

Good morning

Today's forecast:

Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers and light south winds. Highs 60 to 65 degrees. Lows 35 to 45.

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Gifts cost Espy top farm post

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy resigned Monday, saying an investigation into gifts he accepted from people and companies that do business with his department was too distracting for him to remain.

He predicted he would be exonerated.

"I owe it to the president to allow his agenda to go through with a minimum of distraction," Espy said in announcing he would leave the Cabinet effective Dec. 31.

President Clinton readily accepted the resignation from one of his most ardent and loyal supporters. But a separate investigation by the White House turned up more damaging information that Espy's girlfriend, Patricia Dempsey, had accepted a \$1,200 scholarship from a foundation run by Arkansas-based Tyson Foods Inc.

The Arkansas company has long-time ties to President Clinton. Although Secretary Espy has said he has done nothing wrong, I am troubled by the appearance of some of these incidents and believe his decision to leave is appropriate," Clinton said.

Clinton said he had asked White House counsel Abner Mikva to conduct a review of the case. An investigation by court-appointed Independent Counsel Donald C. Smaltz will also continue.

Smaltz, a Los Angeles lawyer, is investigating a range of conduct by Espy, including whether he violated rules governing contacts with Tyson and other companies that do business with the Agriculture Department.



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U.S. troops clean out Haiti militia citadel

Knight-Ridder News Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A dark symbol of Haiti's paramilitary brutality fell on Monday as U.S. forces and the wrath of a defiant crowd Monday when American soldiers raided the headquarters of FRAPH, scene of four killings last week.

What the soldiers did not carry away, the crowd smashed to pieces.

U.S. soldiers disarmed and handcuffed a truckload of Haitian police who raced past a checkpoint toward the FRAPH office. Hundreds of spectators cheered as the Americans held the police under guard.

staged three other surprise assaults in Port-au-Prince Monday, seizing weapons and pressing the point that organized violence will be targeted by U.S. occupation forces.

"I would hope the other side would realize what they're up against," said Lt. Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton, commander of the U.S. operation. "We don't intend to stop."

Shelton said the 20,000 U.S. soldiers in Haiti are in a state of "increased readiness," wary of potential retaliation for the weapons raids and the arrest of several of Haiti's best-known paramilitary men.

Four of the so-called ninjas, including a bodyguard close to Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras, are in detention on weapons charges. Depending on citizenship, they will be held for U.S. prosecutors or the Aristide government.



AP photo

Jubilant Haitians reach out to American soldiers, above, after they raided the headquarters of a notorious paramilitary political organization in Port-au-Prince Monday. A Haitian, right, identified as a gunman who fired on pro-Aristide marchers last Friday is among civilian militiamen held by U.S. soldiers after the raid.



'We don't intend to stop.'

— Lt. Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton, U.S. operation commander

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MIKE SALLABURY/The Times-News

Gaelene Mueller, from left, Shirley Pruitt and Cathy Muus leave for Washington, D.C., this morning to pick up Morningside Elementary School's Blue Ribbon Award for excellence.

Morningside school strikes blue

By Sieve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Education Secretary Richard Riley has a blue ribbon for Morningside Elementary School. Question is, who'll pick it up?

"We thought about it, and we decided the best way to do it was to hold a drawing," Principal Dennis Sonius said Monday. "But we had a separate category for people who'd never been east of the Mississippi."

That describes teacher's aide Gaelene Mueller, who will join sixth-grade teacher Shirley Pruitt and special-ed instructor Cathy Muus in Washington, D.C., Thursday when the federal Education Department honors Morningside and 205 other elementary schools nationwide with its Blue Ribbon School Award for excellence.

That's 206 schools out of more than 71,000 public and private grade schools in America.

"This is my 21st year at this school," Pruitt said. "We're excited to be recognized for what we're doing."

Pruitt, Muus and Mueller will leave for Washington this morning, courtesy

of the Morningside Parent-Teacher Organization, which raised \$1,342; the Twin Falls School District Foundation, which kicked in \$750; the Twin Falls Rotary Club, which offered \$250; and the school district, which added \$500. Private donors chipped in another \$250.

A wet day does not a water year make

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The 1995 water year got off to a good start with Monday's rain and snow — in soggy contrast with the 1994 water year, which ended more than 26 percent drier than average, according to the National Weather Service.

"We had pretty good spring rains, but what really hurt was the lack of snowfall in the mountains," said Bill Galkin, of the NWS in Kimberly. "It was very dry this year and we used a lot of water out of our reservoirs, so this year is a 'must' year for snowfall."

The upper Snake River's reservoir system was only 15 percent full when the 1994 water year ended on Friday, according to the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley. The largest reservoirs in the system, American Falls and Palisades, were 99 percent and 96 percent empty on Friday.

Monday's drippy start to the 1995 water year — which began Oct. 1 — will probably evaporate soon.

"Once we get past this week, the six- to 10-day forecast looks like much above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation," Galkin said.

"There is a good possibility that will continue for the rest of the month," he added.

Overall, 7.67 inches of precipitation fell on the NWS measuring station during the 1994 water year, the long-term average is 10.4 inches, Galkin said.

The Wood and Lost river basins got 61 percent of their long-term average snowpack, while the Owyhee River drainage collected only 62 percent of normal, Morrissey said.

The Weiser, Payette and Boise river basins picked up 60 percent to 61 percent of normal, and the Salmon River drainage got 62 percent of its normal snowfall.

"Southside streams, such as Salmon Falls Creek and tributaries of the Goose Creek Reservoir, logged 76 percent of their normal snowfall," Morrissey said.

"What those figures mean is that we're in bad shape going into this winter, because all the reservoirs have been drawn way down," Morrissey said.

Agricultural use of water is falling fast, and the rains have blunted irrigators' demand for stored water, said Virgil Temple, manager of the A&B Irrigation District in Rupert.

On Sept. 26, A&B was drawing 89 cubic feet of reservoir water every second — but the figure had dropped to 25 cfs by Monday, Temple said; one cfs equals 449 gallons per minute.

Though the rains have taken the edge off of demand, they have done little to replenish reservoirs in the upper Snake River basin, he said.

Temple's most fervent wish: "For it to start snowing today and not stop until April."

With a few exceptions, monthly precipitation figures from the NWS observation station in Kimberly differed significantly from long-term monthly averages.

October 1993 was 0.05 inches above average.

November was 1.02 inches below.

December was 0.71 inches below.

January 1994 was 0.50 inches below.

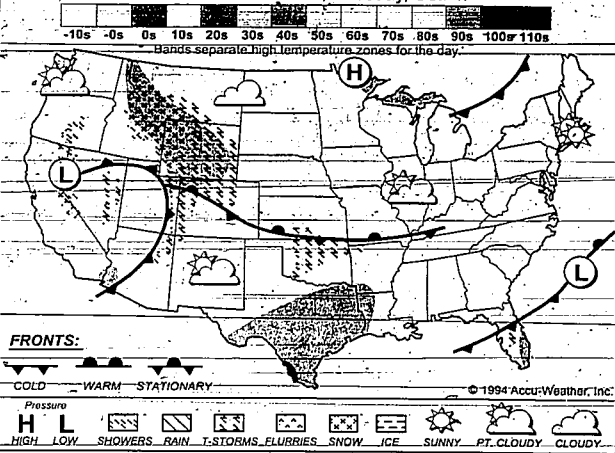
February was 0.53 inches below.

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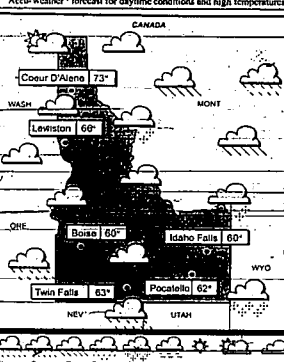
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Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Coaling:
Today mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers. Highs 60 to 65. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy. A chance of rain showers. Lows 35 to 45. Wednesday mostly cloudy. A chance of rain showers. Highs in the 60s. The ultraviolet index forecast for today is 3, a low exposure level.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Today cloudy. Scattered snow then rain showers. Snow level 7,000 feet. Highs in the 50s. Tonight cloudy. A chance of snow showers. Lows around 30. Wednesday mostly cloudy. A chance of rain showers. Highs in the 50s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho — Thursday partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy east with a chance of showers. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 60s. Friday mostly sunny and warmer. Lows 35 to 45. Highs 65 to 75. Saturday sunny and warm. Lows 35 to 45. Highs in the lower 70s to the lower 80s.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah — Today and tonight windy and warmer. Mostly

Pollen count

45; sage, moderate

Courtesy Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Visible planets

Morning: Mars
Evening: Venus, Jupiter, Saturn

Chilly air brings snow to northern Rockies

The Associated Press

Snow fell Monday in the northern Rockies and temperatures hit a record low in the Northwest as cold air pushed southward. Rain and high wind buffeted the Southeast. Up to 5 inches of snow piled up Monday morning at Casper, Wyo., with 4 inches at Lander, Wyo. Winter storm warnings were posted for the mountains and foothills of western Montana and for Wyoming's Big Horn Mountains, the National Weather Service said.

Snow advisories were in effect for the mountains of central Idaho, much of the rest of Wyoming, and the mountains of northern and central Utah.

Temperatures

	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	80	48	...
Atlanta	68	64	76
Boston	59	42	...
Chicago	63	53	...
Dallas	93	68	...
Denver	59	48	...
Des Moines	65	51	14
Detroit	61	41	...
Honolulu	87	76	91
Houston	95	66	...
Indianapolis	70	50	...
Kansas City	70	60	...
Las Vegas	80	72	...
Los Angeles	73	65	...
Memphis	87	82	...
Miami Beach	81	79	...
Minneapolis	60	55	...
Missouri	62	47	86
New Orleans	80	71	...
New York	64	43	...
Oklahoma City	88	65	...
Omaha	73	59	02
Phoenix	93	72	...
Pittsburgh	62	41	...
Portland, Me.	57	34	...
Portland, Ore.	73	46	...
Reno	68	44	...
St. Louis	78	59	...
Salt Lake City	49	29	...
San Francisco	70	57	...
Seattle	67	45	...
Spokane	60	42	...
Washington	63	52	...

Twin Falls

	Max	Min	Pcp
Yesterday	47	37	04
Last year	83	46	...
Normal	73	38	...
Sunset today	7:15 p.m.	...	...
Sunrise tomorrow	7:30 a.m.	...	...
Lunar phase	New Oct. 4	...	...
first quarter Oct. 11	...	...	...
full Oct. 19	...	...	...
last quarter Oct. 27	...	...	...

Idaho

	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	54	31	02
Burley	55	38	1r
Fairfield	46	25	...
Gooding	m	37	05
Hagerman	64	m	08
Idaho Falls	m	40	50
Jorame	44	34	...
Lewiston	61	42	...
Malad	53	34	...
Mald	45	35	...
McCall	m	...	...
Pocatello	47	35	08
Salmon	46	37	...
Stanley	43	30	...
Sun Valley	46	30	1r

cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 70. Lows mid-40s to lower 50s. Wednesday cooler again with showers likely. Highs in the lower 60s. The ultraviolet index forecast for today is 4, a low exposure level. Elko County — Today cool with scattered rain and snow showers. Snow level from the 5,000 to 6,000 feet. Highs in the 50s. Tonight a chance of snow showers. Lows in the 20s to lower 30s. Wednesday partly cloudy. A chance of rain or snow showers. Highs mid-50s to lower 60s.

Weather summary

The National Weather Service in Boise reported cloudy to mostly cloudy skies over the entire state Monday afternoon.

The culprit was a strong upper-level low pressure system over western Idaho. This storm has brought rain and snow to several parts of central and southern Idaho.

Snow fell at Sun Valley, Idaho Falls, Spencer and Soda Springs along with additional reports of snow over the nearby central and southern mountain areas. Mixed rain and snow dampened the Magic Valley and much of southern Idaho. Precipitation totals were generally light and included Rexburg — 32 inch, Millon — 02, and a trace at Grangeville.

Temperatures ranged from the upper 30s in central and southeastern mountain areas to the upper 50s to the low or middle 60s in the extreme western part of the state. Tending speeds were in the 10 to 15 mph range in many of the southern and eastern valleys. The rest of the state had winds less than 10 mph.

The highest temperature in the state Monday was 66 degrees at Parma. Idaho City reported the lowest at 22 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Monday, the highest temperature was 100 degrees at Cotulla, Texas. Winnemucca, Nev., reported the lowest temperature at 23 degrees.

Early morning lows were in the 30s and 40s across sections of the northern Rockies, northern Plains and the Northeast, with lows only in the 20s in some areas. Scranton, Pa., cooled to a record-yet low of 34.

Within the mass of cold air, light to moderate rain extended across sections of the upper Mississippi Valley and the western Great Lakes.

South of the cold air, mellow weather continued across the Southeast, lower Mississippi Valley and southern Plains, with lows only cooling into the 60s and 70s during the night. By afternoon, Cotulla, Texas, had warmed to 95.

Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms developed across sections of eastern Kansas and western Missouri.

Trial blackout possible Haiti

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Angry at the media and judge of sequestering jurors, the judge in the O.J. Simpson case on Monday set a hearing to consider a blackout on news coverage from the courtroom.

In setting the hearing for Nov. 7, more than a dozen attorneys and several near-opening statements — Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has put the media on probation, a legal analyst said.

"He is, at least secondarily, using the threat of withdrawal of electronic coverage as a means of keeping the press's feet to the fire and making sure coverage from this point on is, in his terms, responsible," said Douglas Mirell, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union, which opposes removing the pool TV camera in Ito's court.

During pretrial hearings, the judge allowed one TV pool camera and three still cameras in the courtroom, as well as 15 live audio feeds. He is threatening to ban them all.

Ito's statement cited only an erroneous TV news report on DNA evidence on bloody socks. He also mentioned televised pictures of jurors in other cases that prompted him to order the removal of the hallway TV camera last week.

He did not refer to recent news leaks.

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national monitors will begin patrolling the perimeter Tuesday with Haitian police. They are instructed to watch for human rights violations and help evaluate future members of a civilian police force.

Convoys of U.S. battle vehicles surrounded their targets Monday morning but two dozen lines of attack against the civilian groups that have been responsible for much of the country's government-supported terror since 1991.

One convoy climbed through the hills above the capital to the gates of a mansion owned by the Abdallah family. A tank rammed up the driveway.

Another convoy rolled up the Rue du Champ de Mars toward the FRAPH office.

The FRAPH building was the site of two bloody attacks last week by anti-Aristide militants. FRAPH gunmen killed four people and wounded more than two dozen on Friday in grisly scenes broadcast around the world.

Three tanks and six combat jeeps with mounted 50-caliber machine guns took positions outside the columned two-story building. Another two dozen combat vehicles stood poised around the corner. A helicopter hovered above.

A soldier hurled a pink smoke bomb and a squad of soldiers in battle dress charged into the building. No shots were fired. More than 25 people were handcuffed and led to two five-ton trucks as crowds jeered them.

Espy

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when you added them all together, there were serious concerns."

Both Espy and his attorney said there was no evidence any government practice or policy was affected by the gifts to Espy or Dempsey.

"I must personally overcome the challenge to my good name," said Espy, 40, who added he planned to spend more time with his two children in Mississippi.

Questions have been raised about Espy's acceptance of tickets to the events, travel and an island from Tyson. Espy denied any wrongdoing, and has repaid more than \$7,600 in expenses.

"I believe that I have succeeded in serving the country and in fulfilling my oath of office," Espy said, "but in as much as I was careless in managing some of the details of my personal activities, I have failed myself, and for that, I apologize to the president and to the loyal people who have served so well."

But he said allegations he improperly billed the government for air travel or other expenses were unfounded and unfounded but could no longer bear "twisting in the wind."

"The bough finally did break, in my mind," he said.

The resignation will end a two-year Cabinet career for Espy, a former Mississippi congressman who made history by being the first black, the first Southerner and the youngest person to serve as agriculture secretary. He becomes the second Clinton Cabinet member to resign, following former Secretary of Defense Les Aspin.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., chairman of the House Government Operations Committee and a senior black member of Congress, said he was stunned by Espy's resignation. "I had been assured the matters under investigation were so trivial they hardly warranted the scrutiny they were given," Conyers said.

Ruth Harkin, head of the Overseas Private Investment Corp., is a leading candidate for the post and had been considered for it before Espy's appointment. She is married to Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Others mentioned for the post include Bob Nash, an Arkansas friend of President Clinton and now under secretary for small community and rural development for Bill Clinton, D-Ind., a rural development advisor.

case on the House Agriculture Committee, and Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., a farm-state lawmaker.

Also mentioned is Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Röminger, a former head of California's agriculture department who will carry out some of the secretary's duties until a successor is chosen.

Another name that has been circulated is Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okl., who just lost the primary in his home state.

Espy took over at Agriculture promising change and a "new attitude," quoting from the Patti LaBelle song. He spoke to the sites of crises including a food poisoning case and record flooding in the Midwest.

He also worked on global trade treaties and an overdue move to reorganize the department. The House, coincidentally, approved the reorganization bill and crop insurance reform on Monday.

His commitment to all-rural Americans, whether involved in agriculture or not, is unsurpassed and greatly appreciated by all of us who live in rural America," said Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

But Espy's closeness with Tyson raised allegations, reported in March by The Associated Press, that Espy aides suppressed, then delayed, work on tighter sanitary controls in poultry on Monday.

Tyson issued a statement Monday reiterating "that our contacts with the secretary were handled appropriately and that at no time did we ever seek special or preferential treatment from anyone at the USDA."

Further investigation by the department's Office of Inspector General, then the Justice Department, found Espy had accepted free basketball tickets from Quaker Oats, another company doing business with the department.

"And the report reported this summer that Espy used government-paid travel to go to the Super Bowl, on the pretext of taking part in a Smokey Bear anniversary celebration."

Of the latest disclosure, Espy's attorney, Reid Wengertman, said, "Secretary Espy did not seek, encourage or approve of this scholarship."

Water

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- March was 0.91 inches below.
- April was 0.77 inches above.
- May was 0.34 inches above.
- June was 0.59 inches below.
- July was 0.23 inches below.
- August was 0.19 inches below average.
- September was bone dry for the first 28 days of the month, but rain

on the final two days brought precipitation up to 0.23 inches below average, Galkin said.

"It was another of the continuing years of drought that we've been experiencing for the past six to eight years," said Morrissey, the snow survey hydrologist.

"We're tired of it," he said. "We want something to measure."

Correction

In Sunday's Spotlight column, Melody Allen Lenker was incorrectly identified. She is a self-employed speech pathologist who has contacted her services as clinic coordinator for the Southwest Learning Clinic.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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High court opens term with Indian gaming case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court opened its 1994-95 term Monday by seeking the Clinton administration's views in a high-stakes battle over state attempts to regulate gambling on Indian reservations.

The court won't say until hearing from government lawyers whether it will resolve disputes from Florida and Alabama, two of the more than 20 states in which reservation gambling has become a \$6 billion-a-year industry.

Justice Department lawyers, who might take months to respond, are being asked whether they think Indian tribes may sue states for failing to help pave the way for on-reservation casinos and other gaming operations.

The court's first day back from its three-month summer recess created the usual mountain-of-paper work — the justices issued orders in more than 1,600 cases.

But it was a flurry signifying little for the future of American law, because the court did not accept one new case for review.

The justices had granted review to eight cases last week on an expedited basis, but that's an extraordinarily small amount. In past years, two dozen or more cases had been granted review — setting the stage for future decisions — on a term's first day.

Justice Stephen G. Breyer took an active role in his first full day on the high court bench Monday. He asked detailed questions in two of the three cases in which arguments were heard.

But Breyer disqualified himself from 16 cases in which the court denied review. A court spokesman said the justice's action was sparked either by financial interests he has or had, or because he had participated in the cases as a member of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. She declined to characterize this as either a large or small number of cases for a new justice to abstain from.

In other matters, the court steered clear of a dispute from South Dakota over who owns a 65-million-year-old dinosaur's remains, the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex fossil ever found.

Refused to revive author Dan Moolish's \$10-million lawsuit against The New York Times for a negative review his book received.

Rejected a challenge to a federal law that, according to a Virginia hospital and its doctors, requires "inappropriate and unethical" medical treatment in some cases. The hospital now must



Supreme Court visitors line up outside the court Monday for seats inside to watch the opening session of the court's new term.

continue providing emergency respiratory help to a permanently unconscious young girl.

Let stand a Pennsylvania law banning "wrongful birth" lawsuits against doctors accused of withholding evidence that a pregnant woman's fetus may be abnormal.

Set aside a New Jersey court's ruling that had barred anti-abortion pickets from getting within 300 feet of the home of a doctor who performs abortions.

Refused to hear a Justice Department appeal from a ruling that said government lawyers committed fraud in winning John Demjanjuk's 1986 extradition to Israel as a Nazi war criminal.

The reservation-gaming dispute involves conflicting federal appeals court rulings on an aspect of a 1988 federal law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

It gave tribes new freedom to run big-money casinos, bingo halls and other gambling activities on their lands.

Death row inmate seeks more avenues

WASHINGTON (AP) — A defense lawyer asked the Supreme Court Monday to set new standards allowing death row inmates to introduce evidence of innocence, even though their trials were held years ago.

