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Budget cuts worry fossil fanciers

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — Hagerman residents are concerned that the Fossil Beds National Monument may be in danger of funding cuts or closure.
Residents have written congressmen praising the fossil beds, and speakers at public meetings have asked for a united show of support for the monument, and Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Gloria Jazwick said.

"We worked very hard for the protective

status of the fossil beds, and the history there should be preserved and used in a controlled way so it's not destroyed by time or lack of care," Jazwick said.

The concern springs from the National Park System Reform Act introduced in the House of Representatives in January.
The bipartisan bill, known as HR-260, would create a review plan for the National Park System and reform the process by which areas are considered for addition to the system. The House is expected to debate the bill after July 4.

Rep. Michael Crapo, R-Idaho, called the

legislation "one way to get politics out of the management of the National Park Service." He said the recommendations of such a review would "help guide both the acquisition and management of NPS land for the next century."

But some disagree about the purpose of HR-260.

The bill is a disguised effort by opponents of public lands to eliminate parks from the national system, said Robert Lunney, acting president of the Hagerman Fossil Council Inc.

The bill would "establish a review of the

park system for the purpose of deleting park system units," according to a written statement by the National Parks and Conservation Association.

The association's leaders called the legislation part of an ineffectual cost-cutting effort "heavily weighted towards closing parks."

However, Crapo said Wednesday that a management review is needed "because the Park Service has a 20-year backlog of repairs on buildings and facilities under its authority."

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Senate lifts cycle helmet requirement

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate demanded zero-tolerance for youths who drink and drive Wednesday but decided that rules on motorcycle helmets, auto speed limits and open containers of alcohol should be left to the states.

Sometimes emotional debate raged over the National Highway System bill, with senators seeking to complete action this week. The measure, still facing action by the House, retains federal rules calling for seat belt use and keeps speed limits on large trucks and buses. The Senate hopes to complete action on the bill today.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va. pressed for zero-tolerance of alcohol use by drivers under age 21, rather than judging them by adult intoxication standards. The move was backed by President Clinton who sent Byrd a letter of support. His amendment was approved 64-36.
Zero tolerance, already law in 24 states and the District of Columbia, "recognizes that teenagers and alcohol — any amount of alcohol — is a dangerous and often lethal combination," Byrd said.

States that fail to enforce zero-tolerance by 1998 would lose 5 percent of their federal highway funds, and 10 percent every year thereafter.

Similar sanctions, voted in 1984, resulted in the current minimum drinking age of 21 in every state.

But a proposal by Sen. Byron I. Dorgan, D-N.D., to ban open containers of alcohol in cars failed 52-48, despite Dorgan's emotional plea citing his mother's death.

Senators also approved a proposal to give the states more freedom to spend highway funds on Amtrak passenger rail service after a move to table the amendment failed 64-36.

Summer shower shelter



For the first day of summer, Wednesday sure was wet and cold. His pants soiled from playing on the wet playground equipment, 7-year-old Shane Hayes attempts to keep his 18-month-old brother Derek dry beneath an umbrella. The two were watching their older brother, Josh, play baseball in the Pony League at Harmon Park. They are the sons of Mike and Brenda Hayes of Twin Falls.

Bodies sought for atomic fallout tests

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At the height of the Cold War in the 1950s, the government was looking for people who could "do a good job of body snatching" to help scientists learn more about the effects of radioactive fallout.

Details of the worldwide search for dead bodies by the Atomic Energy Commission emerged Wednesday in newly declassified documents obtained by the presidential Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Testing.

It was unclear how many remains were gathered through a network of AEC operatives, but investigators for the advisory panel said the number may have totaled as

many as 1,500 cadavers in the United States and a half dozen other countries from Europe to Australia.

Dan Gutman, executive director of the committee, said it has been unable to find whether such bone collecting in Utah actually occurred or was merely planned, according to a copyrighted Deseret News story Wednesday.

Code-named "Project Sunshine," the body collection was given top priority at the AEC as the government set sought to learn the extent of radioactive fallout from bomb tests and what effect the contamination was having on humans in the United States and elsewhere.

The searches, which focused particularly on urban areas and among the poor, were

cloaked in secrecy. Doctors and relatives were told little or nothing about the purpose of the bone and tissue tests, according to documents released by the advisory panel.

Documents released earlier this year showed projects also collected urine samples from Hill Air Force Base airmen and tissue from slaughterhouse animals in Salt Lake City — falsely saying they were for "nutritional studies," and a skeleton from a Utah stillborn baby, falsely saying it was for a study on naturally occurring radon.

New documents released Wednesday show the extent of researchers' skulduggery and that the AEC sought to have the U.S. Public Health Service quietly obtain

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Peace Corps embraces issues of 1990s

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The new Peace Corps is the rap rhythms of an English teacher in Cameroon, an instructor in business management in Ukraine and a volunteer in Honduras seeking to slow destruction of the rain forest.

Don't let anyone accuse the Peace Corps of being stuck in the '60s.

The agency is getting a new director — 39-year-old Mark Geaman, a White House aide nominated Wednesday by President Clinton "to lead our Peace Corps into the 21st century." But big changes were already well under way.
The new wave approach may be best embodied by Thurman Matthiesen, something of a legend around the agency for his pioneering ways.

Conjugating verbs and demystifying the past perfect tense was not Matthiesen's style: Instead, he used English class in Cameroon to teach AIDS prevention, and he got the message across with the



Peace Corps volunteer Thurman Matthiesen uses rap music rhythms to carry his AIDS prevention message to English classes in Cameroon.

rhythms of rap music.
A videotape shows Matthiesen standing before his class of about 30 in the northern town of Ambam, his ponytail wagging. The lesson, replete with rap gyrations, be-

gins: "AIDS is like a murder blade. It kills you dead, man. You'll never raise your head. Buried in a grave, no more talkin', no more walkin', lungs breathing dirt."

Foster faces final Senate vote today

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — After falling three votes short Wednesday, supporters of Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster get one last chance today to end a filibuster blocking his confirmation.

But they face an uphill battle, and Foster's nomination — controversial from the start — could be over by mid-afternoon.

The outcome would be a victory for the anti-abortion movement and GOP presidential hopefuls Bob Dole and Phil Gramm, and an embarrassing defeat for President Clinton and abortion rights supporters.

In a Rose Garden appearance with Clinton after the Wednesday vote, Foster sounded almost resigned to defeat. After praising Clinton, he thanked his family for sticking by him "through these rather onerous times."

Clinton was feistier, accusing a minority of senators of using the nomination as a litmus test for abortion.

The senators who voted to deny Dr. Foster an up-or-down vote did a disservice to a good man. They also did a disservice to our whole system of democracy. And make no mistake about it," Clinton said, "this was not a vote about the right of the president to choose a surgeon general. This was really a vote about every American woman's right to choose."

In the Wednesday roll call, the Senate voted 57-43 to end the filibuster against Foster, three votes short of the necessary 60. If the filibuster were broken, Foster almost certainly would be confirmed by a majority vote.

Foster's critics said his contradictory statements about the number of abortions he performed, his alleged knowledge of a government syphilis experiment, and his track record as head of a teen pregnancy prevention program raised questions about his fitness for the surgeon general's post.

"It's not about presidential politics," said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla. "He shouldn't be confirmed because I don't think we can trust him. ... I don't think he has told the truth, I don't think he's leveled with people."

Dole, a Kansas Republican, scoffed at reports that his actions in the Foster matter were motivated by his competition with Texas Republican Gramm for conservative support in the race for the GOP presidential nomination.

Dole blamed Clinton for sending a "divisive" nominee to the Senate and questioned Foster's candor in responding to senators' questions during confirmation hearings last month.

"Even Dr. Foster's supporters would have to admit that on several occasions, this nominee's candor has come into question," Dole said.

New leader — A3

The students love it.
In Peace Corps parlance, Matthiesen is using a "cross-sectoral" technique. It's a two-for-one deal: The students get English and a lesson in the dangers of sexual intimacy at the same time.

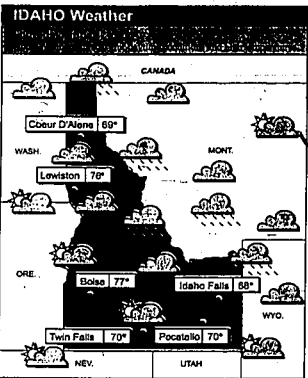
Matthiesen, 29, a native of Washington, D.C., ended his Peace Corps service two years ago, but his rap compositions have become part of the English curriculum in Peace Corps programs in Cameroon.

Even as the Peace Corps adapts to the times, its foundation remains remarkably unswerving: the notion that idealistic Americans can make a difference.

When John F. Kennedy first proposed the Peace Corps in the 1960 presidential campaign, opponent Richard Nixon derided the idea as a "kiddie corps." But now, 34 years and 140,000 volunteers later, the doubters are on the defensive.

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Weather



Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Mostly cloudy today with widely scattered morning showers. Highs 35 to 45. Light winds. Tonight partly cloudy. Patchy fog. Lows 35 to 45. Friday mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 7, a high exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Saturday through Monday mostly sunny and warm. Lows 45 to 55. Highs lower 80s to upper 90s.

Wood River Valley

Mostly cloudy today with widely scattered morning showers. Patchy morning fog on the prairie. Highs in the lower 60s. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows around 30. Friday mostly sunny. Highs around 70.

Treasure Valley

Decreasing clouds today. Highs in the mid-70s. Light winds. Tonight mostly clear. Lows in the 40s. Friday sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Northern Nevada

Partly cloudy northeast otherwise mostly sunny today. Warm high winds in the 70s and 80s. Tonight partly cloudy. Fair skies. Lows in the mid-30s to upper 40s. Friday sunny and warmer. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s.

Northern Utah

Mostly sunny and a little warmer today. Highs near 70. Thursday night fair. Lows lower to mid-40s. Friday sunny and warmer. Highs mid-70s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 9, a high exposure level.

Idaho weather summary

An upper level low pressure center over southern Idaho moved slowly eastward Wednesday, maintaining cloudy skies and unseasonably cool temperatures on the first day of summer.

Thunderstorms and showers were also scattered across Idaho. Multiple funnel clouds and a possible tornado were reported near Springfield in southeast Idaho. Pea sized hail was reported at the Pocatello airport.

Heavy rain brought 1.5 inch in an hour in the Glenns Ferry area and 7.5 inch in a similar period between Boise and Mountain Home early in the day. That same storm later unloaded more than an inch of rain on Gooding and Shoshone.

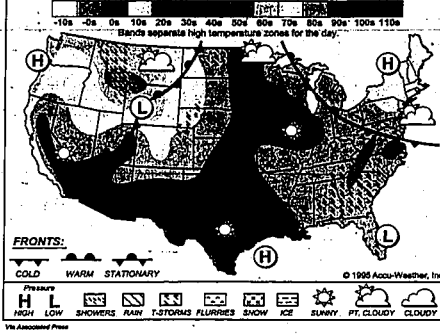
Other showers drenched the Twin Falls area early in the morning, again during the midmorning hours and in the early afternoon before the clouds finally dissipated in early evening.

Skies were generally cloudy, keeping afternoon temperatures in the 40s to mid 60s.

Other precipitation totals from around the state included Grangeville .05, Lowell .03, Moscow .06, and Mullan .05.

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, June 22.



National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pop
Albuquerque	80	62	...
Atlanta	80	65	36
Boston	89	61	...
Chicago	85	67	...
Dallas	95	70	...
Denver	85	54	...
Des Moines	85	69	...
Detroit	90	69	...
Honolulu	88	75	...
Houston	85	68	...
Los Angeles	83	63	11.4
Kansas City	92	68	...
Las Vegas	93	67	...
Los Angeles	83	63	...
Memphis	87	67	...
Miami Beach	83	73	2.18
Minneapolis	83	69	...
Mississippi	94	72	...
New Orleans	90	72	...
New York	74	57	...
Oklahoma City	89	63	...
Omaha	94	64	...
Phoenix	101	69	...
Pittsburgh	83	69	14
Portland, Me.	70	50	...
Portland, Ore.	86	54	...
Reno	78	43	...
St. Louis	90	70	...
Salt Lake City	88	49	...
San Francisco	86	54	...
Seattle	86	52	...
Spokane	81	48	...
Washington	92	73	...

Almanac

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp	Yesterday	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	87	49	1r	57	46	20	...
Burley	87	46	20	57	46	20	...
Fairfield	53	40	40	Normal	88	49	03
Gooding	61	44	1.10	...	...	...	...
Hagerman	59	45	50	...	...	...	...
Idaho Falls	58	42	2.58	...	...	...	...
Jerome	56	42	...	...	...	...	...
Lowiston	61	48	1r	...	...	...	...
Malad	m	48	...	...	...	...	...
Malia	61	40	25	...	...	...	...
McCall	59	39	...	...	...	...	...
Pocatello	50	48	...	...	...	...	...
Salmon	60	46	...	...	...	...	...
Stanley	48	41	...	...	...	...	...
Sun Valley	46	37	12	...	...	...	...

Skywatch

Sunset today 9:19 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:01 a.m.
 Lunar phase: Last quarter July 19; new, June 27; first quarter, July 5; full, July 12.
 Visible planets: Morning, Saturn, Mercury. Evening: Mars, Jupiter, Venus.

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Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 76 degrees at Emmett. Low, 37 degrees at Ketchum. Nation: High, 106 degrees at Coolidge, Ariz. Low, 26 degrees at Truckee, Calif.

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Cool air sandwiches heat as summer arrives for U.S.

Thunderstorms late Tuesday caused scattered damage in the Midwest and Northeast, Southern Ohio had scattered flooding; as many as 20 families had to evacuate in Okeneana when a creek overflowed. Cooler air Wednesday extended across parts of the West as a low pressure system moved slowly through northern Utah and southern Idaho. Afternoon highs in parts of the Intermountain region were only in the 50s and 60s. On the eastern slopes of the Rockies, Great Falls, Mont., tied its record low for the date at 37. That cold air mass pushed thunderstorms into North and South Dakota during the day. Thunderstorms also were possible across parts of Utah and Idaho. Bismarck, N.D., reported 0.69 inch of rain. Weather in the Southeast remained under the control of a stalled low pressure system that has dominated the area for several days. Showers and thunderstorms were scattered across the region, with a possibility of heavy rain in sections of Florida.

Fossil

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"This has created undue hardships in areas like Idaho, and we need to study the impact of reforming the National Park Service so that all Americans can enjoy the national parks," Crapo said. Though he has a darker view of the current legislation, Luntney agreed that change is needed.

"The Park Service has never been in such great jeopardy as now," Luntney said. "There are terrible times ahead unless we get some strong organization to protect both national parks and the National Park System."

Fossil beds Superintendent Neil King said monument managers have examined how the Hagerman site would be affected by the 10 percent across-the-board funding cut they were warned they might receive in 1996.

A 10 percent decrease would require a significant cut in personnel and services — such as summer interpreter hours and educational programs in state schools, King said.

Jazwick praised the "traveling trunk" of fossil specimens available to state schools, as well as Hagerman's economic advantage of having the resource nearby.

"I would hate to see the laboratory and educational opportunities there scrapped," Jazwick said. King said an increase in funding for the monument in 1996 had been "in the pipeline" and would have allowed the site's staff to provide interpretive and educational services to visitors as in other fully operating national parks.

A funding-cut for the fossil bed

would be a "double whammy" and prevent the planned staff changes, King said.

Without the extra funding, "operation of the visitor center will not be possible, and five years of regional planning and multi-agency coordination will be jeopardized," he said in a written statement.

Any funding cuts at the Hagerman Fossil Beds would be detrimental to the protection and management of the fossils, cultural paleontologists' work and shorten or eliminate the interpretive trips offered, Luntney said. Also, cuts in funds for land acquisition would stall plans to develop a visitor center and research center on the east side of the Snake River, Luntney said. Cutting the number of rangers at the Hagerman monument would take the damper off vandalism, he said.

One area resident said he favors cutting spending at the national monument.

"I believe our government spends way too much money; if they want to cut there (at the Hagerman monument), it's OK with me," said Randy Bean, president of Bell Rapids Mutual Irrigation Co., which pumps water from the Snake River onto farmland above the beds.

"There's not that much to see anyway," Bean said.

One area resident has plagued the fossil beds, and geologists blame seepage from Bell Rapids' irrigation canals above the fossils. Still, Ray Parrish, a Bell Rapids board member who manages 3,000

acres of cropland near the monument, called the fossil beds a "world-class resource" and said the relationship between the monument and area farmers is "extremely compatible."

But Crapo said Wednesday that Idaho's national parks — "some of the finest in the country" — should "hold up well under any scrutiny this legislation may authorize."

Meanwhile, officials at Craters of the Moon National Monument were notified Friday by the National Park Service that significant cuts may not be in the works for the site, Superintendent Jim Morris said. The monument may still receive a cut in land-acquisition and building funds, Morris said, but no land purchases are pending and no major construction is on the docket for the coming fiscal year.

The national office told Morris there would be no operational cuts for the Craters of the Moon, so public programs and resources would not decrease, Morris said. However, any future funding cut would decrease the number of trail guides at the site, he said.

In its current form, HR 260 contains a moratorium on new building projects at national parks, but Crapo said he hopes to see that clause amended.

Morris is also the acting superintendent at the City of Rocks, which is jointly operated by the State of Idaho and the National Park Service. He said the City of Rocks does have land acquisition pending, but it would not be affected by the budget for the 1996 fiscal year.

Her 3-year-old son Bryan to find Santa was stuffed. "Just at that everyone sinks a few Santa," "We just deliver them to the reindeer," Crapo said. "We just deliver them to the reindeer," Crapo said. "We just deliver them to the reindeer," Crapo said.

"This week, the shop ran its second series of classified ads."

Corps

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A recent University of Maryland poll nationwide said 90 percent of Americans supported maintaining or increasing Peace Corps funding levels. The most budget-conscious Congress in history is expected to leave the agency's \$231 million budget largely intact. Eight Peace Corps alumni are in Congress, evenly divided among Democrats and Republicans.

