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Good morning

Today's forecast:
Mostly sunny with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-80s. Lows in lower 50s.

Magic Valley

Cleaning up their town
When the handwriting is on the wall, a group of Twin Falls volunteers will be on the scene. They call themselves "Graffiti Busters."

Tight quarters

Unprecedented growth in Hazelton is causing officials to think about expanding their local school — the one they built just last year.

Sports

Youth again served
Kimberly's Preston Hafer successfully defended the men's championship and Whitney Lewis collected the women's Sunday, keeping titles in the high school ranks for the second consecutive year.

Pacers pass Magic

Rik Smith's leap-in shot with 1.6 seconds remaining carried the Indiana Pacers to their second consecutive triumph in the Eastern Division portion of the NBA playoffs Sunday.

Religion

A summertime idea
Today's editorial offers a suggestion for kids: Make books a fun part of your summer vacation.

West

UFO dreamland
Hardcore UFO and conspiracy buffs are convinced the government is keeping recovered alien craft at a 'top secret' complex 20 miles south of Rachel, Nev.

Nation

Leading lady
Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the House and Senate as well as the first woman nominated for president by a major party, died Monday at the age of 97.

Final recovery

Rescue workers recovered 3 bodies from the wreckage of the federal building Monday, believed to be bodies of 2 credit union workers and a customer.

World

Flattened town
Officials fear the death toll in the flattened Russian town of Neftegorsk may climb as high as 2,000 as rescuers hover in on cries from under the rubble.

Swept away

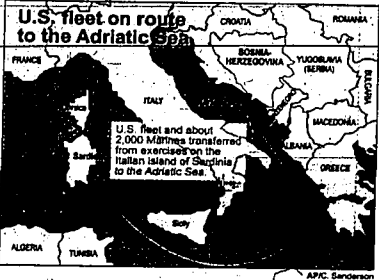
The United Nations struggles to join agencies in the fight against the AIDS virus sweeping around the globe, infecting an estimated 6,000 people per day.

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2,000 Marines back U.N. in Bosnia



U.S. fleet on route to the Adriatic Sea. U.S. fleet and about 2,000 Marines transferred from exercises in the Italian island of Sardinia to the Adriatic Sea.

Los Angeles Times
THE HAGUE, Netherlands, May 30 — Five of the world's most powerful countries agreed early Tuesday to strengthen and re-deploy U.N. military forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina to give them the muscle to prevent further humiliations at the hands of rebel Serbs.
With U.S. Marines and their French and British counterparts heading for the Adriatic Sea and more than 300 peacekeepers held hostage in Bosnia, the foreign ministers from the Contact Group — the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Germany — met here for more than five hours to develop a joint statement that largely reiterated plans that have failed to end the lengthy Bosnian civil war.
A U.S. official said after the meeting broke up early today that Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozhevnikov "added two hours to the meeting by nit-picking." But in the end, all five nations signed on to the agreement.
In addition to calling for a beef-up of U.N. force, the Contact Group agreed to make a new try at persuading Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to recognize Bosnia's independence. U.S. envoy Robert Frasure will go to the Serbian capital of Belgrade soon to renew talks with Milosevic, officials said.
Before the meeting began Monday night, the United States, Britain and France were moving military units into the area, ready to give the beleaguered 22,000-member U.N. force there the muscle needed to take the offensive.
About 2,000 U.S. Marines were pulled off exercises around the island of Sardinia and sent to the Adriatic. The U.S. aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt, accompanied by the cruiser Hue City, were on their way to the Adriatic, as was the French aircraft carrier Foch.
Britain ordered 6,000 troops, armed with artillery and other heavy weapons, to head for Bosnia and put 5,000 more troops on alert. British Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said the decision to triple Britain's presence was in-
Please see **MARINES/A2**



The Shoshone Falls viewing platform is home to a standing-room-only crowd on Monday. High water levels create an impressive Memorial Day scene at the falls, pictured at right.

Plunging water draws visitors and memories

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Since moving from Detroit to Kimberly 10 years ago, Laura Tracy has made the trek to Shoshone Falls several times a year.
Her sojourn Monday was a particularly memorable one. Over the Memorial Day weekend, the most water in a decade coursed down bank over the 212-foot Snake River falls.
"Even when it's not real full, we think it's fabulous anyway," Tracy said Monday while picnicking near the falls. "It's just something you never want to see."
Thousands of visitors from the Magic Valley, Idaho and beyond poured into Shoshone Falls Park over the weekend.
"It's really very relaxing despite all the people," said Marie Fichtler of Twin Falls. Her 8-year-old son, Eric, described the falls as being like rain.
On Saturday, 1,600 vehicle loads paid the city \$2 each to get close enough feel the mist rising from the falls. Two thousand vehicle loads did the same Sunday, said Heather Molesworth, who counts the money.
By 4 p.m. Monday, about another 2,000 vehicle loads — some with repeat visitors — had already waited for and had their chance, said ticket taker Eva Meyerhoeffer. She said she has never seen so many people in the five years she has sold tickets.
"It's never been this busy. The line never stops," she said.
Many of the weekend's visitors were from Boise, Meyerhoeffer said, as vehicles lined up on ways as Wisconsin and Texas lined up from her ticket booth to the canyon rim.
As of Friday, the city had collected \$13,000 in ticket sales to see Shoshone Falls, \$8,000 more than last year for the same time period, Molesworth said. The weekend's take hadn't been totaled by Monday afternoon.
Even with 13,120 cubic feet of water a second plummeting down Shoshone Falls on Monday, the flow actually was declining, said Dennis Bramont, Idaho Power Co. hydroelectric plant operator at Shoshone Falls. (One cfs equals 449 gallons a minute.)
But as warm melts snow in the mountains, more water will come, Bramont predicted.
"I would assume we will probably get hit with another onslaught of water within the next two weeks, probably within 10 days," he said.
Please see **WATER/A2**

Holiday sparks extra sadness after bomb

The Associated Press
Memorial Day had an extra sadness at an Oklahoma City cemetery, where the names of victims of the federal building bombing were read out loud, along with those of soldiers who gave their lives in battle.
As Americans remembered the fallen, they looked back 50 years ago to those whose sacrifices brought an end to World War II.
Fred Butler, 70, stood at somber attention during a ceremony at a park in Hialeah, Fla. He honored the memory of fellow airmen who died during World War II and his son, Fred III, who died in Vietnam, age 20.
"We used to have about three times as many people here," he said. "Now, people say, 'It's a day off, let's go to the beach. Even when I was still working, this was never just a day off for me.'"
In New York City, wreaths and carnations were tossed into the Hudson River in memory of war dead. Several hundred people attended a ceremony inside the aircraft carrier Intrepid, which fought in the South Pacific and is now in air and space museum docked in the Hudson off Manhattan.
Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called World War II the ultimate war of good against evil.
At Arlington Memorial Park in suburban Oklahoma City, the names of 12 victims of the federal building bombing who are buried there were read with the roll of the war dead there.
"The victims' fresh graves were thick with flowers as a gun salute and the mournful strains of taps floated over the crowd of several hundred."
"Don't let our fallen comrades' sacrifices be forgotten," said retired Air Force Col.

John Clark. "We must teach our young the importance of honoring those who have died."
In Boston, Robert White, a World War II veteran, noted that with the 50th anniversary of the war's end, this year "we have to remember that an awful lot of people paid an awful big sacrifice."
In the Midwest, members of the National Guard, prison inmates and volunteers spent the day reinforcing levees along swollen rivers and helping flood victims in Illinois and Missouri.
President Clinton attended a ceremony on the White House lawn to unveil a new postage stamp commemorating U.S. soldiers still missing from the Vietnam War and other wars. The stamp shows two military tags embossed with "POW & MIA."
Please see **HOLIDAY/A2**

Headstones tell all about the deceased

The Associated Press
POCATELLO — Headstones are often the last and most enduring statements about the people lying beneath them. And sometimes loved ones have the last word.
"You can tell a lot about a person by what is written in the marble," said Susan Witt, Walker Monument-co-owner. "My favorite is a headstone here that says, 'I told you I was sick.' You just know she was probably a hypochondriac who people didn't take very seriously."
Some are an eternal slap for mortal failings.
"There is one lady here who had the rear end of a tomato carved on her husband's headstone," Witt said. "He died with his girlfriend."
"The customer is always right when it comes to the final carving."
"We will put on whatever someone wants," Witt said. "One presented a man's jujitsu plan carved for his friend. We said we would do it, but we didn't know what one."

'Some have children, some have none. Here lies the mother of 21.'
— message on headstone
Funeral Home said "People have gotten much more sensuous about death. Some of the really old ones have a lot of wit."
One such example is "Some have children, some have none. Here lies the mother of 21."
Witt said one man requested the following message on his wife's monument, but the idea was vetoed by his children. It was: "Here snug in grave my wife doth lie. Now she's at rest and so am I."
One noted frontier headstone has been quoted and published repeatedly. It reads: "Here lies Lester Moore. Four slugs from a 44. No Leg, no more."
Witt said some epitaphs bring tears to her eyes.
"People put some really beautiful thoughts into the stone," she said. "One I always wanted for my parents was: 'To know them is to love them.'"
Please see **HEADSTONES/A2**

Kansas student REALLY likes school — a lot

The Associated Press
WICHITA, Kan. — Donald Harter is taking curiosity to the nth degree. After he retired as a real estate developer in 1980, he started taking courses at Wichita State University just for fun.
Six bachelor's degrees later — more than any other student on record — the 62-year-old Harter is showing no signs of slowing down.
"There was so much I didn't know," he said. "And I can't stand the thought of never-being any smarter."
His liberal arts education included courses in psychology, anthropology, women's studies, sociology, gerontology, minority studies, philosophy, computer programming, Greek history, Zen and Taoism, and the list goes on.
"He recently transferred to the College of Fine Arts and is taking lithography and painting toward a degree in studio arts."
There are two reasons why he keeps studying.
"One, I have an intense curiosity and an interest in learning. And two, I thrive on competition," said Harter. "I wanted to see how low I could go, how many of these things I could do."
Number seven — a degree in studio arts — is just four semesters away.

Weather

IDAHO Weather

The Accu-Weather Forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

Coeur d'Alene	85°
Lewiston	85°
Twin Falls	85°
Thermal	84°
Idaho Falls	74°
Pocatello	77°

Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Today mostly sunny. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-80s. Light winds. Tuesday clear. A slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Lows in the 40s. Wednesday mostly sunny. Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 7, a high exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Thursday through Saturday partly cloudy. Slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 40s east to the lower 50s west. Highs in the low to mid-70s east, mid-70s to around 80 west.

Wood River Valley

Today mostly sunny. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-70s. Tonight partly cloudy. A slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Lows in the 30s. Wednesday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-70s.

Treasure Valley

Today mostly sunny. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-80s. Light winds. Tonight partly cloudy with isolated evening thunderstorms. Then clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Wednesday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-80s.

Northern Nevada

Today mainly sunny in the morning. Partly cloudy afternoon with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms north and east. Highs in the mid-70s east to mid-80s west. Tonight fair skies. Lows from the mid-30s and low 40s east to the 40s west. Wednesday partly cloudy. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-70s east to mid-80s west.

Northern Utah

Today partly cloudy and warmer. Highs in the mid-70s. Tonight fair. Lows upper 40s to lower 50s. Wednesday mostly sunny and warmer. Highs near 80. Chance of rain 20 percent this evening.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 7, a high exposure level.

Idaho weather summary

An upper level ridge of high pressure over Oregon and Washington dominated much of the weather over Idaho Monday afternoon with most of the state reporting sunny to mostly clear skies.

The biggest threat of strong thunderstorms was to east and southeast sections of the state still under the influence of a lingering low pressure system that remained south of Idaho. However, afternoon thunderstorm activity popped up in other areas of the state as well.

Lightning detection equipment showed lightning strikes near Lowell in the north central mountains and between Boise and Ketchikan in the Camas Prairie and Sun Valley area.

