

Christopher touts good trade ties with Chinese

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States should continue to grant China favorable trade status, and should attend a U.N. women's conference in Beijing this fall, despite China's arrest of American human rights activist Harry Wu, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Sunday.

"We should condemn the detention of Mr. Wu under these circumstances but at the same time I believe that most-favored-nation status is in our interest as well as being in Chinese interest," Christopher said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Congress plans this month to take up the administration's decision to extend provisions giving China the low tariffs enjoyed by most U.S. trading partners, and some lawmakers are demanding that China be denied MFN status until Wu is released.

Wu, an American citizen who was born in China and spent 19 years in Chinese prisons, has been a leader in exposing Chinese prison labor practices. He was arrested upon entering China on June 19.

Christopher, while skirting questions about whether Wu had violated any Chinese laws, stressed that his prompt release "would be very conducive to U.S.-Chinese relations." He said Wu's detention "is

really a thorn in the side of the U.S.-China relationship."

The United States must maintain its ties to China, he said. "It is a very powerful and important country. We want to be engaged with them."

Christopher said the U.N. conference scheduled for Beijing in September takes up very important issues on women, and a U.S. delegation should attend.

"I would try to separate the issues" on the Wu detention and the conference, he said.

Republican leaders, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, have urged President Clinton to cancel U.S. participation in the conference if Wu remains in Chinese custody. Wu's wife, Ching Lee Wu, has also said it would be wrong to send a U.S. delegation, and for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to attend, while her husband is in a Chinese jail.

"I would hope that the Wu episode is behind us well before that," he said. "I think it would be in everybody's interest if it is," Christopher said.

He said no decision had been made on whether Mrs. Clinton would join U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright in leading the U.S. delegation.



Refrigerator trucks line up outside the office of the Cook County Medical Examiner Sunday in Chicago as a hearse pulls into the parking area. Bodies backed up outside the morgue as the heat-related death toll climbed toward 100 after 5 days of record heat.

Punitive damages given in fraction of civil cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Congress heads toward limiting the punitive damages jurors can award, the Justice Department study showed Sunday that punitive awards occur in only a tiny fraction of civil cases and half of them are for less than \$50,000.

In a study of state civil suits in the nation's 75 largest courts, the department's Bureau of Judicial Statistics found that in 1992 there were 762,000 civil suits involving torts, contracts and real property rights. Punitive damages were awarded in only 364 cases, the study found.

Of the 364 cases, a majority of cases, 750,000, never reached a jury. Jurors ruled on only 12,000 cases. In those, the plaintiffs won 6,200 and lost 5,800 times.

Punitive damages are awarded when a defendant is found grossly negligent. Compensatory damages reimburse plaintiffs for their actual losses. Punitive damages comprised only 10 percent of the money awarded to plaintiffs; the remainder were compensatory.

In the 364 cases in which plaintiffs were awarded punitive damages, half the awards were below \$50,000. The average size award was \$735,000,

brought up from the median figure of \$50,000 by a few large awards. More than \$1 million in punitive damages was awarded in 11.6 percent of the 364 cases.

The total in punitive damages for the 364 cases was \$267.8 million.

Republicans in Congress are writing legislation to limit punitive damages in civil lawsuits. The version passed by the Senate deals only with product liability cases, and the House approved a broader bill encompassing all civil suits, including medical malpractice.

President Clinton has said he would veto the broader version and believes the Senate bill **is flawed**. House and Senate negotiators are trying to reconcile the differences between the two bills.

The study found that juries ruled in 360 punitive damage cases during the year. Plaintiffs won 142 of them but were awarded punitive damages in only three, with none of the punitive awards above \$250,000.

In the 403 medical malpractice cases that plaintiffs won, punitive damages were awarded in only 3 cases. In four of these cases, the punitive damages were more than \$250,000 but never more than \$1 million.

Weather toll rises as cool air hatches storms

CHICAGO (AP) — Another 56 deaths were added to the grisly toll five days of 90-plus-degree heat has taken on the people of this city, the Cook County medical examiner said Sunday.

"It's a disaster," medical examiner spokesman Mike Bochner said. "On a normal day we get 17 bodies, but it can go up into the thirties on a very hot day."

The 56 deaths, added to the 65 others logged in Illinois since Wednesday, pushed the national toll from heat and storms over the same period to at least 199, including 11 New Yorkers and an 80-year-old Pennsylvania man who'd been out sealing his tar driveway in a 94-degree heat.

Among Chicago's dead were a 75-year-old woman and her 65-year-old husband, found dead in their 120-degree bedroom Friday with a ceiling fan whirring overhead.

"We wondered why they were in the bedroom and not in the basement where it's cool, but they couldn't walk down there," neighbor Danyel Gooch said.

Elsewhere, lightning struck and killed a newly-married man and his brother in McDonald, Ohio, as they played horseshoes at the wedding reception on Saturday, Police Chief Jim Tyrone said.

Though it hatched storms, the cool air was rushing in. Washington, D.C., warmed to 89, compared to

Heat brings out venom

Knight-Ridder News Service

You're stuck in traffic in your unair-conditioned Ford pickup on the highway. The unforgiving summer sun is beating down, forcing beads of sweat to form above your brow and upper lip.

The air is stale, the humidity suffocating. And there's not a restaurant in sight where you can grab a cold drink and seek solace from the heat.

And then, a red convertible with two young girls rolls by in the opposite direction, distracting the guy behind you, who's rubbernecking. Before you know it, the rubberneck plows into the back of your truck. And it's all downhill from there.

Besides the crumpled pickup, you're hot, sweaty, and irritable — ideal elements for possibly violent reactions.

With the rise in temperatures, police say they see an increase in such crimes as assaults, sexual assaults and domestic violence.

Experts agree there is a correlation between hot weather, flaring tempers and a rise in certain types of crime.

"Heat is an additional stressor," said Danny Baker, associate dean in University of South Carolina's College of Criminal Justice. "It's an additional stresser given the stress load that many people have just out of ordinary living. When you're dealing with other stresses in your life, the heat certainly doesn't serve to smooth things out."

Baker said some people fail to recognize the need to "cool down" and back off of a potentially violent situation.

Capt. Guy Osborne with the Horry County Police Department in South Carolina said not only does heat contribute to a rise in crime, but an increased summer population in tourist spots is a factor as well.

"With the tremendous influx of people, it's going to result in an increase in crimes due to the sheer number of people that are present, especially in an area like Myrtle Beach," the captain said.

In Philadelphia, autopsies performed Sunday revealed that heat contributed to the death of 15 people, said Jeff Moran, a spokesman for the city Health Department. The city's first two heat-related deaths were reported Saturday.

The high in much of Pennsylvania was about 91 degrees, some 10 degrees cooler than the previous day.

In New York City, 11 people died of heat-related causes in the 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. Sunday, said Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner.

Temperatures that hit a grueling 102 degrees Saturday, breaking the old record of 98 set in 1983, and that meant a record 4,607 calls to the Emergency Medical Service, up from the old record of about 4,200, spokesman David Bookstaver said.

In Chicago, Mayor Richard M. Daley urged people to check on their elderly friends and to cool off at such spots as air-conditioned libraries and city beaches. Chicago's latest deaths were announced after 94 autopsies performed on Sunday, Bochner said.

Another 215 bodies sent directly to funeral homes had yet to be examined, Cook County Medical Examiner Edmund Donoghue said.

Most of the heat's Chicago victims were elderly, and scattered power outages caused by heavy demand knocked out fans and air conditioning to compound the problem.

2nd company offers drug test kit for parents

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A \$75 kit introduced Wednesday allows parents to check children for marijuana, cocaine and other drugs by snipping a lock of hair and mailing it away for analysis.

Psychemetrics Corp. will test the hair and report the results within two weeks. It says the test can tell if a person has used the drugs within the past 90 days. It's the second home drug testing kit offered on the market this year.

In March, Barringer Technologies Inc. of New Jersey introduced a \$20 kit containing a moist pad to wipe across clothing, books or furniture to collect drug residue.

Smith jurors can expect hours of psychiatric testimony

UNION, S.C. (AP) — "Something makes people do the things they do, a prospective juror observed, striking to the heart of the matter in Susan Smith's murder trial.

"To understand that something deep in the mind of the 23-year-old defendant that led her to slay her own children, she drowned her sons means jurors can expect hours and hours of psychiatric testimony.

But as defense lawyer David Bruck last week tried to probe jurors' attitudes about the study of the mind, authorities on law and medicine suggested how challenging a defense based on mental state can be.

"I tell my students, you have to be crazy to plead insanity," joked Charles Patrick Ewing, a professor of law and psychology at the State

University of New York at Buffalo.

"The chances of succeeding are slim," he said.

"There's an inherent skepticism on the part of the jury and the public in general for psychological explanations of criminal behavior."

Trial resumes Monday with a hearing on the admissibility of statements Ms. Smith has made and other motions. Opening arguments are set for Tuesday.

With the basic facts of the crime established, the Smith case will "boil down to dueling psychiatrists," said

lawyer Dick Harpootian, a former prosecutor.

In this "why-dunnit," Bruck's job will not be easy.

"He's got to paint a picture of a woman who is literally at bottom ... total depression," he said.

A mental-state case faces other obstacles besides skepticism, including psychiatrists' sometimes obscure, technical language.

In many cases, Harpootian said, "they're about as valuable as somebody reading Tarot cards."

A report by South Carolina's chief forensic psychiatrist, Dr. Donald Morgan, threw Ms. Smith's competency hearing into turmoil.

Morgan found her competent to stand trial. But many saw a contradiction when he added she was so suicidal

she might try to sabotage her defense. Circuit Judge William Howard questioned Ms. Smith and her lawyers before ruling her legally competent.

"I was puzzled by that," said Dr. Paul Appelbaum, president-elect of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, who has followed the Smith case.

Morgan may have helped the defense, he said, "to the extent that his report is interpreted as saying this is a substantially disturbed woman."

Still, he agreed an insanity defense is usually difficult: used in less than 1 percent of felony cases and successful in only about one-fourth of those. A 1994 federal study of 10,000 murders within families found that, when the victim was the killer's child, only 3.9

percent of those charged won an insanity acquittal.

Psychiatrists are clinicians whose aim is care and treatment, while the courts use an adversarial system and aim for justice, noted Dr. Steven Hoge chairman of the Council on Psychiatry and Law of the American Psychiatric Association.

Hoge said a defense psychiatrist can have a humanizing effect even for a defendant whom jurors might first regard with horror.

Morgan's report noted that Ms. Smith was first counseled for "family problems and depression" 10 years ago when she was 13. At 18, during hospitalization for an aspirin overdose, she was diagnosed with "adjustment disorder with depressed mood."

1st-quarter drop in building permits mark slow economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Building permits fell in nearly all of the top 50 housing markets from January through March, demonstrating the extent of the single-family construction slump during the first quarter.

The National Association of Home Builders reported Sunday that the number of permits issued for single-family homes fell from year-earlier levels in all but three major markets — Los Angeles, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Sarasota, Fla.

It attributed the declines to a combination of rising mortgage rates and an economy that began to turn sluggish.

"The drop in permits in the first quarter is consistent with a general slowing of the housing market and the national economy," said Jim Irvine, association president, said a

Portland, Ore., builder.

"While we expect the market to improve somewhat from the first quarter because of falling interest rates, most metropolitan areas will experience a decline in housing activity this year compared to last year."

But despite slower housing markets, Irvine said he does not foresee any dramatic downturns.

The U.S. Commerce Dept. is forecasting 1.02 million single-family housing starts in 1995, down from the estimate of nearly 1.1 million as the year began. Single-family starts totaled nearly 1.20 million in 1994.

Permits fell from an annual rate of 1.42 million in December to 1.24 million in March, lowest since 1.17 million in July 1993, but since have begun to turn up. They totaled nearly 1.25 million at annual rate in May.

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Dr. Robert J. Oppenheimer, shown here in 1958, led the team that developed the world's first atomic test explosion, which was conducted in super secrecy in Alamogordo, N.M. on July 16, 1945.

50 years later

The world is prepared to ban tests — or is it?

The Associated Press

Weeks before they light the fuse in the far Pacific, the French have set off an explosion of global protest with their plan to resume nuclear weapons testing.

But the nuclear future may depend less on what happens on a Polynesian island in September than on the outcome of a secretive meeting last week at a California resort, where leading physicists gathered to try to help a wavering U.S. government take a stand on a global test ban.

These latest developments — a decision in France, indecision in America — have suddenly cast a shadow of doubt over international negotiations to conclude a comprehensive test ban treaty by late 1996.

The Polish chairman of those talks in Geneva sounds worried.

"It's possible," Ludwik Dembinski said of reaching the goal. "But it will be very difficult."

Fifty years after the first atomic test explosion in New Mexico, on July 16, 1945, the nuclear powers have committed themselves to a 1996 target for banning the tests that over the years helped them build ever more compact, durable and finely tuned weapons.

But after 2,000-plus explosions in the Nevada desert, the central Asian steppes and the Pacific, some want the treaty to allow still more such "activities" — tests by another name.

Four declared nuclear powers — the United States, Russia, Britain and France — have observed a test moratorium since 1992. Last month, however, the French announced they would stage eight underground tests at their Mururoa atoll site between September and next May.

Condemnation came quickly. Japan, New Zealand and other Pacific governments protested bitterly. Firebombers destroyed a French consulate in Australia. Seaborne Greenpeace activists tried to invade Mururoa.

The French say they need the tests to check the safety and reliability of their arsenal and to collect data, before a test ban, for later weapons work via computer simulation. But arms control advocates say Paris mostly wants to use the tests to complete the design of a new warhead.

The U.S. government reaffirmed its adherence to the moratorium. But as attention focused on France,

things were happening in Washington, too.

The United States had been expected to favor a test ban loophole to allow elementary weapons work via miniature nuclear blasts underground, with explosive yields equivalent to no more than four pounds of TNT. In late June, however, it emerged that the Pentagon was seeking a much higher "threshold" — reportedly 500 tons, equivalent to the power of 300 Oklahoma City bombs.

In meetings last week, Clinton administration officials were trying to settle the U.S. policy dispute. None spoke publicly about the pending decision, but the heat clearly was on.

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"There's a lot of pressure within the administration to go to a high threshold of several hundred tons," said one informed official.

The heat was felt all the way to Geneva.

"Several hundred tons, in my personal view, is certainly not acceptable," Dembinski said in a telephone interview.

India's delegate to the 38-nation talks was more direct in rejecting the idea of any tests at all.

A test ban treaty should mean "complete cessation of nuclear tests by all states in all environments and for all time," Satish Chandra, speaking for the Third World bloc, declared at one Geneva session.

India is key: If it refuses to sign a treaty, its "undeclared" nuclear arms program would remain beyond international controls.

The Clinton administration, split between the military and other U.S. agencies favoring a near-zero threshold, turned for help to the "Jasons," a select group of independent scientists on call to advise the government.

This panel of "wise men," first organized in 1958, is named after an inventive hero of Greek myth.

A knowledgeable source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a half-dozen Jasons — nuclear physicists — met in La Jolla, Calif., last week with government specialists to review the threshold question.

Their discussions ranged across an at a critical point in its life cycle.

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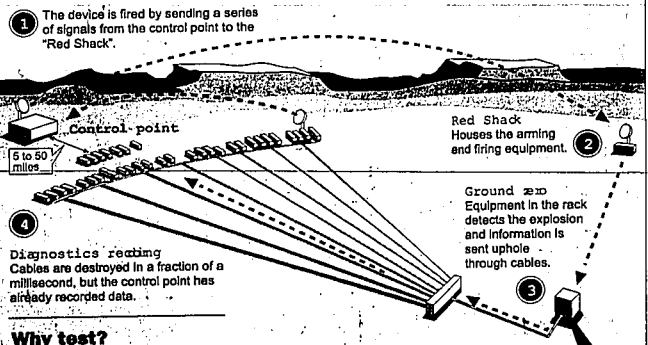
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This photo, made by a U.S. Army automatic newsreel camera, shows the test explosion of the first atomic bomb at Alamogordo. Fifty years later, the world's nuclear powers have committed themselves to a comprehensive ban on tests.

Testing a nuclear bomb

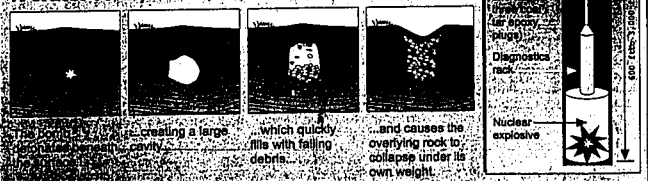
Since the first test of a nuclear weapon on July 16, 1945, at White Sands, N.M., the U.S. has conducted more than 800 nuclear tests. A typical test site:



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- To confirm that limited accidental ignition will not cause a full nuclear explosion.
- To test how well military equipment survives nuclear attack.
- To check that the bomb works after stress of missile flight.
- To collect data for computer simulated explosions.
- To confirm that engineering defects spotted by inspection have been fixed.

A crater forms



Source: Nuclear Weapons Database

AP/Wide World

New drug to be offered to those in late stages of AIDS

WASHINGTON — An experimental AIDS drug will become available soon to a limited number of people in the late stages of the disease under a program announced over the weekend by the manufacturer.

Merck & Co. said it would make the drug indinavir sulfate available free by lottery to about 1,400 people in the United States. Indinavir sulfate, also known by the brand name Crivarin, is one of a promising new class of drugs designed to attack the AIDS virus

at a critical point in its life cycle. Merck, of Whitehouse Station, N.J., becomes the second big drug company in recent weeks to announce an expanded access program for this group of drugs, known as the protease inhibitors. Hoffman-La Roche Inc., of Nutley, N.J., announced a similar program June 21 for its drug, known as saquinavir or Invirase.

Although the drugs are still experimental, demand outstrips supply. The companies are awaiting the results of clinical trials and have not

gone into full production. In the meantime, tens of thousands of sick people with few other options would like to take the drugs. For instance, Roche has only 2,280 slots available in its "compassionate use" program but has already received more than 10,000 calls. The company says that number could double before registration closes this week.

The companies say the drugs are exceedingly difficult to make, and they will not be able to meet the demand until they have built bigger factories.



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Downtown Spokane revival invites Expo '74 comparison

SPOKANE (AP) — The spirit that brought this city the 1974 World's Fair has come back to life 21 years later, though this time it's tempered with plenty of public skepticism.

The new urban-renewal campaign is being fueled by some of the same issues that set the stage for Expo '74. Civic leaders overcame early resistance by arguing that the fair would wake up a sleepy city with a stagnating downtown where a blight of old railroad yards obscured beautiful Spokane Falls.

Expo drew 5 million visitors during its six-month run. The rail yards became the fair site, now downtown's Riverfront Park, and the retail core emerged strongly.

"When is enough enough?" Eugster said. "How much more of an injection of public capital do we need to get private developers to invest in their properties themselves? The dolc has come to an end."

Among the recent downtown improvements are a new public library and major renovations to the train station, post office and a department-store building, formerly Frederick & improvements.

"We probably right now are spending as much in actual terms of dollars as we did in Expo... I think what it means for the community is virtually on the same level of importance."

— Mayor Jack Geraghty

Nelson's, that now houses new shops and the headquarters of Sterling Savings Association.

Diesel-powered Spokane Transit Authority buses outfitted to look like old-fashioned trolleys began shuttling passengers between downtown and the north bank of the Spokane River this spring.

On the other side of the river, a public-private project last year transformed a three-block section of Wall Street into a pedestrian-friendly, brick-paved mall lined with cafes and shops.

The City Council last month approved a new downtown taxing district, made up of business and property owners, to pay for street and sidewalk improvements as well as marketing and additional security.

One downtown improvement plan has been put on hold by the state Supreme Court, which ruled that the "tax increment" financing method money from public schools. The ruling came on a lawsuit filed by area property owner and former City Council member Margaret Leonard.

The city had wanted to sell bonds to finance the upgrading of a seven-square-block area on the east side of downtown, rather than assessing area property owners for the projected \$850,000 cost of a promenade with walkways and landscaping. The plan called for the bonds to be repaid over 10 years with increased property-tax revenue expected as a result of the

Assault suspect gets dock permit

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A man accused of shooting at a neighbor over beach property on Hayfield Lake has gotten a permit to build a boat dock on that property.

Brad St. John, 38, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault earlier this month after residents of the Gem Shores neighborhood accused him of shooting at one of them and threatening another couple with a long stick.

St. John said he was only shooting at a tree for target practice.

Some neighbors have opposed St. John's application to build a dock on his beach. He has since objected to their use of his property.

The previous owners decided an easement to the entire neighborhood for access to the lake.

But the easement will not prevent St. John from building a boat dock, according to the Department of Lands.

Rain delays mammoth, bison archaeology dig at Tolo Lake

GRANGEVILLE (AP) — Rainy weather has stalled efforts to resume work at Tolo Lake, where the remains of six ancient mammoths and two bison were discovered last year.

Archaeologists and paleontologists from Idaho State and the University of Idaho hope to move into the area for more work next week. And they're like to find some signs of humans, too.

Last year, the Fish and Game Department drained the lake to improve fish habitat. Instead, the low water levels showed prehistoric mammoth remains.

"A little work was done last year before everything was covered up. Idaho State and Idaho donated \$25,000 each toward the project and the Idaho County Historical Society put up another \$3,000.

Robert Yohe of the Idaho State Historical Society, who is heading the Tolo Lake project, said evidence of human involvement at the site would elevate the find to a world class excavation, and possibly generate additional funding.

"It would certainly excite me to find clear evidence of human involvement if we found artifacts directly associated with the bones and evidence of butchering," Yohe said.

ISU paleontologists hoped to start work last week but it was too wet.

"The problem is that with the rain it's too sloppy to work in and we're hoping if the weather improves to get people geared up to start working next week," Yohe said.

ISU teams plan to start building screens and doing other preliminary work. University of Idaho team headed by archaeology professor

Lee Sappington will move in later. The first effort will be to remove the two skeletons spotted last year. They have been designated Mammoth I and Mammoth 2.

"A lot will depend on time and what else we run into," Yohe said.

Sappington plans to bring about 10 archaeology summer students to work on the university's part of the project. "I'm more interested in finding artifacts," he said. "I really do think there should be some sort of artifacts out there. There were five archaeological sites recorded there in the '70s."

Once the bones are removed, they will be taken to the ISU paleontology lab at Pocatello for cataloging, study and eventual display near the state. Yohe said it might be a one-year project, with just the removal of the two skeletons.

Caldwell sister's persistence pays off

CALDWELL (AP) — It took a few months to separate Dorothy Rose's 13 children, spreading them out to adoptive parents and relatives throughout the West.

"I look 38 years to bring them back together."

On Saturday the bulk of the siblings were reunited for the first time with two of their previously unknown brothers, discovered only two weeks ago.

"It's a lifetime dream," said Judy Patton, who tracked down her siblings during the past eight years. "Now they're all here."

Patton, who grew up in Caldwell, always knew she had been adopted. She also knew she had one brother and one sister.

But it was not until eight years

ago that she found out the real truth. "My (adoptive) mother called me at work and asked if I wanted to know about my family," Patton said.

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— Judy Patton, on a reunion with her 12 siblings

and had children with each husband. The brothers and sisters had been given to relatives and adopted out in Boise.

