by working part time at night in emergency rooms.

"Many moonlighters" lack training and adequate experience in any form of primary health care," the report said.

Only about half the nation's 25,000 jobs in emergency medicine are filled by doctors certified to provide emergency care. In many U.S. hospitals, doctors do not need such certification to work in the emergency room.

"When people ask if there's a doctor in the house, they have reason to expect that every physician can do the minimum to save a person's life in an emergency. This is not the case today," Dr. Lewis Goldfrank, one of the report's contributors, said.

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U.S., Russian troops train together on steppes

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TOTSKOYE — TRAINING — The Russian officer approached the checkpoint after nightfall.

By the rules of the joint U.S.-Russian military training exercise taking place here, he should have been detained for violating curfew. But the officer, calling a kind of timeout in this first-ever exercise, said he just wanted to tell the Americans how happy he was they had come.

Specialist Eddie Cox, 26, handed him a photograph of his family in Pittsburgh, and the soldiers of formerly enemy armies hugged as the wind gathered on the steppe.

"Myself, I don't really believe we should have been enemies. I told him he would always have a friend in America."

For the first time, U.S. soldiers are in Russia's heartland. The number of Americans participating in the maneuvers is small — just over 300, including Air Force crews — but many American and Russian officers believe they consider the cooperation historic. Only a few years ago, the two divisions involved were facing each other across the Fulda Gap in Germany.

"It's interesting how quickly you can make friendships," said Col. Richard M. Bridges, 44. "I believe we were ever watching each other through binoculars across the inner German border."

"I expected a lot more tension in the way the Americans relate to us," said Russian Capt. Arur Gulko, 26. "But it turns out most of them are normal guys."

The peacekeeping activities, which had been in planning for a year, aroused strong opposition from Russian nationalists, who called it the first step of an American invasion and another plot to weaken a once-great superpower. Former Russian Vice President Alexander Rutskoi costumed himself as a Soviet hero and his supporters camped outside the training ground, 700 miles southeast of Moscow.

Opposition in the parliament last spring prompted Russian President Boris Yeltsin to postpone the maneuvers, originally scheduled for July.

But U.S. offers to move the exercise to the United States met with a chilly reception from the cash-strapped Russian Defense Ministry, which could not afford to transport its troops across the Atlantic. And so the nine-day operation began here Friday.

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Radiation at the exercise sites six miles from the epicenter is normal, they said. "There are two tourist sites in this area — the natural springs and ground zero," said Lt. Col. Ray B. Shepherd.

The change in the world order also is evident at this garrison, now headquarters of the Russian 27th Guards Motorized Rifle Division, formerly based in East Germany. Tributes to Soviet heroism in World War II and banners calling for the proletariat to unite compete with posters for the movie showing this week at the officers' club.

Some experts in Moscow said the exercise was mostly of symbolic value. But officers here said that, although it may have started as a political exercise, each side is learning from the other. Soldiers from the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division were practicing with their Russian counterparts in a scenario in the imaginary country of "Atlantis," where warring factions had called a truce and asked the United Nations to keep the peace.

With command alternating between Russian and American officers, soldiers have been manning a checkpoint, facing challenges from "hooligans" and ornery reporters, searching cars for hidden weapons, escorting convoys and practicing other activities on what Bridges called, "the border between low-intensity warfare and peacekeeping."

Russian soldiers were playing the role of "hooligans," reporters and warning claim members.

Although the scenario, worked out during a year of meetings in Russia, Germany and Fort Leavenworth, Kan., could be applied anywhere, Bridges said Bosnia was "in the back of everyone's mind" when the script was being developed.

Russian officers said they were impressed by the professionalism of the Americans and their precision in following U.N. procedures and their own guidelines.



Above, U.S. Army soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division observe Russian Army Sgt. Anton Supron fire an American machine gun during joint military exercises in Totskoye, about 700 miles southeast of Moscow. At left, Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev meets U.S. Army Lt. Scott Maylath during the official inspection of operations Wednesday.



AP photos

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— Eddie Cox, U.S. soldier, on meeting a Russian officer

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British offer bold plan for move in Holland

Knight-Ridder News Service

On Sept. 10, 1944, British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery presented to U.S. General Dwight Eisenhower an audacious plan for breaking through the German defenses in Holland.

Montgomery has often been criticized by historians for being overly cautious. This stems from his desire to always muster maximum force against objectives and to plan every operation down to the last detail. But these were operational matters.

When it came to strategy, Montgomery was an advocate of the bold stroke. He constantly vied with the more flamboyant Gen. George Patton for the resources to make the decisive thrust towards Berlin.

Eisenhower had to pull in the reins on both Montgomery and Patton in order to follow his own concept of a broad advance across Europe.

A strategy that would minimize the risk that any substantial part of the Allied armies could be cut off from the rest and mauled by a sudden German counter-attack.

But this time, Eisenhower agreed to Montgomery's plan. Two days before, the first V-2 ballistic missile had hit England. The V-2 carried a 1-ton warhead that could level an entire block. Its high speed arc gave no warning and it was beyond the capability of fighters or anti-aircraft guns to intercept.

The only way to stop them was to capture their launching pads, which were on the Dutch coast. Thus Montgomery decided to drive forward quickly in Holland to halt the bombardment of England. An advance through Holland also had the advantage of turning the right flank of the Siegfried Line, a belt of fortifications along the German border.

Holland, however, had its own natural defenses to overcome. A series of rivers and canals, culminating in the mighty Rhine itself, crossed the land. The Germans had opened the dikes to flood large parts of the



Judge restricts Tailhook trial

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Pentagon report on the rowdy 1991 Tailhook convention is too unreliable to be used as evidence in a lawsuit brought by the woman who blew the whistle on the debauchery, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Philip Pro, in a ruling made public Tuesday, said the Pentagon inspector-general's report "is largely conclusory and based upon hearsay and double hearsay indicating its lack of trustworthiness."

The report had been expected to play a major role in the trial of a suit by former Navy Lt. Paula Coughlin, who claims she was groped by drunken aviators. She is suing the Tailhook Association of Navy and Marine aviators and the Las Vegas Hilton, where the convention was held.

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Everybody has a tax plan, but Batt's is clearly better

Both major-party candidates for governor are talking tax relief, but Phil Batt's plan is decidedly superior to the competition.

The Republican Batt, backed by the GOP leaders of both legislative houses, wants to use all or most of the state's current surplus to reduce property taxes. He would liberate school operating budgets from dependence on property taxes by moving them to state support, phased in over his four-year term as governor.

The first phase would be \$40 million to \$60 million — roughly the amount of surplus tax money the state has lying around.

Batt's proposal is fortuitously timed. The strength of Idaho's economy suggests state revenue will keep climbing for the next few years. That means Idaho leaders have opportunities — and options. They can use the money to boost spending, as they did last year, or than can use it to give taxpayers a break.

Most taxpayers, naturally, prefer the latter. And, since this is an election year, no one should be surprised that politicians are agreeing. Along with Batt, Democrat Larry EchoHawk and the two independents also are proposing various kinds of property tax relief.

EchoHawk's plan is similar to Batt's, of the surplus to replace local taxes for schools. But his plan would be more gradual — leaving

much of the surplus available for new spending. In our view, that's a flaw. Another flaw in EchoHawk's proposal is his idea of having the state assume one-third of the cost of building new schools.

No one will disagree that lots of Idaho schools need replacing, and that districts have had trouble persuading local voters to pass bond issues. But those facts don't lead to a conclusion that the state must take over.

Local parents and taxpayers are the best arbiters of school districts' construction needs. They can observe the condition of schools, and they know what they can afford.

They also can set their own priorities, without asking state bureaucrats' permission.

That means they can do what Twin Falls voters did in recent years: Turn down construction plans they don't like, until school leaders propose one with the features people want.

Moving day-to-day operating budgets into the state's bailiwick makes sense, because the state already largely controls funding levels. But construction is one place where local voters can — and should — keep a hand on the money throttle.

In any case, property owners have good reason to be hopeful for tax relief. Whoever wins the governor's chair, some kind of relief looks likely.

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America's libraries need imagination, Huck Finn

Back in my early 20s, I read a biography of Ernest Hemingway in which the Nobel Prize-winning author was quoted as saying that modern American literature began with the publication of Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn."

While not a hard-core Hemingway fan, I respected the man's ability and figured an endorsement by him was sufficient reason to pick up a copy of Twain's novel. I had never been introduced to "Huckleberry Finn" in the public schools I went to, so I didn't know what to expect.

About two paragraphs into the book, I became so absorbed I couldn't put it down. After finishing it in record time, I read every work by Twain I could put my hands on. I had never been introduced to "Huckleberry Finn" in the public schools I went to, so I didn't know what to expect.

I was amazed at the man's wit, writing style and breadth of knowledge, and I concluded that America's writers can be divided into two categories: Mark Twain and everybody else. I don't know what would have happened had I read "Huckleberry Finn" in junior or senior high school. The book might not have struck a literary nerve in me back then. On the other hand, it might have piqued my interest in Twain earlier and given me a head start in learning what great writing is all about.

In a chilling tribute to humankind's ignorance and closed-mindedness, "Huckleberry Finn" again is near the top of the most-censored list of books in schools. The reason: "Huckleberry Finn" contains racial epithets, descriptions and dialects that people find offensive.

The fact that the book is a satirical attack on racism is of no consequence to the censors. Their vision is so clouded by preconceived notions that they are unable to look beneath the veneer into the real meaning of the work.

In its annual report on censorship, the organization People for the American Way pointed out 375 efforts last year to keep material out of

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the nation's schools. Along with "Huckleberry Finn," the targeted works included such classics as "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck and "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley.

Of particular concern is that in nearly half the cases, efforts were made to keep materials out of the hands of students. Parents certainly should have input on curriculum decisions made by administrators and school boards. But in libraries in particular, educators must be given wide latitude in making books available to young people.

Students who walk into libraries are not part of a captive audience. They have choices, and they should be free to make them, if their parents do not object.

The thought that the masterpieces of Twain, Steinbeck and Huxley might be censored from the classroom is bad enough. The thought that they might be kept away from students visiting a high school library is totally repugnant. If I were given the job of choosing works for a high school library, I would begin by stocking it with multiple volumes of "Huckleberry Finn." Then I would add all the rest of Twain's works, save perhaps the bawdy tale set in the Elizabethan era.

I would add everything ever written by Voltaire, who satirized the powerful and reactionary church of his day. Voltaire, better than anyone, pointed out the damage religious intolerance can do to the human spirit.

And I would include multiple volumes of texts from all the world's great religions: The Bible, the Tao Te Ching, the Hindu Vedas, the Koran, the Teachings of Buddha.

Students certainly should have access in the public schools to spiritual knowledge. How else to counter the nihilism of the current age that is knocking the foundation out from under American society?

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Wofford experiences deja vu in reverse

PHILADELPHIA — Three Septembers ago Harris Wofford was happily becoming a leading indicator of political upheaval. Today he is trying not to be one.

In May 1991, he was appointed to the U.S. Senate seat of the late John Heinz. That November, in a special election, Wofford, a practicing liberal and little-known former college president, soared from far behind to defeat Richard Thornburgh, former governor and former Bush administration attorney general. Wofford's win helped catapult his campaign manager, James Carville, to the cockpit of Bill Clinton's campaign, which stressed health care reform in part because Wofford had done well by saying that if every criminal has a right to a lawyer, every American has a right to a doctor.

But that slogan was less important to Wofford's win than the recession, weariness with George Bush, and the fact that Thornburgh boasted of being at home in Washington's corridors of power — a capsule description of what most Americans despise. And today Wofford is ranked by the non-partisan Rollinsburg Political Report as "the most endangered incumbent" senator this year. The cause, together with Clinton, of this vulnerability is Rick Santorum, 36, a two-term Republican congressman from Pittsburgh.

Politically, Pennsylvania is three states. The southwest corner, 12 counties in the Pittsburgh media market, has almost half a million more registered Democrats than Republicans, but Santorum expects to win there where he won his last by defeating a seven-term Democrat. In 1992 he was re-elected with 61 percent of the vote in a district that by then had 71 percent Democratic registration.

Pennsylvania's southeast corner is Philadelphia and its cultural counties. Santorum thinks he can win the election just getting the registered



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Republicans in this corner, but he expects to do better, appealing particularly to urban Democrats who are angry about the decline of public schools and favor, as he does, school choice programs.

Pennsylvania's third part is the "T," the central vertical strip and the northern horizontal strip. Santorum says he is receiving an explosion of support there because of his vote against the crime bill with its ban on assault weapons.

The state may call to mind images of molten steel and coke smoke but agriculture is the largest natural population. Lots of farmers, and city people, too, are hunters. Santorum says that on opening day of deer season a million hunters take to the woods (which must then be as noisy and dangerous as the third day of a Gettysburg battle). Gun-toting, deer-slaying Pennsylvanians are not touting assault weapons. But, Santorum says, they know that this is the first time since 1934 (machine guns) the government has banned a category of weapons, and they are sure this — and the Clinton health care bill, and much else — is part of a pattern of government assaults on personal liberty.

That is Santorum's theme, which he repeatedly introduces with the words of an 18th century Philadelphia, name of Franklin: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Clinton, says Santorum, claims his economic

policies will provide "economic security" and "employment security," and his crime bill provides "personal security," and his health bill "health security." But the proper tone of American life was set across the street from Santorum's campaign headquarters in this city, in Independence Hall, 218 years ago, when the signers of the Declaration of Independence put all security at risk for freedom.

Wofford, 68, bears the banner of traditional liberalism, so the issues are clearly drawn. But it is the Clinton downdraft that may be decisive.

In a national survey of 1,000 registered voters, Frank Luntz, a Republican pollster, has found that only 29 percent answer "yes" to the question "Is Bill Clinton doing well enough as president to deserve four more years?" Even among those who voted for Clinton only 56 percent say "yes," among self-identified Democrats, 51 percent.

When people are asked if, within the last 30 days, their opinion of each party has improved or worsened the survey was taken after Congress' recent health and crime battles. 26 percent say their opinion of the Republican Party has improved and 27 percent say their opinion has worsened. But only 19 percent say their opinion of the Democratic Party has improved, and 40 percent say it has worsened.

Among Perot voters, 38 percent say their opinion of the Democratic Party improved, 46 percent say it has worsened. Clinton is losing the middle, the only people who can move him from his 43 percent in 1992 to 50 percent in 1996.

Three years ago Wofford rose as his opponent plummeted in Bush's downdraft. Today Santorum knows how Wofford felt.

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Initiative to limit terms full of fallacies

"For every complex problem, there is a solution that is simple, neat and wrong."

H.L. Menckle

Proposed 2.1 limit terms of office for elected officials, will be on the November ballot in Idaho. This has become a popular "reform" idea in some circles. And there is little doubt that reforms are needed at the national level — especially in Congress.

But this particular initiative would have the effect of imposing term limits not only on Idaho's congressional representatives but on almost all state and local elected officials as well.

It is this "one solution fits all" concept that is the biggest problem with this initiative. But there are plenty of other problems in the form of erroneous assumptions — fallacies — that the proponents make. Here are five of the most serious fallacies.

Fallacy No. 1: The term limit initiative is constitutional. This is probably untrue. There is a very good chance that the U.S. Supreme Court will determine that no state can impose restrictions (such as term limits) on a federal office (such as the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives). If this occurs, then we will be left with the law that only imposes term limits on state and local officials.

Fallacy No. 2: Idaho politicians are full-

time "professional politicians." The term-limit initiative presumes that state and local officials in Idaho stay in office a long time, and it would limit state legislators to no more than four consecutive terms (eight years) in office. But in the most recent session of the Idaho Legislature, only 34 percent of the state legislators had served more than four consecutive terms. In other words, 66 percent of all Idaho State legislators are already leaving within eight years! In fact, state legislators in Idaho are serving fewer terms today than they did 15 years ago.

Fallacy No. 3: Incumbent politicians in Idaho have a great electoral advantage. There is certainly a huge incumbency advantage in the U.S. Congress, but not in state and local offices in the Gem State. At least 10 incumbent state legislators were defeated in each of the last two electoral periods in Idaho.

Fallacy No. 4: Where professional politicians do exist, term limits will cut their numbers. We already know that this is not true. In California — a state with a lot of career politicians — term limits were imposed on the state Legislature in 1990. Many of those state lawmakers are now facing forced exit from the Legislature because their term limits are approaching.

Are they retiring from public office? Of course not; they are running for other offices instead. Many of them are running for city or county offices, many of them are running for Congress, and many of them are running for other state positions in California. Term limits don't end professional politicians' careers; it

just makes them alter their career path.

Fallacy No. 5: Term limits is the best we can do to show our frustration with the political system. We can do much, much better than term limits. At the national level, we can insist on meaningful campaign finance reform, which is really at the heart of the incumbent advantage in Congress. At the state level, we can approve the creation of the independent reapportionment commission in Idaho — a truly meaningful reform that will be on the ballot this November. This proposed amendment to the Idaho Constitution will eliminate the inherent conflict of interest by which state legislators draw their own electoral district lines. At the local level, we can do what we should already be doing anyway: participate in community affairs.