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather-forecast for noon, Tuesday, May 30

Fronts: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY

Temperature extremes: H, L, SH, SN, RA, F, S, W, I, E, P, C, CL

National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	74	54	0.4
Boston	60	53	11
Chicago	68	54	0
Dallas	76	64	0
Denver	53	46	16
Des Moines	66	56	0
Detroit	64	59	0.1
Honolulu	88	73	0
Indianapolis	60	55	0
Kansas City	75	47	0
Las Vegas	89	69	0
Los Angeles	80	60	0
Memphis	81	69	0
Minneapolis	68	55	0
Milwaukee	68	55	0
Missoula	76	43	0
New York	60	58	0
Oakland	69	42	0
Omaha	59	47	0
Phoenix	83	71	0
Pittsburgh	66	55	0
Portland, Me.	61	49	23
Portland, Ore.	56	56	0
Reno	80	45	0
St. Louis	71	59	0
Salt Lake City	71	47	0
San Francisco	67	52	0
Seattle	63	55	0
Spokane	67	52	19
Washington	69	52	0

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 83 degrees at Lewiston. Low, 37 degrees at Reburg. Nation: High, 104 degrees at Thermal, Calif. Low, 27 degrees at West Yellowstone, Mont.

For up-to-the-minute weather information Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423.

For road conditions

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 736-3070; Boise, 334-3731; Pocatello, 123-6724; Rigby, 745-7278; Uta, 801-964-0400; Elkton, Elko, Nev., area, 702-718-8888.

Almanac

Idaho

Boise	76	50
Burley	75	48
Fairfield	76	49
Gooding	m	m
Hagerman	m	m
Idaho Falls	68	40
Jerome	71	47
Lewiston	83	56
Malta	68	m
Maui	70	40
McCall	m	m
Pocatello	72	40
Salmon	75	49
Shelby	m	m
Sun Valley	m	m

Twin Falls

Yesterday 76 48
 Last year 72 45
 Normal 78 45

Precipitation

Month to date 2.97
 Normal mo. to date 1.02
 Water year to date 12.36
 Normal year to date 8.03

Comfort factors

Humidity at 8 p.m. 72 pct
 Barometer at 8 p.m. 30.02
 Pollen count 148. Pine, grass, musty (very high)

Skywatch

Sunset today 9:07 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:04 a.m.
 Lunar phase: New, May 29; first quarter, June 6; full, June 12; last quarter, June 19.

Holiday

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 MIA - Never Forgotten." The post office in Andersonville, Ga., the site of a Civil War prisoner-of-war camp, was open Monday for special cancellations of the stamp. Postmaster Jim Atkins said he sold 4,000 stamps by 11 a.m.

Marines

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 tended as a "clear and unmistakable message" to the Bosnian Serbs who are holding 33 British peacekeepers hostage along with more than 300 other U.N. personnel.

Marines

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 Also, Bosnian Serb army commander Gen. Ratko Mladic said that the men would no longer be chained but would remain in the areas of potential North Atlantic Treaty Organization targets until NATO promised not to launch additional bombing raids.

Water

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 Young and old Memorial Day visitors watched the falls some for the first time - from strategic points.

Water

Continued from A1
 of Jerome, joked with other visitors. Mary Anne and Kim Crofts drove 2 1/2 hours from Shelby to their four children could see the falls. Their 9-year-old son, Joseph, said it was worth the trip.

Headstones

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 live them. To be their child is a blessing. A popular engraving is "You are the wind beneath my wings." There's another headstone here that Witt prefers.

Headstones

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 who died from a long illness, also has an epitaph that touches people deeply. "Some are sent to teach love. I am one of those."

Harvard student was stabbed 45 times by roommate

New York Daily News
 The enraged Harvard University student stabbed his roommate 45 times before hanging himself from a shower rod with a piece of rope, an autopsy revealed Monday.

Circulation

Allen Wolff, circulation director
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 "does appear to be Sineđu Tadesse." The Harvard Crimson newspaper received a photo with a note that said, "Keep this picture. There will soon be a very juicy story involving the person in this picture."

News

Clark Walworth, managing editor
 If you have a news tip or wish to talk to someone in the editorial department, call 733-0931 between 10:00 a.m. and 5:30

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1st female presidential Clinton steps up effort on MIAs candidate dies at age 97

SKOWHEGAN, Maine (AP) — Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the House and Senate and a voice of conscience for fellow Republicans when she spoke out against the anti-communist witch hunts of the 1950s, died Monday, she was 97. Smith died at her home from complications from a stroke that had put her in a coma eight days earlier, said a spokeswoman from the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan.



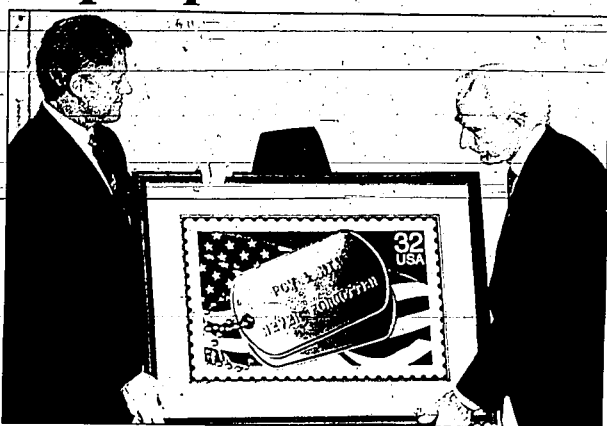
Margaret Chase Smith "The Lady from Maine"

"The Lady from Maine," known by her trademark red rose, emerged as one of the most powerful and respected figures in Congress in her three decades there. She ran for president in 1964, the first woman nominated by a major party. Mrs. Smith's knack of mirroring the views of the common people — and expressing them clearly and succinctly — endeared her to voters of both parties. Until her defeat in 1972 by Democrat William D. Hathaway, voters returned her to Washington with solid majorities. She got into politics as secretary to her husband, Clyde H. Smith, and won election to his House seat after he died. She served four terms in the House, 1941-49, and four in the Senate, 1949-73. Mrs. Smith, a ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee from 1967-73, was the first woman elected to the Senate without having been appointed to fill a vacancy and the first Republican woman senator. She staked out a position in the middle of the American political spectrum. In widely hailed speeches

two decades apart, she warned of the threat of extremism from both the left and the right. Her 1950 "declaration of conscience" was a repudiation of the "smear tactics" of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis. Though she didn't mention the anti-communist crusader by name, she told the Senate it was time to stop "character assassination" behind the cloak of congressional immunity. "The nation sorely needs a Republican victory," she declared, "but I don't want to see the Republican Party ride to political victory on the four horsemen of war, fear, ignorance, bigotry and smear." Twenty years later, as the nation was being jolted by often violent student protests against the Vietnam War, Mrs. Smith gave a Senate speech updating her declaration.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adding a touch of hope to somber Memorial Day services, President Clinton pledged to "leave no stone unturned" to account for U.S. soldiers missing from Vietnam and earlier wars. Clinton said Hanoi was helping more "than ever before" to determine the fate of POWs and MIAs from the Vietnam War. "We have worked hard and made good progress," but more is needed, he said.

"We can only imagine the pain their families have experienced, and grief that comes with uncertainty — the grief that comes with being denied a proper and clear grave," Clinton said. He predicted that Vietnam and Laos will continue to work with U.S. officials, but not back away from his longstanding insistence that Hanoi provide the "fullest possible accounting" before full diplomatic ties can be established. The remarks came at a White House ceremony to unveil a new postage stamp military tags embossed with the words "POW & MIA — Never Forgotten." The president later traveled across the Potomac River to Arlington National Cemetery for services honoring the victims of all America's wars. Delicately straightening red, white and blue ribbons on a huge wreath, Clinton placed the arrangement on the Tomb of the Unknowns, then bowed his head and prayed. "The president's voice could be heard above the crowd of several hundred," they sang the national anthem. "They fought so that we might have the freedom which too many of us take for granted but, at least on this day, we know it still our greatest blessing," Clinton said. The president did not mention Bosnia, or the prospect that U.S.



President Clinton and Postmaster General Marvin Runyon unveil the POW-MIA stamp during a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House Monday. During the Memorial Day tribute, Clinton promised to leave 'no stone unturned' to account for prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action.

troops may be needed on the ground in the former Yugoslavia, but he noted that America has defeated anti-democratic forces before. "Now it is, for us to rise to the new challenges posed by the forces of darkness and disintegration in this age at home and abroad," he said.

On a dreary, gray morning, the postage stamp ceremony was conducted beneath a huge tent on the White House lawn. With former prisoners of war in the audience, Clinton said of the unaccounted POWs and MIA, "We know very well our obligation to them and

their families, to leave no stone unturned as we try to account for their fate and, if possible, bring them home." Clinton said more than 200 sets of remains have been returned from a Vietnam since he became president.

FCC: On pay phones, customer beware

WASHINGTON (AP) — Between appointments, Mary Viar dashed to a pay phone in Hagerstown, Md., to wish her daughter in Pittsburgh a happy birthday. A week later, she got the bill: \$21.39 for her 22-minute call. For the same amount, she could have called Paris and talked for half an hour. "It was shocked," recalled Viar, who had never heard of Polar Communications, the company that carried the call. "But I was ahead and paid because I figured it would go against my credit." But because she felt "ripped off," Viar filed a complaint to the Federal Communications Commission. In the last year, the FCC has received 4,280 complaints about pay phones and hotel phones. The complaints have been increasing and the majority involve claims of excessive charges. "They are the No. 2 source of complaints from consumers," said Kathleen Wallman, the commission's top telephone lawyer. No. 1 complaint is "slamming," the unauthorized switching of people's long-distance companies. "The commission is looking for ways to protect rates in order to protect consumers against price gouging," said Wallman, chief of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau. Behind each pay phone in the country is a company responsible for the service — from carrying calls to providing operator assistance. Hundreds of companies are in this business — including the nation's

Tips for avoiding whopping charges

The Associated Press
Some ways to avoid whopping charges when making calls from pay phones and other public phones:
• Bypass the company providing service to the phone and use each carrier's long-distance carrier. This can be done by following the directions on a calling card. Or, for people who don't have calling cards, by dialing an access code — typically five numbers — before making a call. If you don't know the code, call your long-distance company. It's illegal for a company providing service to a public phone to block a person from accessing a preferred long-distance company.
• Pay phone owners and service providers are required by law to post information on the phone to help callers obtain information about rates. The posting must include the name of the company providing phone service, how to get rate information and how to

complain to the Federal Communications Commission. Callers also should be able to press "00" to get information about the cost of a call.
• When calling from a hotel, ask the operator about additional charges that may be tacked onto each call.
• If you believe you have been unfairly charged for a long-distance call, you can file a complaint to the FCC, which oversees interstate service. For local calls, contact the state's public utility commission, which oversees local phone service. You may also want to send a letter to the state attorney general, a lawyer whom you have raised concerns about rate gouging.
Complaints may be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Division, 2025 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Additional information also can be obtained by calling the FCC at 202-418-0190.

tant rates, said Mary Beth Richards, deputy chief of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau. People making calls from pay phones or hotel phones are charged the rate offered by the company servicing the phone, even if they have told an operator to bill their local or long-distance calling card.
The only way to avoid this is to dial an 800 or 950 access code listed on the back of the calling card before dialing the number. That bypasses the pay phone or hotel phone service provider and connects directly with the usual long-distance carrier.
"Consumers need to educate themselves," said FCC Chairman Reed Hundt. The commission is trying to help by distributing fact sheets to consumer groups and making the materials available on the Internet, the global computer network. The FCC estimates 3 billion calls a year are made on pay phones and hotel phones. And it estimates that people could save \$280 million a year by avoiding service providers whose rates are higher than those of AT&T, MCI and Sprint. Oncor spokesman Greg Casey did not return calls seeking comment. Polar Communications, based in Manalapan, N.J., would not discuss Viar's complaint because it had not seen it. But a Polar official tried to answer a question about why the company's rates are so much higher than those of the big three.