Patton found brother Harry Jones in Idaho Falls; Larry Bolton in Boise; and Starlene Bolton in Portland. Four of the children died. One lives in Utah. The oldest, 55-year-old Charles Jones, lives in Kansas.

But she was unable to track down three of the siblings until two weeks ago. She found Dick Drussel living in Montana, Orville Drussel in Bellevue, and Allen Hull in Pocatello.

Even though many of the siblings have different fathers, they see the resemblance in each other from their mother.

Board mulls paroling man who killed baby

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The ex-wife of a man who killed their baby has asked the Utah Board of Pardons to keep him in prison until he admits more than the fatal blow.

Rene Meeks told the board Friday that Robert Brock Morgan's actions haunt her every day. Aslter Brooke Morgan, now 39 months-old when she died on Sept. 10, 1990, would now be 5.

Morgan has admitted that he punched his daughter in the abdomen before she died. But he continued Friday to deny hurting her before, and instead claimed that other injuries were caused when he accidentally dropped her two weeks earlier.

The autopsy report on the North Ogden infant showed she had suffered facial bruising; a fractured skull and five broken ribs previously. She died of internal bleeding; her liver had been severed nearly in two.

At Morgan's parole hearing Friday, Utah Board of Pardons member Pete Haun pressed his fingers on a copy of the autopsy report and demanded the truth.

"You can't live a deceitful existence," Haun said. "I lost my temper once. I hit her." Morgan confessed.

State blames US West for overpass delay

BOISE (AP) — The single largest state transportation contract in Idaho history will cost up to \$1.4 million more and take up to four months longer than expected.

Idaho Transportation Department officials blame US West for problems at Boise's Cole-Overland interchange. They say the telecommunications company ran 111 days behind schedule last August when it was supposed to reroute its cables along Cole Road, north of the interchange.

The delay triggered a domino effect, threatening to throw the project more than a year off schedule.

To catch up, the state has accelerated work this year, but it will cost \$1.4 million above the \$28.3 million already committed.

Transportation wants US West to pick up the extra cost. Department spokesman Jeff Stratton said an internal review concluded the department did not bear much of the responsibility for the problem.

"US West is looking into the claim, said public relations manager Clint Berry.

The company faced a complex task in re-routing cables, manholes and conduits without disrupting service to 3,500 nearby customers, he said.

"We cannot take businesses like that out of service if they're in the business of using their telecommunication service to transmit data," Berry said.

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debt retirement for the city. The city had sought a \$3.6 million grant.

The project also would expand the mall's parking garage from 750 to 1,310 spaces. Parking fees for the expanded facility have not been set, but officials say it likely won't be free. The city will use revenue bonds to buy and expand the garage, a \$14 million undertaking, with the bonds being repaid with parking receipts over 25 years.

The garage is now the property of the mall's owners, Citizens Realty Co. and Lincoln Investment Co., affiliates of the Cowles Publishing Co. that publishes The Spokesman-Review newspaper.

The scope of the downtown revitalization projects rivals that of Expo '74, said Mayor Jack Geraghty, a strong supporter. Building and running the fair cost \$78.4 million in 1974 dollars.

"I think what it means for the community is virtually on the same level of importance."

The mayor contends the improvements are necessary to offset the loss in recent years of three major downtown retailers — The Greenleaf, Frederick & Nelson and J.C. Penney — and draw more visitors to the area.

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Clinton made correct call in recognizing Vietnam

President Clinton surrounded himself with veterans, Republicans and Democrats who had spent part of their youth in the deadly fields and forests of Vietnam. He evoked the words of Abraham Lincoln: "This moment offers us the opportunity to bind up our own wounds." The president made certain he had political cover.

The care in staging was understandable. Bill Clinton ran no small risk in extending full diplomatic relations to Vietnam. It has been 20 years since that grim day when the American ambassador, the Stars and Stripes clutched under his arm, fled the rooftop of the Embassy in Saigon in a helicopter. The image is vivid in the nation's collective memory. The emotions that flowed from an unpopular and failed mission are still raw.

Clinton himself chose sides in the late 1960s. He evaded the draft, as did many of his contemporaries. So, his decision to establish normal relations with a once bitter adversary was sure to stir the other side. And it did. Sellout, they cried.

Sen. Bob Dole, the leading contender for the Republican presidential nomination, argued that it was "a strategic, diplomatic and moral mistake to grant Vietnam the stamp of approval from the U.S. government." Stamp of approval? Hardly. Dole himself championed administrations that exchanged ambassadors with brutal regimes in the Soviet Union and China.

If presidential politics explains the Dole view, it did not drive other critics. Many believe Vietnam has not been forthcoming in providing information about American servicemen missing in action from the war. In truth, Vietnam has been increasingly

cooperative. The MIA issue deserves some perspective. The American missing in action from the Korean War totals 8,170. From World War II, the number is almost 79,000. According to the Pentagon, 2,002 U.S. servicemen remain missing in Southeast Asia. Of those, just 55 are known to have been seen alive in captivity at some time. As painful as the past has been, all told, 58,000 Americans died in Vietnam, it is also true that much has changed over two decades.

Vietnam has begun a transformation. Market principles increasingly drive its economy. As a society, it has become more open. In a competitive, global marketplace, American companies have pushed to gain fair access to Vietnam and its 73 million people. The country is rich in oil. Estimates are it will spend \$7 billion over the next seven years on roads, ports and communications.

Beyond commerce, the move to extend full diplomatic relations makes sense. President Clinton put it eloquently: "I strongly believe that engaging the Vietnamese on the broad front of economic reform and the broad front of democratic reform will help to honor the sacrifice of those who fought for freedom's sake in Vietnam."

The president is at his best when he purposefully seeks common ground. That is what he has done in reaching out to Vietnam. If the Republicans and Democrats who stood with him at the White House this week provided political cover, they also joined his call for Americans to bind their wounds and look to the rich possibilities ahead.

—Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal

Sounding off at base closure panel accomplishes nothing

President Clinton's outburst against the military base closing commission was unfair and unreasonable. The president's denunciations look very much like an attempt to evade responsibility for the consequences of the push toward a balanced budget — which, in principle, Mr. Clinton himself supports. Having vehemently denounced the commission's recommendations in the morning, in the afternoon he accepted them — reluctantly, according to his spokesman — and sent them off to Congress.

The thrust of Mr. Clinton's objections seems to be that the commission, and its predecessors, are picking unduly on California. In the previous three rounds of base closings, he declared, California suffered slightly more than half of all the job losses nationwide, and now in this fourth round nearly-half of the jobs will come once again from California. But the present system of independent commissions is the best mechanism anyone has been able to devise to insulate this difficult process from political pressures. Perhaps one reason for the impact on California now is that the state's electoral importance previously protected a number of marginal installations.

Mr. Clinton furiously charged that the commission paid little attention to economic considerations — i.e., jobs.

That's unlikely. His chairman, Alan J. Dixon, was a Democratic senator from Illinois for two terms. He's still remembered for the vehement and emotional campaign he waged (unsuccessfully) in 1989 to keep the Chamute Air Force Base open when it was listed by an earlier commission.

Over the past couple of weeks Mr. Clinton has been engaged in a highly publicized effort to ensure that many of the jobs at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento will be privatized. That is rather disingenuous. If the privatization is real, it will merely perpetuate the expensive overcapacity that the base closing is supposed to reduce. If the private-sector jobs rapidly fade away after another election or two, the people who held them will rightly consider the whole effort a sham.

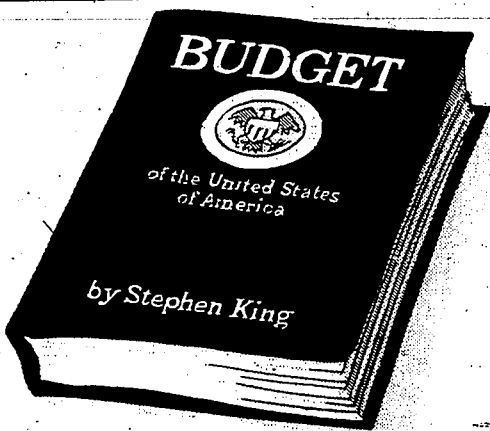
Closing military bases is a terrible responsibility, with a heavy impact on the lives of valued civil servants, other workers and the communities in which they live. People in elected office have reason to try to avoid it. That's why these commissions are used. But that's also why it's wrong for elected officials, and above all the president, to pillory a commission for doing in good faith an unpleasant task that the president and Congress have delegated to it.

—The Washington Post

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Human, fiscal costs of welfare skyrocket



Joan Beck

Welfare has an appalling price tag — reason enough for Congress to be debating its future in the next few weeks. It also has a haunting human face — reason enough to make cutbacks dauntingly difficult.

The numbers alone are staggering. The nation has spent \$5.4 trillion on welfare since 1965.

Welfare costs the nation almost as much as all levels of government spend on elementary, high school and college education. The welfare bill is expected to reach \$551.7 billion by 2000.

What we have gotten for the money is essentially what we have paid for: an enormous increase in single-parent families, children born out of wedlock, generations of women locked into poverty, public housing ghettos, unemployable people, apathy and a spectrum of social problems.

Of course there are some successes. Countless people have used welfare as it was intended — as a safety net, as a hand up instead of a handout, as a bridge over the trouble of a divorce, a desertion, a lost job, a dysfunctional childhood, illness, devastating bad luck.

But welfare has also paid for — and therefore "enabled," in current psychological terms — a growing amount of social and family dysfunction. The government has become, in a sense, the co-dependent of America's most dependent people.

How to motivate the changes in behavior that would help reduce material poverty without doing real harm to dependent indi-

viduals is what Congress must decide in coming weeks. The problems involved in any proposals are enormous.

To help reduce the government's dependency on welfare, reform can do the most good if it concentrates on the problems that put them on the dole in the first place. In particular, that means reducing the number of parents who have babies out of wedlock, especially if they cannot support them.

Plans that require jobs and job training are usually more costly than basic welfare — at least for a few years.

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To help reduce the government's dependency on its current welfare programs as a solution to poverty and recipients' dependency on handouts, the Heritage Foundation proposes a 12-step program.

Its recommendations call for capping welfare spending to force federal and state agencies to find ways to reduce welfare rolls. No more federal money would be used for cash payments to unmarried teen-age mothers but block grants to the states could be used for other

er ways to help young, single mothers.

Mothers would no longer receive an increase in AFDC payments or food stamps if they have more children (a policy already in effect in New Jersey). Mothers would be required to identify the father of their offspring to get AFDC benefits; fathers would be required to pay child support or perform community service work. Tax and welfare penalties for marriage to a working man would be reduced.

Whenever appropriate, welfare would be converted into a loan instead of an entitlement with repayment expected, in hopes of reducing welfare dependency particularly as a result of divorce. And cuts in current welfare programs would be made to shift money to incentives that encourage constructive behavior, such as the earned income tax credit.

No one knows whether this or any other package of spending cuts and incentive proposals would work. Congress will probably lack the determination to do more than tinker around the edges of welfare for fear of doing harm to real people with human faces and stories to tell the media.

But welfare as we know it costs far too much, hurts too many people it tries to help, demeans its beneficiaries and has too many unintended adverse side effects. Congress must find a better way.

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Vietnam move sells us down the Mekong

Sam Johnson

Tuesday, President Clinton normalized relations with Vietnam, granting it full economic and political ties to the United States. His move is disappointing and somewhat surprising, as it comes relatively quickly after his 1992 campaign promise that he would not normalize relations until a full accounting of U.S. POWs and MIAs had taken place.

Clinton made a promise to the families of the missing servicemen that this country would not normalize relations with any nation suspected of withholding information on the POW-MIA issue. He assured them that he would follow the "road map" of requirements that his predecessor, George Bush, had laid out. In return for lifting the trade embargo, this original road map stipulated, all POW or MIA cases would have to be resolved before diplomatic recognition could be extended. Fifty-five unresolved cases remain.

The White House ceremony Tuesday may have satisfied certain segments of our society that want access to a potentially growing Third World market. But for friends and family members of our lost servicemen, the decision was a slap in the face carried out by an administration whose foreign policy acumen leaves a lot to be desired.

Having spent nearly seven years in Vietnam as a POW I have more than a passing interest in our relations with this country. I understand the importance of exposing the closed, somewhat infantile markets of Vietnam to our free market system. American businesses, not having had the same access to Vietnam as most of our G-7 counterparts, are warranted in their desire to reach Vietnam's consumer and labor markets. However, before we can begin helping our former enemy reform its economy,

we must finally resolve the issue that has unnecessarily plagued our nation for too long.

It is time for this war to come to an end. But it is not the United States that is totally responsible for closing the book. I am fully prepared to support normal relations with Vietnam if it simply would turn over its POW records — which it admits to having — and allow us to investigate without restriction. Vietnam has refused.

So why say the Vietnamese will be more generous with documents and artifacts once relations are normalized. Why would they be? We already have given away the store; there no longer is any incentive to cooperate. They could destroy their records knowing they no longer have to bribe us. Vietnamese have normalized; our leverage was eliminated with the stroke of a pen.

In fact, the Vietnamese have increased their leverage for every concession they may want in the future. By merely offering bits of information on how to bribe us, they will be able to extract whatever they want from the United States.

The popular justification for normalization of relations is that the Vietnamese have cooperated completely in giving the United States information concerning our servicemen. In reality, the Vietnamese have been less than forthcoming.

Just last month, members of the Pentagon's Defense POW-MIA Office testified that the Vietnamese continue to hold

back information and bodily remains as well as essential documents and records that the Pentagon feels are necessary to settling outstanding cases.

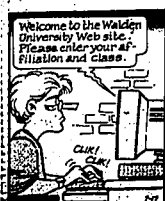
It is important to look at quality, not quantity, when assessing Vietnamese cooperation. Between 1992 and 1994, Hanoi gave us over 21,000 documents and artifacts. Only 1 percent pertained to the POW-MIA issue. Our government has received animal bones that were supposed to be human remains. We have been led to alleged crash sites that proved to be carefully recreated for a U.S. visit. This does not illustrate cooperation on the part of the Vietnamese. It illustrates the manipulative government I came to know during my POW years.

This mistrust is what nullifies the other justification for normalization: Vietnam will assist us in dealing with China. Look at recent history when we tried to position Iran as a buffer to Iran, and things backedfire. If we want to deal with China we need to be straightforward. But this would require a consistent, well-thought-out foreign policy, which has never been this administration's hallmark.

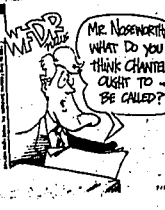
I know from my experience not to count on the Vietnamese. But at the very least we should be able to count on our president. Unfortunately, instead of conveying the message that America will stand strong on principle and support those who served this country, Clinton has sold the memory of those brave soldiers down the Mekong River.

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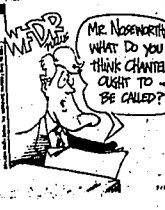
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Leader who returned temple to Jews commits suicide

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Mordchai Gur, the military commander who returned the last remnant of the ancient Jewish Temple to Jewish control after 2,000 years, killed himself with a gunshot to the neck Sunday.

He was 65 and had been suffering from cancer.

Thousands attended his funeral near Tel Aviv Sunday evening.

Gur, deputy defense minister at the time of his death, personified the mystique of Israel's paratroopers, for years considered the backbone of its military.

He was best known for the words, "The Temple Mount is in our hands" — uttered after his paratroop unit captured Jerusalem's Old City in the 1967 Mideast War and with it the Western Wall, the only surviving remnant of the holiest site which was destroyed by Romans in 70 A.D.

But as armed forces chief of staff ten years later, he was criticized for suggesting Anwar Sadat's historic visit might be a cover for an Egyptian military attack.

When he retired from the army, he ranked major by announcing his desire to become prime minister.

Gur never attained the top job but commanded respect from politicians of both the right and the left. In recent years, the man everyone knew as "Mota" became increasingly emaciated and withdrawn as he lost his battle with cancer.

Although he never spoke in public about his illness, doctors said Sunday that Gur had a cancerous growth between his lungs that spread to his bones.

He was found by his son Rami in the garden of his Tel Aviv home, pistol and suicide note by his side, police said. Gur wrote that he could no longer bear the pain caused by his illness and did not wish to burden his family, radio reports said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who fought side-by-side with Gur in the 1948 war of independence, eulogized him as a fearless fighter who also "knew that there is a time for war and a time for peace."

"He was a special man, sensitive yet strong, a soldier and civilian, a lover of books and writing, and above all a friend," Rabin said.

Born in Jerusalem in 1930, Gur joined the Jewish Haganah militia in pre-state Palestine. As a paratrooper in the 1950s, he participated in cross-border reprisal raids to calm the fears over a possible withdrawal from lands captured in the 1967 war, including the West Bank and Golan Heights.

As military chief from 1974-1978, he oversaw the daring raid on a hijacked airliner in Entebbe, Uganda, in 1976 and the 1978 invasion of south Lebanon aimed at driving out PLO guerrillas.

In 1981, Gur became a Knesset member for the Labor Party. He served as health minister from 1984-86 and minister without portfolio from 1988-1990.

In recent years, Gur mainly served as Rabin's liaison with Israeli hardliners, meeting frequently with Jewish settlers to calm their fears over a possible withdrawal from lands captured in the 1967 war, including the West Bank and Golan Heights.

Serbs press on; UN watches powerless

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — As the world dithered Sunday over how to protect U.N. "safe areas" in Bosnia, a relentless Serb artillery and tank assault pushed the isolated Muslim enclave of Zepa close to collapse.

Aid agencies, struggling to cope with a mass of human misery after the fall of the government-held pocket of Srebrenica, prepared for the possibility of thousands more refugees.

"The Serbs have the capability to overrun Zepa," said U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivankov. Serb forces, backed by tanks and mortar and artillery positions, were just one mile from the town.

Government forces tried desperately to be in back the assault. "Furious attacks on Zepa are continuing," said Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic. "Major battles are ongoing."

The Bosnian government, furious at international inaction, called on U.N. commanders repeatedly stalling requests for NATO airstrikes from Ukrainian peacekeepers in Zepa. NATO jets buzzed Zepa on Sunday afternoon, but the U.N. officials said they did not request airstrikes.

Similar requests from Dutch peacekeepers in Srebrenica were ignored last week until Tuesday, when sniper strikes on Serb tanks failed to stop the capture of the "safe area" hours later.

U.N. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, have said commanders promised the Serbs in early July that there would be no more airstrikes. The promise reportedly came a day before the Serbs released the last of more than 370 peacekeepers held as human shields by the rebels in retaliation for NATO airstrikes in late May.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, gloating over the United Nations' reluctance to use force, noted that his forces intend to conquer all the land between Sarajevo and Zepa.

"The Muslim enclaves are not viable and must disappear, or we will do it by force," Karadzic said in an interview with the Spanish newspaper El Pais.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees was stockpiling supplies in central Bosnian towns in preparation for an influx of refugees from Zepa, said spokesman Fernando del Mundo.

Once they seize Zepa — which seems only a matter of time — the Serbs are expected to turn the full force of their guns on Gorazde, the other U.N. "safe area" in eastern Bosnia.

Gorazde, with 60,000 inhabitants and 300 mostly British peacekeepers, is better defended than Zepa, which has a population estimated between 10,000 and 16,000.

After Serb forces overran Srebrenica last week, troops took away men and boys and expelled more than 17,000 terrified women, children and elderly people into government-held land. International human rights and aid officials say an estimated 15,000 people may be missing.



Released Dutch-UN peacekeepers play the board game 'Risk' Sunday at Belgrade airport as they wait to be transported by a special UN flight to UN headquarters in Zagreb.

Sudanese diplomats beaten in separate attacks in Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — In simultaneous attacks across Cairo on Sunday, gangs of men in street clothes attacked three Sudanese diplomats as they left their homes, beating them with clubs and kicking them.

The attacks by groups of up to 15 men followed a similar assault a day earlier on Egyptian diplomats in Sudan, and Sudanese officials in Cairo accused Egyptian security forces of seeking revenge.

"They pulled me on the ground and they beat me," said a bloodied Behir Mohammed el-Hassan, the embassy's second-ranking official. "I think they are security. ... I think they are Egyptian."

Sudan's ambassador, Ahmed el-Tayeb el-Kordofani, warned that the attacks could bring a retribution against Egyptian diplomats.

"We will be forced to deal with the situation on the basis of reciprocity," said el-Kordofani, who was not attacked. He said Egyptian agents had been tailing Sudanese diplomats since July 4.

A spokesman for the Egyptian government said the assailants were civilians, but refused to identify them. Police said only that the attacks were under investigation and that they might offer extra security to the diplomats.

Relations between Egypt and Sudan, which have been rocky since a 1989 coup brought an Islamic fundamentalist regime to power in Sudan, have worsened dramatically since Mubarak accused Sudanese leaders of plotting to

have him assassinated June 26.

El-Hassan said police standing near the attacks Sunday did not intervene. The diplomats' cars were also vandalized in the assaults, which occurred at the same time in neighborhoods across Cairo.

All three diplomats were taken to el-Salaam Hospital. Abdel-Azim el-Amin, a first secretary, received stitches for a head wound, and also was beaten on his shoulder and legs, the ambassador said. Khaled Ali, an administrative attaché, suffered broken fingers and bruises on his shoulder and arms. El-Hassan was treated for cuts and bruises.

President Hosni Mubarak sent an envoy to the hospital and wished the diplomats a quick recovery. He said the government would pay the hospital bill, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported.

In Saturday's attack in Khartoum, Sudan, six Egyptian diplomats were beaten as they left their embassy for home, said an Egyptian diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Last year, an Egyptian diplomat said he was beaten by Sudanese men as he traveled to his Khartoum office. Days earlier, a Sudanese diplomat had said he was dragged from his car and beaten in Cairo.

Those attacks occurred after Sudan confiscated Egyptian offices, a school and houses in Khartoum, saying the leases had expired. Each country temporarily cut electricity to the other's embassy.

Refugee camps see fights, mourning

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Dozens of dirty hands clawed upward in the hot air, trying to grab a yogurt, a lemon, or a cucumber being thrown to the sweaty, shouting women. Ajka Husic didn't join the fray.

She stood by, crying silently at the recollection of her 19-year-old son being put on display by Serb conquerors.

"I saw him, I saw my son captured and lying there with his hands tied behind his head," she said.

"They (the Serbs) stopped the bus and told us: 'Look, this is your army, and I looked at them and I saw him,'" she moaned. "I just screamed and called his name, but he couldn't hear me."

It was common knowledge in the refugee camp near Tuzla airport: Muslim men had been rounded up in the woods as they attempted to flee the advancing Serbs.

And with each new busload of refugees came new reports. Someone had seen someone's husband or brother or son lying by the side of the road, or being led away by Serb soldiers, or being shot.

Refugees also told of women being dragged away and raped, civilians being shot to death and young boys being plucked from transports.

But their tales of horror could not be immediately confirmed.

Bosnian Serbs refused access to international organizations and to journalists, including most Bosnian Serb reporters.

The 400 Dutch U.N. troops in the enclave had been confined to their base in nearby Potocari or detained in two Serb-held towns nearby. "We have no eyes and ears," Dutch Defense Minister Joris Voorhoeve said Friday.