When the first group of volunteers arrived in Kazakhstan a few years ago, President Nursultan Nazarbayev said, "A hundred volunteers is not enough. I would like to see thousands here." When Ethiopia's first post-communist president visited the United States, he asked for volunteers; he had been taught by one as a youth.

These days, there is a focus on environmental programs. In more than half of the 93 countries where the Peace Corps operates, volunteers work in reforestation and forest

management. In Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras, there are efforts to slow destruction of rain forests. Elsewhere, volunteers incorporate environmental issues into math and science lessons and English language programs.

The teaching of business skills is becoming a Peace Corps staple. In Honduras, volunteers are teaching cocoa processing to reverse the pattern of sending locally grown cocoa abroad for processing and then having it imported for local consumption.

When communism collapsed, the Peace Corps moved in quickly — too quickly some say — to the former Soviet empire. Under pressure from the Bush administration, the agency blundered badly, no more so than in the barren steppes of Uzbekistan in Central Asia.

The General Accounting Office, an arm of Congress, reported last year that half the volunteers sent to

Uzbekistan left the program the first year. Of those who remained, more than half were transferred from their original sites because of harassment by the local population. In Russia, volunteers complained they were stymied by a lack of money, books, office space, telephones, computers and other equipment.

Frederick O'Reagan, who manages Peace Corps programs in formerly communist countries, says those problems have been overcome and that the agency can't meet the demand for volunteers.

He says even the most brilliant strategy would have been insufficient, given the challenge of trying to introduce market place values to a region that spent seven decades under Marxist rule.

"If we (in the United States) decided tomorrow to become a centrally planned economy, how many of us would know how to do it?" O'Reagan asks.

Bodies

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about radioactive fallout, the scientists said.

Libby, who in the 1960s won a Nobel Prize in chemistry, argues that the examination of body tissues and bones from as wide a region as possible was essential to measure the worldwide health implications of nuclear bomb testing.

While the searches were alluded to in scientific literature as early as 1957, documents uncovered in February and new papers released by the presidential advisory panel Wednesday provide greater detail of the scope of the program and the importance given to it by senior government officials.

At the secret 1955 meeting of the AEC's Division of Biology and Medicine, Libby described the difficulties of obtaining human samples, especially in the young age group. While the project earlier had received a large number of all-bomb

infants "this supply has now been cut off," he told his colleagues, according to the transcript.

The scientists discussed the need to obtain samples from all age groups from infants to the elderly.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Powerball game are: 16-21-23-26-42; Powerball 26 (sixteen, twenty-one, twenty-three, twenty-six); Estimated jackpot: \$18.6 million.

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Tri-West Lotto game are: 3-4-5-7-23-24 (three, four, five, seven, twenty-three, twenty-four); Estimated jackpot: \$1.28 million.

Santa sought for summer duty at North Pole

NORTH POLE, Alaska (AP) — The jolly old elf is working on his Hawaiian tan. That's the line at Santa Claus House, where a red-suited, white-bearded mannequin occupies Santa's throne. Good Santa help is hard to find.

Former Santa Con Miller retired his red suit. Last summer's Santa became a sales clerk. The Santa Con staff has made other plans this year.

"I thought there was going to be a real Santa Claus here," said shopper Tammi DeMarcy, as disappointed as

and Sunday \$4.00 per week; daily \$3.50 per week; Sunday only \$2.50 per week; out of state rates: daily and Sunday \$5.00 per week; daily only \$4.00 per week; Sunday only \$3.00 per week. Sales tax included in all above rates. A \$15.00 charge will be levied for all returned checks.

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House wants parents to monitor smut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents, not the government, would have the power to block children's access to erotic pictures or sexually explicit conversations on home computers under a plan being put together by two House members.

The plan by Reps. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., would rely on technology rather than federal regulation to give parents a way to prevent offending material from coming into their homes.

Under the plan, the government would help people find available technologies so they could block sexually explicit and other objectionable materials from their home computers.

The conservative Cox and liberal Wyden are taking an approach quite different from a plan the Senate approved last week.

The Senate telecommunications bill would ban indecent and obscene communications over the global computer network Internet and on computer services. People who originate such messages would be criminally liable, not

the on-line providers, such as America Online or Prodigy.

Wyden said the government could establish a toll-free 800 number from which people could learn the latest in commercially available software or hardware. Or, the government could refer callers to private services; some software programs already let users block certain computer communications.

"We want to keep government from engaging in intrusive regulation" of the Internet and computer services, Wyden said in an interview Tuesday.

"Government's role should focus on making sure people know where to turn for information," he said. "We can empower families to protect themselves from controversial and dangerous content flowing into their homes."

Both lawmakers want to offer their plan as an amendment to a telecommunications bill that the House is expected to consider in July.

Their plan would not dictate a technological solution, such as requiring a special computer chip to be installed in computers, Wyden and Cox said.

They don't want to preclude any technological solutions that have yet to emerge, and they want people, not the government, to select the best technology.

Although the Electronic Frontier Foundation and other computer user groups have not yet seen the plan, foundation staff counsel Mike Godwin said: "I share their focus on the need to empower individuals and families to make their own content decisions rather than having them made by Washington."

The foundation, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Clinton administration oppose the Senate's anti-smut plan for computers, as do Cox and Wyden.

"It is hopeless for government to seek to censor or control such an enormous amount of information," Cox said in an interview.

As Cox interprets the Senate bill, it would protect on-line companies from liability only if they exercise no control over the content of services. That means companies such as Prodigy that police services to keep obscene mate-

rials off could be held liable, Cox said, calling this a "backwards incentive."

Wyden called the Senate plan a "constitutional glue factory." Companies will get stuck, he contended, trying to figure out what they can and cannot do. This would retard the development of commerce over the Internet and computer services, he said.

Both the Senate and the Cox-Wyden plans are designed to restrict children's access to indecent and obscene materials on computer services.



President Clinton nominated White House communications director Mark Gearan, left, Wednesday to head the Peace Corps succeeding Carol Bellamy, who has been named head of UNICEF.

Clinton taps Gearan to lead Peace Corps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring the Peace Corps still has the spirit and energy to solve problems around the world, President Clinton nominated top aide Mark Gearan on Wednesday to be the agency's director.

Gearan, 38, the White House director of communications and strategic planning, will succeed Carol Bellamy, who has been named head of UNICEF.

Clinton introduced Gearan as his nominee Wednesday at a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House in which he also recognized this year's class of 141 Presidential Scholars, the top achieving graduating high school seniors in the country.

The White House released letters endorsing Gearan from Sargent Shriver, the first Peace Corps director, and from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, whose late brother President John F. Kennedy founded the international humanitarian organization.

Clinton said Kennedy launched the Peace Corps early in his administration "to help expand the circle of freedom and democ-

my when it was threatened by communism and by the Cold War."

"But it has continued throughout all these years, in countries all around the globe, to help people solve real problems, to go beyond language and racial and ethnic and religious and political differences to unite us at the most fundamental human level in fulfilling our potential," Clinton said.

Gearan, a former White House deputy chief of staff, served as Vice President Al Gore's campaign manager in the 1992 presidential campaign. He is a former director of state-federal relations for Massachusetts, was press secretary in the presidential campaign of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and for three years was executive director of the Democratic Governors Association.

Clinton used the occasion to stoutly defend his plan to balance the budget in 10 years as opposed to the seven-year plan pushed by Republican majorities in the House and Senate.

Oswald papers sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — An independent board probing records related to President Kennedy's assassination wants the CIA to fully release 16 documents pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald.

Parts of the documents have been kept classified.

The Assassination Records Review Board wrote Wednesday to President Clinton, notifying him of its vote. Clinton has 30 days to make a final decision.

While most of the information in the documents has been available to the public, the CIA has withheld many sections on the grounds that they would disclose an intelligence agent requiring protection on an intelligence source or method still in use, according to the board.

Classified sections typically would contain names or code names, or operational or organizational information.

Board members voted to fully release the documents because of their significant historical interest, as they "involve core issues surrounding the CIA's records relating to Lee Harvey Oswald," according to a statement.

The documents relate mostly to the opening of Oswald's "201 file," containing records of his service in the Marine Corps; the CIA's file on Oswald; and to certain issues connected with his visit to Mexico City in the fall of 1963, just weeks before Kennedy was assassinated, the board said.

The Warren Commission, in an investigation begun immediately after the assassination, concluded that Oswald acted alone in killing the president. That was contradicted by a House committee's 1978 finding that a conspiracy was probably at work.

"They won't mean something to everyone," Tom Samoluk, the board's spokesman, said of the classified sections. "But they are pieces of the puzzle."

The board also concluded, after a classified briefing with the CIA, that there was no evidence suggesting the release of the information would harm the United States or individuals whose names would be disclosed.

AMA: Tobacco firms don't need protection

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Medical Association, fighting legislation to limit medical malpractice claims, has vowed to oppose any special protection for tobacco companies.

The AMA's policy-making House of Delegates acted after anti-smoking advocates warned that the AMA fight to shield doctors from excessive malpractice claims could actually block lawsuits over cigarette-caused deaths.

The AMA will oppose any legislative measure "that would give exclusion from liability or special protection to tobacco companies or tobacco products," the House of Delegates, meeting in Chicago this week, declared.

"It allows them to get equal protection, not special protection," said Dr. Ronald M. Davis, chief medical

officer of the Michigan Department of Public Health and a sponsor of the proposal. "If I had my druthers, I wouldn't give them any protection."

Peggy Carter, a spokeswoman for R.J. Reynolds, said the tobacco industry is not seeking special protection. "We fully expect the law to treat us the same as everyone else," she said.

The industry has, over the years, lobbied to have tobacco excluded from consumer-safety and hazardous-substances laws, Davis said. It has also had some success in excluding tobacco from product liability laws, he said.

Dr. Stephen L. Hansen, an AMA member from San Luis Obispo, Calif., said that legal reforms passed in California in 1987 include an exemption for tobacco that was quietly inserted at the last minute.

Charges dropped in Internet fantasy case

DETROIT (AP) — A federal judge dismissed charges Wednesday against a former University of Michigan student who published a violent fantasy about another student on a computer bulletin board.

Judge Avern-Cohn said Jake Baker's publication of the rape-slaying story would have been better handled as a disciplinary matter by

the university. The story named a fellow Michigan student as its victim. Baker, a sophomore, was charged after it went out worldwide on the Internet.

Baker, 21, of Boardman, Ohio, also exchanged electronic mail with an unidentified man in Canada in which the two discussed carrying out an attack such as the one in his story.

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Panel OKs ban on 'partial birth' abortions

WASHINGTON — A bill that would criminalize a late-term abortion procedure was pushed through a House panel by Republicans Wednesday.

Democratic opponents warned that the bill was an opening shot in the GOP effort to ban all abortions.

By a party line 7-5 vote, the House Judiciary constitution subcommittee approved a bill banning "partial-birth" abortions and subjecting doctors who perform the procedure to fines and up to two years in prison.

The bill, which now goes to the full committee, defines the procedure as an abortion where the doctor "partially vaginally delivers a living fetus before killing the fetus and completing the procedure."

Military construction spending hike OK'd

WASHINGTON — A measure to improve deteriorating military housing — and bring some bacon home to lawmakers' districts — passed the House Wednesday, becoming the first spending bill for next year approved by either house.

In a 19-105 vote, the House approved an \$11.2 billion appropriation, a 52.5 billion, or 28 percent, increase over this year. Although the bill runs counter to this year's budget-cutting pattern, it is consistent with Republican goals to increase defense spending.

The action represents a \$500 million increase over what President Clinton requested for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The Senate is scheduled to consider its version of the military construction measure later this year.

Nearly two-thirds of the House bill finances new military barracks, housing for military families and recreational facilities. Some \$3.9 billion would pay base closure and realignment costs.

AIDS patients get chance at new drug

WASHINGTON — The first of a promising but still experimental new class of AIDS drugs will be made available free to some 2,000 patients through a government-sanctioned lottery.

Manufacturer Hoffman-LaRoche will offer Invirase to advanced AIDS patients outside current clinical trials of protease inhibitors, drugs that appear to be the most potent yet at reducing the amount of HIV virus in patients' blood.

Twelve companies are racing to develop protease inhibitors, which are designed to keep the virus from reproducing by disabling a crucial enzyme, but none has yet filed an application with the Food and Drug Administration.

Still, the FDA agreed that early data showed Roche's drug appeared good enough to give to certain patients before testing is complete, and is discussing a similar arrangement for Merck & Co.'s protease inhibitor.

Gingrich to pay for book promotion tour

WASHINGTON — Speaker Newt Gingrich said Wednesday he would pay for his planned 25-city book promotion tour out of his own pocket to comply with House travel restrictions.

Gingrich acted a day after the House ethics committee cautioned him that he would be limited to four days of domestic travel if his trip was financed by a private source.

The original plans were for Gingrich's publisher, HarperCollins, to pay for the tour promoting the speaker's book of his political philosophy.

"A book tour lasting for several weeks would not comply" with the four-day restriction, the committee wrote in the letter, released by Gingrich.

Compiled from wire reports

Court protects accident victims' rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers seeking clients can be barred from mailing letters to accident victims or their relatives within 30 days of a mishap, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The court reinstated a Florida ban on such soliciting, ruling 5-4 that it does not violate lawyers' freedom of speech.

The rule aims to avoid the "outrage and irritation" that results from lawyers' "confrontation of victims or relatives... while wounds are still open, in order to solicit their business," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

The policy also seeks to protect Florida lawyers' "flagging reputa-

tions" among the public, she added. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote in dissent that such a ban is "censorship pure and simple."

He noted that Florida's policy still would allow accident victims to be contacted immediately by attorneys who represent people seeking to avoid being sued by the victims.

Such lawyers could try to gather evidence or offer settlements to people who do not have attorneys themselves, Kennedy said.

In a separate ruling Wednesday, the court voted 8-1 to reinstate U.S. District Judge Robert Aguilar's conviction for tipping off someone that his telephone might be tapped. But the justices refused, 6-3, to reinstate the

San Jose, Calif., judge's conviction on charges of lying to FBI agents.

Aguilar now faces the possibility of prison and impeachment.

The lawyer-solicitation case involves a 1991 rule approved by the Florida Supreme Court that prohibits lawyers from contacting potential personal-injury or wrongful-death eligibles by mail for 30 days after an injury or death.

Lawyers also were barred from accepting cases through referral services that did not follow the rule.

The rule was challenged by a Tampa lawyer referral firm called Went For It Inc., owned by G. Stewart McHenry.

A federal appeals court ruled for the firm, saying lawyers' letters to "grief-

stricken recipients may be offensive," but are protected speech.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1977 that lawyers have a free-speech right to advertise their services. In subsequent rulings, the court has said states cannot bar all direct-mail soliciting by lawyers, but may bar most in-person soliciting of potential clients.

O'Connor said the harm caused by lawyers' mailed solicitations to newly injured accident victims "cannot be eliminated by a brief journey to the trash can."

She noted that nearly half the people responding to a Florida bar survey believed direct-mail advertising by lawyers was a bid "to take advantage of gullible or unstable people."

TV reporter's hair gel attracts bees

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — A TV reporter's hair gel apparently attracted a swarm of bees that stung him more than 30 times Tuesday.

KVEW reporter Mychal Limric, 24, was doing a story on the science of beekeeping when bees from a hive about 50 feet away suddenly darted toward his head, KVEW-TV News Director Tom Spencer said.

Camera woman Dao Vu and beekeeper Irv Pfeiffer tried to brush the bees off, but Pfeiffer slammed a protective hood over Limric's head — which also turned out to

contain bees, Spencer said.

Limric took cover in a vehicle. He was treated at a hospital for more than 30 stings on the scalp and face, Spencer said. Limric wasn't expected to have any lasting ill effects.

Spencer said Limric's hair gel seemed the only logical catalyst for the attack, since the stings were mostly on his scalp.

Vu and Pfeiffer, who weren't wearing any gel, were standing next to Limric but were not attacked.

Spencer wasn't able to say exactly what was in the gel.

Woman reads poetry nude at graduation

LIBERTY, N.Y. (AP) — Eva-Noel Bevilacqua got the audience's full attention when she went to the podium to read a graduation poem.

The 35-year-old woman dropped her gown — leaving her naked except for her leather boots — before reading "Love Is a Challenge" at a ceremony where she got her high school equivalency diploma.

School officials let her finish the three-minute reading.

Most of the 250 people in the audience couldn't see below Bevilacqua's shoulders because of the lectern.

While Bevilacqua was reading her poem, a teacher walked up and draped the gown over her. When this was done, she put the gown back on and walked to her seat amid scattered applause.

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Atlantis-Mir docking hinges on 24 little latches

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's most important international mission in 20 years — the first shuttle docking with Russia's space station Mir — hinges on 24 little latches.

The 12 hooks on space shuttle Atlantis must hook onto the 12 hooks on Mir for the two orbiting giants to link next week. Each hook is just 5 inches long, 1.3 inches wide at the end and less than an inch thick.

It promises to be one spectacular mating dance.

"When I look at the things that I've been able to do in my flying career so far, this is going to be the biggest thing I've done," said Navy Capt. Robert "Hoot" Gibson, combat pilot, test pilot and, for the past decade, shuttle commander. "It's kind of like threading a needle."

Atlantis is scheduled to blast off on the 11-day mission Friday evening. NASA scrambled to fix a helium leak in the shuttle tank and kept an eye on the sky — thunderstorms were forecast.

If Atlantis lifts off Friday, docking will occur Monday.

Two such massive objects have never docked in orbit. Atlantis will have a mass of about 100

tons in orbit, Mir about 120.

The two spacecraft are supposed to spend five days joined together, during which time NASA astronaut Norman Thagard and his two Russian colleagues on Mir will move into Atlantis for the trip back to Earth, and two Russian cosmonauts who will go up on Atlantis will climb aboard Mir.

Gibson, a four-time space flyer, will have to keep Atlantis within an increasingly narrow corridor as the shuttle approaches Mir from underneath. With just a few feet to go, Gibson will have to steer Atlantis with an accuracy of plus or minus 3 inches and 2 degrees in order for the vehicles' docking rings to join.