In a hospital, the basic rule of procedure is this: Be sure you have the right patient, be sure you know what's wrong with the patient, and then be sure you choose the best treatment with the fewest side effects. This term-limit initiative will have the effect of treating the wrong patient (state and local officials) for a disease they don't have with the wrong medicine. In fact, this particular term-limit initiative isn't even medicine — it's snake oil.

Gary Moncrief is a professor of political science at Boise State University. He has written more than 30 articles on electoral systems, reform and legislatures and is the co-editor of the book, "Changing Patterns in State Legislative Careers" (University of Michigan Press, 1992).

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Letters

What comes around, goes around

To the president of the Publishers Clearinghouse regarding the sweepstakes of Aug. 4:

I could have been the big winner of the Aug. 4 sweepstakes. I am positive it was my number.

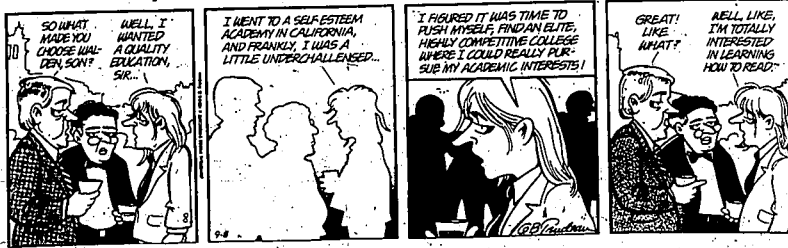
As I listened to and watched the TV Anchorman broadcast the scam of Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes all across the nation, I could only hurt for our country. Yes, it hurts so deeply to know this goes on in our United States of America — a country we are so privileged and blessed to live in; a country so taken for granted

by dishonest people in high positions, overcome by pride, for gain they don't care who gets trampled on. We must set good examples to be handed down from generation to generation.

I would fear every minute if I was in your shoes. Have you no conscience? Where is your dignity?

I would expect, at the least, an apology. Remember, what comes around, goes around. For the sake of our country, please be honest and loyal.
JANICE WHITNEY
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



Congress must tackle malpractice reform

GOP knows no bounds in bashing Bill Clinton



Cal Thomas

Only about Congress could it be said that its vacation was undeserved - though the public's vacation from it might be called an entitlement. And so, as members of the second oldest profession traipse back to Washington, the question is, will they successfully complete meaningful health care reform? And the answer is, of course they won't. This is Congress, whose only "meaningful" actions seem to involve taxes and spending.

Health care reform will not be meaningful because two of the major reasons for the high cost of medicine - malpractice lawsuits and the malpractice insurance doctors must carry to protect them from bankruptcy - are not on the table.

A Harvard University study has found that the average doctor now spends about \$15,000 a year on malpractice insurance. For some specialists, such as anesthesiologists and obstetricians, who are sued more often than other doctors, premium costs can reach \$200,000 a year. Each baby delivered in Florida, says the Harvard study, brings into the world a price tag of \$1,100 for liability insurance. In

some rural counties, not a single doctor will deliver a baby because of insurance costs.

The reason Congress refuses to do anything about malpractice reform is quite simple: Former Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano summed it up in a recent Washington Post column: Congress dances around the medical malpractice protection racket for fear of alienating the American Trial Lawyers Association.... In the Bellway bubble, the disgust of the American people with lawyers and the malpractice system isn't heard above the clatter of political contributions.

Malpractice reform could be truly nonpartisan. Senate Republican leader Bob Dole says he favors it. So does the liberal former Democratic Sen. George McGovern, who wrote in The Wall Street

Journal last month: "Through their lobbyists and political contributions, the trial lawyers have inserted language (in a House Judiciary Committee report on a liability amendment to the health care bill) that would actually overturn some of the reform the states have worked on for more than 20 years by substituting less effective federal language. The amendment would, if passed, add to the cost of health care while limiting patients' access to care they need."

Without true liability reform, any bill that claims to reform health care is a mirage.

There are several steps Congress could take to reform medical malpractice and reverse the trend toward bigger lawsuits with outrageously high awards.

First, a cap could be established for non-economic damages. Patients would still receive 100 percent of their medical bills, along with lost wages and other out-of-pocket expenses related to medical malpractice or negligence. But a \$250,000 limit would be placed on non-economic awards above these losses.

Second, a limit could be placed on lawyers' contingency fees. A new sliding-scale fee schedule would assure that patients, not lawyers, receive most of the awards. Currently, only 40 cents of every dollar spent on medical liability litigation actually reaches the patients.

Third, require full disclosure of their financial benefits received. Jurors pondering damage awards would be told if a plaintiff already has received payment for economic losses from workers' compensation, disability, health insurance or another source.

Fourth, payments would be guaranteed, but spread out over time to preserve funds for medical treatment and future income needs.

Congress and courage are not often uttered in the same sentence, and the trial lawyers have invested big bucks in many members to make they stay bought. But the public should remember that any bill that emerges without malpractice reform isn't real reform at all.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

The summer of '94 closed as it began, overheated and mean-spirited.

Down in Kentucky last week, a Republican congressman who owns a Christian bookstore stood by at an Owensboro "smokers' rights" rally while a gaggle of pinheads burned First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in effigy.

The leader of the lung-cancer rally, one Stan Anichavitz, poured gasoline on the effigy as a country-western band strummed. Two women put the figure to the torch. A proud moment for the Bluegrass State.

"Hillary didn't last as long as my Marlboro," crowed Anichavitz, the fun-seeking head of the Kentucky Association of Tobacco Supporters and a chap who reportedly sports swastika tattoos on his forearms.

The GOP congressman, Ron Lewis, said later he thought the burning in effigy was "inappropriate," but as a Christian gentleman he declined to disavow it.

"I didn't feel like it was something I was doing," said Lewis, who opined that he "understood the level of the frustration of tobacco growers unhappy with Clinton administration plans to raise tobacco taxes to fund health-care reform."

A Republican congressional candidate spoke at the rally, and Gatwood Calhoun, a Democratic gubernatorial candidate also in attendance, told The Associated Press he "didn't see it (the burning) as a hate thing."

Pouring gasoline on a stick figure in a dress draped on a wooden cross wearing a sign that reads, "I'm Hillary," apparently does not constitute "a hate thing" in Kentucky, so one has to wonder what it would take. But then it's been that kind of summer.

Because the Clintons are unpopular with many Americans, there is no longer any minimum standard for trashing them.

At the Virginia Republican convention earlier this summer, prankster entrepreneurs went keep the radio dial turned to Rush Limbaugh peddled buttons bemoaning the absence of Lee Harvey Oswald from the American scene.

During the recent Whitewater hearings in the Senate, on a day devoted to televised questions about the suicide of White House Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster, Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, questioned an FBI agent about the strands of blond hair found on Foster's clothing.

He was just curious, the senator intoned, and just wanted to know if the agents knew anything about

that hair. Didn't mean to imply anything by it, of course.

Blond hair, get it?

The FBI agent, old but dumb-struck by Bennett's line-of-inquiry, suggested it was impossible to determine how the hair got on Foster's clothing, although he did note that several members of Foster's family are blond.

Meanwhile, TV preacher Jerry Falwell continues to peddle his line of hate-Clinton videotapes. For a price, you can own a videotape which effectively accuses the president of the United States of all manner of wrongdoing, including murder.

With the notable exception of William Bennett, Clinton's political opponents claim never to have seen a moment of the Falwell tapes, which are advertised most nights of the week on cable television.

But Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas and Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia and others agree that, while they haven't seen the videotapes, accusing folks of murder and incest without a hint of evidence is a poor way to conduct political debate.

Interestingly, all of this hate and innuendo aimed at the Clintons is deemed to be fair enough, by the current standard.

The Clintons are counseled to toughen up in the face of these perverse attacks and understand that some among us have a problem adjusting to Mrs. Clinton's "role" in the White House.

By the current logic, the Clintons are supposed to understand that the president got only 43 percent of the vote in 1992.

Apparently, that means he shouldn't be trying to change the nation's health-care delivery system, or press Congress to ban the purchase of guns sold as "Streetsweepers," or raise taxes on tobacco - a product that was long ago proven to be a killer - as a means of paying for health insurance.

The price of doing those things - and a price that apparently is deemed acceptable by a pundit class which ignores the effigy and the ugly, false accusations - is a campaign to demonize Bill and Hillary Clinton.

It is a campaign which at its core believes that it is not enough to oppose Clinton's policies. He and his wife must be cast as evil-doers. And the campaign continues apace.

Steve Daley is a Washington correspondent for the Chicago Tribune.



Letters

Humane Society did not do its job properly

I am writing this letter in regard to the letter that Dave Pauli of the Humane Society in Billings, Mont., wrote to the editor. I am very disappointed in how he has handled Myrtle Kelly's case.

I thought it was the Humane Society's job to look into any potential problems involving animals that were not being taken care of properly. I thought he was supposed to tell them about the problem. If they didn't do what he told them to do, he should take the animals' care, then he should take the animals away.

Myrtle Kelly has not kept her yard clean and certainly not her animals either. I will tell you this, I sure wouldn't want to be a cat or dog chained up all the time in her yard or any other animal for that matter. Myrtle thinks she gives them the best of care; however, the people who have been over to her yard and have seen animals for themselves know that I am talking about - that she is cruel to her animals. It kind of makes you wonder if he treats most of his cases the way he has handled Myrtle Kelly's case.

The forgivable treatment for her violations of the agreements by Rupert City officials and Dave Pauli are not doing anybody any good, including Kelly herself. Anyone with limited resources who needs to take care for a donation of dry dog and cat food and veterinary care expenses should not be allowed to keep many animals. Kelly and her animals are victimizing each other.

LUETTA ALLEN
Rupert

Writer presents other side of spent fuel story

I was at the hearing at the Western Plains Aug. 30 on spent fuel shipments to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. The reporter left early so I did not report on my point of view. I was extremely outnumbered at this hearing, but was thanked by two Twin Falls residents for bringing up the other side of the story. I would like to thank them for their support.

The key issue brought up by Snake River Alliance representatives was fear. While their dislike of storing fuel in Idaho is long term, I can understand, I do not understand their refusal to talk about the Integral Fast Reactor. Every time I have contacted Beatrice about it, she sidesteps the issue. "We do not have a position of the IFR." This makes no sense, the only true solution for recycling spent fuel instead of storing, and they have no position. The IFR turns spent fuel into reactor grade enriched metal ready to reload into a core. The SRA has

been invited to tour the IFR and learn more about it and turned it down.

Education is the key. If you are not educated on a subject, how can you know enough to try to push your fear on someone else? Scare tactics are old and I am calling you (SRA) on your bluff.

Again, I say if you are going to make your voice heard on issues facing the future of Idaho and the United States, please first get educated on that topic.

Help get the only viable solution under way again by asking Congress to reopen the IFR project. I would like to thank Dr. Peter Rickards of Twin Falls. Although we had differing opinions on the subject at hand, he has taken the time to research and organize his arguments. "Education is the key."

The government would be well advised to listen to what he has to say, and working together, I think the Department of Energy and Dr. Rickards could better the nuclear power program and help to educate the public.

I challenge the Snake River Alliance to take the tour of IFR, and learn before they continue making allegations, accusations, and using fear tactics to persuade the Idaho public.

JON L. LENKER
Kimberly

Justice system hands out penalties unfairly

A couple of months ago I was pulled over by a police officer for my car registration being expired. The officer followed me for three miles before he ever stopped me. He never gave me a ticket for the reason he pulled me over.

Instead, we had just moved and I didn't have my new proof of insurance in the car with me. He did give me a ticket for that, which was later dropped. He also told me that my driving privileges were suspended. I proceeded to tell him that was not so and he proceeded to accuse me of lying. He gave me a ticket for that also. At the time, I was seven months pregnant with a high-risk pregnancy and had my 10-month-old son with me. The officer was very short with me and told me to park my car and have someone come get me. At that point, I was hysterical and hyperventilating.

This all brings me to the day I was to be in court to fight the driving without privileges ticket, Aug. 29. Well, my baby was born prematurely on Aug. 22 and admitted to the Newborn Intensive Care Unit. It was a very traumatic experience and my baby stayed in there for a week. I finally brought him home and the last thing I remembered was to be in court. So at 4 p.m. on Aug. 29, I remembered and went right down to remedy the prob-

lem. The lady I was speaking with said, "Just one minute."

Next thing I knew a man told me to leave my children and come with him. I was being placed in custody. They abruptly took me and put me in a holding cell. I wasn't able to explain my situation to anyone, and when my husband told them I was nursing my baby, they said, "Too bad." My shirt was soaked and I was in incredible pain. They continually told me to "shut up" and they didn't want to look my situation. Finally, after three hours, I was booked - meaning my picture was taken and I was fingerprinted. You would think I had committed murder. My bail was set at \$1,500 and my husband, after trying everything, got me out 4½ hours later. I would like to make it known that this was cruel treatment. Here I was trying to fix the problem, and I was treated like someone who had murdered or robbed. If someone could please explain this judicial system to me, I would really appreciate it.

I suppose the message here is that you can commit the hard crimes and only get a slap on the hand. However, get pulled over for something you aren't even guilty of and you'll have a criminal record.

SANDRA M. PACKHAM
Twin Falls

Article's headline failed to capture truth of story

The headline in the Aug. 19 story regarding a mining moratorium in the upper Salmon River region was incorrect. Conservationalists are not asking for a halt to "all" mining as your headline indicated.

Rather, as the article's text indicated, we are asking for a moratorium on some mining activities including the expansion of current projects, exploration and patenting in the Yankee Fork Range District near Stanley and Clayton. This moratorium would last until the Forest Service has completed its Watershed Biological Assessment on critical salmon habitat, consulted with the National Marine Fisheries Service and allowed public review and comment. These biological assessments are crucial because they will analyze a watershed in its entirety, including the cumulative effects from activities like mining.

Mining impacts are of great concern because of the current boom in threats to both endangered salmon and central Idaho's thriving recreation economy.

There are proposals for new projects throughout the Salmon River Mountains, as well as the Boulders, White Clouds and Smoky Mountains.

We urge Idahoans who care about fish and the environment to go view the most recent example of mineral exploitation in the Salmon River watershed. Hecla Mining Co.'s Grouse Creek open-pit mine now under construction 14 miles north of Stanley. In 1993, this mine destroyed Pinney Lake Basin; next, Sunbeam Mountain and a good portion of Grouse Creek Canyon will disappear. Giant vast filling with cyanide solution for year-around ore processing.

Cyanide and many other toxics must be trucked through Idaho's heartland via narrow, winding roads along the Payette/South Fork Payette River and the Salmon River.

The Grouse Creek project is plainly seen and heard from Loon Creek Summit Road 172 or Estes Mountain Road 075 (accessed from Stanley via Highway 75 to Yankee Fork Salmon River Road 013, then to Jordan Creek Loon Creek Summit Road 172). Hecla has hundreds of additional claims in this rugged, wildlife-rich region, which borders the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

There are many such beautiful places in central Idaho at risk from mining. For more information, contact the Boulder-White Clouds Council, Box 3519, Ketchum, ID 83340.

LYNNE K. STONE
Ketchum

City manager not doing best job for Twin Falls

This letter is in response to Marty and Teresa Becker's article on Sept. 1 about our City Manager Tom Courtney. Hal Maybe! If I was a business owner, as you are, I could see things as you do.

But being just an honest citizen, I will comment. First, caring? Mr. Courtney has showed me he cares only about Mr. Courtney.

I have lived in Twin Falls all my life, and I have never seen it worse. And that includes our city police - we have to have them, but people do not need to be brutalized by them. Mr. Courtney is a real wonder - he can tell who has been brutalized without even talking to them.

In my opinion, he can make most of the decisions without even consulting the City Council members. Do we want a one-man council? I don't think so.

Let's wake up and get our community together and stop this nonsense. The word misguided at the beginning of your letter was misplaced; maybe it should have been at the end just above your names.

WILLIAM GOERTZEN
Twin Falls

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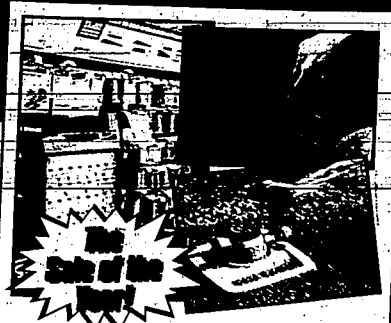
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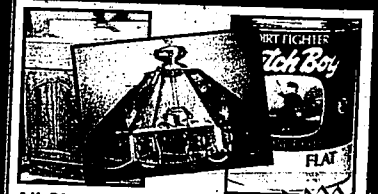
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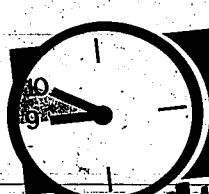
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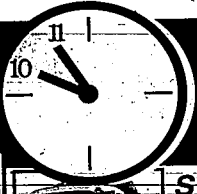
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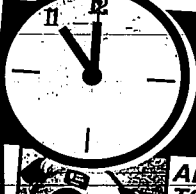
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Sports

Owners, union secretly meet to save season

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Owners and union officials met secretly at a Manhattan hotel Wednesday night as bargaining teams reexamined the season with just 48 hours left before the deadline to cancel the rest of the season.