The court needs to adopt a standard that would allow people who are probably innocent to have their day in court," said Sean O'Brien, attorney for Missouri death row inmate Eloy Schup. "Sometimes the system makes a mistake."

Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon countered that juries are supposed to decide guilt or innocence and that a relaxed standard of proof would result in hundreds of new appeals. "It would open up the floodgates," Nixon said. "The trial should be the main event."

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Searchers hope to recover crash victims

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Searchers were expected on Monday to recover the bodies of two men who died in a plane crash in a mountain canyon near here.

Six riders and eight horses from the Cache County sheriff's mounted posse started at daybreak Monday for the top of Smithfield Canyon, about 20 miles northwest of Logan, where a Cessna 210 piloted by Dr. Walter Ashcraft of St. Louis crashed about 5 p.m. Saturday.

Ashcraft, 57, and his son, Clint Ashcraft, 24, of Woodland, Calif., both died in the crash.

A helicopter pilot spotted the wreckage Sunday afternoon. Rescuers hiked seven miles in a snowstorm to the 9,100-foot elevation crash site in the Mt. Naomi Wilderness Area. When they arrived about 10:45 p.m., they found that the two men had been thrown from the cockpit and killed on impact, said sheriff's Lt. Bob DeGasser.

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House reauthorizes rights commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights would receive \$9.5 million for the next fiscal year under a bill passed Monday by the House.

The bill, which was passed by voice vote, also authorizes the commission to use public service announcements and advertising to discourage discrimination. The Senate must now consider the measure.

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Sasser, Daschle court Dems to be next majority leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shortly after winning the Democratic Senate nomination from Montana, Jack Mudd received telephone calls from Sens. Tom Daschle and Jim Sasser.

Both offered congratulations and said they wanted to be supportive, recalls Mudd. They added that their own financial contributors stood ready to help.

Mudd is not the only Democratic candidate to get those calls. Through conversations, attendance at fund-raising dinners and from their own political organizations, the 46-year-old Daschle and the 58-year-old Sasser are courting others as part of their race to succeed retiring George Mitchell as majority leader.

Neither one has done a hard-sale routine, says Rep. Tom Andrews, running in Maine. "And I say very early on I'm not committed."

Democratic candidates such as Mudd and Andrews will probably hold the balance of power when Democrats meet Dec. 2. Senators backing Daschle, from South Dakota, and Sasser, from Tennessee, agree the race is within a vote or two among incumbent Democrats.

The race has subsided in recent weeks, with Sasser forced into a closer-than-expected, re-election campaign and Democrats fearful that they may lose control of the Senate in November.

If that happens, the Democrats will wind up choosing a senator to combat GOP Leader Bob Dole and a Republican majority rather than — as they hope — selecting the man responsible for setting the Senate's agenda and pushing bills toward passage.

The Democrats' next leader, says Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, has to handle the floor as a representative for the Senate Democrats the week-end talk shows — do a good job around the country for the Democrats at fund-raising events and carry the president's program.

Adds Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, Democratic leader for a



Mitchell

dozen years. "He has to know how to bring members together to resolve differences (and reach compromises)."

Senators say the race will be decided by a blend of personal relationships, senatorial self-interest, geographical concerns and a generational fault line that runs through the Democratic caucus.

"I wish I had something I wanted," said one senator, undecided despite weeks of lobbying by both sides. "I could figure out which one could better give it to me."

— This senator said Sasser's allies cite his experience and his handling of major legislation on the Senate floor, and say he could stand up to the tenacious Dole. On the other hand, the lawmaker said, Daschle's supporters counter that Sasser is something of a throwback, that Daschle is the wave of the future and will try to improve the quality of life, something of particular concern to junior lawmakers with young families.

In an interview, Daschle says that in more than 15 years in politics, "I've never had any problem standing up to anybody."

Sasser is reluctant to discuss the appeal he's making to his colleagues. "A lot of this is just built on personal friendships and personal associations over time," he said.

With a few exceptions, senators who won their first terms in 1986 or later, a group that includes Daschle, tend to be for the South Dakota senator. Many of the more powerful committee chairmen, tend to be for Sasser, himself the chairman of the Budget Committee.

"The nature of your relationships is you tend to have an especially close rapport with those," he said. "You enter the Senate with, says Sen. Bob Graham of

Florida, elected in 1986 and a Daschle supporter.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., supporting Sasser, said he's served on the Budget Committee and "been burned and scared" in legislative battles with the Tennesseean. "That's a crucial test."

Elected to the Senate in 1976, Sasser rose through the seniority system to become chairman of his committee in 1989. In 1993, he helped steer President Clinton's deficit reduction plan to passage over unanimous Republican opposition. He's also a longtime member of the Appropriations Committee, a coveted assignment that confers power to direct federal spending.

As a junior senator in 1988, Daschle supported Mitchell in a three-way leadership race. He was rewarded with a newly created post as co-chairman of the Democratic Policy Committee, thus gaining unusual visibility for a senator in his first term. He sits on the Finance Committee, with jurisdiction over tax law, as well as health, welfare and trade matters. This year, he was a leader in the failed drive to win approval of universal health care coverage.

Both men say they'll try to change the filibuster rule that permits a minority to block passage of legislation, and improve the workings of the Senate, in which business can often be slowed to a crawl to accommodate a single senator's schedule.

Other factors are at work. Sen. Javert Eason of Nebraska would become chairman of the Budget Committee if Sasser wins his race. "I'm not decided," the Nebraskaan says.

"Probably no one will ever know but me," Byrd supports Sasser, because of Daschle's support for measures such as the balanced budget amendment and line item veto, which would weaken Congress' control over spending. "The power of the purse is the key to the balancing among the three branches of government," says Byrd, chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Study: Smoking while pregnant may predispose daughters to smoke

WASHINGTON (AP) — The daughters of women who smoke during pregnancy — but not the sons — may be biologically predisposed to smoke, a new study contends.

It suggests prenatal nicotine "primes" a fetus' brain. Animal studies have shown prenatal nicotine does affect certain brain activity once the animal is grown.

But scientists never pursued that link in humans because no one had ever found a relationship between children's tendency to smoke and prenatal exposure — until now.

"What this really shows is there may be subtle effects on brain function that won't become apparent until 14, 15 years later," said Dr. Denise Kandel of Columbia University. "It's another reason women shouldn't smoke."

Teen-age girls were four times more likely to smoke if their mothers smoked while pregnant, a risk that remained even when researchers controlled for social influences, Kandel reported in Tuesday's American Journal of Public Health.

Kandel theorized that nicotine, which can cross the placenta barrier, stimulates a fetus' receptors for dopamine, the brain chemical involved with drug addiction. This "priming" may predispose girls to smoke, Kandel contended.

But prenatally exposed boys weren't at risk, Kandel isn't sure why, but suggested male hormones may protect the male fetus.

"It is a very interesting and provocative paper," said Dr. Nigel Papeth, an expert on pediatric epidemiology at Michigan State University. "If this really happens, from a biological point of view, that's very intriguing."

But he cautioned that, despite Kandel's controls, the results may mean daughters are simply copying their mothers.

Most research shows children suffer if either parent smokes. Another study in Tuesday's journal says even

non-smoking mothers bear underweight babies if their husbands smoke 20 cigarettes a day during the pregnancy.

And children do imitate their smoking parents. But Kandel studied 192 New York children for 19 years and noticed children were more likely to imitate their mothers than their fathers.

Confused, she re-surveyed the mothers and children, whose mean age was 12.

Only 1 percent of girls whose mothers didn't smoke while pregnant had themselves smoked in the last year, compared with 26 percent of girls who were prenatally exposed, she found. Among boys, the difference wasn't significant: 14.8 percent vs. 20 percent.

Then Kandel turned to an on-going national health survey of 796 mothers and their first-born, again with a mean age of 12. Five percent of the non-exposed daughters smoked, compared with 14.4 percent of the prenatally exposed girls. Among boys, the difference again was small: 3.2 percent vs. 7.7 percent.

Combined, those surveys show a fourfold risk for prenatally exposed daughters, Kandel concluded.

That risk persisted when she controlled for childhood exposure to a smoking mother. In fact, prenatally exposed daughters, whose mothers had kicked the habit, were more likely to smoke themselves than daughters of current, long-term smokers who temporarily stopped while pregnant.

"I don't know that I can prove my theory," she admitted, but the next step is further animal studies to prove how nicotine affects developing dopamine systems and whether male hormones block the changes.

But Paneth urged an immediate look at other databases that measure more precisely when mothers kick the habit to ensure that Kandel — despite questioning mothers first while their children were very young — didn't simply discover that girls are more likely than boys to imitate mother.

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Brochures by SBA not illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Small Business Administration did not break the law when it spent \$93,000 last year on brochures explaining President Clinton's health reform proposal, congressional investigators said.

But the brochure was not a typical SBA publication, and it was unusual for the federal agency to give the Democratic National Committee 10,000 free copies, the General Accounting Office said in a report released Monday.

The DNC subsequently reimbursed the SBA \$5,000 for the brochures.

The then-head of the Small Business Administration, Erskine Bowles, was a leading salesman for the White House's health reform proposal. Bowles began work Monday at the new deputy White House chief of staff.

Republican lawmakers who felt that the agency had become a propaganda arm of the White House in the health reform effort asked the GAO to find out whether the SBA broke any laws.

But the GAO said the 200,000 brochures did not "constitute puffery or self-aggrandizement as prohibited" by law, and the contents did not violate prohibition against grassroots lobbying.

Former senator Dixon tops list to lead closings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Sen. Alan Dixon of Illinois, bounced from office in 1992, is the administration's choice to head the federal commission overseeing the next round of military base closings in 1995.

The White House planned an announcement about Dixon's nomination either later Monday or Tuesday, said Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill. The post requires Senate confirmation.

Dixon did not return messages left at his St. Louis law office Monday and was said to be out of town. He began working there after unexpectedly losing to Carol Mosley-Braun in Democratic primary in March 1992.

Dixon said earlier this year he was not seeking the job, but added: "I would not want to decline a tendered offer from the president if he can accommodate him. It's not the thing to do."

Since early this year, several influential senators had contested the White House to promote Dixon. And the Illinois delegation sent a letter Sept. 22 touting Dixon.

Dixon was chairman of the Senate Readiness subcommittee on readiness, sustainability and support. He helped write the legislation under which the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission operates.

The outgoing commission chairman, Jim Courter, resigned in June. The former New Jersey congressman steered the panel through two

rounds of base closures in 1991 and 1993.

Dixon has the necessary military background, along with "a sense of fiscal prudence, to think, do a very good job, and he knows how to work with Congress to get something enacted," Simon said.

Unless Congress is willing to follow through, the commission's actions are just null and void. So I think having a former member... is very important," Simon said.

Clinton has until Jan. 3 to send commission nominations to the Senate. He appoints two members, including the chairman, and names six more in consultation with congressional leaders.

Congress established the commission process in 1990, calling for three base-closure rounds.

During Courter's chairmanship, the panel recommended closing 164 U.S. military installations and realigning 94 others.

A separate commission, operating under a different law, in 1983 recommended closing 86 military installations and realigning 59 others.

The three rounds focused on relatively easy targets, the major military bases that had become surplus or the military force declined.

The 1995 round is expected to involve the more difficult task of closing or reducing Department of Defense laboratories, military supply and maintenance depots, hospitals, test and evaluation facilities, and pilot-training centers.

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So far, 230 Americans from age 14 to 66 have received the device. The average implant lasted 76 days, although one patient lived with the device for 344 days.

The FDA-approved HeartMate is air driven, powered by a battery-operated console that patients can push around on a little cart. The company is testing a motorized version that would run off two batteries worn in a shoulder harness for better mobility.

Stroke is a threat with various heart-assist devices now being tested. Thermo Cardio Systems contends its device is less risky because the pump has a textured surface that traps blood elements to form a lining similar to that of natural arteries and veins. Still, patients must take an aspirin a day as a blood thinner.

FDA approved the device only as a bridge for patients on transplant waiting lists whose hearts are failing, so rapidly they are likely to die within two days.

But manufacturer Thermo Cardio Systems Inc. is studying whether HeartMate might become a

plant, the FDA concluded.

The 16-pound titanium pump is implanted into the abdomen and connected to the left ventricle, helping the ventricle pump blood into the main artery that supplies the body.

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In clinical trials that began in 1983, HeartMate recipients were 55 percent less likely to die before a heart transplant and were significantly more likely to be alive a year after that transplant.

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FDA approves 1st implantable heart pump for waiting patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration approved the first implantable heart pump to keep patients alive while they await heart transplants.

The HeartMate Left Ventricular Assist System provides hope for the 20,000 Americans who vie for some 2,000 donor hearts every year, the FDA said in approving the device Monday.

"This device could help save the lives of many transplant candidates who now die for lack of available donor hearts," said — FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

HeartMate supports the natural heart when its main pumping chamber, the left ventricle, is no longer strong enough to pump on its own.

The only viable therapy for this fatal disease is a heart transplant. HeartMate helps patients' hearts continue beating while they undergo the typical yearlong wait for a trans-

Canyon noise still a problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Current restrictions on tour flights have not resolved long-standing noise problems at the Grand Canyon and tougher controls on air tour operations will be needed, the Interior Department said Monday.

But the National Park Service's report to Congress on aircraft noise said the problem is growing as well as many other parks and monuments, from the Statue of Liberty in New

York City to the Volcanoes National Park in Hawaii.

In the report, the department said that it will develop a series of requirements aimed at curbing aircraft noise at the Grand Canyon over the next 15 years, including demands for quieter aircraft.

"The problem isn't going to be resolved (only) by minimum altitude rules," George Frampton Jr., assistant secretary for fish and

wildlife and parks, told reporters.

He said that aircraft noise has become a "majorly growing threat" at scores of parks, with the problem particularly severe at the Grand Canyon, where 10,000 people a day fly over the scenic park during summer months.

Frampton said a scheme of flight restrictions imposed at the canyon six years ago, including development of air corridors and

minimum altitudes, "doesn't even come close" to meeting noise requirements: He said at best only a third of the park is quiet at least 70 percent of the time.

The noise controversy has plagued the Grand Canyon for years as a growing number of tour operators have used helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft to give visitors a birds-eye view of one of the country's natural spectacles.

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Justice Department opens new office

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department set up a new office Monday to develop policies on national security issues and coordinate the international work of its law enforcement agencies.

The new Executive Office of National Security is part of Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick's office.

The director will be Mark Steinberg, who has been counselor on international law to the State Department's legal adviser since August 1993.

Michael Vatis, currently counsel to Gorelick, will be deputy director. Drew Aron, director of the department's Office of International Programs, will join the new group as counsel for international programs and continue to prepare Justice officials for meetings with foreign counterparts.

Feds reach \$115 million settlement

WASHINGTON — The government has reached a \$115 million settlement with the now-defunct Pan American Airways to help meet \$900 million in pension liabilities covering 37,000 former employees and retirees.

But despite the settlement, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. said Monday it remains responsible for about \$700 million in unfunded benefits in three plans.

The government insurance agency guarantees retirement benefits for about 41 million American workers and retirees.

The \$115 million represents more than one-third of what remains of the airline's estate, PBGC said.

The agency also will receive \$60 million that had been held in escrow as security for a missed pension payment in late 1990. In addition, \$5 million of pension plan assets that had been in dispute will remain in the plans.

Survey indicates high rate of abuse

CHICAGO — One in four children ages 10 to 16 is physically or sexually abused each year, often by other children, a national survey of youngsters found.

"Levels of victimization... far exceed those reported in official government victimization statistics," said researchers David Finkelhor and Jennifer Dziuba-Leatherman of the University of New Hampshire.

The types of abuse covered in the survey ranged from getting hit at school to rapes, robberies and assaults.

With parents' permission, the authors interviewed a nationally representative sample of 2,000 children and reported their findings in the October issue of Pediatrics.

Treasury sells securities at higher rate

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose Monday to the highest level in three years.

The Treasury Department sold \$12.5 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 4.92 percent, up from 4.79 percent last week. Another \$12.4 billion was sold in six-month bills at an average discount rate of 5.38 percent, up from 5.22 percent.

The three-month bill rate was the highest since they sold for 4.99 percent on Oct. 28, 1991. The six-month bill rate was the highest since they averaged 5.39 percent on Sept. 3, 1991.

The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 5.05 percent for three-month bills with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,875.60 and 5.61 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,728.00.

In a separate report, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, the most popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, rose to 5.92 percent last week from 5.85 percent the previous week.

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Space shuttle aims radar at gorilla habitat

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Wildlife researchers driven out of war-ravaged Rwanda are counting on the shuttle Endeavour to help save the world's remaining 650 mountain gorillas.

NASA set aside a few minutes Monday night to aim the powerful radar instrument aboard Endeavour at the mist-shrouded volcanoes where the gorillas live.

The radar can penetrate mist, thunderclouds, smoke, sand, ice, even vegetation, day or night.

The animals were made famous by Dian Fossey, who was murdered in 1985 after nearly 20 years studying the endangered mountain gorillas and protecting them from poachers. Her 1983 book "Gorillas in the Mist" was made into a movie.

"People tend to focus on her anti-poaching efforts; but she was also an excellent scientist. I think she would have been thrilled by these scientific breakthroughs," said J.H. Diemer Slekis, executive director of the gorilla-protection fund that bears Fossey's name.

Endeavour's \$366 million radar can make 3-D images of the gorillas' habitat in Rwanda, Zaire and Uganda, helping scientists figure out the animals' movement.

The radar images will be combined with geographic maps and information gathered from military navigation satellites that were used along with hand-held receivers on the ground to pinpoint bamboo thickets, nettle patches and gorillas roaming near Karisoke, Fossey's research camp.

There is no evidence of gorillas being killed for food, but the human slaughter began in April, Slekis said. But Rwandan refugees



Commander Michael Baker, left, and astronaut Steven Smith are part of a team scouting forest fires and thunderstorms from 138 million miles up while the shuttle's \$366 million radar gathered images of the Chilean mountains and the Austrian Alps. Astronaut Thomas Jones is in the background.

are encroaching on the gorillas' habitat, and it's still too dangerous for most of Karisoke's workers to return.

"We're getting this vegetation map, quantifying the vegetation types, looking at any potential intrusion by humans, damage to the

region. All those sorts of things are terribly important, and it's a wonder we can do them without having to be there," Slekis said.

Christopher wants weapon imports delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher is asking the Treasury Department to hold up requests by American firms to import \$1 billion in weapons and ammunition from the former Soviet Union.

He wants to see first whether the huge increase in trade would affect the foreign policy and security interests of the United States, the State Department spokesman said Monday.

More than 250 requests for licenses to import 7 billion rounds of ammunition and 7.6 million rifles and pistols are involved, Michael McCurry said in announcing the State Department would conduct a review.

In 1993, 18,000 rifles and pistols were legally imported, and in 1992, 1,000 were approved by the Treasury.

Russia and other former Soviet republics have been looking for ways to boost trade and acquire capital for their weak economies. The once extensive Soviet weapons industry is a rich resource.

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Equipment shortages slow Allied advance

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By October, 1944, it had become clear to Allied commanders that the triumphant days pursuing a fleeing German army were over.

Enemy resistance had stiffened and a new line of defense had been formed along the German border. After a month of fighting along the West Wall and in the Low Countries, the Allies had not been able to penetrate more than 12 miles into Germany.

October would provide American forces more stark evidence of German stubbornness in the fighting around Aachen and Metz and in the Hurtgen Forest.

If the Allies were to mount a successful invasion of Germany and bring the war to an end, they would need to rely on the full weight of their material superiority. But to do that, they had to move mountains of supplies and massive amounts of equipment to the front. Yet the Allied armies on the German border still depended on the invasion beaches at the French coast and on the single major port of Cherbourg for the bulk of their supplies. The distance involved was on the order of 500 miles.

The only immediate relief was to improve the capacity and speed of movement to the front.

The famous "Red Ball Express" was running supplies by truck from the beaches to depots beyond Paris. It would not be until November that the "Red Ball Express" would come to an end.

Trucks had been "borrowed" from artillery, anti-aircraft and other units to augment those normally assigned to logistical duties.

In the 81 days the express ran, it moved 412,513 tons of supplies. This is not counting the trucks sent by individual units all the way back to the beaches to pick up needed items. The 5th Armored Division, for example, sent a truck convoy back to pick up artillery shells, toilet paper and soap.

The exhausted trucks would

have their burden taken up by a rebuilt network of roads, Luxembourg and Belgium. Engineers and railway construction battalions, aided greatly by French and Belgian laborers, worked around the clock to repair tracks deep into the combat zone. Between mid-September and mid-October, over 2,000 miles of single track and 2,775 miles of double-track lines were put back into service.

Also put back into operation was some of the industrial capacity of the liberated territories. Of particular value were those factories which provided spare parts for tanks and other vehicles. A factory in Paris overhauled tank engines; one in Liege manufactured tires and inner tubes; and others manufactured small arms, ammunition belts, cylinder head gaskets and batteries among scores of other items.

Yet despite these improvements, supplies were not getting to the front in sufficient quantities to sustain a major offensive.

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Nation

Sinn Fein
contact
ban lifted

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton Monday lifted the U.S. ban on contacts between the United States and Ireland's nationalist Sinn Fein party to "help advance the search for a just and lasting peace."