Gingrich rewards D.C. students for reading

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON Well, it worked. Just as House Speaker Newt Gingrich thought it would. On March 1, Gingrich, R-Ga., traveled from Capitol Hill to the Buena Vista neighborhood in Southeast Washington to speak with pupils at the Lucy Ellen Moler Elementary School. He urged them to read, and, as an incentive, he promised that they would receive \$2 apiece for every book they finished during the next 2 months. The boys and girls applauded. The 2 months ended May 15. "The kids" take \$1,062. "They were so excited," said Beverly Reed, the guidance counselor at the school, where at least 10% of the 422 pupils are poor enough to qualify for free hot lunches. Reed, who arranged for the Moler children to participate

in the reading program, said the children also were "very, very proud." The money came from the Farming by Learning Foundation, a nonprofit organization that teaches youngsters and for which he has helped raise money. At the school, he described the program as a simple lesson in capitalism, telling the pupils, "See, you work, then you'll have some money." And now they do. Reed said 120 boys and girls read 531 books supplied by the foundation. Before being paid, she said each child had to receive a 10-question quiz on a computerized, 10-question quiz on each book. Reed said the 10 questions on each quiz were chosen at random by the computer from a large databank of questions about each book, so that no two students took an identical quiz.

No holiday for those working to defend against floods

The Associated Press
National Guardsmen, prison inmates and volunteers were back at work Monday reinforcing levees along swollen rivers and helping flood victims in Illinois and Missouri. No more rain was expected in much of the region at least until Wednesday. Additional state prison inmates and volunteers were sent in Monday to help

workers battling the Illinois River at Meredosia, Ill., a town of about 1,100 people in Morgan County. That made a total of about 80 inmates let out to work on the levees. If the rising water isn't contained by the time the river crests later this week, it could cut off access to a bridge over the river and spill into the town's business district, said Chris Tammings, a spokeswoman with the

Illinois Emergency Management Agency. About 200 people piled sandbags Monday to build a second levee, 200 feet long and 7 feet high, in case the main rock-and-sand barrier fails to keep the river out of the business district. "They're not looking for a crest until the first (of June), so we've got to hold this thing," said Gene Field, a regional coordinator with the emer-

gency agency. "It's got to continue." No homes were threatened yet but some residents relocated voluntarily, Field said. Authorities also were concerned about three levees in nearby Scott County, a farming area of about 6,000 people, officials said. One protects the central Illinois expressway, which connects the state capital at Springfield with western Illinois.

FBI agent slain; suspect wanted in 2 police shootings is killed

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — A suspect wanted in the shootings of two police officers killed an FBI agent Monday before being slain by authorities. Acting on a tip, FBI agents and local police were on a stakeout in order to arrest Ralph McLean, 29, of Landover, Md. But McLean surprised FBI agent William E. Christian Jr., 48, who was waiting in a car in a school parking lot, and McLean killed Christian in a burst of gunfire, police reported.

A foot chase with police ended several blocks away at a shopping plaza, where authorities shot and killed McLean. Warrants had been issued for McLean's arrest, charging him with the wounding of two District of Columbia police officers earlier this year, the FBI said. Sgt. Eric Hayes was wounded Jan. 17 while he sat in his cruiser. Officer Vance Warren was wounded when he was shot through the window of a restaurant, while he worked as a security guard on Jan. 10.

Reeve in hospital

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. (AP) — Christopher Reeve was hospitalized after he neck three times during a horse-jumping competition. The actor who starred in the "Superman" movies was in stable condition Sunday at University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, said his publicist, Lisa Kastler. Reeve's family asked hospital officials not to comment on the nature or extent of his injuries.

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Investigators find last 3 bodies

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Three bodies believed to be those of two credit union workers and a regular customer there were pulled from the wreckage of the federal building Monday, a spokesman for the medical examiner's office said.

The bodies were believed to be those of federal credit union employees Christy Rosas and Virginia Thompson and Alvin Justes, a credit union regular missing since just before the bombing.

Police had received a missing person report on him on May 15 when his landlord noticed that Justes, a creature of habit, had failed to pay his rent. The bodies were removed from the rubble about 6:15 p.m. but weren't immediately identified. The medical examiner's office said the remains were those of one male and two females. The families were notified that the bodies were recovered but there have been no positive identifications at this time. Ray Blakeney of the medical examiner's office said in a statement.

Supreme Court saves toughest cases for last: Affirmative action, religion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disputes over affirmative action, religion and the role of race in drawing up election districts are among the 30 cases set to be decided as the Supreme Court enters the final weeks of its 1994-95 term.

An important affirmative action case asks whether the federal government can continue offering special help to small businesses owned by racial or ethnic minorities.

In 1993, the high court ruled that bizarrely drawn election districts meant to help minorities may violate white voters' rights. Lower courts relied on that decision when they struck down majority black districts in Louisiana and Georgia.

Phone union says strike not imminent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health care issuers stymied negotiators for AT&T Corp. and its two biggest unions Monday, but a spokesman from one of the unions said a strike any time soon is unlikely.

Our focus right now is to keep talking and make a breakthrough. Miller and Herb Linnen, an AT&T spokesman, agreed that the major stumbling block during Monday's talks was a wide range of issues involving health care benefits for current and retired AT&T workers.

Wage, pension and union security issues also divide the parties. The union's contract expired at midnight Sunday, and CWA members had authorized their president to call a strike then. But negotiations continued as the deadline passed, and through Sunday and into Monday.

Juries become more aggressive after watching Simpson trial

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Local juries haven't yet staged strikes or worn black in protest, but South Florida jurors have become more assertive — some say too assertive — under the influence of their counterparts hearing the O.J. Simpson double-murder trial.

Report: 9th juror under scrutiny

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Allegations of note-passing may cost the O.J. Simpson trial a 9th juror, according to a published report.

One Broward County juror deciding a murder trial recently exemplified the trend: Writing three notes to the judge demanding they be given the evening off and allowed to deliberate the next day, court records show.

"Why are you changing the rules?" one handwritten note read. "And why does it take so long to answer our questions?"

The judge, Stanton Kaplan, eventually let the jurors go late May. He declined to discuss that particular juror but said the panelists are generally picking up on something from the Simpson trial.

Over the last month, you can easily see a difference in juror attitude.

— Judge Stanton Kaplan, Broward County, Fla.

The note, which was later passed to the judge, said that she might be questioning "about the book." When Superior Court Judge Lance Ito confronted both women with the note, they denied it, the Times reported.

Florio-Buntun was excused for "lack of candor," the Times reported.

"I guess he felt that I had seen the note and wasn't forthcoming," Florio-Buntun told reporters Friday.

Florio-Buntun, a 38-year-old white insurance company worker from San Gabriel, was the eighth juror dismissed from the murder trial.

Only four alternates are left in the case against Simpson, accused of killing his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman on Jan. 12.

Florio-Buntun said she called her into his chambers on Thursday afternoon, and read excerpts of a letter accusing her of having a book deal.

"This is so far from the truth," Florio-Buntun said. "I mean, I don't know who would be writing these letters to the judge."

He woke up and found out they have some muscle here.

Andrews said his fellow judges and lawyers have been "a little more in the treatment."

"Jurors have an absolute right to be assertive, just as the trial judge has the right to make sure that they don't get too assertive and interfere in the case itself," Andrews said.

The Simpson case, with its showboating attorneys and eight already

departed jurors, has prompted calls to reform U.S. law, perhaps even to ban jurors from the media and questions instead of sitting idly by for months — 44 months so far, in Simpson's case.

Many legal experts say jurors should stick to their traditional roles.

"Throwing out 200 years of law for a case so atypical, a trial of the Century, makes no sense," said Howard Finkelshtin, a Broward assistant public defender who is analyzing the Simpson trial for WWSN Channel 7 television.

Simpson's lawyer Lance Ito has set a precedent by allowing attorneys backward to satisfy every juror complaint, said Jim Eisenberg, a West Palm Beach lawyer.

The Simpson jurors have been entertained by comedian Jay Leno, treated to fancy dinners, even given tickets to "Miss Saigon," and even got a ride on a Goodyear blimp.

Folklore says that because of Simpson jurors' actions from the trial, the normally laid-back Ito also went through somewhat of a personality switch, cutting off lawyers' questions and dressing them down. Spectators haven't been spared from Ito's wrath either — two journalists bounced from the Los Angeles courtroom for talking last week and haven't been allowed back in.

Andrews credits the Simpson jury with helping get Ito back on track. South Florida jurors credit their Simpson counterparts with helping change their view of their temporary work. The saturation TV coverage has given South Floridians their first sustained picture of a real jury trial.

"It's definitely connected to the O.J. case," said Marc Shavell, the foreman of the assertive jury in Judge Kaplan's murder trial. "The assertiveness comes with the lack of creature comforts. We needed to go to break. We needed to go to the machines and get real food."

One long table and 14 chairs — enough for 12 jurors and two alternates — are squeezed into Kaplan's bare-bones jury room in Fort Lauderdale. "I mean, it's tight," Shavell said. "There's no ventilation."

Shavell, a Fort Lauderdale stockbroker, said 1 1/2 weeks of jury turned into a three-week ordeal. With my business, if I'm not here (at work), I'm not making money. It's all commission."

After taking a night off, Shavell's jury on May 3 returned a verdict of second-degree murder against Thomas Wheeler of Dania for a April 18, 1993, killing.

Senator seeks shuttle probe

New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — A U.S. senator says he will seek a probe into alleged problems with the space shuttle's main engines — problems that many believe are risking a Challenger-type disaster after the lift-off.

The inquiry, to be initiated this week by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, will focus on the space shuttle's fuel turbopumps, the massive spinning devices that pump 500,000 gallons of fuel to the shuttle's three main engines every flight.

The pumps long have been recognized as a weak link in the shuttle. Last year, a shuttle lift-off was delayed because of last-minute cracks over cracks in a pump, and NASA has curtailed the number of times each pump can be fired.

New documents now suggest that the California company contracted to maintain the pumps, Rocketdyne, may be using ill-qualified employees to inspect the pumps, allowing potentially deadly sheet metal cracks to go undetected.

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Fatal blaze



AP photo

Firefighters stand at the scene of a suspected arson fire that killed four people and injured one person early Monday in the Los Angeles suburb of San Marino, Calif. Three children died in the blaze, and a man found badly burned outside the house was in critical condition. A neighbor said he heard "a loud boom," then saw smoke. Officials are considering the case a multiple homicide.

Monroe left stamp on those who knew her

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — It was 1952, and she was wearing a black and white polka-dotted dress. "And no underwear," said Max Chasens, 79, of Highland Beach, Fla. Marilyn Monroe had Chasens' stamp on a approval long before the U.S. Postal Service decided to commemorate her popularity

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"The sales will be phenomenal," Chasens said. "Presidents you forget, but someone like Marilyn leaves such an impression. Who knows why?"

The postal service apparently thinks the same way. "We're issuing 400 million; that's second only to Elvis, which was 500 million," said Monica Hand, postal

service spokeswoman.

The commemorative stamp will be available for purchase on June 1, Monroe's birthday. She would have been 69 years old.

Chasens was a theater owner in Atlantic City, N.J., when the city was a mecca for entertainment back in the days that they packaged films with live shows, and the stars came to promote their films locally.

Playground gunfire kills 9-year-old

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A stray bullet fired during an argument over a playground basketball game struck a 9-year-old boy as he fled the gunfire. The third-grader later died and a 20-year-old man was charged in the shooting.

Marcus Deback was shot in the head on Sunday and died Monday at Children's Hospital, spokeswoman Kristin Bartel said.

Alonzo A. McDade, 20, was charged in an arrest warrant with reckless homicide. McDade turned himself in Monday afternoon, police said.

Witnesses said about 20 youngsters were playing basketball when the argument began. One of the players left the court, got a gun from his car, came back and started shooting.

The gunman fired four to six shots, striking Marcus as he ran toward an exit in a chain-link fence that surrounds the playground, police Lt. James Ardis said.

"He was just a 9-year-old hanging around the playground with a group of his friends," Ardis said.

He was more than that to Ronn Johnson, principal at the Catholic school where Marcus attended classes.

Marcus, an only child, approached Johnson during the first week of school and asked him if he would be his big brother.

"From that point he really was like a little brother to me. He was always in the office — not in trouble, just talking," said Johnson, 28.

Marcus was often disciplined for talking in class and probably would have been expelled, if Johnson allowed expulsions, but he ended up on the honor roll.

Woman clings to top of car for an hour while boyfriend drives

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — A man was charged with assault and kidnapping after driving for nearly an hour on a busy highway while his girlfriend clung to the top of his car.

The woman, whose name was withheld, suffered cuts and bruises but was not seriously injured.

Police said Frank Bamba, 23, argued with his girlfriend Saturday then got in his van to drive away. His girlfriend jumped on the bumper

to stop him, but he kept driving. She then climbed on top of the van as Bamba drove down busy U.S. Highway 101, police said.