He'll have to creep in at 6 feet a minute as the two spacecraft zoom around Earth at 17,500 mph. All this has to happen within two minutes of the appointed time.

The shuttle steering jets will be fired once the docking rings touch, to ensure capture. After all motion between the two spacecraft stops, the docking ring on Atlantis will retract, and bring the two ships tightly together.

The 24 hooks then must lock into place for an airtight fit so that

the crews can move back and forth between spacecraft.

Dave Hamilton, NASA's docking system project manager, has confidence in both Gibson and the hooks. "But I'm anxious also," he said.

The hooks may be small, but they're incredibly strong. They're made of titanium, and each one can endure more than 5½ tons of force.

At least six of the 12 shuttle hooks must catch. Otherwise, the docking will have to be aborted because of pressure leaks.

The \$95 million docking system, developed by Rockwell International and the Russian company RSC Energia, is similar to that used during the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz docking mission. The main difference is the number of latches: The Apollo and Soyuz docking rings had eight apiece instead of 12.

As for uncoupling, NASA isn't taking any chances.

Atlantis' docking ring contains 24 explosive bolts, each one equivalent to a .38-caliber bullet. If the docking rings jam and the shuttle cannot break loose from Mir, 12 of the bolts will be exploded — the other 12 are backups — and springs will push the two spacecraft apart.



Mission specialist Bonnie Dunbar answers questions on the tarmac with Russian cosmonaut Anatoly Solovoyev, left, and mission pilot Charlie Precourt after arriving at Kennedy Space Center Tuesday.

Scientists view black hole power

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have gotten their most close-in look yet at the awesome power of a black hole, finding evidence of energy struggling to keep from being sucked in.

Researchers detected X-ray waves that had been stretched out by fighting the enormous gravitational pull of the hole, said researcher Andy Fabian.

Previous research focused on the far weaker gravitational tugs being exerted on matter much further away from black holes, Fabian said. The latest finding involves energy close to the edge of a hole.

"This is the first time we're actually

making measurements where we can clearly say that we're dealing with matter that's close to a black hole," said Fabian, an astronomy professor at the Cambridge University Institute of Astronomy in England.

That means the gravitational pull can now be studied at close to its strongest point, and further work may yield clues to such questions as how material falls into a black hole, Fabian said.

A black hole is an extremely dense object with gravity so strong that nothing can escape from it, not even light. Scientists define the edge of a black hole as the gravitational "fence"

that encloses the area of no escape, and they keep track of the distance from the black hole's center to this fence.

The new work picked up the distorted X-rays from gas spread out between three to 10 times that distance from the black hole's center, researchers reported. They could not calculate the actual distances of the gas. The X-rays were emitted by gas sucked into a spiraling plunge toward the black hole and moving at about 60,000 miles per second, around one-third the speed of light, Fabian and other scientists report in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

Truman ponders A-bomb use as way to end war with Japan

Knight-Ridder News Service

On the afternoon of June 18, 1945, President Harry Truman met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and civilian advisers from the State and War departments to review future strategy against Japan.

The night before, Truman had confided to his diary: "I have to decide Japanese strategy — shall we invade Japan proper or shall we bomb and blockade? That is my hardest decision to date."

The decision, however, was not as either/or as this entry implies or as is often portrayed. The first invasion site was the southern Japanese island of Kyushu. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall told Truman that the seizure of Kyushu was necessary to establish a staging area for an intensification of the bombing campaign. The Army Air Force wanted to deploy 40 groups of heavy bombers and needed airfields on Kyushu.

Such a force, based close to the remaining enemy targets on the other home islands, could have subjected Japan to a level of bombardment unprecedented in the history of warfare even without the use of atomic bombs. The destruction and loss of life would have been staggering, but that was what it was expected to take to bring the war to an end.

The invasion of Kyushu, code-named Olympic, was set for Nov. 1, 1945. It would take time to assemble a force larger than that used to land in France on D-Day. Thirteen divisions organized in four corps were to be used. Three corps would make the initial assault, with the fourth in reserve. A foothold had to be won before the onset of severe winter weather.

If Japan had still not surrendered by spring, the main island of Honshu would be invaded in March 1, 1946. This operation was code-named Coronet.

What would such an invasion cost? Marshall would not predict beyond the first 30 days following the landing, but thought casualties would be similar to those sustained in the Luzon



campaign in the Philippines — about 31,000 killed and wounded. Admirals William Leahy and Ernest King placed their estimates higher, noting the intensity of the fighting still going on at Okinawa. Japan would have more troops available and they would be fighting for their own soil. And while the Philippines had seen the first large-scale use of kamikazes, Okinawa had seen the tactic reach maturity.

Adding Honshu to even the lowest estimates would raise the toll to more than 40,000 more Americans killed and another 150,000 wounded. Japanese casualties could be expected to be several times this, particularly as heavy fighting would take place in congested population centers.

All estimates were made with caution, because they were subject to so many unknowable variables — the largest being how fanatic the defense would be and how long the war would last. Another year of war was a hard prospect to face.

The estimates of Japanese strength on Kyushu being used in June turned out to be underestimates. Intelligence expected Japan would deploy two armies with eight divisions, numbering 280,000 men. By August, enemy strength had reached three armies with 14 divisions with more than 500,000 men as units were withdrawn from China and new divisions were raised at home. And more troops were on the way.

The battle the Olympic force would have had to wage would have been even bloodier and more difficult than that was thought at the time of the

President's conference. Also unknown at the time was that Japanese planners were going to change how they would employ their kamikazes. Instead of trying to reach the U.S. carriers, they would go after the fragile troop transports. This would have further driven up American casualties.

"Why not drop the atomic bomb?" asked the Assistant Secretary of War, John McCloy. But no one knew whether such a weapon would work or what it would do. The first test was not scheduled until July, at Alamogordo, N.M. Marshall had already considered the use of poison gas to saturate enemy areas, noting that "the character of the weapon was no less humane than phosphorus and flamethrowers." He had also considered demonstrating the power of the A-bomb first to Japanese observers prior to using it on an enemy city.

The President's Interim Committee on the Manhattan Project had also considered a demonstration. After much study, however, both Marshall and the Interim Committee rejected this option. Again, no one knew if the bomb would work and a demonstration that failed would only toughen enemy resistance.

Indeed, one advantage of dropping the first bombs on port cities was that a dud bomb would sink and not give away either its technical secrets or even that it was a new weapon that hadn't worked. The Interim Committee concluded, "We can see no alternative to its direct military use" and recommended to Truman that the A-bomb "be used against the enemy as soon as possible."

At the June 18 meeting, no direct, affirmative order to use the bomb was given. Instead, Truman let the JCS continue planning for both an invasion and the use of an A-bomb when it became available.

Truman hoped that "some way" or a "tremendous shock" could be found that would compel Tokyo to surrender without having to fight another Okinawa "from one end of Japan to the other."

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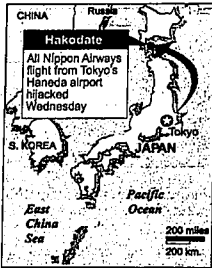
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Japanese police seize hijacker Deal reached on food aid for North Korea

HAKODATE, Japan (AP) — Riot police stormed a jumbo jet at dawn today, rescuing 364 people and seizing a hijacker who reportedly demanded freedom for a jailed cult leader and threatened to blow up the plane with the passengers as a Japanese TV reported all the passengers were safe, but one woman had a light stab wound and one police officer was kicked during the raid. Five people were taken to the hospital.

Hijacking

A man identifying himself as a member of Japan's doomsday cult commanded a Boeing 747 by threatening a flight attendant with an ice pick.



way attack, and that he demanded the release of jailed guru Shoko Asahara, charged with murder in the subway-attack.

"I did it for Asahara!" the plane's crew quoted the hijacker as saying, according to the airline's managing director, Yuzuru Matsunaga. News reports described the man as in his 20s; clad in sneakers and jeans; and wearing sunglasses.

In messages relayed via the pilot, the hijacker warned officials against storming the plane, and demanded binoculars to monitor their movements. Soldiers, military helicopters, fighter planes and chemical-weapons experts went on alert.

The threat to blow up the plane came in a statement read by a flight attendant to NHK television by cellular telephone. Police could not confirm the hijacker had explosives.

Later, in calls to news organizations including Japan's NHK television, the hijacker disputed the description of him as a cult disciple, and dropped any reference to Asahara, saying only that he wanted the plane refueled and flown to Tokyo. The cult denied involvement in the hijacking.

The hijacker refused to speak directly to police, communicating through some of the 15 crew members. He claimed to have accomplices on the plane, but authorities said afterward he apparently acted alone.

For many Japanese, the incident drove home fears that Asahara's arrest would trigger more cult violence. "I still can't feel safe," said office worker Midori Hara, 25.

Apunese across the nation were glued to their television sets to watch the drama unfold. Television stations went to nonstop live coverage.

The plane's pilots were shown shaking hands.

Anxious relatives had kept a vigil at the airport in this seaside town, 425 miles north of Tokyo, as the blue-and-white Boeing 747 sat on the runway.

From on board, furtive reports by mobile phone had told of blindfolded passengers' growing hunger, thirst and fear as the hours passed.

News reports said crew members in the cockpit heard children's cries coming from the passenger cabin.

The airline said its crew relayed word by a closed radio channel that the hijacker was an apparent member of the cult accused in the Tokyo sub-

BEIJING (AP) — Putting aside national pride, impoverished North Korea agreed Wednesday to accept 150,000 tons of rice from South Korea after five days of secretive talks.

It was the first time the North's communist government, which stresses self-reliance, has officially decided to receive emergency food aid from its southern capitalist rival.

contact between the two Koreas in more-than-a-year. The \$270 million deal, signed today, is expected to spur shipments of food aid from Japan as well.

In its first admission of a crisis, North Korea asked Japan last month for emergency food aid. Japan agreed, but held off shipments until the North accepted South Korean aid as well.

Rha Woong-bae, announcing details of the deal, said he hoped it would bring "an era of reconciliation and cooperation" between the two countries.

"The deal has set a good precedent," he said in Seoul, adding that 2,000 tons of rice would leave for North Korea this weekend.

In Beijing, the top negotiators of the two Koreas walked out side by side, escorting each other by the arm.

Passengers evacuate train beneath tunnel

LONDON (AP) — More than 100 passengers were evacuated from a train after it stalled halfway through the Channel Tunnel, operator Eurotunnel said Wednesday.

It was the first time a train had broken down inside the tunnel, which runs under the English Channel.

The train, carrying passengers and their cars from Calais, France, stopped 14 miles from the British end of the tunnel on Tuesday night.

"There was a brake problem and the train automatically came to a stop," said a Eurotunnel spokeswoman, who requested anonymity.

After waiting 90 minutes, passengers were escorted off the train and into an adjacent tunnel, where they boarded another train for the rest of the 30-mile journey to Folkestone in southern England.

Some passengers were put up in hotels until their vehicles were ready and the company paid for others to travel to London by taxi, the spokeswoman said.

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Above, a U.N. convoy carrying humanitarian aid crosses into Sarajevo Wednesday after clearing both Bosnian Serb and government checkpoints. It is the first such convoy to get into the city since last week. Below, Franjo Palavra, 26, a Croat from Kiseljak, a town northwest of Sarajevo, walks with his 2-year-old nephew, Mario, to a bus that will take him to the front lines.

U.N. denies NATO call for airstrikes on Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — In a scenario played out several times before, the United Nations Wednesday rebuffed a NATO request for airstrikes after Serb planes violated a ban on flights over Bosnia.

Serbs and the Muslim-led government gave conflicting accounts of battlefield gains, and U.N. peacekeepers were so restricted in their movements that they could not confirm either claim.

Shelling resumed in Sarajevo late Wednesday, and a single shell killed five people who had been walking in the southwestern suburb of Dobrinja, hospital officials said. Earlier, an old man and two boys riding bikes were wounded when some 15 Serb tank shells scattered shrapnel through a Sarajevo market.

Bosnian radio said three civilians were killed and 11 wounded in Serb artillery attacks on the eastern government enclave of Srebrenica.

NATO's request late Tuesday came after jets patrolling the no-fly zone near Banja Luka, a Serb stronghold in northern Bosnia, spotted two Serb planes, a U.N. official said. The planes then disappeared from radar screens, presumably having landed.

NATO commander Adm. Leighton Smith requested airstrikes, but the U.N. force commander for former Yugoslavia, Lt. Gen. Bernard Janvier, denied them, said the U.N. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Janvier reportedly promised Serbs



AP photo

they would not be the target of any more airstrikes if they released all peacekeepers seized after NATO bombings in May. U.N. officials have insisted, however, that no such deal was made.

The Bosnian army said two Serb jets bombed government positions late Wednesday in the Visoko area, some 15 miles north of Sarajevo, inflicting substantial damage. Canadian peacekeepers in Visoko and NATO denied the report. Earlier, Bosnian Serb commander

Gen. Ratko Mladic claimed his men had halted a government offensive to crack Sarajevo's 38-month siege. He congratulated his troops for stopping the enemy offensive and "inflicting heavy casualties on the attackers," the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA said.

In Pale, their stronghold southeast of Sarajevo, Serb military sources claimed that Serb forces had retaken most territory lost during the recent government offensive north of Sarajevo.

They also asserted that a key road leading to Glavo to the northeast was back in Serb hands, and that the government offensive at Hadzici, just west of Sarajevo, had been halted. Some 100 Bosnian soldiers had been killed, they said.

Serbian officials laughed off Mladic's assessment and media reports of Serb territorial gains.

One said while fierce clashes took place south of Sarajevo on Tuesday, government troops quietly gained several strategically important positions to the west.

Government troops also advanced some 12 miles south of Sarajevo, where they captured a hill and a village from the Serbs, an army official claimed. All spoke on condition of anonymity.

U.N. spokesman Lt. Col. Gary Coward said Bosnian forces continued to "apply pressure" to at least a dozen battle lines in and around Sarajevo.

Missionaries found dead in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Two American missionaries who were kidnapped by leftist guerrillas in January 1994 were found shot to death near the site of a clash between rebels and soldiers, the army said Wednesday.

Timothy Van Dyke of Towanda, Pa., and Stephen Welsh of North Platte, Neb., were abducted by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the oldest and largest of several rebel groups that have been fighting the government for decades.

Soldiers found their bodies buried in a shallow grave Monday near Medina, 55 miles east of Bogota, the army said. Authorities believe they had been shot in the head that same day.

U.S. Ambassador Myles Frechette said the discovery of the bodies followed a firefight between rebels and soldiers in the mountainous region.

He told foreign reporters that bad weather had delayed the removal of the bodies by helicopter until Tuesday. U.S. officials planned autopsies to determine the cause of death.

The missionaries worked for New Tribes' Mission of Sanford, Fla. Three other New Tribes missionaries were kidnapped by rebels in January 1993 near the border with Panama.

New Tribes has had no contact with their captors for more than a year and fears they are dead.

Two other Americans, a Canadian and two Italians are also believed held by guerrillas.

New Tribes said Wednesday it had been negotiating with rebels for the release of Van Dyke and Welsh and had received assurances they would not be harmed.

Rebels reportedly demanded a \$2 million ransom, but New Tribes had said it would not pay a ransom. Many guerrillas have turned to kidnapping and extortion to fund their activities.

Van Dyke is survived by a wife and four children. Welsh leaves a wife and three children.

Industry will end child labor

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Garment manufacturers approved a plan Wednesday to end child labor in their industry, after the accord had been modified by two U.N. organizations.

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and the Exporters Association will soon sign the agreement with the International Labor Organization and UNICEF, said association president Redwan Ahmed. The governments of Bangladesh and the United States helped broker the deal.

The garment industry is the biggest foreign exchange earner in Bangladesh, employing thousands of children under the age of 14 and exporting \$2 billion of garments each year, mainly to the United States.

Experts to search for clues, remains of MIAs

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — American and Vietnamese investigators launch a fresh search Thursday for evidence of U.S. servicemen who never came home from the Vietnam War.

Teams of specialists plan to dig for the remains of at least 16 soldiers and airmen who disappeared in central Vietnam, a U.S. official said Wednesday.

Investigators will work separately to interview Vietnamese villagers for clues to the fate of dozens of others, said Air Force Major Randall Garrett, operations officer for the U.S. MIA office in Hanoi.

The 34-day search comes as debate intensifies in Washington over whether the United States should soon establish full diplo-

matic relations with its former foe, Vietnam. President Clinton has said improved relations depends on progress in resolving cases of the 1,618 servicemen still missing in Vietnam.

The U.S. Defense Department confirms that all but 55 of them are known to be dead, but investigators have yet to find their remains. The specialists' search for evidence is hampered by extreme heat, tropical rains, scavenging and passage of time that have reduced the remains mostly to tiny bone fragments.

U.S. delegations to Hanoi have praised Vietnam for cooperating in the recovery effort. The new American-Vietnamese field operation is the 36th in a series that began in 1988.

Ex-security minister shot at home

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — Selwyn Richardson, a former national security minister, was gunned down in his driveway in what police called an execution.

Police had not determined a motive for the Tuesday night attack. The assassins opened fire at close range with an automatic weapon and fled, leaving Richardson's wallet, watch and pistol untouched.

He died in the driver's seat of his

white station wagon.

Richardson's wife, Joyce, and neighbors in the suburb of the capital, Port-of-Spain, said they saw two men running from the scene and heard, but did not see, what sounded like a motorcycle driving away.

Richardson was known for fighting corruption as attorney general from 1976 to 1981. He returned to the position for two years in 1986 before being named national security minister.

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Bureau says Chenoweth warnings off-base

The Associated Press

Rep. Helen Chenoweth is sounding an alarm that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation could grab Idaho water in the name of endangered salmon.

Reclamation officials respond her warnings are off-base, and the Endangered Species Act requires them to take certain steps.

The federal agency has filed 17 applications with the state Department of Water Resources to add increasing flows and salmon recovery as approved uses for water stored in 13 of its reservoirs.