Vice President Al Gore discussed the move in a phone call with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, the White House said in a statement.

Sinn Fein is the Irish Republican Army's political wing.

Adams will meet at the State Department today with mid-level U.S. officials to discuss the peace process.

He also will meet with members of Congress and labor leaders and will address the National Press Club during a three-day visit to Washington.

President Clinton earlier granted Adams a visa to come to the United States following the late August announcement by the IRA that it would end its campaign of violence and participate in peace talks.

"In light of that historic announcement and the peace it has brought over the last month, the United States is today lifting its longstanding ban on contacts between U.S. officials and members of the Sinn Fein party so a dialogue may begin," the White House statement said.

There has been a longstanding prohibition on contacts between U.S. officials and Sinn Fein leaders. But the administration reversed the policy after the IRA cease-fire announcement.

"It is our hope that we can assist in assuring the IRA cease-fire remains for good and irreversible and that we can assist in bringing others who continue to support violence to cease to do so," National Security Adviser Anthony Lake said in a letter to Adams.

There were no plans for a White House meeting with Adams.

The IRA declared a cease-fire a month ago in its 24-year campaign for an end to British rule of Northern Ireland. The move was praised by Clinton, who pledged to do "whatever we can" to broker peace in Northern Ireland.

British Prime Minister John Major has called on the IRA to declare the cease-fire permanent.

In Dublin, Ireland, the Sinn Fein party issued a statement quoting Adams as saying that Gore's call was "friendly and very positive" and "marks the beginning of contact between the White House and Sinn Fein."

The call came shortly after Adams arrived in Washington.

The White House statement said that, beyond Tuesday's State Department session, talks between the United States and Sinn Fein leaders would take place in Dublin and Belfast. "We expect that this dialogue... will help advance the search for a just and lasting peace in northern Ireland," the statement said.

Adams is seeking to drum up Irish-American support.

The Sinn Fein party statement said Adams received the "historic" call inside the home of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Lawrence J. Gore met directly with Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds in Shannon, southwest Ireland, and with leaders of Northern Ireland's two largest political parties in Washington.

But Britain had lobbied Clinton and Gore not to meet Adams for face-to-face discussions. Britain wants assurances from the Sinn Fein-IRA movement that its cease-fire is intended to be permanent before it will begin talks with Sinn Fein officials.

Marine claims
kiss did her in

NEW RIVER MARINE AIR STATION, N.C. (AP) — A Marine says she is being threatened with a less-than-honorable discharge because false rumors said an innocent kiss on the cheek from another woman got her labeled a lesbian.

Lance Cpl. Eleni Martinez, a 21-year-old disbursing clerk, faces an administrative discharge board Wednesday. Martinez, who is married but separated from her husband, denies being a lesbian. She has been a Marine almost three years, with above-average ratings.

Her lawyers said the Marine Corps investigation violates the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuals.

They said the allegations stem from rumors in 1991 that Martinez and another woman had been seen having sex. She also said she received a kiss on the cheek from a woman that apparently was seen by one of her male acquies.

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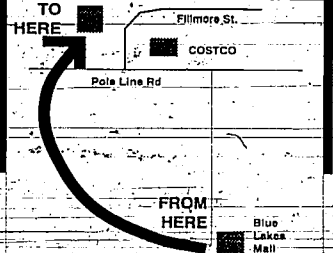
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Pope may have strong influence in election of his own successor

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Despite doubts about his health and his future as a global traveler, Pope John Paul II still has full control over the major decision that will shape the church of the future.

It is the naming of two dozen new Roman Catholic cardinals—who will be among the men who will elect his successor. The issue has come into the forefront as the 74-year-old pontiff appears increasingly frail.

During his 16-year papacy, John Paul has named 79 of the 98 cardinals eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a pope. The pontiff has chosen many of those men in his image as a conservative interested in social justice.

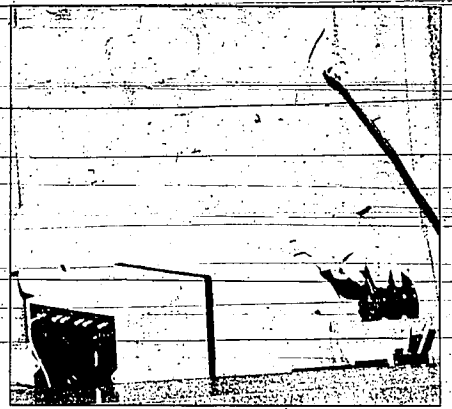
It is impossible to predict how the cardinals might vote once locked in the Sistine Chapel.

But Vatican insiders are certain that the pope will name yet another group of cardinals by the end of the year, a move that will heavily increase the odds that one of "his men" will be the next leader of the world's 950 million Roman Catholics.

The pope is likely to want a successor who would continue his conservative philosophy, holding back demands by some for women priests and any changes in church policy against contraception and abortion.

With death and old age reducing the number of eligible voters, John Paul can name up to 22 under rules set by Pope Paul VI excluding cardinals over 80 from the conclave and setting a limit of 120 on the number allowed to vote.

The once-vigorous John Paul has been beset by illness over the past two years and forced to cut back on his foreign tours, a hallmark of his papacy. For months it has been rumored that the pope was suffering from a serious ailment, such as bone cancer or Parkinson's disease. These have been countered by upbeat Vatican reports on his health, culminating with the announcement Sept. 22 that John Paul was postponing his October visit to the United States.



Pope John Paul II during the opening session of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican Monday.

The Vatican insists the trip was only called off to give the pope more time to recover from hip-replacement surgery after he broke his right leg in a bathroom fall April 29.

Just how sick is the pope? In July 1992 doctors removed a tumor from the pope's abdomen. The Vatican and his doctors said it was benign, although it was showing signs of becoming cancerous.

Last Nov. 11, John Paul broke his shoulder in the first of two falls, leading some to wonder whether he developed a coordination problem.

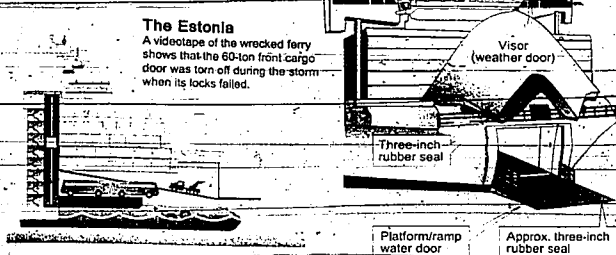
After a visit to Rome in June, while the pope was recovering from his broken leg, a Brazilian cardinal told a radio interviewer that he had "heard the pope was suffering from a tumor."

It seemed an unusual statement from such a high-ranking prelate, and when the Vatican reacted with dismay, Cardinal Aloisius Lorscheider said he was sorry he had spread the rumor. Even more unusual was the alarm spread last month when a Polish cardinal close to the pope drove into the Vatican shortly before dawn. Rumor got out that the end had come, leading to an anguished faithful at morning Mass in St. Peter's to pray for the pope's soul.

There are signs that Italian prelates are gaining more influence inside the Vatican and seeking higher profiles in the media, reportedly anxious to regain the papacy they held for 455 straight years until the election of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow as Pope John Paul II in 1978.

Ferry safety features

Inspectors believe a broken bow door on the ferry Estonia let in water and caused the ship to roll over and sink. The disaster renewed debate on the safety of roll-on, roll-off ferries like the Estonia.



Safety modifications

The International Maritime Organization instituted these safety measures in 1988. They are in place on several ferry lines in Europe today. The Estonia, built in 1980, did not have these modifications.

- TV surveillance cameras on the car deck.
- Indicator bells to signify if the cargo doors are open.
- Emergency lighting in case of power failure.
- A survey, every five years, to make sure changes to the ship haven't made it too heavy.

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- If lifeboats, people or wind cause a ship to list up to 15 degrees, the ship can right itself (does not respond to water pouring in).

Video shows locks failed on Estonia's cargo door

TURKU, Finland (AP) — The 60-ton front cargo door of the sunken ferry Estonia was torn off during a storm when its locks failed, investigators said Monday after examining video pictures of the sunken ship.

More than 900 people were killed in the disaster. The investigators' preliminary conclusions were based on more than 15 hours of videotape taken by remote-controlled cameras of the wrecked ferry, which went down off the coast of Finland in a violent storm last Wednesday.

The video showed that the huge hinged door used for loading cars and trucks onto the ferry had "fully separated from the hull," the investigators said in a statement. The door was not found.

The Estonia sank after an estimated 1,000 tons of water flooded the ship's car deck, said one of the investigators, Tuomo Karpainen of Finland.

The video pictures confirmed stories by survivors and speculation by experts that the huge front door had leaked or even broken off the ship during the storm. The video also showed a

problem with the inner bow door, which doubles as a ramp that is lowered to let in vehicles.

The door is supposed to be watertight, but investigators said it had been partially dislodged, leaving a gap of about three feet along the top edge that allowed water to rush into the car deck.

The rush of water was "of sufficient magnitude to result in a lack of stability and the capsizing of the ferry," they said.

The investigators said the inner door may have been jarrered open further when the ship hit the sea bottom.

The statement, signed by the official Board of Inquiry, said "it is not possible to comment further on the reason for the door's failure. Karpainen said the evidence 'points to the fact that there was something wrong with the door before the ship left harbor.'"

The findings could be explosive for northern Europeans, who rely on cheap reliable ferry transportation. Experts have already called into question the design of the Estonia and similar ferries will face, movable doors that carry hundreds of cars and trucks in stormy seas.

Estonia, the company that owned the ferry, said today it would permanently seal the bow door on the new ferry that will replace the Estonia.

Only 137 people survived when the Estonia capsized and sank while en route from Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, to Stockholm, Sweden. Memorial services for the dead were held Sunday in Sweden, Estonia and Finland.

More than half the victims were Swedes.

The remote cameras did not go inside the sunken ship, which is lying between 180 and 280 feet deep, and did not send back pictures of any bodies, investigators said. Authorities believe the ferry perished in the disaster, but only 93 bodies have been recovered.

Karpainen said the cameras searched the sea bottom in vain for the missing bow door. He speculated that during the storm, "the bow doors opened, swung up and then banged down hard. This may have happened several times and the breaking of the locking devices would have made the banging sound."

Rwandan program tries to keep refugee children from orphanages

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — One by one, her five children died of cholera and dysentery after she fled with them to Zaire in July.

Suddenly, Illumine Nyirabazukuyabara was no longer a mother.

Now, in her hut at Mugunga Refugee Camp, she is caring for a 15-year-old girl whose parents were killed in Rwanda. The two are part of a program to prevent abandonment of children, which the United Nations wants to expand.

"After my own children died, she came and sat beside me," said Mrs. Nyirabazukuyabara, a middle-aged woman who uses a walking stick. "When she asked whether she could live with me because her parents had been shot before crossing the border, I said yes. She can help me find water and wood for cooking."

The aim of the program, conceived by the U.S. relief agency Food For The Hungry, is to keep children out of orphanages and help them to stay with relatives, friends or in foster homes.

"It's very important to prevent abandonment ... and give children a family unit to grow up in," said Libby Grasse, a nurse who runs the program in a series of hillside tents.

According to the U.N.-High Commissioner for Refugees, there are more than 100,000 youngsters in children's centers in the Goma area, set up after the biggest refugee exodus in history.

More than 850,000 Hutus fled Rwanda in July after the Hutu government was defeated by Tutsi-led rebels and overran Goma. Some children lost their parents, either through killings or disease, and some became separated from their families in the chaos.

But Mrs. Grasse, 39, from Scotsdale, Ariz., said "many, many children are taken and dropped off at the orphanage door and told to tell people that they're unaccompanied."

"The fact is that their parents or relatives don't feel they have enough food to feed them and can't give them as good care as they could get if they were in an unaccompanied children's center."

What Food For The Hungry has done at Mugunga Camp, which has about 220,000 refugees, is to screen children who are brought to the adjacent children's center run by the U.S. relief agency World Vision.

Workers are sent with the youngsters to investigate their living conditions and to find out who was taking care of them before they were brought to the center. If this isn't done immediately, Ms. Grasse said, the link between the child and his past is often broken.

If someone is found to take care of the child, the program provides food, cooking utensils and plastic sheeting to the family. The youngsters and their guardians make regular visits to Food For The Hungry's compound where they are weighed, interviewed about their family life, and given food.

By the end of September, 1,060 children had gone through the program. Some of them were found wandering alone, plucked out of the arms of their dead parents or picked up by a stranger or neighbor.

Police block Muslim schoolgirls trying to defy French scarf ban

LILLE, France (AP) — Police blocked a high school entrance Monday to keep out about 20 Muslim girls seeking to defy a government ban on wearing Islamic scarves in public school classrooms.

The girls tried to enter the Faidherbe school in the northern city of Lille during a daylong protest by about 100 people, including some of the girls' families.

The demonstrators shouted slogans denouncing Education Minister Francois Bayrou, who issued the ban last month on Islamic scarves and other "ostentatious" religious apparel.

School officials told the girls the ban would be applied to them starting Monday. They were allowed onto school grounds, but

barred from attending class.

Last week, in the first major challenge of the ban, about 300 students protested outside a high school in Groussinville, a heavily immigrant suburb on the northern outskirts of Paris. A large majority of the school's teachers and staff endorsed the ban, although they called on Bayrou to clarify enforcement procedures.

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Thirsty kangaroos risk traffic for drink

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Potholes have become watering holes for wildlife in the drought-stricken outback.

Drivers are having to dodge hundreds of dingoes and kangaroos in the road, as well as eagles feeding on their dead carcasses, police said Monday.

"They're just so thirsty you can drive up to them," said Sgt. Rob Walton, a police officer at the tiny desert town of Eucla, 810 miles east of Perth.

Much of Australia is suffering from some of the worst drought in years. In the southern Nullarbor Plain rain fell over the weekend for the first time in months.

The drought was soaked up everywhere but the roads, where the rain has collected in holes and is attracting thirsty animals. Police warned people crossing the plain not to drive at night.

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World

Tragedy of slain American boy prompts soul-searching in Italy

ROME (AP) — The murder of Nicholas Green and the donation of his organs by the 7-year-old's parents prompted an outpouring of anguish in Italy.

But the tragedy also provided painful insight for many who recognize a selfish, darker side to Italian life and acknowledge that some Italians could learn from the parents.

"I want to thank you. Not only for the transplants, but for a lesson of generosity, of composure," wrote Enzo Biagi, Italy's most respected commentator, in an open letter on the front page of the Milan daily Corriere della Sera.

"With us, violence is an ancient evil, and marks many destinies. This land, famous for history, beauty, art, suffers from an inveterate cruelty, which hides behind the oceans, the sycamores, among the ruins ... and which at night strikes a little sleeping Nicholas."

Highway bandits fired on their car as Reginald and Maggie Green drove toward Sicily on vacation on Thursday night.

Green, a British citizen, managed to elude the attackers. But a bullet struck his son, sleeping in the back of the car, in the head. His 4-year-old sister, Eleanor, was also in the back seat, but escaped injury.

On Sunday, doctors declared the boy braindead and transplanted his organs to five people.

"As bureaucrats finished the paperwork Monday to send the body home, official Italy honored the couple from Bodega Bay, Calif."

Messina, Sicily, where the wounded Nicholas was brought, made them honorary citizens to "exalt (their) spirit of altruism." The city said it would pay for the transport of his body and his parents' stay.

Provincial officials of Catanzaro established a \$3,200 elementary school scholar-

ship in the boy's honor. Rome promised a gold medal. An association of parents of children with heart disease made them honorary members. Cosenza, a small city in Calabria, promised to name a street after Nicholas.

Nearly every newspaper had a front-page commentary on the killing.

As much as reaching out to the couple, Italians looked inward.

The donation of Nicholas' organs was "a gesture of great civility that has made Italy reflect not a little," Messina Mayor Franco Proietti said.

Biagi said that American values are often

dismissed as naive by Italians, "who by now hardly have faith in anything."

"However every once in a while we discover that your customs, your upbringing are not just talk, and that truly you believe in feelings."

Dr. Raffaello Cortesini, the transplant specialist who operated on the recipients of the boy's organs, lamented that only half the families of eligible donors in Italy allow transplants. Italy has one of the lowest rates of organ donation in the West.

"It is serious. It makes one doubt the generosity of Italians," he told the Rome daily Il Messaggero.

Jordan tells Israel: Ready for full peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — The pace of Mideast peacemaking picked up Monday.

Jordan informed Israel it should be ready for a peace treaty by year's end, and Secretary of State Warren Christopher made final plans for more shuttle diplomacy on the Syrian front.

Christopher will go to Israel Oct. 9 to begin his fifth attempt since May to hurry a peace agreement with Syria. While in the area, he will open a new border crossing between Israel and Jordan on Oct. 15.

Diplomatic sources said differences over their border and over access to scarce water supplies were holding up a formal treaty, but that Jordan's Prince Hassan had told Israeli officials it should be ready by the end of the year.

Flanked by Hassan and Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, President Clinton declared that the once-warring countries "took further and very productive steps" toward a lasting peace.

"He referred to a series of joint ventures on the economy, environment and tourism. The most significant was an agreement to open a border crossing in the north for Americans and other foreign travelers. In July, carrying out their pledge to forgo acts of vengeance, the two sides opened a crossing between Aqaba, Jordan, and Eilat, Israel, in the south."

In a thrifty region, the two countries also agreed on Monday to develop new and alternative water resources with U.S. help.

"The steps we announced today are the building blocks of a modern peace between these ancient lands," Clinton said in a statement outside the White House.

Hassan, who said he came to the meeting "in a mood of optimism," predicted "that we will rise together to these challenges and make good on the promise of peace."

"We must work to overcome our bilateral problems," said Hassan, who is first in line behind King Hussein.

Peres called the movement toward peace "a deep and moving change in human experience in the last part of the 20th century."

Two months ago, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Hussein visited the White House and proclaimed an end to 46 years of belligerence. The next step was to negotiate a formal peace treaty.

Israel and Jordan have lived in nonofficial peace since the 1967 Six-Day war. Their move to formalize it is relatively noncontroversial among the Israeli people.

But Israel's negotiations with Syria through Christopher have split the public, with many Israelis anxious that Rabin will surrender the strategic Golan Heights.

Israel's agreement granting the Palestine Liberation Organization self-rule in Gaza and in parts of the West Bank also has stirred opposition.

A senior Christopher aide told reporters last Friday there were still wide gaps between the Israeli and Syrian positions.

Break-in bull gores woman, 82, to death

VIVER, Spain (AP) — A bull charged through the front door of a house and fatally gores an 82-year-old woman as she played cards with friends, residents said Monday.

Timotea Martinez and her friends were sitting in the kitchen area of a house in this small southern town on Sunday when the bull in and knocked her against the wall, repeatedly goring her, neighbor Pilar Marcano said.

Martinez died Sunday night in hospital in the nearby city of Valencia.

The bull had escaped from a temporary bullring set up in the village square to stage bullfights as part of Viver's annual festival.

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Magic Valley

EchoHawk blasts Clinton's values

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Democratic gubernatorial nominee Larry EchoHawk Monday distanced himself from the Clinton administration, saying he does not share the President's "values and vision."

EchoHawk, meeting with The Times-News editorial board, said Clinton "failed almost immediately" as president.

The Democrat also said he's paid a price for his ideological differences with the White House.

"I think perhaps I would be a cabinet-level officer right now if I shared Clinton's values and his vision for this country," EchoHawk said.

EchoHawk's Republican opponent, Phil Batt, has repeatedly tried to link EchoHawk to the president, even distributing photographs of the two Democrats together.

But EchoHawk is keeping Clinton at arm's length. Monday, EchoHawk repeated his opposition to abortion. He also blasted Clinton for trying to lift the ban on gays in the military.

"I am a product of the civil rights movement of the sixties," EchoHawk said, explaining his allegiance to the Democratic Party. They, in an other swipe at the President, EchoHawk added, "I don't know if Clinton can even be connected to that."

The President, EchoHawk insisted, needs "some basic moral values about what's right and wrong, and enough gumption, I guess, to stick to it."

The Democrat said his opposition to Indian gaming in Idaho is one example of EchoHawk standing up for his principles despite the political consequences. EchoHawk has repeatedly said that his record is consistent — and that campaign contributions will never alter his values or prevent him from doing what is right.

EchoHawk's enthusiasm for Clinton has ap-



Idaho Attorney General Larry EchoHawk, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, speaks with Greg Viorstra during a tour of the Viorstra dairy near Twin Falls Monday.

parently waned considerably since July 1992, when he told the Democratic National Convention, "I believe in America. I believe in the spirit of America. I believe that America must stand as a land of opportunity for all people and that is the commitment of Bill Clinton and Al Gore."

Monday, Amy Klinger, Batt's press secretary, said EchoHawk has been waiting so long to disavow the White House.

"We would like to ask Mr. EchoHawk if he's going to publicly repudiate the President and give back that money that President Clinton helped him raise at that Wash-

ington, D.C., fund-raiser," Kleiner said. Clinton announced a \$1,000 a plate fund-raiser for EchoHawk earlier this year. Earlier in the campaign, EchoHawk boasted that his calls to the White House were certain to be returned.