Witnesses called 911 to report the situation, and a California Highway Patrol trooper pulled the van over.

Bamba was taken into custody and charged with kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon, domestic violence and making death threats.

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Freshness dates expand beyond perishable items

WASHINGTON (AP) — Look closely at that box of cereal, quart of cooking oil or six-pack of soda the next time you go grocery shopping. It might be out of date.

Expiration or suggested "use by" dates are expanding beyond the perishable food case in a bid by some companies to meet consumer demand for the freshest goods and to sell their products.

"Freshness is very closely associated with getting your money's worth and quality," said Mona Doyle, president of Consumer Network, a Philadelphia-based market research firm.

The Food and Drug Administration and state and industry officials say that using processed and packaged foods after their suggested use date does not pose any risk to public health. Quality is the only attribute that may be affected, they said.

"There's not a safety issue here, but a product that's been sitting around in a warehouse six to nine months is not going to taste as well," said Jeff Nedelman, spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers of America, whose 140 members make 85 percent of everything sold in grocery stores.

Cookies may become as hard as jawbreakers and two aspirin might not chase a splitting headache away. "They are essentially quality markers," said Regina Hildway, a director of regulatory affairs for the National Food Processors Association.

"We know that freshness is something that has great consumer appeal," Nedelman said.

He didn't know how many members were using the dates, which set informal deadlines for when consumers should use a product for the best results.

"Some of it is just sharp marketing," Nedelman said.

Tiger captured after escape from trailer

NOVI, Mich. (AP) — An 11-month-old tiger named Duke led police and zoo officials on a four-hour hunt through a wooded area after he escaped from an overturned trailer.

"Duke made a dash for the woods after a vehicle carrying six lions and tigers overturned Sunday morning alongside Interstate 96, witnesses said. Novi is about 23 miles north-west of Detroit.

The big cats were being transported in a trailer hitched to a van belonging to Curious Critters, said state police Sgt. John Moore. The organization rescues wild animals from people who keep them domestically.

The animals were rounded up immediately, except for Duke.

"Duke, who had been declawed, was described as "very docile."

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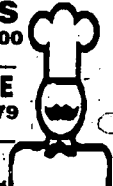
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Sports

Hafer, Lewis cruise to Latham victories

By Ron Gates
Times-News writer



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TWIN FALLS — Should the trend continue, that already lengthy waiting list to participate in the annual Latham Match Play Invitational Golf Tournament may be swelled with college prospects. That possibility became more of a probability Sunday after Kimberly High School senior Preston Hafer

successfully defended the championship he won a year ago and Whitney. Lewis claimed the women's crown earned by Twin Falls classmate Stephanie Freley a year ago.

Hafer, recipient of a hefty wad of spending money and proud owner of a new putter, caught a spark early in the morning round en route to a 2&1 decision over Bret Rupert.

'I felt good about the putt on 14. Then when I was off the green I figured if I could knock it in I'd be happy and still have the jump.'

—Preston Hafer

against perennial toughie Virginia Undheim. Both parred the seventh hole and played virtually even thereafter, but with Lewis holding a three-stroke advantage.

"I've been really happy with the way I've played," admitted the Boise State University-bound Lewis who placed third here in 1994. "I think my mental game is a lot stronger than it used to be."

Undheim, who saw four putts bounce out on Sunday, had nothing but kind words for her conqueror.

"I knew I'd have my hands full and couldn't make any mistakes. I'd have bet the house they (putts) were in," she said. "I always want to win. I don't come over here without the thought to win. But I'm glad to see these young ladies who play so well coming in bunches. They're really playing well."

The 10 men's flight winners, in order, included Dale Wynia, Dan Schnoebelein, Gary Burkett, Steve Christian, Greg Letting, Don Allen, Mick Boyd, Chris Schmah, Ed Mason and Brian Bolton.

Lynn Morgan, Cheryl Webster, Babe Hansen, Colleen Adams and Julie Blandford collected titles in the women's flights.

"Love the format here," Lewis added. "It's a lot easier. You can make a major mistake and recover from it."

Just as it should be, according to co-sponsor Bob Latham, Jr.

"The format here is popular and it's exciting because you play only one hole at a time," he explained. "In other tournaments one bad hole can cost you a title. In match play, if you do poorly on, say, one hole you still have the chance to make up for it."



A birdie by defending champion Preston Hafer on the 17th hole finishes off afternoon opponent Bret Rupert. Hafer successfully defended his crown.

Morning line

Sportsquote

“ Buy them books. ”

— Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson, when told that parents were complaining about buying their kids No. 45 Michael Jordan jerseys only to have Jordan switch back to No. 23

Briefly

Ladies Golf Association sets Thursday meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association will hold its general meeting at 8:30 Thursday morning at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. Coffee, rolls and juice will be furnished. A four-person, two-net, best-ball will follow.

The Ladies Twilight will start at 6:30 p.m. June 5.

For further information, please call Linda Rouse at 734-9914 or Lynn Cleland at 733-2138.

Dues are \$20 and can be mailed to Jana Brauser at 720 Locust St., Twin Falls 83301.

Oakland McGwire sits out 2nd contest with bad back

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mark McGwire missed his second straight game for Athletics on Monday because of stiffness in his back, but Oakland said the injury did not appear to be serious.

McGwire, who began Monday tied for third in the American League with 11 homers and tied for second with 31 RBIs, was taken out of Sunday's 4-1 loss to the New York Yankees in the third inning because of back spasms.

"Mac won't make it. He feels about the same as yesterday," A's manager Tony La Russa said before Monday's game against the Boston Red Sox. "We don't want to put it. We don't think it's something that will keep him out long-term."

Trainer Barry Weinberg said McGwire was held out of Monday's game as a precautionary measure.

"We still might, so we didn't want to risk anything," Weinberg said. "I think he should be OK for tomorrow night."

Rickey Henderson started at designated hitter for the A's on Monday. Weinberg said Henderson will not be able to play in the outfield for several days because of a sore left shoulder that forced him to miss Sunday's game.

Canyon Springs course to host Idaho Seniors tourney

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Seniors Golf Association is sponsoring a tournament on July 3 and 4 at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

All women 45 and over and men 50 and over are eligible to play. The entry fee is \$42 which includes golf, lunch on Saturday and prizes. The payoff is grass and net in all flights.

One of the seniors' goals is to get more women involved in our tournaments. They encourage the women of the Magic Valley to come out and make next weekends their largest field to date.

Entries should be in by Thursday, Jun. 1.

U.S. track and field stars shine in Canadian meet

COQUITLAM, British Columbia — Dennis Mitchell, returning from a hamstring injury, won the 100 meters in the Harry Jerome Classic on Sunday with a time of 10.33 seconds. Jackie Joyner-Kersey won the women's 100 hurdles in 13.27 and Quincy Watts set a meet record in the 400 at 45.42.

Red Wing captain to miss semifinal opener vs. Chicago

DETROIT — Detroit captain Steve Yzerman will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his right knee this week and probably miss at least one game of the Western Conference finals against Chicago.

Yzerman, who underwent an MRI exam Sunday, was injured in Saturday night's victory over San Jose.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

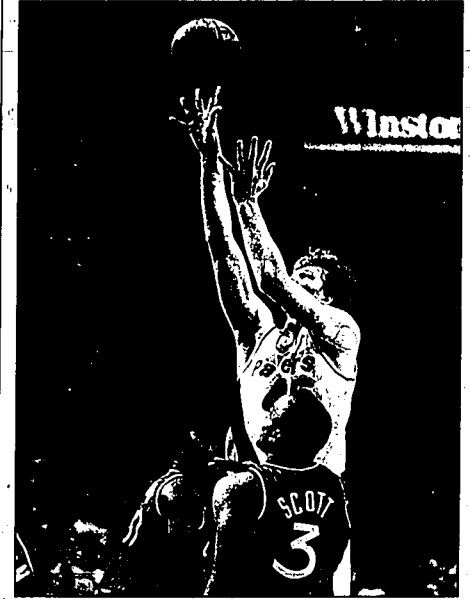
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Game-winner



Indiana's Rick Smits lets fly the game-winning shot Monday as the Pacers edged Orlando to even the Eastern Conference finals at two games apiece.

Smits' buzzer beater sinks Orlando, 94-93

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller isn't the only player who hits winning shots for the Indiana Pacers.

After a final 13 seconds that resembled nothing so much as a high-stakes game of HORSE, Rick Smits delivered the winner and tied the Eastern Conference finals at two games apiece.

Smits' leaning 14-footer at the buzzer Monday lifted the Pacers to a 94-93 victory over the Orlando Magic. The shot came after a timeout with 1.3 seconds left and

capped a run of three consecutive 3-pointers in the final 13.3 seconds, two by the Magic and one by Miller.

"I was so jealous of Rick," Miller said. "I'm glad we won, but inside it was killing me." With Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal and Horace Grant having fouled out, Smits took an inbound pass from Derrick McKey, fumed and faked reserve center Tre Rollins off his feet. Smits, who had missed 10 of his first 15 shots, ducked under Rollins and tossed in the high-arching winner.

Please see BUZZER/AS

Indy winner gets laugh at Goodyear's expense

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jacques Villeneuve doesn't mind being the first Indy 500 winner to cross the finish line second. And he doesn't have a speck of sympathy for Scott Goodyear, who'll go down as the first racer to cross the strip backwards ahead of everyone else and find Victory Lane was off limits.

Villeneuve, who picked up a winner's check for \$1,312,019 at the Victory Dinner on Monday night, seemed quite amused by the confusing finish.

"I was actually laughing inside my helmet," Villeneuve said earlier Monday while making the traditional round of photographs, interviews and autograph signings the morning after his 500 victory. "I couldn't believe he hadn't braked. It didn't make sense at all."

Goodyear will forever be known in Indy lore as "Lead Foot Scott," the driver who squandered a 500 win by passing the pace car before a restart with just 10 laps to go. It was a horrible miscalculation, one that wasn't even necessary considering Goodyear already had the lead and appeared to be behind the wheel of the, strongest car on the track.

The mistake not only cost Goodyear the victory, but also a lot of money. Instead of taking the biggest chunk of the richest purse in auto racing history, Goodyear received \$246,403 for finishing 14th, the spot he wound up in because of the penalty.

The total purse was a record \$8,063,550, breaking the former record of \$7,864,800 set last year. Villeneuve's share was just short of the winner's record of \$1,373,813, earned by Al Unser Jr. a year ago.

Christian Fittipaldi, the runner-up to Villeneuve, was named rookie of the year and earned \$594,668, also short the rookie record of \$622,713 by Villeneuve last year. Third-place Bobby Rahal received \$313,267 and moved past A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti into 6th place in career winnings at Indy with \$2,976,397.

Arie Luyendyk, who finished seventh, received \$247,417 and remained fifth in career winnings with \$3,180,666. Pole-sitter Scott Brayton finished 17th and earned \$306,503.

The smallest paycheck awarded at Monday night's Victory Dinner went to Stan Fox, who earned \$143,603 for his 30th place finish. Fox was critically injured in his first-lap crash.

Goodyear's share included \$18,900 for leading 42 laps.

After getting a look at the videotape, Goodyear's team conceded earlier Monday they were in the wrong on the crucial restart.

"There's no question Scott did pass the pace car," said Steve Horne, owner of the Tashman Motorsports. "No question at all." Villeneuve, who fought back from a two-

Fox remains in critical condition

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Stan Fox remained in critical but stable condition Monday after a brain scan found no additional injuries stemming from his crash on the first lap of the Indianapolis 500.

Fox, a veteran sprint car driver, underwent surgery on Sunday at Methodist Hospital to relieve pressure caused by a subdural hematoma, or bleeding in the brain.

Fox, 42, of Janesville, Wis., was injured just yards into his eighth Indy 500 when his car veered to the right and slammed into a concrete wall, then was cut in half by another car.

Dr. Henry Hock, the speedway's medical director, said a brain scan on Monday morning showed no other injuries. Fox remained unconscious and the next three to five days will be critical in his recovery, Hock said.

No updates on Fox's condition were expected until Tuesday morning, he added.

lap penalty of his own early in the race — also for passing the pace car — said Goodyear got what he deserved when he failed to hoist a black flag signaling him to come into the pits for a stop-and-go penalty. Goodyear's last five laps were wiped from the board.