The bureau's current water rights are for irrigation and power generation only. If Water Resources and the Legislature approve, the bureau



Chenoweth

could release up to 427,000 acre-foot of water to increase the flows of the Snake and Columbia rivers for the fish migrations.

The applications cover water rights for 5.2 million acre-feet of storage of water, although the bureau has vowed not to release more than 427,000 during any water year.

"The bureau is claiming now that they simply want the right to purchase water from willing sellers to use for salmon recovery,"

Chenoweth said in a Tuesday statement.

"I am concerned at the Pandora's box that might be opened if the river flow augmentation for salmon becomes an approved beneficial use of Idaho water."

"There may be enough water available this year from willing sellers, but what if there isn't next year?"

But Ken Pedde, bureau deputy regional director, responded the agency does not want 5.2 million acre-feet for salmon recovery as Chenoweth suggests.

The agency is looking at using the water it owns outright as well as that rented through water banks, he said. For example, he said, it might look to rent more water out of the Boise

and Payette basins. If there is a drought in eastern Idaho next year.

In any given year, there could be a different mix of availability of water banks, Pedde said.

Reclamation Regional Director John Keyes on Monday rejected Chenoweth's request the department abandon its efforts.

The Idaho Republican claimed Reclamation cannot apply to change its water use because it does not hold a water right, citing the Reclamation Act of 1902 and a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

"To take a decision that was handed down in the mid-1940s and to ignore the body of law that has accumulated since then doesn't reflect the true picture, necessarily," Pedde said.

Militia can no longer meet at county building

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Militia Association will not meet at the Ada County building any more, nor will any other citizens' group.

Ada County commissioners voted 2-1 Tuesday to restrict use of the building to county business only.

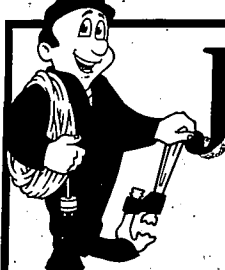
"This building was built for government purposes," said Commissioner Roger Simmons, who moved to implement the policy. "Ada County taxpayers shouldn't be subsidizing special-interest groups."

Currently, two organizations meet regularly in the commissioners' hearing room: the U.S. Militia Association and Grandparents Acting as Parents.

"We've met at other places before. I suppose we can do it again," said Wendy Dalton, a member of the U.S. Militia Association. The group has gathered there about six months, she said, drawing a crowd last month when Blackfoot founder Samuel Sherwood attended.

Commissioner Gary Glenn, who opposed the new policy, accused Simmons of letting personal bias against the militia influence his motion.

"Denying all taxpayers access to tax-funded county meeting rooms because you don't like one particular group's political views is a ridiculous overreaction," Glenn said.



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Astronomical Society to view stars
JEROME - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society has planned a public observation of the stars for Saturday evening at the red bridge northeast of the Jerome butte.
 People are invited to bring their own telescopes or binoculars or look through others equipment. For more information, call Forrest Ray at 736-8678 or Ryan Showers at 324-7606.

Open house to mark 80th birthday
BUHL - An open house to help Maribel Bickelhaupt McGraw Christofferson celebrate her 80th birthday is planned for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Lincoln Courts in Buhl.
 Christofferson has lived her entire life in Buhl. She is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and one of the Punkin Holler Girls. The event is being hosted by her family. No gifts please.

Filer woman to celebrate 85th birthday
BUHL - Alma Lackey of Filer will celebrate her 85th birthday at an open house set for 2 to 4 p.m.

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Rod and Gun Club to practice Sunday
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 Members and non-members are invited to enjoy these shooting sports. Cost is \$3 for trap and \$7 for sporting clay. Shooters must provide their own guns and ammunition. A round of trap requires 25 rounds, and sporting clay requires 30 rounds. For more information, call John L. Weston at 324-7374.

Ice cream social to mark retirement
WENDELL - An ice cream social to honor Mary Rita Miller on her retirement is planned for 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Wendell Senior Citizen Center, 105 West Ave. A.
 Miller has served the community in a pharmacy practice for the past 50 years. The public is invited to stop by to wish her a happy retirement.

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Dog who marks his territory puts husband in doghouse

DEAR ABBY: I have a real problem. My husband and I decided to breed our cocker spaniel last year. When Sadie had her five puppies, we decided to keep a male we named Ernie. Well, Ernie is now a little over a year old. Males seem to mark their territory wherever they go, and that's my problem.
 I have had numerous arguments with my husband because I insist we should get Ernie neutered not only because of his urinating everywhere, including the house, but also to reduce the risk of cancer. My husband says he just can't do that to his dog! He thinks Ernie will lose his drive to play ball and walk all the time. He actually phoned the vet when he caught Ernie urinating on the plant in our living room. Then he canceled the appointment because, he "just couldn't do that to Ernie."
 Am I wrong to want to get our dog fixed before he weets the entire house? I love Ernie, and I really don't think he's going to know the difference being neutered or not. But my husband insists that neutering a dog is like taking away his manhood.



Dear Abby
 Abigail VanBuren

cases that fail to respond to neutering, hormone injections can be helpful."
 He also told me that neutering has other health benefits: It eliminates the risk of testicular cancer and greatly reduces the risk of prostate disorders. Keeping that in mind (not to mention a serious pet overpopulation problem in the United States), male dogs that are not intended for breeding should be neutered.
 He closed his letter to me as follows: "Not surprisingly, the opposition to neutering male pets invariably comes from male members of the household. However, neutered male dogs can be just as active as intact ones if their exercise programs are maintained."
DEAR ABBY: I tried to quit smoking several times, but wasn't able to. How I wish I had never started! I am 47, and was placed on a respirator last May, after having smoked for 31 years.
 Please send all the young people who want to smoke to visit me. They can watch me wait for the respirator to give me enough breath so I can get a few words out. They can see that my mobility is limited to 12 feet of blue tubing. They can see all the medical

equipment I rely on to keep me alive. They can talk to my husband, who is constantly by my side, and learn how his life has been affected.
ABBY, we should give up trying to get smokers to quit, and crusade to prevent kids from starting.
 - GAIL H. JIN, GEORGIA
DEAR GAIL: Your speech may be limited, but your letter shouts the dangers of tobacco loud and clear.
 Parents should begin letting children know that smoking is unhealthy and undesirable as soon as their children are old enough to understand and recognize what smoking is. Later on, the schools should impress upon them the many reasons why they should not smoke.
DEAR ABBY: Concerning your comment that women live an average of seven years longer than men, I finally figured out why: They don't have WIVES.
 - ERNEST B. COPLEY, PORTLAND, TENN.
DEAR ERNEST B. COPLEY: You apparently believe that wives contribute to the early demise of their husbands. Actually, wives have proven themselves to be the stronger sex, and take great pleasure in nurturing their husbands and children.
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Manning-Lynch
BUURLEY - John D. Manning of Las Vegas, and Vicky L. Manning of Burley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Jason J. Lynch, son of Ronald and Robinette Lynch of Burley.
 Manning is a graduate of Burley High School. She is presently employed at Heyburn Elementary School as a special education teacher's aide.
 Lynch is a 1990 graduate of Burley High School. He is employed by Volvo in Burley as an outside salesman.
 The wedding is planned for Friday.

Woods-Nazareth

FILER - Bob and Linda Woods and Bob and Joanne Lussell of Midland, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Staci Joanne Woods, to Michael James Nazareth, son of Arthur and Teresa Nazareth of Filer.
 Woods is a 1985 graduate of H.H. Dow High School and a 1993 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is an English teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls.
 Nazareth is a 1988 graduate of Jerome High School and a 1992 graduate of Boise State University. He is a high school relations coordinator at the College of Southern Idaho.
 The wedding is planned for Saturday.



Staci Joanne Woods and Michael James Nazareth

The couple will reside in Twin Falls, after their wedding and honeymoon in the Bahamas.

Napier-Jarolimek

PAUL - Cecil and Sharon Napier of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Dona Elizabeth, to Jeffrey LeRoy Jarolimek, son of LeRoy and Peggy Jarolimek of Burley.
 Napier is a 1995 graduate of Minico High School and is presently employed at Minitoka Dam in Rupert.
 Jarolimek is a Burley High School graduate and attended Utah State University. He is self-employed in Burley.
 The wedding is planned for Saturday.



Dona Elizabeth Napier and Jeffrey LeRoy Jarolimek

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Wood River honor roll

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- HAILEY** - Wood River Middle School has announced its second semester honor roll. Students who have earned high grades are listed below.
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Opinion

Editorial

Enlist private enterprise in City of Rocks project

Does anyone else notice the irony? The federal government, which wants to spend millions of your tax dollars to accommodate tourists at the City of Rocks National Reserve, is fighting a local property owner who wants to do much the same thing.

The big difference is, the local property owner doesn't want to spend any of your money.

Maybe some rethinking is in order here. In case you don't remember, the National Parks Service has proposed a \$47.5 million plan for serving visitors at the City of Rocks, a spectacular Cassia County scenic area whose popularity is growing.

This plan includes campgrounds, an interpretive center, an RV park, the equivalent of 28 full-time employees and an annual budget of nearly \$1 million. It also features, lest we forget, the *Big Bucks Boon-docks Biffies* — a string of two-seater outhouses priced at \$93,600 per.

If Congress is smart, it will tell the Parks Service to drop this bloated plan down a gopher hole.

Meanwhile, though, Robert Eck of Declo is asking county commissioners for a permit to run a private campground on 20 acres that he and some partners own inside the reserve. He briefly opened the area to campers over the Memorial Day weekend, in order to test the market for the services he wants to offer.

The Park Service has its khaki shorts in a knot over this. Eck's land is right inside the reserve, only a quarter-mile from the remains of the California Trail. A commercial campground is hardly in keeping with the

historical preservation the government is trying to achieve.

But the government can't stop Eck and his partners from using their land, unless of course it pays them for it. In fact, it already has made a purchase offer, and a mutual dispute over the campground could just be part of the dickering.

All that aside, the government ought to think about the possibilities of working in partnership with Eck and other would-be entrepreneurs. If Eck thinks he can make money renting campsites, doesn't that make more sense than spending tax money to do the same thing?

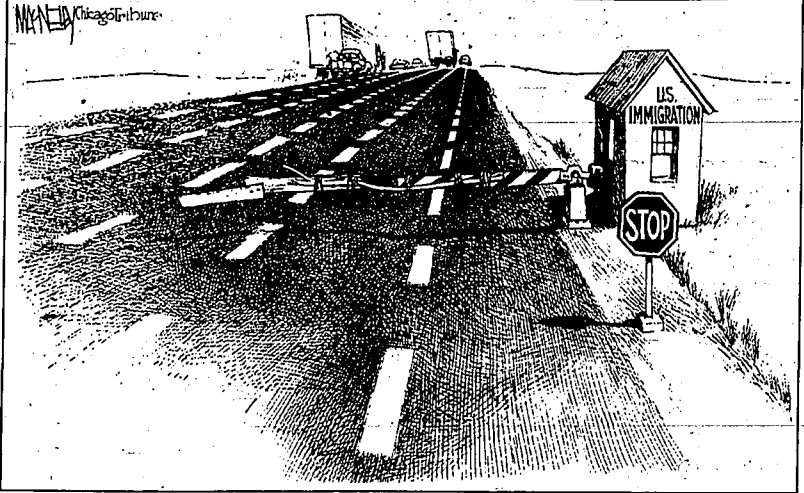
If a campground inside the reserve is intolerable, maybe the government could swap Eck's land for some less-critical territory outside the reserve boundaries.

In this era of government downsizing (or, at least, government talking about downsizing), creative approaches to public-private partnerships are needed. Maybe, somewhere in the government's \$47.5 million scheme for City of Rocks, the government could find room for Robert Eck's little campground.

Correction

Wednesday's editorial erred in describing management of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The Hospital Board is not merely contemplating a switch from a national hospital-management company to contracting directly with local administrators; it in fact has already made the change.

The Times-News regrets the error.



Immigration: Keep reform focused on fact

Peter Brimelow

An ugly era ended with the interim report of the Commission on Immigration Reform and its immediate endorsement by President Clinton: nearly three decades in which immigration enthusiasts have been able to intimidate virtually all critics of America's chaotic immigration policies by alleging racism and extremism. The so-called Jordan Commission, headed by former Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas, effectively concedes the critics' case: that the system is broke and needs fixing. Its key recommendation: a sharp one-third cut in the legal influx.

At last, rational debate about U.S. immigration policy may be about to begin. For those preparing to venture into this previously forbidden territory, four pointers:

• This is a government policy we're talking about. The government chooses to let some people in and keep others out. Yet many free-market types, such as Republican House Majority Leader Dick Armey, are still living in a dream world of open borders.

• The federal government re-ignited mass immigration after a 40-year lull, wholly accidentally, through the Immigration Act of 1965. Right now, because of the perverse workings of that act, the government is in effect choosing to let in record numbers of relatively less skilled people from a handful of countries (just 15 have cornered most of the legal inflow) whose populations are racially quite different from most Americans. This is the greatest social engineering experiment in the history of the world. It is determined in every detail, albeit without discussion and often by default, by government policy.

• Legal immigration is as much out of control as illegal immigration. We could have an

immigration policy like Canada's, which admits potential immigrants according to their skills, fluency in the national languages, prevailing labor market conditions and so on. But we don't. Our immigration policy is inflexibly determined by statutes, which treat immigration as a sort of imitation civil right extended to a randomly selected class of foreigners — those who already have relatives here. The Jordan Commission does not even begin to deal with this problem.

• The numbers are a very big deal. The Census Bureau projects that current immigration policy will drive the U.S. population up to 390 million by 2050, of whom 130 million will be post-1970 immigrants and their descendants. And that's moderate; the Census Bureau's "high series" estimate is 500 million.

This is the short answer to Arney's recent astonishing remark that he would be hard-pressed to think of a single problem that would be alleviated by cutting off immigration. Without immigration, we would not have to build so many schools — or prisons. We could focus more resources on the Americans who are already here.

• And population growth is by far the most important pressure on the environment. It inevitably means more people and fewer trees.

• Immigration is simply not necessary economically. The economic argument has usually centered on the net costs of immigrants to government. And this clearly exists: The best estimate of the current drain seems to be about \$20 billion annually, not counting education expenditures. Legal immigrants are now sig-

nificantly more likely than the native-born to be on welfare.

Immigration enthusiasts have long counted that there is a net benefit to the economy by virtue of the increased labor force. Lately, an unobserved consensus rejecting that theory has developed among scholars who study economic growth: Increases in labor, particularly unskilled labor, are not very important. What counts is innovation. Obviously, how else could Japan outstrip U.S. economic performance since 1955 by a factor of three without any immigration at all?

Right now, in fact, the benefit to native-born Americans from the foreign-born presence seems to be negligible — perhaps 0.1 percent of the gross domestic product, according to economist George Borjas at the University of California, San Diego. And that's probably wiped out by the federal loss. So America is being transformed for ... nothing.

The Jordan Commission implicitly accepts this analysis. It recommends reducing the (relatively few) slots reserved for skilled immigration on the grounds that they are not required.

In the coming debate, immigration enthusiasts will no longer be able to get away with anecdotes about immigrant restaurateurs and computer scientists (never mentioning, of course, immigrant welfare rates and immigrant gangsters). Instead, they will have to start explaining their political motives for wanting to transform America.

Peter Brimelow is the author of "Alien Nation: Common Sense About America's Immigration Disaster." He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

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Letters

Paper left out motorcycle run

The June 18 edition of *The Times-News* had a very nice special section about the June 24-25 Regatta at Burley; very interesting and well written.

However, I was disappointed that *The Times-News* didn't see fit to mention an event that took place on the previous weekend. It was the second annual Rock Creek Run put on by our local bikers. Now, I realize that anyone who rides a motorcycle is considered by many to be the scum of the earth. But let's look at a view of their other facets.

I had the privilege of seeing a huge, happy smile on the face of a tiny girl who will spend her life in a wheelchair. I'm sure she didn't know the names of very many of the bikers, but she knew she was surrounded by friends — friends that cared enough to send her to Disney World a year ago. This was done through Mike A. Wish, which makes kids' fondest wish come true.

Many of these kids have terminal illnesses, and Mike A. Wish helps their dreams come true. I understand our local bikers also sent a boy to Disney World last year. The Rock Creek Run this year was a lot bigger than last year's, so the bikers will be able to help more kids realize their dreams.

• Bikers are all scum? Don't tell little Trish that. She'll come out of that wheelchair and whup you.

• Everyone at the rally had a lot of fun in spite of a cold wind. I've never gone to a gathering that made us feel more welcome.

Also, I must compliment KMYT for its splendid coverage of the run. They showed a 30-second spot on the 10 o'clock news.

I might also point out that the money taken in is spent on local kids. It isn't sent out of the area. We have plenty of kids right

here that have dreams. **DUANE HANKINS** Twin Falls

Food contributions help many

On behalf of the hundreds of families served by the South Central Community Action Agency, we would like to say thank you for your support of the Postal Workers Food Drive.

The portion of food that we received will enable us to serve many families with children that are experiencing hard times. It will also allow us to serve homebound/senior people who struggle from day-to-day just to make ends meet.

Once again, thank you for your support. It's caring people like yourselves that keep our doors open and able to serve the less fortunate of Magic Valley.

CVD DILLON Multi-County Specialist South Central Community Action Agency Twin Falls

Coverage of event appreciated

A special thank you for your staff's work in covering the activities of the Idaho Special Olympics during the state games and specifically for the Area 5 Special Olympics throughout the year.

It is only through reporting that the public can become aware of the positive aspects of the sports program ISO offers mentally challenged people of all ages. It is truly a very unique program.

Once again, thank you for your reporting and photographs of Special Olympics. It is deeply appreciated.

BARBARA A. LEINBERGER Idaho Special Olympics Boise

Mrs. Clinton adopts gracious cause

Hillary Rodham Clinton committed a gracious and pro-life act last week when she appeared with Mother Teresa at the dedication of a Washington home for unwed mothers and their babies awaiting adoption.