The EchoHawk went back and spent a night in the White House and he seems desperate to run away from him," Kleiner added.

During the editorial board meeting, EchoHawk said he remains undecided on a proposed state-owned Air Force training range in Owyhee County.

"It's troubling to me that we're being pushed to make a decision without the facts fully on the table," EchoHawk said. He wants to review a completed environmental impact statement before reaching a final decision.

Is he "on the side" but quiet as a courtesy to outgoing Gov. Cecil Andrus?

"I would say that when I use the term 'serious' or 'grave reservations,' that's an indication, but I would like to know what they're going to do to mitigate," EchoHawk said.

He's holding out hopes that the impact statement will list other alternatives to the present site, he added.

Around the valley

Twin Falls man goes on trial for sex abuse

TWIN FALLS — A trial begins today for a 45-year-old Twin Falls man charged with one count of lewd conduct with a child and three counts of child sexual abuse.

Michael H. Wilcox was arrested in May 1993 after three 10-year-old girls told police they were molested while spending the night at Wilcox's house.

Wilcox's trial will be held in 5th District Court in Twin Falls.

Highway accident leaves teen-ager in critical condition

MURTAUGH — A 17-year-old boy was listed in critical condition Sunday after his car overturned on Idaho Highway 30.

Joshua Dale Jones, of Murtaugh, has been driving east of Murtaugh at 10:38 a.m. when his car veered off the road and overturned, an Idaho State Police dispatcher said. Jones was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, then transferred to Hancock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, the dispatcher said. He was not wearing a seat belt, she said.

Filer City Council schedules public hearing this evening

FILER — The City Council will hold a public hearing tonight to discuss a proposed amendment to the Filer City Code that would include a definition of the term "home occupation." The public hearing will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by the regular city council meeting.

- Items on the agenda will include:
- Formation of a committee to research charging city customers for irrigation water used within the city.
- A resolution to amend the Filer City Public Records Policy.
- Correspondence from R & R Sanitation, the city's current sanitation contractor, outlining current landfill changes and giving notice of possible future rate increases.

Block captains should contact Tvin Falls Police Department

TWIN FALLS — Are you a block captain or in charge of a neighborhood watch program within the city limits of Twin Falls? If so, please contact Sgt. Jim Munn, of the Twin Falls Police Department. Munn is heading the city's crime prevention unit that has expanded as of Saturday — the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Munn can be reached at 736-1534.

Bank of America reports 600 official checks taken from HQ

TWIN FALLS — Bank of America Idaho reported Monday that 600 official bank checks were taken from the California headquarters.

Bank of America is warning other banks and businesses to beware of checks with the serial numbers 8018468451 through 8018469050.

CSI to be honored for adult basic education program

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will be honored this evening as one of the Top 10 adult basic education programs in the nation.

Carla Nussoll of the U.S. Department of Education will present awards to the college and Marilyn Meehan, who headed the program at CSI, during a reception at 7 p.m. tonight at the Evergreen Building on the north side of the CSI campus.

Twin Falls council OKs zoning change for center construction

TWIN FALLS — The City Council unanimously approved a zoning change to allow construction of a neighborhood commercial center on 2.75 acres at the corner of Washington Street South and El Camino Avenue.

Scott Allen of EHM Engineers said the developers, led by Glenn Raine, have made many concessions since bringing their proposal before the planning and zoning commission in July.

Garbage areas have been contained and covered, traffic entrances have been controlled, walking paths have been provided for neighboring homes and lighting has been reduced to make the proposed grocery store and offices a good neighbor for the existing residential subdivisions. Allen said.

Councilman Chris Talkington said the council should not have voted for the zoning request Monday, "despite the fact that this is a well-conceived plan." Talkington wanted time for more public hearings.

Councilman Jeff Gooding countered that the neighbors had provided plenty of input at planning commission hearings.

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Botched street sign heist lands teen-ager in jail

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls teen's quest for a one-way street sign landed him in jail Monday morning.

Hod L. Hall, 19, was arrested Monday by Twin Falls police and charged with possession of marijuana, carrying a concealed weapon while intoxicated, consumption of alcohol by a minor, petty theft, resisting arrest, possession of burglary tools and interference with a traffic sign.

Hall pleaded not guilty in an arraignment hearing Monday afternoon before 5th District Magistrate R. Michael Redman.

The action began early Monday morning during a routine downtown police patrol, according to a court affidavit filed by Twin Falls Police Officer Brian Lee. Lee reported in his affidavit that he was patrolling downtown Twin Falls at about 1:30 a.m. Monday when he spotted Hall — clad in black — walking along Fifth Avenue West. As Lee approached in his patrol car, Hall glanced back, turned and ran.

Lee got out of his car and chased Hall, catching him at Sixth Avenue West near the Mervin convenience store and gas station.

When Lee brought Hall to the ground to handcuff him, a metal object flew off into the distance, Lee said.

Cpl. Dennis Kinehart, arriving on the scene, found a loaded Lorcin .25-caliber semi-automatic handgun in "a cursory search of the area," Lee said in his police narrative.

Further frisking of Hall revealed 32 rounds of .25-caliber ammunition, a pair of pliers, a pipe wrench and a bag containing "a green leafy substance," Lee said. That substance, police say, tested positive as marijuana.

In a written statement to police, Hall noted that he did not intend to use the gun to hurt anybody. Hall also stated that he decided to take the one-way street sign after seeing it lying on the ground.

Judge Redman set Hall's bond at \$1,500 and appointed a public defender to act as his attorney.

Hall's case will be heard in a jury trial that has not been scheduled yet.

E911 gears up for showdown

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Local governments moved silently and openly toward an anticipated showdown Wednesday on the future of the four-county regional enhanced 911 system.

Early Monday afternoon, commissioners from Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln and Twin Falls counties met in a closed-door session in Jerome with their legal counsel for the E911 project.

That lawyer, Leon Smith of Twin Falls, appeared later Monday before the Twin Falls City Council to convey the E911 board's concerns about having a judge confirm the board's plan to cover the estimated \$4.6 million project through a multi-year lease.

Councilman Lance Clow acknowledged he had followed legal procedure by notifying the public of the executive session, Smith said. He didn't know. Clow said he was concerned that the board would "exclude us from knowing that it was going on."

The counties agreed to spend up to \$10,000 in legal costs to get the E911 financing confirmed. Any additional legal expenses, if approved by the council, would be split between the city and the four counties.

The E911 board opposes the idea of judicial confirmation. But in a meeting two weeks ago, the board had agreed to consider an offer by Twin Falls city to pay

for the confirmation proceedings.

Mayor Gale Kleinkopf said Monday that he doesn't think the E911 board is worried about the costs of confirmation. Rather, the individual counties do not want to be locked into long-term debt payments, Kleinkopf said.

Any of the four counties can back out at any time of the project by not budgeting the E911 funds, he said. They would be tied to the project until it was paid off if a judge confirmed that package, he said.

E911 Chairman and Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said the board is more wary of legal challenges from a group like the "frugal 14" that scuttled a regional effort to build an 18-bed juvenile lockup. The lockup was built earlier this year with only 12 beds.

Hempleman said neither he nor the other E911 board members are sure of what would happen if the project went before a judge.

"We could be challenged," he said. "It could be Tom Stivers. It could be Pam (Dowd). We just don't know."

Stivers, former state House Speaker, was a member of the "frugal 14," while Dowd, Republican nominee for Twin Falls County commissioner and former Twin Falls City Councilwoman, has been an outspoken critic of the E911 board.

The E911 board is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome County Courthouse.

Attacks land angry dad in hoosegow

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

JEROME — A Jerome County man is in jail and charged with attacking the Jerome Middle School principal and trying to run over the school resource officer with a car.

Middle School Principal Dave Zuwallt asked School Resource Officer Kelly Bangert to be ready for possible trouble Monday afternoon because he was having a meeting a parent who had been argumentative in the past.

But the parent, Darrell Raymond Hollon, was apparently more than argumentative this time.

Zuwallt had decided to suspend the Hollon's son for failing to come to detention and called his parents. He arranged to meet with the boy's father in an office next to Bangert's office.

During the meeting Bangert said he heard a commotion and ran to the room, where he saw Hollon attacking the principal, he said.

Bangert said he ordered Hollon away from the principal, but Hollon then attacked him.

Hollon then left the school and went to his car. Bangert said he then tried to arrest Hollon in the parking lot but Hollon began choking him.

Bangert said Hollon then got in his car and tried to run over the officer. Bangert said he then drew his gun. But the parking lot and the nearby intersection were crowded with about 90 seventh-graders and their teachers, who were returning back from a field trip.

Hollon got around Bangert and sped away without hitting any students, but Jerome Police in two cars forced him off the road where he surrendered peacefully, Bangert said.

Hollon, 41, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery of a police officer with a car, battery, threatening a school officer.

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Hospital officials told to make it without federal help

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — As far as the federal government's role is concerned, large-scale health-care reform is dead — but hospitals shouldn't stop working on improvements on their own, administrators and other members of the Idaho Hospital Association were told Monday.

And working on their own really means hospitals must work with other hospitals and health-care providers to offer a wide range of cost-effective care and health-promotion services, says the American Hospital Association's chairwoman.

"We have a short window of opportunity, I believe, to make effective change without government intervention," said Carolyn C. Roberts, who also is head of a 54-bed hospital in Vermont. "The cost issues are not going to go away."

Roberts spoke to more than 500 people Monday during the Idaho Hospital

Association's annual convention, which started Saturday and ends today. Other topics discussed Monday include service to employees as well as patients and legal issues.

Gubernatorial candidates Republican Phil Batt and Democratic Larry EchoHawk were scheduled to speak to the Idaho Hospital Association's House of Delegates. But both canceled.

Roberts said the statistics that made people believe health-care reform is necessary are still there: one out of every four people loses his or her health insurance in any two-year period; one of every five households is denied coverage because of pre-existing conditions; and one of every five households has financial problems paying its medical bills.

By the year 2005, it's predicted that 25 percent of government spending will be for Medicare and Medicaid, she said. Hospitals then will receive less money than they normally would from other in-

surers if Congress decides to institute deep cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, she said.

The federal and state governments' deep concerns about Medicare and Medicaid costs will not go away, she said. "Hospitals will still be asked to do more and more with increasingly constricted resources."

The focus on governmental health-care reform probably will shift to the state level, Roberts said. Other states, including her home state of Vermont, where reform has not been successful, can learn from Idaho, she said.

One market-driven factor that has yet to have much force in Idaho is managed care, Roberts said. But when managed care comes, it will take control quickly and Idaho hospital administrators should be prepared to accept capped payments, she said.

Her (managed care) moves like some of the firms you've had in this state," Roberts said.

FBI, deputies catch California fugitive

By Mick Normington
and Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — A two-week sting operation with the FBI and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department netted a drug fugitive and a combative teen-ager Sunday.

Two weeks ago, the FBI office in Boise learned that Gary V. Bellotti, 33, of California, may be in the Magic Valley.

The FBI began an investigation with the sheriff's department to catch Bellotti, who was wanted on a fugitive warrant, said Sgt. Bob Gauthier of the sheriff's department.

Bellotti had previously been arrested on drug dealing charges in California.

Sunday at 8:30 p.m., an FBI agent and Twin Falls County deputies were joined by officers of the local Tri-County Drug Task Force and the Twin Falls Police Department. They surrounded the Holiday Motel at 615 Addison Ave. W. then moved in.

They caught Bellotti. But as they were arresting him two local teen-agers came across the street from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and were allegedly about to conduct business with Bellotti, Gauthier said.

Deputies and officers also arrested the teen-agers and a fight ensued. Richard Willis, 18, of Filer, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

A 17-year-old Twin Falls girl was not as cooperative, police say. She was charged with resisting arrest and battery of a police officer after hitting off-duty detective in the shoulder and kicking another officer in the leg, said Twin Falls Police Officer Ron Farnsworth.

Bellotti remains in the Twin Falls County Jail.

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EchoHawk blames 'overzealous' supporter for fund-raiser fiasco

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Democratic gubernatorial nominee Larry EchoHawk on Tuesday blasted an "overzealous" supporter for arranging a weekend breakfast fund-raiser across the street from Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

EchoHawk called the campaign event in the church-owned Joseph Smith Memorial Building a "mistake," but he blamed Republicans for raising the "religious issue" last week.

The fund-raiser coincided with a biannual Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Conference that drew Mormons from across the world. Several Republicans, including state chairman Randy Smith, an LDS church member from Pocatello, denounced the event.

Though GOP gubernatorial nominee Phil Batt has repeatedly refused to make

religion an issue on the campaign trail, EchoHawk laid the blame at the Republican's feet.

"My staff told me that the Batt campaign had been on the phone to every newspaper, telling them to encourage them to jump on this issue," EchoHawk said.

Tuesday, Phil Batt's press secretary, Amy Kleiner, denied that the Batt campaign is responsible for the controversy.

"The Batt campaign has been talking about issues, such as protecting Idaho's water and protecting Idaho jobs," she added.

Asked if EchoHawk's use of LDS church facilities was appropriate, Kleiner said "We haven't commented about that and we won't now. We've only asked Larry EchoHawk to raise his money."

Batt, on a bus tour Tuesday, was not available for comment.

EchoHawk told *The Times-News* editorial board that his campaign briefly considered canceling the controversial fund-raiser, but that the invitations had already gone out. He also claimed that Republican fund-raisers have been in the same place previously.

"There will be glitches in a campaign that you can't control. I think this is a glitch. Do I think this was a major turning point in the campaign? I don't think so," EchoHawk added.

The Democrat blamed Wendell Ashton, former publisher of the church-owned *Deseret News* for the campaign "glitch," adding "I've would have done it differently had we been in control."

The LDS Church has more followers than any other denomination in Idaho, and anti-Mormon undercurrents have long been present in Idaho politics.

After Idaho became a state, the LDS church of its constitution included provisions to prevent Mormons from voting. Anti-Mormon language remained in Idaho's constitution for nearly 100 years.

Andrus calls INEL study a set up

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Cecil Andrus says the government's environmental study of activities at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory appears to be a setup, designed to allow the federal Energy Department and the Navy to send more nuclear waste to Idaho.

"The document falls far short of the state's expectations based on the district court's order," Andrus said Friday in a letter to the Department of Energy. It reiterated his complaints about the environmental impact statement first voiced at a public hearing in Boise.

A 33-member team of health, environmental and state experts issued its findings from a three-month review on a 4,200-page draft environmental impact statement covering nuclear fuel, management at INEL. It also covered environmental cleanup and waste management.

A federal judge required the report in a court ruling last year. The state analysis claimed it directly and indirectly impacts Idaho and federal government operations at INEL.

"The draft EIS fails to analyze a reasonable range of alternatives for proposals to store spent nuclear fuel," the governor's statement said. "A proposal to continue to store spent nuclear fuel in Idaho is not necessarily disapproved by the DOE because of a contractual obligation. The law requires DOE to consider all reasonable alternatives."

Andrus said the government owes the people of Idaho and the rest of America "a much more thorough review of the complex, sensitive and complex issues of nuclear waste shipment and storage."

"The path that the Navy and Energy Department have chosen so far is one of predetermining an end product and then using the process to justify the going-in position," he said.

Andrus had the state sue the Department of Energy to stop shipments of nuclear waste into the state, contending federal officials had reneged on decades-old promises to start removing other waste material from Idaho.

In June 28, 1993, order, U.S. District Judge Harold Ryan issued an injunction stopping all federal laws requiring the state until DOE prepared a "comprehensive statewide environmental impact statement."

The Navy and Energy Department have several months to respond.

"The final environmental study is due next April with final decisions to be published in June, 1995."

The Idaho study team called the draft environmental impact "long on words and short on analysis." Federal laws require such studies to be "analytic, rather than encyclopedic."

Jerome council seeks comment on street work

By Anna Pierson
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The City Council plans a public hearing 7 p.m. today at City Hall on a Local Improvement District ordinance that would pay for a \$600,000 downtown revitalization project.

The project includes replacing sidewalks, gutters and curbs on the city's two main streets — Lincoln and Main. The work is set to be completed next summer. According to city officials, the area is long overdue for such improvements.

Financial contributions from the Idaho Department of Transportation will supplement local funds generated by taxing landowners in the Local Improvement District, which consists of property owners along the affected streets.

City Administrator Larry Paine estimates that individual costs for sidewalk replacement will be about \$25 per foot to cover construction, engineering and financing fees.

A presentation delivered at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce last month received mixed reviews from local business owners.

Cost was the main concern of opponents.

The council is interested in any comments from affected citizens. State funds for the project will be available July 1, 1995. Construction will begin soon after that date.

Obituaries



Harold N. Northrop

TWIN FALLS — In the early morning hours of Oct. 2, 1994, Magic Valley and Twin Falls lost one of its most colorful personalities for over 80 years. His very vibrant personality, smile and sense of humor touched untold numbers through out the valley and beyond.

"Nuthy" was born Harold Nelson Northrop, the son of Meril and Lovey Padgett Northrop on July 12, 1917, in Judith, S.D. He grew up in the sandhills of Nebraska before coming to the Magic Valley in the early 1930s. He met and then married Elida Leavell on Sept. 17, 1935. Most of us will remember him as the person who "treated you right when you needed to buy a car at Bob Heese Motors and later at Gooding Ford. Among "Nuthy's" many accomplishments, he also owned and operated several of his own businesses. In 1969, he and his wife, Elida moved to Hagerman and raised calves. Even after retirement, "Nuthy" never stood still, always looking for a new challenge. He'd smile and say "I always like a good thing when it comes together."

Dad never met a stranger, so in celebration of his life and his love of life, his family invites friends to share their memories of "Nuthy" at one of his favorite places, the Depot Grill in the Caboose Room from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1994. Please come to celebrate his life with us.

Survivors include his brother, Neal Northrop of Utah; his sister, Doris Jean Robensdorf of Pender, Neb.; two daughters, Irene Northrop of Twin Falls and Beverly Anderson of Eagle; his devoted son-in-law, John Anderson who was more like a son; six grandchildren, Felton Anderson, Amy and Steven Anderson of Eagle, Ward Garrison and Jeremy Stuchman of Twin Falls and Holly Hodge and Robbie Stuchman of Texas; and great-grandchildren. In the last years of his robust life, he was indeed fortunate to have as his loving and caring companion, Juanita Skotter Cox and his coffee buddy, Juanita's sister, Leona "Pete" Parker. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elida; his parents, Meril and Lovey Northrop; a brother, Lyle; and two great-grandchildren.

He will be deeply missed and Magic Valley will be less exciting without him. In lieu of flowers, his family suggests memorials to "Nuthy's" name be made to your favorite charity.



Roy J. Prescott

KIMBERLY — Roy J. Prescott, 55, of Wendover, Nev., and formerly of Kimberly, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 1994, at the home of his son.

He was born Oct. 22, 1938, in

Twin Falls, the son of Oscar G. and Mina "Lonore" Irene Latshaw Prescott. He attended school in Kimberly and served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1955 to 1961. He worked as a meat cutter for independent meat for 25 years, and Carters for 10 years. He then worked at Jackpot for three years and two and one half years in Wendover. At the time of his death, he was working as a dealer at Mac's Casino in Wendover.

Survivors include three sons, Owen Kit Prescott of Hagerman, Timothy Wayne Prescott of Richfield and Jeffrey Glenn Prescott of Wendover, Nev.; three daughters, Paula Marie McCoy of Twin Falls, Tracy Ann Slinger of Buhl and Lenore Irene Prescott of Lucknow, Nev.; 13 grandchildren; two brothers, Glen Prescott of Twin Falls and Ernest Prescott of Nampa, and one sister, Marguerite Jacobs of Tacoma, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Magic Valley Mortuary in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with military rites by Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliaries.

The family will accept donations to help with expenses, in care of Paul, McCoy, 422 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls ID 83301.

Chester C. Low

BUHL — Chester C. Low, 74, of Buhl, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 1994, at the Magic Valley Medical Center. He was born Feb. 24, 1920, in Buhl, to William and Ruth Smith Low. He attended school in Gooding and married Edna Mae Lowe on July 24, 1942, in Boise. They had been married 52 years in July. Mr. Low farmed until 1960, then began driving truck for Coby Auto and later for Montana Express. He retired in 1985. He loved his family and especially his grandchildren. He was a member of the LDS Church.

He is survived by his wife, Edna, of Buhl; a son, William C. Low of Buhl; a daughter, a daughter, Karen White of Nampa; a sister, Opal Jagels of Buhl, and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Memorials are suggested to the Idaho Lung Association.

David M. Perkins

TWIN FALLS — David Marcus Perkins, 78, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Oct. 3, 1994, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

He was born June 2, 1916, in West Jefferson, N.C., the son of James Hosea and Levenie Perkins. On March 27, 1943, he married Dorothy Frazier in Rich Hill, Mo., and they recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. As a young man, David worked on sheep ranches in Oregon and later worked for Northrup King Seed Co. in Twin Falls for many years. He was an equipment operator for the Twin Falls Street Department for 20 years until retiring in 1975.

He attended Cornerstone Baptist Church for many years. David was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Perkins of Twin Falls; two daughters, Sharon Mae (Richard) Perkins of Pocatello, and Karen Fae (Roger) Maxfield of Loudon, N.H.; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters-in-law, Florence McGuire of Twin Falls and Sarah Robertson of Bucyrus, Kan.; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 1994, at the Twin Falls Cemetery, with

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Pastor Scott Thomas officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Ministry, in care of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, 31 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls ID 83301.