At least three of the six members of the management delegation that arrived in New York City on Wednesday evening met with union head Donald Fehr as expectations rose that the union would offer a new proposal.

"It's hope," Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington said after a new proposal.

Harrington attended the meeting with Colorado Rockies owner Jerry McMorris, Milwaukee Brewers vice-president-general counsel Wendy Selig-Prieb and management lawyer Chuck O'Connor.

"We're hoping that they make a counterpro-

posal to our original offer," McMorris said earlier.

Twelve players from the union's negotiating committee were said to be headed to New York.

"If we make a proposal, it will be because we believe we've come up with something new based on information we were given last weekend," Fehr said earlier.

Fehr said the union had received additional details on the revenue-sharing plan owners agreed to in January, but wouldn't say definitely that players will present a new proposal.

"There is speculation we may get a proposal," management negotiator Richard Ravitch said. "I hope we do."

Several officials on both sides said they expected the union's plan to be a variation of the "taxation" concept. Under this plan, the salary cap owners have been demanding would be replaced by a system in which richer clubs would share a higher percentage of their local-

ly generated revenue if they exceed certain levels of payrolls or revenue.

Also traveling to New York on the behalf of owners, according to management sources, were Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf, Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten and former St. Louis Cardinals CEO Stuart Meyer.

Federal mediators, who entered the dispute the day after the strike began Aug. 12, played no role in the possible renewal of talks. Brian Flores, the national representative of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, said they didn't plan to attend any meetings this week.

"If we played any role whatsoever, it was bringing people to a certain place at a certain time so they could look at each other and perhaps make an appointment to see each other later," Flores said.

The strike, baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972, went through its 27th day Wednesday. Fourteen more games were can-

canceled, raising the total to 352, more than 15 percent of the season.

There have been just two days of formal talks since the strike began and none since Aug. 25. But an informal meeting on Aug. 31, which included Fehr and McMorris, sparked a series of background telephone calls that led to Wednesday's events.

Fehr said the union decided to call in its bargaining team after Sept. 8's announcement Sept. 2 of the tentative Friday deadline for canceling the rest of the season.

Players expected in New York included Tim Lincecum of Detroit, Jay Bell of Pittsburgh, Kevin Brown of Texas, Brett Butler of Los Angeles, Tom Glavine of Atlanta, Orel Hershiser of Los Angeles, Dennis Martinez of Cleveland, Paul Molitor of Toronto, Scott Sanderson of the White Sox, Bob Scanlan of Milwaukee, Terry Steinbach of Oakland and BJ Surhoff of Milwaukee.

Morning line

Sportsquote

If you liked it on Bela Lugosi as Dracula, you'll love it on Andre.

— Bud Collins on Andre Agassi's black tennis outfit at the U.S. Open

Briefly

Miami's Walsh returns to Minnesota to play

MINNEAPOLIS — Chris Walsh, once considered the best high school quarterback in the country, is coming home to Minnesota.

Walsh, the former Cretin-Derham Hall star who shunned the Gophers to play at Miami, on Wednesday was welcomed into Minnesota's program by coach Jim Wacker.

Walsh had requested and received his release from Miami after being demoted to fourth string.

Dolphins owner takes offense to broadcasters comments

MIAMI — Miami Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga visited the WIOD radio broadcast booth during Sunday's game against New England and took exception, to comments by analyst Jim Mandich.

During the first half of the game, Mandich incorrectly blamed poor field conditions on officials of the Florida Marlins, the baseball team Huizenga also owns.

After walking into the booth, Huizenga waited until WIOD was on a commercial break before telling Mandich, "Get your facts straight."

"He had a smile on his face, but a few veins were popping out of his neck," said Marvin Rowman, a producer for the Dolphins' radio network. "He was very stern. We were all stunned by his presence."

Business partner accuses Rose of breach of contract

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A former business partner charges he has been cheated out of promised royalties by Pete Rose.

Lance Jones of Palm Beach Gardens filed a breach-of-contract suit last month in Palm Beach Circuit Court, claiming he is owed an unspecified amount of money on deals put together for Rose's restaurant and sauce businesses.

Jones is seeking profits from the Pete Rose Ballpark Cafe in Boca Raton and for introducing Rose to the restaurant builder, Gateway Boulevard Corp. of Boynton Beach.

Compiled from wire reports

Sportslate

Today

Prep Football
Burley JV at Hanson, 7 p.m.

Prep Volleyball
Twin Falls at Burley, 6 p.m.
Minico and Jerome at Middleton, 6:30 p.m.
Buhi at Kuna, 5 p.m.
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Filer at Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Wendell at Gooding, 6:30 p.m.
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Raff River and Dietrich at Shoshone, 5 p.m.

Sports on TV

9 a.m. — Channel 23, U.S. Open Tennis
2 p.m. — Channel 2, Canadian Golf Open
5:30 p.m. — Channel 23, U.S. Open Tennis
6 p.m. — Channel 13, College football, Nebraska at Texas Tech

Agassi heads for 'Super Saturday'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi's improbable journey through the U.S. Open handed him in the semifinals Wednesday night, thanks in part to a gesture of sportsmanship by Thomas Muster at a crucial juncture.

Unseeded and unexpected to do much in this Open after losing in the first round a year ago, Agassi played a flawless third set to beat the 11th-seeded Muster 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 5-0 and set up a match Saturday against the only other American left in the tournament, Todd Martin.

Martin beat Bernd Karbacher 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-4 Wednesday.

Agassi had boasted earlier in the day that he would beat Muster, who won four of their five previous meetings.

"I was more or less popping off," Agassi said. "But I had a gut feeling. Not that I didn't have respect for him. We've had a lot of hard battles, some really close ones, and I felt it was overdue for me."

When it ended, Agassi pumped his arms and bellowed. He said he could think of only one thing: "Super Saturday, baby, Super Saturday."

On Super Saturday, both men's semifinals will be played in addition to the women's final.

Jana Novotna, seeded seventh, beat No. 4 Mary Pierce 6-4, 6-0 to advance to the women's semis against No. 1 Steffi Graf, who beat Amanda Coetzer 6-0, 6-2. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Gabriela Sabatini will play in the other semifinal.

Agassi and Muster waged a baseline duel of thunderous shots, each trying to pulverize the ball harder than the other. But it was the greater variety of Agassi's game — his ventures to the net and stronger returns — that turned the match in his favor.

Muster, who aggravated his sore left knee, also couldn't do much with Agassi's serve, breaking him only in the third game of the match.

"He was risking more than I was," Muster said of the tiebreaker that he felt turned the match. "He was playing great tennis, not missing much, and controlling everything."

Though the packed stadium crowd cheered Agassi's every winner, Muster received sustained applause when he graciously allowed a replay of a point he was awarded near the end of the second set.

Muster was serving at deuce to stay in the set, trailing 5-3, when Agassi hit a backhand return that was called long. Muster overruled the linesman and replayed the point. Agassi accepted the gift, then won the point when Muster tapped a forehand volley into the net. A long forehand by Muster on the next point gave Agassi a 7-5 lead in the set.

"That's not why I lost the match," Muster said. "But, I mean, if the ball is that far in, even if it's 5-3, deuce, whatever, I can't look at it because it's so bad. It is a slow ball and the (linesman) is sleeping at the baseline, and that's frustrating. That is why I gave it to him. We're good friends, and I don't think I should steal a ball like that."

Said Agassi: "That's just a perfect example of what kind of guy Thomas is. We're good friends, and what he did out there just shows what kind of pride he takes in what he does. You don't see that much anymore."



At top, Andre Agassi celebrates his win over Austria's Thomas Muster at the U.S. Open. Seventh-seeded Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic returns a shot to fourth-seeded Mary Pierce. Novotna upset Pierce 6-4, 6-0.

A-1, A-3 teams run tight race in prep football poll

The Associated Press

One vote separates the top two A-1 Division II and A-3 teams in this week's Associated Press prep football poll.

Idaho sportscasters and sportswriters voted Coeur d'Alene and Fruitland into the top spots of A-1 Division II with 35-0 win over Lake City. Lewiston edged Moscow 16-12. Hillcrest entered the poll at No. 3, taking Caldwell's place. Madison dropped one place to fourth after narrowly defeating A-2 Sugar-Salem by a point.

Burley remained No. 5.

In A-3, Fruitland stayed on top but by only one vote over Glenns Ferry after the Pilots romped over A-4 Rimbick, 74-0.

Homedale and Malad returned at third and fourth while Clearwater Valley replaced Lapwai in the fifth spot after the Wildcats fell to St. Maries, 13-6.

With Rimbick dropping from second to fourth in A-4 following its weekend defeat, Murtaugh

grabbed all but one first-place vote to keep the top position. Oakley moved up one spot to second after shutting out Challis. Wilder climbed from fifth to third even though it has yet to play this season. Cassford filled out the rankings after Mackay was knocked out following its second straight loss of the year.

Highland continued atop A-1 Division I. Capital and Pocatello remained in the second and third spots, and Centennial and Twin Falls broke into the top five, replacing weekend losers Boise and Nampa.

With previously top-ranked Weiser losing to A-3 Homedale and falling to fifth in this week's poll, Preston took over the top spot in the A-2 division, easily the largest margin of victory.

Deary and Carey stayed 1-2 in Eight-man. Notus climbed one spot to third. Mulkin entered the poll at fourth after Kendrick lost its second game of the season, and Shoshone, still waiting to play its season opener, remained fifth.

Procrastination pays off in trip to Florida for Price

The Times-News

BURLEY — It took a little luck for Jerry Price of Burley to become the millionth entry in the Oldsmobile Scream and win a trip to the national finals in Florida.

But Burley Municipal Professional Earl Simpson maintains it took a little procrastination, too.

Price, who has entered the scramble five times but never advanced beyond local qualifying, and his wife will be the guests of Oldsmobile at the national scramble finals in Walt Disney World Sept. 29-Oct. 3.

At first Price thought one of his golfing pals was playing a joke on him when he answered a phone call. Finally, General Manager John Rock convinced Price the call was legitimate.

Oldsmobile will pick up the tab for the couple who will fly to Orlando and stay at one of the Disney World accommodations.

They will attend two gala functions —

the welcoming party on Friday and the pairings party on Sunday.

Price will compete in the VIP olds scramble Saturday for special guests and celebrities and take in the awards dinner that evening.

"It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy," said Simpson, who then added the rest of the story.

Oldsmobile arrived at the millionth simply by opening entry-form letters and counting names. That's where the luck came in, Simpson said with a smile, getting the envelope in the right place in the mail stack that day.

"But I think my usual sloth was the key," he added with a laugh.

He said he's supposed to fire in the entry forms immediately. But this year, he went to the Idaho Open and then did some other things around the clubhouse for a couple of days after.

"Then I remembered I hadn't done that, sat down and sent them in," Simpson said.

But do you think Price cares?

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Choppers pull crews from Sawtooth area

The Associated Press

GRAHAM GUARD STATION - Helicopters pulled out more than 100 remaining firefighters from an area just west of the Sawtooth Valley Wednesday after fire bosses decided to abandon for the moment their confrontation with the blazing front of Idaho's largest wildfire of the season.

The crews retreated to safety zones near the guard station when flames at the north-eastern head of the 103,000-acre Rabbit Creek Fire exploded late Tuesday and surged up both sides of the North Fork of the Boise River.

Wildfire explodes along riverbanks; firefighters spend night in safety zones

Fire swept over more than 5,000 acres in Elmore County into the Sawtooth Wilderness, destroying several outbuildings and some equipment around the guard station.

Helicopters managed to pick up three of the eight 20-man crews that took refuge at the nearby back-country air strip and a safety zone on Johnson Creek before darkness and heavy smoke forced fire bosses to

halt the operation until Wednesday.

Hopes to declare the 5½-week-old fire contained evaporated with the blowout, and fire behavior specialists now have no prediction of when the blaze will be reined in. It was now considered only 50 percent contained compared to more than 70 percent before Tuesday's flame-up.

With over 1,400 firefighters committed

to the blaze, land managers put a new emphasis on protecting structures several miles north in the Grandjean and Vapiti summer home area near the South Fork of the Payette River. Crews also concentrated on dousing hot spots inside containment lines to the southwest of the fire's head.

More than half the wilderness remained closed to the public.

The setback in the battle against the Rabbit Creek Fire came after the decision had already been made to shift a battalion of soldiers from Fort Riley, Kan., north.

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Around the valley

Planners get another look at Curry RV plan

TWIN FALLS - Robert Emery will be back before county planners tonight to ask for a permit for his proposed travel-trailer park near Curry Crossing.

Emery wants to open a travel-trailer park on 22.5 acres at 21359 Highway 30, one-half mile east of Curry Crossing.

But the county planning and zoning commission tabled his proposal at its Aug. 23 meeting, saying Emery needed to clean up the area and provide the county with a septic and well plan for the trailer park.

Emery's permit will be considered at a 7:30 p.m. hearing at the county office building, 246 Third Ave. E.

B&B Broadcasting Inc. also will ask the planning commission Thursday to split 3.2 acres near Kimberly to sell the old KLINX radio building. The property is located on a 35.76-acre parcel at 3845 N. 3500 E. in an agricultural zone just north of Kimberly.

Dennis and Ellen Taylor and Samuel and Susan King also want to divide land parcels, the Taylors at 3035 E. 3200 N. in Twin Falls, the Kings at 1830 E. 3900 N. in Buhl.

City Council OKs next year's budget, with lower spending

TWIN FALLS - The City Council unanimously approved a net budget of \$18.7 million for the 1994-95 fiscal year.

The council approved the budget Thursday after a second sparsely attended hearing. Only one person spoke at each hearing to comment on the budget, which decreases spending by 2.37 percent from last year.

Both sewer and water rates will rise by about 10 percent next year. Sewer rates had held steady since 1989, while the last increase in water rates came in 1990.

The amount of money raised by property taxes is expected to increase by 4.8 percent. But the tax rate needed to obtain that money will decrease by 3.7 percent.

The budget takes effect Oct. 1.

Accident near Kimberly sends Twin Falls woman to hospital

KIMBERLY - A 55-year-old woman was ejected from her van Wednesday and flew 20 feet in the air before landing in a field following a one-vehicle accident about three-fourths of a mile west of Kimberly.

Barbara Schaak of Twin Falls suffered head and pelvic injuries in the accident at about 4:55 p.m. on Orchard Street, said Cpl. Don Newman of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. Schaak was in stable condition in Magic Valley Regional Center's emergency room late Wednesday evening, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Schaak was attempting to pass a turning vehicle when she lost control and went off the north side of the road, Newman said.

"It's unfortunate she wasn't wearing a seatbelt because she probably would have been hurt a lot," said Newman, adding that Schaak's injuries were not life-threatening.

Back manufacturing firm back in business after fire

FILER - Work resumed at the Acme Manufacturing Co. Inc. on Wednesday after a fire Tuesday evening caused about \$600 in damages to electrical wiring and electrical boxes.

Plant manager Scott McDowell said a hydraulic line burst, hit a hot piece of metal, flashed, hit the roof and burned wiring at about 7:15 p.m. Tuesday. Workers had the fire out before firefighters arrived, McDowell said.

One worker of the six-member night crew was treated for smoke inhalation at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and released, McDowell said.

Salmon Tract water users sue their bankruptcy lawyers

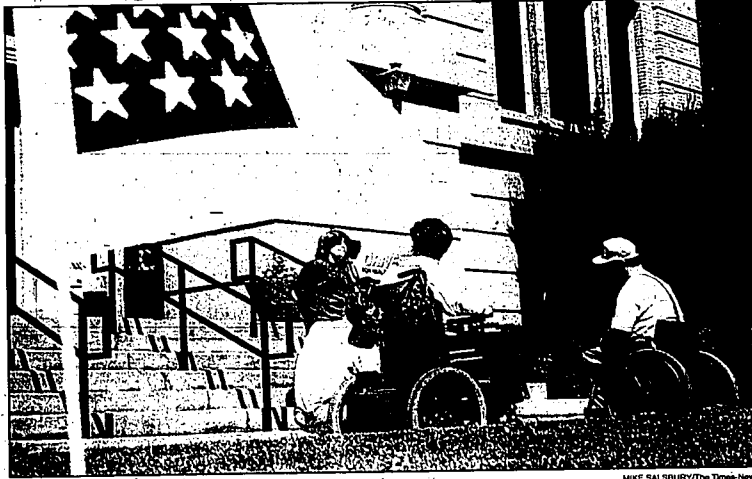
BOISE - A group of Salmon Tract canal company shareholders Wednesday challenged in bankruptcy court the fees assessed by their bankruptcy lawyers.

The disident shareholders sought a \$40,000 discount in the fees owed to attorney Joe Meier of Boise and a \$5,000 discount in the fees owed to Randy Peterman of Boise.

Represented by Nebraska attorney William Neider, the disidents argued that objections in federal court could have prevented Idaho 5th District Judge J. William Hart from awarding more than \$2 million in interest to the victims of a 1984 flood downstream from the company's dam, said shareholder Dick Parrott.