Even if they couldn't be immediately verified, the many tales — nearly every refugee had one — would be recorded. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said testimonies were being gathered and the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, also was investigating.

Semsudin Hasanbegovic, head of Tuzla's emergency headquarters, said Bosnian authorities had received information that about 400 men were being held in two concentration camps in Bratunac and Konjic Polje.

"At the moment we have no very clear picture. Very soon, we'll know more about it," UNHCR spokeswoman Monique Tuffell.

"What we know is that their suffering is not finished with this exodus, because they lost a part of their family, (and have) a very uncertain future ahead of them," Tuffell said.

The uncertainty was more than some could face.

The shoeful body of the woman, dressed in a red T-shirt and skirt,

hung from a tree near the Tuzla airbase. Fellow refugees said she had killed herself overnight. "They did not know her name."

The more than 13,000 women, children and old men camped in the field surrounding the airbase filled with air with moans, cries and whimpers. About 60 percent of the refugees were children, aid officials said.

The refugees tore branches from spindly trees and bushes to shade themselves against the burning sun in the day and build campfires for warmth at night. There were not enough blankets to go around. No toilets, too few doctors and medicine, not enough water.

Those with the strength to wash used a stream where others were defecating, increasing the danger of disease.

But what concerned the refugees most was the whereabouts of their husbands, sons, brothers and fathers.

As her sons, ages 2 and 5, slept fitfully beside her, a 22-year-old woman who identified herself only as Zarfija said quietly that she did not expect to see her husband again.

He had fled with Srebrenica's lightly armed Muslim defenders.

"I saw the bodies of men she recognized from her village, Slatina, on the bus pile to Tuzla."

"The bodies were just lying there. A few of them were still alive, also among those who fled to the woods," she said.

Rebels release new pictures of hostages

SRINAGAR, India. (AP) — Kashmiri militants released new photographs of their five Western hostages Sunday and established direct contact with negotiators for the first time.

The rebels are threatening to kill the hostages by dusk Monday unless the Indian government frees 21 members of their Al-Faran group, which seeks independence for Jammu-Kashmir state.

Sources within the state government, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Al-Faran had established direct contact with the government and embassy officials from the United States, Britain, Germany and Norway.

There was no official confirmation.

The militants tried to contact negotiators on Friday, but were foiled by faulty telephone lines.

The rebels released a color picture of each hostage — an American, two Britons, a German and a Norwegian — showing them sitting on metal chairs inside a bare room, suggesting the photos probably were taken in a Kashmiri home, not in a nomadic hut where they were reportedly held after their capture less than two weeks ago. By tradition, Kashmiris do not wear shoes in their homes.

Burmese dissident to make appearance

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Burmese dissident Aung San Suu Kyi said Sunday she would attend Wednesday's Martyrs Day ceremony, her first major public appearance since she was freed last week from six years of house arrest.

The ceremony commemorates the 1947 assassinations of Mrs. Suu Kyi's father, Aung San, and other heroes of Burmese independence from Britain.

Since Mrs. Suu Kyi was released

last Monday, hundreds of supporters have gathered daily outside her lake-side home. She has come outside to speak with them and has met privately with reporters, diplomats and other leaders of her party, but has not otherwise appeared in public.

Given her popularity and her role as the symbol of Burmese dissent, Burma's military leaders are likely to take extra security precautions at the Martyrs Day ceremony.

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Cocaine, marijuana not only drugs to cross border

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — The man in mirrored sunglasses accesses American tourists along this border city's main strip, where mariachi music blares from bars and virtually every other storefront is a pharmacy or doctor's office. Do they want some Valium? How about diet pills?

Cocaine and marijuana aren't the only drugs crossing into the United States from Mexico. Tourists also take back a cornucopia of "legal" drugs, complete with prescriptions signed by workers at Mexican medical offices where physicians are seldom seen.

Some Americans are drawn by cheap medicine prices in Mexico. Others come because they can get legal drugs that a U.S. doctor might not be willing to prescribe.

"You want to see a doctor, lady?" asks a man who calls himself Carlos. "There is a good one at the corner, or if you no like, there is another by the plaza or around the block. There are many. Which one you want? You can have anything."

There is a Carlos on every block. When they see a non-Mexican, they pounce and follow for blocks. They say they are hired by doctors to lure tourists into their offices.

Nuevo Laredo has long been a hub for Americans in search of cheap prescriptions. Many buyers are elderly and lack insurance. A lot of the trade is legitimate. A lot of it isn't.

"We're aware of it, but there is little we can do about it," said Rudy Santos, chief U.S. Customs inspector in Laredo. "We have to assume the prescription is legitimate if it's

signed by a doctor." U.S. law requires medicine brought into the country to be accompanied by a doctor's prescription, no matter where it is bought.

Santos said some of the trade involves American teen-agers who cross the border to get tranquilizers and other drugs.

The young men who stalk foreigners say more doctors are selling prescriptions without a consultation since last December's peso devaluation, which plunged Mexico into an economic slump but also made U.S. dollars go further.

Some doctors are dentists, but will dole out prescriptions that in the United States only a physician or psychiatrist would write.

A visit to one such office, with blinded windows, leads to a back room that has the trappings of a doctor's office — a waiting room, diplomas.

A young woman in a white smock sits at a desk. She pulls out a plastic-covered "menu" of medicines in English. There are pills to burn fat, for alertness, sleep and relaxation, to boost fertility.

"How many do you want?" she asks.

Asked if she is a doctor, the woman, called Cynthia, says no. Is she a nurse?

No. Is the doctor here? Not right now, she answers, smiling.

In fact, no doctors were around any of the offices visited by an Associated Press reporter. After identifying herself as a journalist, she was asked to leave and told the

offices were for patients only.

Prices for a visit vary from \$40 to \$100 and may just be for the prescription or may include the drugs, which tend to be inexpensive.

Cynthia writes out a prescription that reads: "Not to open before crossing U.S. Customs." It is faxed to a Nuevo Laredo pharmacy called El Puente, which means The Bridge, half a block from a bridge linking Nuevo Laredo with its sister city across the Rio Grande in Texas.

A "guide" will walk a foreigner into the pharmacy, stop a few yards away and say: "There it is. Go in. He leaves. There are dozens of similar pharmacies.

At U.S. Customs, an American can declare the drug, show a copy of the prescription and go home with diet pills, muscle relaxers or whatever. There is nothing U.S. inspectors can do.

Santos said about 40 percent of Americans returning to the United States declare prescription drugs. He said they monitor people importing medicine to keep tabs on any shady dealings.

"They come to Mexico to buy medicine from Houston, Dallas, Oklahoma, Los Angeles, you name it," he said. "It's because of the high cost of health care in the United States. Why pay \$150 for a prescription when it's \$30 or less in Mexico?"

Legitimate drugs Americans buy in Mexico include antibiotics, Tagamet for stomach problems and other medicine that carries high prices in the United States. Many drugs, such as antibiotics and common anti-depressants like Prozac, do not need prescriptions in Mexico.

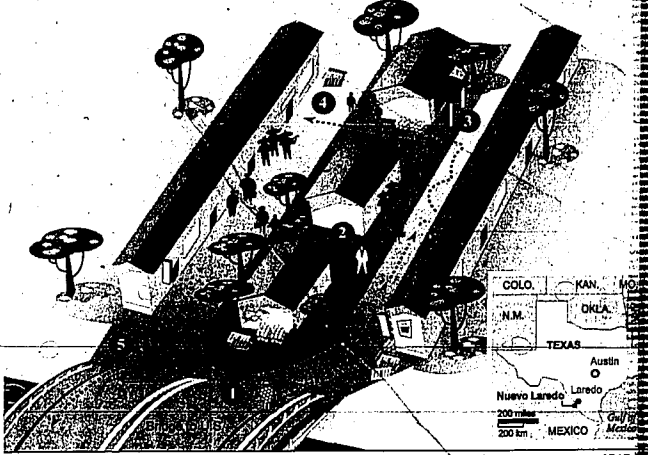
Border medicines

The Mexican border town Nuevo Laredo has long been a hub for Americans in search of cheap prescription drugs.

How tourists get prescription drugs in Mexico

1. Tourist crosses Bridge One in Laredo, walks or drives across bridge over Rio Grande, enters market area of Nuevo Laredo.
2. "Guides" recommend doctors or dentists to tourist.
3. An employee, often not a doctor, offers a

menu of drugs. Tourist chooses drug to be given prescription. 4. A "guide" from doctor's office takes tourist to a pharmacy. 5. Tourist crosses bridge back into U.S. Customs agent asks if there is anything to declare. With prescription, drug can go through. Without it, tourist may leave, may return to Mexico to get one.



Leader, 11 other cult members face more murder charges

TOKYO (AP) — Police re-arrested the leader of a doomsday cult and 11 of his lieutenants Sunday for a 1994 nerve gas attack that long baffled investigators.

The members of the Aum Shinri Kyo (Supreme Truth) cult were already in custody in connection with the March 20 nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway that killed 12 people and sickened thousands.

By re-arresting them, police were serving official notice that they are under suspicion in the release of nerve gas in Matsumoto, central

Japan, that killed seven people and sickened 155 on June 27, 1994. The next step would be the filing of formal charges by prosecutors.

Shigeki Ishikawa, head of criminal investigations for the Tokyo police, said investigators were still looking for a motive in the Matsumoto attack.

Kyodo News Service quoted one of the senior cult members arrested Sunday as saying the attack was aimed at killing judges hearing a lawsuit involving the cult.

Sarin nerve gas was sprayed in a

parking lot about 100 feet from the official residence used by local judges, and five of the six judges there were sickened, Kyodo said.

Sarin was also used in the Tokyo subway attack.

The case long was considered a mystery. Initial investigations focused on one of those sickened, with police questioning him about agricultural chemicals found at his home in Matsumoto, 125 miles northwest of Tokyo. Police and newspapers that wrote about the man apologized to him recently,

Mexican violence rears anew near Acapulco

The Washington Post

TEPETITLTLA, Mexico — As American tourists bask on the sunny beaches of Acapulco, police and government officials of this remote mountain town 30 miles to the northwest have fled for their lives, fearing attack by armed peasants.

Even closer to Acapulco, in the county seat of Coyuca de Benitez, Mayor Jesus Herrera acknowledges he has sent his family away and that, for "security reasons," he cannot live in his own house. His government must be run from a semi-secret location because machete-wielding peasants

have occupied, ransacked and torched city hall.

At least 35 people, including six police, have died during three separate shootouts here in the coastal state of Guerrero in the last two weeks. Gov. Ruben Figueroa Alcocer has charged that armed peasant "radicals" are challenging state authority. Other public officials warn that civil conflict could erupt at any time.

From outside appearances, Guerrero does not appear to be on the verge of open, armed rebellion like the peasant uprising that has swept across southern Chiapas state since Jan. 1, 1994. But few people dispute

that this state, with an even longer history of armed conflict, is heading that direction quickly.

"They carry guns here the way we wear a watch," said Hugo Hernandez Maldonado, the Roman Catholic priest who gave last rites to the 17 men killed June 28 in a roadside fusillade involving more than 100 state policemen and 60 peasants. An additional 24 people were injured.

Within two weeks of that incident, 12 peasants were killed in another roadside shootout in the northern village of Agua Escondido, while 10 policemen died in an ambush near northeastern town of Ojo de Agua.

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Twin Falls city to mull Rock Creek zone plan

TWIN FALLS - The City Council will consider a request today to zone 73.5 acres for a village on the south side of Rock Creek Canyon. The project is part of an attempt to revitalize the city's older neighborhoods. The zoning request will be heard at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Comments from the public are welcome.

At a 4 p.m. work session, the council also will consider budget requests by the Business Improvement District and a presentation by the city's employees committee.

Wendell Cemetery District welcomes new clerk, office

WENDELL - The Wendell Cemetery District will have a new clerk and new office location beginning Sept. 1.

Clerk Karen Isaacson said the office's new location will be Jeanne's Books N' More, 94 S. Idaho St., and that Jeanne Spencer will be the new clerk.

Also, the public hearing for the proposed Cemetery District budget will be 8 p.m. Tuesday at the commissioners' office in the courthouse. Everyone is invited.

Gooding to learn more about new 4-county E911 system

GOODING - Local residents will get a chance Tuesday to learn more about their county's participation in a four-county "enhanced" 911 system.

The county commissioners and E911 Project Manager Al Sandner will hold a public informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the commissioners' office in the courthouse. Everyone is invited.

Community Action Agency elects low-income delegate

TWIN FALLS - A person to represent area low-income residents on the South Central Community Action Agency board will be elected Thursday during a public meeting.

The representative does not have to be low-income, but those who vote must be low-income. The public meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Edward's Parish Hall, Twin Falls.

The agency's volunteer board has members from the public, private and low-income sectors of the community.

For more information, contact Cyndi Dillon at 733-9351.

Crystal Springs Lake water level to drop through July 27

HAGERMAN - Water levels in Crystal Springs Lake will be dropped beginning Monday and continuing through July 27.

The draw-down is part of an effort to reduce the amount of aquatic weeds in the lake at the Niagara Springs State Park south of Wendell. It is a cooperative project between Clear Springs Food Co., the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

In addition to dropping the lake level, a limited amount of chemical treatment in specific areas within the lake may occur. If warranted, the lake will be closed to fishermen during the chemical treatment, and the area will be posted to inform users of any hazards. Stocking of the lake, conducted by Clear Springs Food Co., will resume after the lake is brought back to its full pool after July 27. The Niagara Springs State Park staff apologizes for any inconvenience but says the result will be better fishing access to the lake. For more information, call (208) 837-4505.

Compiled from staff reports

Twin Falls crime

A weekly look at the number of felonies reported to police in Twin Falls

Twin Falls police report 46 burglaries in past 2 weeks

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls city police reported the following felonies from June 30 to July 14:

	past 2 weeks	year to date
Auto burglaries	2	342
Home burglaries	12	97
Business burglaries	6	53
Attempted burglaries	3	38
Grand thefts	13	51
Car thefts	3	36
Aggravated assaults	1	27
Child abuse	1	13
Attempted robbery	1	1
Escape	1	1
Drugs	0	13
Total felonies	79	723

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Regular teachers can teach special ed kids

By Karen Tolkinen
Times-News writer

BOISE - Regular classroom teachers who work with special education children are acting within guidelines, Department of Education officials say.

In April, directors of the Idaho Education Association told the state Board of Education that including such children in the regular classroom could be illegal if teachers lacked the proper training.

They based their concerns on a sen-

tence in last year's certification handbook that read, "Persons who instruct or supervise children with education handicaps are required to hold the Standard of Advanced Exceptional Child Certificate." Officials have dismissed the union's certification worries, saying the sentence was incorrect.

Martin Hoffinger, state teacher certification supervisor, said that sentence has been removed from this year's handbook, which was published this month.

"We felt it was misleading," she said.

Several regular classroom teachers who taught special education children without special certification had contacted the union with fears that they might be acting illegally, said IEA President Monica Beaudoin.

Union leaders may drop the certification issue, but will continue to voice other concerns about special education, Beaudoin said.

The education office's response "alleviates a concern that educators have, particularly the liability concern, but it certainly

doesn't help in the classroom itself," she said, citing shortages of equipment and training for inclusion.

"The (teacher) is still going to feel inadequate or not capable of meeting that child's need because they don't have training," she said.

Inclusion is one of the top six union concerns about Idaho education. The first five are: restructuring of the public school system, crumbling facilities, technology, class sizes and funding.

Please see TEACHERS/B3



Dan Daggatt drives through a make believe town in the driver simulator at the College of Southern Idaho.

Program gears up to stop teen accidents

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Intent on the steering wheel, signals, pedals and path, the only time Dan Daggatt remembers what he is "driving" is when he looks too far off to the side and sees what's beyond the screen's edge.

Otherwise, operating a driver simulator by using the controls and watching a road and surroundings in five color-television displays is like driving a vehicle - except when you get in a serious accident.

Then there is no real damage, but those in the Twin Falls Learning Collaborative hope the simulators - which can be adjusted for different vehicles and conditions - will help students learn from situations they normally wouldn't get into in a driver-education car.

"Once you get the feel for the wheel and everything, I think it will help people," said 16-year-old Dan. "Actually, it was a lot like real driving."

Dan and 34 other young drivers are helping

Volunteers wanted

Fifteen teen drivers still are needed to help test scenarios for driver simulators, which half of driver-education students in Twin Falls County will use starting this fall. To volunteer, call Tim Miller at 733-9554, extension 2339.

Anyone interested in seeing the simulators also can contact Miller.

simulator program manager Tim Miller test different scenarios, such as having barriers pop up on the course to measure reaction time.

By randomly selecting students will be randomly selected to get five to six hours of driving time on the simulators. All of the

about 1,200 students get six hours on the road. Students in the two groups, those with simulator time and those without, will be tracked for three years to study their accident and violation rates. The collaborative has three simulators, which Miller follows on a separate monitor; the simulators also can be hooked together by computer so other "drivers" can be seen.

"The biggest thing is to control it so it's not a game," said Miller, a former police officer.

Collaborative leader Dr. Paul Miles, a Twin Falls pediatrician, said the simulator program should reduce the number of teen accidents by 20 percent. An 18-year-old is two times more likely than a 25-year-old to have an accident, Miles said.

In Twin Falls city from 1988 to 1993, there were 1,642 accidents involving teen drivers, and in 1,164 of those accidents, the teens were at fault, Miller said. Failure to yield or stop at signals or signs; inattentive driving; and driving too fast were the top causes of those accidents, he said.

Meanwhile, in Twin Falls County in 1992 and 1993, there were 321 accidents involving teen drivers. Teens were at fault in 227 of those accidents, including 100 incidents caused by driving too fast.

Collaborative members don't know if teen-driver accidents are caused by inexperience, Miller said. "We want to know: 'Can we make a change in these relevant years?'" he added.

The collaborative started the national pilot program two years ago with support from two nonprofit agencies run by a Boston pediatrician. The simulators were developed for law-enforcement agencies, and there are only 40 nationwide, including the three housed at the College of Southern Idaho.

Miles said the program, which costs \$40,000 a year, has enough funding for a year, but more is being sought through grants and donations. If the simulator training helps and enough funding is found, the collaborative will offer it in schools throughout the Magic and Wood River valleys.

Burley woman heads to Capitol Hill

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley woman will make her third trek to Washington D.C. this week, this time to counter solid waste lobbying groups that she says are trying to weaken legislation that would give communities the right to keep other people's trash from piling up in their backyard.

Susan Duncan, who lives just a few miles away from a controversial private landfill that recently opened a year ago west of Burley, will represent the Idaho Rural Council on Capitol Hill. The rural council is a grass roots group dedicated to preserving Idaho's quality of life.

Duncan said she feels that communities should be able to protect themselves from being the recipients of other people's trash.

This week Duncan will lobby the U.S. House of Representatives commerce committee, urging them to OK a bill that would give local communities the right to decide whether they want to accept out-of-state trash. Waste has been considered interstate commerce and cannot be controlled by the communities where it is dumped.

"Waste companies are lobbying to weaken the bill in the House committee. We want to keep it strong," Duncan said.

If the bill remains strong in committee, it probably will be a strong bill that is passed by the House, she said. The bill is expected to reach the House floor by early fall, she said.

*Usually a group of citizens going to
Please see CAPITOL/B3

Gooding pours new school foundation

By Terrell Williams
Times News correspondent

GOODING - The first foundations for the new elementary-middle school were poured this week at the 25-acre site across from the Gooding High School.

For nearly a month, the land has been scraped, leveled and compacted in preparation for the new building. Digging to install water and sewer lines was difficult in the rocky acreage, school superintendent Henry Kilmer said.

"We had to blast quite a bit of rock," he said, "but we knew before that there was rock out there."

Work now will progress quickly, he predicted.

At the School Board meeting this week, board members, acting as the general contractor for the building project, approved about 90 percent of the more than 30 subcontractor bids. They decided to negotiate

further with the remaining bidders.

"We're in pretty good shape financially," Kilmer said of the contracts already signed. "We don't have any extra money, but we're not over."

The board agreed to meet with city and county officials to decide the fate of the buildings and property of the existing elementary and middle schools. Board members also will plan traffic flow control between the new schools and the city center.

In other business: Board member Marsha Oberle, who ran unopposed for reelection in May, was sworn into office. Claire Major was reelected as board chairman and Mitch Arkoosh was reelected as vice-chairman. Lois Loucks was appointed treasurer for another year and Cathy Thompson was reappointed as payroll clerk.

Board meeting time was set for the second Tuesday at 8 p.m. during daylight savings time, and at 7 p.m. during standard time.

Wendell schools adopt police interview policy

By Terrell Williams
Times News correspondent

WENDELL - A new policy adopted last week spells out procedures for student searches, seizures and interviews by school officials or police.

School Superintendent Larry Manly said the new policy is designed to ease tensions between student rights and administrator responsibilities. The situation does not arise often, he said, but when it does, a policy is needed.

One of the main points, Manly said, is that the principal will notify parents when police want to interview their child. The parents may refuse permission, request that the interview be conducted only in a parent's presence, or request that the principal or assistant principal be present during the interview.

The parents also may request that the inter-

view take place after school at their home.

"We want to have communication with the parents up front that the police are here so they know," Manly said. "It gives parents the opportunity to know that their child is being interviewed by police or a law enforcement agency."

The six-page policy states that the need for reasonable searches is based on the right and responsibility of school officials to maintain discipline and safety. Students should have little or no expectation of privacy in school property, such as desks and lockers. School officials and teachers also have the right to take items they see that are not allowed in school.

The policy requires reasonable grounds for a search and that it be conducted with principal supervision in most cases.

"When students are at school, we want that to be learning time," Manly said. "We want to minimize students being removed from

Jackie Brown was hired as a half-time gifted and talented teacher. Tim Parrigot will teach high school science and will be head football coach.

Teacher Gail Cushman explained plans to organize an academic booster club similar to a sports booster club. The club, she said, will have regular meetings and will include parental involvement with academic work during and outside class.

Kilmer said enrollment is underway for the new alternative school that will open in Gooding this fall. Students already have applied from Wendell, Hagerman and Bliss as well as Gooding, he said, estimating that enrollment will reach about 30 by the first day of class. Director of the alternative school is Michelle Owen. To register or to find out about eligibility requirements, call the district office at 934-4321.

*Registration for the 1995-96 school year will be Aug. 14 to 18. First day of school in Gooding will be Wednesday, Aug. 23.

In other school business last week: New board member John Wright was sworn in. He replaces Fred Pries, who did not seek reelection. Marsha Bennett, who ran unopposed, also took office. Tony Rost was reelected as board chairman and Bennett was voted in as vice-chairman.

Board meeting time was changed to the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Hot lunch prices were raised 20 cents to \$1.25 for elementary students, 25 cents to \$1.50 for middle and high school students, and 35 cents to \$2.35 for adults. Breakfast at the elementary school will remain at last year's price of 55 cents.

Janaye Jones was hired as media center specialist for the high school library. Jones replaces Shirley Cobble, who resigned.

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This week at CSI

The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

TODAY

Idaho Dance Arts Alliance/CSI dance camp will be held all day in Fine Arts Center and gymnasium. Overseers Anonymous meets at 3:30 p.m. in Desert 112. CSI Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 p.m. in Taylor Building board room.