Donald B. Blackstone

TWIN FALLS — The Rev. Dr. Donald B. Blackstone, 87, Pastor Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa, and formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday at Genesis Medical Center, East Campus, Davenport, Iowa.

He was a minister for 50 years in the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S. He was a pastor at the Church of the Covenant, New York City; Western Presbyterian Church, Palmyra, N.Y.; First Presbyterian Church, Davenport; and First Presbyterian Church, Davenport.

He married Frances Wilson in 1929 in Port Huron, Mich. She died in 1988.

He was moderator of the Synod of Idaho and chairman of its ministerial relations and Christian Education Committees. He also was a member of the Board of Trustees of Auburn Theological Seminary, the College of Idaho and Dubuque University.

He was president of the Scott County Mental Health Center and a member of the Board of Directors of White River Medical Center, Batesville, Ark.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Ann Blackstone, a son, Douglas of Minneapolis, and a half brother, William Stanton Blackstone of Watertown, Mich.

The funeral was held Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Davenport. Burial will be today at Cleburne County Memorial Gardens in Heber Springs, Ark. Arrangements were under the direction of Weerts Funeral Home in Davenport.

Memorials may be made to the Bridge Builders' Fund of First Presbyterian Church in Davenport.

Dennis A. Kratz

KIMBERLY — Dennis Albert Kratz, 58, of Kimberly, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 1994, at his home.

Dennis was born July 9, 1936, in Winfield, Kan., the son of Albert Nicholas and Marie Estelle Carlson Kratz. He came with his family to Filer in 1945, and attended school in Filer. In 1953, he joined the U.S. Army and served a three-year term in Japan following eight years of service with the U.S. Air Force. He married Martha Ottem in Germany in 1953. He began a career in law enforcement in 1957, as an undersheriff in Hamilton County, Kan. In 1969, he joined the Longmont, Colorado Police Department as a patrolman. After serving two years as Chief of Police in Fort Lupton, Colo., he went to work in security management for the E&G Rocky Flats plant in Golden, Colo., where he held that position until retiring in May 1993, at which time he moved to Kimberly. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas Law Enforcement Training School and the Colorado Law Enforcement Training Academy.

He is survived by his parents, Albert and Marie Kratz of Kimberly; a daughter, Linda Ann Collamore of Tuckehee, N.Y.; and two sisters, Judith Rogers of Carrollton, Texas, and Bonnie Bacon of Kimberly.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1994, at the Kimberly Funeral Home, 255 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Burial will be today at the funeral home.

Death notices

Dale E. Knox

TWIN FALLS — Dale Eugene Knox, 72, of Mountain Home and formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 1994, in a Mountain Home care center.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at Summit Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Mountain Home, with Monsignor James Hallisey as celebrant. Grave-side military rites and interment will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Emily M. Smith

CAREY — Emily M. Smith, 86, of Lewistown, formerly of Carey, died Friday, Sept. 30, 1994, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewistown of a stroke.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Carey-LDS Church, with burial to follow at the Carey Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Malcom's Brower-Wann Memorial Chapel in Lewistown.

Adela A. Pearce

HAGERMAN — Adela-Amelia Pearce, 99, of Hagerman, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 1994, at the Green Acres Care Center in Gooding.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Alfred Hayes

BUHL — Alfred Hayes of Buhl, died Monday, Oct. 3, 1994, in New Jersey.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

April Blumer

BUHL — April Blumer, 43, of Buhl, died Monday, Oct. 3, 1994, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Services

A.L. "Bud" Heinrich, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, First Presbyterian Church, Twin Falls, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Dorothy Dillon, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 2 p.m. today.

Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Ralph C. Bordewick, of Buhl, graveside service, 11 a.m. Wednesday, West End Cemetery in Buhl. Viewing, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Tracy Stickler of Burley.

Darlene Larson, Tim Shell and Tracy Stickler, all of Burley; Andrew Fox of Buhl; Clara Montoya of Rupert; and Scott Osterhout of Paul.

A baby was born to Tracy Stickler of Burley.

Alisa Allen, Hillary Warner, Maria Pacheco and Joseph Barcia; all of Rupert; and Rita Gallegos of Paul.

Elizabeth Badger and Ryan Wittingham, both of Rupert; and Guadalupe Morales of Paul.

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Attacks

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official and resisting arrest.

Bangerter said nothing like this has ever happened to him before.

"It was really surprising considering the school had such a minor inner-school disciplinary matter that got blown up by one parent," Bangerter said.

"We were more concerned with the safety of the kids at the school and the disruption than anything else."

Meanwhile, officials of the Idaho National Guard came to the school to begin an investigation into the incident because Hollon, who is a sergeant in the National Guard, was wearing his uniform Monday.

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Accident sends Boise man to hospital

DECLO - A Boise man was injured Sunday when his car overturned on Interstate 86.

Kenneth Hodges, 21, was treated for injuries at Cassia Memorial Hospital and released the same day.

Hodges was eastbound about 20 miles east of Declo when he became drowsy a little before 6 a.m. and veered off the pavement, according to an accident report. Hodges ploughed down an embankment, overturned and hit a fence, the report said.

The car landed on its wheels, the report said. His passengers, Gerald Mulligan, 21, of Caldwell, and Ryan Robertson, 18, of Boise, were unharmed, the report said.

Hodges was cited for inattentive driving and driving while suspended, the report said.

Collision of pickups injures 3 people

BURLEY - Three people were injured when a pickup truck rammed into another pickup Saturday.

Timmy Shell, 28, of Burley, was treated for injuries at Cassia Memorial Hospital and released the next day.

Katie McClay, 14, and Emily Waite, 13, both of Boise, were riding in the other pickup and were treated and released Sunday.

Shell was westbound on state Highway 81 at about 4:30 p.m. when he ran into the back of a pickup that had been waiting to turn left at an intersection, according to an accident report.

Tim McClay, 44, of Boise, was driving the other pickup, the report said. He was not injured.

Shell was cited for reckless driving, the report said.

Animal collector heads to court Oct. 24

RUPERT - A hearing of animal collector Myrtle Kelly was held on Oct. 24.

Rupert City Attorney Rick Bollar is asking the 5th District Court to order the removal of Kelly's animals because she has been violating a court order limiting her number of pets, he said.

Bollar has accused Kelly of refusing to give 15 cats to the Twin Falls Animal Shelter after the Humane Society of the United States inspected her yard in August and found violations of a previous court order.

Bollar also wants the courts to allow inspections of Kelly's house in Rupert.

No time has yet been set for the new hearing.

Detectives call camp's fire suspicious

BURLEY - After exhausting several leads, detectives are calling last week's fire at Cassia County Farm Labor Camp suspicious and are putting the case on hold indefinitely.

The fire Thursday night charred the insides of several unoccupied housing units at the camp south of Burley. Damage was estimated at \$10,000.

Investigators have more important cases to work on, said Lt. Alan Smith of Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

"The case is still active," Smith said Monday. Arson has not been ruled out, he said.

Compiled from staff reports

Petitioners demand long-term care facility

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Debbie Hughes spoke haltingly as she described her 37-year-old sister's struggle with a terminal brain tumor at Cassia Memorial Hospital.

If Cassia County commissioners turn the hospital into something other than a long-term care facility, Hughes may have to move her sister out of the Mini-Cassia area, the Declo resident told commissioners Monday.

"If you take her home away, you take her family away," Hughes said. "I'm really emotional about this because it's really close to my heart. (The hospital) needs to stay."

About 35 nurses and families of long-term care patients presented more than 780 signatures asking commissioners to sell the hospital to a provider of long-term care.

In a crowded office at the Cassia County Courthouse, several audience members wept as they listened to family members talk about the bonds that patients have built with the nursing staff at the hospital.

Patients would suffer if they were forced to be shuttled to another long-term care facility and adapt to unfamiliar surroundings - perhaps with serious health consequences, hospital nursing director Mary Oviatt said.

The elderly are the fastest growing

segment of the population, she said. A proposal by Western Health Care Corp., of Boise, to remodel the hospital into a 150-bed facility is a good one, she said.

The Boise company would provide additional services besides long-term care, psychiatry for geriatric patients, therapy and adult day care, Oviatt added.

Intermountain Health Care Hospitals Inc., which is leasing the county-owned hospital, will not provide long-term care at their new private hospital. The new hospital is expected to open next spring.

Commissioners told the group that the county wants to sell the hospital to a company that will provide long-term care. But they said they wished that the group had testified during public hearings last month on the sale of the hospital.

A committee will meet soon to review preliminary plans to turn the hospital into a judicial facility, Commissioner John Adams said. Commissioners will weigh the costs of that proposal against selling the hospital, he said.

Paul Christensen, who is running for commissioner, outlined the options to the group.

"We have an obligation not just to long-term care, but to all taxpayers in Cassia County," Christensen said.

"That's a hard task," he said.

Lower Salmon, North Fork Payette bills win approval

The Associated Press

Legislation to protect portions of the North Fork of the Payette and Lower Salmon rivers in Idaho won final House approval Monday, but questions remain about the prospects for Senate passage before Congress adjourns.

Measures sponsored by Congressman Larry LaRocco, D-Idaho, were approved on a voice vote as part of a miscellaneous public lands bill.

It also includes a proposal from Congressman Michael Cramer, R-Idaho, for a land exchange in the Targhee National Forest, and

seven other bills that had been reported out of the Natural Resources Committee or passed by the House.

LaRocco said Monday night that he sees no reason why the package should not win Senate approval before Congress adjourns on Friday or Saturday.

Greg Casey, chief of staff for Sen. Larry Craig, said last week that he was unaware the Republican's problems with some detailed wording in LaRocco's bills had been resolved, and there was little chance anything even remotely controversial would reach President Clinton.

Cold cut



Gene Cope and Chris Seibold, with the Sawtooth National Forest's Burley District, cut down several sub-alpine firs on the first day of snow Monday at Pomerelle Ski Area. The trees are top-heavy because of the ice and snow and may have fallen on the ski lifts, Seibold said.

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Construction begins on park's wolf pens

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - Construction has begun on temporary holding pens for wolves to be relocated from Canada to Yellowstone National Park.

The wolves, expected to arrive in mid- to late November, will be managed as an "experimental, non-essential" population as part of the federal government's effort to bolster populations of the endangered species in the Northern Rocky Mountains.

The designation means ranchers who find wolves preying on livestock

will be allowed to kill the wolves.

Pens will be built at three sites in the Lamar River Valley in the northern part of Yellowstone.

Plans call for trapping wolves in Canada and placing a breeding pair with their young in the Yellowstone pens for six to eight weeks before their release in the wild.

Biologists hope that period will give the wolves time to adjust to their new surroundings and weaken their urge to return to their former home area, said Wayne Brewster, project manager for the National Park Service.

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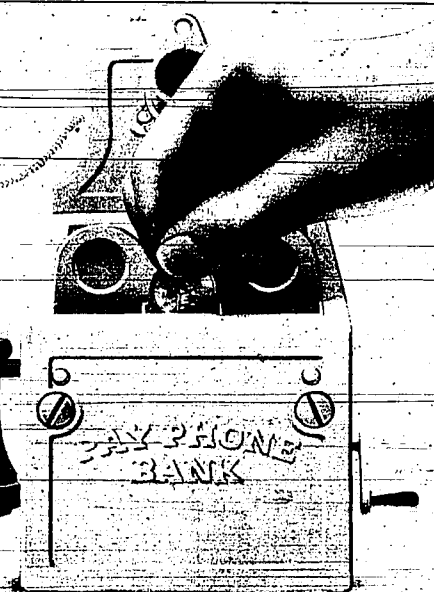
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Prison chief: More cell space 'absolutely critical' for state

BOISE (AP) — State Correction Director James Spaulding is urging policy makers that the alternatives to a major prison expansion are unacceptable because the \$38 million price tag.

Spaulding underscored the need for the building program by detailing for the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council on Monday the dramatic escalation in the state's inmate population — both male and female — since late last fall.

"With no help in sight," he said, the options to a \$35 million, 500-bed addition to the main prison and a \$2.6 million, 72-bed addition to the new women's prison are early release of inmates or even more rapidly escalating costs

for housing state inmates in county jails or other states.

Jamming more inmates into existing cells would violate a federal court order capping the prison system's population. And housing the inmate overflow this year is expected to cost an unprecedented \$5 million.

"This project is absolutely critical, critical to the system and critical to the state, because the alternatives are not acceptable," Spaulding said.

State lawmakers have refused to approve any kind of program for the early release of inmates should overcrowding reach a crisis level.

The council, which recommends building priorities to state lawmakers each year, received about \$100 million in construction requests for the 1995-1996 budget and 40 percent of that was from the prison system. Another 10 percent was from the juvenile justice program, which is seeking the financing for \$5 million, 30-bed state juvenile detention centers in northern and southwest Idaho.

The council will determine its legislative recommendation next month.

Spaulding said expansion of the new women's prison, which was at capacity only a few months after opening, was crucial to remaining

in compliance with a longstanding court order intended to assure women inmates the same treatment and services the men receive.

And he said the expansion at the main prison has become even more important than it was a few months ago because the possibility of securing additional cell space in eastern Oregon has completely disappeared with public demand for ever tougher criminal laws.

"He also acknowledged that while construction costs were substantial, the real price for taxpayers comes in operating the facilities after they are built.

Since last December, the state prison system's inmate population has risen an average of

35 inmates a month, and Spaulding said there does not appear to be any reason to assume that will change. The only break in the escalation was in July, and he said that may well have been because sentencing judges and attorneys were probably on vacation.

The demands for cash to expand criminal detention space are only part of the mounting financial pressure on the state treasury that has increased the skepticism about the ability of either of the two major candidates for governor

— Republican Phil Batt and Democrat Larry Echolf — to fulfill their campaign promise for major state-financed property tax relief next year.

Court refuses Texas' homestead exemption

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has refused to let Texas enforce its state "homestead exemption" law barring some types of liens or mortgages on people's primary residences.

The justices, without comment on Monday, let stand a ruling that said the state law is pre-empted by federal regulation of the savings and loan industry.

The Texas appeal was supported in a friend-of-the-court brief submitted by Idaho and two other states — Indiana and Louisiana.

Lawyers for the three states said the federal appellate ruling left a legal agency "pre-empt state family property laws through an informal, retroactive gloss upon a vague and general federal agency regulation."

The law at issue protects, with few exceptions, the foreclosure and forced sale of property designated as a homestead. The exceptions are for those mortgages or liens secured by property taxes, build improvements or pay property taxes on the home. The exemption cannot be waived.

But the Texas law has certain drawbacks for homeowners, who cannot obtain home-equity loans for such purposes as a child's education or to supplement retirement income.

Under the law, the alternative for Texas homeowners is obtaining unsecured loans. Such loans generally are more expensive, and homeowners cannot deduct those interest payments from their federal income taxes.

First Gibraltar Bank and Beneficial Texas Inc. challenged the Texas law over two types of home-secured loans it barred. They are a "reverse annuity mortgage" (RAM) and the "line of credit conversion mortgage."

A RAM provides for periodic payments from the lender to the borrower, with the loan being secured by the borrower's equity in a home.

The line-of-credit conversion mortgage is a type of RAM in which the lender is given a line of credit and may receive payments on demand rather than regularly scheduled payments.

The two S&Ls that challenged the Texas law argued that federal laws allowing such lending should trump the state's prohibition.

A federal judge ruled against the S&Ls, but the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last April reversed that ruling.

The appeals court said two federal laws, the Home Owners Loan Act and the Parity Act, allow the federal Office of Thrift Supervision to pre-empt the Texas law.

Justices give death-row inmate hope

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday refused to hear an appeal by Idaho prosecutors in the case of death row inmate Donald Kenneth Fetterly, convicted of killing another man 11 years ago.

The justices, without comment, let stand a federal appeals court ruling that gave Fetterly new hope of having his death sentence overturned.

Fetterly was convicted of the Sept. 12, 1983, murder of Sterling Grammer. Prosecutors said Fetterly and his girlfriend, Karla Windsor, broke into Grammer's home in Caldwell and waited for him to return.

The two then bound Grammer's hands and feet

with tape, and Fetterly repeatedly stabbed him. Grammer's body was dumped into the Snake River.

Fetterly appealed unsuccessfully to the nation's highest court in 1986, 1989 and 1992.

After the Idaho Supreme Court in 1989 created a new way for sentencing courts to consider all mitigating and aggravating evidence in capital cases, Fetterly mounted a new challenge in state courts.

The Idaho Supreme Court threw out Fetterly's appeal in late 1991, ruling that the new sentencing method created in 1989 did not apply retroactively to his case.

Fetterly's appeal of that ruling compressed his case's last unsuccessful trip to the nation's highest court.

Managers kept funds for future

BOISE (AP) — Managers of the state court system squandered away money lawmakers appropriated for its operation during the 1992-1993 budget year so they could spend it in subsequent years, according to a legislative audit.

The audit, released to legislative budget writers on Monday, found that nearly \$200,000 from the court system's \$16 million budget was actually spent in the following budget years — even though lawmakers authorized the cash only for expenses in 1993.

Unless specifically allowed to retain unspent money at the end of a budget year, agencies must return

the cash to the general treasury. There was no legislative authorization to retain any cash from the 1993 court system budget.

The situations resulted in interest lost to the General Fund, avoidance of the intent of appropriations, an increase in the Judicial Department's basis and misstatement of the financial statement, the legislative audit said.

Court system officials pointed out that at the time of the questionable financial maneuvering the system had neither an administrator nor a budget officer.

"It is our policy to pay only current expenses due from current appropria-

tions," officials said in their response.

The auditors also raised questions about the way the courts handling retirement payments to the widows of judges. They questioned the legality of the courts' decision that any judge dying in office be determined to have chosen the retirement option providing the most lucrative retirement payment.

Court system officials said they would investigate the auditors' findings but declared that "the court is the manager and has the ultimate responsibility for the judges' retirement fund."

Teen gets jail for refusal to do service

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — An 18-year-old who failed to do court-ordered community service has been ordered to spend 90 days in jail, a magistrate has ruled.

David Schabell's mother and employer say they are outraged and will appeal the sentence in the court of appeal.

First District Magistrate Eugene Marano said the youth repeatedly refused to do the work and has a record of breaking the law.

Two years ago, Schabell was cited for fishing without a license. Marano sentenced Schabell — then 15 — to a suspended sentence of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Marano then converted the fine to 225 hours of community service.

But Schabell did not do the service.

"It was real overwhelming for him," said his mother, Linda Schabell. "He ran away from home."

When Schabell was ordered into court a year later to explain his refusal, he asked instead to pay \$1,000 and not do the work. Marano refused.

Panhandle firms lure Canadians

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Canadian tourists facing a poor exchange rate south of the border are being offered incentives in Post Falls.

Sixty-three tourism-related businesses will give discounts to Canadian customers or accept their money at par in an Octoberfest promotion.

Canadians have shied away from the area this summer because of a poor exchange rate that has hovered around 38 percent.

Though Post Falls has not been as crippled by the lack of Canadians as other towns, October has traditionally been a slow month, said Nancy DiGiammarco, Post Falls Tourism president.

The idea came from Kay Rimplinger, marketing director for the Factory Outlets mall. The tourism office has received a number of calls from ads placed in six Canadian newspapers and 1,400 brochures sent to "regular" customers who flock to the outlet mall and the dog racing track in Post Falls.

Post Falls Tourism's survey showed the price of hotel rooms was the leading reason for Canadians staying at home. Several hotels will take part in the incentives.

Coeur d'Alene Convention and Visitors Bureau director John Kozma said his town was only too happy to take part. First Security Bank and First Interstate Bank will exchange Canadian money for 25 percent instead of the usual 35 percent during October.

The direct mailing has already found success at the Factory Outlets mall, said manager Ed Adamchak. Canadian traffic appears to be up for early fall compared with the same time last year, thanks to specials of up to 20 percent off.

Simplot, Albertson again among richest

The Associated Press

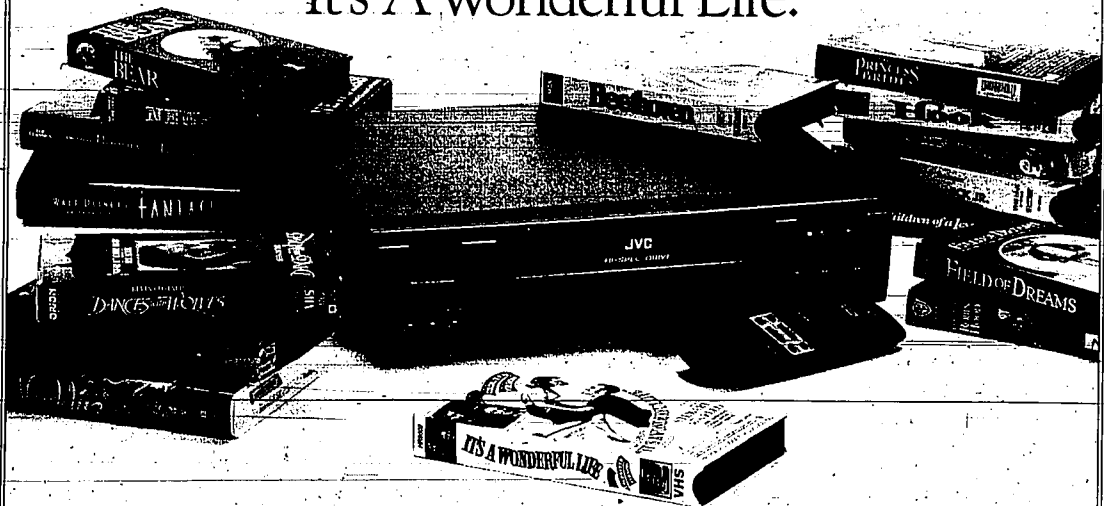
Idaho potato baron J.R. Simplot and the widow of the founder of the nation's fourth largest grocery store chain are again among the richest people in America, according to Forbes magazine.