"You just can't overtake the pace car till it's in the pits and the lights are green," Villeneuve said. "I didn't feel bad about it."

No, the man they call "Jack" wasn't feeling bad at all on Monday. Goodyear's blunder may have been the deciding factor in the race, but it would be unfair to say the son of late Formula One star Gilles Villeneuve was the recipient of an undeserved victory.

He drove a masterful race after his pace-car blunder, weaving his way through traffic to get back in contention — he fell all the way to 24th after the penalty — while at the same time nursing his car for every last smidgeon of fuel in the tank. Plus, he had to drive five miles farther than everyone else.

"Jacques is a calculated, aggressive driver," said Barry Green, owner of Villeneuve's Team Green. "Jacques' real secret is his feel for the race car. When we were out there setting up the car through the month, his feel for the race car amazed me. He's better than anybody I've ever worked with, and I've been lucky to work with some great drivers."

Opinion

Editorial

Message to kids: Have a great summer with books

The school year is winding down, and we'd like to repeat our annual message to young folks.

This summer, while you're enjoying your three months of hard-earned freedom, consider spending some time between the pages of a book.

like a shopping mall for your mind. Whatever you want, the library has it.

Do you like animals? How about airplanes? Or adventure, or romance, or dinosaurs?

Or science fiction, history, Westerns, mysteries or ghost stories? They're all in there, just waiting for you. (If you need help finding what you want, the librarians would be happy to help!)

After you check out your book, just plow down under a tree and dive into fun.

There are three good things about summer reading. The most important thing is, summer reading is fun.

The second good thing about summer reading is, it gradually makes you smarter. If you read one book every week this summer, you'll be 12 books smarter by the time school starts.

The third thing is, summer reading can turn into a habit. It's a great habit to have, and it can stick with you all your life.

Not bad, huh? You can have fun, get smarter and gain a lifetime hobby, all at once. Not many summertime activities have so much to offer.

Just go to your local library. Scout the shelves for interesting books. You'll soon realize that a library is

The Times-News logo and staff information including Stephen Hartgen, Clark Walthour, Allen Wilson, and Peter York.

Presenting a 'Contract to Tidy Up Loose Ends'

Ten-joint political "contracts," noble promises with pretty titles, are in fashion. Nevertheless, some of the nation's needs are being neglected.



George F. Will

The government has shoveled billions back from some highways and fenced off parklands but has done nothing about the worst evaders. Therefore Congress shall impose a tax of \$1,000 per year of earnings sold to young men.



'Soft landing,' or just soft heads at Fed?

We have repeatedly been assured that we're in for a "soft landing," so I guess we can ignore all those water buffalo standing on the highway.

Robert Reno

Besides, it would be unthinkable for a major nation to go into a recession through the incompetence of its central bankers and without the learned forecasters or the markets seeing it coming well in advance.

orders took an unusually steep fall in April, the third consecutive monthly decline. This is scary stuff.

On the plus side, though, we don't need a recession in the sense that many people thought we needed it in 1975 and again in 1982 to tame inflation rates that hovered stubbornly around double-digit levels.

Industrial production and retail sales also fell in April. Jobless claims were up. Employment declined for the first time in two years.

The labor market isn't tight. Real wages are, if anything, depressed. The bottlenecks signal an overheated economy.

Fleet Financial Group economist Gary Imrino still holds out for the soft landing. But he sounds nervous.

Letters

Show me the way to America

To be or not to be, that is the question! United wholly, we the people have a proven history to be idealists and doers.

Hate groups are cruel, unfair

To President Clinton: I think anti-race groups should be stopped. I believe that it is cruel and unfair to hate someone because their skin is a different color.

worse may be in the offing as the soft landing encounters severe turbulence, according to the latest indications.

And what will be the lesson if the worst happens? I guess that you don't raise interest rates seven times in 12 months in the name of caution without risks that were, as it turns out, unthought by Ms. Woods and a sensible passenger might put his head between his knees.

Robert Reno is columnist for the New York newspaper Newsday.

The 1995 Crime Control Act To Prevent Violence Against the American Legislature

There, Ten items. We contract writers, like God, know when to stop rather than risk overburdening humanity.

Students brought cheer, hugs

It's time for some good news! As director of activities at Heritage Retirement

Food donors much appreciated

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all of the customers on my mail route for their participation in the National Association of Letters Carriers U.S. Postal Service Food Drive.

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By Gary Trudeau Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



World

Oil town 'collapsed like house of cards'

KHABAROVSK, Russia (AP) — **against hours and minutes,** said Some alive, some surely dead, thousands of people lay buried Monday in the ruins of an oil town flattened by an earthquake on remote Sakhalin island in Russia's Far East.

Forty-eight hours after Neftegorsk 'collapsed as its 3,000 residents slept, rescuers had found 930 survivors and about 300 bodies. Officials feared the death toll could surpass 2,000.

Rescuers hosed in on moans and cries from under the piles of brick and concrete that once had been five-story Soviet-built apartment blocks, noted for their poor construction.

"When the sun sets and the rescue equipment stops, the town starts moaning," Russian television reported. "These are the moans of those buried under the rubble."

Witnesses said Neftegorsk collapsed in less than a minute.

One man hatched himself free with a small saw, then dug out his daughter with the saw and his hands. "I saw my daughter's hand and heard her voice. Daddy, I'm here." It took me 3 1/2 hours to get her out," he told NTVC television.

Authorities rushed relief supplies, field hospitals and at least 500 rescue workers to Neftegorsk aboard helicopters and small planes and dispatched an ice-breaker to clear a path for a hospital ship. The nearest airport that can accommodate large cargo planes is 400 miles away in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, and fog and poor roads make it a grueling trip.

"We are racing against time."

Sergei Khetagurov, deputy minister for emergency situations. "Rescue work can help save victims only in the first two or three days. After that, there is no one left to save."

Sergei Shogru, Russia's minister for emergency situations, said the IAR's news agency he expected the death toll to surpass 2,000. He said 300 bodies had been found.

Shogru said it would take at least two weeks to clear the rubble.

The magnitude 7.5 quake struck the island at 1:03 a.m. Sunday (9:03 a.m. EDT Saturday).

"The whole town collapsed," Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said Monday. "If this had happened in daytime, there wouldn't have been so many deaths."

"Bodies lay on the ground under blankets and cloth scraps Monday and limbs poked out of the rubble as cranes plucked concrete slabs from mountains of debris. Stunned survivors combed through runs or examined lists of the dead."

Some wept others simply stared off into space.

"Buildings collapsed like a house of cards. One man saved his family by pushing his wife and children out a second-story window," a Russian television correspondent said from the scene.

Viktor Gurevich, vice governor of the Sakhalin region, said at least 300 people had been hospitalized, many in critical condition. Doctors said they would have to amputate many survivors' crushed arms and legs.



The U.N. flag flies over a British U.N. observation post where a mortar-launching radar is operated by soldiers from the Royal Artillery Regiment atop a hill overlooking Bosnian Serb-held territory around Sarajevo Monday.

French, British in new Bosnia dilemma

Chicago Tribune

LONDON — Britain and France, the key nations with peacekeeping troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina, have responded to the Bosnian Serbs' hostage-taking with a mixture of diplomatic and military signals that appear to carry huge risks of wider involvement in the war.

The first signal is that they won't allow themselves to be blackmailed. Instead of cutting and running — getting their troops out of Bosnia — they will beef up their forces and press for a change in rules of engagement to allow troops to fire first in self-defense. This will increase their chances of being drawn into warfare with the Serbs, but also will ease the problems of withdrawal if they decide to get their troops out later.

At the same time, Britain and France are joining other members of the five-nation "contact group" in Bosnia — the United States, Russia

and Germany — in trying to persuade Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to recognize Bosnia within its current borders in exchange for a lifting of sanctions against his regime. Such a move would be aimed at isolating the Bosnian Serbs and weakening their will to continue the war.

All these initiatives appear to represent improvisation. While Britain and France were aware of the risk that the Serbs would retaliate when they agreed to NATO bombing of Serb ammunition dumps last week, they apparently were caught without clear-cut plans for dealing with such an eventuality.

But Prime Minister John Major of Britain and French President Jacques Chirac of France agreed in a telephone conversation Sunday night that there would be no immediate withdrawal from Bosnia. They reportedly concluded that such a move would condemn the Bosnian Muslims to slaughter by their foes.

Britain, which has about 3,500 troops in Bosnia, is preparing to commit an additional 6,000. The first of these will depart Tuesday; the remainder are expected to be en route or in place by the end of the week.

With both the Sarajevo and Tuzla airports closed, it is unclear how the troops will get into Bosnia. A Defense Ministry spokesman said various options were under consideration, such as landing the troops at Split in Croatia and moving them overland.

The roads between Split and Sarajevo are dominated at the Sarajevo end by Bosnian Serb forces, however.

The British might have to fight their way in.

The main British unit put on standby for Bosnia, but likely to be moved in soon, is the 24 Airborne Brigade. It is equipped with Chinook and Lynx helicopters that could be used for an emergency

Architects of genocide may be rearming in Zaire

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — France, South Africa and Zaire have been helping rearm former Rwandan soldiers in exile despite a U.N. arms embargo, a rights group said Monday.

Rwanda's former army, driven out by Tutsi rebels during last year's ethnic slaughter, has 50,000 troops at 12 camps preparing to retake power by force, the New York-based Human Rights Watch said. It said the former army also has brought extremist Hutu militiamen tightly under its control.

China, Seychelles and others have also helped the perpetrators of Rwanda's genocide rearm, the group said.

After a four-month investigation, the group said it found evidence of continuing arms shipments, often through intermediaries who rely on false certificates to conceal the destination of the weapons.

Rwanda's former rebels can pay for the weapons with government funds shipped abroad before fleeing and money from the sale of stolen government vehicles and humanitarian aid supplies, Human Rights Watch said.

Report: Hundreds jailed in Tibet, including kids

BEIJING (AP) — China has imprisoned and often tortured hundreds of Tibetan independence supporters over the past two years, including children, Amnesty International said in a report to be released Tuesday.

The report by the London-based human rights group lists in detail the names and cases of 628 prisoners held in Tibetan jails by the end of 1994 for their political beliefs, including 182 women and 45 people under age 18 — some as young as 12.

Chinese authorities have confirmed the arrests of the 45 juveniles, the report said.

"In violation of both Chinese and international law, children have been reportedly held incommunicado, denied trials, beaten, made to do heavy labor with adults and subjected to electric shocks," Amnesty International reported.

It cited the case of a 12-year-old girl from the Tibetan capital of Lhasa who lost the use of an arm and a leg after being beaten with electric batons and forced to work digging excrement and loading it onto trucks.

The group urged the Chinese government to release all political or ideological prisoners, investigate all reports of torture and ensure fair and prompt trials.

It also called on China to observe the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, which bans torture, corporal punishment and any other cruel or degrading treatment for children.

The Chinese government had no immediate comment. Beijing frequently blames anti-government or anti-Chinese activities in Tibet on small numbers of "splittists" backed by the government-in-exile of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader.

China invaded Tibet in 1950 but claims to have held sovereignty over the remote Himalayan region since the 13th century. There have been demonstrations for independence in Tibet since 1987.

Cameraman killed in Chechnya

MOSCOW (AP) — TV cameraman Farhad Kerimov has been killed while covering the war in Chechnya for Associated Press Television.

Kerimov, 46, was shot May 22

between the villages of Shuani and Vedeno, 27 miles south of the Chechen capital, Grozny. His remains, buried by local residents in a cemetery near Shuani, were identified by his brother on Monday.

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Aliens have great effect on Nevada
Strange sightings lead many to believe UFOs have visited backcountry roads.

RACHEL, Nev. (AP) — Chuck Clark's search for UFOs brought him to this desert outpost, a place with happenings so bizarre a state lawmaker wants to name "the road through here" "Extraterrestrial Alien Highway."

Clark has yet to encounter flying saucers, but one thing is certain: Something is out there. "You'll meet at the Little A'Le'Inn, the only restaurant in town, as they're entertained some nights by strange lights and sonic booms."

"Space aliens? A more likely cause is a military base so secret the government cryptically acknowledges its existence only as a "operating location." Locals refer to the installation as "Dreamland" or "Area 51."