It was gracious because at last year's National Prayer Breakfast, Mrs. Clinton and the president, along with an audience of 3,000, listened to a speech by Mother Teresa about the evils of abortion. The pro-choice Mrs. Clinton could have treated the incident as an affront and stifled the Nobel Peace Prize winner. Instead, following the breakfast, she asked Mother Teresa what could be done to provide more help to women with unplanned pregnancies.

Mrs. Clinton's press secretary, Lisa Caputo, tells me the first lady assigned two lawyers to the task of cutting red tape so that a home might be established in Washington. Such homes once were common when abortion was illegal but most went out of business following Roe vs. Wade in 1973.

"If you know there is a child who is unwanted and unloved, please bring it to me," said Mother Teresa, echoing words she spoke at the prayer breakfast last year. Caputo says Mrs. Clinton's resolve to help establish the home in Washington was deepened when she visited the Sisters of Charity home in New Delhi in March.

At the dedication ceremonies, Mrs. Clinton said, "The work being done by the Missionaries of Charity reminds us of all that each society is judged by the way it treats its weakest members."

Indeed, that's why abortion falls into a special category of evil and why adoption



Cal Thomas

can be a middle ground on which pro-life and pro-choice people ought to be able to meet.

Tragically, abortion has become so politicized — a type of right of passage for some women — that most are denied access to information about adoption as a positive choice. In addition to the censorship about the nature and form of unborn life, the abortion industry refuses to actively promote adoption because it denies them a "fee" for their "services," and because abortionists want to promote the idea that riding oneself of an "unwanted" baby is best for the child and the woman.

If only the woman with an unplanned pregnancy could see the unrestrained joy I've seen on the faces of adoptive parents who have waited for years to have a child to complete their lives. To them, biology is secondary to the love they want to share. Ask journalist Connie Chung and her husband, Maury Povich, who tried high tech and several failed adoption attempts over several years before finally adopting a baby boy.

Nearly 2 million would-be parents want to adopt babies; 1.5 million women will abort this year. Why can't we get these "unwanted" babies and their reluctant mothers together with these eager-to-adopt couples? If the debate is about "choice," why can't adop-

tion at least get equal billing with abortion? Is it ignorance or selfishness that leads some women to reject adoption, fearing, as I've heard some say, "I would always wonder where my baby was and what kind of care it was getting." The answer to that is, a lot better care than the child gets at the abortion clinic.

So desperate are American couples to adopt that many go overseas or pay large sums to unscrupulous lawyers who take their money but often fail to deliver on their promises. Many adoptive couples will take handicapped babies or babies of different race. It is a lie that only the healthy and white babies can find a home.

I asked Mrs. Clinton whether her appearance at Mother Teresa's home in Washington was a one-time deal or whether she might take the lead in promoting adoption as an alternative to abortion. She responded through Caputo, "Even if pro-choice and pro-life advocates can never agree philosophically on the question of abortion, we can agree on adoption. I have long been a proponent of adoption and will continue to support it. Both pro-choice and pro-life advocates can and should come together to promote adoption. Too many children desperately need families and homes."

Some cynics will say Mrs. Clinton is trying to shore up the Catholic vote. But I think she's serious about this. She should be taken at her word and encouraged to raise the adoption alternative as high as she can.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

By Garry Trudeau Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Idaho

Death toll high so far for rafters

BANKS (AP) — Idaho high-running rivers and the burgeoning whitewater sports community are translating into a deadly paddling season already.

Idaho's rivers are running higher than they have in years, which has been at least a contributing factor in two Idaho deaths this year and another on the Snake River in Wyoming.

Boise business owner Bob Clayton died June 8 after he was tossed from his "cataraft" pontoon boat in monumental rapids near Milner Dam on the Snake River. Diane McCall is believed to have died when his canoe capsized June 15 on the Salmon River east of Riggins.

And Mary McGavock of Ogden, Utah, died after her raft hit a rock and she was swept away by the swift current. Authorities also speculate her life vest was too big, and she might have survived if she had been wearing the proper size.

But despite big water, river sages maintain that rafting or kayaking can be safe.

It takes common sense, such as that practiced by Carlos Castillo, an assistant principal at Capital High School, who stood with the group of river voyagers Tuesday at Staircase rapids on the South Fork of the Poyette River.

Castillo and others decided to enter the river below the rapids which run for a quarter-mile.

But other rafters — those who eschew commercial guides and head downriver on their own — have not been heeding such advice. The result: some big water mayhem around these parts, guides and kayakers say.

"A lot of private boaters aren't ready because they haven't been around for high water," said Elisabeth Boren, owner of Bear Valley River Co. in Banks.

She talked of rafts flipping in Staircase last weekend. One rafter left her front teeth on a rock. Another took a long swim and a ride down-hypothermia highway. Both easily could have died.

The danger, Boren said, is not only in the river's swiftness, but also its temperature.

Keith Siverston, a Boise doctor and LifeFlite medical director, paddled a kayak Tuesday on a quiet stretch of the Poyette. He said he treated a rafter last weekend who ended up with water in his lungs.

"He went in for a swim, and he had a long way to go," said Siverston, who treated the rafter the evening after he capsized. "Most of those who get in trouble aren't doing it with a commercial outfitter, and usually there's beer involved."

Steve Jones, owner of Cascade Raft Co., said problems come not so much from the level of the water but from its consequences.

"The problem is not so much that they fall out, but the potential for a long swim is greater."

NIC budget tries to find some tax relief

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) — Calls for constraint from several sides prompted North Idaho College officials to propose a budget giving the average taxpayer a break.

Administrators will unveil a \$18.7 million 1995-96 budget plan to the Board of Trustees, who will adopt a final version next month.

Rolland Jurgens, dean of administration, said the proposal represents a 6.9 percent increase over the current one, but a decrease in the tax rate from \$1.70 to \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value.

Based on figures from the county clerk, the average homeowner could pay 3.7 percent less next year.

Jurgens said the only growth in the budget portion paid by the county will be from new property on the tax rolls.

The attempt to contain the budget represents the administration's awareness of taxpayers' concerns, the county commissioners' appeal for constraint and the trustees' directive.

"We said, 'Let's just try to hold the line and reduce taxes this year,'" Jurgens said.

State senator wants special session on water

REXBURG (AP) — State Sen. Bob Lee wants lawmakers recalled in special session this summer to deal with continuing efforts to divert water traditionally used for irrigation and power generation in Idaho to salmon recovery.

And among the issues the Rexburg Republican believes should be considered during any special session is rebuilding the failed Teton Dam in eastern Idaho.

"I believe this is an option that should be thoroughly investigated," Lee, a former state Water Resources director, said in a June 5 letter to Gov. Phil Batt.

Batt has indicated he would consider calling a

special session if the state Supreme Court voids 1994 legislation intended to reduce costs and expedite the adjudication of more than 150,000 water rights in the Snake River Basin.

The high court has heard arguments on that case but has yet to issue its ruling.

Lee said the salmon recovery question could be part of the session on water rights adjudication, and a spokesman for the governor said Lee's request would be taken under consideration.

To begin with, Lee wants lawmakers to reject the Bureau of Reclamation request for an extension of its three-year authorization

for the bureau to release rented water downstream for salmon recovery. It expires in January.

The bureau, which handles 5.2 million acre-feet of water stored in the 13 federal reservoirs, wants to be able to use water it owns as well as water it can obtain from willing sellers to increase flows in the Snake and Columbia rivers for salmon migration. It has said it would use no more than 427,000 acre-feet a year, but critics are not so sure.

"There is no scientific evidence which shows that taking Idaho's water out of state benefits salmon recovery," Lee said.

Jury finds teacher innocent of charges

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho Falls teacher Steve Kissinger is a happy person after a jury ruled him innocent on charges that he sexually abused a female student.

Charges were filed in Preston more than two years ago, after Kissinger was hired by the Idaho Falls School District to teach math and coach wrestling at Eagle Rock Junior High. The teacher was suspended with pay when the charges surfaced.

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Magic Valley

Commissioners reject health budget increase

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The public health department will have to pull another \$21,353 out of its reserves since it won't be getting an increase in funding from the region's eight counties.

Although the counties collectively are giving the South Central District Health Department \$711,778 for fiscal year starting July 1 - the same amount they gave for this fiscal year - they decided against giving the district a requested 3 percent increase in funding. The counties' commissioners discussed the issue for about an hour before voting.

Not getting an increase from the counties

also means the district will not get as much in matching funds from the state starting next year.

"We really appreciate the services of the South Central Health Department, and we feel like what we don't pay on the front end we're going to pay on the back end with indigent care," said Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen before the vote.

Of the seven counties represented at Wednesday's meeting, only Brent Reinke of Twin Falls County did not vote for giving the health district no increase. Before the vote, Reinke said they should give the district some kind of an increase, even if not 3 percent.

Jerome County Commission Chairman

Roy Prescott said tight economies prevented the counties from giving more, even though funding the health district is money well spent.

The district's board approved Wednesday a \$3.4 million budget for next fiscal year, which included \$190,000 to renovate part of the recently sold Cassia Memorial Hospital for an office. The district still is negotiating a 20-year contract to rent the space, which is expected to cost about \$30,000 a year.

Board members Bill McClung of Minidoka County and Linda Montgomery of Jerome County voted against approving the budget. After the meeting, both said \$190,000 was too much to put into a building not owned by the district.

County commissioners were asked Wednesday to agree to eventually pay 50 percent of the rent, lease and construction costs for public health clinics in their counties. Christensen said the commissioners wanted to discuss that proposal further.

Also Wednesday, 28-year board Chairman William L. "Bill" Chancy of Twin Falls was given a farewell reception. He is retiring from his post the end of this month.

Dr. Charles Parker of Blaine County was nominated board chairman, while Dr. Donald Bard of Gooding County was nominated vice chairman. Twin Falls County commissioners appointed Commissioner Marvin Hempleman to represent the county on the district's board.

Around the valley

Truck hits power pole, knocks out electricity

TWIN FALLS - Power was cut briefly to 1,604 homes and businesses in southeast Twin Falls Wednesday afternoon when a truck hit a power pole at 215 Eastland Drive.

Crews were able to repair the damaged wires within 20 minutes and restore power to customers, said Tom Koons, division materials supervisor for Idaho Power Co.

The truck hit a pole at 2:03 p.m., causing overhead electrical wires to slap together and short out, Koons said.

City band concert tonight features soloist Zak Frantz

TWIN FALLS - The musical program in City Park tonight will feature Zak Frantz, a young soloist who won the gold medal in the 1995 state high school solo competition.

The weekly free concert begins at 8 p.m. at the park's Bandshell. With the Twin Falls Municipal Band, Frantz will perform "Concertante for Alto Saxophone and Symphonic Band."

The band's program will also include highlights from the movie "The Lion King," a Dixieland big-band medley and three John Sousa marches.

Sheriff's Department plans boating laws, skills classes

TWIN FALLS - Anyone interested in learning boating laws and safety skills should call the Twin Falls, County Sheriff's Department.

Marine Deputy Daron Brown plans to schedule a free six-hour class sometime next month for the public. Dates and times will be arranged once he knows how many people are interested.

"I get all kinds of people coming to the classes," Brown said.

The class, called "Toward Safer Boating," is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Students who complete the class will receive a safe boating certificate. Some insurance companies will deduct 25 percent of the cost of boating insurance if the insurance holder has a certificate, Brown said.

Participants will learn what to do in case of hypothermia and storms, and will learn boating laws - which will come in handy because the sheriff's department has stepped up efforts to patrol the Snake River this year, Brown said. Anyone interested should call 736-4107 and leave a name and telephone number.

Parks commission seeks applicants to fill vacant seat

TWIN FALLS - The city's parks and recreation commission is looking for a new member.

Earlier this week, the City Council approved the appointment of banker Brent Jussel as the new commission chairman. Jussel replaces publisher Trudy Young, who has stepped down from the commission.

Interested applicants should stop by the parks and recreation office in City Hall. Deadline is June 30.

Housepainting project seeks applicants from owners

TWIN FALLS - The homes of 25 seniors will be treated to a fresh coat of paint this summer, and Paint Magic 1995 is now accepting applications from homeowners.

Until July 14, people at least 60 years old with limited incomes can apply to have the exteriors of their homes painted by teams of volunteers.

Paint Magic organizers ask for no "time-only" requests and no mobile homes.

Applications are available from the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, 83403.

Homes will be drawn from a pool of qualifying seniors on July 26 and painted on Aug. 12.

For information on applications, call 736-2122.

Those interested in forming, joining or sponsoring a team should call Dave Cox at 736-0825.

Compiled from staff reports

Ready for disaster



Tracy Basterrechea, a six-year Bureau of Land Management firefighting veteran, trained with 106 other south-central Idaho firefighters near Malta Wednesday.

Fire danger remains high

By Virginia S. Garber
and Kevin Miller
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS - Though rains have dampened fire danger in Southern Idaho for now, the area's grass- and sagebrushlands have a high potential for a blazing fire season if hot, dry weather takes over.

This year, grasses are higher and denser than usual, and will come in handy because the sheriff's department has stepped up efforts to patrol the Snake River this year, Brown said.

"If the rain stops, all it would take is an ignition - like lightning coming through," she said.

Preparing for that eventuality, 106 BLM firefighters fought real flames Wednesday at a training session near Malta. For some, it was the first time they had seen wild flames.

All the BLM firefighting resources in south-central Idaho were committed to the training session, including 26 water tanker trucks and lightweight scout vehicles.

The training exercise is an annual event, running fire crews through four different stations: engine exercise, back-lighting and mop-up, the chain saw and trail digging.

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smoke firefighters are surrounded by fire and flames, he added. Life inside a wild fire is not like dousing practice slash piles.

"When they get on their first range fire, it will be a lot different," Basterrechea said.

They may get plenty of opportunities if the weather turns hot.

Nurtured by a good snowpack and a wet, often warm spring, grasses, such as cheat grass and crested wheat grass, have grown over some roads and other natural fire barriers, Wallace said. If the grasses dry out, these barriers may not slow fires, she said.

Though the BLM's West Zone has had only one small fire so far this season, Wallace cautioned drivers to be extremely careful as the weather turns hot.

Grasses growing in roads not only destroy a barrier to fires, they also pose a risk for fire ignitions. Fires started by a vehicle's hot exhaust system can smolder for a long time before flaring into visible flame, Wallace said.

Meanwhile, the timberlands of the Sawtooth National Forest should see a shorter fire season and fewer large fires than last year, Randy Richter said. Richter is a fire management officer for the Forest Service.

Though Forest Service firefighters were busy in April 1994, they have had no active fires yet this year, Richter said.

"And we probably won't see big timber fires like last year," he said.

"But we're not completely out of the woods yet," Richter said. Grasses are still growing, and some fires could plague the South Hills if grasses dry out and cure, he said.

The BLM's West Zone covers three and a half million acres bordered by American Falls, Sun Valley, King Hill and the Utah/Nevada borders. The BLM's fire hotline for this area is (800) 974-2373. Dispatchers answer the hotline seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Committee recommends flexible rules on rim land

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Construction along any canyon rim could be more flexible if the county follows the recommendations made Wednesday night by its canyon advisory committee.

The committee is trying to meet a July 5 deadline to complete its work.

"That's when the county will take public comment, and in all likelihood, adopt a new land-use plan.

County Commissioner Dennis Maughan told the committee

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the land-use plan, which will serve as a zoning guide for future county growth.

"We're at the point where we can make some final recommendations," Maughan said. Among the suggestions approved Wednesday by the committee:

• A streamlined building setback law. New buildings would be set back at least 100 feet from a canyon rim. A geological report and a water of liability would accompany any variance request. Existing laws set up different procedures if buildings are to be within 50 feet of a rim.

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3 face extortion charges

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Three migrant farm workers went to court Wednesday after a Murtaugh man told police he had received a letter asking him for \$300 for the return of checks that had been taken from him at knife point.

Rafael Torres, 29, of Murtaugh, told police that two men stole \$800 and \$1,464 worth of government tax refund checks from him by the roadside on an affidavit written by Sgt. Dan Mort of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Alberto Garcia Perez, 31, of Hazelton, confessed to police he took Torres' wallet, but said he held his black comb - not a knife - against Torres' throat, the affidavit said.

Perez's companion, Israel Rodriguez, 27, of Eden, told police he asked 18-year-old Maria Gutierrez of Eden, to mail Torres the letter.

later asking him for the \$300. On the night of June 4, Perez and Rodriguez had been driving near Murtaugh when they noticed Torres driving erratically ahead of them, suddenly stopping in the middle of the road, the affidavit said.

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E911 board approves bids

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

JEROME - Four equipment bids from four companies and one construction bid were approved by the South Central Region E911 Board Wednesday.

The four-county board accepted low bids for five of eight equipment categories under consideration. The supervisory-board-is-still-examining bids for microwave equipment, radio communications equipment and a computer-aided dispatch, records management, and geographic information system.

The E911 board accepted two bids: from Strata Construction - \$443,700 for radio equipment shelters and antennas, towers, and

\$132,253 for microwave antenna and transmission line equipment. Dicapnone Inc.'s \$35,161 bid for a multichannel logging recorder system, C&D Battery Co.'s \$83,334 bid for a direct-current power system, and 911 Inc.'s \$129,547 bid for a telephone system also were accepted.

The board chose The Glass Man to enclose the E911 facility at a price tag of \$7,225. Plans entail adding an air lock to the building's main entrance.

In other business, the board elected Gary Winn, chairman of the Public Works Committee, as a non-voting member of the joint board.

Resolved to seek a man-

agement agreement with some local law enforcement agency in order to get access to criminal history information.

Personnel selection; Project Manager AT Sander said local dispatchers received a two-week head start on applications before statewide advertising for dispatchers began.

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Playing chicken



Carol Byrnes, center, of Spokane, Wash., tries to get Barney Rubble, a Cochin rooster, to flap his arms Wednesday at Legacy's 3rd International Canine Behavior and Training Camp in Moscow. Using chickens are supposed to develop understanding of the training process.

Salmon advocates ask Craig, Kempthorne to oppose bill

BOISE (AP) — Fish advocates on Wednesday called on Idaho's U.S. senators to oppose publicly a proposal from Washington Sen. Slade Gorton that they claim would doom Idaho's wild salmon and steelhead runs.