TUESDAY

Dance camp continues all day in Fine Arts Center and gymnasium. Private Industry Council board meets at 12:15 p.m. in Desert 113. Military testing will be held at 6 p.m. in Shields 201.

WEDNESDAY

Dance camp continues all day in Fine Arts Center and gymnasium.

THURSDAY

Dance camp continues all day in Fine Arts Center and gymnasium. Region IV Development Association meets at 1 p.m. in Desert 113.

FRIDAY

Dance camp continues all day in Fine Arts Center and gymnasium.

SATURDAY

Idaho Personnel Exam will be given at 8 a.m. in Shields 204. Military testing will be held at 10 a.m. in Shields 201.

4 firefighters hurt as welding truck hits fire engine

BOISE (AP) — Four Ada County firefighters were injured when their truck collided with another vehicle and careened through a parking lot. The crew responded to a fire alarm at Meridian Middle School Friday morning and raced to the scene. On the way their fire truck collided with a 5-ton welding truck at an intersection.

The fire truck missed a tree and two power poles, hit a fence, veered into a parking lot, clipped three cars and bounced off a steel staircase at the Idaho Athletic Club in Meridian. The four injured firefighters learned later the fire was a false alarm.

Firefighter Lynn Nokes of North Ada County Fire and Rescue underwent surgery for knee, leg and toe injuries. Brian Ashton, 26; Dennis Young, 39; and Mike Frederick, 30, were treated and released from St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

Welding truck driver Dennis Buchanan, 58, of Boise, also was treated and released. "The fire truck's steering column was sheared, and the air brake was damaged upon impact. There was no way for the driver to control it," said Sgt. Rita Rowe of the Ada County Sheriff's Department.

People stomp to Spirit Lake to seal holes

SPIRIT LAKE (AP) — Some people are willing to try almost anything to keep water at the northern end of Spirit Lake from drying up for the summer.

Forty people showed up Saturday to stomp on the lake floor in hopes of sealing leaks in the area known as Mill Pond.

Organizers of the "Wade to Save Our Lake" campaign hope that tamping down silt on the lake bottom could seal cracks and push mud into holes that are draining the backwater.

"Step deliberately," advised leader Doug Freeland, whose grandparents worked at the Panhandle Lumber Co. operation that gave Mill Pond its name.

Volunteers lined up shoulder to

shoulder, grabbed a common rope and mucked forth.

Cabe Moore decided to wade because she remembers when there was enough water in Mill Pond for her family to water ski.

Looking down and laughing at what used to be her turquoise-color shoes, she noted, "My 60th birthday and all covered with mud."

No one is sure why Mill Pond's level is dropping 1 1/2 inches a day. Some believe water has always leaked from holes in the lake bottom, but that drought conditions have made it more noticeable.

Others suggest wood pilings driven into the lake's clay bottom went down to the aquifer and, now that the pilings are rotting, the lake water is

seeping farther into the Earth.

At one time, a salt sand settled into holes in the lake and the lake sealed itself, Freeland contends. He believes a road reconstruction project choked the flow of silt from the rest of Spirit Lake and stopped the self-sealing process.

Efforts to find and stop up each hole with sandbags, gravel and clay have failed. At this time last year, the one-third-mile section of the lake was completely dry. In two weeks, it will be dry again, Freeland predicted.

Will Saturday's stomp make a difference? "I don't know," said volunteer Dudley Lewis, who grew up here. "It's something new."

How Idaho lawmakers voted

Table showing House and Senate attendance records and votes on legislative bills. Includes names of legislators and their respective votes (Yes/No).

Services

Annie Johnson, of Buhl, 11 a.m. Tuesday, LDS Church on Fair Street Chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W. Burial will follow at the Gem Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel today from 4 to 8 p.m. A full obituary will appear on Tuesday.

Beulah Elsie Prough, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. today, Filer First Baptist Church. Viewing from noon until time of the funeral today at the church, (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Irene Jones, of Gooding, 11 a.m. Wednesday, First Baptist Church, 504 Washington St. in Gooding. Viewing from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Demany's Gooding Chapel.

Emma B. Hanson, of Wendell, 11 a.m. today, Wendell Methodist Church, (Demany's Wendell Chapel).

Genna Faye Stanger, of Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m. today, LDS Stake Center, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. Viewing from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. today at the church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Karen Lynn Holmquist Cole, of Lakeview, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. today, Twin Falls LDS Stake Center, 21 Maurer St. N. in Twin Falls. Viewing from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. today at the church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Robert (Bob) Hubbell Lapsay, of Buhl, 11 a.m. today, LDS Church on Fair Street in Buhl, (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Death notice

WILSON M. BIGGERS TWIN FALLS - Wilson Marcus Biggers, 69, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 15, 1995, at his home

in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Blay Colonial Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Burley; Lorena Portillo of Heyburn; and Lucila Ramirez of Provo, Utah.

Released Elgin Abner of Burley; and Jennifer Ashby of Twin Falls.

Birth A baby was born to Katina Maier of Burley.

Admitted Shirlene Bennett and Katina Maier, both of Burley; and Elizabeth Vickers of Heyburn.

Admitted Guadalupe Artega of Rupert.

Released Chris Belasquez, Mickey Hart and Ardella Miller, all of

Released Tara Bott and Edna Kimp, both of Rupert; and Robert Sanderson of Burley.

Birth A baby was born to Guadalupe Artega of Rupert.

Obituaries

Albion

Eva Caroline Chatburn Eva Caroline Chatburn, 85, an Albion resident, died Saturday, July 15, 1995, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise following a very brief illness. She was born Jan. 1, 1910, at Rigby, the eighth child of 12 children born to Oliver Earnest and Pearl Green Lemmon. She attended schools in Rigby and graduated from Rigby High School. While in her senior year in high school, she met J. Vard Chatburn, who was in his first year of teaching at Rigby. They were married June 3, 1928, in Rigby and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 5, 1994. Vard preceded her to death on April 9, 1995. At the time of her death, she had lived on the family ranch in Albion in their ranch home for over 66 years.

Relief Society Teacher. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 1995, at the Albion LDS Ward Chapel with Bishop Dean Richins officiating. Order of the Eastern Star societies will be under the direction of the Naomli Chapter No. 4. Burial will be in the Albion Masonic Cemetery. Friends may call at the McCulloch-Hansen Mortuary in Burley on Tuesday, July 18, 1995, from 6 to 8 p.m., and at the place of service one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday.

The family suggests friends who wish make memorials to the Albion Senior Citizens in care of Ella Fillmore, PO Box 151, Albion, Idaho 83311.

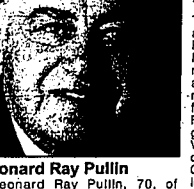
Kimberly, died Saturday, July 15, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls following a short illness.

He was born Feb. 1, 1925, in Vernon County, Mo., the son of George and Glasseen Pullin. On Feb. 1, 1947, Leonard married Thelma Mae Murphy at Cassville, Mo.

Leonard served honorably in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific Campaign and was a lifetime member of the VFW.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Thelma of Kimberly; five children, Clara Pullin of Nevada, Mo., Willey (Pete) Pullin of Kimberly, Linda Moore of Nevada, Mo., Larry Walker of Weiser, and Kathy Woodruff of Kimberly; three brothers, Dean, George and Bill; and two sisters, Gertrude Andrews and Helen Cummins. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. Leonard was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Wilma Savage; one grandson, David Ray Pullin; and one great-grandchild, Emily Moore.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 18, 1995, at 11 a.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with military rites under the direction of area veterans & auxiliary. Friends may call Monday, July 17, 1995, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The family suggests memorials to the Magic Valley Regional Cancer Center, in care of the Reynolds Funeral Chapel, PO Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.



Leonard Ray Pullin, 70, of

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On the agenda

Following is a list of governmental meetings that are scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

TODAY Burley City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall. College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., board room, Taylor Administration Building. Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., high school. Jerome County Commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls City Council, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., high school. Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library. Fingerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Mindoka County School Board, 7:30 p.m., call the central office for meeting place. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.

WEDNESDAY Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room. E-911 Regional Board meeting, 7 p.m., at the dispatch center, 911 E. Ave. H, Jerome. Mindoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse. South-Central-District-Health-Department-Board, 2 p.m., 324 Second St. E., Twin Falls. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7 p.m., conference room. Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., Kimberly High School. Sun Valley City Council, 3:30 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Reynolds Funeral Chapel advertisement with logo and address information.

Celebration causes few problems for Ogdan police

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Fears about troublemakers taking advantage of a police officer shortage were unfounded at Ogden's 19th annual Street Fest Saturday afternoon, as he shared a golf cart with Sgt. Ken Brooks.

Peterson and Brooks were among about a dozen police sergeants and lieutenants called in to patrol the festival in lieu of police reserves and patrol officers.

The reserves, who have worked the festival in the past, decided not to volunteer their services this year. They wanted to show their support for paid officers, angered over a salary dispute with the city council.

Regular officers also vented their frustrations by calling in sick on Saturday shifts. Seven officers said they were too ill to work their afternoon shift, Ogdan Police Lt. Clark Combe said.

That left Combe with fewer officers than in the past to oversee the downtown celebration, and to patrol the rest of Ogden's streets.

Thus, Combe was left with supervisors like himself. "I guess you could call us the geriatric squad," he said.

Under a warm sun, 50,000 to 60,000 people roamed the seven blocks of the festival, sipping beer, soft drinks and looking for tractors to buy.

By the festival's end Saturday evening, most officers, shop owners and pedestrians agreed police had little to chase.

Auction Calendar through August 1, 1995. Lists various auctions including furniture, real estate, and vehicles with dates and times.

Magic Valley/West

Woman stops listening, starts reading

By Richard Streeby
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Nine years ago, Jonelle Ford stopped listening to a lifetime of voices calling her stupid and began learning to read.

Ford's inability to find and keep a job led her to start the daunting task.

The 49-year-old Heyburn native has worked various local businesses, including the J.R. Simplot french fry factory in Heyburn, the Smith's Food and Drug store bakery and Dean's Donuts in Burley, which is now gone. She says she lost these jobs because she couldn't read well enough.



Once lost in a library, Jonelle Ford can now pick out her favorite book since learning how to read through a program offered through the Mormon Church.

"There's been a lot of failures in my life but there's been a lot of rewards too," she said. Among the rewards of nine years' worth of diligent study is the ability to read sewing patterns, cook books and novels that interest her.

Ford's husband Bruce, 53, drives a truck. Ford is looking for a cooking job.

"I make real good cinnamon rolls and bread and rolls and soups and stuff like that. I feel I could do a business really good," she said. She said she hopes the skills she's learned will make the next job last.

School was the setting for Ford's early experiences that felt like failure.

When she was repeating the second grade, a teacher chided her in front of her classmates.

"I had one teacher tell me, 'You should know this stuff. You had it last year,'" Ford recalled. "From then on other students ridiculed me and called me mentally retarded. It was kind of hard to make it through school that way."

"My self esteem was destroyed and I felt dumb and worthless. I believed that I could never read or do anything else of value," Ford wrote in a speech recalling the incident.

She proved to herself those feelings are far behind her by delivering the speech in front of 1,300 women at the Mormon Church Roper West Stake Women's Conference in October.

Ford began her odyssey of learning how to recognize letters and match them with sounds when she enrolled in a vocational training program at the

Burley Deseret Industries store.

She went to the store in 1986 when she and her husband realized she'd have to work to get to by.

She was trained to bake.

But she got more than she bargained for when a pre-enrollment interview revealed her reading problem and former high school instructor Esther Barrett of Burley was assigned to tutor Ford one-on-one.

Barrett, 75, is trained in teaching reading to people with learning disabilities and was serving a mission at the store.

"I will never forget the look on her face when she said, 'Oh Sister Barrett, I'm very sorry but I can't do that. And I've tried and tried but I can't read.'"

Two months of daily lessons later, Ford was beginning to sound out words.

"I asked her, 'Tell me again that you can't do it,' and she just laughed," Barrett said.

After working with Ford for a short time, Barrett realized she had a poor short-term memory, could not distinguish certain vowel sounds, and jumped letters in written words.

So Barrett taught Ford to use as many senses as possible when studying words.

To work on Ford's memory, she required her to study every day.

Ford was only at Deseret Industries for one year before she got a baking job and had to stop going. But during her daily independent study sessions of at least an hour, she still uses the method that Barrett taught her.

In their lessons together at Deseret Industries, they would read together and when they came to a word Ford didn't understand, Barrett would pronounce it and explain its meaning. Ford would repeat it, write it, and say it. Then they would repeat the process.

The method of repetitious study

using sight, hearing, and touch has only changed in that a \$150 electronic "talking dictionary," provides the pronunciations and definitions.

Today Ford takes a healthier view of her not learning to read during her school days.

"It's only a shame if you're not trying to get help and not trying to learn. It's not my fault I didn't learn. It's the community's fault for not helping me to learn," she said.

She hopes others will follow her example.

"I know how hard it was for me to face up to the fact that I had a problem and go on. But I just want to help somebody else to realize there isn't a shame in learning, to know that it's okay. There's nothing wrong with them because they didn't learn how to read. They're just as good as somebody else," she said.



Jeff Webster writes his controversial newsletter, the Filer Watchdog, from the basement of his Filer home.

Webster's Watchdog draws praise, critics

By Sherry A.E. Hill
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Once a month Jeff Webster sits at his computer in his basement and writes his controversial newsletter, the Filer Watchdog.

Webster works for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls as a paramedic. But when he's not at work for the hospital, he's hard at work on the Watchdog.

It started in late 1994 when Webster ran for a seat on the Filer City Council. He lost his campaign, but he didn't lose the desire to be involved or to be heard. The first newsletter in November was just a trial paper, an experiment of about 50 copies, he said.

It took off like wildfire. Now Webster prints 400 to 500 copies of the Filer Watchdog each month.

The Watchdog is a compilation of Webster's views on the Filer School Board members and the Filer City Council members.

The board and council members see him sitting at their meetings, taking notes. Some board members

say Webster writes things out of context and that he doesn't research before he writes. Webster contends that just the opposite is true.

There's no cost for the paper, and it is distributed throughout businesses in Filer.

Webster isn't trying to change the world overnight. But there are things that can be done, for Webster it's writing. He says he wants to contact the people of his community about the things he feels needs attention.

"You can't just talk, you have to take action too. I guess I am just like Rush Limbaugh. I'm just trying to pick apart the (city) government because a lot of people are fed up," Webster said.

He gets a lot of calls and mail about his newsletter - what some call a scandal sheet. He's says most people he talks to like what he writes and they agree with him. But few are undecided, they either like it or they hate it, he said.

Webster said he will keep writing as long as there are things to say. And he will also keep running for a City Council seat.

Teachers

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Attorney Jim Baugh, director of the state-based C.A. Ad. Inc., said more training is needed not only for regular classroom teachers, but for special education teachers.

"Being certified doesn't mean you know what to do in an emergency with a child," he said.

He said his group handles two or three legal disputes over special education in the Magic Valley at any given time.

Kirby Nelson, deputy attorney general, said state inclusion policies

go hand-in-hand with federal guidelines.

"It is legal, it happens all the time," he said. "In fact, that's the whole premise behind mainstreaming, that the regular education teachers teach classes that contain special education students."

Education department representatives will discuss inclusion with the union on Tuesday.

"Right now the concern we have is we all have different beliefs about" inclusion, said Nolene Weaver, special education director for the state.

Relevance important in teaching adults to read

By Richard Streeby
Times-News writer

BURLEY - People who have trouble reading need not feel alone.

One in four adults in this country reads and writes below a sixth-grade level, according to the U.S. Department of Education's 1993 National Adult Literacy Survey.

The majority of those who didn't learn to read as children can do so as adults without professional help, said Theresa Sweeney of the Washington, D.C., affiliate of Literacy Volunteers of America.

Most people who don't learn to read in school simply have a learning

style that wasn't catered to, Sweeney said.

Most teachers expect students to learn to read using only one sense - sight. Instruction is "mostly in text and the only interaction is to say, 'Read this and fill in these answers on this worksheet,'" she said.

Sweeney said a better approach is to use a variety of teaching methods - blocks with letters on them that children can feel, discussion of stories, and computer software that presents information visually and in text.

Reading lessons should be interactive.

"You retain 20 percent of what you see, 40 percent of what you see and

hear, and 80 percent of what you do," she said.

Sweeney said the fourth and eighth grades are critical.

By the fourth grade, teachers expect students to have mastered reading and to start using the skill to study other subjects.

So if a child isn't learning the fundamentals of reading in the first through third grades, the parents should see that their child's learning style gets covered, she said.

The eighth grade sees another big jump in difficulty, so students who get help in grade school will need it again then.

Learning to read as a child is best

because, "children absorb information like sponges."

But adults have some advantages too, Sweeney said.

"One thing adults have over children is life experience and knowledge," they can relate information to," she said.

Adults can and should be taught to read using materials that are relevant to them, such as lessons on how to fill out a job application, Sweeney said.

In the Mini-Cassia area, free literacy education is offered through the Adult Basic Education Program at the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center (208-678-0229) and through the Mormon Church's literacy program.

Capitol

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lobby is very effective," Duncan said.

The private landfill that nearly opened near her home is situated above an aquifer, the state and landfill has ceased, because Boise-based owner and developer Doug Lomow filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Initial reports said Lomow was going to dump waste from Utah and Nevada there. The private dump is located just four miles west of a regional county landfill.

Duncan's last D.C. trip was in May, when the U.S. Senate passed its version of the bill by a 94-6 vote. The Senate's version is weaker than the house, Duncan said, because it gives state legislators the right to say no to local communities. Duncan said she worries that communities would become a target of their legislatures if the Senate bill passed.

Wendell

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The board accepted resignations from Gary Krumm and from second grade teacher Kathleen Morgan.

At the middle school, building plans were approved to remodel the front section of the gymnasium into a hot lunch kitchen with a handicapped-accessible restroom. A new modular building for the media center will be placed on the northeast corner of the campus. A new ramp entrance into the gymnasium and a sidewalk between buildings also will allow wheelchair access.

The old library and the 70-year-old classrooms below it will be boarded up. The old sections eventually will be demolished, but that is not in the budget.

The board passed a new policy that prohibits gathering worms from school property.

Environmentalists worry over growing bear gall bladder trade

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - In Vancouver, conservation officers swoop down on five Chinatown businesses after an undercover officer arranged the purchase of dozens of bear gall bladders.

In Grand Beach, Manitoba, two bears are mutilated and left to rot as their cubs look on helplessly from nearby trees.

These two incidents on the same day last week illustrate a brutal and growing illegal trade in bear parts across Canada that is worrying environmentalists and provincial wildlife officials.

"It's getting worse because the prices are going up," said Colin Maxwell, a vice president with the Canadian Wildlife Federation. "It's not uncommon for a bear gall bladder

to be sold in Asia for \$10,000, \$12,000 or \$15,000."

"It's big business."

The gall bladders - used in traditional Chinese medicines - are once-or-ounce many times more valuable than gold or heroin. Bear paws are also sought for decorative use in Asian cuisine.

More and more Canadian bears - thousands every year - are being poached for their gall bladders and paws as the animals become increasingly scarce in Asia.

Bears are hunted illegally, often by organized rings, and sold on the black market for a few hundred dollars each. Middle men then export them to Asia along with parts from other species used for medicinal, fashion or other purposes.

"Our bear populations are still pretty healthy," Maxwell said. "But the market is going to dictate that more and more of our wildlife will be killed - and that's a very sad situation."

Some provinces have set up special investigation units like the one involved in the Vancouver bust and almost all provinces now have poaching hotlines.

But conservationists say provincial manpower assigned to poaching is still woefully inadequate.

Only three provinces and one territory - British Columbia, Ontario, New Brunswick, and the Yukon - have prohibited the sale of bear parts.

Public awareness of the problem is an essential element in preventing poaching of wildlife given the enormous stretches of wilderness involved, provincial officials say.

And poaching hotlines - which citizens can call to report incidents of poaching or suspicions - are among the most important tools in fighting the problem.

"Our studies show that the hotline is four times more efficient in finding poachers than traditional methods such as spot inspections," said Remi Dumas, manager of Quebec's 24-hour anti-poaching line.

"It's easy to understand: If I give you a map and show you where there are strawberries, you'll come home with a big basket full," he said.

"But if I tell you to just get out there and find strawberries, you'll spend half the day just looking."

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Sports

Local athletes earn medals at First Security Games

The Times-News

POCATELLO — Several local athletes earned gold medals Saturday at the First Security Games, Idaho's largest amateur sporting event which wraps up today.

The Games are patterned after the Olympics, and winners are awarded gold, silver or bronze medals for finishing in the top three.

With a variety of age groups and skill

level classifications, the Games also offer a wide variety of athletes a chance at statewide competition.

The Fuller family of Twin Falls brought home a plate full of medals from Saturday's track and field events. Amy Fuller won the girls 15-16-year-old 100 meter hurdles and 200 meter dash, and she took second in the long jump and third in the 100 meter dash.

Matthew Fuller won the men's open

110 meter hurdles, 100 meter dash, long jump and triple jump.

Michael Fuller finished second in the open triple jump and long jump and in the 100 meters.

He won the 200 meter dash.

Steve Muse of Twin Falls also was a double winner, easily winning the men's open discus and shot put competitions.

A complete list of all Magic Valley athletes who won medals in the First Se-

curity Games will appear in the Your Sports section of Thursday's Times-News.

Idaho is one of 41 states that hold State Games each year. In 1994, more than 6,400 people participated in the Idaho Games.

In order to keep the Olympic flavor in the Games, 80 percent or more of the events must mirror those in either the Olympics or the Pan Am games.

Morning line

Sportsquote

“**Pancho (got) 50 points on his serve and 50 points on terror.**”

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—Tennis great Jack Kramer, on his old rival Pancho Gonzalez.

Briefly

Colombian boxer gunned down Sunday

BOGOTA, Colombia — Elvis Alvarez, a former bantamweight champion, was shot to death Sunday when several gunmen approached him while he was on a motorcycle, police said.

The killing of the 30-year-old boxer happened in Medellin, 215 miles northwest of the capital Bogota.

Police did not know the motive for the attack.

Alvarez is from Medellin. He won the WBA bantamweight title in 1991 and lost it less than three months later.

A left-hander, he turned pro in 1983 and has also held titles from the WBO and the North American Boxing Federation.

U.S. blanks Korea in exhibition baseball

DURHAM, N.C. — LSU's Warren Morris homered and Cal State-Fullerton's Mark Kotsay had three RBIs as the United States routed Korea 13-0 on Sunday to salvage a split in a four-game exhibition series.

Tennessee right-hander R.A. Dickey allowed four hits and struck out seven in six innings.

The game was called after seven innings under the 10-run rule.

The United States, 17-6 on its 35-game tour, opens a four-game series with Nicaragua on Wednesday night at Millington, Tenn.

Englishman claims Exxon Sports Car competition

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — England's James Weaver won the IMSA Exxon World Sports Car-Exxon Supreme GT5-1 on Sunday, avoiding a late-race accident to edge Spain's Fermin Velez by 8.245 seconds.

Weaver averaged 90.776 mph in his Ford R&S MK-3 in the 63-lap race on the 2.5-mile Sears Point Raceway course.