Compiled from staff reports

Making the case



Candice Byrd of Twin Falls tells of problems she has faced relating to medical coverage as Derek Bernie, from left, Pam Howard and Steve Hammett gather at the Twin Falls County Courthouse on Wednesday.

Drive stops in Twin Falls to gather 'medical horror stories'

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They want universal medical coverage with equitable financing, a full range of benefits and a choice in health-care providers.

And Idahoans supporting the Emergency Drive for Health Care Reform won't stop lobbying state and national politicians until those and other reform measures - such as a system that controls costs - are met, said Pam Howard of Burley, regional coordinator for the Idaho Citizens Network.

"Health care affects everyone - it doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, young or old," said Howard, who has used a wheelchair for 12 years after a fall caused spinal-cord hemorrhaging.

"We have a dam that's ready to break, and they're trying to patch it with Band-Aids."

Howard and others who support the drive were at the Twin Falls County Courthouse on Wednesday to talk about their goals and the medical insurance problems they've encountered. Even though Howard had "good" insurance coverage, for example, she said she was

'We have a dam that's ready to break, and they're trying to patch it with Band-Aids.'

— Pam Howard,
Idaho Citizens Network

left with \$54,000 in uncovered medical bills after her fall.

They also talked with Twin Falls County Commissioners Jim Fraley and Brent Reinke and asked for their support. Fraley said the commissioners would consider endorsing the drive.

The month-long Emergency Drive for Health Care Reform began Aug. 29 in Pocatello and has stopped in various Idaho municipalities, collecting "medical horror stories" from people along the way. Howard said about 2,000 surveys have been collected statewide, including about 30 Wednesday in Twin Falls, and the drive received endorsement from the Bannock County commissioners.

The drive is sponsored by the citi-

zens' network and the Idaho Coalition for National Health Care Reform.

Howard said more than 2,000 surveys were circulated in the Magic Valley by church groups and other organizations.

"A compiled report of the stories will be given to U.S. congressional members in October and state legislators this winter," she said.

A few people gathered at the courthouse to give their input. The drive also stops at 4:30 p.m. today in Gooding.

Karen McCarthy, an attorney for Idaho Legal Aid Services, said her attorney husband Mike cannot switch jobs like he wants. If he did, he could not get insurance for her, because she has a pre-existing condition of rheumatoid arthritis and is a cervical-cancer survivor.

McCarthy, pregnant and accompanied by her 5-year-old daughter Margaret, said she also works with migrant workers, who do not get workmen's compensation in Idaho because they're agricultural workers.

"They don't love their children any less than I love mine," McCarthy said. "When your choice is feeding them, clothing them or taking them to a doctor, you feed and clothe them."

Blaine County hikes cost of emergency services

By Barbara Newirth
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Emergency help is going to go up next month in Blaine County.

Tuesday the county commissioners approved a tax increase that will raise Blaine County Ambulance District taxes by 32.7 percent.

In addition, the commissioners approved higher ambulance district fees for emergency medical services.

The ambulance district includes contracts with Ketchum Ambulance Services, Wood River Fire & Rescue and the Carey Quick Response Unit.

Effective Oct. 1, service fees ranging from basic and advanced life support to life-flight assistance and extrication will increase by 24.2 percent.

For example, advance life support for a Blaine County resident will increase to \$300, up from \$250.

This is still lower than Twin Falls County which charges \$423 or Jerome County which charges \$375 for the

same service, said Wood River Fire & Rescue Chief Dan McKenna.

An estimated \$149,000 is expected to be generated by the user fees for the coming year.

Even with the higher user fees, taxpayers will need to dig a little deeper to support the emergency services.

With a budget of \$659,885, a capital improvement fund of \$40,000 was established to provide a savings account for the purchase of new ambulances as needed.

In addition, the lack of significant "carry-over" funds from last year resulted in a larger total bill for taxpayers, said county administrative assistant Pam Smith.

The resulting increase for a \$50,000 home will be only \$3.19 higher than last year's tax of \$9.80.

Smith said the commissioners said it was wise to start the capital improvement fund rather than to be hit with a \$100,000 bill each time the district needs a new ambulance.

Group starts new search for homeless shelter

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Rebuffed by the city Planning and Zoning Commission, the Valley Home Coalition Inc. is looking for another site for a homeless shelter.

On Wednesday, members looked at two old motels - one downtown and the other west of downtown.

Last week, the planning commission rejected the coalition's special-use permit application for a nine-bedroom homeless shelter at 212 Fourth Ave. E. Nearby residents spoke against the shelter because it could bring transient people to their neighborhood.

"We were disappointed by their decision," said coalition leader Randy Hansen. "If the good Lord wanted us to have that facility we would have it. I think we need to look for a bigger facility."

With the nine-bedroom shelter they were considering allowing families to stay for up to three days.

But nearby resident Robert Myrland, said such short stays could mean people wouldn't have a place to stay long enough to find a home or a job and then would end up wandering the streets or sleeping in the City Park.

Hansen, Myrland and the other coalition members decided not to try to find a place farther from neighborhoods.

Hansen said he believes that the community - which is raising millions for a planetarium at the College of Southern Idaho and an auditorium at Twin Falls High School - will "raise the roof" on the \$200,000 needed for a larger shelter.

"This community knows there's a problem with homelessness," he said.

Hansen also said police will screen people who come to stay at the shelter to weed out "professional homeless people."

Meanwhile, the coalition has planned a "silent house auction" for Oct. 8 at City Park to raise money for the shelter. The coalition also wants to put on a "silent house auction" in November.

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Social Security remodels office

The Times-News main open during the construction. People are asked to call about business if possible. The local number is 734-3985 and the toll-free number for general information and appointment scheduling is 1-800-772-1213.

Artillery shells leak at depot

HERMISTON, Ore. (AP) — Three shells placed in protective packaging during the 1980s at the Umatilla Army Depot have been found to be leaking small amounts of nerve agent vapor. Last week, during routine monitoring, workers detected nerve agent in the air in a special bunker where leaking nerve weapons are stored. The shells were leaking tiny amounts of vapor, not liquid nerve agent, the Army said. The depot's monitoring equipment can pick up minute quantities of nerve agent, a spokeswoman said.

Death notices

Alvin Maples
TWIN FALLS — Alvin Maples, 75, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Sept. 5, 1994, at West Magic Care Center in Twin Falls.
The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mt. Olive Cemetery in Healdton, Okla. Local arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Margaret L. Gillis-Schorman
"RUPERT" Margaret Louise Gillis-Schorman, 72, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1994, at her home.
The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, with Pastor Keith Wise officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.
The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association and in honor of Margaret L. Gillis-Schorman to the Minidoka County Historical Society.

Hospitals

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Some names are omitted at patients' request.
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Obituaries



Adeline Grabert
TWIN FALLS — Adeline Grabert, 89, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1994, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.
She was born Dec. 31, 1904, near Anley, Neb., to Christian C. and Elizabeth Wahl Christiansen. Her family farmed in the Ansley area and Adeline grew up there and attended schools, graduating from high school in 1922. She taught in several country schools until her marriage to Herman F. Grabert on Dec. 21, 1929. They farmed near Broken Bow, Neb., until 1937, when they moved to Twin Falls. Mrs. Grabert was an active and energetic homemaker and had held various jobs outside her home. They loved to travel and visit relatives and friends when they could.
She was an active member of the Twin Falls First Christian Church where she had held various positions over the years. She had been recognized by the church as having been a 50-year member of their group. Adeline was a past member of the Order of Eastern Star and was a past noble grand of Rebekah Lodge No. 87.
She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Wendell (Lona) Campbell of Idaho Falls; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one grand-grandchild, Lydia Fortik of Callaway, Neb.
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 1994, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Rick Bender of the Twin Falls First Christian Church officiating.

ing. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. The family will greet friends one hour before the funeral on Friday at the funeral chapel.
The family suggests memorials to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund. Contributions may be mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls ID 83303 or left with funeral chapel staff at the time of the service.



Warren W. Stroud
FILER — Warren Webster Stroud, 80, of Filer, died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1994, at West Magic Care Center of an extended illness.
He was born July 14, 1914, in Bushnell, Neb., the son of Lester and Edith May Martin Stroud. At an early age the family moved to Lingio, Wyo., where he grew up. He moved to Filer in 1934. He married Dorothy Lancaster of Filer on Dec. 21, 1939. In Filer, they farmed in Muttagua, the Salmon Tract and on their farm west of Filer for 45 years. They moved into Filer in 1986.
He was a member of the Filer United Methodist Church, the Filer IOOF Lodge No. 125 and the Filer Grange No. 215.
He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Stroud of Filer; one daughter, Connie (Larry) Smith of Filer; three grandchildren, Regina (Jim) Marker of Boise and Kimberly and Saverly Smith of Filer; one great-grandson, Andrew Neal Marker of Boise; four brothers, Homer (Mary) Stroud of Lingio, Wyo., Walter (Maude) Stroud of Fort Laramie, Wyo., Floyd (Gladys) Stroud of Torrington, Wyo., and Earl (Emma Lou) Stroud of Douglas, Wyo.; one sister, Arlene (Harry) Satchell of Bridgeport, Neb.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son that died at birth and his parents.
The funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 1994, at the Filer United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Rinya Friesbe and the Filer IOOF Lodge No. 125 conducting. Burial will follow at the Filer IOOF Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
The family suggests memorials be given to the Filer IOOF No. 125 Filing Fund or to the Filer United Methodist Church Trustee Fund. These may be left at or mailed to: White Mortuary, Box 845 Twin Falls ID 83303.

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

Annabelle G. Berry
GOODING — Annabelle (Ann) G. Berry, 82, of Gooding, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1994, at Green Acres Care Center in Gooding.
Annabelle was born on July 17, 1912, in Rochester, N.Y., the daughter of Louis and Gertrude Under. She moved to Gooding in 1977.
Annabelle had been a member of the Gooding Church of the Nazarene where she faithfully served her Lord.
She is survived by four daughters, Shirley (Harold) Knapp of Bradenton, Fla.; Florence (Robert) Gilbert of Rochester, N.Y.; Arlene (Larry) Gerdes of Gooding and Kathryn (Floyd) Fitzgerald of Bradenton, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Josephine Berry of Gooding, N.Y.; a brother-in-law, Frank Berry of Florida; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends.
She was preceded in death by her husband, George Berry in 1984.
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 1994, at the Gooding Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Neil Castle officiating. She will be buried beside her husband at the Riverside Cemetery in Rochester, N.Y. Friends may sign the register book from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the Green Acres Care Center Activity Fund or to the Gooding Church of the Nazarene.

Wolves' friends join foes in protest

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Federal plans to put Canadian gray wolves in central Idaho will be challenged by the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, the group announced Wednesday.
Dennis Fund attorney Doug Honnold, in a telephone news conference, said his group has filed a notice with the federal Interior Department of its intention to legally challenge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's plans because they do not adequately protect existing wolves in Idaho.
"We have challenged the misguided reintroduction proposal," he said. "The full protection of the Endangered Species Act is still the best bet to protect wolves."
At issue are Fish and Wildlife Service plans to plant Canadian wolves in central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park in an effort to restore populations of the predators in both areas.
In both areas, the wolves would be considered

The full protection of the Endangered Species Act is still the best bet to protect wolves.

— Doug Honnold, Sierra Club attorney
"experimental, non-essential" populations, which means they could be killed if they left certain areas and killed livestock.
But Honnold and others taking part in the news conference said wolves already exist in central Idaho, so the designation would take away any protection those wolves now enjoy under the Endangered Species Act, which prohibits the killing of the wolves.

Honnold and Linn Kinnearson of the Idaho Conservation League said enough gray wolves have been seen in Idaho to feed the Fish and Wildlife Service to predict that reproducing wolf packs will be found in the state within five years.
"Wolf reintroduction would be a mistake at this point, particularly under a plan that denies Endangered Species Act protection to wolves that are already there," Kinnearson said.
"The reintroduction plan has been touted as a good compromise between opposing factions. Maybe this is an equitable compromise for humans, but the loser here is the wolf."
The American Farm Bureau has announced it will also file litigation to block the reintroduction plans in both Idaho and Yellowstone, largely because of the impact of the wolves on nearby agricultural operations.

Jerome council OKs '95 budget boosting property tax about 5%

By Anna Pierson Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The City Council Tuesday passed its 1994-95 budget of nearly \$7.5 million, increasing property taxes more than 5 percent.
In addition, the City Council approved a special election for a \$1.8 million water bond issue on Nov. 8. The bond will raise money for a new well and water lines in southeast Jerome.
The council annexed about 23.06 acres north of Horizon school and held them for residential and neighborhood services. It also annexed 61 acres from 100 South to the Moore Business Forms facility and zoned them for business and light manufacturing.

The council passed a resolution initiating the process of setting up a local Improvement District to replace the curbs, gutters and sidewalks in the downtown area. A public hearing on the matter will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4.
The council approved a special election for a \$1.8 million water bond issue on Nov. 8. The bond will raise money for a new well and water lines in southeast Jerome.
The election is the same day as general county election, but will be held at independently. Polling will be at the library and City Hall.
Councilman Dennis Moore urged citizens to make an effort to vote in both elections.

"Never before have I seen so many people agree on the necessity of a single issue," he said. "Citizens need to make their voices heard."
In other business, the council allocated money for sewer and water repairs and general water. City Administrator Larry Paine noted that many new changes are coming to Jerome. The downtown revitalization project and water project not only improve conditions for current residents but provide the city with an opportunity for economic development.
"If Jerome makes these improvements, 1, for one, will be more proud than ever to say I am from Jerome," Moore said.

Idaho water official to help advise on nation's long-term water policy

By Meredith Cohn States News Service

WASHINGTON — R. Keith Higginson, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, was appointed by President Clinton as the final member of a national advisory commission on water, the White House announced this week.
As one of the West's most critical resources, water is constantly at the center of debate among land users such as miners and ranchers as well as tribes and environmentalists. While the commission won't settle such disputes, its report will be used to develop federal policy for the next 20 years.
"It's too early to tell how the commission will function, but I expect we will seek a large amount of public input," said Higginson, who has nearly 30 years of experience in public policy relating to water.
The 22-member Advisory Commission on Western Water Resources Policy was authorized by congressional legislation passed in 1992. Along with the commission's creation, Congress approved \$2 million for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1995, to produce the report. Commissioners will not draw a salary.
The report, including recommendations, is expected to affect 17 arid

Western states — including Idaho — and Alaska and Hawaii.
Higginson is the only member who has experience as an administrator of a water resource agency, according to the commission chairman Denise Fort, director of the Water Resources Administration at the University of New Mexico.
"That practical type of experience is precisely what Congress was looking for," she said of Higginson. "His opinion will be extremely useful."
Higginson has held his department position in Idaho for more than 20 years and served as director of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation under President Carter.
While no formal meetings have taken place yet, Higginson and Fort have already expressed concern about a congressionally mandated time limit to complete the report, which will include projections of water supply requirements, alternative ways to meet the requirements including technical innovations, and effects on federal programs and agencies. The federal-state relationship will also have to be studied, they said.
The report is due in October 1995, according to the Western Water Policy Review Act of 1992. Because the membership list was just completed by President Clinton, who re-

placed Bush appointees, time is running out. The commission is looking into an extension, Fort said.
"It's possible to write a report in one year, but it may not be as well done as it could be," Higginson said.
Fort said the commissioners represent a wide spectrum of water interests and should provide, if given the time, a thorough report.
"Our intention is to look at water issues across the U.S. Concerns are different from state to state," she said.
Other members of the commission include 12 members of Congress, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Army Secretary Togo West.
Announced July 29, by the White House, the remaining members are: Huali Chai, a lawyer from San Jose, Calif., and an expert in biochemistry; John EchoHawk, an attorney from the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colo.; Janet Neuman, a professor at the Northwestern School of Law in Portland, Ore., and a lawyer specializing in water and natural resources issues; Patrick O'Toole, a sheep rancher in Saratoga, Wyo., and a former member of the state legislature; Jack Robertson, deputy administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, Ore.; and Harriet Wiedt, chairwoman of the Orange County, Calif., Board of Supervisors.