Simplot was listed at number 51 in the magazine's Oct. 17 edition, detailing the 400 richest Americans. His worth was estimated at \$1.4 billion.

And Kathryn Albertson, widow of Joe Albertson, was listed at 67th with a worth of \$1.1 billion.

A year ago, Forbes estimated Simplot's worth at \$950 million and Albertson's at \$528 million.

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Business

Decline in single-family homes drags down national spending

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The third straight decline in spending on interest-sensitive, single-family housing helped shrink national consumption outlays in August for the first time in six months.

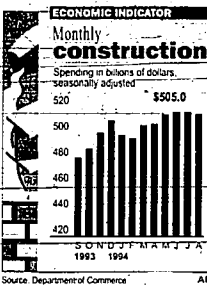
Outlays for single-family homes, about one-third of total spending, fell 1.2 percent, the Commerce Department reported Monday.

"What is striking is how much the residential component has weakened already," said economist David F. Seiders of the National Association of Home Builders. "I think high mortgage rates are the answer."

In addition to a decline in residential spending, non-residential outlays also fell. Government spending, however, was up for the fourth consecutive month.

Overall, spending on residential, non-residential and government projects fell 0.2 percent, to \$505 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate. That was down from a revised \$506.1 billion in July and the first decline since spending fell 0.5 percent last February.

Many economists had been expecting an increase of about 0.3 percent. Still, spending was 8.7 percent



Source: Department of Commerce

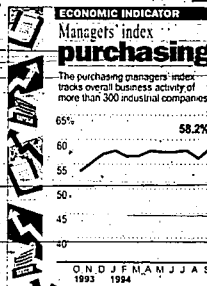
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higher than during the same month in 1993.

The department originally estimated that July outlays had risen 0.6 percent, to a \$510.5 billion rate. The revision showed spending was unchanged from June.

Residential outlays — spending on both single-family and multi-family buildings — fell for a third straight month, down 0.8 percent to a \$237.5 billion rate.

As a result, Seiders said the residential component of the gross do-



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

AP

main product likely will be the drag on economic growth in the third quarter. The GDP is the total output of goods and services produced in the United States.

The single-family market has been erratic in recent months as mortgage rates approached 9 percent from less than 7 percent a year ago. An increase from 7 percent to 9 percent would add \$209 to the monthly payment on a \$150,000 mortgage.

A Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. survey showed 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 8.51 percent in August and had risen to 8.85 percent by last week, highest in more than two years.

The drop in spending on single-family homes was partially offset by a 1.5 percent increase in spending on apartments and condominiums, which are not as sensitive to high mortgage rates. It was the third straight gain in the multi-family sector.

Some analysts believe the higher rates are accelerating demand for rental properties.

Non-residential outlays fell, however, down 1.1 percent to a \$95.7 billion rate after falling 1.2 percent a month earlier. Spending on industrial projects, office buildings and hotels and motels advanced, but spending on the "other commercial" category, which includes shopping centers, dropped 4.7 percent.

Government construction outlays rose 1.8 percent, to a \$131.1 billion rate, despite recent cutbacks in many other spending areas. It was the highest level since a \$132.7 billion rate last December. Public-sector outlays have risen each month since April, when they slipped 1.2 percent.



U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor speaks about GATT while President Clinton and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell listen.

Clinton: Putting off GATT to next year \$70 billion mistake

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton sought Monday to increase pressure on Congress to ratify new global trading rules this year, saying a six-month delay could cost the economy up to \$70 billion.

"We need to do it now," Clinton declared.

"The work has been done, the path to our future is clear, our obligation is plain," the president said in a speech outside the White House to an audience that included members of Congress and former officials of the Bush administration.

An issue is a revision of the 12-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), now before Congress.

The trade pact would cut global tariffs by an average 40 percent and would provide a new dispute-resolution mechanism.

The House is scheduled to vote on the GATT agreement on Wednesday. The Senate has put a vote off until Dec. 1.

Many critics are seeking to postpone the vote until next year.

The pact is opposed by the textile industry, environmental groups and arch-conservatives.

Clinton said a six-month delay would cost up to \$70 billion.

"We're going to do this with the least possible delay. We're trying to do this in the shortest possible time," Clinton said.

He said that, once the plan has been put in force, it would pump \$100 to \$200 billion into the U.S. economy each year.

Clinton drew a comparison between the GATT agreement and last year's free-trade pact with Mexico and Canada. He said that agreement, widely criticized at the time, had increased the export of trucks and cars to Mexico by up to 600 percent.

"Our commitment to make America great in the 21st century involves a commitment to make America (not only) a good leader but a good partner as well," Clinton said.

Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, said the United States led the way toward drafting the new set of trade rules and the United States now must lead the way in implementing it.

"It's a winner for the United States," Kantor said.

Among those at the event were former President Bush's financial secretary of state, Lawrence Eagleburger's national security advisor, Brent Scowcroft, and his trade representative, Carla Hills.

Hills called the agreement the world's largest tax cut, amounting to \$750 billion. "It will give the global economy a real shot in the arm," Hills said.

"A delay in approving this agreement will not only postpone the benefits but shrink them," she said.

Clinton also hailed weekend market-opening agreements with Japan. The two countries resolved disputes on government purchasing practices, insurance, flat glass, medical equipment and formulas for measuring products.

The United States, in turn, called off plans for wide-ranging trade retaliation, although said it would still launch a one-year investigation into lagging sales of auto parts to Japanese consumers — a move that could lead to sanctions.

Stocks end mostly lower amid inflation fear

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks ended mostly lower on Monday as investors worried anew about inflation and interest rates falling a better-than-expected report on the economy.

But blue-chip issues managed a slight recovery, late in the session amid some optimism about third-quarter corporate earnings.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.70 points to 3,846.89.

Still, declining issues outnumbered advances by about 8 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume on the floor of the Big Board came to 278.43 million shares, down from 291.94 million in the previous session.

Stocks ended mixed abroad. In Tokyo, the 225-stock Nikkei Stock Average gained 0.4 percent. London's Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index fell 1.4 percent and in Paris stocks lost 1.4 percent. The stock market was closed in Frankfurt on Monday.

Among broader indexes, the Standard & Poor's list of 500 stocks lost 0.95 to 461.74, while the NYSE's composite index fell 0.58 to 254.94.

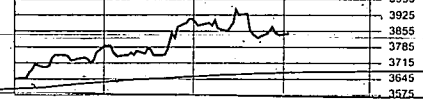
The Nasdaq composite index, meanwhile, lost 3.41 to 760.88, while at the American Stock Exchange, the market value index fell 0.35 to 454.65.

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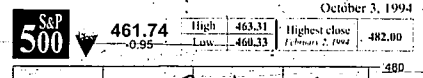
Daily market roundup

October 3, 1994

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company issued the warning in conference call with industry analysts after reporting strong sales and a 41 percent rise in third-quarter profit. Other semiconductor stocks also dropped after the report.

In Nasdaq trading, CarNetwork rose 1% to 24 after Humana said it would buy the company in a cash transaction valued at \$123 million. Humana lost 1/2 to 23% in NYSE trading.

The National Association of Purchasing Management said its September composite index rose to 58.2 percent from the previous month's reading of 56.2 percent and subsets of data showed gains in prices and employment. Economists had expected an index of 56.7 percent.

A reading above 50 percent generally indicates the manufacturing economy is expanding.

"That raised the red flag of inflation," said James Solloway, director of research for the research group. Higher commodity prices reinforced the sense that inflation may be a problem as increases in precious metals prices lifted the Commodity Research Bureau's index of 21 commodity futures prices more than a point to 231.41.

Bond prices fell after the NAJPM report, pushing up interest rates. Bond investors don't like word of strong economic growth or inflation, which erodes the value of fixed-income securities such as bonds.

And stock investors don't like to see interest rates rise because that makes shares less attractive and raises the cost of money to companies.

Stock and bond investors both worry the indications that economic growth is strong may cause the Federal Reserve to nudge interest rates higher for a sixth time this year in an effort to forestall inflation.

Despite the negative tone, the Dow average rose slightly late in the day as investors looked beyond the signs of inflation to what strong economic growth will mean for corporate earnings.

The third quarter ended in September and companies begin reporting results in earnest later this month.

It is starting to come up in peripheral vision that earnings will be good," said Don Hays, investment strategist at Wheat First Brokerage Street. "And in the long term that's what matters to the market."

Where have all the savings gone?

NEW YORK — Americans earned more and spent more in August than in July, adding further evidence that the economy is indeed continuing to grow. But there's more to the story than that.

The chief "more" is that the savings rate fell to 3.8 percent of after-tax income, one of the worst rates in the post-War era, a period during which monthly rates sometimes ranged well above 8 percent.

Savings aren't just an indicator of household security; they are the economy's catalyst, the ingredient that stirs the economic chemistry into motion and keeps it going, producing a higher standard of living.

Savings become investments — to education that raises the quality of workers; in capital equipment that raises productivity; in infrastructure to assure smooth communication and distribution of products and services.

With only slight exaggeration you might say that savings are everything to the economy, the basis of social services, good health, defense, home mortgages, communications systems, school buildings, vacations.

That's why the 3.8 percent rate in August stands out like a thumb so sore it pulses like a red warning light.

Some would disagree with that, arguing a low savings rate can be an indicator of consumer confidence in the future, the assumption

being that secure households don't mind taking on debt and even cutting into savings.

But consumer confidence indicators aren't rising as they should if that were so. To the contrary, many households are complaining that they are living to the limit of their financial ability. Maybe they're unable to save.

In 1984, Americans saved \$222 billion. In August 1994, with personal income than 60 percent greater, they saved at an annual rate of \$188 billion. In 1984, the savings rate was 7.9 percent, more than double the latest figure.

In the 1970s, the savings rate ranged from 6.9 percent to 9 percent. In the 1960s, the rates ranged from a low of 5.7 percent in 1960 to 8.1 percent in 1967. In the 1950s, the rates have been in the high threes to low fives.

This deterioration is occurring in the midst of what other statistics show is a growing economy. Production and personal income in the aggregate are up, but claims on that income are growing faster. Some of it is self-imposed.

Self-imposed pressure arises from that old-fashioned pursuit called keeping up with the neighbors. It is intensified by billions of stimuli directed at consumers by the media, and by an avalanche of new products and services.

The net of such activity may be to project desires beyond affordability, with the difference made up with plastic. Credit cards and their balances have become a way of life. Desires can be fulfilled rather than postponed.

Still, the stress shows up in other ways. Simultaneously, everyone's looking for a bargain, creating a retailing upheaval. With available money tight, people now boast about how little, rather than how much, they paid.

Nearer the explanation than any of these may be a factor that is much in the news. It is taxes. You know it is by the number of politicians making promises of tax cuts as central theme of their campaigns.

Nothing new in this: you can trace such complaints back to the beginnings of civilization. What's different today, if you believe those who have studied the phenomenon, is how they cut into take-home pay.

Taxes today claim more than one-third of income, which means American families are spending as much on taxes as they do on food, clothing and housing combined. Government, rather than they, have the use of their money.

Such factors make savings difficult. And the less saved, the worse the situation becomes.

John Cunniff is business analyst for The Associated Press.

Northwest timber companies branch out to South America

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Largely shut out of the woods at home, Pacific Northwest timber companies are putting down roots in South America, a continent long on forests and short on rules.

By November, one of Oregon's largest private timber companies will begin the first large-scale importation of Chilean logs to help keep its mills running.

The migration of the industry and importation of foreign wood follows years of turmoil in the Northwest woods.

Since 1992, public policies have increasingly restricted harvests on federal, state and private lands, forcing timber companies to look elsewhere for supply.

The shift angers timber's old-guard like E. E. Stubb-Stewart, 84, former president of the now-defunct Bohemia Inc.

"When I got into this business, I never thought I'd see this country to itself," he said.

Stewart, a timber boss shaped in the old school of logging along Lane County's Row River.

Stewart knows that logs cut elsewhere mean paychecks cut elsewhere. But others argue that by importing logs, they can keep

some local mills running. In the equatorial savannahs of Venezuela, Portland-based Louisiana-Pacific Corp. is building the first of a series of South American lumber plants.

In Chile, timber companies like Roseburg Lumber, Lompden Affiliates, North Pacific Lumber and Diamond-Wood Products are dipping into the first of a series of forests.

Their activities run the gamut: buying lumber from local sawmills, buying logs from plantation forests for export to Northwest mills, buying native forest land to be harvested and building their own mills.

And on the windswept island of Tierra Del Fuego, Bellingham, Wash.-based Trillium Corp. is preparing the largest-ever logging operation to come to this isolated end of the world.

The extent of the expansion to the Southern Hemisphere is impossible to gauge. No central storehouse exists to document who is working where. Many projects are

handled quietly to protect a competitive-business edge. Other companies shy from publicity after years of criticism in North America.

The move to Chile and other South American countries follows a long pattern of forest exploitation that has left much of the resource in the United States the target of environmental restrictions.

Tired of the ramorous public debates in the Pacific Northwest over old-growth forests, timber companies are searching out millions of acres of less-controversial plantation forests.

Encouraged by government policies that date back 30 years, Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Venezuela have cultured pine tree plantations just now coming to maturity.

"Northwest residents are witnessing the first signs of what will become a fundamental change in where the world gets its wood."

"We are five years into a 35-year shift to a different hemisphere," said Thurston Roach, the chief financial officer of Simpson Investment Co. in Everett, Wash.

It's going on in Argentina, it's going on in Brazil, it's going on in South Africa, it's going on in Indonesia.

Valley life

Letter loses a little in translation

DEAR ABBY: I appreciate your running my letter to you a few weeks ago, but my friends and I were quite surprised to learn I had moved from Memphis to Nashville. I have lived in Memphis for many years. All kidding aside, since both cities are so well known, it is probably easy for West Coast people to switch them, but I still live in Memphis.

There was, however, a more serious error in the column: I sent you a familiar quote from the author, David Elton Trueblood, not Finelblood, which pointed out that this is the only animal who laughs, weeps, etc. I'm wondering how "Trueblood" became "Finelblood"—I'm sure many of your readers will correct you, but let me be the first.

—ARTHUR H. PRINCE, MEMPHIS
DEAR ARTHUR: I know you live in Memphis; you and I have corresponded for many years, but how Memphis became Nashville is a mystery to me.

Even more mysterious is how "Trueblood" became "Finelblood." I still have my original letter which reads "Trueblood" ... so there's no blood on my hands. Obviously, somebody goofed, and until (and unless) the goofies "fesses up, the buck stops here."

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, you had a column showing how inex-



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

pressive everything was in the '70s and '80s. My mother was a packrat — she saved everything — I took her for her in that respect, as you can see. I am enclosing a bill from the Ohio General Hospital in Wheeling, W.Va. It is for Room, Board and Care from Jan. 24, 1918, until Feb. 7, 1918. The bill was for the use of the operating room, materials used in the operation and anesthesia. (The room cost \$22.25 per day.)

As you can see, it is marked "Delivery Room" — so it was the bill for my delivery. The total bill came to \$39.50.

—WILL H. BARNHART, RANCHO CUCAMONCA, CALIF.
DEAR WILL BARNHART: Since you have celebrated 76 birthdays, I would say your parents got a bargain. Congratulations.

DEAR ABBY: I read your column every day. I often think to myself, "I wonder how Abby got about that" ... but then I never get around to it.

The letter today about the difficulty some older people have in hearing the

telephone ring, and getting to it while it is still ringing, inspired this letter. Each year just before Christmas, you get letters saying, "I don't know what to get Grandma, or Uncle Bill, or Aunt Betty." How about a cordless telephone? They are reasonably priced, and most of them have volume controls for the handset, and some for the ringer. Some even have a pager/finder tone so the phone can be located if misplaced.

—DAWN SCHRAMM, MINNEAPOLIS
DEAR DAWN: Just when I think I'm out of ideas for Christmas (or Hanukkah) gifts — comes the Day. Thank you for an excellent gift idea.

DEAR ABBY: Whoa, Nellie! The people who are offended at "There you go" are missing the meaning. It is not a substitute for "Thank you," but rather a response to the unexpressed "Thank you," the clerk or teller has just performed a service, and is saying "You're welcome," or "I'm happy to serve you." It is comparable to the French "Bonne nuit," the Italian "Buona notte" and the German "Gute Nacht" carry the same meaning as "Here you go" and are used the same way. "Thank you" would be inappropriate. It would be the proper response for the service just received.

—THOMAS CALDWELL, S.J. MILWAUKEE

Flirting fundamentals: A glance, a smile, so sexy, so scientific

Los Angeles Times

You probably shouldn't know about Monica Moore's research.

You think you want to know, but really you don't. If you did, you'd be too self-conscious to do what comes naturally. For while the rest of us fumble through life "chasing our hearts and throats," this woman observes us, and simply knows.

For almost 20 years, Moore, an experimental psychologist, has been studying flirting. In fact, she has spent a career turning an immensely subtle art into science. Which is a little like reducing Mona Lisa's smile into a neurological hic.

Moore, a professor at St. Louis' Webster University, and her teams of graduate students spent hundreds of hours in bars and student centers covertly watching women and men court, and painstakingly recording every smile and laugh.

After feeding all the data into a computer, Moore came up with a catalog of 52 gestures women use to signal their interest in men. Think of it as L.L. Bean's Love Collection.

Moore, the Jane Goodall of human courtship, is quite serious about her work.

"People see flirting as so frivolous," she says. "But I'd argue that to know about this is very important because it helps explain human relations."

Like Charles Darwin, Moore began with the premise that women make the initial choice of a mate. And from there the courtship process begins. Western cultures wrongly assume men control the process; she says,

because they focus on the far more obvious second stage of courtship: the approach. But Moore contends it begins when girl eyes boy — and smiles or smooches his skirt or lifts her lips. And study after study showed that how attractive a woman is is less important than her flirting skills.

"So she gets the first turn, then he gets a turn. Each time one signals the other they are re-affirming their choice. Either one can opt out at any time along the way."

The best part of her study on gestures, which included observing 200 women over two years, is the list.

To attract a man, women most often smile, glance, primp, laugh, giggle, toss their heads, flip their hair and whisper. Sometimes they like their skirts, pat a buttock, hug, request a dance, touch a knee and caress.

Moore's description of one of the most frequent signals — "solitary dancing" — would make anyone who has been seen in a singles bar squirm.

"While seated or standing, the woman moved her body in time to the music. A typical male response was to move closer to her."

Moore began her research in flirting in the late 1970s, when she herself was a graduate student in search of a dissertation topic.

Her adviser suggested she pick something fun, and all she could think was: "Food, sex, food, sex, food, sex."

Later Moore heard an anthropologist lecture about biological theories of human female choice, which started Moore wondering how women made decisions about who they choose.

Valley happenings

Twin Falls Garden Club plans monthly meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Garden Club has planned its monthly meeting for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Hawaiian Garden Restaurant, 180 Blue Lakes Boulevard.

Ken Hemple will present a program on fall bulbs and perennial plants. He will also give a report on his fourth trip to Romania, where he was engaged in missionary and relief work. Yearbooks are ready.

Public invited to check out fossil beds Thursday

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation Department has planned a tour of the Laramie Fossil Beds National Monument for Thursday.

A bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the Jerome Senior Center on First Avenue East. All individuals interested in learning more about the world of fossils are invited. An interpretive show, transportation and lunch at the Hagerman Senior Center is included in the fee. Cost is \$8.25 for those age 60 and above and \$9.75 for anyone under 60. Pre-registration is required. Call 324-3389 or 324-5642 to make a reservation.

Camp Fire organization plans skating party

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Camp Fire Boys and Girls organization has planned an Early Bird Registration Skating Party for 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Skateland on Kimberly Road.

All boys and girls who would like to join Camp Fire are encouraged to attend. Families are welcome. Cost is \$3.75 per skater. For more information, call Xandra Smith at 324-2795.

Magic Valley Bird Club to hold meeting Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Bird Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the community room at KMVT on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. For more information, call Becky at 733-1455 in the evening.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Gene search may yield valuable clues on what happens when people grow old

Dallas Morning News

The memory slips. The eye-glare prescriptions need to be changed. The hair turns gray, the skin sags, and the muscles don't have the spring they used to.

Even Dick Clark has to admit that no one can really turn back the clock of aging.

Nevertheless, scientists studying genes are finding clues to what happens as people age. Even further, they are trying to figure out why people age at all.