Velez followed in a Ferrari 333 SP and Butch Leitzinger of State College, Pa., was third in another Ford R&S MK-3.

Johnny O'Connell of Chandler, Ariz., won the GT5-1 class in a Nissan 300ZX and Kevin Bukler of Monterey took the GT52 division in a Porsche 911.

Kenyan thinned records year's fastest 800 meters

LAPPEENRANTA, Finland — Sammy Langat of Kenya ran the fastest 800 meters of the year Sunday.

Langat, 23, was timed in a personal record of 1 minute, 43.84 seconds at an invitational meet. Kenyans also finished second and third.

Vincent Malakwen was runner-up in 1:44.48, and David Kiptoo was third in 1:44.54.

Steve Holman of the United States finished fourth in 1:44.98.

Mary Onyiah of Nigeria won the women's 100 meters in 11.53.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Sportslate

Today
—American Legion Baseball
Upper Valley at Minica (2), 11 a.m.
Jerome at Kimberly (2), 4 p.m.

Dream Swing

Minidoka farmer refuses to give up golf invention despite cold shoulder from pros

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

PAUL — Clint Harper thought that if he built a better mousetrap — or in his case, golf swing — the world would beat a path to his door.

Time to put that wife's tale to rest, he would say, and replace it with something more conspiratorial like “Build a better mousetrap, and the makers of the old contraption will do everything they can to freeze you out.”

Harper, a Minidoka County farmer who invented a golf swing training device called Dream Swing, has gotten nothing but cold shoulders from golfing professionals nationwide whom he says fear his device will cost them money.

“In my mind, that just shows how effective it is,” Harper said, undeterred after four years of clawing into the lucrative golfing products market. “I'm going to have to educate the whole golf world to use this thing.”

Not so much his “me-against-the-world” perspective as his “me-against-my-brother” attitude led to Harper's contribution to the golfing world.

Frustrated by another day of slices into the river and hooks onto the highway at a local course, Harper decided to take his first golf lesson.

After several strokes with a pro on the practice range, Harper's teacher put golf into terms even a farmer could comprehend. Pointing to a nearby tractor, the pro told Harper that if he could attach a club to the tractor's tire, every rotation would produce a consistent, perfect swing.

“Later, in March, 1992, he had the same thought. This time, it came to him while lying in a hospital bed in Bannock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello with both legs and his left arm in casts.

The victim of a daylight head-on collision with an alleged drunk driver, Harper nearly died of blood loss. His last thought before impact, he remembers, was “How am I going to avoid this?”

Regarding consciousness days later in a hospital bed, his brain gave him a delayed answer. “I can't,” Harper remembers thinking as he woke up.

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Jarrett beats Miller 500 pack to finish line

The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Dale Jarrett gave his team a badly needed victory Sunday in the Miller Genuine Draft 500, then spoke of a future that may not include them.

Jarrett is trying to form his own Winston Cup team next year and will know within the next month if he can be arranged.

“It would be a continuation of the Busch deal,” said Jarrett, who drives his own car in selected events on the NASCAR Busch Grand National circuit. “I am negotiating with two sponsors at the moment.”

Minutes earlier, Jarrett used every drop of fuel to get within a half-mile of victory, then coasted around the final turn and hung on to beat Jeff Gordon.

“This one is for the team, after everything

they've been through,” Jarrett said after winning for the first time this year, giving car owner Robert Yates his first victory since May 15, 1994.

The team has been beset by tragedy the last two seasons. Two years ago this week, driver Davey Allison was killed in a helicopter crash at Talladega, Ala. Last August, Ernie Ivan nearly lost his life after crashing in practice at Brooklyn, Mich. He has not driven since.

Ivan's status is uncertain for the future, but may not have any bearing on that of Jarrett. Asked if he would return to the Yates team if a deal cannot be consummated, Jarrett could not say.

“That's a question Robert Yates will have to answer,” he said.

Although Yates had no answer, he was

happy for Jarrett, who has been criticized for his performance in the race.

“I just was beginning to wonder if it would ever happen,” Yates said. “We haven't put a car back on the trailer that was running right or not wrecked since Martinsville.”

That race was April 23. Since then, criticism of Jarrett has continued to grow. He considers it part of a no-win situation.

“If I was looking for praise, I probably wouldn't have come into this situation,” he said. “If I go out and win 10 races, it's because I've got a great car. If I don't, it's because I can't drive.”

Jarrett disapproved that by the barest of margins.

He needed a push to the winner's circle after his car stopped less than a mile beyond the line.

His best series leader Gordon by about five car lengths (.19 seconds) to win for the first

time in 17 rides for Yates. The victory was only the third this year for a Ford Thunderbird, and the fourth for the 38-year-old driver.

“I ran out in the third turn,” said Jarrett, who led by 10 car lengths entering the final half of the decisive lap at 2.5-mile Pocono International Raceway.

“We weren't handling at the end, we were out of tires,” said Gordon, who extended his lead in the Winston Cup standings to season-high 106 points over fellow Chevrolet driver Sterling Marlin. Gordon held a 40-point edge entering the 51 million event, but Marlin was never a factor and finished 18th.

Jarrett emerged from a magnificent battle that featured a season-high 17 lead changes among 13 drivers. He took the lead for the last of four times with 12 of 200 laps left at the difficult triangular layout.

placing second in Sunday's race.

Moyle and Kelly Martin entered the final day of racing locked in the top spot. Both trailed Clayne Driever through the first three laps Sunday, but Driever lost control of his boat on the fourth lap, opening the door for a big finish. Moyle couldn't catch Martin, who had a 25 meter lead when Driever went down.

Moyle had to borrow a boat to race Sunday after his stand-up watercraft broke down Saturday.

“This sport is great. Guys will do anything for each other,” a grateful Moyle said.

A minor accident in the expert sport 785 limited class forced a delay in racing Sunday. Howard Gritton suffered a laceration and severe bruising to his left foot after falling into the water following a false start. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital but was back at the race later in the day.



Kevin Miller/The Times-News

Salt Lake City racer Doug Barton was unchallenged on the water, sweeping the sport class competition at the second annual Pepsi Personal Watercraft Championships in Burley over the weekend.

Burley racer Mark Moyle, son of Idaho Regatta founder Don Moyle, said he has hopes the Pepsi Personal Watercraft Championships can follow a path similar to the hugely successful Juv. powerboat race.

The Regatta struggled in its initial years to draw racers and fans. Only now, following its 19th year is it being recognized as the largest

professional sporting event in Idaho. PrimeSports network will televise the taped event nationally in September.

Despite being without a boat, Moyle had the best finish of the three local racers competing in the Burley personal watercraft race. The fourth year racer finished second overall in the stand-up, expert modified 1 class after

Here are the final results from the 1995 Pepsi Personal Watercraft Championships presented at the Burley Golf Course Marine Regatta and Sunday:

Watercraft: 1. Chad Baugher, 2. Scott Holladay, 3. Ron Jones
Women's: 1. Stacy White, 2. Keri Ingram, 3. Chaeleese Cole
Novice 1: 1. Kerry Holstad, 2. Zena Carl, 3. Mark Hise
Sport Class:
Expert Modified: 1. Doug Barton, 2. Greg Altem, 3. Bill Senick
Novice 785 Limited: 1. Kelly Martin, 2. Clayne Driever, 3. Mark Moyle
Novice 785 Limited: 1. Mark Carl, 2. Nathan Carl, 3. Chad Carl
Expert 785 Limited: 1. David Bratcher, 2. Kent Ahneen, 3. Chad Baugher
Expert 785 Modified: 1. David Bratcher, 2. Matt Carl, 3. Ron Barron
Novice 785 Limited: 1. Nathan Carl, 2. Rick Storm, 3. Darrin Barron
Expert Modified: 1. David Bratcher, 2. Kent Ahneen, 3. Chad Baugher

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The Times-News

Perez, Expos keep Phillies on skid, 5-1

MONTREAL — Carlos Perez spoiled Sid Fernandez's debut for Philadelphia, pitching 7 1-3 strong innings Sunday and leading the Montreal Expos past the Phillies 5-1.

The Phillies were on the seventh time in eight games. They haven't won consecutive games since June 24-25, and are 3-15 since that time.

Perez (8-2) improved to 7-0 on Olympic Stadium, allowing one run on seven hits. The 24-year-old rookie struck out four and walked one. Mel Rojas got his 17th save. Fernandez (0-1), signed as a free agent Thursday after being released by the Baltimore Orioles, pitched 5 1-3 innings and gave up five runs on seven hits.

National League

Padres 3, Braves 1

SAN DIEGO — Steve Finley and Ken Caminiti hit solo homers and rookie Glenn Dishman allowed only two hits in 7 1-3 innings as the San Diego Padres cooled off Atlanta and avoided a four-game sweep.

It was only the second win in 14 games this month for the NL East-leading Braves. The Padres, last in the NL West, won only their third time in 12 games.

Finley went 3-for-5 and Tony Gwynn extended his hitting streak to 14 games with a sixth-inning single and added a sacrifice fly.

Dishman (2-2) struck out two and walked four. Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 12th save. Kent Mercker (4-5) took the loss.

Marlins 5, Dodgers 2

LOS ANGELES — Pat Rapp struck out a career-high nine and combined with two relievers on a five-hitler as the Florida Marlins defeated Los Angeles.

Rapp (4-5) pitched six-plus innings, giving up four hits and walking two. He left with stiffness in his lower back after a collision with Los Angeles' Roberto Kelly at first base, and is listed as day-to-day.

Robb Nen earned his fifth save by pitching a hitless ninth, chased Valdes (6-6) lost his fourth straight decision after five consecutive victories.

Cubs 7, Reds 5

CHICAGO — Brian McRae homered, tripled and singled twice as the Chicago Cubs defeated Cincinnati even though the Reds hit four home runs.

Kevin Foster (7-5) allowed five hits — all but one a homer — in seven innings for

the Cubs, who won for the first time in five tries since the All-Star break. Foster walked one and struck out six.

Bret Boone hit two homers for Cincinnati, while Reggie Sanders and Eddie Taubensee also homered for the Reds, who won their four-game winning streak ended. Tim Lincecum (2-2) was the loser.

Pirates 3, Cardinals 0

PITTSBURGH — Steve Parris, in danger of going to the minors only last week, pitched six shutout innings in the latest strong start by a Pittsburgh rookie as the Pirates beat St. Louis.

Carlos Garcia and Steve Pegues hit solo homers, giving the Pirates 10 homers in their last five games. The Pirates have 70 homers in 70 games, compared to a major-league low 80 in 114 games last season.

Parris (3-2), striking out seven and walking none, combined with Dan Plesac and Dan Miceli on a seven-hit shutout as the Pirates celebrated Three Rivers Stadium's 25th anniversary by winning their sixth in seven games.

Mets 2, Rockies 1

NEW YORK — Rico Bragion singled home the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning, giving the New York Mets a victory over Colorado.

The Mets, with the second-worst record in the league, won three of four from the NL West-leading Rockies.

Jose Valentin opened the 10th with a single off Mark Thompson (2-1) and was sacrificed to by pinch-hitter Tim Bogar. Brett Butler's groundout sent Valentin to third and, after Edgardo Alfonzo walked, Bragion singled.

Giants 7, Astros 6, 14 innings

SAN FRANCISCO — J.R. Phillips homered leading off the 14th inning to give the San Francisco Giants a 7-6 win over the Houston Astros in a game that lasted four hours, 54 minutes.

Phillips, who came to bat hitting .152 in 2005, hit his fifth home run in three games and his 13th of the year, to tie the game 5-6. Bagwell, who had a run-scoring single earlier in the game, has 30 RBIs in his last 27 games.



A fan at Baltimore's Camden Yards gets a glove on a home run by Baltimore Orioles' Raphael Palmeiro to prevent a catch by Kansas City Royals centerfielder Tom Goodwin in the fourth inning of their game Sunday. The Orioles beat the Royals 3-2.

Eckersley suffers rare loss; Indians sweep As

CLEVELAND — Manny Ramirez hit a two-out, two-run homer in the 12th inning off Dennis Eckersley, and the Cleveland Indians rallied past the Oakland Athletics 5-4 Sunday for a four-game sweep.

The Indians opened the 12th with a single for his fifth hit. Pinch-runner Kenny Lofton solo second with two outs and Ramirez hit his 21st home run into the bleachers in left field on a 2-2 pitch.

Ramirez gave the Indians their 13th victory in their final at-bat, and gave them their 14th win in the last 18 games.

The Indians are 6-0 in extra innings this year. Oakland is winless in eight extra-inning games, and has lost 10 straight times to Cleveland dating to July 1993.

Brewers 6, White Sox 1

MILWAUKEE — Brian Givens, who underwent five elbow operations during 12 seasons in the minors, earned his first starting job leading the Milwaukee Brewers past Chicago.

Givens (1-2) gave up three hits in eight innings as the Brewers completed their first four-game sweep of the White Sox since July 1992.

Givens, a 29-year-old left-hander, worked 102.9 1-3 innings in the minors. The rookie was called up by the Brewers on June 24 and lost his first two starts before a pair of no-decisions.

Blue Jays 9, Mariners 3

SEATTLE — John Olerud hit his first career grand slam and added a solo home run for a career-high five RBIs as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated Seattle.

Olerud, the 1993 AL batting champion, was hitting .252 entering the game and homered Thursday night for the first time in 48 games. Sunday's two-homer game was his first of the season, gave him six home runs and helped the Blue Jays win their fourth of six games.

Ed Huelskamp (1-0) won his first major league victory with 6 2-3 innings of one-run, four-hit relief. Rafael Cammons (1-1) was the loser.

Angels 6, 13; Tigers 4, 6

DETROIT — Jim Edmonds homered twice and drove in five runs as the California Angels defeated Detroit in a rain-shortened second game for a doubleheader sweep.

American League

The Angels swept the four-game series. They began, after starting 5-0 on an 11-game losing streak, with a 5-1 win.

Edmonds went 4-for-5 and scored three times. The second game was called in the top of the ninth inning after a walk for a half-inning.

California tagged Mike Moore (5-4) for six runs and nine hits in just 1 1-3 innings. Rookie reliever Mike James (1-0) was credited with his first major league win.

Garet Anderson's bases-loaded double in the eighth helped the Angels overcome a 4-1 deficit in the opener. He also homered in the second game.

Orioles 3, Royals 2

BALTIMORE — Jamie Moyer pitched 7 2-3 innings of three-hit ball, and Rafael Palmeiro and Cal Ripken homered as the Baltimore Orioles defeated Kansas City.

Moyer didn't walk a batter and had a season-high seven strikeouts in winning his fourth straight start. He retired 16 straight batters in the middle innings.

Moyer (5-3) outpitched rookie Melvin Buncick (1-1), who was credited with a Triple-A Omaha earlier in the day and lost in his first major-league start.

Yankees 5, Twins 1

NEW YORK — Rookie Mariano Rivera pitched six scoreless innings before leaving because of a torn fingernail, and Wade Boggs hit a two-run single as the New York Yankees beat Minnesota.

Rivera (2-2) remained unharmed in his five daygame starts but was forced to leave after tearing the nail on his right middle finger with two on and no outs in the seventh. Reliever Bob Wickman allowed an RBI double to Pat Meares, but escaped a bases-loaded jam.

Rangers 5, Red Sox 2

BOSTON — Juan Gonzalez became Texas' career home run leader with the 154th of his career and 14th of the season as the Rangers beat the Boston Red Sox 5-2 Sunday night.

Kenny Rogers (9-1) got his first win since June 22, allowing only three hits in seven innings. The Red Sox got two runs off relievers Terry Burrows and Roger McDowell in the eighth, keeping them the only major league team without a shutout loss.

The victory was the sixth in seven games for Texas, giving them the best record (42-31) after 73 games in club history.

Persistence pays off for Tryba

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — He's had a bad neck and a streak of bad luck, missing cut after cut by a steel.

Tryba, however, is doing just fine for now. He won for the first time on the PGA Tour on Sunday, a one-stroke victory in the Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic.

"All those balls and all the hard work," Tryba said. "The sweat, pain, anguish and misbehavior, learning how to cope with playing out here. This really makes it all the much more worthwhile."

At the start of the day, Tryba was tied with Jim Gallagher Jr. and Blaine McCallister, one shot off the lead. He took care of those two five-time winners. Then, after open-

ing a four-shot lead early on the back nine, he held off a last-challenge by former U.S. Open winner Scott Simpson.

Tryba closed with a 3-under-par 68 to finish at 12-under 272 over the River Course at Kingsmill Golf Club. He earned \$198,000, more than twice his \$90,869 total coming into the \$1.1 million event.

Tryba had a neck problem that started last December but wasn't corrected until mid-March. Then there were the frustrations on the course.

His best previous finish was a tie for third in the 1993 Walt Disney World-Oldsimeb Classic, and his best this year — in a four-high 23 events — was a tie for seventh in the Greater Greensboro Open in late April.

Swede birdies way into U.S. Open title

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Two days earlier, Annika Sorenstam said she would pressure situations Sunday. She would like to amend that comment.

Sorenstam, a Swede who maintains a home in Phoenix, ran off three consecutive birdies and then survived a shaky finish Sunday to capture the 50th U.S. Women's Open, the most prestigious title in women's golf. She won her first victory on the LPGA tour.

"It was fun for a while, but it got out of hand," she said. "I've been nervous before but never that ner-

vous. On the back nine, I felt like my nerves were swinging, not me."

Sorenstam, capitalizing on a triple-bogey at the fourth hole by third-round leader Meg Mallon, closed with a 2-under-par 68 for a 278 total on the mountainous Broadmoor East course.

Nearly undone by bogeys at Nos. 15 and 16, Sorenstam finished one shot ahead of Mallon.

Sorenstam's birdie at Nos. 9-11 put her two shots in front, a lead she extended to three strokes, helping to offset her late fade.

"I was five shots out starting the day," Sorenstam said. "I went off today with the attitude that I had nothing to lose..."

Sorenstam, who played at the University of Arizona, was the 1991 NCAA champion and the 1992 World Amateur champion. Falling in her first attempt at tour qualifying school, she nonetheless won \$47,000 in three LPGA events in 1993, earning her tour card late that season. She was the LPGA's rookie of the year in 1994 and had three second-place finishes over the last two seasons but never a tour victory until Sunday.

Snead hangs on to Senior Players title

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — J.C. Snead overcame a nemesis hole at the TPC of Michigan and beat the architect in the process.

Snead, who double-bogeyed the par-4 18th hole in 1992 to lose to Dave Stockton, parred it Sunday to force a playoff with designer Jack Nicklaus. He then birdied it on the first extra hole to win the Senior Players Championship.

Snead set up his winning 4-foot putt on a 5-iron approach from 182 yards. "I hit a real good tee shot and as good as a second shot as I could have hit unless it went in the hole," he said. "I kept saying to myself, 'Be still, be still, be still. If I wasn't going to make that sucker, at least I didn't want to move over.'"

Snead, who had a four-stroke lead with six holes to play, shot a 3-un-

der-par 69 and Nicklaus had a 67 for 164, a 272 total. That sent them back to No. 18, where both players had four pars in regulation.

After both split the fairway, Nicklaus' approach came up 30 feet short before Snead hit his splendid 5-iron to set up the winning putt.

Snead earned \$225,000 for his first major title and third victory on the Senior PGA Tour.

Swing

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Ten months later, still on crutches and unable to swing a golf club, Harper was in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., setting up his Dream Swing for Mike Adams, director of instruction at the PGA National Academy.

Adams was intrigued with the device, which attaches a rod and swivel hinge to the club. The rod is connected to an adjustable plastic pipe base, secured by three ropes sunk into the ground. The swivel hinges and the rod attached to the club keep a golfer's swing on a perfect plane to strike the ball, Harper says.

After taking a cut with the Dream Swing, Adams said the swing wasn't quite right, a phrase Harper became all too accustomed to hearing.

Allen left Harper with a glimmer of hope, however, telling the Idaho he would sell truckloads.

With an inventor's vigor, Harper made some adjustments and modifica-

tions and returned to Adams in April. Still, the swing plane was wrong, the PGA professional told Harper, who was losing hope.

Then Harper realized his mistake. He was setting the Dream Swing to his swing specifications, which means no lower back motion because of the injuries suffered in that auto accident.

Harper returned to his home north of Paul with new hope and new ideas. He reconstructed the Dream Swing to adjust to people's size while maintaining the basic concept — to teach the golfer to swing like a machine.

The first person to test the revamped swing trainer was golf legend Johnny Miller, who Harper hooked up with in Utah. Miller gripped the club attached to the Dream Swing, drew it back, and dropped it.

"The swing plane wasn't right, Miller told Harper. It was changing his swing, he said.

Harper had heard it before. Convincing accomplished professionals

that they were feeling the motions of a perfect golf swing was not easy. To the pros, their golf swing put ample food on the table. How much closer to perfect can you get? What does a Paul farmer know about the perfect golf swing anyway?

Revolutionary concepts are rarely welcomed initially. Harper reminded himself, and he was certain the Dream Swing would revolutionize golf.

Harper pleaded with Miller to give it another try. Miller consented after Harper made some adjustments, and took a dozen cuts with the Dream Swing. Then he grabbed a loose club, teed up a ball and took a stroke.

Miller looked up and smiled at Harper. The device had indeed changed his swing, Miller said to Harper; it changed it for the better.

For the next few months, Harper thought he had it made. Adams, the PGA instructor, ordered 150 of the devices to use in his classes.

Seniors Tour golfer Jim Albus

Andretti's luck improves in Toronto Molson Indy

TORONTO (AP) — Michael Andretti was right in front of the pit entrance when he heard team manager Lee White yell, "Yellow! Pit now!"

That was a pretty strong hint it was finally Andretti's day in Sunday's Toronto Molson Indy after 10 races of bad luck and mostly unsatisfactory results this season.

The 33-year-old driver took advantage of the break and drove a near perfect race on the way to his fifth Toronto victory and his first win since the same race last year.

"I was lucky to be near the pit entrance then," Andretti said. "That's what gave us track position and that's probably what won us the race."

That incident came on lap 18, then the first of two full-course cautions

flags waved. Leader Jacques Villeneuve, who started from the pole, and runner-up Jimmy Vasser were just past the pit entrance and had to around, while Andretti went in for a quick stop.

Six laps later, when Villeneuve and Vasser pitted, Andretti was there to inherit the lead. He led the rest of the 98-lap race, except for one lap during the last series of pit stops.

"It's like old times," said Andretti, the leading active Indy-car winner with 10 victories. "It was a fun time when we were really long."

That was when three-time series champion Bobby Rahal, last year's runner-up at Toronto, was chasing Andretti's Lola-Ford and making a hot day even hotter for the leader.

Mariners' ace on pace to break strikeout record

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Mariners catcher Dan Wilson can tell you in troubling teams know they're in trouble with Randy Johnson.

Wilson hears the mutterings of frustration as the hitters try to hit Johnson's 98 mph fastball and devastating slider.

"One by some of the swings they take and some of the things they do in the batter's box," Wilson said.

Johnson made the Toronto Blue Jays his latest victim, striking out 16 and pitching a three-hit Saturday in a 3-0 victory. He improved to 10-1 with a 2.66 ERA, and leads the majors with 168 strikeouts.