Republican Party pushes for verification of independent candidates on ballot

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — County clerks on Wednesday advised the secretary of state's office that they would expedite verification of the signatures on the qualifying petitions of independent gubernatorial candidates Ron Rankin and Gary Cridler.
But if the state Republican Party is successful in having both men disqualified for the November election, the clerks will have to cross out their names on the ballots voters will be casting in two months.
Secretary of State Pete Conrath complied with the Wednesday deadline for distributing the statewide ballot to the counties despite the uncertainty over the status of Rankin and Cridler. Clerks must have absentee ballots ready for distribution by Sept. 19.
The GOP move was prompted by last Friday's state Supreme Court decision that independent Don

Hawkins failed to meet the registered voter signature requirements to be a candidate for state schools superintendent.
That ruling came in response to a challenge filed by a contributor to a Republican Anne Fox's campaign for schools chief. It concluded that more than 500 of the 1,200 signatures gathered by Hawkins did not come from registered voters, leaving him short of the required 1,000 registered voter signatures. In reaching that decision, the high court voided the law that eliminated the need for signature verification if candidate petitions contain over 1,200 signatures.
Rankin, the Panhandle activist who has unsuccessfully pushed a 1 percent cap on local property taxes, said the GOP attack proved Republicans feared he would siphon decisive votes from their candidate Phil Batt, giving the governor's office to

Democratic Attorney General Larry EchoHawk. A recent independent poll showed EchoHawk holding a 10-point lead over Batt with Rankin and Cridler claiming 5.5 percent combined and just under 13 percent undecided.
Republican Executive Director Mike Reynoldson claimed the GOP's only interest is to assure the law is being followed.
But Rankin, who has accused GOP leaders of undermining his anti-property tax campaign, said Republicans were "trying to disenfranchise me because I'm telling voters that the Republican emperor has no clothes on."
And Reynoldson acknowledged that getting Rankin out of the race "is a goal" and that there are more votes available for us.
If the Republican ploy succeeds, Rankin has promised to stage a write-in campaign.

Fires

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Nearly 1,000 square miles of back country south of the main Salmon River was still closed to the public, and experts remained convinced the fires would burn until the first major snow fall of the year.
In eastern Idaho, the 49,000-acre Chicken Complex and the 50,000-acre Blackwell Complex north and east of McCall as rising temperatures and falling humidity breathed new life into flames that had been relatively inactive for several days.

The chopper was also being used to ferry firefighters and equipment to the lines.
"Our resources are low because so many people are fighting fires everywhere," Forest Service spokesman Gary Munson said. "We appreciate all the help we can get. But without rain, there is no end in sight."
Throughout the West on Wednesday, more than 13,000 firefighters were working in 19 fires burning on 414,000 acres of timber and brush in six states.

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Mini-Cassia

Sweep nets 13 residents indicted on drug charges

Police seek weapon in murder case

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Police still are looking for the gun and the bullet that killed a 21-year-old Mexican man last week. The victim has been identified as Miguel Elizondo, of Rio Bravo, a city near Tampico on the east coast of Mexico. Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said.

So far the sheriff's department doesn't have any leads, nor clear details on what happened, Crystal said.

Witnesses said Elizondo couldn't describe the pistol, and a recent autopsy of the victim revealed little, he said.

"It could have been large caliber or small caliber, we really can't tell either way," Crystal said.

Deputies arrested Alfredo Romayor, 20, of Texas, Friday. He has been charged with first-degree murder and is being held without bond in the Mini-Cassia Jail. A preliminary hearing is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Witnesses said Elizondo had been driving recklessly through Cassia County Labor Camp early Friday morning. A fight ensued, Crystal said.

Later, Elizondo was found dead. He had been shot once in the neck.

Witnesses said Romayor had shot him with a handgun, Crystal said. Romayor is being represented by an attorney, and has not answered questions from investigators, he said.

The victim and the suspect both lived at the camp, but apparently were not well acquainted with each other, Crystal said.

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Police arrested 13 men in the Mini-Cassia area on felony drug charges Wednesday morning, breaking up what southern Idaho authorities say were drug trafficking operations worth more than \$350,000.

In grand jury indictments last week, 17 men were charged with possession, delivery or conspiring to deliver controlled substances, Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal and Minidoka County Prosecutor Gara Newman said Wednesday.

State and local law enforcement agencies rounded up and arrested 13 of the men. They were

arraigned Wednesday. The remaining four haven't yet been arrested and may have left the state, Crystal and Newman said.

The grand jury indictments were the result of a year-long investigation by the Idaho Bureau of Narcotics and local law enforcement agencies, Crystal said.

Investigators confiscated 150 pounds of marijuana, four kilograms of cocaine and one kilogram of methamphetamine in deals to undercover agents in the Mini-Cassia area over the past year, Crystal said.

Agencies involved in the investigation included Cassia County Sheriff's Office, Minidoka County Sheriff's Office, Heyburn Police Department, Rupert Police

Department and Idaho State Police, Crystal said.

Arraigned on felony drug charges Wednesday were Hugo Gonzales Salazar, 25, Hector Cedillo Alvarez, 40, Ramiro Villarreal Jr., 21, and Joel Rodriguez, 39, all of Burley; Rosario Flores Reyes, 34, Felipe Cantu, 34, Angel Abdon Gonzales, Jose Canelo, 36, Guillermo Velaz, 38, and Jose Ramon Garcia Rodriguez, Jimmy Thompson, 28, and Miguel Marmolejo-Salsedo, 36, all of Rupert; and Jesus Ismael Bujanda-Valasquez, 27, of Arizona.

Still at large are Jose Ramon Garcia-Rodriguez of Arizona and Carlos Fuentes of Burley. Officials would not release the names of the remaining two to avoid tipping them off, Newman said.

Proposed Minidoka County budget includes funds for building plans

By Eric Goodell
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Minidoka County Commissioner John Remsburg says he's feeling the pressures of increased budget demands.

"We've been trying our best to hold expenses down," he said. This year, however, expenses have gone up with growing needs of the county, including building and grounds, law enforcement and sanitary landfills, he said.

The proposed \$5.7 million budget for the next fiscal year includes a drop in the levy, but property valuations have increased roughly 16 percent, creating extra revenue, Remsburg said.

Last year's budget totaled just over \$5 million.

At Tuesday's budget hearing, Remsburg said one of the biggest increases in the budget is a \$94,000 increase in the building and grounds budget. The money will help pay for a third courtroom and to buy the Creason Building near



Remsburg

the courthouse.

County extension agent Ivan Hopkins has already been looking at the building, and there are plans to also relocate the prosecuting attorney's office there.

But the county still needs additional space for county and law enforcement offices, Remsburg said.

He said he wasn't sure if county residents would support a bond issue to build more offices, perhaps even adding onto the present courthouse.

Eventually, an elevator might need to be installed in the courthouse to give the handicapped residents and employees access to all its offices.

A welcome relief to the sheriff's

department will be a \$105,000 increase for two new deputies and three new cars.

"We've been spread really thin," said Chief Deputy Robert Vasquez. Another proposed increase in the budget is a \$79,500 jump in the jail budget.

Remsburg reported that the jail is no longer able to obtain commodities from the government commodities program. That has increased food expenses \$16,000 per year, he said.

In addition, fewer inmates from out of the Mini-Cassia area are being housed in the jail, because new facilities are being built in Boise and Pocatello. That has reduced revenues, Remsburg said.

The juvenile detention facility's budget is proposed to go up \$90,000 for extra employees needed at the center, which now includes three additional beds.

Revenues being paid by other counties wanting to house their wayward juveniles in the facility are expected to pay for the expense.

Water group might seek A&B change

The Times-News

RUPERT — A newly-formed group of Magic Valley groundwater pumpers may seek to alter A&B Irrigation District's water right as a way of responding to the district's water call.

The Magic Valley Underground Pumpers was formed last week and discussed the recent A&B Irrigation water call as well as other problems facing farmers using pump irrigation.

More than 100 southern Idaho farmers and farm owners attended the group's meeting.

A&B, in a recent petition to the Idaho Department of Water Resources, made the call, claiming that it could only pump 974 cubic feet per second from its 177 wells, when its water right allows for 1,100 cfs. The call could eventually lead to wells of groundwater being shut off.

Mack Neibaur, a former state legislator from Minidoka and one of the group's organizers, said the group wants to work on friendly terms with A&B. But he questioned whether all of A&B Irrigation's wells should have a 1948 water right.

According to Neibaur, all of A&B's wells were given a 1948 priority date, even though about 75 of them were drilled after 1955. Neibaur said it was his understanding at that time that those wells would be given a 1955 priority date.

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Miller, Gibbons, Furman win in Nevada

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Democratic Gov. Bob Miller promised his re-election campaign will focus on his record as governor while his Republican opponent, state Assemblyman Jim Gibbons, pledged to continue his anti-tax crusade.

"We ran a campaign based upon my record without getting into a negative sense," Miller said after defeating five candidates in Tuesday's Democratic primary.

Miller had 74,973 votes, or 63 percent, to 33,471 votes, or 28 percent, for his closest challenger, Las Vegas Mayor Jan Jones.

On the GOP side, Gibbons had

54,325 votes, or 50 percent, to 35,885 votes, or 33 percent, for Nevada Secretary of State Cheryl Lau. Four others trailed.

Gibbons said his focus on lower taxes was the key to coming from behind and defeating Lau, who four years ago became the first Asian-American to win statewide office.

"This election is about taking one small issue, the issue of lower taxes and turning the election around," he said. "I think the next campaign is going to be on the same issue."

In the GOP Senate primary, political consultant Hal Furman defeated four others for the right to challenge Democratic Sen. Richard Bryan,

who was unopposed in the primary. Furman, who swamped his closest challenger, businessman Charles Woods, by a margin of 50 percent to 26 percent, had focused on Bryan even during the primary.

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Jury in Exxon oil spill case stuck in impasse

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A judge rejected Exxon's bid for a mistrial Wednesday after jurors considered punitive damages in the nation's biggest oil spill said they were deadlocked.

The judge told the jury to keep deliberating.

The request for a mistrial was opposed by Brian O'Neill, the lawyer seeking \$15 billion in punitive damages from the oil giant in a class-action lawsuit on behalf of 10,000 Alaska natives; fishermen

and landowners. But Exxon lawyer Patrick Lynch told U.S. District Judge H. Russel Holland that sending the jury back to deliberate could amount to coercion.

The 11-member panel sent a note to the judge Tuesday saying they couldn't agree whether Exxon should pay punitive damages for the 1989 tanker spill that dumped 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound.

Jurors, who got the case Aug. 29,

went back to work Wednesday after meeting with the judge and were scheduled to resume deliberations Thursday.

The jury decided in June that Exxon and skipper Joseph Hazelwood were reckless in causing the spill and last month awarded commercial fishermen \$286 million in compensation for canceled fishing seasons and lost fish.

Hazelwood was acquitted in state court of operating a tanker while drunk.

Now hear this!



Dawn Little receives some personal instruction from ROTC Lt. Robbie Parke as she rappels for the first time Tuesday down the side of the Mpscow Volunteer Fire Department's practice tower.

States seek pair after cross-country chase

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Federal charges were dropped Wednesday against an ex-convict and his teen-age companion who are at the center of a multi-state extradition struggle in connection with a cross-country rash of car-theft killings.

Lewis E. Gilbert, 22, and Eric A. Elliott, 16, both of Newcomers-town, Ohio, will remain in custody here until they are extradited.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Gorence said.

The pair are suspected of killing people in Missouri and one in Oklahoma, and using the victims' cars to travel westward. A police affidavit filed in court Wednesday in Oklahoma says the pair have admitted responsibility for the shooting death in that state.

They also are charged in Ohio with aggravated burglary and kidnapping in the disappearance of Ruth Loader, 79, from her Port Washington, Ohio, farm house Aug. 29. Authorities used dogs and planes to search unsuccessfully for her body Wednesday. The search was to resume today.

The federal charge of unlawful flight pertained to the Ohio charges but was "just a procedural charge," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Gorence.

"Now we have three states from what I've heard, who can all fight over them," Gorence said.

FBI agent Doug Beldon said details of the case have been filed by both Ohio and Oklahoma. Federal and Missouri investigations also are continuing, he said.

Mrs. Loader's car was found last Thursday 650 miles away in Fulton, Mo., near the home of William Brewer, 86, and his wife, Flossie, 76. Each had been shot three times in the head.

The Brewers' car was found Sunday in Oklahoma near the body of Roxie Ruddell, 37, of Oklahoma City. Authorities said she was shot over the weekend.

Ms. Ruddell's pickup truck was found three miles from where the two were captured Tuesday by state police as they slept under a bridge near Santa Fe.

First-degree murder charges were filed against them Wednesday in Norman, Okla.

Oklahoma City homicide detective Bob Bemo said in an affidavit that Elliott and Gilbert each admitted responsibility for Ruddell's death. Bemo said Ruddell was shot several times with a .22-caliber pistol, the same caliber weapon used to kill the Brewers.

District Attorney Tully McCoy said in Norman that the hoped-for extradition would be the first to get Elliott and Gilbert returned for prosecution.

"If either of the two states don't get them before we do, we'll wait our turn," McCoy said. "But we will get them back here as quickly as possible."

He said he would seek the death penalty if the two were convicted.

In Ohio, Tuscarawas County Sheriff Harold McKimmie said Elliott had been charged as a juvenile in Mrs. Loader's disappearance. Any decision to try him as an adult would be up to prosecutors and a judge.

The state of Missouri did not immediately charge the pair. Callaway County Sheriff Harry Tree said charges would be considered after an investigator returns from Albuquerque where he sought to interview the two.

A couple who encountered the pair Monday in Lamy, just south of Santa Fe, said the fugitives told them they were headed for California. The couple spoke to the Albuquerque Journal and The New Mexican on condition of anonymity.

The wife said the two drove up to their rural home and politely asked for work and gasoline for the pickup truck — which turned out to be Ms. Ruddell's.

Ruddell said she had an uncomfortable feeling and prayed for mercy as the fugitives followed her husband to the gasoline can he kept across the driveway. She said she believes the presence of a neighbor doing arpentary nearby may have scared them off — but not before her hospitable husband got them a couple of beers.

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Simpson case-witness goes to jail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A witness who says his life is in danger if he testifies before a grand jury investigating O.J. Simpson's trial was jailed for contempt Wednesday by a judge who told him he can talk or stay behind bars.

"You hold the keys to that jail cell," Superior Court Judge Stephen Culegar told John M. Dutton.

The grand jury is investigating Al "Woody" Cowlings, who drove Simpson on a bizarre flight from police in a Ford Bronco that ended in the football hero's arrest June 17.

In a separate development, Simpson has agreed to give guardianship of his minor children to the parents of his slain ex-wife, according to court papers obtained by The Associated Press. If Simpson is acquitted he would have the right to seek the children's return.

Dutton's lawyer, Robert Rentzer, said his client will take his case to the California Supreme Court. He said Dutton is willing to remain in jail "as long as necessary" to save his life.

He could be held until next June, when the grand jury term expires. Dutton and his lawyer have refused to say who Dutton fears or why.

Dutton, a 32-year-old ex-convict with a record for forgery, approached the district attorney's office with information about the Simpson case, his lawyer said, and was promised anonymity.

According to various reports, he told prosecutors that he had second-hand information regarding others who might have been seen outside Nicole Brown Simpson's condominium the night she and friend Ronald Goldman were slain.

Simpson goes on trial in the slayings Sept. 26.

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Valley Life

Weddings

Armstrong-Beutler

BANKS - Monica Armstrong and Shane Beutler were married June 4 at the Pinehurst Church in Banks, Officiating was Weldon Shuman of Kimberly. Tracy Armstrong, brother of the bride and Dennis Wieg played the guitar. Tracy also sang a solo and he and the bride sang a song together.

The bride is the daughter of Monty and Tammy Armstrong of Kimberly and parents of the bridegroom are Steve and Linda Hiatt of Eagle and Buzz and Kay Beutler of Hagerman.

Carma Miller, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor. Christy Treasurer, friend of the bride, served as bridesmaid. Kayla Miller, friend of the bride was the flower girl. Krista Rehn, friend of the bride, was the bride carrier. Brian Spencer, friend of the bride, served as best man. George Cutlers, friend of the bridegroom, served as groomsmen. Ushers were Kraig Rehn, friend of the bride and Aaron Beutler, brother of the bridegroom. Julie Spencer, friend of the bridegroom, was the candlelighter. Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Carrel of Twin Falls, Chris Loyer of Palmer, Alaska, aunt of the bride



Monica and Shane Beutler

and grandparents of the bridegroom, Dolly Bodat and Darlene Hiatt of Boise and June and Elmer Beutler of Hagerman.

A reception was held following the ceremony June 11 at Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls. Serving were Kay Rehn and Jorie Hamilton, friends of the bride. Peggie Wade, cousin of the bride and Chris Loyer, Krista Rehn attended the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Kimberly High School and Boise State University. She is employed by Dr. George Lewis in Boise. The bridegroom attended Meridian High School. He is employed at Gem Meat Packing in Boise.

The newlyweds reside in Eagle.

Lowrance-Gaballa

IDAHO FALLS - Sherry R. Lowrance and Tarek Attia Gaballa were married March 31 in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dellert of Twin Falls and Mr. and Mrs. William Lowrance of Idaho Falls. The bridegroom is Mr. and Mrs. Mohammed Attia Gaballa of Alexandria, Egypt.

A ring ceremony and reception was held April 2 at Memories, the 1908 Manor. Officiating was Bishop T. Thomas. The reception was at Memories. Jeanette Ellis and special music was provided by the Call String Quartet. Special guests were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clifford, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on the day of the reception. The reception was held at Memories. The bridegroom's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Hank Morse, grandparents of the bride.



Sherry and Tarek Gaballa

The bride and bridegroom are currently living in Alexandria, Egypt. The bride is teaching English at the University of Alexandria and will be attending classes in the fall. The bridegroom is working in the construction business and is enrolled as an accounting major at the U of A. They plan to return to the United States in two years.