But Republican Sen. Larry Craig called the criticism of Gorton's plan "way off the mark and misguided."

And while fellow GOP Sen. Dirk Kempthorne said he remained "fully committed to the restoration of salmon in Idaho and in the Columbia River Basin," a Kempthorne spokesman told an eastern Idaho group on Tuesday that he opposed any significant action to save fish.

"Very probably the salmon are gone and it's a waste of money," said Clark, the Henry's Fork Watershed Council.

Idaho Rivers United, Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited and the Idaho Wildlife Federation said at a news conference Wednesday that Gorton's proposal would eliminate all legal mandates to restore salmon to depleted populations anywhere in the Northwest.

It would cap mitigation expenditures for the Bonneville Power Administration and all Northwest utilities, create a new state and tribal plan to develop a salmon-triage body to decide which rivers will have anadromous fish and which will not, they said.

Kent Laverly, executive director of the Idaho Wildlife Federation, said a cap on mitigation expenditures would "establish a bidding war for limited money between the Indian tribes and the states of Oregon, Idaho and Washington. Most assuredly, Idaho steelhead would depend on steelhead fishing would lose, and Idahoans would lose."

The groups said Gorton wants Craig and Kempthorne to sign an



Craig Kempthorne

"agreement in concept" to his proposal before Congress recesses in July. But in a letter to Craig dated Tuesday, Idaho Rivers United and Eastern Idaho group on Tuesday Unlimited said supporting the plan would amount to a breach of faith.

"We write to ask that you repudiate this proposal. It will assuredly doom Idaho's steelhead and salmon, whose restoration you have committed to support," they wrote. "As Idaho's senator, you must not let the federal government break its salmon promises to the people of Idaho."

However, Craig said late Wednesday that the idea he was discussing with Gorton and Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., "would be an unprecedented commitment to long-term salmon recovery. It would identify and earmark more than \$300 million a year for salmon recovery efforts in the Northwest while state and regional policy makers take the decisions on how that money could be spent, rather than federal judges and Washington bureaucrats."

Craig said an Idaho Rivers United news release on the proposal "totally misrepresents the issue."

"It is inconceivable to me that environmental groups, supposedly committed to salmon recovery, would criticize a concept designed to bring order and stability to those very efforts," the senator said.

Early drawdown backer changes position on plan

REXBURG (AP) — An early supporter of former Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus' Idaho plan to restore Northwest salmon runs is now backing away from the controversial proposal to draw down eastern Washington reservoirs to speed salmon migration to the ocean.

The Henry's Fork Watershed Council failed to agree on Tuesday to continue backing the drawdown plan although it continued its staunch opposition to using more Idaho water to increase the flows through the slack water reservoirs when they are not drawn down.

The group seemed to focus more attention on the downstream dams that environmentalists and now have blamed for the demise of the runs. It backed any plan that would alter dam operations to aid fish passage.

The council includes irrigators, anglers and others who depend on Henry's Fork water, and now residents to hurt local irrigation and resident fisheries for salmon runs destroyed largely by downstream hydroelectric dams.

Backing away from drawdowns surprised salmon advocates, who claimed the change showed hydro-power supporters have been successful stirring up dissent within Idaho.

"Until we get everyone on the same bandwagon, we're going to lose the fight," said Darren Huntsman of Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited. "Idaho is going to be the loser."

Accused pleads innocent in slaying of couple at auto-repair shop

LEWISTON (AP) — A jury trial starting Nov. 6 was scheduled Wednesday for Kenneth D. Arrasmith on two counts of first-degree murder for the slayings of a Clatskanie, Wash., couple outside a Lewiston auto shop.

Arrasmith, 44, of Sunnyside, Wash., was returned to the Nez Perce County Jail without bond after pleading innocent before 2nd District Judge Ida Leggett to the May 17 shooting deaths of Ronald and Luella Bingham.

At the time they were killed, authorities in Washington's Asotin County were investigating allegations that the Bingshams had sexually molested Arrasmith's 15-year-old daughter.

Death notices

Lloyd Walker
BURLEY — Lloyd Walker, 59, of Burley, died Tuesday, June 20, 1995, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Riverside Cemetery in Hoybum, with Arvin Hansen officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the McCulloch-Hansen Mortuary in Burley.

Newman, 55, of Twin Falls, died Monday, June 19, 1995, at his home. Arrangements are pending under the direction of Blay Colonial Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

BUHL — Louis Marion Anthony Madalena, 93, of Buhl, died Tuesday, June 20, 1995, in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Moffett's Memorial Chapel in Buhl.

Ronald Laker
TWIN FALLS — Ronald Laker, 58, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, June 21, 1995, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Rigoberto Bautista
BURLEY — Rigoberto Bautista, 37, of Burley, died Wednesday, June 21, 1995, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Myrtle E. Thomas
— JEROME — Myrtle Elmer Thomas, 86, of Jerome, died Wednesday, June 21, 1995, at the Alpha House in Jerome. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Services

Wanda Myrl Fullmer Stevenson, of San Marcos, Calif., and formerly of Hollister, graveside service, 10:30 a.m. today, Twin Falls Cemetery.

Conception Church in Buhl. Viewing, until 5 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Lloyd Hanks
BURLEY — Lloyd Hanks, 84, of Burley, died Wednesday, June 21, 1995, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the McCulloch-Hansen Mortuary in Burley.

Rev. Father Francis DeNardis, of Buhl, vigil service, 7 p.m. today and funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at the Immaculate

Arzy M. Lance, of Bellevue, graveside services for both Arzy and Dorothy Lance, 11 a.m. Friday, Bellevue Cemetery. Dorothy Lance died July 25, 1994, (Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailey).

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Grace Palmer, Elaine Phillips and Nora Wise, all of Twin Falls; and Alberta Cozad of Shoshone.

Irene Babcock, Angela Burton, Lois Glaesemann, Gloria Jud and Cathy Mulligan, all of Burley; Karen Edwards of Malta; Peggy Pearson of Richfield; Carmen Reyes of Heyburn; and D. Arlen Taylor of Rupert.

Births
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Stanger of Murtaugh; and to Cathy Mulligan of Burley.

Released
Lisa Jackson of Twin Falls; Barbara Joosten of Rupert; and Mary Gill of Kimberly.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Marissa Quintana of Burley.

Released
Opal Mittelstedt of Rupert.

Birth
A daughter was born to Maria Elena Rodriguez of Minidoka.

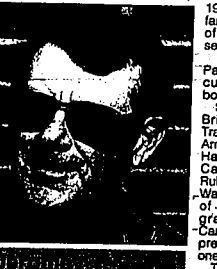
CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Derald Mabey, Cathy Mulligan and Dewayne Wageman, all of Burley; Marcy Stanger of Murtaugh; Margarito Villaseor of Rupert; and Barbara Culbertson of Houston, Texas.

Released

Obituaries

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



Everett Ahrens
Everett Ahrens, 58, of Jerome, died Monday, June 19, 1995, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. He was born Jan. 14, 1937, in Twin Falls, the son of John and Ida Lutz Ahrens, and was raised and educated in Jerome. Everett married Bonnie Eberhardt on Sept. 4,

1959, and they later divorced. He farmed on the family farm southeast of Jerome all of his life and had served in the National Guard. Everett was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and was currently serving on the church board of trustees. Survivors include three sons, Brian (Jeri), Corey (Carrie), and Tracy, all of Jerome; two brothers, Arnold of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Harley of Twin Falls; four sisters, Carolyn, Fischer and Margaret Ruhlert, both of Twin Falls; Francis Walter of Jerome and Lois Engvall of Wickenburg, Ariz.; and two grandchildren, Matthew and Cameron, both of Jerome. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

Dollie Rau
Dollie Rau, 83, of Paul, died Tuesday, June 20, 1995, at the Burley Care Center. She was born Dec. 14, 1911, in Sugar City, the daughter of Henry and Anna Marie Knopp Rau. Dollie resided in the Paul area with her parents in her early years. She later resided in Nampa, Twin Falls, Gooding, and since 1984, had resided at the Burley Care Center. Survivors include two sisters, Esther Kinneer of Twin Falls and Bernice Munsee of Paul; and one brother, Herbert Rau of Paul. She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and two brothers.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome, with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. The family suggest memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Davis, Jerome ID 83338.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24, 1995, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main in Burley, with the Rev. Stephen W. Rose officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 to 9 p.m. Friday and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the funeral chapel.

Evans: Ed Board should drop interest in public school policy

BOISE (AP) — Former State Schools Superintendent Jerry Evans and a number of former state Education Board members told lawmakers Wednesday the board should be relieved of responsibility for public schools so it can focus solely on higher education.

Evans, who retired in January after 16 years as the state's top education official, said there was no real reason to have the board overseeing the operations of the constitutionally elected state superintendent of public instruction.

"When you talk about a superintendent answering to someone, they always answer to the Legislature and they always answer to the people," Evans said.

He was joined by former board members Karl Shurtliff, John Swartley, and Robert Montgomery. The suggestion to the special House-Senate panel taking yet another look at the way Idaho runs its educational system came in the wake of the upheaval in the Department of Education since the inauguration of Evans' successor, Republican Anne Fox.

A near-absence of confidence among local school superintendents in her ability to manage the department and concern about positions she had taken and her dismissal of key department personnel prompted the board to reclaim the control over public schools it had essentially ceded to Evans through the years of his administration.

taken in March, disagreed, admitting that his view now is different from the one he held two years ago. He agrees the state board should focus on higher education but a second one should be set up to oversee public schools.

"The Legislature is not in a position to give monthly oversight to things that happen in the Department of Education," Hinkley said. "At this time, I think that oversight is needed. ... Bureaucracies are built when they're unsupervised."

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BLM keeps Declo Hills open

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Federal officials yielded to public protest and will keep the Declo East Hills open for public recreational use.

The Bureau of Land Management announced Wednesday a plan that would provide public access to a popular recreation area in the Declo Hills and still protect a game migration corridor in Blaine County from residential development.

The East Hills recreation area is a popular hunting, horseback riding and hang-gliding area.

The BLM's decision doesn't mean that the plan will go through. Agreement must come from Six S Ranch in Declo, the party with whom the BLM has been negotiating a land trade that could have closed the Declo Hills to the public.

The public has until Aug. 19 to respond to the decision, which can be appealed within 30 days. If the decision stands, it could take up to one year before it is executed.

The BLM got more than 2,000 letters from people who opposed the land exchange with Six S Ranch. The BLM concluded in 1991 that 3,500 acres of land in the Declo area could be sold or traded with a private land owner.

BLM officials say the land has been difficult to manage and initially decided it could be given up for parcels deemed more important,

such as the one in Blaine County west of the Wood River Valley.

Mary Gaylord, BLM's Upper Snake River Ecosystem manager, has endorsed a decision that will keep more than half of the Declo Hills land originally up for exchange open to the public. The Save the Declo Hills Coalition proposed that the BLM not trade 1,800 acres of the land, which has been a customary public recreational spot.

"The real focus in the decision was on satisfying traditional recreational uses the public had enjoyed," Gaylord said.

Six S Ranch will gain ownership of the land, but Cassia County will be issued an easement that will provide public access to the property, Gaylord said.

But she said she doesn't expect the BLM will get all of the 2,300 acres in Blaine County proposed in the trade. The easement will make sure the public has access to the Declo Hills. But she is counting on the BLM to get enough of the migratory corridor to protect wildlife.

Mike Miller, a representative for Six S Ranch, said the ranch will need to analyze the tax consequences of the easement. Obligations between the county and Six S Ranch will have to be discussed with commissioners, Miller said. Six S Ranch most likely will not ask the BLM to change its decision.

"The BLM has studied long and hard and tried to reach an amicable

agreement to both parties," Miller said.

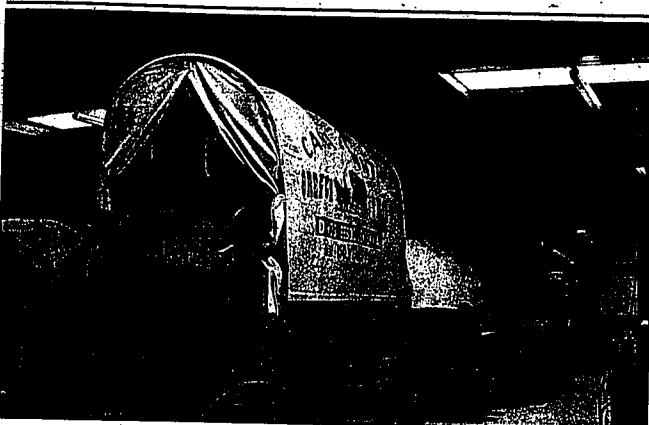
But Save the Declo Hills Coalition member Clyde Anthon, who is acting as a spokesman for the group while its outspoken co-chairman Fred Preston and Frank Giltner are out of town, said the coalition is skeptical.

"They're letting Skaggs own the property. One of the concerns we've got is that if the public access is for eternity," he said.

The public always would be guaranteed forever in the easement plan. She pointed out that the public never has had legal vehicular access to the Declo Hills ridge, marked by a gigantic "D" that can be seen from just east of Burley. The public always has enjoyed access through Skaggs' private property to the public land and had grown to expect it always to be there, she said.

Cassia County Commissioner John Adams said the decision won't cost the county anything, unless it decides to fund improvements on the ground. Otherwise, people in the area can vote on whether to form a recreational district and decide on their own how to issue taxes within the district, Adams said.

"I have to admire the BLM. They did listen to the people," he said. The decision would for two recreation sites, one at the base of the hills and the other on the ridge near the "D."



JENNIFER BUNCH/The Times-News

The Cassia County Historical Museum has added a building to make room for more displays.

Museum makes room for history

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Cassia County Historical Society has built an additional building to make room for more displays, but the museum board of directors has yet to decide what will fill the space.

Antique plumbing equipment, wood crafting tools and beauty salon innovations, including an electric permanent chair that would scare away any woman's suitor should she be found sitting there, fill the Cassia County Historical Museum.

A mannequin now sits in the chair with curlers descending on electrical cords clamped to its head.

All museum displays, including

the electric permanent chair, are donations, and in some cases the donor sets up and maintains the display, assistant curator Arlene Huber said.

To display more of such nostalgic treasures, the historical society built another warehouse-like display building behind the museum.

"There are many old farmers who have inherited things from their parents. They don't want to give them away. They don't want to take them to the junkyard. They want them on display," Huber said.

But many potential donors first want to know that the items they donate will be displayed by the museum, which had no more room, she said. So the addition was built.

The museum could see an influx

of donations this summer, since it is soliciting World War II paraphernalia during its commemorative veterans celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the war's end. The museum isn't sure how many donations to expect, Huber said.

The museum opened in the early 1970s and gives a history lesson of pioneer settlement in Cassia County, which is the only county in the United States that had five pioneer immigrant trails running through it, according to museum literature. It was considered the crossroads of the pioneers in the late 1800s.

Immigrants traveled between the Snake River Canyon, too deep to cross in many areas, and north of the salt flats in Utah, which provided no vegetation for food.

Judge gives California's Wilson a rest on dispute

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Winning a last-minute judicial reprieve, raspy-voiced Gov. Pete Wilson will not have to show up on a beachfront boardwalk Thursday to defend Proposition 187 under oath before heading to Hollywood to appear on the "Larry King Live" show.

Acting on an emergency brief filed by state lawyers, U.S. District Judge Mariana R. Pflaetzer on Wednesday granted a stay to Wilson and state Attorney General Dan Lungren to allow for a hearing next Wednesday on whether the pair must make themselves available for depositions in legal suits concerning the constitutional-ity of Proposition 187, California's illegal immigration initiative passed by voters last November.

On Tuesday, federal Magistrate Judge Joseph Reichmann had unopposedly granted anti-Proposition 187 attorney Stephen Yagman permission to depose Wilson and Lungren. The controversial attorney in the coastal community of Venice had scheduled appointments for the sessions at his oceanfront office for Thursday and Friday.

State lawyers replied by filing court papers with Pflaetzer, among them a sworn statement by Wilson counsel Daniel M. Kolkey stating that Wilson should be allowed to

save his larynx for "Larry King Live."

In his two-page declaration, Kolkey contended the governor should not be subjected to a deposition as scheduled at noon Thursday because of his 6 p.m. appointment on Cable News Network, where Wilson is to declare his candidacy for president.

"In light of his recent throat surgery, it is important for him to rest his voice to the extent he can before that interview," Kolkey said.

"I spoke with him as recently as today (Tuesday) and his voice remains raspy."

Pflaetzer gave no reason for granting the stay.

Yagman, the anti-187 lawyer, called Wilson's reasoning "an embarrassment."

"He doesn't want to be deposed on state business so he can give an interview on 'Larry King Live'?" It should be embarrassing to all Californians," he said.

Wilson has opposed undergoing a live deposition by lawyers questioning the legality of Proposition 187, which has been barred from implementation by Pflaetzer pending a legal challenge to its constitutionality.

The initiative would bar illegal immigrants from receiving an array of public services in California.

Spokane buses a hit with riders

SPOKANE (AP) — The city's new trolley-like buses have been a big hit, the Spokane Transit Authority says.

Ridership last month on the diesel-powered shuttles, which look like trolley cars, was 80 percent greater than on regular buses operating the same downtown route in May 1994, the agency reported.

The three trolleys have been so popular that they have had trouble meeting demand on their schedules of running every five or 10 minutes. Two regular buses will be added to handle extra traffic.

The trolley buses began running March 17 on the No. 27 route between the downtown core and a free parking lot at the old Spokane Coliseum just north of downtown. STA figures show ridership on the route has increased from 12,412 passengers in May 1994 to 22,384 passengers last month.

"These were worth waiting for," STA Executive Director Alan Schweim said Tuesday.

The trolleys were delivered after 15 months of public debate and unexpected delays. They cost about \$182,000 each, compared with about \$250,000 for standard diesel buses.