Johnson is on a record strikeout pace this season — 12.78 per nine in-

nings — after the second-best career strikeout performance.

The 6-foot-10 left-hander, who led the majors in strikeouts the past three seasons, now threatens to break Nolan Ryan's major league strikeout record of 3,741.

"Without a doubt, the four-time All-Star is having his best season."

In 1993, he was 19-8 with a 3.24 ERA, 308 strikeouts and 99 walks in 34 starts and 255 1-3 innings. He had 10 complete games and three shutouts that year.

In 1995, the Mariners are 15-2 in his 17 starts. In 118 1-3 innings, he's got four complete games, two shutouts and has walked 36.

Indurain's lead in Tour nears 3 min.

GUZET-NEIGE, France (AP) — Miguel Indurain celebrated his birthday Sunday the same way he has done so the last few years — in the lead of the Tour de France.

Indurain, who is 27, came in third in the 14th stage on the 101-mile leg from St. Orens de Gameville to Guzet-Neige to maintain his yellow jersey.

He hopes to join Belgian Eddy Merckx, Frenchman Jacques Anquetil and Bernard Hinault as five-time winners, but Indurain would be joining the elite first to do it in consecutive years.

Italy's Marco Pantani took the edge of the Pyrenees with a rest day on Monday and Sunday.

The 25-year-old Pantani was third in last year's Tour and had won the hard L'Alpe d'Huez stage earlier in the week.

He attacked as the pack started the last 25 miles with four climbs of varying degrees left.

He built a lead of almost three minutes over the pack, entering the final climb, rated the hardest on the Tour's definition of steepness, length and difficulty.

With rain and fog over the last hour of the race, Pantani won by 2 minutes, 31 seconds over Laurent Madouas of France.

Indurain was in the main pack until the last 25 miles then speeded up to almost catch Madouas at the finish.

Alex Zule of Switzerland ended up a couple seconds behind Indurain to drop to 2:46 behind.

Laurent Jalabert of France stayed third but lost almost a minute to Bjarne Riis of Denmark, who is in fourth.

Pantani moved to seventh and is now 10:07 behind Indurain.

The Tour ends July 23 in Paris.

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Bulldogs take 2 from Minico

By Ron Gates
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Rexburg's Upper Valley Bulldogs used the long ball to sweep an American Legion AA baseball doubleheader from Minico 11-0 and 10-5 Sunday.

Brian Blanchard's three-run homer punched the difference in the nightcap. Upper Valley led 6-0 after Blanchard's second-inning shot and moved to 9-0 untrailing before Chad Schow replied with a roundtrip that scored two teammates ahead of him.

By the time visitors got a third out Minico had cut within 9-5.

Facing a 10-5 deficit in their final at-bat, the Sage again proved they also had some powerful hitters in the lineup when Eric Stroehlein started a three-run rally with his team's second homer of the contest.

"We had them when we could have pushed it ahead," said Minico Coach Russ Wright. "We just didn't get it done. It was frustrating."

The Bulldogs took an early 2-0 lead in game one

on unearned runs, expanded that to 3-0 on Kevin Bell's solo homer in the second inning, then put the game on ice with a six-run outburst in the fifth. Blanchard's long ball against the Bulldogs' best pitcher with back-to-back doubles, Mike Bell followed suit two batters later and Shawn Williams pounded out another two-bagger sending Val Dalling home with Upper Valley's sixth run of the inning.

Brady Gardner, who yielded only three hits in seven innings and struck out four, hit a two-run homer in Upper Valley's last at-bat to account for the final tally. The two clubs meet on the Minico High School diamond in another twillblast starting at 11 a.m. today.

Upper Valley 11, Minico 0
Upper Valley 10, Minico 5
Gardner and Bell; Paces and Jensen; W-Gardner; L-Pace; HR-Upper Valley; K-Bell; Gardner.

Upper Valley 10, Minico 8
Upper Valley 10, Minico 0
Wright, Toledo; Paces and Jensen; W-Schow (3) and Crystal, Jensen (3); W-Williams; L-Jensen; HR-Upper Valley; Blanchard; Minico; Schow, Stroehlein.

Scores and stats

Baseball

NL standings	Team	W	L	100-100
Atlanta Braves	55	41	57	
Los Angeles Dodgers	53	43	55	
San Diego Padres	50	46	52	
St. Louis Cardinals	49	47	51	
San Francisco Giants	47	49	49	
Chicago Cubs	46	50	48	
Pittsburgh Pirates	45	51	47	
Cincinnati Reds	44	52	46	
Philadelphia Phillies	43	53	45	
Florida Marlins	42	54	44	
Montreal Expos	41	55	43	
San Francisco Giants	40	56	42	
Los Angeles Dodgers	39	57	41	
Atlanta Braves	38	58	40	
St. Louis Cardinals	37	59	39	
San Diego Padres	36	60	38	
Philadelphia Phillies	35	61	37	
Chicago Cubs	34	62	36	
Cincinnati Reds	33	63	35	
San Francisco Giants	32	64	34	
Pittsburgh Pirates	31	65	33	
Florida Marlins	30	66	32	
Montreal Expos	29	67	31	
San Diego Padres	28	68	30	
Los Angeles Dodgers	27	69	29	
Atlanta Braves	26	70	28	
St. Louis Cardinals	25	71	27	
San Francisco Giants	24	72	26	
Philadelphia Phillies	23	73	25	
Chicago Cubs	22	74	24	
Cincinnati Reds	21	75	23	
San Diego Padres	20	76	22	
Los Angeles Dodgers	19	77	21	
Atlanta Braves	18	78	20	
St. Louis Cardinals	17	79	19	
San Francisco Giants	16	80	18	
Philadelphia Phillies	15	81	17	
Chicago Cubs	14	82	16	
Cincinnati Reds	13	83	15	
San Diego Padres	12	84	14	
Los Angeles Dodgers	11	85	13	
Atlanta Braves	10	86	12	
St. Louis Cardinals	9	87	11	
San Francisco Giants	8	88	10	
Philadelphia Phillies	7	89	9	
Chicago Cubs	6	90	8	
Cincinnati Reds	5	91	7	
San Diego Padres	4	92	6	
Los Angeles Dodgers	3	93	5	
Atlanta Braves	2	94	4	
St. Louis Cardinals	1	95	3	
San Francisco Giants	0	96	2	
Philadelphia Phillies	0	97	1	
Chicago Cubs	0	98	0	
Cincinnati Reds	0	99	0	
San Diego Padres	0	100	0	
Los Angeles Dodgers	0	101	0	
Atlanta Braves	0	102	0	
St. Louis Cardinals	0	103	0	
San Francisco Giants	0	104	0	
Philadelphia Phillies	0	105	0	
Chicago Cubs	0	106	0	
Cincinnati Reds	0	107	0	
San Diego Padres	0	108	0	
Los Angeles Dodgers	0	109	0	
Atlanta Braves	0	110	0	
St. Louis Cardinals	0	111	0	
San Francisco Giants	0	112	0	
Philadelphia Phillies	0	113	0	
Chicago Cubs	0	114	0	
Cincinnati Reds	0	115	0	
San Diego Padres	0	116	0	
Los Angeles Dodgers	0	117	0	
Atlanta Braves	0	118	0	
St. Louis Cardinals	0	119	0	
San Francisco Giants	0	120	0	
Philadelphia Phillies	0	121	0	
Chicago Cubs	0	122	0	
Cincinnati Reds	0	123	0	
San Diego Padres	0	124	0	
Los Angeles Dodgers	0	125	0	
Atlanta Braves	0	126	0	
St. Louis Cardinals	0	127	0	
San Francisco Giants	0	128	0	
Philadelphia Phillies	0	129	0	
Chicago Cubs	0	130	0	
Cincinnati Reds	0	131	0	
San Diego Padres	0	132	0	
Los Angeles Dodgers	0	133	0	
Atlanta Braves	0	134	0	
St. Louis Cardinals	0	135	0	
San Francisco Giants	0	136	0	
Philadelphia Phillies	0	137	0	
Chicago Cubs	0	138	0	
Cincinnati Reds	0	139	0	
San Diego Padres	0	140	0	
Los Angeles Dodgers	0	141	0	
Atlanta Braves	0	142	0	
St. Louis Cardinals	0	143	0	
San Francisco Giants	0	144	0	
Philadelphia Phillies	0	145	0	
Chicago Cubs	0	146	0	
Cincinnati Reds	0	147	0	
San Diego Padres	0	148	0	
Los Angeles Dodgers	0	149	0	
Atlanta Braves	0	150	0	

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San Francisco Giants	45	51	49
Philadelphia Phillies	44	52	48
St. Louis Cardinals	43	53	47
Chicago White Sox	42	54	46
Arizona Diamondbacks	41	55	45
Los Angeles Dodgers	40	56	44
San Diego Padres	39	57	43
Atlanta Braves	38	58	42
St. Louis Cardinals	37	59	41
San Francisco Giants	36	60	40
Philadelphia Phillies	35	61	39
Chicago White Sox	34	62	38
Arizona Diamondbacks	33	63	37
Los Angeles Dodgers	32	64	36
San Diego Padres	31	65	35
Atlanta Braves	30	66	34
St. Louis Cardinals	29	67	33
San Francisco Giants	28	68	32
Philadelphia Phillies	27	69	31
Chicago White Sox	26	70	30
Arizona Diamondbacks	25	71	29
Los Angeles Dodgers	24	72	28
San Diego Padres	23	73	27
Atlanta Braves	22	74	26
St. Louis Cardinals	21	75	25
San Francisco Giants	20	76	24
Philadelphia Phillies	19	77	23
Chicago White Sox	18	78	22
Arizona Diamondbacks	17	79	21
Los Angeles Dodgers	16	80	20
San Diego Padres	15	81	19
Atlanta Braves	14	82	18
St. Louis Cardinals	13	83	17
San Francisco Giants	12	84	16
Philadelphia Phillies	11	85	15
Chicago White Sox	10	86	14
Arizona Diamondbacks	9	87	13
Los Angeles Dodgers	8	88	12
San Diego Padres	7	89	11
Atlanta Braves	6	90	10
St. Louis Cardinals	5	91	9
San Francisco Giants	4	92	8
Philadelphia Phillies	3	93	7
Chicago White Sox	2	94	6
Arizona Diamondbacks	1	95	5
Los Angeles Dodgers	0	96	4
San Diego Padres	0	97	3
Atlanta Braves	0	98	2
St. Louis Cardinals	0	99	1
San Francisco Giants	0	100	0
Philadelphia Phillies	0	101	0
Chicago White Sox	0	102	0
Arizona Diamondbacks	0	103	0
Los Angeles Dodgers	0	104	0
San Diego Padres	0	105	0
Atlanta Braves	0	106	0
St. Louis Cardinals	0	107	0
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Boxing

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Tough guy

Arizona man fits profile of militia leader, yet warns against far, radical right

Los Angeles Times

PHOENIX — James Region Jarrett — warrior, man, weapon still in hand — is a precision fit for any profile of the perfect militia commander.

He is a demolitions and guerrilla warfare expert who sees some FBI agents as arrogant prigs and believes the Drug

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'progressive' liberals and civil liberties ... the affirmative-nonsense program.'

And at a 1986 briefing at an Army post south of Phoenix, local law enforcers were told of Jarrett's associations with the Arizona Patriots and other militia organizations. They said he was the Southwest's most dangerous terrorist.

"It was just a hoot," Jarrett remembers. "I happened to be working undercover for the Arizona attorney general at the time."

Therein the responsible, peace-enforcing, law-abiding other side of James Region Jarrett. Also the present of a man who actually is an anathema to the far, radical right.

Especially as a thinking man, an adjunct professor of justice studies at Arizona State University, who examines guerrilla action from the inside and can place militia groups and terrorists in minute and often embarrassing focus.

And Jarrett, 50, says that even if Timothy McVeigh is found guilty of the Oklahoma City bombing, he must never be considered a pure terrorist.

"This was the act of a madman, not a terrorist," he says. And with common criminals as accomplices. "The psychological profiles developing on these guys are those of zealots by (philosopher George) Santayana's definition: someone who loses sight of their goals and therefore redoubles their efforts."

Jarrett, who was a Los Angeles Police Department undercover officer between tours as a Green Beret in Vietnam and Panama, with side adventures in Cambodia, Laos, Nicaragua and Honduras, does not consider Oklahoma City the overturn of a nation. "Americans should worry that the bombing represents as an extreme of individual brutality and immorality, but we cannot allow these acts to even make them think that they (bombers) can cause a ripple in the system."

"So we must condemn them. But condemn them as criminals, not as political activists. You condemn them for being outside all boundaries and mores of civilized behavior. And you do not allow the word political to enter into it."

By his account of his beginnings, young James Jarrett could easily have fallen on the wrong side of law and violence.

He was abandoned as a child. He says his first memories are of northern Nevada and realizing a series of unique gifts and affinities. Jarrett could read by moonlight, enjoyed walking alone across wilderness, and sensed the moods of animals.

Especially wolves. He says they parallel human behavior, but appear more eth-

ical. Maybe, Jarrett believes, he carries Native American blood.

Part of his boyhood was spent with a fundamentalist minister who considered daily beatings God's way of cleansing young souls of satanic impurities. Jarrett remembers being force-fed rotted vegetables until he vomited. He was ordered to lick it up.

"When you survive that kind of torture, it becomes a defining event," he says. "It makes you or breaks you. You stand there and take it and tell yourself: 'Someday I'll be big.' Then you tighten your helmet strap and get on down the road."

At 14, Jarrett ran away up the road to Canada. His idea was to apply everything he had read by Jack London and Zane Grey and become the world's youngest mountain man.

Instead, he was arrested by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and dumped on the Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, Alberta. But he did learn to hunt, build fires, trap, live off the land and break most institute regulations.

Dumped by the institute for being incorrigible, Jarrett left Canada at 15 for a calmer place, the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles. There were horses and friendships with cowboys who trained them for the movies and who lived by simple wisdoms: If you can't bite, don't growl. If it ain't worth dying for, it ain't worth fighting over.

When Jarrett graduated from high school and a final foster home, his gift to himself was an escape from the past of assorted given names — by choosing a name of his own.

He found "James Jarrett" from "Jarrett's Jade," a 1959 novel that painted heroes huge enough to inspire a world of 17-year-olds.

So an already life-toughened, self-motivated, inner-directed teen-ager became James Jarrett, Chieflain, Warrior, Man. He added "Region" as a middle name because "I wanted something that had power and distinction ... and 'Region' spoke of space."

And as he succumbed to a novel, so he was taken by a True magazine cover of a Green Beret sighting down an M-16. "The Army was the first place where I found a home," he says. "Class had nothing to do with it. If you soldiered well, you were rewarded. Eighty dollars a month to be in the woods and shoot a gun and tell people what to do. I just loved it."

Jarrett's calloused daring, his innate ability to survive alone and a stubborn desire to expel among the elite made him a natural Green Beret. Especially in Vietnam, where his specialties were grim with limited job security — long-range reconnaissance patrols and assassinations.

In 1968 Sgt. Jarrett was honorably discharged and became Officer Jarrett with the LAPD. At 24, with looks going on 19, he went undercover among Students for a Democratic Society at Pierce College and California State University, Northridge. Then factions much more serious than war protesters — militant Weathermen and the Black Panthers.

In the mid '70s, after another stint in Vietnam had ended, Jarrett took off to Texas, Wyoming, Idaho and Arizona. He trained horses, escorted tourists on trail rides and followed the herds as a range cowboy.

With him went precious books: Aristotle, Freud, Plutarch. It didn't sit well among phlegmatic, hard-drinking cowboys.

"I was isolated, put outside their circle because I read," he says. "I realized that



James Jarrett instructs Maxine Chen during firearms class on a firing range outside Phoenix, Az. Jarrett, former Los Angeles police officer and Green Beret, warns of the dangers of the American militia movement.



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Today, Jarrett's life centers on obtaining a doctorate, teaching handguns at his U.S. Marksmanship Academy, and training horses in Arizona.

not only were these people not intellectuals, they were patently anti-intellectual. "And I saw in that a recipe for disaster. My God, these people were going to vote."

Jarrett also saw in himself a curious self-starter who was well-read, but far from well-educated.

His return to Arizona was a cerebral bing. He obtained an associate of arts degree from Phoenix College. Then a bachelor's of science, summa cum laude, from Arizona State, followed by a master's.

Studies combined what he knew best: justice, law enforcement, domestic resistance movements and unconventional warfare. To keep research fresh, he again slid undercover to work inside the Aryan Brotherhood and Arizona Patriots for federal and state agencies.

But that was several years ago. Now Jarrett's life centers more on obtaining a doctorate — to go along with

the undergraduate and graduate degrees he obtained — teaching handguns at his U.S. Marksmanship Academy, and training horses.

Most of the militia men he knew have moved away, or, since the Oklahoma City bombing, are recycling encrusted pasts for visiting reporters.

Jarrett doesn't know the newer generation. He hasn't met McVeigh, Terry Nichols, Michael Fortier and other figures allegedly linked to the April 19 Oklahoma City bombing, despite their histories in Kingman, Ariz., 160 miles northwest of Phoenix.

But he's an expert witness to the type. "It starts with the right, with these kind of 'radicals,' he explains. "A better word is extremist, a person who goes beyond what is acceptable morally and even socially."

"It is an ideology that says: 'Well, we will do things that otherwise would not be accepted.' Which usually indicates

they will be sucked right in." Extremists, he believes, are typically not bright. Their motivation is usually vague, stemming from advocacy research with scraps of information massaged into a working philosophy.

One common thread, Jarrett says, is a massive failure in life. A dismantled career: Chronic debt. In McVeigh's case, it may have been his rejection for U.S. Army Special Forces training.

"So they blame systemic issues rather than taking responsibility," Jarrett says. "They blame the IRS. They blame the government as part of a general hatred of the government for their loss of freedoms."

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NORTH ♠ 7 2
♥ K 3
♦ A 8
♣ K Q 10 9 4

EAST ♠ 7 3
♥ A 8 4
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ J 8 7 3

SOUTH ♠ K Q J 10 8
♥ 7 5
♦ 7 2
♣ A 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:
North East South West
1NT Pass 3 Pass
4 Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Heart queen

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 7 2
♥ K 5 3
♦ 7 10 9 8 7
♣ A 6

East: ♠ 7 3
♥ A 8 4
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ J 8 7 3

ANSWER: Club ace. Prospects are not good for your side. Lead the ace and hope for a ruff or two to help the cause.

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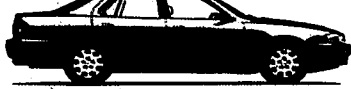
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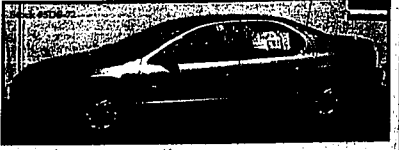
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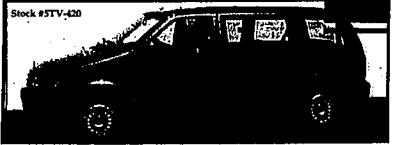
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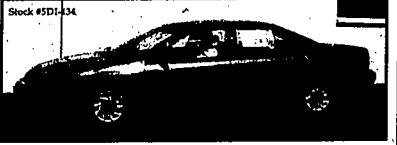
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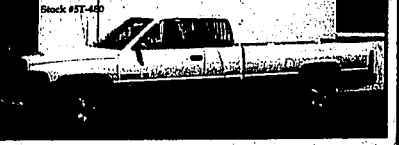
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Health & Fashion

In search of relief for the sneezin' season, have researchers found a magic bullet for allergies?

A Virginia drug company tests vitamin B-12 on Magic Valley's sufferers

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The group has gathered to volunteer, but the volunteer spirit seemed to have left the room at this particular moment.

“Who would like to learn to inject himself?” asks Venna Love, a registered respiratory therapist.

A couple of throats clear. Feet scuffle under chairs. Finally, a young woman says tentatively, “I don’t mind. I’ll do it.” Broncorp, Inc., a Virginia-based pharmaceutical company, has brought the syringes to Twin Falls as part of an allergy research project. It’s recruited volunteers for a study on the effects of injectible vitamin B-12, in low doses on allergy symptoms.

But why Twin Falls? **“Well, you talk to enough allergists and you figure out where the pollen is,”** said soft-spoken Ernie Armstrong, Broncorp’s president. Same with parts of Oregon, Washington, California and Texas. Nationwide, about 200 people will participate.

Armstrong hopes he has the answer to summer’s, *ah, ah, sniffles, AH - CHOO!* sneezes, drippy, itchy nose *sniff!* and itchy eyes.

Pass the tissue, please. Broncorp is conducting Food and Drug Administration-approved studies on people with allergies to see whether B-12 can help. The theory is that low doses of B-12 might decrease or even eliminate the symptoms of allergic rhinitis.

That’s hay fever, to you and me. But it’s been a long road to Twin Falls, explained Dave Boston, director of regulatory affairs at the Western Institutional Review Board in Olympia, Wash. When a compound such as a new drug is being developed, Boston said, the very first work is done in a test tube.

If all goes well, the project graduates to animal research, then up to testing on humans.

“Research begins with a small number of healthy people who are subjected to the new drug, then monitored very closely,” Boston said. “Often they might go to a hospital or similar facility and they usually draw blood from these people every four hours or so to see what’s going on with them (as the research progresses).”

“If that works well,” he continued, “Phase II is completed. Phase II is when they locate folks who may have a disease they’re hoping to treat.”

During the second stage required for FDA approval, a relatively small number of people, usually in two or three locations around the country, is monitored closely and watched for some degree of the new drug’s effectiveness. Or, does it seem to work?

Control groups are always used. Half of the people are given placebos while the other half are given the test drug. The third phase involves larger numbers of people if Phase II goes according to plan. Enter Twin Falls.

The investigative doctor, in this case, Richard Henry and Greg Kadlec, don’t know which patients get the test drugs and which get the placebos.

Participants in Broncorp’s study are invited to an informational seminar given by Love, then sign a six-page consent form and go home with a diary.

They’re asked fill in the diary’s questions twice daily for two weeks, then return to the Kadlec and Henry’s clinic. During that time, they are asked not to take any other allergy medications except for those supplied by Broncorp: an over-the-counter antihistamine, a nasal spray and eye drops.

After the first two weeks, test subjects see the doctor for a physical exam and a blood drawing. They’ll again be instructed on the art of self-injection and the safe-use of needles and syringes. Then they’ll be sent home for another two weeks.

The study will test the notion that twice-daily injections of B-12 will lower levels of immunoglobulin E, an antibody usually present in people with allergies. With the lowering of IgE, allergy symptoms should, the theory goes, decrease or disappear.

The drug has to be injected, Armstrong said, because oral doses of B-12 don’t work the same.

A third visit to the doctor’s office will require another blood drawing, and the doctor will talk to each participant. After 70 days, the doctor will look everyone over again and ask about allergy symptoms.

A year from now, participants will know who got the placebo and who got the B-12. Those who received the placebo are eligible for a course of B-12 therapy, if they want it. The price is certainly right. If and when the new therapy is approved for use by the FDA and released to the public, Armstrong estimated it could cost an allergy sufferer about \$2,000.