Goodman-Lee

IDAHO FALLS - Judy Ann Goodman of Provo, Utah, and David Wayne Lee of Orem, Utah, were married March 25 in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Clyde and Verla Goodman of Murtaugh and parents of the bridegroom are Ron and Betty Lou Lee of Orem, Utah.

Joy Goodman of Provo, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Kraig Lords, friend of the bridegroom, served as best man.

A reception was held that evening in Murtaugh. Serving were Jancy McAnulty of Twin Falls, sister of the bride, Jeannie Bott of Provo, friend of the bride and Crystal, Gina and Leslie Goodman, all of Gooding, nieces of the bride. Linda Goodman of Bonanza, Utah, sister-in-law of the bride, helped with gifts. Cory, Cody and Christy Goodman of Bonanza and Matthew McAnulty of Twin Falls, nieces and nephews of the bride, carried gifts. Also helping were the bride's brothers, Kelly Goodman of Gooding, Gary Goodman of Bonanza and the bride's brother-in-law, Sam McAnulty of Twin Falls and the bridegroom's sister, Georgia Lee of Orem, Utah.

The bride is a graduate of Murtaugh High School and Brigham Young University in Provo. She is employed at Aspen Elementary School as a teacher and house manager of the SCERA Theatre.

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Toth-Wert

WENDELL - Shirley A. Toth and Aaron L. Wert were married April 16 in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell.

Officiating was the Rev. T.M. Ritchey. Janet May was the organist and Becky Ashman was the soloist.

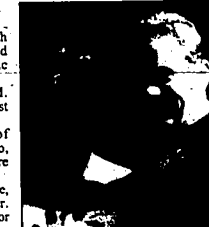
The bride is the daughter of Nicholas and Anna Toth of Buffalo, N.Y. Parents of the bridegroom are Loren and Rita Wert of Wendell.

Edna Hutchens, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Deb Gamble of Bellevue, and Shawna Granke of New Troy, Mich., both friends of the bride.

Jerry Fleming, cousin of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Fred Borges, friend of the groom, and Joe Sellers of Elko, Nev., cousin of the groom.

Special guests included Dennis Robbins of Boise and grandparents of the bridegroom, Joe and Lorenda Sellers of Wendell.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving were Judy Wert and Tami Sellers, aunts of the bridegroom, and Kay Hollis, Clara Smith,



Shirley and Aaron Wert

Glenn Ruffing and Janet Lloyd, member of St. Anthony's Altar Society.

The bride is a graduate of Embury Riddle Aeronautical University's branch campus in Corpus Christi, Texas. She is employed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He works for the Idaho Transportation Department.

The couple lives in Twin Falls.

Marriages across aisle survive with respect

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about the letter from the Connecticut woman who said she and her husband got along very well - until the subject of politics came up. (She was a Democrat, and her husband was a registered Republican.)

Well, my Republican grandmother married a Democrat, and my Republican mother also married a Democrat. I, a staunch Republican, married a registered Democrat - who is now deceased. I am 78 years old, and in all the years of our marriage, there was not one bit of friction.

The secret of keeping the peace in spite of everyone's political differences was very simple: All of the spouses respected each others' privacy, and their right to vote as they saw fit.

I have never been too proud to keep my mouth shut to keep the peace.

- MARY A. CANNON, GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR MARY: Hooray for you. Two very famous couples who disagree politically come to mind: Jane Fonda, outspoken Democrat, and Ted Turner, lifelong Republican. But judging from the way they hold hands and look at each other, politics is the last thing they have on their minds.

Also, Maria Shriver (her mother is a sister of the late President Kennedy) and Arnold Schwarzenegger: Maria rides the donkey, but hubby rides the elephant.

DEAR ABBY: In reply to the woman who asked if her family is unusual because she's a Democrat and her husband is a Republican, so they never talked politics anymore.

well, I suspect many people are "unusual" in the same way. When my husband and I married, 22 years ago, we were both middle-of-the-road Democrats. Now we rarely talk politics.

I am a left-of-center feminist, my husband is a Rush conservative, and we absolutely are not able to discuss political issues. Yet, I would say we are happily married. After all, what counts in a marriage is love, respect, trust and integrity - not a voting record.

- A GALVESTON, TEXAS, REVEREND

DEAR ABBY: I wish to comment on the woman who has a politically mixed marriage. (She's a Democrat and her husband is a Republican.) Please assure her that this is not unusual.

I have been married three times and had very little in common with any of my wives - politically.

My first wife was a fiery liberal

Democrat, and I have always been a conservative Republican.

I met my second wife at a Young Republicans convention to be sure I didn't have the same problem again. By the time we were divorced, she was a Democrat.

My third wife, to whom I have been married 11 years, is - believe it or not - a political cartoonist. You have probably guessed it: She is a Democrat.

Abby, political diversity is not uncommon in marriage.

- STILL A REPUBLICAN, SPRING HILL, FLA.

DEAR STILL: A mixed marriage, politically speaking, can endure - providing discussions concerning politics do not erupt into full-fledged battles. Couples whose political philosophies differ are usually better off if one doesn't try to convert the other. Trust me. In 1956, my husband was a staunch Eisenhower supporter. I campaigned for Adlai Stevenson.

Valley happenings

Pancake supper, auction benefit set

HAGERMAN - A pancake supper and auction to benefit the Hagerman Valley Community/Senior Center and Quick Response Unit is planned for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at the senior center.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for ages 6 to 12. Under 6 is free. Admission includes the pancake supper with all the fixings and a ticket for a door prize.

Club plans dancing Friday evening

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sundancers Square Dance Club has planned a dance event for Friday at the Masonic Hall.

Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. and is followed by square dancing at 8 p.m. For more information, call Carolyn Bradley at 886-2808.

Society schedules initiation ceremony

TWIN FALLS - The local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international teaching society, has planned an initiation and recommitment ceremony for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Canyon Springs Inn.

Ron Patrick will lead "Around the Musical World" visiting Austria and Germany. For more information, call Barbara Shockley at 733-7057.

Loosli celebrates his 80th birthday

WENDELL - An open house to help Merlin Loosli celebrate his 80th birthday is planned for 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the senior citizen center, 105 W. Ave. A. No gifts please.

Shore children honor 40th anniversary

HAILEY - Charlie and Marilyn Shore will be honored in observance of their 40th wedding anniversary at an open house set for 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at their home, 153 Hiawatha Drive.

Shore and Marilyn Hendrickson were married Sept. 11, 1954, in Elko, Nev. They lived in various places from South Dakota to Alaska to southern California and Tacoma, Wash., until he was honorably discharged and retired from the Air Force, when they settled in Hailey.

The event is being given by their children, Rick and Vickie Reay of Carey, Perry and Shelly Shore of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Sam Shore of Hailey. The couple has 11 grandchildren.

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Scouts receive Eagle awards

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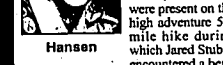
TWIN FALLS - Jared Durham and Eric Hansen have earned Eagle Scout awards through the Boy Scouts of America.

The awards will be presented to Jared and Eric at a court of honor planned for 5 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS 7th Ward cultural hall on Eastland Drive. Friends and relatives are invited.

To earn the award, scouts must complete several merit badges and an Eagle project. For his project, Jared organized a group that transplanted trees from the South-Hills-to-Rock Creek Park. Eric's project involved organizing a group that built a gazebo sandbox at the Migrant Council playground.

Jared is an Explorer Scout, and Eric is a Varsity Scout. Both are members of Troop 81, sponsored by the Twin Falls LDS 7th Ward, and both were present on the high adventure 50-mile hike during which Jared Stubbs encountered a bear.

Jared, 16, is the son of Frank and Deanne Durham; and Eric, 15, is the son of Randy and Kathy Hansen, all of Twin Falls. The scouts and their parents wish to express thanks to the scout leaders, friends and relatives who helped make rank advancements possible.



Hansen

Shirley and Aaron Wert

Glenn Ruffing and Janet Lloyd, member of St. Anthony's Altar Society.

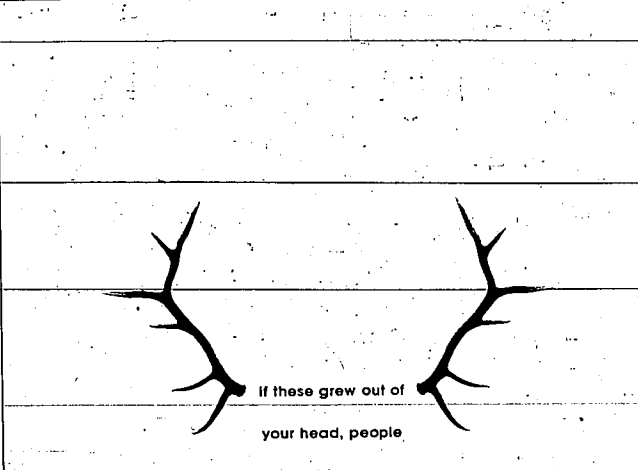
The bride is a graduate of Embury Riddle Aeronautical University's branch campus in Corpus Christi, Texas. She is employed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He works for the Idaho Transportation Department.

The couple lives in Twin Falls.

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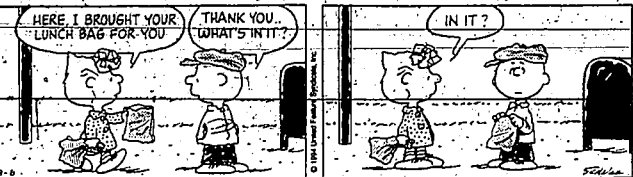
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World

Studies of czarist remains conflict

MOSCOW (AP) — Princess Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II, was among those slain when Bolsheviks executed the royal family in 1918, a Russian government panel has concluded.

There have been persistent claims for more than 75 years that Anastasia survived the assassination and escaped abroad.

British experts determined last year that bones found in a pit outside Yekaterinburg in 1991 were those of the czar, his wife and three of his five children.

The royal couple had four daughters and a son. British experts said the remains they examined belonged to three of the daughters, but it was not possible to tell which three.

"Our tests could not prove who they were, just that they were three of the girls," Alison Streeton, a spokeswoman for the British government's Forensic Science Service in London, told The Associated Press by telephone today.

British scientists are working on their own study based on DNA extracted from

the bones, and say conclusive results will not be available for at least several weeks.

The Russian panel, in a report released Tuesday, said the combined findings of the British and Russian scientists showed there was now "definite proof" that one of the skeletons belonged to Anastasia.

Streeton said she could not comment on the conclusions reached by the Russians. The British finished their work in August 1993 and did not take part in subsequent research by the Russian commission.

Utility hike protest draws fire

REIGER PARK, South Africa (AP) — In a scene reminiscent of the apartheid era, 20 people were injured when police shot rubber bullets and tear gas on crowds protesting a fivefold increase in water and electricity rates Wednesday.

About 1,000 mixed-race residents of Reiger Park, a township near Johannesburg, were protesting the rate hike and demanding that electricity not be cut off for residents who failed to pay bills.

"My water and electric is already over 1,000 rand (\$350) per month," said Jay

Peterson, a single mother on a fixed income. "How will I afford an increase in my premiums and how can I afford to be without water or electricity?"

White officials of the town council administering the township said they raised rates in

part to offset losses from unpaid utility bills.

Reiger Park residents pay rent and utility costs to the council of Boksburg, a neighboring town once reserved for whites. Such arrangements were common under apartheid, when non-whites were not allowed to own land in urban areas.

'Shogun' author dead at 69

LONDON (AP) — James Clavell, best-selling author of "Shogun," has died in Switzerland after suffering a stroke.

Clavell, 69, died Tuesday, said his publisher, Eric Major, who works for Hodder and Stoughton in London.

The Australian-born Clavell, who lived in Switzerland, was a screenwriter of popular movies, such as the first version of "The

Fly," "The Great Escape," and "To Sir With Love."

His novels about the Far East include "King Rat" and "Ta-Pa," a "Shogun" and "Noble House" were made into

television miniseries.

Clavell's latest novel "Gai-Jin" was published last year and was also a bestseller.

"He was one of the great epic storytellers of our age — a man who was deeply imbued in tradition, and also enormous fun to work with," said Major.

Explaining the popularity of "Shogun," Major said, "It took the Western mind into a completely different world. It was the first time that one began to understand the Japanese. This came from the period when he was incarcerated as a POW at Chang Yi prison in Singapore, as a young man in his early 20s."

"He also had this ability to handle vast casts of characters ... to give them personalities so they were instantly recognizable — also all of his books had a very strong woman at the center of them."

Clavell was born Oct. 18, 1924, in Sydney, Australia, to British parents. His father was in the Royal Navy.

During World War II he was imprisoned by the Japanese at the Chang Yi camp, an experience that let to his first novel, "King Rat," in 1962.

After the war he went into films as a writer, then began to direct his own work — "To Sir With Love" and "The Last Valley."

He returned to writing fiction with the best-seller "Shogun" in 1966, and produced book after book of intriguing historical tales set mostly in Asia.

Clavell lived for many years in the United States and in France.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, April Clavell, and two daughters. Major said. Funeral plans were not immediately announced.

Taiwan blaze claims 8 at traveling opera

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Anti-theft bars on windows trapped some members of a traveling opera troupe when a short circuit started a fire that killed eight people before dawn Wednesday.

Police said seven of the victims died when they could not get through the windows on the top floor of the five-story building in Kaohsiung, 220 miles north of Taipei.

Kuo Chao-ming and his wife, Chin-choi, directors of the Yijen Opera Troupe, suffered minor burns when they escaped to an adjacent building through a fourth-floor window, police said.

Kuo's 75-year-old mother died of burns. Two opera singers and five members of Kuo's family — a daughter, daughter-in-law, 2-month-old granddaughter and two grandsons, ages 1 and 4 — died of smoke inhalation.

Police said the building was in a narrow alley that prevented firefighters from positioning ladders.

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Outdoors

Plop those hoppers to lure trout

By Eric Sharp
Knight-Ridder News Service

GRAYLING, Mich. — The big problem with living in northern Michigan is that it's so hard to leave in summer. It's one of the most beautiful places I know, with more great activities than even an outdoor writer can get to.

And the prospect of nearly a week at home couldn't come at a better time, because fly fishing with grasshopper patterns on northern Michigan trout streams is hot. And I'd rather fish near-deserted summer streams with hoppers for a dozen trout a day than battle a horde of other fly fishermen for 30 or 40 fish during a spawning hatch.

Trout will take a variety of insects that anglers lump as terrestrials — land-based creatures such as crickets, ants, beetles and oak worms. But on most days trout will be most likely to accept a grasshopper pattern.

There is a batch of patterns out there, the most popular here being the Michigan hopper (Joe's hopper), but the key isn't so much a specific pattern as having a selection that matches the size and color of the insects that fall into the stream you are fishing.

Experience taught me that a 1 1/2-inch, yellow-bodied pattern tied on long-shanked, light-wire No. 8 or 10 hook will do the job 90 percent of the time. I also carry a couple of 3- to 4-inch hoppers and occasionally use them for trout.

Between about 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., is the time to tie on a hopper and prospect those apparently lifeless expanses of stream where nothing is rising.

Once the heavy mayfly hatches of spring and early summer have ended, hopper patterns seem to work even on heavily wooded stretches where fish don't see many of these insects. But there's no question they take hopper patterns more readily on streams bounded by open fields where the winds push a lot of hoppers into the water.

The first thing to do when approaching a stream is to catch a couple of real hoppers, or at least get close enough to get an idea of their size and color.

Hoppers work best when fished dead-drift, like mayflies, and I prefer to cast upstream. But anyone who has seen live hoppers knows they kick like mad as they swim for shore, and hopper flies should also be worked across the surface of still pools in fits and starts.

Derek Castro of Ft. Wayne, Ind., a skilled fly fisherman and tier, likes to fish from the bank when possible.

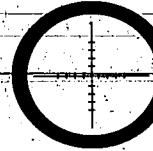
"It works best from the upwind side, but if I see a patch of open grass along the river I'll walk through and chase some naturals onto the water," Castro said.

"Then I watch them drift downstream and see if any trout take them. It's a lot more fun casting to a place where I know a trout is hiding, and it will kick your catch rate up a lot. But you have to walk the bank quietly. If you go thumping along like you're hiking, you'll put most of the trout down the river."

Unlike mayflies, grasshoppers hit the surface like a meteorite, and many anglers say fine casting isn't needed because trout are used to seeing them arrive with a splat. But my experience is that most trout are just as spooked by a splashy hopper as they are by a badly cast mayfly pattern.

However, on days when the water is ruffled by wind, it sometimes helps to land the fly hard on the surface — but 2 or 3 feet upstream from a rising trout or a likely lie. Dropping it right on the trout's head has about the same effect as throwing a rock at the fish.

Another effective technique is to "dap" the fly, dangling it straight down off the rod tip on a short line to dance on the water in the middle of a logjam or some other fish-holding structure. This works best for the angler fishing up at or from the bank, because it's easier to approach a fish without disturbing it.