"It's a real basic question," said Larry Grossman, a biochemist at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore.

"What is it that sustains life, and what is it that causes death?"

Using recent advances in gene technology, scientists are testing a theory that people age because their genes get more and more damaged as they live. The theory suggests, the cells don't work as well.

One study has already given hints as to why older people are more likely to develop one type of cancer. And other experiments that will survey entire organisms for mutations during aging will give scientists a "whole-body" picture of what happens to genes as time goes by.

Scientists have known for some time that genetic mutations are more common in older people than younger ones. Older people also are at a higher risk for cancer.

One proposed explanation for the link between cancer and aging is that as people age, mutations accumulate, eventually mutations that cause cancer will pile up, too. In September, scientists from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles reported evidence that supported the theory.

Using a technique that can detect mutations present in even only one cell out of a million, the researchers checked blood cells for a mutation known to be associated with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, the cancer that killed Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Even though all the blood cells came from people that didn't have the disease, more than half of the people had the mutation. And people over age 61 were 13 times more likely to have the mutation than people 20 and under, the researchers wrote in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The increase in mutations among older people parallels the increase in risk for the disease, said Gino Cortopassi, the molecular biologist who led the study.

But Cortopassi said he can't predict whether the people with the mutation will necessarily develop the disease. Even though as many as 55 percent of people in the study had blood cells bearing the mutation, a person's lifetime risk for getting the disease is 0.6 percent, he said.

Even if it were possible to predict the disease, "it wouldn't make economic sense to test people

for a tumor, that's how many people won't get," Cortopassi said. "But we might test people that are at high risk, like pesticide spreaders."

People who work with pesticides are at a higher risk for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, as are heavy smokers, Cortopassi said.

In a separate study, presented in April at the meeting of the Environmental Mutagenesis Society in Portland, Ore., Cortopassi reported that heavy smokers also have more of the mutation.

Cortopassi speculated that the mutations associated with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma may occur normally, but the cells that bear the mutation, which are immune cells, may proliferate in response to cigarette smoke, pesticides or other chemicals in the environment, and thereby cause the cancer.

Even though the mutations were more common

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in older people, Dr. Cortopassi said it isn't clear whether they arise later in life. It's possible, he said, that cells carrying the mutation just proliferated more than normal cells do, so they showed up more frequently in tests for the mutation.

While a change in a gene eventually could lead to death, mutations are a fact of life.

"The whole reason there's evolution is because DNA is mutable," said Jan Vijg, a biologist at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Changes in the chemical that makes up genes, DNA, occur naturally, he said. And although the body has ways to repair the mutations, the repair mechanisms aren't perfect. Some mutations can be harmful, but other mutations allow organisms to evolve and adapt.

Whether the end result of the imperfect repair is aging, or whether aging causes repair to worsen as time goes on is an important question, Vijg said.

Another important question is where and when mutations occur in the body. Vijg said different tissues may accumulate mutations at different rates or times. But "it's not possible to test every gene in every cell," he said.

Using genetic engineering techniques, however, Vijg has devised a way to look for mutations in every frequency of a mouse's body.

Vijg created a mouse that harbors a gene normally found in bacteria. Because there's a test for whether the gene is normal or mutated, it's possible to use it as a barometer for mutations in a particular tissue.

To test for mutations, researchers isolate DNA from different organs in the mice and then hone in

on the bacterial gene in particular. The number of mutated bacterial genes the researchers find in the mice serves as a measure of the mutation rate.

The results from the mouse study aren't in yet, Vijg said. He received funding to start the project last year, and the life span of a mouse is about two years.

Other work with mice could give clues to what happens when mutations don't get repaired normally. Geert Weeda, a molecular biologist at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, has genetically engineered mice to knock out the gene that carries the instruction for a protein that repairs certain types of DNA mutations.

The mice die within four weeks, Weeda said. They have problems with their kidneys and liver and are about one-third the normal size. While it's too early to say whether the symptoms are signs of premature aging, Weeda said, it is a possibility.

Vijg of Beth Israel Hospital said he and Weeda will collaborate to compare how normal mice accumulate mutations as they age, with mice that can't repair their DNA as well. To use the bacterial gene technique to see what types of mutations occur in the mice with faulty DNA repair, Vijg and Weeda will breed mice that have both qualities.

By comparing the normal accumulations of mutations as the mice age with the accumulations when DNA repair is compromised, the scientists might be able to learn what effect, if any, the ability to repair mutations in DNA has on aging.

Other studies suggest that the ability to repair damage to DNA might actually decline as people get older. Grossman of Johns Hopkins University measured the ability of white-blood cells to repair DNA that had been damaged by ultraviolet radiation. As people got older, he said, their cells were less able to repair the DNA.

Scientists also have found a way to increase life span, at least in laboratory mice. Restricting the number of calories a mouse eats by 30 to 40 percent can cause the mouse to live longer than it would if fed freely, according to the National Institute on Aging.

Alec Morley, a hematologist at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia, has measured how mutations accumulate in mice that are fed a restricted diet. To measure mutations, Morley isolated white blood cells from mice and grew them in the lab. By treating the cells with a particular chemical and growing the cells under certain conditions, Morley could tell whether the mice had mutations in a gene called HPRT. Like the bacterial gene in Vijg's experiments, the HPRT gene served as a gauge for mutations in general.

Mice that ate 60 percent of the calories that freely feeding mice had had only 30 percent of the mutations, Morley reported last year in the journal Mutation Research.

"In some way, the mutations that accumulate in the bodies of mice with high age seem to be the result of the diet," Morley said.

There's more ways to go crazy than ever before

The Hartford Courant

Are you crazy? Well, not crazy exactly but — shall we say — disturbed? Do you have a condition, a syndrome, a mental disorder?

According to DSM-IV, if you've got a heartbeat, you probably do.

DSM-IV is the newest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the shrink's bible, the one book you'll be sure to find on the shelf of every psychiatrist and clinical psychologist in the country.

It also will be the most thumbed book on the shelf, because it's the book your counselor will consult to decide what code to use to bill your insurance company.

But it's more than that; DSM is one way in which we define ourselves, and a look at its evolution suggests that we are in the process of redefining ourselves in a disturbing and disturbing way.

With each new edition, the number of mental disorders has multiplied. DSM-IV now includes more than 300 mental disorders, more than three times the number in the first edition, published in 1952.

Mental disorders now include everything from "Nicotine Dependence" — suffered by smokers — to the "Disorder of Written Expression," which afflicts people who can't write well.

"We're all crazy. Yeah, it's as common as the common cold," says Herbert I. Kutchins. "And these fellows are telling you that we're all

crazy, and we all need a little help, and it's not so bad to be crazy. Crazy is normal."

Kutchins, at California State University, Sacramento, and Stuart A. Kirk, at the University of California, Los Angeles, are professors of social work whose book, "The Selling of DSM," lambastes the philosophy and the methodology (or lack thereof) behind the manual.

But in a way, DSM is only a reflection of a growing trend in our society: to shrink and to giggle everything.

The American Psychiatric Association, which publishes DSM, warns readers that the manual is "not meant to be used in a cookbook fashion."

But that warning is followed by a series of recipes: Do your children lose their temper? Argue with you? Refuse to comply with your rules or requests? Deliberately do things to annoy people? Blame others for their mistakes or misbehavior? Get angry or resentful? Act spiteful or vindictive?

If they have exhibited four or more of these symptoms over the past six months, then, according to DSM-IV, they may very well be suffering from "Oppositional Defiant Disorder," code number 313.81.

And how about you? Have you always been bad at math? Did your math scores drag down your SAT score? And keep you out of the Ivy League?

Then you may be a victim of "Mathematics Disorder," code 315.1.

Small-town effort rescues black bear

WEAVERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — It was a bear of a job, but somebody had to do it.

It took a lasso, winch and tow truck, a contingent of volunteer firefighters, game wardens and a veterinarian to rescue a 50-pound black bear from the bottom of a muddy well.

Mona Hudson discovered the bear Thursday night when she heard strange sounds coming from the abandoned 30-foot well on her property about 80 miles south of the Oregon border.

Veterinarian Tom Nickerson climbed down with a 10-foot pole to give the bear a sedative. Then volunteer fireman Don Bickle attached a harness, and a tow truck slowly winched the bear up.

Rescuers scattered in terror as the bear popped out, yanked off the harness, pushed over a wire fence and lumbered back into the woods.



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Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Bishop of Jerome, ID, are celebrating their **25th Wedding Anniversary** this October 4, 1994. Vernon & I were married Oct. 4th, 1969 in Boise, AZ. They have lived in Jerome since 1978. They have one son, Chris, and one daughter, Debra. Chris is a graduate of the University of Idaho and is currently at the University of Washington. Debra is a graduate of the University of Idaho and is currently at the University of Washington. They would like to wish them a very happy 25th Anniversary and many more to come!

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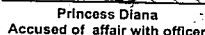
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Book unveils Diana's love affair



In a television interview, Ms. Pasternak said she wrote the book in collaboration with Hewitt. She said Hewitt showed her the letters Diana wrote him during the Gulf War in order "to prove that this love affair did take place."



in his arms and wept. The times she had been out and alone, and the had longed for such a into her husband's melted so softly into

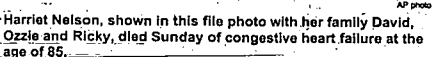
Lawyers said that if Hewitt made love to Diana he could technically face the death penalty under the Treason Act of 1351 that forbids adultery with the wife of the king or the queen.

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'Ozzie and Harriet' TV mom dies at 85

Larson has drawn his cartoon of the absurd, featuring things like cows in singles bars and bacteria with family lives, for 15 years. It is distributed by Universal Press-Syndicate to nearly 1,900 newspa-



In a statement released Monday, Larson, 44, said his main reasons for retiring were "simple fatigue and a fear that if I continue for many more

In recent years, Mrs. Nelson has made occasional appearances in television series, including an episode of "The Father Dowling Mysteries" starring granddaughter Tracy Nelson.

The Times-News carries "The Far-Side" as a regular feature on the daily and Sunday comics pages.

In 1991, Larson received the Reuben Award for Outstanding Cartoonist of the Year from the National Cartoonists Society, which also named "The Far Side" the best syndicated panel in 1985 and 1987.

Money lawsuit focuses attention on Harriman

But Averell Harriman truly loved her, and she took care of him as he

Pamela Harriman won Round One last Wednesday, when a judge decided she was just decorating -

Harriman's lawyer, Michael J. Lerner, said his client plans to fight the family on every point.

and grandchildren, he said last week. "These are the same children; grandchildren who have loved her."

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— Former Cal star Jason Kidd on NBA's Dallas Mavericks

Briefly

USC basketball coach moved to intensive care

LOS ANGELES — Southern Cal basketball Coach George Raveling has been moved to intensive care because of internal chest bleeding, a USC University Hospital spokeswoman said Monday. The move was said to be precautionary.

Raveling, 57, suffered nine broken ribs, a broken pelvis, a broken collarbone and a slightly collapsed lung when his vehicle was demolished Sept. 25 in a traffic accident in Los Angeles.

Raveling was listed in serious but stable condition.

Aspen offers highest-priced ski lift ticket this season

ASPEN, Colo. — The Aspen Skiing Co. will charge \$49 for single-day regular season lift tickets after Dec. 9, making it the most expensive in the nation again this season. Single-day tickets bought on the hill last year cost \$46.

The company's four resorts will not charge more during Christmas Week, however. And tickets will cost \$37 before Dec. 10.

Advance-purchase multi-day tickets will cost slightly less than last year. The six-day ticket, for example, will cost \$254, compared with \$258 last year.

Some discounted single-day tickets will be available at some outlets as well.

4th World Masters Games will be in Portland in 1998

BRISBANE, Australia — Portland, Ore., will be the site of the next World Masters Games in 1998.

Portland beat out Durban, South Africa, the only other city vying for the fourth Games.

Former four golfer wins

Hooters event thanks to rain

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Former PGA Tour player Eddie Pearce won the Hooters-Jordan Tour's \$100,000 Naturally Fresh Classic when Sunday's final round was rained out.

Pearce had a 3-under-par 69 Saturday for a 12-under total on the Heritage Links course. Kelly Korleski, Hicks Matlenson, Mike Swartz, Dennis Zinkov, Dave Miley and Paul Claxton finished a stroke back.

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Skating show will go on despite injury

By Barbara Neiwert
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Last week's skating injury to Olympic gold medalist Oksana Baiul has forced a change in the format for Saturday's first Sun Valley Outdoor World Professional Skating Championships.

Organizers announced Monday the event has been changed from a ladies-to-a men's competition and will include a host of world-class skaters, including 1992 Olympic gold medalist Victor Petrenko and American stars Brian Boitano and Scott Hamilton.

Baiul will perform an exhibition program, but world-silver medalist Surya Bonaly will not appear as originally scheduled.

During a practice session on Sun Valley's outdoor ice rink Sept. 27, Baiul dislocated her kneecap and required orthopedic surgery.

She is recovering quickly, but did not want to do anything to jeopardize her career, said competition co-producer Stan Feig.

In fact, Baiul's recovery has been remarkable — she landed a jump during skating practice just two days after surgery,

Skating championships

The professional competition short program begins Saturday at 11 a.m. and continues with the long program at 2:30 p.m.

General admission is \$18 for the morning only, \$32 for afternoon only or \$42 for both. Reserved seats for the full day are available for \$42, or \$60 for the first four rows.

The amateur short program begins Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by the long program at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission or \$30 reserved seating for the entire competition.

For more information call 622-2231.

Baiul's knee injury jeopardized the competition, but organizers quickly gathered enough support from men's figure skaters to proceed.

Sun Valley's long-standing relationship with the skating community helped draw Boitano and Hamilton on short notice, Feig said. The weekend ice shows that Sun Valley produces each summer pull in top figure skaters from around the world.

Feig guessed this would be the first outdoor competition in the past 30 to 40 years. The weather will affect performances, but the forecast calls for clearing conditions over the weekend.

On Sunday, CBS also will film the U.S. Ladies Amateur competition, featuring the top five American skaters. That competition will be televised Thanksgiving Day.

Feig said the amateur competition will be an important preview of the U.S. Nationals and a sneak peek at the next U.S. Olympic team.

Hamilton will provide commentary for the amateur event, with Tracey Wilson and Vern Lundquist calling the professional competition.

If Baiul and Bonaly had skated in the outdoor competition, it would have marked their change into professional status. A skater does not technically assume professional status until skating in a professional competition, Feig said.

Joining Baiul in exhibition skating will be world champion Denise Biellman of Switzerland and the Russian team of Oksana Grischuk and Evgeny Platov, 1994 Olympic gold medalists.

Renee Roca and Gorsha Sur, the 1993 U.S. national dance champions, and Todd Eldredge, U.S. champion, will perform an exhibition during Sunday's amateur competition.

Kings of Monday night

Steelers draw curtain on Houston, 30-14

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers wish every day were Monday.

The Steelers reversed a season-long succession of bad starts, turning Barry Foster's 115 yards and the helpless Houston Oilers' numerous mistakes into points on their first four possessions for a 30-14 victory Monday night.

Foster had 100 yards by the first minute of the second half and Neil O'Donnell shrugged off his worst NFL start with a pair of big-play first-down passes as the Steelers (2-2) improved to 5-0 on Monday night under coach Bill Cowher.

Dein Sanders has the nickname, but the Steelers are the NFL's best prime time performers since Cowher took over in 1992. They're 4-0 on Mondays over the last two seasons and have allowed only 14 points in their last five Monday night home games.

The Steelers had been outscored 24-3 in the first quarter this season and trailed every game by at least 10 points, but this night Houston (1-4) never had a chance — especially quarterbacks Cody Carlson and Bucky Richardson.

The Steelers' defense, which seems to play off the emotional Cowher's rah-rah intensity on "Monday nights," forced four first-half fumbles by the two quarterbacks, with Kevin Greene recovering two of them. Carlson left with an injured left shoulder after completing only 3-of-7 passes for 18 yards.

A raked Richardson was "a much better fumbling two of his first three snaps, but it was already 20-0 by then and it hardly mattered. The Oilers didn't score until Richardson threw two touchdown passes in the final 9:11, a 76-yarder to Ernest Givins and a 2-yarder to Haywood Jeffries with five seconds left.

But the Oilers already trailed 30-0 after rookie Bam Morris' 1-yard TD run with 9:47 remaining.

The Oilers are 1-4 under coach Jack Pardee for the second straight year, but off Monday's effort it's not likely they'll duplicate 1992 by winning their next 11.

What saved the Steelers was that O'Donnell didn't replay his dreadful four-interception day in a 30-13 loss in Seattle last week. With Foster dragging Oilers defenders with him on a succession of big gains, O'Donnell had to pass only sparingly, and he was effective when he did.



Houston Oilers Glenn Montgomery stops Pittsburgh Steeler running back Barry Foster in the first half of their game in Pittsburgh on Monday.

Picking apart the NFL's second-ranked passing defense, O'Donnell finished 9-for-17 for 154 yards, a touchdown and no interceptions.

After the opening kickoff, O'Donnell set up the first of Gary Anderson's three first downs with a 12-yard throw to Yancey Thigpen on third-and-6 after Foster ran off 25 yards on his first four carries.

On Pittsburgh's next possession, O'Donnell found Andre Hastings for 46 yards on first down, and Anderson later kicked a 25-yard field goal.

After finally learning how to score early, the Steelers couldn't quit. Carlson fumbled a snap on second-and-11 with Greene recovering at the Oilers' 3, and O'Donnell promptly found Eric Green for the touchdown and a 13-0 lead with 5:42 remaining in the first quarter.

Men's MSU teams may suffer cuts

The Associated Press

BOZEMAN, Mont. — In a move aimed at bringing about gender equity in varsity sports, Montana State is actively seeking female walk-on athletes.

But in the process, some nonscholarship male walk-ons may lose their spots on athletic teams at the school.

"My personal feeling is that a walk-on is the truest kind of student athlete, and it gives me great pain to tell some coaches to cut down the numbers," said Sue Jacobson, MSU's associate athletic director.

"But the only way to keep from cutting sports or stripping men's spots is by making this inexpensive adjustment."

Jacobson said participation limits have been placed on all men's sports at the school.

The football team will be allowed to have no more than 95 players; indoor and outdoor men's track both will be capped at 50, but not necessarily the same 50; men's cross country will have a cap of 18 athletes.

Please see MSU/D2

Montana sits at 2nd in I-AA

The Associated Press

BOISE — Montana has ascended one step to the second-place spot in the Division I-AA football poll after quarterback Dave Dickenson threw for 239 yards in a 45-0 shutout for Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Iris Montana's first 300 start since 1970, but 5-0 Boise State and 4-0 Idaho had thumps of the player and team statistics this week.

Dickenson was 20-of-33 passes for four touchdowns, bringing him a passing efficiency rating of 173.8 points and a total offense average of 327.4 yards per game. Montana leads in passing efficiency at 307 yards.

Idaho's Eric Blaw usurped Dickenson's first place in efficiency with 176 points, and jumped past both Dickenson and Eastern Washington's Todd Bennett for a total offense of 342 points.

The Grizzlies have taken over the top rung from Weber State in defending against passes with a 102.3-point efficiency and allowing an average of only 13.4 points per game.

Duke freshman fails to kick her way onto squad

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Better send that script of "Necessary Roughness II" back to the rewrite department.

Duke's first-year student and would-be kicker Sue Mercer failed in her bid Monday to become the first female to play for a NCAA Division I football team, Blue Devils coach Fred Goldsmith said Monday.

Unlike the fictional character played by Kathy Ireland in the movie "Necessary Roughness," Mercer won't make the team as a walk-on. She will be offered a spot as a special teams manager, he said.

"She's not where she needs to be to kick at this level of football," Goldsmith said. "The leg strength wasn't there."

Goldsmith snapped the ball and assistant coach Fred Chatham did the holding at the seeger tryout Monday as Mercer kicked off the turf at Wallace Wade Stadium.

Observers said even her successful kicks lacked power and height. Goldsmith eventually allowed her to kick directly out of Chatham's hold without a snap, but without substantial success as the distances increased.

Goldsmith was reluctant to discuss details of the tryout.

"She never wanted publicity, poor kid," Goldsmith said, "I hope this is the end of it."

But he noted Mercer can spend time in practice assisting the kickers. "She can try out again in the spring if she wants."

Mercer was a successful member of the state championship team at Yorktown (N.Y.) High School. In response to a letter from Duke's freshman by Goldsmith that solicited support for the team, Mercer asked for the tryout.

Ironically, Blue Devils kicker Tom Cochran is off to the best start of his career, hitting six of eight field goal attempts in Duke's 5-0 start. He's also 18-for-18 on points after. Backup kicker Barrett Bostrom is 3-for-3 on points.

"And we've got a good kicker lined up for next year too," Goldsmith said.

Duke, coming off a 47-14 win at Navy, will practice three times this week in preparation for Clemson's visit Oct. 15. The Blue Devils are 5-0 for the first time since 1988 and 2-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference for the first time since 1975.



Heather Sue Mercer, shown in a high school file photo, failed to become the first female to play for a NCAA Division I football team at a seeger tryout Monday.

NHL resumes bargaining talks

Knight-Ridder News Service

The NHL and the NHL Players Association will resume negotiations for a collective-bargaining agreement on Tuesday at the league's headquarters in New York.