“But then, any time you go to the doctor for long-term therapy like this, the cost can get up there,” he said.



BUDDY CHARLES MANGINE/The Times-News

RRT Venna Love shows Teresa Hernandez of Twin Falls how to inject the B-12 test into her arm.

If the new therapy works, patients could see an improvement in their allergy symptoms for life after the two-week treatment, Armstrong sees it as an alternative to repeated drug use, avoiding allergens — and immunotherapy, which is expensive, time-consuming or not always effective.

The information that is gathered from the study done in Twin Falls and Burley, as well as the other sites, will go to WIRB, whose board will review the data.

How did Armstrong put sniffles and vitamins together? He didn’t exactly.

In the early 1950s, a Spanish doctor was doing research on cancer. During the clinical trials, Armstrong said, the physician saw that patients with allergic rhinitis did better with B-12 therapy, so he followed up from there.

Studies were done elsewhere in Europe, with adults and children. In some of the tests, adults were given higher doses of the vitamin than the kids, but only the youngsters’ symptoms improved. Armstrong, who lived in Spain as a child, was probably one of those children.

Today, he has a method-use patent registered with the U.S. Patent Office on this particular use of B-12.

Phase III, the last step before the test results go back to WIRB and the FDA, sometimes calls for different dosages of test drugs, Boston said, in order to determine the most effective dose.

The entire approval process usually takes anywhere from five to nine years, Boston said.

Meanwhile, the FDA watches and waits, making sure all the steps are in according with its regulations. If and when everything looks good, the sponsoring company (in this case, Broncorp) submits its findings to the FDA for review. Federal allergists and pollensists and other experts review all the data. Once the committee has the final results, Boston said, it could take another year, maybe less.

If more research is required, it’s back to the drawing board for another three or more years, he said.

Study needs more volunteers

The Times-News

If you’re interested in participating in the vitamin B-12 study, there are still about 30 openings left for prospective volunteers.

Prospective participants must be between ages 12 and 75, with established IgE based allergic rhinitis (allergies causing symptoms such as sneezing, runny nose, and nasal congestion.)

You can’t take part if:

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Miracles — they happen now and then

Sometimes there are books that make you feel your heart and soul tingle...

Two years ago it was Joan Wester Anderson’s collection of true stories of heavenly visitors, “Where Angels Walk,” a national best-seller. Now it’s Anderson’s second book, “Where Miracles Happen: True Stories of Heavenly Encounters.”

“Miracles” is an unforgettable collection of heartwarming true experiences of ordinary people whose lives have been touched — and changed — by God.



JoAnn Larsen
Psychology

As the book jacket explains, “Sometimes these touches come in the form of angels; seen or unseen. Sometimes they are transported through time and space in messages from loved ones who are already in paradise. And sometimes they come in the form of inexplicable rescues and healings, mysterious answers to problems, marvels in nature, and heavenly timing. But always they bring with them the awesome awareness that, for each of us, God is as near as a whispered prayer...”

Anderson’s own first encounter with a miracle came after she had moved into a new house. In a few weeks, autumn leaves began falling.

“Actually,” Anderson said, they “rained down, thickly covering our quarter-acre.”

One afternoon, while the children were in school, she went into the yard to rake and, by the end of an hour, had stuffed six bags. But there were still several huge piles waiting, and half the yard remained untouched.

Anderson leaned on her rake for a moment, pushed the hair back from her eyes and went into shock. Her diamond engagement ring had disappeared — and not removed from her finger since her marriage — was gone.

Anderson’s next-door neighbor, Lynne, a new and welcome acquaintance, stepped through the hedge at the hedge at that moment, saw Anderson’s shocked expression and said, “What’s wrong?”

“They must have fallen off out here,” Anderson told Lynne, surveying the landscape with a sinking heart. How could she ever find these rings — these beloved, irreplaceable rings — in all that debris? Tears filled her eyes.

Lynne suggested that they pray, and she knelt right down in the middle of the leaves.

“And,” Anderson said, “because she had hold of my hand, so I did.”

Lynne began to discuss the problem with God and after finishing her discussion, she said, “We need a miracle, God. Please let us find the rings, her hand into it, and then straightened up.”

After the prayer, Anderson watched Lynne’s eyes travel across the orange- and yellow piles.

“Slowly she stood up and walked past several deep mounds. When she reached one on the outer side of the yard, she stopped, bent over and plucked her hand into it, and then straightened up.”

“Here they are,” she said, looking into her palm. “Here are your rings.”

“I probably screamed before I went running across to her. But there both rings were, unmistakably mine. We

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Looking good

Tiny T’s are top crops

The Baltimore Sun

We have entered the age of the incredible shrinking T-shirt. The kids start it, designers picked up on it and there is no turning back. The young, ever careful to stay a step ahead of the geezers, decided on change once they saw the mall sprinkled with oversized T’s worn by World’s Greatest Grandmas.

In fashion self-defense, young women gave up their extra-large boyfriend shirts and borrowed little brother’s. Trendies are now squeezing themselves into baby T’s, and mature figures are gasping at the demise of baggy one-size-fits-all styles. Remember Goldie Hawn’s cropped tops and Twiggy’s emaciated poor boy kuits? It all comes round.

There’s no denying that junior figures look cute and fit in tot-sized styles, which some of them buy in the Kiddle department to ensure the snuggest fit. They’ll also lean to babylike undershirts, tanks and holed-down polo shirts. Teen wear their T’s with short shorts, classic jeans, miniskirts and floaty

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Teeny-tiny T-shirts that highlight a buff midriff are all the rage these days, and you can make your own — just buy a plain white V-neck two sizes too small, and voilà! You’re chic!

AP photo

Health notes

NOTHING TO CHEER ABOUT: And you think sports are dangerous? Injuries among high school and college cheerleaders increased by more than 200 percent over a 13-year period, according to figures released by the National Center for Catastrophic Injuries at the University of North Carolina. Injuries included sprains, ligament damage, fractures and even paralysis, according to a report on the figures in the Penn State Sports Medicine Newsletter. Among the most dangerous stunts is the human pyramid, which has been banned in two states.

OUT OF JOINT: Speaking of sports-related injuries, in the past seven years, orthopedic surgeons have seen a 17 percent increase in the number of patients seeking treatment for new knee problems. The knee now represents the single most common trouble spot treated by orthopods, according to American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons statistics reported in American Demographics magazine. The reasons include the large numbers of aging baby boomers still trying to act like kids, new fitness-fanatic lifestyles — and the largely unrecognized fact that if we lived long enough, everyone’s knees would wear out.

THE WORM TURNS: Why would anyone want to breed maggots? To help heal people’s wounds. It’s called maggot therapy, and it’s based on the notion that maggots devour dead tissue and bacteria lurking in a wound but avoid healthy skin and muscle. In an age of increasing antibiotic resistance, the maggots may do a better job than medicine, proponents say. “We just have to get past what I call the Yuck Factor,” says John Church, a British orthopedic surgeon. “It’s this immediate reaction of disgust.”

A BAD CONSCIENCE: Lying can be hazardous to your mental health. “You’re living a lie and waiting for the other shoe to drop,” Harvey Ruben, clinical professor of psychiatry at Yale University tells Blue Cross/Blue Shield’s Personal Choice Update. “This is psychologically unhealthy.”

PICTURE THIS: Health and fitness quote of the week: “All those women eating cereal and running 50 miles a day — and I get to do the swimsuit shoot! Eat your heart out!” Actress Kathy Najemy, in In Style magazine, on the fact that she was selected to be photographed in a swimsuit.

Compiled from wire reports

How to manage stress

Recently I was in my office, with a lot of to do, including writing a column, when I got a phone call informing me that the electric company had cut off my power.

"Yes, yes," I would have responded to this petty annoyance with a pointless, immature outburst of anger. But since then I have learned that stress management is vital to health. So I hung up the phone, took a deep breath, exhaled slowly, then punched my desk so hard that I could not make a fist for three days.

Then, using my other hand, I called the electric company, which has one of those automatic call-routing systems, designed by escaped Nazis with the aid of the Educational Testing Service, wherein you must use your touch-tone phone to pass a lengthy multiple-choice test ("... if you know your first name but not your last name, press ..."). This is the electric company's way of testing your worthiness as a customer: it's similar to the way knights of old had to prove themselves by slaying dragons, except that instead of winning the hand of a fair maiden, you get put in line to speak with an actual Customer Service Representative.

While waiting, I kept my stress level down by calmly going over the points I planned to make, as follows:

1. You stupid idiots.
2. Give me back my electricity this damn time.
3. What are you people using for brains?
4. Pez?

While I was refining these points, a Customer Service Representative came on the line and immediately irritated me by — I believe this was a deliberate tactic on her part — being polite. She explained to me that my electricity had been turned off because — get a load of this excuse — I had not paid my bill.

I was furious. The only thing that prevented me from hitting the entire O.J. Simpson defense team and suing the electric company for every



Dave Barry
Humor

last volt it owns was the realization that I had not, in fact, paid my electric bill. You know how you sometimes make a pile of papers that you definitely have to get to soon, and then you avoid making eye contact with the pile for several weeks, secretly hoping — you crazy optimist — that a giant comet will strike the Earth and wipe out all human life and you won't have to deal with it? My electric bill was in a pile like that.

The irritatingly polite woman told me that they could turn my electricity back on that day, but only if I paid the bill in person before 2 p.m. She told me to pay at a drugstore near where I live. (I don't know why she didn't have me pay at the electric company; probably they don't want anybody to find out their secret method for generating electricity, which I suspect involves a carpet being pulled by a giant pair of mechanical shoes.)

So I had to rush home to get my electric bill, and naturally my car chose that exact moment to be low on gas, so I had to stop at one of those all-purpose gas stations that also sell beer, cigarettes, magazines, hats, hot jerky and hot dogs the same age as Strom Thurmond. Naturally I wound up standing in line behind some family who was investing his family's grocery money in some kind of state lottery transaction so complex as to require the full attention of all three store clerks for about 15 minutes, during which time I controlled my stress level by staring laser holes into the back of the morose's neck and shrieking silently, inside my head, *Why not save yourself some time? Why not just get your money first?*

So as you can imagine I was feeling

ing very nonstressed when, with 2 p.m. rapidly approaching, I finally got back out onto the highway and immediately got stuck in severe traffic behind a driver with cars the size of pie plates who had just this moment arrived here from the year 1937 and had therefore never seen a left-turn arrow. You could see him studying it, trying to figure it out — A green arrow! Pointing left! Here in the left-hand lane! Whatever color of pie plates who had just this moment behind him controlled our stress levels by pounding our horns and then yelping with pain because we had accidentally used the same hand that we had used, in an earlier stress-control effort, to punch our horn.

Finally, with only minutes to go, I got to the drugstore — a cramped and dingy place selling unattractive housewares on lay-away — and found myself at the end of a long, Soviet-style line of people paying their utility bills in cash, which they pulled out of their wallets one dollar at a time in slow motion, pretending that they couldn't hear my brain shrieking at them *hurry up you fools* but of course they knew exactly what they were doing because they were all part of the plot, along with the electric company and the big-car driver and the lottery moron and the black federal helicopters constantly monitoring my movements, all of them working together to RAISE MY STRESS LEVEL. BUT I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DO AND IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK HAHAHAHAH-HAHAHAHHA HEY GET AWAY FROM ME YOU ...

Editor's note: There will be no Dave Barry column this week. Dave is taking the week off.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o Tropic Magazine, The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

Valley happenings

Retired Federal Employees set picnic

TWIN FALLS — Chapter 1959 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will hold its annual picnic at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Wood's Pavilion at Rock Creek Park.

All members, spouses and prospective members are invited. Those attending are asked to bring a potluck dish and their own table service. The club will provide dessert, coffee and a cold drink. For more information, call 733-2782.

Veterans outreach session scheduled

WENDELL — An outreach session for men and women veterans, their spouses (and widows or widowers) and dependents is planned for 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion Hall.

A Veterans Administration service officer will be available to answer questions and provide information regarding veterans benefits. For more information, call Vi Siojowski at 324-7168.

TFHS Class of 1937 meet for dinner

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Class of 1937 will meet for a no-host dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Addison West Restaurant.

For more information, call 734-6087 or 734-9911.

Blood drive planned at Moose Lodge

JEROME — A blood drive is planned for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Moose Lodge on North Lincoln.

Type O negative and O positive are especially needed. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment by calling Janice at 324-4124.

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

Larsen

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looked at each other, our faces wreathed in grins. "How did you ...? I hardly knew what to ask."

"She laughed. 'I didn't. God did it. I just kind of knew where to look.'"

"... But that's impossible..."

"Not really," she pointed out simply. "... We asked for a miracle, didn't we?"

"Can we 'prove' miracles?" Anderson writes. "Usually not. Even if the circumstances seem astonishing in the end many must be left to the observer to decide. But sometimes we recognize one by our reaction — perhaps a tiny quiver in the pit of our stomach, a chill running through us, a prick of tears, or our heart lifting in wordless rapture. Miracles can also be identified by hindsight by the positive, almost profound changes they make in our lives."

"Time magazine calls a miracle such as Anderson experienced 'a wonder, a beam of supernatural power injected into history ... (It) makes an opening in the wall that separates this world and another.'"

"My own 'miracles of the rings' changed me," Anderson reflected. "God didn't grow more willing to ask for spiritual help and seek God's plan for me, less fearful of being considered 'unworthy.' Still, it wasn't until I wrote my eighth book, 'Where Angels Walk,' in 1992, that a new door to understanding miracles opened to me. People were so moved by the true stories of others who were rescued, consoled, or touched in a special way by an angel that they willingly shared their own heavenly experiences with me."

Many of those stories went beyond encounters with angels, but involved being reached by loved ones already in paradise, or "answers to prayers, unexplained healings, the wonders of nature ... occasionally a story containing more than one spiritual ingredient, making it harder to categorize, but even more enjoyable to hear."

"Most illuminating," Anderson continued, "God seemed to be at work not just at shrines but every-

where. The greatest and most profound adventures with Him were taking place, not at the feet of distant gurus, but in our own kitchens, our cars, our prayer communities, wherever hearts were open enough to whisper, 'Come, Lord, come.'"

"Gradually, I realized that such happenings were far too precious to hide in my files. As I read them and heard them, it became clear that I would have to share many of them in another book, one not only about angels, but also about faith and love ... and, yes, about miracles. The groundwork God had so lovingly laid in my backyard was finally bearing fruit."

JoAnne Larsen, who grew up in Kimberly, is a Salt Lake City family counselor.

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Butt-boosting jeans make their debut

Newsday

NEW YORK — With the Wonderbra and its copycats promising — and for the most part delivering — the sartorial equivalent of décolletage in a can, could a gimmick to bolster another female erogenous zone be, er, far behind?

Tuesday, with much fanfare, Macy's flagship store in Manhattan unveiled its latest offering: Code Bleu, made of a special spandex-cotton blend that promises to "comfortably lift the buttocks up to an inch without pads or underwire." The slim-line jeans, which retail for \$48, are available at Macy's in sizes 3 to 13 in indie cut, with more styles to come by year's end.

"They fit like control-top panty

hose," raved push-up proponent Laura Fernan of New York City, as she dabbed at a borrowed tube of lipstick with a Q-tip. One of 50 women who queue up at Macy's fourth-floor MiracleBoost department first thing in the morning to receive a free pair of the jeans, Fernan later won the store's "Best Butt!" contest.

Although Macy's heralded the jeans' arrival with a police-escorted motorcade containing the contest's judges — which included two cast members from the Broadway musical "Grease" as well as the relentlessly blond MiracleBoost "spokeswins" (one in her namesake denims, another in a faded, non-boosy brand) — the jeans didn't seem to inspire the same shopper euphoria

that the Wonderbra did when it bowed last year.

And the reason may be that the more-is-more sentiment, which works for cleavage, doesn't apply to all body parts.

"Breasts are different," said 48-year-old Norma Ribich, a shopper who was visiting from Bend, Ore. "A miracle bra helps you fill out a dress, but I don't wish to accent my butt."

Indeed, reactions-to-the jeans varied depending on how amply endowed the wearer. "I really don't see a difference," said Asha Daniels, 13, of New York City. But Sandy Resler, 40-plus, also of New York City, was pleased with the results. "Mine's flat," she explained, "and the jeans made it look cutsey."

Crop

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skirts. But then, teens can wear anything, including the popular Mickey and Superman shirts from the children's department.

The adult department has to be more circumspect in how tiny and tight the T's go. Not to worry, though, a happy medium between small tops and big teems is possible.

Fashion-minded women may not buy into the shrunken look altogether but will be thinking smaller. Instead of automatically reaching for a large, they may want to start in the small range and work up to a fitted but comfortable level.

Mainstream labels already have reduced the volume in casual tops, and seasonal shoppers will be noticing a smaller fit overall. Even at the designer level where trends are exaggerated, there is acknowledgment that women who can pay the price shouldn't always buy into a trend. On the runways, designers

showed the shrunken look but were smart enough to work it into collections that offered coordinating jackets or easy shirts to take the edge off.

There are ways to wear small without feeling constrained. Here are some things to remember:

- Body tone, not size, separates the women from the girls. A taut, athletic build can get away with slinky looks. Bodies with any hint of flab need coverage. Wave at the three-way mirror; if any upper body parts jiggle back, forget it.
- T-shirts started out as underwear. Wear them that way — snug and clean under a jacket, shirt or jumper.
- A tight top needs a taut bottom for balance, so be realistic. Baggy shorts will only accentuate the problem.
- A relaxed top cropped at the waist gets the shrink idea across without binding.

* Think of shrink as a lean cotton cardigan which slims the arms as it covers.

* Try a body suit with some elastic control under a light jacket. The bareness and small scale holds the look in check.

* Designers show a strip of bare midriff as the ultimate summer accessory. Work the same idea by substituting a polished belt for polished skin.

* Men's T-shirts are shrinking, too. Be a friend and be honest about that muscle shirt.

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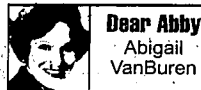
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the lesson page

Poem eases mother's pain after infant's death

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter from a postal worker in Cottage Grove, Minn., regarding the tragic loss of children in the Oklahoma City explosion:



Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

Five years ago, on the same date this letter was written, I lost my 9-month-old son to SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome).

I am enclosing a poem that gave me much comfort. Although I will continue to grieve the loss of my son, it would be selfish of me to wish him away from the perfect home in which he now dwells, just to fill my empty arms.

I have to consider myself blessed, and wait until the Lord determines that it is time for us to reunite.

A PARENT
IN PLEASANT GAP, PA.
TO ALL PARENTS
By Edgar Guest

"I'll lend you for a little time a child of mine," He said,
"For you to love the while she lives and mourn for when she's

dead.
"It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three,
"But will you, till I call her back, take care of her for me?
"She'll bring her charms to glad- den you, and shall her stay be brief,
"You'll have her lovely memories as solace for your grief.
"I cannot promise she will stay, since all from earth return,
"But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn."
"I've noticed the wide world over in my search for teachers true
"And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes I have selected you,
"Now will you give her all your love, nor think the labor vain,
"Nor hate me when I come to call

to take her back again?"
I fancied that I heard them say:
"Dear Lord, Thy will be done!
"For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run.
"We'll shelter her with tenderness, we'll love her while we may,
"And for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay;
"But shall the angels call for- mer much sooner than we've planned,
"We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand."
DEAR ABBY: When I was a child, my mother taught me some- thing that profoundly influenced my life.

I was 7 years old when she came home with a surprise, and asked me to peek inside a cardboard box. Inside were two baby guinea pigs she had bought for my brother and me.

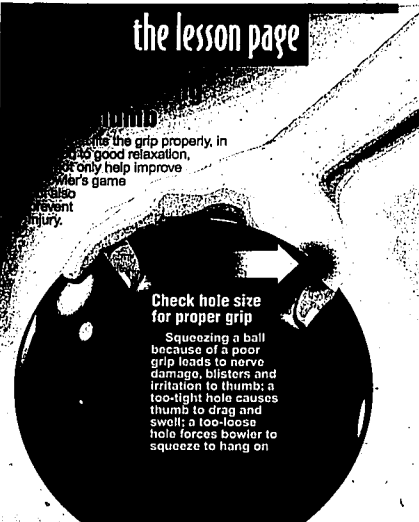
She showed me how to pick one up, and as I held the fragile little thing in my hand, she asked me to be careful and said, "Remember,

that's a little life."
Through the years, we've had some wonderful pets in our family who were always treated with love and kindness, and I never forgot that no matter how tiny the creature is, there is a little heart beating inside.

— LORI SIRAANI,
CHARLESTON, S.C.

DEAR LORI: What a beautiful humanitarian quality your mother instilled in you. Now if all humans would respect every living creature as you were taught to do, the world would be better for it.

DEAR ABBY: My father told me that many years ago he read where you got a letter from a soldier who asked if the picture you had with your column was really you and were you married. Your response was, "Dear Soldier: It is, and I am."
Are you the "Abby" who was writing an advice column during the Vietnam conflict years?
— K. KEEL, METAIRIE, LA.
DEAR K: Affirmative.



Check hole size for proper grip
Squeezing a ball because of a poor grip leads to nerve damage, blisters and irritation to thumb. A too-tight hole causes thumb to drag and swirl, a too-loose hole forces bowler to squeeze to hang on.

Proper technique

Relax for good timing
Tension in the body, such as squeezing, leads to the loss of flowing, loose approach to the foul line; squeezing also causes a stiffened arm swing, which throws off timing of release.

Release cleanly
Squeezing adds pressure to grip, which prevents thumb from sliding out of ball smoothly; release cleanly by letting go with thumb just before fingers at the bottom of the arm swing's downstroke.

Place a piece of coarse-textured tape on front side of thumb hole to provide a secure feeling of not dropping the ball

Blow a little hole in ball before approach

Just before setting body into motion, tap back of thumb lightly as a final reminder not to squeeze

KRT Infographics/JAMES SMALLWOOD

Tips to help stop squeezing

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Orlando Sentinel

Itching and scratching. Even if you do it. It's the irritating yin and yang of daily living.

To itch is to scratch. To stop itching is divine. In reality no one thinks much about itching until it becomes a problem from dry skin, poison ivy, an allergic reaction or some other more serious illness.

There's also a psychological component to itching. Just thinking about itching can make you itch.

OK, now, stop scratching and read on to find out why we itch and how to stop that itch, or, at least, to stop scratching the itch.

In the world of scientific study, itching is not high on the list, said Robert LaMotte, a Yale University neuroscientist who actually does study itching, among other things.