On target

It's simple to make sure your scattergun shoots true

By David Hocklander
Times-News Correspondent

GOODING — Dove season is in full swing, but some hunters are swinging — and missing — with their scatterguns.

Doves are notoriously hard to hit, but operator error isn't the only reason for poking holes in thin air. Hunters who consistently miss the mark should ensure that equipment failure isn't the culprit.

A common problem is that the shotgun's point-of-aim and point-of-impact are different. In other words, the shot pattern is not striking where the sight picture says it should. If that's the case, you can improve your shooting by being aware of the problem.

When a rifle hunter misses several good shots, it isn't long before the gun is on the sand bags at the range for a proper sighting-in session. It goes without saying that a rifle must be properly sighted-in or shooting will be an act of futility. On the other hand, many shotgun wallops are caused by dove hunters, or ducks without a thought of checking the point-of-aim.

Just like a rifle, you can't shoot well with a shotgun if you don't know where the pellets are hitting.

Many shotgun owners aren't concerned about point-of-aim because they assume their quarry will be covered by a 30-inch pattern. That may be true, but the best chance of hitting a target — be it clay or feathered — occurs when the target is in the middle of the pattern.

For example, if the shotgun is shooting low, most of the shot is passing beneath the target — and you are hunting with a fraction of the shot

pattern. Compounding the problem is the fact that most shots are taken at rising targets.

Checking a shotgun's point-of-aim is so easy there's no excuse for not doing it. The traditional procedure is to mount a large piece of plain paper, at least a yard square, on a smooth surface. Make a four-inch spot in the middle of the paper, then set it about 30 yards away. Take ten shots from a standing position, as you would in the field.

Ten shots saturate the target with pellets, making it easy to find the densest concentration of shot.

Note the location of the density center in relation to the point-of-aim. Some hunters prefer the density center to be a little high, with about 60 percent of the pattern above the point of aim — to accommodate for rising targets. A 50-50 pattern is often preferred for clay bird shooting because not all targets taken on the rise.

A low pattern, such as a 40-60, is going to cause frequent misses if the shooter fails to compensate by aiming high.

Another method of checking point-of-aim comes from Fredi Kodl, editor of Shotgun Sports. Kodl suggests taking 5 shots at 15 yards.

This creates a tighter pattern, which is easier to evaluate. This method is not only faster and easier, but it also does away with the need for the large sheets of paper.

Once you know where your pellets are going, steps can be taken to correct the problem. The problem may be with the gun — such as a bent barrel, an improperly aligned choke tube, or a faulty rib.

— Also check the stock, because a bad one can prevent the gun from fitting properly against the shooter's shoulder. Factory guns come with



Writer David Hocklander displays a target that evaluated his shotgun's point-of-aim; 75 percent of the shot pattern struck above point-of-aim. This pattern works well for trap shooting, but may not be effective on descending targets like doves dropping into a grain field.

generic stocks and it's only logical that there is no such thing as a one-size-fits-all. The only solution is to take the gun to a competent stock maker for fitting and modifications.

The problem may also be one of human error in technique or sight picture. Even the amount of clothing can affect how well a gun fits the shooter's shoulder. Here the solution is contacting a knowledgeable shooter for advice. Fortunately,

most shooters are more than willing to help; ask around at the local trap club.

Even a shotgun that shoots high or low will occasionally bring down a target when the hunter compensates unknowingly. If you haven't been able to home your shotgun skills lately, or if you've got a new shotgun, it would be worth the time to check its point-of-aim before heading to the field.

Smith Rock survives rocky sport climbing revolution

The Associated Press

TUMALO, Ore. — The revolution is over. The late 1980's boom in sport climbing — and the ensuing controversies in the tribal rock climbing community — are essentially finished.

The gold and amber volcanic columns at Smith Rock, just northeast of Redmond, are still standing and still speckled with climbers like flies on honey-coated stones. Though some of the methods and personalities have changed, Smith Rock remains world-renowned for sport climbing.

"Smith Rock State Park will forever be known as America's first sport climbing area," said Park Ranger Doug Crispin.

"We kind of lost our 'top of the heap' status in the early '90s," Crispin said. "Now, every summer there's a new sport place that opens up, but we've maintained that grandfather image. It's climbed in a friendly, people feel comfortable here."

Sport climbing is a far cry from the traditional roots of alpinism, in which climbers roped up at the foot of a mountain and forged their way — sometimes at great risk — to the top.

Instead of wedging nuts or expanding cams into cracks to anchor their ropes as they ascend, sport climbers rappel down from the top, power-drilling holes for expansion bolts every few feet. At the same time, they can practice moves on a certain part of the climb that might be difficult while going up — protected all the while with a "top-rope" from above.

Some climbers never progress beyond top-rope.

Others do. Such climbers begin on the ground, with the rope at their feet. As they climb, they connect the rope to bolts on the rock with metal snap-links called carabiners. As climbers move upward, the rope runs free through the carabiner; when they fall, the belayer holds fast and the falling climber is halted.

This is traditional climbing, wherein the first person on the rock — the leader — must confront the fear of falling. When climbing in cracks, nuts can take a long time to set and there aren't always suitable cracks. The upshot can be long, runy, rope-potential falls of 50 feet or more. The convenience of bolted routes allows climbers to at-



Joe Scharpf of Stuttgart, Germany, makes his way up Chain Reaction on The Dihedrals at Smith Rock State Park in central Oregon.

tempt daring moves, but with less risk and less experience required.

To some purists, the so-called shortcut of sport climbing takes the satisfaction as well as the adventure out of the sport.

When the sport climbing boom began many regulars feared that Smith Rock would be taken over by social climbers wooed by slick advertisements, movies and music videos that played up the sex appeal of the sport.

"There's no doubt about it," Crispin said. "The bolts led directly to it being available to the mainstream public. People can just grab a small amount of gear and get it done."

Smith Rock is populated by beginners and intermediates, as well as veterans who want a quick, hassle-free climb.

Wolf plan inadequate, Audubon Society says

The Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — The National Audubon Society on Tuesday condemned a federal plan to reintroduce wolves to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho, saying it is biologically unsound and violates federal law.

The comments came from Brian Peck, Endangered Species Coordinator for the group's office in Boulder, just one day after the American Farm Bureau said it might file a lawsuit because protections for wolves are so vague there could be problems created for ranchers in their enforcement.

"The Audubon Society's comments made the same criticism but members were worried about the opposite effect."

"Generally, the rules, if adopted, will provide for inadequate protection, allow for too many situations in which wolves can be harassed or killed ..."

— Audubon Society

The Audubon Society said the proposal to bring wolves back into the Yellowstone and Idaho areas as "experimental, nonessential" actually would violate federal law since such a designation isn't allowed in areas, like Idaho, where they already have been reported.

The group also said landowners would be allowed to kill wolves too easily. Plans to release the wolves into the areas essentially are "the biological equivalent of being kicked out of pickup as soon as they arrive at the release site."

The Audubon Society also said the rules would allow grazing permit holders to harass adult wolves near livestock, for up to 15 minutes.

"One can envision some fairly interesting classes of exactly 15 minutes during a mile from any grazing animals," the group said.

The federal government "is under the mistaken impression that simply reintroducing wolves, even with completely inadequate protection, will still somehow magically result in recovered populations," the statement said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is proposing the plan, is taking public comments on the proposal until Oct. 17, officials said.

Public meetings are planned this fall to allow interested people and organizations to comment on a draft of the plan. Copies of the federal environmental impact statement are available for public review in most libraries in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. Copies can also be obtained by writing to Ed Bangs, Gray Wolf EIS Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 8017, Helena, MT 59601.

Availability of draft copies of the Idaho Wolf Management Plan will be announced once it is completed.

Federal officials maintain the "non-essential, experimental" designation will allow more flexibility for managing the wolves than other options. Unless this designation, wolves could be harassed or killed by ranchers if they were preying on livestock. Land-use restrictions would be

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Taking the plunge



Brandon Knox plunges into the Youngs River next to Youngs River Falls Monday, near Astoria, Ore. Knox and his friends were celebrating the last day of summer break.

Texas photographer focuses book on coyotes

Dallas Morning News

BENJAMIN, Texas — Most rural Texans have a love-hate relationship with coyotes. They love to hear the yipping yodel of song dogs as the sun sets across the brush, but they can't get free of the notion those pesky coyotes are up to no good.

Wyman Meinzer, the Benjamin, Texas, wildlife photographer and writer, is putting the finishing touches on a book that will bring coyotes into focus as no other work has done.

Meinzer has been dogging the trail of wild canines through the Texas badlands for 20 years, first as a college researcher, then as a commercial trapper and hunter and, finally, as a photographer and book researcher.

When his latest effort hits the market about this time next year, Meinzer will have staked his reputation as the coyote and roadrunner man. Meinzer's first book, "The Roadrunner," is the best-selling book published by Texas Tech Press.

Coyotes are not the cartoon characters portrayed by Wile E. Coyote, the "beep, beep" Roadrunner's foil. On the other hand, Meinzer never has seen evidence of a coyote eating a roadrunner, so, perhaps, the myth is intact.

"A coyote would eat a roadrunner if he could catch one," says Meinzer. "I'm sure they catch a few roadrunners, but I've never documented it. What makes the coyote such a survivor is the ability to eat anything, including other coyotes."

Meinzer has documented coyotes eating most edible plants and animals, from domestic beef to insects to cactusapples. In fact, the coyotes that live near his North Texas home eat more plants than meat.

One of the less glamorous aspects of wildlife photography is the time Meinzer has spent in blinds downwind of decaying birds.

"I've shot thousands of coyote photos in the past 20 years, but most of the photos that show interaction between the animals were shot this past winter," Meinzer said. "Putting out baits to attract coyotes to a photo blind is by far the most effective way to photograph them."

The photographer put out a call to rancher friends for livestock carcasses. When a horse or cow died, he used a front-end loader to load the carcass — often ripe by the time he acquired it — into the bed of his truck.

"I sure got some funny looks from passing cars when I'd drive down the highway with a dead cow or horse in the back of my truck, the front wheels almost off the ground because of the heavy load," Meinzer said.

The baiting technique allowed him to record a variety of social interactions between dominant and subordinate coyotes. He also photographed a dramatic fight sequence between two dominant males and secured one of the most dramatic coyote portraits he has ever made, a dominant male looking like Stephen King's worst nightmare.

Coyotes have been revered in legend by American Plains Indians — and likewise hated by ranchers who resented anything that threatened their livestock.

In 1915, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declared all-out war on coyotes to date, the agency has killed about 20 million of the animals. Rather than push the cunning omnivores to extinction, Meinzer believes the concerted effort to eradicate coyotes has resulted in the evolution of a super coyote that's much harder to control.

"It's like a coyote has the ability to reason things out," he said. "You can set a trap for a coyote, and he'll go all around it. You'd swear that the coyote knows exactly how a trap works, and he knows to avoid the trigger."

One of the most interesting things Meinzer has seen a coyote do was attack a pair of pet dogs on a large ranch near Benjamin. Any time the dogs strayed into the large male's territory, the coyote attacked the dogs and drove them away.

"I took the dogs out and got pictures of the whole thing," said Meinzer. "Whenever the dogs would cross an unseen boundary into the coyote's territory, you would hear a wild scream, almost like a human sound, and the coyote would suddenly appear."

"It's like this coyote knew that I was not a threat to him. He ignored me, walking around me within five or six yards to get to the dogs."

Meinzer believes the bizarre exhibition was a territorial display to impress the interlopers. The dogs bore enough similarity to coyotes that the dominant male felt the need to reinforce his dominance.

The book project has brought together more than 20 years of keen practical observation and scientific knowledge. It has forced Meinzer to consider and weigh everything about coyotes he's read, heard or witnessed.

"I believe the Indians were right," he said. "The coyotes are really special animals."

— Wyman Meinzer, wildlife photographer, writer

Forest Service requests pack station comment

The Times-News

KETCHUM — The Forest Service is requesting public comment on a proposal by Sawtooth Wilderness Outfitters to build a pack station for their outfitting and guiding business at Grandjean on the South Fork of the Payette River.

Sawtooth Wilderness Outfitters provides hunting and fishing services, day-rides and horse-pack trips on the west side of the Sawtooth Wilderness. Outfitter operations are currently based at the Grandjean Lodge's barn and corral.

The proposed pack station would cover approximately 4.5 acres and consist of a barn, corral, storage, employee housing, kitchen and parking area. The pack station would be located approximately one-half mile upstream from the Sawtooth Lodge.

The new facilities would be designed to provide easy access to both the lodge and outfitter services. Additional parking away from the lodge would help ease traffic congestion at the lodge and reduce noise.

The Sawtooth National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan directs the Forest Service to base outfitter operations on private property when possible. There is no private land in the area.

Issues already identified include impacts on existing recreation opportunities and effects on Grandjean Lodge.

Public thoughts, suggestions and concerns are appreciated. Please contact Ed Cannady at (208)774-3576.

Written comments can be sent to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Star Route, Ketchum, ID 83340. Comments should be specific to the proposed project and should be received before Sept. 26, 1994.

Law changes skin, hide rules

The Times-News

BOISE — People who buy or sell wildlife hides or furs should be aware that new laws enacted by the 1993 Legislature are now in effect.

The law requires anyone who buys the raw skins, or parts of black bears or cougars, or the raw hides, skins or pelts of any of the fur bearers of Idaho to obtain a fur buyer's license.

People who hold valid taxidermist's licenses are not required to buy an additional fur buyer's license. Fur buyers' licenses can be purchased at Fish and Game regional offices.

"Additionally," said Ray Lyon, assistant chief of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Bureau of

Enforcement, "there is a change in the regulations pertaining to picking up and possessing the horns or skulls of bighorn sheep that have died of natural causes."

These items can now be picked up, provided they were not illegally killed. They must be taken to a Fish and Game regional office to be marked within 30 days of pickup. After that, they can be possessed — but cannot be sold, given or transferred to any other person without a permit from Fish and Game.

Lyon notes that the licenses of legally-caught bighorn sheep can still be sold once they're marked by Fish and Game officials.

Anyone with questions should write the Bureau of Enforcement, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707, or call (208) 334-3736.

Public may salvage Wood River

The Times-News

JEROME — The public can continue to salvage fish in the Big Wood River below Magic Reservoir during the Richfield Canal Diversion, and in Little Camas Reservoir until Oct. 31.

Previous salvage orders on these waters, and Mormon and Fish Creek reservoirs, and the Big Wood River from Bellevue to Glendale expired on Aug. 31. Fish that are still alive in these additional waters should be able to survive the rest of the summer, so limits and standard measure have been reinstated.

Recent irrigation flows from Magic Reservoir will bring more fish into the Big Wood River below Magic Reservoir, causing crowding which may exceed oxygen levels — and kill fish when the water is shut off. For these reasons, salvage orders have been extended.

Fish in waters open to salvage may be taken by snagging, spearing, archery, dipnet, seines or other legal means. Possession and size limits are removed, but a valid fishing license is required to salvage fish.

Canoe trip, barbecue set for Sept. 17, 18

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Anyone hankering for an inexpensive canoe trip down the Snake River to mark their calendars for Sept. 17 and 18.

For \$10, participants will be provided with a canoe to paddle, a barbecue dinner Saturday night and a continental breakfast on Sunday.

The weekend trip will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at Palisades Dam, one hour's drive east of Idaho Falls. The trip will end near Poplar, 43 miles downstream.

Participants must provide their own clothes, camping equipment, lunches and beverages. Call 736-8714 to reserve a spot and a boat (if needed).

Though it doesn't contain any major rapids, the Palisades-to-Poplar stretch does have several Class II rapids and modest boat handling skills are required.

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Sawtooth Valley Fire seeks permission for new station

The Times-News

STANLEY — The Sawtooth Valley Rural Fire Department is seeking permission to build a new fire station on public land in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Currently, the department has facilities in the city of Stanley. In recent years, the number of homes and businesses has increased in the southern part of the fire district from Fourth-of-July Creek north to Stanley. Response time for fire equipment from Stanley can be as long as 30 minutes. A fire station located on the district's south end would cut the response time substantially.

The Rural Fire Department is seeking a small parcel of land to construct a building for up to three firetrucks and related firefighting facilities. A primary concern for the location is that it be close to the highway to minimize snowplowing during the winter.

The Forest Service must examine the proposal to decide if a special use permit is justified.

"We have prepared a short discussion paper that describes the proposal, the decisions to be made and a description of five alternatives that have been identified to date," said Dave Kimpton, assistant area manager for the SNRA.

Kimpton says that the analysis will focus on issues identified by the public. "This is why it is important for people that have concerns or suggestions about this proposal to get involved right away," he said.

A copy of the briefing paper is available by calling or visiting the Stanley office of the Sawtooth National Forest at (208) 774-3681. Written comments are requested.

Comments should be submitted no later than Sept. 30, 1994. Comments need to be submitted to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Stanley Ranger Station, Attention Ray Neiwert, Team Leader, HC 64 Box 9900, Stanley, ID, 83278.