Clark's UFO and conspiracy buffs like Clark are convinced the government is keeping recovered alien craft and working alongside little bug-eyed creatures at the sprawling complex, just 30 miles south of here, and the rocky Groom Mountain Range.

Aside from classified man-made technologies, the military says there's nothing unearthly out here — only sagebrush and the locals' overactive imaginations.

Until recently, the military flat-out denied the presence of a base. Today, officials acknowledge something's going on outside Rachel.

"We don't have UFOs out there," said Maj. Mary Feltham, an Air Force spokeswoman. "What goes on out there is classified."

But you can decide for yourself. With a 4-wheel-drive truck and lots of nerve, you can sneak a peek at "Dreamland" — even though the military recently made it much tougher to do so.

In early May, the Interior Department agreed to give the Air Force control of nearly 4,000 acres of public land adjacent to Area 51, including an ideal vantage spot called Freedom Ridge.

For the 100 residents of Rachel, many of whom have established a cottage industry based on UFO fascination, the decision won't really change things.

Locals including Pat Travis, co-owner of the Little A'Le'Inn, say they'll just use other mountain ridges to view the base and will keep searching for what's really going on.

"This won't stop us," she said.

"People are still coming out. The information is still there."

Visitors to Rachel can still get a guided trip to other ridges overlooking the base or swap flying saucer stories in order on "Alien burgers" at the Little A'Le'Inn — although they can't yet ride down the Extraterrestrial Alien Highway suggested by state assemblyman Roy Neighbors.

Travis and her husband, Joe, share Clark's enthusiasm for space-age — or just spacy — occurrences. They tell of a white beam of light that blazed through their closed back door one morning several years ago.

"I can feel their presence," Pat Travis said. "I get goose bumps when I think of them."

Then there's Glenn Campbell, a former computer software developer from Boston who operates what he calls the Secrecy Oversight Council from a trailer he rents for \$215 a month.

Campbell also puts out a newsletter and an "Area 51 Viewer's Guide" that helps the curious avoid being arrested by the guards who patrol the base's perimeter.

Others who frequent the area include Bob Lazar of Las Vegas, a self-described physicist who claims he worked at the base — on one of nine captured alien spacecraft — to determine how its power source worked.

Area 51 reportedly served as a laboratory for the U-2 spy plane and later the SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, the B-2 stealth bomber and F-117A stealth fighter.

Among other rumors: The base has a stable of aircraft obtained from defuncting Soviet fliers and is the proving ground for a \$15 billion plane, the Aurora, that can do 5,000 mph.

Aviation Week & Space Technology recently said radar-evading helicopters and oddly shaped stealth spy planes are being developed at the 40-year-old base, with money from secret "black budgets" that don't appear in any federal budget allotments.

Clark said exotic military aircraft developed at the base may be mistaken for UFOs. But sometimes fast-moving, soundless pulsating balls of light that appear in the sky just seem to be from another world, he said.

"They may not be UFOs to the Air Force. They know what they are. But they are UFOs to us," he said.

Intrepid snoopers on the ridges surrounding the base use binoculars to bring into focus its huge airplane hangars, satellite dishes and control towers, along with a 5-mile runway.

Signs of sophisticated security are everywhere — closed-circuit cameras, signs advising "Use of deadly force authorized," and white Jeep Cherokee carrying armed guards.

Photographing or sketching structures or aircraft is illegal. Guards will confiscate film, forcing locals to resort to such tactics as using extra film rolls as decoys and police scanners to try monitoring security radio conversations.

Before the land was ceded to Area 51, Clark stood atop Freedom Ridge, 12 miles away, and pointed out more security in a mountain observatory, a few miles off.

"They can tell if you need a shave," he said. "Watch what you say. They can hear you."

With the ridge now closed, Clark and others say the base can be seen from public land at Tikaboo Peak, a higher mountain 26 miles away. But visibility is poor.

The military's action is seen as hypocritical, since Russia and other countries have been able to observe the base for years with spy satellites.

"All enemies can see it," Clark said. "But we can't."



Chuck Clark sits outside the Little A'Le'Inn in Rachel, Nev. Clark is convinced that the strange lights and sonic booms that occur some nights are part of a government coverup of alien craft kept at a nearby military base. At left, a security van sits on the road to the secret military base known by locals as "Area 51" or "Dreamland," located outside Rachel. Unauthorized personnel are not allowed to pass this point. The government acknowledges its existence only as an "operating location."

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Infant's death at day care prompts talk of licensing

MOSCOW (AP) — The death of a 6-month-old girl at a Moscow home day care in February alarmed many people. That is exactly what should happen, according to Mary Spiva.

"It's like a wake-up call and we need to pay attention and react as a community," said Spiva, program adviser for the University of Idaho's Child Care Resource and Referral.

Spiva shudders at the thought that of the 175 home day cares in Moscow, only four are licensed. She wants tougher restrictions and implementation of a family day care registry.

Moscow does not require licensing to care for six or fewer children. Under state law, no license is required in caring for 12 or fewer children.

For Moscow resident Shan Babb in February the death of little Janelle Dudley, she died after drowning in her own vomit while napping on a water bed.

In 1991, another baby Dudley was caring for died of sudden infant death syndrome.

"It is still hard to go through," said Dudley, who closed her day care in March. "It's not something that goes away. It was like losing my own child."

The case is still being reviewed by the county prosecutor, Spiva said she doesn't know if the death could have been avoided.

"But we owe our children the best possible care and by having providers licensed or registered to ensure better health and safety standards we can better protect children," Spiva said.

Sandra Babb, mother of two, began a day care about seven years ago when she could not find adequate care for her infant daughter. She said the ratio should be lowered to 1:4.

"I still feel the 1:6 ratio is saying the first six don't count," she said. "Here in Moscow, anyone can watch children. I just feel strongly that change needs to be made and anybody who is watching these children has some basic standards to meet."

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Feedlot receives water pollution complaint

MURTAUGH — A local feedlot has been issued an Environmental Protection Agency complaint alleging it discharged pollution in violation of the federal Clean Water Act.

An administrative complaint was issued to Mark Cummins of Murtaugh. The EPA said a state environmental inspector last August observed potato leachate from a sludge pit leaking into a lateral of the Twin Falls Canal, a tributary of the Snake River.

Other complaints were issued to two Oregon dairies. Inspectors said they observed discharges of wastewater into waterways.

Each company faces a proposed civil penalty of \$8,000. They have 30 days to challenge the allegations and proposed penalties.

Cummins could not be reached for comment Monday.

Man rescued after falling through grate near falls

TWIN FALLS — A man who fell through a grate near Twin Falls was rescued Monday night before he went into the water, according to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

The incident happened at 7:55 p.m. No further information was available Monday evening.

Water board will discuss

water transfer, aquifer recharge

TWIN FALLS — Aquifer recharge and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's request to transfer water out of state for salmon migration will highlight the Idaho Water Resource Board's meeting Friday in Twin Falls.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Canyon Springs Inn on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

The 1995 Idaho Legislature appropriated roughly \$950,000 to recharge or add water to — the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, which lies beneath much of southern Idaho.

The board is expected to approve proposed recharge plans and authorize payment. In April, the board agreed to spend \$881,171 for water from the state's "water banks." Another \$73,828 was earmarked to pay canal companies and irrigation districts for carrying the water through their systems.

Karl Dreher, new director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources will brief the board about the Bureau of Reclamation's application to permanently transfer 173,000 acre-feet out of Idaho. Ultimately, the bureau wants to transfer 427,000 acre-feet of Idaho water to the lower Snake and Columbia river system.

(One acre-foot is enough to cover one acre with one foot of water, or 325,850 gallons.)

Last year, some 2.6 million acre-feet of Idaho water was flushed down the Snake River to boost water velocity through reservoirs in Washington and Oregon.

Albion Telephone still plans to purchase 3 exchanges

ALBION — Albion Telephone Co. says it still plans to buy three Idaho telephone exchanges from US West Communications and that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission recently withdrew its opposition to the sale.

State utilities commissioners opposed the sale of Arco, Malad and Mackay telephone exchanges because of concerns about rate increases. But a company news release said that stance was based on outdated, inaccurate information.

Albion Telephone promised not to raise local rates for three years after buying the exchanges, the release said.

Compiled from staff reports

Time to remember



Phil and Marilyn Auth pause to read a headstone at the Rock Creek Cemetery south of Hansen, after attending Monday's dedication of the new Veterans' Cemetery. Four veterans groups agreed to maintain the Rock Creek Cemetery in exchange for the right to use a four-acre parcel to bury veterans and their spouses.

Wendell wrestles with speed limits

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — The difference between the county and city speed limits on streets bordering town has created a problem for the city.

Police Chief Phillip Cowell told the City Council last week that he recently stopped a motorist going south on Hagerman Street at 40 mph in a 20 mph zone. The motorist argued he was driving on the county side of the street, where the speed limit is 35 mph.

"I had to let him go," Cowell said.

Hagerman Street, Eighth Street and parts of Gooding Street are half in the county, where the speed limit is 35 mph and half in the city, where the speed limit is 20 mph.

"Just normal traffic never slows down to 20 miles per hour," Councilman Dale Bunn said about Eighth West (2900 South), "and you really wouldn't expect them to."

"People utilize that, more or less, as their drag strip," Cowell said. "We've clocked people as high as 60, 70 mph coming in on that road. There's a lot of kids that live out in that area that ride their bikes down that road."

Mayor Lynn Nelson said: "I suspect there's also a legal issue on us changing the speed limit on our half of the street and what the county highway district can do with their half of the street."

"That's the way it is clear around the whole town," Bunn said.

The council referred the matter to the city attorney for a legal opinion on correcting the problem.

In another traffic issue, the council proposed setting speed limits on F Avenue East at 20 mph from Idaho Street to Pocatello Street and 35 mph from Pocatello east to the city limit.

In other matters:

- Following a midnight call to Wendell High School Wednesday, Fire Chief Red Orr said he ordered that potery kilns not be used until correctly installed. The kilns are ventilated into the janitor's closet, instead of the outside, and the dusty heat sets off the smoke detector in the closet.
- Orr said the incident was about the fourth false alarm.

Orr also said he will travel to Atlanta, Ga., to pick up a new fire truck.

The council, based on a proposal from the city engineer, authorized the mayor to obtain sewer easements along a natural drainage area west of town. The action is part of the annexation process for land south of West Main Street extension.

The council adopted a resolution on property rights and will hold a workshop at 10 a.m. June 5 regarding a resolution on city fees.

Music teachers blame union for lost wages

By Karen Tolkinen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A lawsuit filed against the Twin Falls School Board last year is one example of jarring harmony between music teachers and the teachers union, music teachers say.

Although the suit, filed a year ago, names the district and each member of the School Board, the Twin Falls Education Association may be the real culprit, say music teachers still waiting for resolution.

The union has never been favorable to elementary music teachers," said Cindy Owings, who teaches at Lincoln and Oregon Trail elementary schools.

At issue is extra money music teachers received with their regular pay, about \$1,000 annually per teacher. During negotiations three years ago, the district and union negotiators agreed to eliminate the extra-duty pay for choir teachers. Those contracts were to go into effect this school year.

Teachers asked for their stipend to be returned, as well as back pay. Their attorney, Mark Stubbs said he is still exchanging offers with the district.

Donna Cowan, who teaches at Morningside and Hagstrom elementary schools, said she has heard of union members wanting to cut out music classes altogether. While most of the teachers support her, some don't think music serves a legitimate academic purpose, she said.

Teachers sometimes bring students late to music class without apology, she said. Removing their stipend was evidence of bias by a small group of negotiators.

against music teachers, she said.

TEEA President Julie Leiva said that isn't true. Although she wasn't president at the time the contracts were negotiated, she said the music teachers' allegations aren't accurate.

"I've never heard that," she said. "I'm sure you're unhappy... I guess if it was you, you'd be angry too."

It isn't clear what happened during the contract talks. Leiva said issues discussed during contracts are raised during surveys filled out by all teachers, both union and non-union. During talks, either the district or the union raised the idea of axing stipends for elementary music teachers, and the other side agreed.

Leiva said the union bargains for all teachers, not just union members.

But orchestra teacher Incest Moss said he disagrees.