LaMotte said there are two sets of receptors that reside on our skin's nerve endings. Called nociceptors, they serve as the body's injury

Top 10 causes of itching

- Orlando Sentinel
- The most common causes of itching and common treatments:
1. Dry skin; more prevalent with age. Common treatment: moisturizers.
 2. Allergic reactions to foods, pollen, wool, etc. Common treatment: separation from the allergy-causing agent.
 3. Insect bites — fleas, mosquitoes, bees or scabies (parasitic mites). Common treatment: Over-the-counter insect bite medications. See doctor for scabies.
 4. Poison ivy or other rash-causing plants. Common treatment: calamine lotion (zinc oxide-based lotion).
 5. Sunburn. Common treatment: moisturizers (sunburn itches primarily because it dries the skin).
 6. Skin problems such as eczema, acne, psoriasis. Common treatment: oral and topical medications, including steroids, antihistamines and doxepin hydrochloride cream. See a dermatologist.
 7. Fungal infections, such as jock itch and athlete's foot. Common treatment: over-the-counter anti-fungal creams.
 8. Anxiety, depression or other more serious psychiatric problems. Common treatment: anti-depressant medications; psychological or psychiatric care.
 9. Drug reaction, particularly to opiates such as morphine. Common treatment: elimination or substitution of the drug when possible under doctor's advice.
 10. Serious illnesses, such as kidney failure, liver disease, cancer. Common treatment varies depending on the illness. Ultraviolet light is used to care for chronic itching that occurs in some patients on dialysis.

pain, but only one set responds to stimulation that produces an itch. The theory goes, LaMotte said, that if only the itch receptors are active, then you will itch. Otherwise, it's pain you'll feel.

Scratching is a natural reaction to itching. But it's probably not the best course of action for a solution.

"The problem with scratching is that it can cause the release of chemicals that can exacerbate the itching," LaMotte said.

Histamine is one of those chemicals released by the skin. Scientists say histamine acts on the itch receptors in your skin, initiating the itch.

For example, when a mosquito bites your arm, the mosquito's irritating saliva triggers the release of histamine. The histamine tickles your skin's itch receptors, which rush this message to your brain: scratch.

This leads us to the corollary of our original premise: If to itch is to scratch, then to scratch is to itch.

Or as Dr. Rick Fried, a Pennsylvania dermatologist-psychologist, posits: "Itching begets itching."

detectors. They let you know that something — like a hot stove — is injuring your body.

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Designer shares secrets of high fashion in book

Knight-Ridder News Service

Free Fashions" (Chilton, \$15.95).

Utilizing the simple-shapes found in kimonos, African caftans, Balinese trousers, Mexican ponchos, Latin American ruanas and Indonesian jackets, Cole offers directions on making a dozen items, including tops, pants, skirts and jackets.

The title is something of a misnomer since you do use patterns, but they're patterns you make yourself based on your own measurements. Most of the designs require minimal sewing skills and can be glued if you don't sew at all.

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Violence grows as teen health risk

The Washington Post

Violence is a serious health risk for youths, particularly young males, and homicide is the second leading cause of death for 15-to-24-year-olds in the United States.

Nearly four out of 10 youths said they had been in at least one physical fight in the past year, and 10 percent said that they had fought on four or more occasions. Nearly half of black youths said they had been in a fight, compared with fewer than 40 percent of white or Hispanic youths.

About 15 percent of all youths said they had carried a weapon at least one day in the past month, but there were striking sex differences. Males were four times as likely as females — 24 percent vs. 6 percent — to say they had carried a weapon. Of youths who had carried a weapon at least one day in the past month, six out of 10 said they most

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BJ & Friends will perform for the annual picnic. The club will provide chicken and drinks. Everyone please bring a dish to share.

The room is heated and/or air-conditioned for your comfort. The meeting area is wheelchair accessible and accommodates oxygen units.

First member to arrive should ask someone in the office to open the annex room.

The MBC is a support group for people with respiratory disease. Family and friends are welcome. The club is sponsored by the American Lung Association of Idaho and receives additional support from local hospitals and oxygen-medical supply businesses. For more information, call Patsy at 734-9330 or 734-6482, Mardo at 734-6507, John at 733-8376 or Flo at 733-8532.

Cancer group cancels July meetings

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Breast Cancer Support Group will not meet for the rest of the month. Meetings will resume in August.

For more information, call Char Basilia-Davis, M.S.W., at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center at 737-2800 or Jody Craig at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital at 733-3760, ext. 344.

Childbirth refresher class scheduled

TWIN FALLS—A prepared-childbirth refresher class for persons who have previously

taken a prepared childbirth course will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The non-refundable course fee is \$15 and pre-registration is required.

Childbirth preparation and medical center procedures will be reviewed.

A film, a discussion on sibling adjustment and a tour of the labor/delivery unit will be included.

To register or for more information, call the MVRMC Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Hospital offers childbirth class

TWIN FALLS — A prepared childbirth course will begin Thursday and continues through Aug. 17. The class will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The non-refundable course fee is \$40.

Designed to prepare parents for childbirth and early parenting, the course includes films, slides, and physician question and answer sessions. The expectant mother is asked to wear comfortable pants and to bring two pillows. A support person is encouraged to attend.

Registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Alzheimer's group meets July 25

TWIN FALLS — The Alzheimer's Family Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 25 at BridgeView Estates' private dining room.

For more information, call Donna Behunin at 736-3933.

Birth classes focus on Caesareans

TWIN FALLS — The third class of each Childbirth Preparation Program is available to anyone wishing to learn more about Caesarean deliveries. The date for the current class is scheduled for 7 to 9:30 p.m. July 25.

There will be a labor rehearsal, plus instruction covering medications, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors.

The non-refundable fee for the class is \$15. For more information about where this class will be held, call the Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Seminar deals with conflicts, crises

TWIN FALLS — A free community seminar on "Resolving Conflicts and Interpersonal Crisis" is set for 7 p.m. July 26 at the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Learn various techniques and methods that have been used to resolve conflicts between individuals and within families and how to decrease the negative effects of crisis and relationship problems.

The program is presented by David R. Davis, M.S.W., C.S.W. Director of Clinical Services.

To register or for more information, call the Community Services Department at 1-800-657-8000 or 734-6760.

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Infant mortality rates hit record low in '94

The Washington Post

Infant mortality in the United States hit a record low in 1994, but continues to be higher than in many other countries, federal researchers report.

Twenty-three industrialized nations have lower infant mortality rates than the United States, according to a study by the National Center for Health Statistics researchers. In 1990, only 11 nations had lower rates.

"In terms of international ranking, we have slipped," said Gopal K. Singh, an NCHS researcher and lead author of the study, which appears in this month's American Journal of Public Health. "But there is good news within the country."

Based on the current trend, infant mortality rates will meet the federal goal set by the Healthy People 2000 initiative, a project of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The study found that there were 7.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births nationwide in 1994.

National infant mortality rates

dropped more than 3 percent per year from 1950 to 1991. That decline has been attributed to decreasing death rates from such leading infant killers as pneumonia, influenza, respiratory distress syndrome, premature delivery and low birthweight, as well as a reduction in birth defects and fewer accidents, the researchers conclude. Based on the current trend, overall infant mortality in the United States will reach the goal of 7.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births by the year 2000.

But the gains have not been achieved across all societal groups. For example, infant death rates for African Americans have declined far less than the national average. Based on the current trend, death rates for African American infants will be far short of meeting the Healthy People 2000 goal, the study found.

"The gap has always been there," said Singh. "But somehow the gap between those least educated and those most educated has widened and is getting even wider than before."

The 12 best things you can do for your baby before it is born

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3. Eat a healthy diet.
4. Take a parenting course.
5. Prepare your breasts for breastfeeding. Ask prenatal instructors for tips on how to toughen nipples to improve your chance of doing this without problems, or call La Leche League International at 1-800-525-3243.
6. Take an infant-child CPR course.
7. Take a multivitamin and iron supplement recommended by your doctor.
8. Exercise regularly. Walking, biking and swimming are especially good. Read books or ask your doctor for exercises for your back and uterus.
9. Arrange to have someone — a grandma, friend or another relative — help you out when you come home so you can get the rest you need to give the baby the attention it needs.
10. Set realistic expectations for yourself — a philosophy you'll need as a parent. Guard against depression now and later with exercise, hobbies or time with friends. Build in more time with your significant other.
11. Childproof your home.
12. Get plenty of sleep.

Source: Perla Free Press; research by KRT Information Graphics/MARSHA THIERRY



Facing up to exercise: How to keep your mug in shape

Los Angeles Times

What have you done for your facial muscles lately?

Probably nothing, which is just the answer the producers of several videotapes and one surgical-steel mouthpiece are counting on.

Behind this new batch of exercise elements is the theory that, with the fitness mania in full swing, we've been maddly conditioning our abs, thighs and buns. But we've completely ignored what could amount to biceps in our faces.

Now, a number of self-proclaimed experts have arrived to tone our last remaining body part — the one that everyone sees first.

Facial exercises are nothing new. For decades, books and magazine articles have urged people to contour their countenances. And the medical community frowned. The new wrinkle is moving those static lessons to video — with names like "Face-Fit," "15 Minute Acupressure Face Lift" and "Face Aerobics." Your guru of choice is there to get you to move muscle groups you never knew existed — and to prevent problems you never imagined, such as vocal cords growing weak and feeble with age.

Dr. Timothy Miller, professor of plastic surgery at University of California, Los Angeles, has the standard medical objections: While he doesn't have a problem with acupressure, he says that to build facial muscles through exercise "doesn't make much sense. If you strengthen

the muscle, you increase its pull, which means you would have more wrinkling, not less. If you don't believe it, all you have to do is lean at a person who has partial facial paralysis. You will notice they have lost a lot of wrinkling on the side of the paralysis because the muscles can't contract."

Still, he doesn't see any real harm in trying. "The only thing, I can think of," he says, "is a little bit of disappointment."

Not with her method, says Susan Levin, a youthful-looking 43-year-old who has been doing and teaching facial exercises in Pennsylvania since she was 27. Based on a technique that "anchors" the muscles and provides resistance, her "Face-Fit"

the only product yet with an infomercial — is the most expensive: \$90 for two videotapes, an audiocassette, an instruction manual and cream.

Judith Olivia, a Florida-based skincare professional, learned the exercises for her "Face Aerobics" video (\$30) from her grandmother, she says. She's been doing them since she was 12. And now that she is all of 30, she doesn't have a sag or a bag anywhere; you will notice, as she takes you through the "deep muscle" workout, which has been featured on "Geraldo" and "The Susan Power Show."

But the real no-brainer has to be Facial-Fit.

The \$69 metal and plastic device, which fits into the corners of the mouth, is advertised in the New

Yorker and has a ton of medical evidence to support its claims. Developed originally for stroke and Bell's palsy patients, it supposedly tightens and tones face, chin and neck while adding a glow to the skin. All that is required are four minutes a day of making little O's with your mouth.

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The government looks at the couple's resources (assets) on the day one spouse enters a nursing home. Calculations are then made on how much of these non-exempt assets must be spent down before the institutional spouse is eligible for Medicaid.

Tip: It is wise to use some of the assets which must be spent-down for paying off mortgages, winterizing and roofing the home, and repairing or replacing the at-home spouse's automobile.

Next week: fundamental fairness - the philosophy underlying Medicaid law.

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- Breast Cancer Support Group • No meetings in July. Regroup in August.

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Pilates' fitness gospel spreads

German exercise regime catches on over 100-years later

SEATTLE (AP) — More than a hundred years ago, Joseph Hubertus Pilates, a German lad, took stock of himself. He did not approve. He was skinny and bowlegged. He had rickets and asthma. A mess.

He decided to do something about it and designed a system of exercises which he later called "Contrology."

Sure enough, before long he was fit. He took up boxing, gymnastics, skiing and diving and became a circus tumbler. He described his system of Contrology as "complete control of body, mind and spirit." He himself became its best advertisement. When he died in 1967 he was 87 years old.

"When I'm dead," Pilates had prophesied. "They'll say 'He was right.' I'm 50 years ahead of my time."

It appears he was pretty much right about that, too. Now, in fitness-conscious America, Pilates' exercise system shows signs of a revival.

Pilates (pronounced pub-LAH-tees) training and teacher-certification centers have opened in New York, Seattle, Los Angeles and Evanston, Ill. A new center is expected to open in Philadelphia later this year and discussions are under way in Washington, D.C.

Here in Seattle, Dorothee Van de Walle, who teaches Pilates at a 1,000-square-foot downtown studio, says Pilates' full-body regimen works for just about anybody, regardless of age or condition.

Her clients include a 13-year-old ice skater, retirees in their 70s, business executives and housewives.

Stressing body alignment, proper breathing and flexibility, the method uses hundreds of exercises and equipment that evolved from devices Pilates invented to help World War I patients in England.

When clients come to Van de Walle wanting to change their bodies, she puts them on the Reformer, a bedlike carriage that slides along tracks. Exercises include pushing against a bar or pulling leather straps with the arms or legs.

They want to sweat, yet feel comfortable, so she moves them on to the Cadillac — a cozy, bedlike platform surrounded by metal frame. Attached are a trapeze bar, a push-through bar and leg straps.

They come to heal old injuries and improve posture and balance. She introduces them to as many as 500 different exercises done with or without specialized equipment such as the Chair, a wooden chair with a metal push-down bar — and the Barrel — a padded device with hand grips that rests on the floor, curved side up, for stretches and other flexibility exercises.

Many of these devices and more — many with names that suggest yard-sale finds — can be calibrated to suit each client.

"The thing about Pilates is it's a system designed for the individual," says Sean Gallagher, a dancer and physical therapist who is director of The Pilates Studio in New York.



Above, Dorothee Van de Walle demonstrates one of the Pilates exercises on a device called the Cadillac. Stressing body alignment, proper breathing and flexibility, the exercise method uses equipment evolved from World War I. Below, Van de Walle helps client Barbara Hamachek with her exercises in Seattle.



The Pilates system stresses the abdomen, lower back and buttocks as the "powerhouse" from which the rest of the body moves freely. It's often described as a cross between Eastern and Western disciplines — yoga and tai chi blended with ancient Greek and Roman exercise regimens.

Many of the first people to use the method in the United States were dancers. Martha Graham and George Balanchine regularly referred students to Joseph Pilates' Manhattan studio, which he and his wife opened after immigrating to America in 1926.



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DEAR JULIE: Lower percentages of AHAs have their place and do provide some amount of exfoliation, starting at about a 4 percent concentration. However, dermatologists and cosmetic chemists generally agree that the best results (meaning the optimum change in the surface of the skin) are possible only at the higher percentages. The exception to that, as you have discovered, is that for some skin types, the irritation caused by the higher percentage negates any benefit. That's why the lower percentages were developed.

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Cosmetics Q&A

Paula Begoun

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DEAR STACY: Having had many conversations with PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and NAVS (National Anti-Vivisection Society), I've decided that the entire subject of animal testing in the cosmetics industry requires a closer look. PETA is redrafting its guidelines for its next consumer booklet, which may be shocking to many of us who thought we were buying cruelty-free products. According to PETA, because of contract manufacturing (when a separate company manufactures the products for a cosmetics line) and because many cosmetic ingredient suppliers test their products on animals, a cos-

metics company can claim it doesn't test its products on animals, even though the products are still indirectly tested on animals, which perpetuates a terrible standard.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including her second edition of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.95).

Debate rages over osteoporosis test

Knight-Ridder News Service.

PHILADELPHIA — When a radiologist recommended that Mary Sheehan have a bone mineral density test for osteoporosis, her reaction was typical: "That's a bone mineral density test?"

Sheehan, a nurse, was familiar with the effects of osteoporosis, the progressive, bone-thinning disorder that afflicts millions of postmenopausal women. She has taken care of elderly women hospitalized with crippling hip fractures and watched her own 77-year-old mother become frail and stooped.

But like most women, Sheehan didn't realize that a safe, quick, accurate test for diagnosing osteoporosis was becoming widely available.

Want to know more?

To get the location of bone density testing sites near you, call the National Osteoporosis Foundation at 800-464-6700. The action line can provide the addresses of three testing facilities near you, but not what type of testing technique the facilities use or whether your health insurance covers it.

Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA) for short — was shown that her left hip was dangerously deteriorated. She decided to begin estrogen-replacement therapy, the standard treatment for osteoporosis.

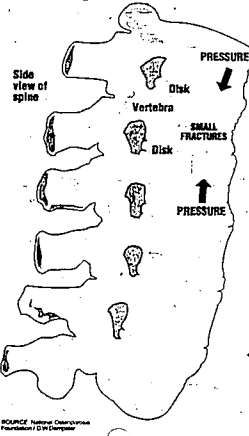
"I feel very fortunate that this was picked up early and I can do something about it," the 51-year-old Lafayette Hill, Pa., resident said.

Most women are not as lucky. Osteoporosis, like high blood pressure, is symptomless. It's usually detected in an advanced stage, after a bone breaks.

The biggest obstacle to wider diagnosis and treatment is lack of public awareness, but money is also a problem. Coverage of DEXA, which costs \$100 to \$350, isn't standard under Medicare or private insurance. Sheehan, for one, paid \$150 out of pocket.

Which raises the question:

Osteoporosis: Weakened bones break down



Should bone density testing be made a routine part of women's health care?

It's an obvious proposition, but as anyone familiar with the controversy over mammography might expect, the answer is tangled in debate about the usefulness and cost-effectiveness of testing.

Osteoporosis experts and women's health advocates hesitate to call for mass screening, but assert that far more women should be tested around menopause, when bone loss temporarily accelerates. A test, experts say, is the only way to detect bone-thinning in its early stages and stop it before irreparable damage is done.

But insurance regulators and others question whether testing can predict the risk of fractures 20 or 30 years away. They also raise the question that bedevils menopausal women: Do the benefits of estrogen-replacement therapy outweigh the risk?

The debate over testing is heat-

ing up as promising alternatives to estrogen come on board. Just last month, researchers announced that a new drug, Fosamax, cut the risk of spinal fracture by nearly half in a study of postmenopausal women. Another experimental treatment, a slow-release fluoride, has been shown to rebuild weakened bones. Manufacturers hope to win FDA approval for both drugs, perhaps within a year.

Meanwhile, urine and blood tests help monitor a patient's response to treatment. In May, a urine test called Osteomark became the first to receive FDA approval.

"It's only now that gains in scientific knowledge are getting close to being applied," said Dr. Conrad Johnston, an osteoporosis expert at Indiana University School of Medicine. "But as these drugs appear, how do you decide who to treat? We have to educate physicians ... and the public" about testing's importance.

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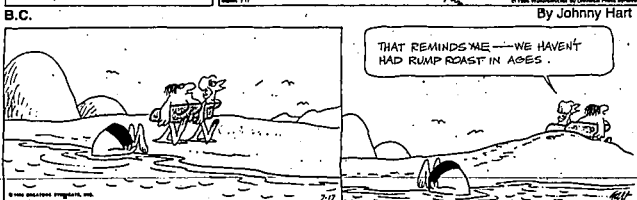
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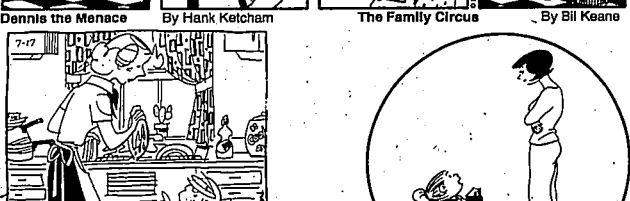
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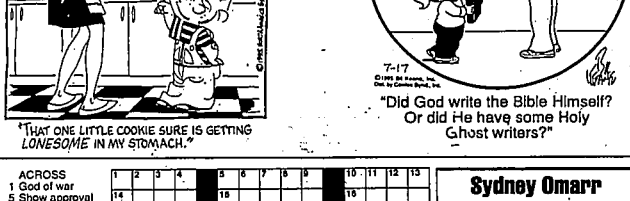
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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF JULY-17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Current cycle highlights accelerated social activity, special interest in fashion, travel, recreational products. Capricorn-Cancer-born persons play significant roles in your life. Before July is finished, another Cancer individual makes proposal, that could bridge career and marriage. During August focus will be on direction, motivation, sale or purchase of property, doctor, or change in marital status. You'll travel in September, perhaps to attend fashion show.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your kind of day! Focus on initiative, courage, participation in pioneering project. Wear shades of red, avert views in positive manner. Competitive Scorpio natives decline, 'I'm on your side.'

TALRUS (April 20-May 20): Lunar position highlights secrets, clandestine arrangements, enlightenment where previously a dark cloud existed. Read and write, compel others by experience joy of activities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Music, celebration part of exciting scenario—you'll win powerful ally who says, "You've got me, time true, I'll see to that!" Blend humor with wisdom, accept invitation from romantic Aries.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look back on your life, experience joy of activities, profits. Find out what is expected, what you can anticipate. Long-distance call relates to participation in convention held overseas. Plan an inventory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Inform others, "I mean business!" Emphasis on investments, gaining backing of one who has much to do with law. You'll be consulted as an authority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Long-range prospects featured—don't hold back because some people lack imagination. Bargain, buy gifts, purchases, break them, create your own tradition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Study Virgo message. Take charge of your own destiny—highlight, significantly, style. Play the music, dance to your own tune.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Intuition rings true—don't bother explaining. "I woke up with the answers!" Dig deep, discover hidden values, resources. You'll create personal magnetism, sex appeal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Debt paid in surprising manner—you'll find a way to work, get a job, purchase. You'll be told by member of opposite sex, "You look terrific!" Another Sagittarian says, "Show on the road!"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Almost as if by magic, puzzle pieces fall in place. You'll gain allies among the high and the mighty. Good fortune for you in finding a way to work, get a job, purchase.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check Scorpio message. Learn by doing—read texts covering your areas of interest. Then put books down, pick up gifts, purchases, which will prove of immense aid.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What was taken away will be returned, providing no questions asked. Moon position queries to money, payments, collections, locating lost article. Trust judgment, intuition—circumstances favor you.

Saturday's Puzzle solved:

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8 Actresses
9 List of names
10 Wrap
11 State like
12 Spouse
13 Trudge
21 Volcanic peak
22 Actor's name
25 Head man
27 Things
28 Cucumber
29 Bangor's state
30 Side
31 Tracking device
32 Swap
33 Slicehod
36 In what way?
39 Refined around
41 Wandered around
44 Hit hard
46 French city
49 Meeting
56 Program
57 Bring out
59 Not any
60 Scarlo's home
61 Wine glass feature
56 Strong wind
57 Midway
64 Born

Razor sales follow hemlines

How much influence the razor blade makers have on the female fashion industry I do not know, but they'd like some. Ever time women's hemlines go up, blade sales go up, too, and considerably.

No known wild sheep grow wool.

Q: Aren't Americans more inclined than other nationals to engage in sexual activity in public places?

A: No, this has been said from time to time mostly of people in countries with too few houses and too few cars, not the United States.

Victor Borge said his piano keys had turned to wheels because the elephant smoked too much.

Our Love and War man concedes blondes do indeed make an impact. At least some blondes do. Raymond Chandler, who wrote well, wrote this: "It was a blonde. A blonde to make a bishop kick a hole in a stained glass window."

It's not unusual in Nevada to post bail with a credit card.

Q: What do you feed a pet door?

A: Can only tell you what the Scots fed the world's oldest known deer, Bambi, until she died at age 31. Sugar beets, oom and chocolate cookies.

How dolphins vocalize without vocal cords still is under study.

A student of the motion picture industry observes wistfully that despite a century of technological advances in film, the wagon wheels still turn backwards.

That Grimm brother, Wilhelm, is said to have married the woman who first told him about Hansel and Gretel, but that could be another fairy tale. The other brother, Jacob, didn't marry anybody.

A recently passed law against public coming in Barlan, N.J., carries a fine of \$500 and up to three months in jail. Report is it's enforced.

L.M. Boyd

What's what?