Sheriff's Student reports on visit to capital, White House shut off

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

MURPHY (AP) — For a few days last week, the Owyhee County sheriff's office had to do without its cellular telephones.

That's no small matter in a wide-open county of nearly 5 million acres and a population density of 1.1 per square mile in the 1990 census.

"We depend heavily on communications in this department," said Sheriff Tim Nettleton. "It can be a matter of life and death in some instances."

There are some parts of the huge county in the southwestern corner of Idaho that can't be reached by radio but are accessible through cellular telephone. Jump Creek Canyon is one of those areas.

US West Cellular last week disconnected service to the sheriff's five cellular telephones. Through an oversight, the bill wasn't paid. Phone service was cut off Wednesday evening through Friday.

The sheriff found out about it Thursday when he was away from the office and his radio. Twice, a dispatcher tried unsuccessfully to reach him for law enforcement decisions.

A deputy also needed assistance in a burglary, and had to leave the scene to get to a phone. "That's when we found out" the service was cut off, the sheriff said.

"My office has submitted every bill we've received, and the commissioners have authorized payment of these bills," Nettleton said.

Service was quickly restored after the clerk's office made payment.

ing people here."

Hunt was the 1995 valedictorian for Minico High School, a member of the school's concert jazz and pep bands and a star in its production of the musical "Nunsense" this year. Her service activities included Key Club and community service for a church organization. She completed advanced courses in English, economics and government.

Hunt will attend Utah State University and major in music education. She said she hopes to teach instrumental music for a high school or college and give private lessons.

"Work hard," Hunt advised students at home. "If you get an opportunity like this out of it, it's all worth it."

Hunt is accompanied in D.C. by her mother, Joeline, and her chosen "distinguished teacher" Mary Null. Null teaches special courses for gifted and talented students in Minidoka County and will be honored with other teachers at a lunch in D.C. Saturday, Hunt said.

"While Hunt's trip to the nation's capital was earned with the honor, friends and local businesses pitched in to send her mother and teacher along."

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Case No. SP95-30 NICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of ANNIS E. BEVAN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within forty (40) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to G. Richard Bevan, Personal Representative, whose address is c/o William R. Hoffland, PO Box 66, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0066, or filed with this Court.

G. RICHARD BEVAN, c/o William R. Hoffland, PO Box 66, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0066 PUBLISH: June 22, 29 and July 6, 1995.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER PERMIT The following application has been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

MARIO R. &/OR BRENDA K. BLANCO 4417 CLEAR LAKE RD BUHL, ID 83316 477-0834

Source: Unnamed Stream tributary to Mud Creek Diversion Pt. NE1/4SE1/4, S13, T9S, R14E, Twin Falls County, Use: Irrigation (0.04cfs) Date Filed: 6/15/95 In: 0.5 acre within SE1/4SE1/4, S13, T9S, R14E. The permit will be subject to all prior water rights. Any protest must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Southern Region, 2222 Shoshone Street East, Twin Falls, ID 83301 not later than 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. A copy of the protest to the applicant. R. Keith Higginson, Dir.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY The Shoshone District BLM announces the availability of the following decisions and, where appropriate, the Finding of No Significant Impact as required by

the National Environmental Policy Act. Decision on Stock water pipeline located in LIN-COOLN county at T6S, R20E, Section 22, and analyzed in environmental document 10050-EA-95019. For more information contact the Shoshone District at PO Box 2-B, Shoshone, Idaho 83302, or call (208) 688-2206.

PUBLISH: June 22 and 23, 1995.

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE HAGERMAN HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the declarations of candidacy for the office of commissioner of the Hagerman Highway District must be filed with the District Clerk at 930 Main or Box 151 Hagerman, ID 83332 no later than 5:00 P.M. on June 23, 1995.

Such declarations are available at 330 Main Street, Hagerman, Idaho. Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 11th day prior to the election. Election of one (1) commissioner for a four (4) year term will be held on August 1, 1995. C.W. CHOLEWS, Sec.

PUBLISH: June 22, 1995

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on July 11, 1995, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, located at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

STEVE KEIM for CEDAR PARK BUILDERS COMPANY. Requests a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-2 and C-1 to C-1 density for a 40 acre parcel of land located 680 feet north from the centerline of the 2400, 2500, 2600 and 2700 blocks of Addison Avenue East in the City of Twin Falls Area of impact. The proposed use of property is a commercial development.

A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East.

738-2267. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. L. Lamar N. Orton, Community Development Director. PUBLISH: Thursday, June 22, 1995.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Fliler Rural Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 26, 1995, at 8:00 p.m. in the Fliler Fire Station at the corner of Main and Vayma Streets in Fliler, Idaho. At that meeting, the Board will consider for approval a "Memorandum of Agreement" between Ada County and Ada County Emergency Medical Services and the Fliler Rural Fire District. This agreement is for the purpose of us of 19.68 E-350 Ford Ecoline Ambulance, Type III, for \$2,500 for use by the Fliler Quick Response Unit, a part of the Fire Use District. The Ambulance is the property of Ada County and Ada County Emergency Medical Services.

Fliler Rural Fire District FRED D. DECKER President PUBLISH: June 15 and 22, 1995

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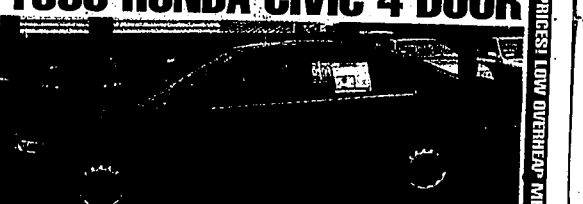
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Outdoors

Hard-luck hunters hate June

As a hunter, June is not one of my favorite months. It means that, once again, it's time to play the game of chance for a controlled hunt permit. It is especially painful for those of us who suffer from "lottery deficiency," sometimes known as bad luck.

Those who study statistics tell me luck is not involved because I have the same odds as any other hunter of drawing on a hunt. Thus, if 1 million drawings were made, my name would be selected as many times as my neighbor. That fact should make the lottery system seem fair and equal.

Hunting
David Hocklander

What the statistics experts fail to mention is that there is little equity to the order in which the winning draws occur. That means that your name will eventually be selected, but that winning controlled hunt permit may not happen until drawing 999,999.

So, if I live long enough, I will salvage as many hunting permits as my neighbor. That isn't much consolation when my neighbor seems to be getting all his draws now while I am running out of years.

I used to take some hope in the belief that if my neighbor drew last year it lowered the odds that he would draw again this year. Once again, statistics proved me wrong.

When my neighbor puts in for the same hunt as I, his odds are equal to mine — even if he has drawn the last 5 years in a row.

Some states use a "points system" which improves your odds each year by drawing a permit until you have a sure thing. Even then it would probably take me the maximum number of years to manage a draw.

Odds can be improved by the hunts one chooses to enter.

Hunts with large numbers of applicants and limited permits generate the worst odds. Hunts with generous permit numbers and fewer applicants produce the best odds. But there is usually a good reason why only a few hunters apply for certain hunts, and that reason is seldom good.

In that end, the discussion always comes back to the topic of luck. Some seem to have luck without trying, while others have less good fortune the harder they try. But sometimes you can change your luck or generate good luck.

Hunters have been known to be very superstitious when it comes to courting good luck. They may mail their controlled hunt applications on a given date each year or fill out the forms with a lucky pen. Others have a favorite mail box they use or they rub the letter on an old hunting hat. Keep experimenting until you find something that works. If nothing else, the quest keeps you from becoming too discouraged.

If you do get lucky and win a draw, don't forget what you did to change your luck. My problem is that I can't remember what I did the last time I drew.

I know some people who have given up on their own luck and pray on the good fortune of others. I'm talking about group hunt permits, which allow someone with little luck to attach themselves to a friend who always seems to land a permit. Of course the danger of this strategy is that the bad luck may overcome the good luck, putting a good friendship in jeopardy.

Another difficulty with the group permit is that these lucky people usually have a waiting list of individuals who want to be part of their group permit. A successful hunter never lacks for friends.

If all fails and next fall finds you again "lottery deficient," it is not the end of the month. Not having that perfect hunt permit may force you to find a new spot in an open hunt, or give you the push to expand your skills with a primitive weapon hunt.

And remember, if you live long enough, you will win that permit, so good health!

David Hocklander is a hunter and schoolteacher who lives in Gooding. He reminds hunters that June 30 is the deadline to apply for controlled hunts.



Starting in 1987, state Fish and Game officials transplanted 106 ruffed grouse like the one above from Eastern Idaho to the South Hills. STU MURRELL/The Times-News

Ruffed grouse flourish in South Hills

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

JEROME — A program to add ruffed grouse to the South Hills has taken off, and officials with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game say it has expanded the hunting menu on the Magic Valley's south side.

A recent "drumming" survey fortified evidence from last fall's game check station reports that the eastern Idaho transplant has established itself in the aspen groves of the South Hills, said wildlife manager for Fish and Game.

"Of interest is that our sage grouse and big game check stations processed more ruffed grouse coming out of the South Hills than stations up north," Kvale said. "Harvest-wise, we definitely are coming up down there."

Kvale and several department reservists canvassed selected spots in the South Hills.

"We found more territorial males than we have in the past and found them more widely distributed than ever before," he said. "They have moved at least 10 miles south of the release sites

now. We couldn't get into some of the country due to snow but we know they have moved as far east as the Rock Creek road."

"And we know that they are even more widely distributed than that because fall harvest has been reported from other areas."

Kvale said the survey was conducted by having people listen for drumming males at intervals along roads and by-ways.

"So we are hitting only a few pockets, really," he said.

"There are a lot of aspen patches down there and we're not covering more than a small percentage."



Craig Kvale, regional wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, releases one of the transplanted grouse in September 1987. STU MURRELL/The Times-News

that ruffed grouse probably will be in northern Nevada soon.

"We've had them fail in Idaho Nevada and I'm sure Nevada had some that didn't take. Some states have never had a successful translocation."

Idaho Fish and Game officials started the translocation of birds in 1987 and maintained it for three years with sporadic trapping success.

The first year was the best, while the second year found the eastern Idaho population down and producing little surplus for the South Hills project. Trapping and

after 106 birds had been moved; most were less than a year old.

Ruffed grouse, which are a little smaller than a hen pheasant, hang out in aspen groves and only eat from pods in the crowns of male trees. Like most game birds, they do most of their foraging in early morning and late evening.

By eating in the crown of the aspen trees, they are very vulnerable to hawks, eagles and falcons.

"Now that the birds are here to stay, Kvale plans to set up permanent listening routes to compile baseline data for year-to-year comparison. Listening will take place in the spring, while the sage grouse and big game check stations will comprise the harvest portion of the annual checks."

No special hunts are planned for ruffed grouse. They will stay lumped in with forest grouse for season length and aggregate daily bag and possession limits.

"We do have some blue grouse in the South Hills, but we are not aware of any spruce grouse down there," Kvale said. "I would suspect that ruffed grouse will become the major producer in the South Hills."

Craters of the Moon lavascape offers shortcut to strange sights

The Associated Press

BOISE — Craters of the Moon National Monument — You'd expect Rod Serling to erect a highway sign on the lonely stretch of Idaho 20 between Carey and Arco.

"It might bear an inscription something like: 'You are entering another world, a world of weird sights and sounds, a world beyond the imagination. You are about to enter the ...'"

Early settlers who rolled across this Idaho lavascape in covered wagons could have bought "The Twilight Zone" theory easily. The pioneers tried to avoid the vast expanse of lava flows, cavellike lava tubes, cinder cones splattered a few thousand years ago out of hot molten lava.

But Congress was so intrigued with the eeriness of the place that it made it a national monument in 1924.

And NASA considered the 83-square-mile area so similar to a lunar landscape that it had astronauts like Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell practice moon walking here.

Today, about 250,000 tourists flock here each year from all over the United States to explore the grotesque configurations of lava and twisted trees that a pioneer minister once described as "fit only for the devil."

There are a variety of ways to explore the area. One trail, the North Crater Trail, takes you off the beaten path around the 6,244-foot tall North Crater and past a variety of spatter cones.

"It's a great trail — the most diverse trail in the monument," says Lee Taylor, park ranger. "It's exciting to hike because you get to see so any different things."

The trail takes you alongside fields of jagged a's (ah-ab) lava that could slit your Nikes to shreds if you wandered out in it and alongside smooth, silky ribbons of pa'hoehoe (pa-hoy-hoy) — fluid lava that folded into roopy pleats as it hardened.

cinder cones in the monument before dropping down through another series of craters ad splatter cones, formed by clots of pasty lava sticking together when they fell.

To the south is a great view of the Great Rift, a series of fissures and cracks in the Earth that runs 40 miles from the Pioneer Mountains toward American Falls.

The trail is 1 1/2 miles one-way, three miles round trip. You can make a loop by returning to your starting point on the paved loop road that runs through the monument.

By all calculations, Craters of the Moon is a young area. Scientists believe its lava flows began to erupt about 15,000 years ago, coming to a end — for the time being, at least — 2,200 years ago.

You might keep an ear to the ground while there.

Geologists with the U.S. Geological Survey believe the area may be due for another round of eruptions because the area historically has erupted about every 2,000 years.

Keep an eye on the ground for wildflowers, too. The monument usually boasts a impressive display of tiny monkeyflowers that splash like lavender paintdrops across the red-brown and black cinder rock.

The monkeyflower and its tenacious comrades, which include scorpionweed, bitterroot, larkspur, hot rock penstemons and syringa — Idaho's state flower, have managed to gain footholds in cracks and crevices of the lava rock bit by bit over hundreds of years.

The flowers begin coming on in early May and can be seen in the area until late August. They usually reach their peak in June.

Success breeds quail for Harrison couple

The Associated Press

HARRISON — If you see a quail near Harrison, it may well be an escapee.

Eight years ago, Scott and Cheryl Walker bought two of the game birds to raise on their property south of Harrison. Since then, they've formed the St. Joe Quail Co., selling quail to hunting preserves, ranchers and dog clubs.

"We expect to raise 25,000 this year," Walker said. "We don't take a vacation very often."

Due to a variety of accidents, however, the Walkers said they inadvertently have seeded the woods and ridges around Harrison with thousands of birds.

"We had a lot of live-and-learn experiences," Walker chuckled.

Inside a plywood building, orange heat lamps hung in the room, thick with the smell of straw. On the floor were 2,500 baby quail, peeping and scurrying into the corners like a herd of winged mice. Walker bent down and scooped up a 2-week-old quail, about the size and weight of a golf ball.

"When you raise 5,000 at once, you don't get attached to them," he said. "Besides, they all look the same."

After six months of eating

"Purina Turkey Starter," the quail will be about, weighing about one pound.

The Fish and Game Department says quail hunting is becoming more popular in Idaho, with the annual kill rising from 39,000 in 1987 to 117,000 in 1993.

The quail population is doing well, thanks largely to mild winters and dry springs, said regional conservation officer Steve Agte.

The Walkers by the baby birds from farms in Pennsylvania and Arkansas. They raise them year-around, trucking the full-grown birds to release sites in Lewiston, Spokane and southern Idaho.

Birds are 54 each, or \$3.50 apiece for 100 or more.

The key to a successful quail farm, however, seems to be making sure the birds don't escape.

The Walkers figure that some 6,000 quail have flapped, scooted and scuttled away from them since they started business.

The first Great Escape occurred two years ago when heavy snow fell on one of the quail pens. The snow weighed down the netting until it broke, giving the birds and escape route.

About 1,500 birds flew the coop. "They just left," Walker said. Please see QUAL/D2

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Briefly

Controlled hunt permits due by June 30

JEROME — Time is running out to apply for Idaho's 1995 controlled hunt permits for elk, deer, antelope and fall black bear.

The deadline to apply is Friday, June 30. Would-be hunters can fill out an application, or call 1-800-TAG-RAW and do the paperwork over the phone. Callers should have a Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express card to pay the application fee.

Operators will field calls from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. On July 29 and 30, operators will take calls until midnight.

Applications by mail, must be postmarked by or before June 30. Applications can be dropped off at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters until 5 p.m. on June 30.

The controlled hunt drawing will be held in late July, and successful applicants will be notified no later than August 10. Curious hunters can call 1-800-CALL-TAG to learn the outcome; there is a 75-cent charge per minute.

The 1-800-CALL-TAG number will go into service at the end of the first week in August and remain in operation 24 hours a day through the end of the month.

State allows disabled to use crossbow

JEROME — Archery hunters who are physically unable to hunt with a standard longbow, recurved bow or compound bow will be allowed to use a crossbow during Idaho's archery-only hunting seasons.

A rule change, adopted by the Idaho Legislature earlier this year, takes effect on July 1. To qualify, hunters must fill out an application for a handicapped person's archery permit (Form No. BA-116A) at any Idaho Department of Fish and Game office. The application must be completed and signed by a doctor.

A handicapped person's archery permit is free and valid for five years.

The new crossbow rule also established draw weights of at least 150 pounds and combined arrow-arrowhead weights of at least 400 grains. Magnification sights and pistol crossbows are illegal for archery hunting.

Ducks Unlimited honors new chapter

TWIN FALLS — Ducks Unlimited will hold a banquet at the Blue Lakes Country Club Saturday night to celebrate the addition of the new Magic Valley Ladies Chapter.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Though ducks will be on everyone's mind, steak or chicken picnic will be on their plates.

Tickets are \$40 apiece, or \$60 per couple; ticket prices include a \$20 membership and a subscription to Ducks Unlimited magazine. A \$100 "best buy" package includes dinner for two, a membership, magazine subscription and \$100 worth of raffle tickets.

Banquet space is limited, so organizers suggest purchasing tickets in advance. Anyone with questions, or those wishing to donate an item for the auction or raffle can call Christina DeBusk at 733-5125.

Flyfishers set to discuss entomology

SHOSHONE — The subtle science of entomology will be featured during Saturday's outing of the Magic Valley Flyfishers.

Club members should meet at the Manhattan Cafe in Shoshone at 7 a.m. Chuck Warren of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will lead an aquatic bug hunt along the Bear Track Williams stretch of the Little Wood River.