"They sure didn't bargain for the elementary teachers," he said. "Obviously someone had an axe to grind."

He pointed to himself as an example of discrimination against non-union members. A union member, he kept his extra duty pay. He is not suing the district, but he said he agrees philosophically with the suit.

"Just as you can't hire coaches without extra pay, it's customary to give teachers extra pay," he said. Twin Falls music teachers have received the stipend for 30 years, he said.

But Leiva said teachers themselves approve the contract.

"When they say it's a union thing, everybody votes on the ratification," she said. "I don't think they understand."

Population boom puts squeeze on Valley School

By Karen Tolkinen
Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Housing is getting new in Hazelton — and so is space in the new school.

Valley District Superintendent Arlyn Bodily said the new school, built last summer, was projected to last at least a decade before expansion would become necessary. But the district is growing as the Hazelton native has never seen it grow, and officials expect to add on much sooner than that.

In the next five years, Bodily expects to add 200 students, he said. That's unusual for a district that used

to see its enrollment stay steady or even drop a little.

The district has 712 students this year, 52 more than last year. That's the biggest jump ever, Bodily said. Five years ago, enrollment was at 573.

Several theories account for the space crunch.

For one thing, it's a new school, and new schools always attract new residents, said Eldon Nelson, school construction supervisor for the Idaho Department of Education. He adds school districts to take potential growth into consideration when they're planning.

Also, residents of Burley's farm-

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Dave Buddecke displays the graffiti-removal technique that a new volunteer group will use to erase unwanted messages.

Who ya gonna call?

When the writing is on the wall, Graffiti Busters is on the scene

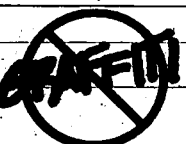
By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dave Buddecke tugged once on a pull-starting cord and a pressure sprayer roared to life.

"Sorry guys, it still has to go," he said to a spray-painted declaration of young love on a gray brick building.

Lowering his plastic face mask, he blasted the porous facade with a solution of baking soda. Ten minutes later, only a trace remained of the offending message.

Buddecke, vice president at



Seastrom Manufacturing Inc., was testing his graffiti-removal skills for a new non-profit organization called "Graffiti Busters."

Graffiti Busters is an all-volun-

teer operation. Its goal is to remove and paint over graffiti within 48 hours after someone reports it, in order to discourage paint-wielding vandals.

"We think the key is to get it off as soon as possible," Buddecke said. "It's not worth it to them if it cannot be seen."

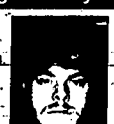
Buddecke and his partner, Seastrom sales manager Cash Sigler, got the idea to start the organization several months ago, after their company moved to Twin Falls from Glendale, Calif. last year.

Both men knew from living in

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Federal workers fear rises amid militia movement

Vets pay respects to comrades

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Sometime this summer, before helicopters begin patrolling the dense forests of western Montana, U.S. Forest Service officials hope to sit down with local militia leaders.

They want to explain that the flyovers are aimed at spotting forest fires — not to harass innocent Americans.

"Militia members have voiced misgivings about low-flying aircraft, and Militia of Montana leader John Trochmann, has theorized that foreign troops might one day invade his territory disguised as firefighters."

Against that background, pilots might simply steer clear of militia hot spots on private property this summer, said Chuck Brooks, operations staff officer for the Kootenai National Forest.

"We'd rather burn up an extra acre of trees than get in a situation where someone gets hurt," Brooks told the Great Falls Tribune.

After last month's bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City, anxious Forest Service employees have begun locking their back doors, traveling in pairs and taking pains to check in with superiors at the end of the day.

"There's heightened awareness throughout the Forest Service of anything that could have an impact on employee safety or the safety of the public," said Alan Polk, a spokesman at Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C.

For veterans like Bob Muechel, who joined the agency in 1966, it is hard to accept the idea that working for the Forest Service could, in and of itself, be hazardous.

"We were thought of as the good people, the helpful people," said Muechel, program officer for the Lolo National Forest.

Tom Wagner, the Darby district ranger in the Bitterroot National Forest, has found himself fielding all sorts of hair-splitting questions from anti-government types.

"I've had militia members in here asking me if I believed in the Constitution and did I take an oath of office," Wagner said. "I tell them my job is not to interpret the Constitution, but to enforce the law Congress passes. They're not satisfied with the answer, but I haven't had any personal attacks."

Still, he worries the militiamen may mistake federal employees as part of "some large government plot."

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Three old warriors stood among the graves Monday and traded a few words about their service days in the Pacific.

"I think we should keep in memory the honor for people who served and died for our country, and the respect for the things they went through," Lewis Burgess said.

Burgess, along with fellow World War II veterans George Schwindeman and Barton Jones, were among the vets gathered at the Gem Memorial Cemetery Monday for a Memorial Day in their honor.

'He was like a brother. We were just people. We lived, fought and worked together.'

— Barton Jones of Burley, about his brother-in-law

After a ceremony and prayers led by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the three men tried to recall the names of departed friends who had served in the war. A few chuckles about service days spiced the conversation.

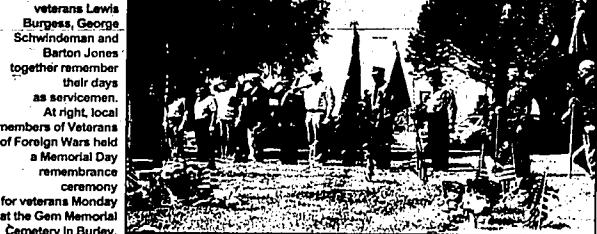
"Everybody remembered the name Schwindeman," George Schwindeman said. "It was the Smiths and the Jones that everyone forgot. It was always, 'Schwindeman step forward,' and 'Schwindeman do this,' and 'Schwindeman do that,'" he said with a laugh.

Schwindeman served in the South Pacific in Fort Construction Engineers. He worked on one of the first Liberty ships, mass-produced cargo ships, in New Guinea.

Burgess did equipment maintenance work in the Quartermaster Corps. He remembers one repair call



Above, World War II veterans Lewis Burgess, George Schwindeman and Barton Jones together remember their days as servicemen.



At right, local members of Veterans of Foreign Wars held a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony for veterans Monday at the Gem Memorial Cemetery in Burley.

that required a 20-mile trek into the jungle, only to discover the soldier needed to wipe off his vehicle's headlights to remedy the problem.

Monday, Burgess walked among the headstones, recognizing the names of friends and acquaintances who served in U.S. wars. There was Pat Baker, 1918-1977, who served in the Navy; Henry Mittenzwey, 1896-1981, a World War I veteran who lived in Burley for about 10 years; and World War I veteran and

Burley dogcatcher Leonard Posey, 1890-1973, a story-teller "like you wouldn't believe."

"Burgess also found a name he didn't recognize, but he stopped by the grave anyway to pay respects. It was Vietnam veteran Jack Garland Smith Jr., 1945-1975.

Jones, a Marine, visited the cemetery Monday to remember his brother-in-law, H.O. Thompson, who served in the Navy.

Jones was sent to war to the

Pacific when he was only 16.

"All they wanted then was some one to pack a gun," he said.

Jones plans to be buried next to his brother-in-law, who also survived the war.

"He was blown off the ship at least one time that I know of. He came out in good shape and died of a heart attack in 1977," he said. "He was like a brother. We were just people. We lived, fought and worked together."

Gondola rescuers enjoy balancing act

KELLOGG (AP) — So how do you train to rescue people stuck on a mountaintop gondola cable?

Rescue crews at the Silver Mountain gondola use a device called a "MRS Car" which allows a rescuer to climb a gondola tower above a stranded car and ride down the cable to the car and evacuate occupants, said Bud Larsen, an instructor for the Shoshone County Fire District.

Larsen, Dale Jacobs and Rob Rens from the department spent some of their off-duty hours last week training people in techniques used to evacuate riders off the gondola, if the need ever arises.

"It's a kick," Larsen said, of the

trip down the cable. "It's a lot of fun, don't let anyone tell you it isn't."

Once rescuers have reached a stuck car, passengers are loaded into rescue sacks and lowered gently to the ground.

For Tuesday's practice, District II Fire Chief Dale Costa brought his children and some of their friends, along with two LDS missionaries, to be the stranded passengers.

"Most of them thought it was a pretty good time," Larsen said. "Although one of the girls was a little apprehensive at first, but once she was in the rescue sack, she was pretty comfortable."

Graffiti

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southern California how graffiti — often associated with gang activity — could overwhelm a city. They thought the vandalism problem in Twin Falls was still small enough to be manageable.

The pair will officially kick off the start of the organization Wednesday, with a media event which they hope will generate more volunteers.

"Anyone can join, they say. Numerous businesses and individuals have donated money and supplies to their cause. The city donated \$900 a year for liability insurance.

Valley

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labor housing had to find new homes when the owners shut down.

Many moved into the Lakeview Apartments operated by the Hazelton Housing Authority, which has waiting lists for the apartments for its first time in its history, said clerk Anne Coulson.

"There are so many people looking for places to live," she said. "There isn't housing available."

The apartments have been full for a year with people with farm or aquaculture-related jobs who make less than \$32,000 a year, she said.

Usually the apartments open in

Volunteers will take turns borrowing the group's white trailer emblazoned with the "Graffiti Busters" logo. When someone calls the Graffiti Busters hotline — 737-4399, volunteers will haul the trailer to the site, with equipment, donated paints and supplies.

Volunteers will clean graffiti anywhere, whether on public or private property. They can work on any surface — store fronts, homes, or even Snake River Canyon boulders. But Buddecke said he hopes people will try to clean up their own property when they can.

"The majority of people can get

graffiti off themselves with a little lacquer thinner," he said.

When lacquer thinner doesn't work, the organization's high-powered sprayer goes into action.

After cleaning off the graffiti, volunteers will typically paint the spot with one of four basic colors — white, gray, brown or brick red.

A professional painter is available to match the true color at discounted rates.

Any prospective member undergo one hour of training in equipment operation and have a vehicle capable of towing a 3,000-pound trailer full of equipment.

longer in school, which is good," he said. "That's where they need to be."

Another reason for the growth may be the growing Jerome County dairy industry, which provides steady, year-round work.

The number of dairy-related jobs in Jerome County rose from 234 in 1986 to 937 in 1994, according to figures from the state Job Service.

Whatever the reason, Superintendent Budley said the district may limit the number of out-of-district students it accepts.

"I can't imagine this place growing like it's growing," he said.

"I've lived here all my life."

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Jeffrey Johnson graduated with his Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Following that, he served a year internship at New Orleans Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana which enabled him to be certified as a Nuclear Imaging Technologist. Johnson has 16 years of experience in the field. He spent 10 years practicing in Eugene, Oregon.

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By Lynn Johnston For Better or For Worse strip with dialogue: 'EYE, MOM! I'M HEADING OUT! I'LL GRAB A BURGER DOWNTOWN. I'M MEETING BOB! I'M GOING TO WORK.'

By Bill Watterson Calvin and Hobbes strip with dialogue: 'WHO'S OUR SUBSTITUTE TEACHER? DO YOU KNOW? NO. UNUSUAL. ON MOY REALLY? I HEARD YOU KILLED A KID LAST YEAR!'

By Jean Yung and Stan Drake Blondie strip with dialogue: 'GUYS, PLEASE KEEP ASKING FOR THE BAKERS' MENUS! I KNOW! THEY WANT THE SAME CHICKEN! THE SAME RICE! THE SAME BREADSTUFF!'

By Johnny Hart B.C. strip with dialogue: 'MY GRAND-FATHER GIVED TO FOR HIC YEARS OLD TO THE DAY. TO THE DAY? YEAH... WHEN THEY LIT THE CANDLES ON HIS CAKE, HE HAD A HEAT-STROKE.'

By Brian Crane Pickles strip with dialogue: 'WELLS, I WANT YOU TO PREPARE YOUR LUNCH LADDER BEFORE YOU GO WHILE I'M DONE. TRUE. WHITEWATER RAFTING CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS. BUT I'M GOING TO BE VERY CAREFUL. SO THAT'S NO PROBLEM TO WORRY, OKAY?'

By Jim Davis Garfield strip with dialogue: 'TAPPY TAPPY TAPPY TAPPY TAPPY TAPPY TAPPY TAPPY I WANT THAT USHER'S NAME!'