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— Jules Verne,
"A Journey to the
Centre of the Earth,"
1864



Bill Stone, left, Matt Oliphant, center, and Bill Farr walk in an underground tunnel in Sistema Huautla, Mexico last spring. The crew eventually got down to 4,839 feet, the deepest humans have gone in a cave in the Western Hemisphere, the fifth deepest in the world.

The lure of the underground

Cave explorers rappel down shafts, swim through caverns in this frontier

WASHINGTON (AP) — One hundred thirty years later, words still fail the explorers who venture into the Earth.

"The whole thing is pure exploration," said Bill Stone. "If you haven't been there, you can't understand it."

For 44 days this spring, Stone and his teammates were underground in a natural abyss in southern Mexico, descending three-quarters of a mile vertically under the surface, then swimming through a half-mile long underwater tunnel to an air-filled cavern beyond.

They eventually got down to 4,839 feet — just short of a mile — the deepest humans have gone in a cave in the Western Hemisphere, the fifth deepest in the world. One member of the expedition died in the attempt.

Why did they do it? Because, as the cliché goes, it is there.

"It's unknown territory down there," Stone said. "It's basically the last bastion on this planet of truly manned geographical exploration."

Not spelunkers. Not even cavers. Explorers.

"I think of myself as a modern age

explorer, that's what this is all about," Stone said. "It happens to be the frontier right now."

This particular frontier, Sistema Huautla, is a 35-mile-long complex of interconnected deep limestone caverns in the Mexican state of Oaxaca. Previous attempts at exploration of the cave were stopped by a passage flooded to the ceiling with water. No scuba diving equipment was adequate.

When he's not rappelling down a shaft or swimming through nearly opaque water underground, Stone, 41, is a research structural engineer at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md., a place where inventors can stretch their minds at government expense.

With eight colleagues, he designed a life-support system that allows a swimmer to remain underwater for 6-8 hours — twice that, when two units are joined.

Their goal was a "sump" at the deepest known point in the Mexican cave where the water completely filled the sloping tunnel. The explorers were to don their backpacks and swim into the watery obstacle, seeking a way on to presumed air-filled passages on the other side.

"You cannot get to where we got this year with traditional scuba diving apparatus," he said. "It's just too inefficient, blowing away all that gas every

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— Bill Stone, cave explorer

time you breathe underwater."

His device is based on the space suit principle, but it's more complicated because built-in computers adjust a helium-oxygen mixture for the diver, while astronauts set and forget their pure oxygen flow. Exhaled gas is recirculated to remove carbon dioxide by a special process.

"Otherwise, you'd be wasting precious molecules," Stone said. "Every pound carried to that dive site is paid for in sweat and blood."

Cave explorers carry in their heavy equipment and supplies and bring most of it out. Their ethic is not to litter.

"Ten thousand feet of rope, over 100 shafts you have to go up and down every time you carry something to the dive site," Stone said of the Mexican cave. "You are also carrying your body weight in addition to whatever your cargo is."

Stone weighed 210 pounds when he left home on Jan. 15 and 189 when the expedition ended in June. The weight-saving effort extends to food, too. The

coversalls as they hauled 50-pound loads of gear across giant rockfalls in monstrous chambers with ceilings too high to be seen, across slippery surfaces scrubbed clean by millions of years of scouring water.

The first members of the team to make test dives into the deep sump were Noel Sloan, 40, of Indianapolis, and Steve Porter, 41, of McKinney, Texas, and Ian Rolland, 30, of St. Andrews, Scotland. They laid 800 feet of guideline at depths up to 80 feet underwater to find their way back out. Four days later Rolland and Kenny Broad, 28, of Miami, began diving in earnest.

They poked into numerous deadends before Broad succeeded in finding a way through the sump — a final distance of 1,400 feet, underwater where visibility often was less than 5 feet. On a follow-up trip, Rolland was continuing in an air-filled chamber beyond the sump, when he apparently had a hypoglycemic blackout caused by diabetes. He had the treatment in his pocket, two candy bars.

"The insidious thing about hypoglycemia is that it impairs your judgment first," said Stone, who labored for six days with others to bring the body out. "Had he eaten those two candy bars, he would still be here," Stone and Barbara am Ende, 34, a

student at the University of North Carolina, made the final dives that got them through yet another sump and on into huge air-filled tunnels. They found more than a mile of tunnels — sometimes more than 150 feet wide — and six more sumps that they were able to bypass. But they finally were stopped by another massive underwater tunnel, named Sump 9, that they couldn't get around.

Alone, and far from any help, they decided they had explored far enough. Whatever lies beyond Sump 9 will have to await future expeditions.

Where they stopped, Stone said, is considered the most remote point yet reached by humans inside the Earth, 4,839 feet deep, miles from where they entered the cave. The entrance is in deep forest growth in a large, sheer-walled sinkhole and is reached by sliding 250 feet down a skinny nylon rope.

The mission confronting Stone's team was to chart the unknown passages from the bottom of the cave system to springs that emanate into the tropical jungle in the Rio Santo Domingo canyon.

"From the highest known point (in the cave system) to the level of the springs you could stick 3 1/2 World Trade Centers with radio masts on top of each other — and it wouldn't make it all the way down," said Stone.

Tree climber claws his way to the top

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — Jim Harris is climbing his way to the top — literally.

Armed with a rope and years of practice, the 27-year-old Grants Pass tree surgeon recently garnered first place at a tree-climbing "jamboree" in Seattle. Now he's headed to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to compete against 26 fellow tree-climbing champions from around the world.

Wearing a red T-shirt that read "Think Trees," the thin, wiry champion called his award and upcoming competition "the ultimate honor."

Designed to showcase the talents of the world's top tree-care professionals, the jamboree is an annual event sponsored by the International Society of Arboriculture. Based in Illinois, the society is a scientific and educational organization devoted to teaching people about tree care and preservation.

With more than 6,000 members worldwide, the group is divided into regional chapters. Harris, who works for Arbor West of Eagle Point, competed against 15 others in the Pacific Northwest jamboree.

He is living proof that monkeys don't have anything over man.

Strapping on a tree-climbing "saddle," Harris eyed a large oak, searching for the best spot to anchor his

rope. Swinging a yellow "throw line" over one of the tree's branches, Harris tied his blue climbing rope to the line. Grabbing the rope with his hands and wrapping his feet around it in a "foot lock," he lurched up about 30 feet.

"There's not many people who get into this field because it's extremely hard work," he said after returning to solid ground. "You have to sweat."

To demonstrate another climbing technique, Harris reset his rope. Then sitting back in the saddle, he gripped the rope, placed his feet against the trunk and thrust his body upwards.

Each of the timed jamboree events show off techniques arborists use on the job. Other events involved "rescuing" an injured tree worker.

For Harris, technique is more important than speed. Others who tend trees often use spurs to climb, he said. The holes left behind weaken trees and make them vulnerable to disease, he said.

"With spurs, you can climb everywhere," he said, wiping the sweat off his brow. "But you destroy the tree. We just can't have that."

J. Blake Thomas, a certified arborist in Portland and co-chairman of the Seattle jamboree, said the International Society of Arboriculture promotes the

latest in tree care by educating people of the dangers of spurs or tree topping.

A past-three-time regional champion himself, Thomas said Harris could win the first international title for the Pacific Northwest.

"We've been right up there but never won," he said. "So Jim's our hope now."

Harris's career got off the ground when he was a teen growing up in California. He started at the bottom — by dragging away branches cut by his tree surgeon boss.

"Then he (his boss) said, 'You can make a lot more money if you climb the trees,'" Harris recalled.

It wasn't until 1937 that he acquired his award-winning technique, when he entered his first jamboree. Trying out a "foot lock" for the first time, Harris said he "got an instant smile on my face." Since then, he's won titles at several California jamborees.

But even as Harris talked excitedly about his competition in Nova Scotia, he returned to his constant theme — tree preservation.

"Trees are worth so much," he said. "A stump's not worth anything."

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Wildlife crime lab needs more room for evidence

An Oregon warehouse overflows with more than 300,000 products.

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP) — The evidence is piling up against poaching and trafficking in endangered species — so much that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Forensics Laboratory has to start storing it somewhere else.

Since it opened five years ago, the lab has gathered more than 300,000 animal products that served as evidence in criminal cases. The evidence ranges from a polar bear rug to a pair of sneakers covered with the skin of a python.

Next month, the contents of the lab's 6,000-square-foot warehouse will be shipped to Denver for storage.

"I don't think we had the sense that the lab would be this successful," said director Ken Goddard, who recalls thinking the warehouse would be more than adequate when he helped design the lab.

Faster than anyone envisioned, the lab's staff of 33 has developed a host of new techniques for prosecuting wildlife crimes.

"They can do some things now that when I started in the wildlife field we just dreamed about," said Dave McMullen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assistant regional director for law enforcement in Portland.

As the only wildlife forensics lab in the world, the facility is seeing its caseload doubling every year, Goddard said. But its \$2 million budget isn't keeping up.

While the personnel side of the ledger goes up each year, the operations side is going down. Last year there was \$425,000 for travel, equipment and supplies. This year there is \$5,000, Goddard said.

The overall budget faces a 10 percent reduction as part of efforts to control federal spending, McMullen said.

Goddard said the lab has already worked on 3,000 cases and has 100 others pending.

Federal crimes remain the lab's top priority, but almost 50 percent of the work is on state cases and 5 percent on international cases. The demand from foreign countries will



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Ore., contains grisly evidence of illegal international wildlife trade in this 1993 photo. The lab has been called the Scotland Yard of the animal kingdom, as it is the only full-service wildlife crime lab in the world.

be going up as the 122 countries belonging to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species start calling for help, Goddard added.

The lab has developed a number

of new techniques that let wildlife officers positively identify what species is represented by something like a piece of ivory, meat or a hide.

Ivory from elephants, which are protected by a world treaty, can't be

brought into this country. But ivory from the extinct mastodon can be. Now traders can't sell elephant ivory by claiming it came from a mastodon.

DNA tests developed by the lab

can positively link a pile of guts left in a field with a trophy deer head on a wall or a venison steak in a freezer, allowing game officers to prove the deer was shot in an area closed to hunting.

"Every time the lab develops a technique that allows better identification of another critter, we can close another door," said McMullen. "A lot of crimes are not 'who-did-it.' You know who did it."

Fish-sitter watches chinook grow at his feet

CENTRAL POINT, Ore. (AP) — Bill Matejka sat on the gangplank along the edge of the special net pen, with 32,000 infant spring chinook salmon swimming at his feet.

If they could talk, the little fish should have called him "granda."

By holding the experimental smolts in the pen just downstream of TouVelle State Park, anglers and biologists hope the chinook return as adults three weeks or four years later. When the chinook aim for a spot in the river instead of inside the hatchery, they are more likely to be caught by the anglers for whom they were raised.

But future success depends on the three weeks of feeding, protecting and nurturing at the net pen hidden in a locked area, courtesy of the Rogue River Ranch, which sponsors the \$5,000 annual project and mans the pen.

"Bill's down there every day," Gros said. "Bill's the perfect guy to head this up," said Gena Gros, owner of Highway Products and a volunteer working with the Rogue River Guides Association, which sponsors the \$5,000 annual project and mans the pen.

"It's fun to watch these little devils growing up," Gros said. "Hundreds of river guides and anglers hope Matejka's little devils grow up to be big spring chinook that are easier to catch than their Rogue River hatchery cousins of old."

Chinook are genetically programmed by nature to return as adults

to the waters in which they were raised. In the case of those raised explicitly for anglers at the Rogue's Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery, that means sprinting upriver past fishermen right into hatchery ponds, where they are off-limits to anglers.

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said. "He doesn't trust anybody with his babies."

Beginning last summer, the guides association paid for 32,000 spring chinook — which weigh about an ounce apiece by mid-July — to be trucked from just cement pen to the Rogue River Ranch. They are kept in a 20-by-20-foot pen sunk into the river.

A net box hangs in the water, where the fish swim in circles for three weeks before they're released.

Without someone like Bill Matejka, the fish could die. Matejka has headed a group of about a half-dozen volunteers who, for three weeks, have taken care of the infant fishes — which includes about 40 feedings and at least one pen cleaning a day.

"I'm just a guy who gets to worrying about things," Matejka said. "I'll be sitting at home, and I get to thinking, 'Is everything OK?' So I waddle up here and check things over."

Since most of the operation is now automated, Matejka usually sits along the net pen's gangplank, watching the fish swim around and around and around.

"This is the easy part," Matejka said. "It's putting the damn pen together and

taking it apart that's the hard work."

The net pen sides were pulled up on Wednesday and the fish were released to join several thousand other hatchery smolts now migrating to the ocean.

Roughly 1 to 5 percent of these fish will survive to adulthood and return to the Rogue as adults in 1997 and '98. They will range in size from 12 to 25 pounds.

Since these fish will home in on the side channel instead of the hatchery, they're most likely to move much slower through the upper Rogue than their hatchery cousins, and therefore more likely to be caught by anglers.

At least, that's everyone's hope. "We're not really sure if it's going to work," said Jerry Vogt, an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist overseeing the project.

"That's why we're doing this as an experiment — to see if it will make a difference in how fast they move upriver and if there's a difference in return to fishermen," Vogt said.

Matejka hopes the experiment works, for anglers' sakes as well as the fish.

"I'd like to see it work, but I'm up to the age that I may not see them come back," Matejka said.

Biscayne defects worry fish experts

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Midnight on Biscayne Bay. The trawler Pundi Ann drags its twin mesh nets slowly along the shallow bay bottom. The crew of University of Miami researchers is stirring up the calm, shallow waters trying to solve a disturbing decades-old mystery.

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The nets yield a tangle of brown seaweed and a normal-looking, wriggling 3-inch pinfish. But Dr. Nancy Gassman's gloved hand points out striking oddities in the fish: a patch of scales running in different directions and a saddle-like indentation in its back where two dorsal fins should be.

"I'm sure we'll find plenty of others like this tonight," says Gassman, a marine biologist at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

"Pollution is our main suspect," Gassman said. "But we can't identify a pollutant. It could be a combination of agents." Gassman's team has found higher numbers of abnormal fish in the urban, industrialized areas of the bay — near the mouths of rivers, canals and marinas. But there's no scientific proof that humans or the pollution they generate are responsible for the deformities.

It's also unclear whether the deformed fish are safe to eat. "We really don't have an answer to that," said Susan Markley, chief of the natural resources division of Dade County's Department of Environmental Resources Management.

The Miami researchers are not looking

at food safety; they're concerned with pollutants, such as boat fuel and storm-water runoff, and how they affect fish at various stages of development.

Markley advises fishermen to fish in open areas of the bay and avoid the urban sections where the water is more polluted.

The researchers have found that sites with high levels of hydrocarbons — the byproducts of oil and gas — have higher numbers of abnormal fish. The bay bottom with high levels of copper in the mud produced blue-striped grunts with deformities. But Gassman said further in-depth laboratory studies would be required to determine if those toxins are disfiguring the fish.

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Utah seeks nonstop air route to London

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah aviation officials hope Delta will fly Continental's Denver-to-London route and make it a Salt Lake-to-London route.

Phoenix also wants the route and Continental isn't sure it wants to move or sell the route.

On Oct. 30, Continental is cutting its 17 daily departures from Denver to 23, including reducing its four flights across the Atlantic to just one per week.

The airline also is eliminating its three daily Salt Lake-to-Denver flights and its only presence in Utah will be its regional representatives center.

Phoenix officials are proposing Continental shift the route to Sky Harbor. "At the present time, the one (Denver-London) flight per week as of Oct. 30 is a viable schedule," said Continental spokesman Ted Brady in Los Angeles.

However, he said Continental is discussing the Phoenix proposal with city officials there, and the airline is open to conversations with other cities as well.

Agency OKs arrangement between Continental, Alitalia

WASHINGTON — The Transportation Department has set the stage for expanded airline service to Italy, tentatively approving a cooperative arrangement between Continental Airlines and Alitalia.

The department Tuesday said the two carriers would be able to advertise service between Newark, N.J., and Rome, with Continental operating all the flights.

Also, the carriers plan to add flights between Newark and Milan and provide the first non-stop service between Houston and Rome by early next year. The Rome-Houston flights would continue to Mexico City.

The arrangement also would benefit Continental passengers on other domestic flights who could make connections at Newark and Houston for overseas travel.

AT&T to set up service for refugees at Guantanamo Bay

WASHINGTON — AT&T is expanding its telecommunications system at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, so that some 30,000 Cubans and Haitians there may make collect calls to the United States.

Up to 500 additional phone lines will be installed at the base, with initial service to begin in less than two weeks, the company said.

Under the plan, a 10-minute phone conversation would cost \$15.45 plus state tax, said AT&T Corp. spokesman Herb Linen. Each call is based on a rate that includes a \$2.75 collect call surcharge.

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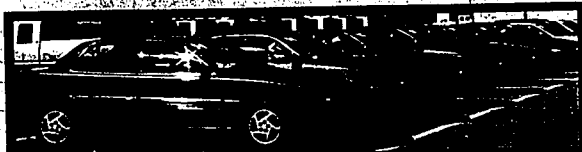
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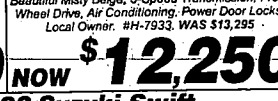
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