After learning how to "match the hatch," club members can put their new-found knowledge to use by fishing the Little Wood or other local waters.

The club's next outing will be a July 14-16 jaunt to Henrys Lake.

Mule Deer Foundation to hold picnic

TWIN FALLS — The local chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation will hold a catered picnic at Rock Creek Park on Saturday.

The picnic will begin at noon. Several door prizes will be given away and there will be a raffle. Tickets are \$7 for singles, \$13 for couples, and \$20 for families.

For more information, or tickets, call Dennis Knapp at 543-8859, or Fred Borges at 543-5973. The Magic Valley Chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation is actively seeking new members.

Compiled from staff reports

Quail

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Then there was the Oct. 12, 1994, incident.

Cheryl Walker was driving a truckload of birds to a southern Idaho customer but fell asleep and crashed the truck into a tree near Harvard. She walked away from the crash, and so did 2,500 birds.

"We released about \$7,000 worth of birds," Scott Walker said. "From what I hear, there was really good hunting down there."

Late that fall, a windstorm knocked a tree down on a pen. Another 2,000 flew outside and disappeared.

"With that loss, it kind of hurt," Walker said.

Occasionally, he sees quail along the back roads near his home. Although it's illegal to trap them, he thinks he knows where they came from.

There have been other problems.

A skunk burrowed into a birdhouse once and ate a bird. That wasn't a big problem.

The big problem came when the rest of the quail in that building walked out the tunnel the skunk left behind.

Since then, the Walkers have taken preventive measures. They lined the birdhouse floors with wire to prevent skunks or weasels from digging in. They've reinforced the walls of the bird buildings.

They've cut down nearby trees. And they're careful to knock loose snow that collects on the mesh over the pens.

"This year's going to be different," Scott Walker vows. "They aren't going to get away anymore."

Conservation officers give out citations

The Times-News

JEROME — Magic Valley Region Conservation Officers issued 25 citations and 17 written warnings for fish and wildlife violations during May. Evidence of four violations was found, but no suspects were identified.

Following are some of the court cases of \$100 or more during the month of May. Many offenses — such as allowing dogs to chase and harass big game, or fishing without a license — are punished with fines of less than \$25.

Robert Baichart of Bellevue, exceeding bag limit on trout, \$191 fine; fishing license revoked for 2 1/2 years.

Robert Baichart of Bellevue, exceeding bag limit on trout, \$191 fine; fishing license revoked for 2 1/2 years, jail for 5 days, probation for two years.

40 hours of community service; chumming, \$42.50 fine; fishing with two poles, \$42.50 fine.

Edgar L. Kerr of Ketchum — exceeding bag limit on trout, \$91 fine, jail for 30 days (suspended), probation for two years, fishing license revoked for one year; chumming, \$42.50 fine; fishing with two poles, \$42.50 fine.

Ron G. Frey of Bellevue, possession of a controlled substance with intent to use, \$100 fine.

People who want to report fish and game violations can call the "Citizens Against Poaching" hotline, 1-800-632-5939. Rewards from \$100 to \$500 may be paid if information results in a citation being issued.

'Swamp Fox' sees role to protect history

TEN THOUSAND ISLANDS, Fla. (AP) — His sunbrowned, thickly veined forearms draped on the boat's steering wheel, Totch Brown squints into the dark herd of clouds stampeding across the Everglades horizon.

"Looks like a north-wester," he mutters, mainly to himself. "We need to get over to the right of it."

Calmly, he guns his 22-foot-long boat's outboard motor and slices through the rising waves. Totch tells a passenger named Deborah to move to the back of the boat. She doesn't, and he cuts the motor.

Totch waits, jaw set. Deborah scrambles to the back. Satisfied, he resumes the race against the storm and its now-lashing rain.

Totch stares into it, while his passengers, pelted by rain and buffeted by swells, silently huddle and cling to each other's yellow rain slickers.

A 15-minute eternity later, the storm is suddenly behind, and the passengers exchange grins and sighs and talk of how scary it had been.

The captain, meanwhile, opens the bottle of the pills that help keep his damaged 75-year-old heart going. He gazes back at the storm clouds in retreat.

"Aw, that was 'nuthin' to me," Totch says softly.

This, after all, is a man who has spent his life in the wilderness of the western Everglades, slipping, boatloads of poached gators past rangers and holds full of marijuana past the Coast Guard. He has survived by shooting and eating the seabirds known as "Chokoloskee Chickens." He has slept under the stars in defiance of the ravenous "swamp angels," the mosquitoes.

Now, the water is calm and blue, the sun warms the soaked boaters, and birds rattle in the dark green mangroves of nearby islands.

"Now I'm going to sing you a song," Totch says — one of his own.

And he does: "The sea cows graze along the river side and the dolphins play. They make me feel just like they're a part of me ..."

I knew right then old Mother Nature had made a place for me to stay. ...

Loren G. "Totch" Brown was born in 1920 on the 150-acre shell island of Chokoloskee, where his grandfathers had settled in the 1880s. Today, Totch and Estelle, for a few years his landlady, wife of 56 years and his "Queen of the Everglades," are among about 200 year-old residents.

Only twice — World War II service for which he earned the Bronze Star at the Battle of the Bulge and for a few months in prison sent for tax evasion in the early 1980s — has Brown lived away from the waters wilderness called Ten Thousand Islands that begins about 80 miles west of Miami.

In the early 1980s, Brown was forced by heat problems and legal problems to slacken his usual pace of hunting, fishing or other, less reputable activity from dawn to dusk — and often dusk to dawn.

"Once I slowed down, I began to notice the Everglades. I was always too busy trying to go out and get it every day, to stop and see the very unusual beauty that we have."

"Our ways were just going to nothing. I started thinking, 'Damn, we're going to lose the history of the most precious place on Earth. My duty is to get this history down.'"

The result has been a book, "Totch: A Life In The Everglades," and a public television documentary, and a second book and documentary are in the works.

Occasionally, Totch also takes small groups — naturalists, journalists, fans of his book — on a personal, six-hour tour of the Ten Thousand Islands.

He docks his boat periodically for closer looks at the mounds of oyster shells on which Calusa Indians made their homes centuries ago; at the beach where vigilantes stopped a desperado;



Totch Brown, looking out a door at the Everglades museum in Chokoloskee, Fla., has left the swamp just twice in his life — to serve in World War II and to go to prison on tax-avoidance charges.

at the key that has hosted a succession of hermits; at the moonshine still he helped his father run while the family lived in a starparker shack during the Depression.

He fondly recalls learning to hunt raccoons at night and ducks and deer by day, to fish for mullet, to pull up stone crabs and to gather clams to make chowder. Sour tamarinds provided snacks and skittering sandcrabs were his toys.

He tends to brush away memories of sleeping with little protection from mosquitoes and storms, of sometimes subsisting on grits or tomato gravy.

"It certainly offered a good, clean, wonderful life to a youngster growing up," he wrote in "A Life in The Everglades." "It's a shame every youngster don't get a chance at a life like that down here."

There have been many outlaws in the land of Ten Thousand Islands. Pirates once based operations here. Then there were hunters of legally protected birds, cigarette and rum runners, moonshiners, gator poachers and pot smugglers. In the early part of this century, bird wardens, sheriff's deputies and federal agents met their deaths here.

Totch's mother watched from a Chokoloskee beach in 1910 as an undetermined number of islanders opened fire on Ed J. Watson, a desperado who settled here after fleeing Oklahoma as a suspect in the slaying of outlaw Belle Starr. His death inspired Peter Matthiessen's 1990 book, "Killing Mr. Watson."

Ask Allison DeFoor II about the western Everglades and he immediately recalls his first visit, while on an undercover investigation.

One night, "an old, grizzled, one-eyed man comes up to me and says: 'They know you're here.'"

No need to elaborate. In an area where it seemed everyone was related and many were involved in illicit activities, "they" meant he was undercover no longer.

DeFoor slept with a revolver tucked under his pillow.

"It was like no man's land," says DeFoor, an attorney and Florida history buff who's been a sheriff, prosecutor and judge. "These were seventh-generation scoundrels."

In the 1980s, more than 100 people, about a tenth of the population, were arrested in sweeps of fishing villages where gold chains and fancy cars had suddenly become commonplace. Ten Thousand Islands, with its maze of coves and channels hidden by mangroves, was a fine place for smuggling marijuana.

"It's a great stretch of coasts for all kinds of things," says DeFoor. "It's mysterious. It's a magical place."

Totch Brown just sort of stands in that long tradition. ...

Totch recalls going to see President Truman's 1947 announcement establishing Everglades National

Park. He set out on a gator hunt. By Totch's own code, he was entitled to go on making a living in his homeland, but he tried to avoid confrontations or openly flouting the law. He'd load his boat with up to 80 gator carcasses — he tells harrowing stories of seeing gators "come alive" after he had shot and boated them — during nocturnal hunts.

When marijuana smuggling came to the region in the 1970s, the question of legality didn't bother Totch as much as his concern about the impact of drugs and about who controlled the trade. But he eventually decided marijuana wasn't so bad, although he never tried it himself.

"Somebody on whiskey is twice as likely to run into you," he reasoned.

He was in need of expensive heart bypass surgery and he often thought bitterly about how the fishing business had declined under federal restrictions. So he was primed when one day in 1978, "my friend tapped me on the back and said I'd get \$15,000 pay for one-hour's work. Who in the hell would ever run that down?"

Soon, Totch was going to Colombia and cutting deals with heavily armed foreign people in a foreign land. He blames his competitiveness more than desire for big money for driving him for four years, until he retired after making a "perfect haul" of a shrimp full of marijuana.

After a lifetime of escaping gators, rangers and Coast Guardsmen in the wild, Totch's luck ran out when two Internal Revenue Service special agents came knocking on the door of his home in 1982 to tell him he was under investigation for tax evasion.

Totch worked out a deal in which he paid a \$1.25 million fine and turned over some \$2 million in property. But he refused to testify against his friends, saying: "Not a tree grows tall enough to hang me from to get me to talk before a grand jury."

He served his time in federal prison at Lexington, Ky., and returned home in 1985.

From time to time these days, he camps out alone on one of the mangrove islands, writing and reflecting about his past and the Everglades' future.

"There used to be millions of little old creatures: turtles, moccasins, every log had something on it. These ponds had ducks by the millions. All of it's going down fast. I can just see it going," he says.

As for himself, "I wouldn't trade the free life I've had out here for anything. If I had to do it all over again, I'd go back down that old mosquito road and do the same things the same way."

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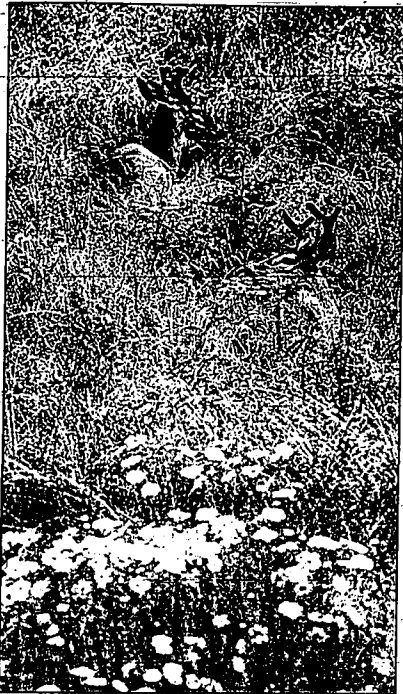
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A pair of young bucks take a stroll among the wildflowers in an exotic Oregon locale — along Highway 30 near Westport. AP photo

Program teaches not to mess with nature

BUTTE FALLS, Ore. (AP) — With a leathery face, an omnipresent smile and soft-spoken demeanor as smooth as his silver mane, Jim Hutchins looks like a contemporary John Muir with a public-radio voice.

He's gliding through the forest near Butte Falls, coaxing a gaggle of third-graders to pick up litter. He tells them to be careful not to trample fir seedlings, and he tells them why they shouldn't hassle spawning chinook salmon in nearby Big Butte Creek.

And next, they'll adopt the aged Butte Falls Cemetery, pledging to keep the plot clean and act as "stewards" not only for their town's past, but its present and future wild life.

"I used to say, you learn these things, you can make a difference in the 21st Century," Hutchins says. "But they're making a difference now."

"If I teach these kids to be good stewards, I feel like I'm accomplishing something," he says. "And if we can get them involved in actual projects like these, where they're also getting something positive done, that's all the better."

This is teaching stewardship and making a difference, "Hutch" style.

The Jacksonville "naturalist," as he calls himself, is the founder and sole teacher of a new pilot-regional program making in-roads in teaching kids to care for the area's wood, streams and the creatures who use them.

The program, called "Rural Outdoor Education for Southwest Oregon," grew out of a volunteer program Hutchins started four years ago in Cave Junction and now has the support and financial backing from several state and federal agencies.

Hutchins, a former dairy salesman and landscaper, travels to schools in Jackson, Josephine and Coos counties teaching stewardship and organizing work projects full-time.

Whether it's building a disabled

access trail through prime upper Rogue River fishing grounds at TouVelle State Park or planting trees in a Medford schoolyard, Hutchins is teaching kids that caring for the environment, and doing something to improve it, is fun and meaningful.

It's hard to tell who's having more fun, the teacher or the students.

"I guess you could say, I'm in my element," Hutchins says. "I'm having the time of my life."

"The real world, for me, is right there with the kids, working the projects and seeing how they can really understand how they can make a difference."

Backers of the program say Hutchins is truly teaching his make-a-difference credo the right way, by example.

"He's deeply committed," says Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor Mike Lunn, a Hutchins supporter. "It's not easy to make a difference so badly and education is a niche he has. We're really lucky to be involved with him."

Hutchins sees such praise as appreciated but not a goal, such as getting kids to help improve salmon runs or save troubled streams.

"It's about getting things done," Hutchins says. "I have kids," says Hutchins, the father of four grown children and a 9-year-old boy. "I believe education is the cornerstone to this community. I can add a little bit by doing this, and I'm thrilled to do it."

It thrilled others like Lunn, who became increasingly impressed by reports of Hutchins' work.

"He was doing things the Forest Service needed to do, and he was doing it as a volunteer," Lunn says. "I think, maybe there's a way I can help Jim expand this."

The Siskiyou Forest started helping Hutchins with expenses out of its volunteer program. Later, the Oregon Department of Fish and



Part of the "Rural Outdoor Education" is a lesson on responsible cooking. Missy Harman of Pendleton, Ore., cooks on a 'hobo stove,' as Shari Johnson (from right), counselor Bekah Burlich and Glnela Thompson wait their turn. AP photo

Wildlife kicked in a pickup truck for travel.

Earlier this year, Hutchins expanded the program to include many schools throughout Jackson County as well as the Coquille area.

The two-pronged program often begins with in-class work, with Hutchins tapping agency specialists

to teach kids about their specialties.

"I don't pretend to be the biologist or the scientist," he says. "My job is to open their minds so they seek to learn more."

"Besides," Hutchins laughs, "from third graders on up, they know when you're B-S'ing them, let me tell you."

Wetter-than-usual weather affects some roads, trails

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TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth National Forest reports that some roads and trails have dried out in the Twin Falls Ranger District, but there is still above-average moisture for this time of year.

Road conditions keep Father and Sons and Bostetter campgrounds at minimum service with no-drinking water available. All Rock Creek Canyon sites are open with water available at Porcupine Springs, Steep Basin, Pettit and Rock Creek Work Center. Pettit has a camp host on site; fees are \$4 per day per camp site.

Maintenance has begun on some trails, and work on Wahlistron Hollow is finished. A loop is open from Wahlistron Hollow to A-H Trail, connecting with Third Fork Trail. Ross Falls Interpretive Trail offers an excellent short hike with wildflowers improving when temperatures moderate.

Current district conditions are available by calling Max Yingsat at (208) 737-3274.

The Fairfield Ranger District has closed Abbot Campground because of flooding. Baumgartner and Pioneer campgrounds do not have drinking water. Heavy rainfall has caused muddy road conditions and high water in streams.

The Custer County Waterways Committee will repaint the parking lanes at the Sandy Beach Boat Ramp and Redfish Lake June 26. All vehicles, boat trailers, etc., should be



due to high water.

Three out of 36 campgrounds may be reserved for individual or family camping through the National Reservation Center. Also, Boulder View, Trap Creek, Sheep Trail, Chameketa and Elk Creek can be reserved for groups. Call 1-800-280-2267 to make a reservation. All other campgrounds are on a first-come, first-served basis. The Wood River Picnic Area, Altrura Outlet Picnic Area A or B and the Redfish North Shore Picnic Area are available for large groups on a day-use basis from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ketchum's hiking trails are clear except for access to Lake Creek Trail, closed due to high water. A sign is posted at the bridge. Baker Creek Road is officially closed.

Boundary, Federal Gulch and Sawmill campgrounds are open without water or services. Recreational vehicle dump sites at North Fork Canyon and the Stanley Ranger Station are open. No fees are required, but donations are requested. Fee pipes are located at each dump station.

In the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Little Boulder Creek and Big Boulder Creek roads (White Cloud peaks) are passable to

the trailheads. The East Fork Salmon River Road is good to Bowery Guard Station; people using this road are reminded to close any gates they go through. Heliroading Road is rough and muddy but can be traveled. North Fork Canyon road is open to the end of the gravel, but the last mile is slushy. Pole Creek Road is snowy and muddy past Twin Creeks Junction, and Fourth of July Creek Road is open to the Champion Creek trailhead.

Mixing conditions change almost daily, but the best information comes from early-season hikers; call 727-5013 to share information. The current snow level is 7,800 to 8,000 feet. Stanley Lake Trail to Bridal Veil Falls is closed. Open trails are Alpine Way and Fishhook Creek Trail No. 101, which has snow just before the Bench Lakes. Farley Lake is frozen, and the trail has mud and snow but can be hiked. Boundary Trail (across from the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery) has been hiked to the ridge, but there is snow at Casino Lakes.

In the White Clouds, Castle Peak is open about a mile. From the Bowery Guard Station, the West Fork of the East Fork Trail is clear for at least a mile, but the river crossing is very high.

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