By Hank Ketchum Dennis the Menace strip with dialogue: 'YOUR REFLECTION IS YOUR SHADOW AFTER IT'S BEEN COLORIZED.'

By Chance Brown Hi and Lo! strip with dialogue: '\$350,000 FOR THIS HOUSE?! THAT'S WHAT HOUSES ARE GOING FOR IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD? THE HIGH PRICES.'

By Bill Keane The Family Circus strip with dialogue: 'Mrs. Covell is takin' eternity leave. She wants to be at home when the baby gets there.'

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart The Wizard of Id strip with dialogue: '...AND NOW FOR THE LONG-TERM FORECAST. THE EARTH WILL BE CONSUMED BY FIRE! GREAT... I'VE GOT A BORN-AGAIN METEOROLOGIST.'

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Sydney Omarr Horoscope section with text: 'IF MAY 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are versatile, have grand sense of humor and are attracted to publishing, travel, and entertainment or fashion fields.'

By Mort Walker Beetle Bailey strip with dialogue: 'I HAVE A SOFT FEMININE SIDE THAT NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT. REALLY? BUT IF YOU TELL ANYONE I'LL KNOCK YOUR BLOCK OFF!'

Today's mates seek equals L.M. Boyd What's what? Television... said David Frost... What's inevitable, is it? Then why has war never been waged on either of two continents? I've figured it out. Wars aren't fought because the average annual income of its subscribers is \$170,000, but that's expected to go down because its subscription list is growing so swiftly.

Frank and Ernest strip with dialogue: 'IT SAYS HE PAINTED THESE DURING HIS "BLUE" PERIOD.'

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Valley life

Club calendar

TUESDAY

Al-Anon - Burley 8 p.m. at Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton. For more information, call (208) 678-9843. Al-Anon - Filer 8 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens St. at Sixth. For more information call 736-2706. Al-Anon - Gooding 8 p.m. at City Hall Library, 308 Fifth Ave. W. For more information, call (208) 934-5484 or 736-2706. Al-Anon - Halley 7 p.m. at St. Charles Parish Hall on First Street. For more information, call (208) 788-4682. Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Dinner at noon. For more information, call 734-5084. Twin Falls TOPS Club ID No. 2 Meets Tuesday at Valley Vista Village Recreation Room, 653 Rose St. N. Weigh-in begins at 11:30 a.m., with meeting at 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Al-Anon (non-smoking) - Twin Falls 7:30 a.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-2706. Jerome TOPS Chapter No. 47 6 p.m. at Public Library. TOPS is a non-profit organization to support weight loss. For more information, call 324-5722. Magic Valley Peace Club 7:30 p.m. at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue. Open to the public. \$2 donation. Prizes. Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Exercise - Over 60 at 10 a.m. Non-strenuous and no charge. For more information, call 734-5084. Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Dinner at noon. For more information, call 734-5084. Twin Falls TOPS Chapter No. 309 (a non-profit organization support group for weight loss) 7 p.m. at Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N. For more information, call 734-5300.

THURSDAY

Adult Children Anonymous Noon until 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Al-Anon - Ketchum Noon at Sun Club, Second St. E. For more information, call (208) 726-4650. Al-Anon - Twin Falls 8 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-2706. Twin Falls Optimist Club Meets 7:30 p.m. at North's Chuckwagon on Kimberly Road. Speaker will be Mike Todd of the Idaho Fish & Game. If you are interested in joining a youth oriented organization, call Tony Brand, Membership Chairperson at 733-4583 or Greg Newberry, President at 734-5700. Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Dinner at noon, pinocchle at 1 p.m. and advanced line dancing at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-5084.

FRIDAY

Al-Anon - Buhl 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St. For more information, call (208) 543-5792 or 736-2706. Al-Anon - Step Meeting Noon at Walker Center, 219 Shoshone St. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 736-2706. Al-Anon - Wendell 8 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 1752 Second Ave. W. For more information, call (208) 536-2723, 536-6527 or 736-2076. Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Exercise - Over 60 at 10 a.m. Non-strenuous and no charge. For more information, call 734-5084. Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Dinner at noon. For more information, call 734-5084.

SATURDAY

Al-Anon Family Group 9 a.m. at Canyon View Hospital, 228 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-5222.

MONDAY

Al-Anon - Ketchum 8:30 a.m. at Sun Club, Second Street E. For more information, call (208) 726-4650. Al-Anon - Kimberly 8 p.m. at Senior Citizen Center on Main Street. For more information, call 734-4631 or 736-2706. Al-Anon - Shoshone 8 p.m. at Senior Citizen Building on North Rail Street. For more information, call (208) 544-7802 or 736-2706. Alatonc 5 to 6 p.m. at Walker Center, 219 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls. Christian 12-Step Support Group 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Sunrise Baptist Church, 204 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Suzan at 734-7201. Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Exercise - Over 60 at 10 a.m. Non-strenuous and no charge. For more information, call 734-5084. Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Dinner at noon. For more information, call 734-5084.

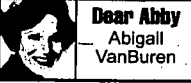
This public service column is designed to announce Magic Valley Club organization meetings, times and places. To have your meeting listed, or to update your meeting information, send notice with name of the organization, day and week(s), and time of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person to Bobbi-Jo Hall at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Monday.

Uninsured grads hope to find jobs with insurance coverage

The Baltimore Sun search of coverage to replace policies that often stop on graduation day. Believing in the immortality of the young can prove costly — even a bro-midge, or to update your meeting information, send notice with name of the organization, day and week(s), and time of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person to Bobbi-Jo Hall at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Monday.

Owners of vicious dogs must be accountable

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Elizababeth" who wrote about a rottweiler attacking her dog, I would like to share my horrifying story about two of those dogs. I was walking my standard poodle on a public sidewalk when two unstrained rottweilers attacked her. It was only through sheer willpower that I was able to hold back the dog tearing at her throat. Meanwhile, the other rottweiler attacked her hindquarters. Then a few minutes later, while I was trying to get help, one of the dogs came back and locked his jaws around my forearm! I spent six hours in the emergency room having my arm cleansed and treated. Now I have permanent scars on my arm.



Dear Abby Abigail VanBuren turning against people is well-known. The rottweiler that attacked Elizabeth N.'s dog should have been quarantined, through a public health agency, for rabies evaluation, and an animal control officer should have been notified. The victim should file a lawsuit for physical and psychological injury and seek monetary compensation. Some states have a one-bite law due to the increased number of dog attacks, and irresponsible owners are held liable.

You are correct, Abby, that the dog owner should pay the vet bill. But do you suppose there's any chance of that happening with no intervention from the authorities? The woman in Tampa doesn't have to prove the dog was released deliberately; the fact that it was loose and it attacked is sufficient. Depending on local laws, the owner may be in violation of a leash law and may have to produce documentation of current vaccinations and a license. Most important, the attack becomes a matter of record. Even if "Tampa" cannot recover her vet bill, please advise her to pursue the matter to the end. There's a potentially dangerous animal in the hands of an immature, foolish and non-spilled man, and the next victim may not be as lucky as Tampa and her boxer. — ROTTWEILER LOVER IN OREGON

In some cases pathologists can save lives Action figures are supplanting baseball cards as next big thing

BRADENTON, Fla. — A stroke left Josephine Mercer, 68, speechless. Speech pathologist Carol S. Cleary called Mercer's problem a classic case of aphasia. A person knows what they want to say, but they cannot make their mouths form the words. Cleary said, "It is a neuromuscular problem. It's very frustrating." After three months of speech therapy at Suncoast Manor, where she recuperated from her stroke, Mercer is almost ready to go home. She is talking well enough that her husband, Roy, understands her. Every year, people of all ages are helped in some way by speech therapists or speech pathologists. Yet few people understand what these professionals do, or that in some cases they can even diagnose a condition that can save someone's life.

CHICAGO — Bristled with spikes, dripping chains and menace, the comic book character Spawn cuts a mean figure. A dead scary figure, the specter-like existence by the lord of the underworld, he wields a plank of wood with a spike driven through it as his weapon of choice. At a toy convention, through the clear plastic shield of a blisterpack, his figurine likeness is no less imposing. He glowers over neighboring Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader the all-time low-key minifigures.



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Cleary hopes that during May, which is Better Speech and Hearing Month, people will be better informed about the services speech pathologists and audiologists provide to the community. "The field has expanded to the point that we are now becoming medical in our orientation," Cleary said. Speech pathologists are at schools, hospitals, nursing homes, out-patient clinics and home care settings. Lori Thomas, who worked with Mercer to help her regain some speech, has a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology. Thomas said her role as an audiologist goes beyond fitting hearing aids; with the help of testing, she can detect brain tumors.

There will be no child ripping open his packaging to savor the smell of freshly die-cast plastic, however. This Spawn will never feel the greasy mits of 6-year-olds. He's staying mint. "If you buy the figure in the card, you know it's got all the accessories and weapons that came with it," explains Bill Modje, Modje is a cable TV transmission technician, a collector and owner of the Spawn in question. The cardboard backing used for most action-figure packages, "the card," people call it, is made of paper that is so tough, it's un-touchable by human hands. "You want them to be in as pristine a condition as possible," Modje continues. "There's a premium on the ones in really good condition, because kids in the stores mangle them. They can get messed up while they're still on the shelf."

Just as umpire Jeff Kellogg is going to Philadelphia Phillie Phanatic, collectors are giving the heave to baseball cards in favor of those featuring action figures. "They'll spend \$300 or \$500 in a single outing." To the serious action-figure collector, price is no object. Liberated from the economic shackles of youth, Baby Boomers (and some older members of Generation X) are getting in touch with their inner child in a very literal way. Compared with psychologists' fees, action figure collecting is cheap therapy. Does it still gnaw at your self-esteem that you received Batman Millennium instead of the Underworld Falcon you begged for on Christmas '78, '79 and '80? Although Kenner long ago stopped making them, \$280 can get you one new, in the box. Vols — liberation for less than a week's salary. And it beats standing in the woods pounding on a drum in those Underworld Millennium baseball cards and comic books were once staples of the adult fantasy collectors market, the action figure has exceeded them both. The baseball card market has long been stagnant, collectors claim, probably aided by the baseball strike and the normative hero example of fallen icons like Pete Rose and Darryl Strawberry.

Cleary's area of specialization as a speech pathologist is in dysphagia, swallowing disorder. Cleary said about 15 million Americans suffer from dysphagia, which often is deadly. "People with dysphagia swallow substances that go down the wrong way into the lungs and pneumonia develops," Cleary said. "If not corrected, then they can die. It's a very serious disorder." Cleary said aspiration, which is the phenomenon of swallowed food or fluids entering the lungs, and aspiration-related problems such as pneumonia, respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, result in 40 percent of deaths in nursing homes throughout the nation. "Once the swallow skills have improved from exercise and techniques that we can teach our patients, the cardiopulmonary disease goes away and they lead healthy lives after that," Cleary said. Thomas, who along with speech pathologist Tim Twining helped Mercer recover her speech, said the main focus of rehabilitation is to get people back to their lifestyles. "The things they cannot resume doing, we teach them to compensate for," Thomas said.

"There's a very definite older market for action figures," says Dana Pressed, third-floor manager of the Michigan Avenue Chicago F.A.O. Schwartz. "They'll tell me, 'I have to have the new Cyclops with the light-up eyes,' or the first edition Phoenix collector. A lot of people get three of each figure; one that they keep in the box, one that they'll open to play with, and another one to trade for figures that they couldn't get otherwise." "When we get a shipment of X-Men figures, we have an active client list of about 20 (adult) collectors whom we call," she says.

Movies Program info: 734-2400 or 324-8875. Dental Washington Gene Hackman Crismon Tids (R) 7:15-9:30. Die Hard 3 (R) 8:45-9:15. Casper (PG) 7:00-9:00. Forever Paris (TV) 7:15-9:30. Crismon Tids (R) 7:15-9:30. Die Hard 3 (R) 8:45-9:15. Johnny Weir (R) 7:30-9:45. French News (TV) 7:30-7:45. Mad Love (TV) 7:00-7:15. Braveheart (R) 8:00. Casper (PG) 7:00-9:00. Little (Sleeping) PG 7:00-7:15. White Princess (G) 7:30-9:45. Forget Paris (TV) 7:30-9:45.

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