The season, scheduled to begin last Saturday, was delayed until Oct. 15 by commissioner Gary Bettman when the two sides failed to reach an agreement after 16 months of on-and-off talks.

Bettman said Friday that the season would open only if an agreement was reached or if there was significant progress toward a deal.

Many players have said they doubt that the differences can be bridged in such a short time.

Two weeks is not going to do it, Wayne Gretzky, the Los Angeles Kings star, said last week.

The league and the players have been without an agreement since Sept. 15, 1993.

Hockey is the second professional sport to undergo a labor stoppage. Baseball players went on strike Aug. 12, and eventually the season was canceled.

If a deal isn't reached soon, hockey could be the second pro sport to cancel its season.

"If the players really want to get a deal done, we can get it done in two weeks," Flyers owner Ed Snider said last week. "If not, I'm willing to throw out the season."



New York Rangers' Mike Richter, left, and Nick Kypreos read a newspaper article about the postponement of the opening day of the NHL Hockey season in Rye, N.Y., Sunday during a meeting with players to discuss the situation.

Ducks unite in decision not to practice

Orange County Register

ANAHEIM, Calif. — United they stand, stick still.

The Mighty Ducks will fall in line with the rest of the 700-member NHL Players Association and eschew practices of any kind until the association and league owners reach a new collective bargaining agreement.

Players association executive director Doug Gooden said NHL commissioner Gary Bettman will resume negotiations today in New York. The two sides haven't met since Bettman's announcement Friday that the 1994-95 season was being postponed at least two weeks to give the players and owners more time to reach an accord. The Ducks have been working without a collective bargaining agreement since September 1993.

'We skated for 27 days at training camp (at their own expense because expenses for travel and meals were not picked up by the clubs per Bettman's dictum) and it didn't help. So why should we skate anymore?'

—Bob Corkum, player representative

Player representative Bob Corkum said last week the Ducks would "skate together without coaches during the owners' lockout until the Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim in Glendale, Calif. arena. But during a meeting between Gooden and players association members over the weekend in Toronto, a different course of action was deemed necessary.

"We skated for 27 days at training camp at their own expense because

expenses for travel and meals were not picked up by the clubs per Bettman's dictum and it didn't help. So why should we skate anymore?" Corkum said. "Basically (the action is) just to let the owners know we no longer consider ourselves with them."

The players' inactivity lends an added sense of urgency to the negotiations. While conceding the players will grow decidedly less game-ready with every passing day they

stay off the ice, Corkum said. "If they could get something done by the 10th of October I don't think it'll be unrealistic to have games on (the new target date of) the 15th."

Any later than that and "it'll be a lot less realistic," he said.

Meanwhile, fans who purchased tickets to the Ducks' scheduled home-opener against Calgary on Oct. 9-10 to witness an opening-night spectacle, may be out of luck.

Those tickets will be honored on the rescheduled date, but the team isn't planning opening-night-type entertainment for the make-up game. Tickets are still available for the Ducks' game against Edmonton on Oct. 17, which now looms as the projected home and season-opener.

Ducks spokesman Bill Robertson said the team's refund policy will not be announced until the revised schedule is released.

Cries of poverty don't keep NHL owners' checkbooks closed

TORONTO (AP) — While NHL owners may be moaning about being poor, they sure aren't acting like it. They are spending money with reckless abandon.

In August, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman imposed economic rollbacks that saved owners at least \$20 million. Since then, teams have voluntarily spent more than 10 times that amount on long-term contracts, including \$70 million for the 1994-95 season.

The players' distrust of management's claim of financial woe is just one element in the lockout that so far has put off the first three days of the season.

The two sides have not had any formal negotiations in almost a week, and the absence of talks has frustrated some negotiators.

"Lock the doors, order the Chinese food," suggested Brian Burke, the NHL's vice president and director of hockey operations. "Nobody leaves until a deal's done. I'd love to do that."

Last Friday, the league postponed the Oct. 1 start of the season for two weeks and said play would begin Oct. 15 if there was a new contract or if significant progress toward one had been made.

But neither the NHL nor the NHL Players Association is expected to have a new proposal to offer when they meet Tuesday in New York to resume negotiations.

NHL players have only limited free agency because clubs retain the right to match offers or exact major compensation in most cases. This kept salaries low until a few maverick teams, led by the St. Louis Blues, started spending money on free agents that couldn't be matched.

In 1993-94, the average salary rose to \$503,087 from \$412,512. The number of players making \$1 million or more grew from fewer than five just six years ago to 75.

Since Aug. 1, the signings have included Paul Kariya of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks at \$6.5 million over three years.

Pat LaFontaine of the Buffalo Sabres at \$22.5 million over five years and goalie Dominik Hasek at \$6.9 million for three years.

Vince Damphousse of the Montreal Canadiens at \$10 million over four years.

Brett Lindros of the New York Islanders at \$7.5 million for five years.

Jaromir Jagr of the Pittsburgh Penguins at \$19.2 million for five years.

"I don't mind paying star players," Edmonton owner Peter Pocklington said. "They're entertainers. But that does not mean the journeymen should share in the abundance if it is killing the goose which lays the golden egg."

A cursory look at an NHLPA salary list from Aug. 1 to Oct. 1, however, doesn't show many journeymen players. It's doubtful players like Teemu Selanne and Keith Tkachuk of the Winnipeg Jets or Bill Ranford of the Oilers fit that bill.

Players acknowledge their salaries have risen dramatically over the past four or five years, as the owners have been quick to point out.

But NHLPA president Mike Garber of the Toronto Maple Leafs said, "Revenues have continued to grow. Expansion teams have continued to bring in a tremendous amount of money for the league. I think it's a very healthy business."

Escalating salaries are front and center in the stalemate in negotiations.

The NHL proposes to tax a team's payroll as a means to raise revenues from small-market teams. Bettman has repeatedly said the proposal isn't a cap, but that is how players portray it because they feel teams will move closer to the trigger for the tax, thus cutting salaries.

The NHLPA has proposed a 5.5 percent tax on the payrolls and gate receipts of the top 16 revenue-generating teams, with the money going into a pool for small-market teams.

In fantasy finish, Matt Williams hits 62, Seattle takes division lead

Dallas Morning News

Matt Williams lost the chance to catch Roger Maris. Along the way, he also may have lost a chance to become the next spokesman for the Hair Club for Men.

Williams, according to the computer czars at Stats Inc., would have passed Maris with 62 home runs — hitting the record-breaker off Los Angeles' Tom Candiotti in the final game of the regular season Sunday.

Had the major-league season been played to completion —

In reality, the 52-day players strike left Williams stuck forever on 43.

Stats Inc.'s Chicago-based service that provides detailed statistics used to recreate the games that were lost with computer-driven simulations.

For example, Texas was first in the American League West with a 52-62 record when the season was interrupted, but the Stats Inc. computer spit out a 76-87 finish, two games behind first-place Seattle.

The strike deprived fans of the perverse pleasure of seeing if the stretch run would do away with what little is left of Williams' red hair, following the trend set by Maris during his 1961 chase of Babe Ruth.

"I guess I would say I didn't expect to ever hit 43," Williams said. "I didn't know if I could ever do that, and I don't know if I could."

hit more than that. While it lasted, it was fun."

The same could be said for the 1994 season. Sluggers in both leagues blasted away on the diluted pitching pool right up until the strike began Aug. 12. When owners and players could not alleviate their labor pains, the hallmark year that was to be capped by the first eight-team post-season gained a spot in sports' Hall of Shame.

The computer produced these matchups for the post-season, which was scheduled to begin Tuesday:

• AL West champ Seattle vs. AL Central champ Chicago White Sox.

• AL East champ New York Yankees vs. wild-card Cleveland.

• NL East champ Montreal vs. NL West champ Los Angeles.

• NL Central champ Cincinnati vs. wild-card Atlanta.

Stats Inc., by the way, will "play out" the league playoffs and World Series.

Also worth noting from 52 days that never were:

• The NL Central race was decided with Cincinnati's 5-3 victory at the Astrodome in the last game of the season. Jose Rijo got the decisive victory to avoid a Monday playoff.

• Seattle's 76-84 record would have been the worst ever for a division champ. The entire AL West would have produced a winning percentage of .434, going 89-104 after

Aug. 11. Oakland fell from second to fourth with a 15-34 record in computer games.

• San Diego's Tony Gwynn faded to a .382 batting average. He was really hitting .394 when the season was shut down.

• While Williams was becoming the homer king, Cleveland's Albert Belle and the White Sox's Frank Thomas put together two of the most prolific seasons in history. Belle led the AL with a .372 average and 33 runs batted in while hitting 52 homers, two behind league leader Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle. Thomas hit 53 home runs, drove in 140 runs and scored 141.

• While no player has had as many as 145 RBIs since Don Mattingly in 1985, Belle and Toronto's Joe Carter (146) did it in the mythical season. Montreal's Marquis Grissom passed disabled Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell to win the NL RBI title with 127.

• Atlanta right-hander Greg Maddux was one of the few guys not throwing rubber-filled fastballs. He would have won 20 games with a 1.74 earned-run average.

• Michael Jordan made the Baseball Encyclopedia. He was promoted from Class AA Birmingham to the White Sox when major-league rosters expanded to 40 players on Sept. 1 and finished the computer season 2-for-12.

"This week's meetings are intended to lay the groundwork for making decisions on these areas."

WAC athletic directors, faculty representatives and senior women's administrators will hold section meetings beginning Tuesday morning at the El Paso Convention Center. Joint sessions will take place Wednesday. Monday was reserved primarily for social functions.

WAC officials said they aren't sure how many concrete plans the meetings will yield, but they are generally enthusiastic about the prospects.

"What I would like to accomplish is to develop the spirit of cooperation that will be needed as we look to the future of the WAC," Benson said.

Joining the WAC will be UNLV-Reno, San Jose State, SMU, Texas Christian and Tulsa.

The conference currently consists of Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, Fresno State, Hawaii, New Mexico, San Diego State, Texas-El Paso, Utah and Wyoming.

WAC tackles 16-team schedule

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Western Athletic Conference leaders are ready to begin piecing together a complex puzzle.

League officials in April invited six schools to join the WAC's current 10 members. Six months later, they are undertaking the task of actually putting together a 16-team league.

"We're facing a fairly large and encompassing list of things to do. We've definitely got our hands full," new league commissioner Karl Benson said Monday, a day before the beginning of the WAC's fall meetings.

The meetings, the first time all 16 league members have come together. To a certain extent, it's a get-acquainted gathering, said WAC associate commissioner Jeff Hurd.

"In the larger picture, it's where we begin getting serious about the 16-team league and how it's going to be facilitated," Hurd said.

Play in the expanded conference begins in September 1996, and league officials have already completed some preliminary six-year football and base-

ketball schedules. They will be presented to officials at the meetings.

The lists include the planned matchups, although actual dates have not yet been decided. Benson said he hopes the schedules can be finalized by the time the meetings end Wednesday.

For football, officials also will be discussing the logistics of a championship game and possible sites.

The WAC is considering El Paso for the game — an idea floated by the Sun Bowl Association, said Benson, who had breakfast Monday morning with the head of the association, Tom Starr.

Starr's group operates the annual John Hancock Bowl.

Benson said the WAC also will look at other sites, including San Diego and Denver.

Also on the agenda is the format for the 1996-97 basketball tournament and proposed sites, Dallas, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City and Albuquerque, this year's host have come up in site discussions.

"For other championship sports like track and field, we haven't even begun to look at that to see how they're going to be conducted," Hurd said.

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Jazz sign Watson, Bragg, Manning

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Jazz on Monday announced the team has signed contracts with three new players. No details of the contracts were released.

Jamie Watson, 22, a 6-foot-7, 190-pound forward, was Utah's only pick in the 1994 NBA draft. He completed his college career at South Carolina as the 16th all-time leading scorer. As a senior, he averaged 18.1 ppg and 7.2 rebounds, and led the team in scoring. Watson was named to the All-SEC second team.

Marques Bragg, 24, a 6-foot-8, 230-pound forward, played 30 games for Gravelines of the French League, averaging 15.5 ppg, 10.3 rebounds and two assists. He also played in Europe in 1993, averaging 25 ppg and 12 rebounds for Cuen Basket Calvo.

Bragg completed his college career at Providence and the

school's third all-time field goal percentage leader, shooting 56.6 percent. As a senior he led the Friars in scoring with 11.3 ppg and 8.3 rebounds. He was named Big East Defensive Player of the Year and was a third-team All-Big-East selection as a senior.

Rich Manning, 24, a 6-foot-14, 251-pound center, was drafted by Atlanta in the 1993 draft but played for Rapid City of the CBA during the 1993-94 season. Manning saw action in 45 games, averaging 5.4 ppg and 3.2 rebounds. Manning played two years at Washington and completed his career as the Huskies' all-time leader in field goal accuracy with 57.1 percent.

Manning was a 1993 All-PAC-10 Conference selection as the top scoring and rebounding center in the league. He played two seasons at Syracuse where he averaged 3.3 ppg and 1.9 rebounds in limited action.

McKie heads to Portland, seeks contract by Friday

Knight-Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Former Temple guard Aaron McKie is scheduled to leave Monday night for Portland in hopes of securing a contract in time for the start of the Trail Blazers' training camp, which opens Friday in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The 6'4" McKie was the 17th pick in the first round of June's NBA draft.

McKie's attorney, Sal Difazio, expects to meet with Blazers general manager Bob Whittier Tuesday in Seattle. From there, Difazio plans to meet with Whittier and McKie

the following day in Portland. "My attitude is to try and get this done, to allow Aaron to make the transition as easily as possible," Difazio said.

The Blazers are believed to be offering a salary cap slot that begins at \$650,000. The sticking points are believed to be the duration of the deal and the placement of an escape clause.

McKie produced 1,650 points in three seasons at Temple. He averaged 8.8 points and led the Owls with a 7.2 rebounding average as a senior. Teammate Eddie Jones, the No. 10 pick in the draft, has already signed with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Women weightlifters, swimmers set records, boost China in Asian Games

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — China's three smallest women weightlifters started their nation on its way to another big gold haul by smashing world records Monday, and its swimmers followed up by winning three of four races.

Asian Games host Japan swept the first four gold medals in its native sport of karate and won one swimming race and the equestrian team dressage event.

But the Japanese still ended the first full day of competition trailing China in gold medals, eight to six. The Chinese also won the men's gymnastic team event, beating South Korea and Japan, and Dong Zhongsheng of China tipped the balance in the men's foil fencing final by defeating Japan's Yoshihide Nagano.

Overall, China and Japan were tied with 12 medals each, and Indonesia had six — three silvers and three bronzes.

Over the two weeks of competition among nearly 5,000 athletes, China was expected to win the overall medals race for the fourth consecutive games, with Japan and South Korea battling for second.

The South Koreans had two silvers and two bronzes Monday. Attention focused on the swimming pool after China's women won 12 of 16 events last month in the World Championships in Rome.

But it was newcomer Shan Ying who stole the spotlight, winning the women's 100-meter freestyle in the third best time ever and edging Chinese teammate Lu Bin, the silver medalist in Rome. Shan finished in 54.40 seconds, a games record, and Lu in 54.42. World record holder Le Jingyi sat out this race, but is to compete in Saturday's 50 freestyle.

China's other winners were veteran Lin Li, ahead of world champion teammate Dai Guohong, in the women's 400-meter individual medley, and Xiong Guoming, who beat two Japanese in the men's 200 freestyle.

For Japan, Akira Hayashi beat two Chinese in the men's 100 breaststroke.

Lin finished in 4 minutes, 40.47 seconds, with Dai second in 4:45.64 and Japan's Hitomi Machara third in 4:46.42.

Xiong lowered the games men's 200 freestyle record to 1:50.95, finishing just ahead of Japan's Taisei Maeda, who was timed in 1:51.08.



China's Zhang Juhua lifts in the snatch event of the Asian Games women's weightlifting competition at Hiroshima's Saeki Sports Center Monday. Juhua lifted a world record total of 445 pounds in the 119-pound competition.

Hayashi also set a games record of 1:02.04, with China's Wang Yiyu second in 1:03.42. China's Chen Jinhong, who held the old record of 1:02.60, took the bronze in 1:03.04.

In the women's 46-kilogram weightlifting division, China's Guan Hong hoisted a total of 401.2 pounds, well better than the world mark of 363 pounds set by China's Luo Hongwei last December in China.

Saung Wai Khin of Thailand took the silver medal with 390.2 pounds, and India's Mamtekramp Kunjarani won the bronze with 379.6 pounds.

World champion Liu Xihua broke her own record of 412.7 pounds with a total of 437.7 pounds.

Indonesia's Binti Wasiman Supeni followed with 396 pounds, and South Korea's Choi Myung-shik was third with 390.2 pounds.

Zhang Juhua lifted a total of 445 pounds in the 54-kilogram competition, beating the record of 440

pounds set by teammate Chen Xiaoming, who has moved up to a higher weight division. Karnam Malleswari of India won the silver with 425.6 pounds, and Indonesia's Fatmawati claimed the bronze with 401.6 pounds.

Chinese were favored to sweep all nine women's weightlifting golds in these games.

Japan, meanwhile, was expected to take all 11 golds in karate, a fighting art making its debut in the games, where it joins Korea's taekwondo, China's wushu and the Olympic sport of judo, also a Japanese creation.

Japan's Hiromi Yokoyama shadow-boxed her way to these games' very first gold medal, winning in the kata competition, in which the athletes perform against an imaginary opponent. Five judges rate them on their technique in attacking, defending and counterattacking.

"I'm overwhelmed to have won the first medal of the games," said the 29-year-old high school teacher, who began learning karate at age 9.

She was awarded 48.1 points, to 46 for Omita Otsu Ompo of Indonesia and 46.1 for Chen Shuchen of Taiwan.

In the kumite division, involving actual bouts with punches, pulled, Hiromi Hasuma defeated Pham Hong Ha of Vietnam for the 53-kilogram division gold medal. Hiaka Yoshimi beat Su Su-chen of Taiwan at 60 kilograms, and Hiromi Hirose downed Mity Johana Kaseger of Indonesia in the over 60-kilogram class.

A total of 337 medal events are in the programs, which will feature athletes from 42 nations and territories.

Along with the addition of karate and other changes to the sports lineup since the last games in Beijing in 1990, five former Soviet republics are also making their debut appearances in these games.

In the equestrian event, Japan scored 2,886 points to 2,759 for South Korea and 2,501 for Taiwan.

China's men gymnasts won the team event with 286,600 points. South Korea took the silver with 283,375 and Japan won the bronze with 281,550.

China also started impressively in the diving, taking the top two qualifying places Monday in both the men's springboard and the women's platform events. Finals in both events are scheduled Tuesday.

Sonics, Magic face lofty expectations

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

Wally Walker has witnessed how expectations can change ten times over. John Gabriel wants to make sure expectations don't get out of hand.

The two personnel directors speak from opposite poles but acknowledge that dealing with overwhelming expectations is on their minds as NBA teams prepare for Friday's opening of training camp.

For Walker, the new general manager of the Seattle SuperSonics, the goal this year is to overcome last season's

NBA Finals would have been considered failure last season.

That's why Walker said the goal this season is to peak for the April 27 start of the playoffs, instead of the Nov. 4 start of the regular season.

"Our goal here is to win a championship," he said. "Now that we're coming off a season when we won (in league-high) 63 games, the expectation that we would win that many regular-season games again is, too high. We hope we'll be better prepared for the playoffs."

For the Magic, playoff preparation

'There's always going to be some seams and holes in your roster and you're going to realize those needs, positionally, as the season goes along.'

John Gabriel, Orlando Magic vice president

was a new experience. The Orlando Magic's entire roster had 95 games of playoff experience going into the '94 postseason. With Grant and Shaw, Orlando has added 133 games of post-season experience.

"But," Gabriel said, "that cannot take the place of the team itself, having that playoff experience, and that's something only time will be able to furnish us, that experience itself."

Despite the tag of being an expansion team after entering the NBA in 1989, Gabriel said the Magic, in many ways, also is a finished product. With all of its creative financing around the salary cap, the Magic has stretched the dollars just as far as they'll go.

"There's always going to be some seams and holes in your roster," Gabriel said, "and you're going to realize those needs, positionally, as the season goes along. But for this season, we feel we've done everything necessary in providing Coach (Brian) Hill with the best squad possible."

With the Sonics, the need to reload was minimal in the offseason. While veterans such as Sarunas Marciulionis, Bill Cartwright and Byron Houston were added, veterans such as Ricky Pierce and Michael Cage were lost.

Still, the sense of urgency remained in Seattle. A team can stay on the cusp of a championship for only so long. "You have this is a season we come out with the same preparedness," Walker said, "but you hope because you learned something in the playoffs that you learn how to get ready for the playoffs—that's what would make us a better team."

Like the Sonics, the Magic filtered in the first round of the playoffs last season to a lower seed. It was three and out against the Indiana Pacers.

In Seattle, however, it was playoff success that led to last season's lofty expectation — and ultimate disappointment.

Two years ago we went to the Western Conference finals, and I think those expectations were an advantage for the regular season," Walker said. "But in hindsight, it looked like the team played real tight in the playoffs and then fell apart."

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