

The News

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Good morning

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Clinton offers Korea peace plan

The Associated Press

CHEJU-DO, South Korea — President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam proposed peace talks between North and South Korea "without precondition" and with the United States and China as direct participants.

The unexpected proposal for four-way talks, made Tuesday morning in Korea, is a departure from the longstanding U.S. goal of resolving long-simmering tensions on the peninsula through direct North-South talks without outside participation.

Clinton and Kim were expected to give more details at a joint news conference at this resort island 60 miles south of the Korean mainland. Clinton was here for a 10-hour visit on his way to meetings in Japan and Russia.

During a picture-taking session with Clinton, Kim was asked if he sees a possibility of a breakthrough with North Korea. "I think there is a possibility," he said.

The new proposal was an effort to put in motion a process to replace with a formal peace agreement the 1953 armistice that halted the Korean War but which North Korea says it no longer considers binding.

However, in a joint statement, both presidents said "the present armistice agreement should be maintained until succeeded by a permanent peace agreement." It was that agreement that divided the two Koreas along the 38th parallel.

The joint statement said a meeting among the four countries should be convened "as soon as possible and without precondition."

The purpose would be to initiate a process aimed at achieving a permanent peace settlement. U.S. officials said the idea for four-way talks was advanced first by South Korea, about two months ago.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry would not say whether China or North Korea agreed to such a process but made it clear they had not rejected it. "There seems to be understanding" on China's part for the U.S. desire to establish a more permanent peace, he said.

McCurry said China's participation "would be extremely helpful" to forging a permanent peace.

Clinton and Kim's statement said the "peace process also should address a wide range of tension-reduction measures." Officials said



President Kim Young-sam of South Korea, left, greets President and Mrs. Clinton on their arrival at the resort town of Cheju early today.

Lucky number please



Mario Arambola of Twin Falls checks her lottery numbers Monday at the 7-Eleven store that Larry LaFavo, right, helps his wife operate on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Magazine pans Gem lottery

By Julie M. McKinnon

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Is the Idaho State Lottery inefficient? That depends on whether you want more lottery-sales money to go to public schools and buildings — or back to the lottery's players.

Money magazine's May issue ranks Idaho as the least efficient of the nation's 36 state lotteries.

Just 21.1 percent of the Idaho State Lottery's \$88 million in sales benefitted the general public, the magazine said. In Idaho's case the dividend to public schools and buildings was \$9.5 million each, said Steve Woodall, Idaho State Lottery's chief deputy director of administration, adding sales actually were \$88.5 million.

Yet, Woodall added, a rare 59.8 percent of those sales was given back to players.

"Our prize-money percentage probably is so much higher than most states,"

Woodall added that the dividend amount also is high when Idaho's population is factored in. "It's the other side of the spectrum."

Oregon, ranked by Money as having the fourth-most efficient lottery with dividends of 39.3 percent, spends 31 percent on prizes, said Idaho State Lottery spokeswoman Renee Smith. Some states also have highly profitable video games, such as keno, that are too close to slot machines for Idaho Gov. Phil Batt and the general populous, Smith said. Oregon has such games, she said.

Idaho's biggest seller, meanwhile, is scratch-off tickets, Smith said.

Both Woodall and Smith said that as Idaho lottery sales continue to rise, so will dividends. The state lottery's five-year goal is to increase sales \$1 million annually, Woodall said.

There are certain basic costs involved with lotteries, but since Idaho has relatively small sales, its profit margin isn't

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Forest brass turns down rule appeal by ranchers

By Karen Tolkinen

Times-News writer

OAKLEY — Ranchers of the Oakley-based Wild Rose Association will have to wait this spring before letting their cattle graze on federal land.

On Monday, Jack Blackwell, deputy forester with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, announced that he upheld a lower-level decision to restrict the grazing season by 28 days this year and next year for the Wild Rose Cattle Association, a group of five Oakley area ranchers.

The restricted use of federal grazing land means shelling out an extra \$8,000 for feed for his 221 cattle, said association member Mike Poulton, who called the penalty "stupid."

"He'll have to wait until May 21 to release his cattle onto federal land instead of the usual May 11. And he'll have to take them off two weeks early in November."

The federal government would charge him around \$300 for a month's feed grown on public rangeland.

In 1995, Forest Service Ranger Don Oman faulted the ranchers for violating the terms of their grazing agreement despite promises several years earlier that they would stick to it. His decision to shorten the grazing season was upheld by Supervisor William LeVere, who called the Wild Rose ranchers' behavior toward Oman "reprehensible," according to Blackwell.

The ranchers have long sought the transfer of Oman because of his by-the-book enforcement of Forest Service rules. In 1990, the New York Times quoted a Wild Rose rancher threatening to slit Oman's throat.

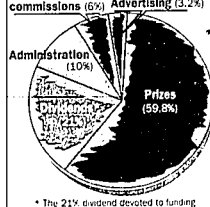
Last year, the Forest Service found that Wild Rose cattle had wandered into federal land where they shouldn't have been. As well, they found open gates, broken fences and dry water troughs. The troughs are intended to lure cattle away from streams and creeks.

Violations in 1994 brought a stop-work penalty from the Forest Service and a threat to renege the penalty if foresters found further violations within four years.

Poulton said Monday that the Forest Service's regulations ask the impossible. Please see APPEAL/A2

Who wins?

Here is how the Idaho State Lottery spent its \$88.5 million in sales in fiscal year 1995



* The 21% dividend devoted to funding government programs is the smallest in the nation, according to Money magazine.

GOP tax limitation proposal loses in House Tax Day vote

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An election-year Republican push for a constitutional amendment making it much more difficult to raise federal taxes failed in the House on Monday night.

After debate conducted while millions of Americans scrambled to meet their income-tax filing deadline, the House voted 243-177 in favor of the proposed amendment. But that was 37 votes short of the two-thirds majority required for approval.

Supporters conceded from the start that their chance of victory was slim, but they said the vote would illustrate the difference between Democrats and Republicans.

Just 24 Democrats joined 219 Republicans in favor of the bill. Sixteen Republicans, 160 Democrats and one independent opposed it.

"The American people ... understand that what

they have left in their paycheck is not enough," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "That's what this debate is all about. ... How big will the feds' government be? How much will it take out of our hard-earned pay?"

GOP leaders had timed the debate to end with a vote a few hours before the midnight filing deadline for most taxpayers on the East Coast. Democrats said that was aimed at attracting maximum news coverage, and they employed a series of procedural maneuvers that delayed the vote until 9:33 p.m. EDT.

A two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate is required to send a constitutional amendment to the states. For approval, three-fourths of state legislatures then must ratify it within seven years.

Democrats complained the amendment was being brought to the floor without consideration by the House Judiciary Committee.

Kaczynski's cabin yields maps, names

New York Daily News

HELENA, Mont. — Federal agents found antidepressants, guns, an "autobiography" and a list of corporate executives in the cabin that served as a virtual bomb factory for Unabom suspect Theodore Kaczynski, FBI records released Monday show.

The 34-page document — the most detailed inventory yet of the former Berkeley professor's 10 by 12 foot shack — lists more than 700 items removed by FBI agents.

The federal judge who released the records also ruled

that Kaczynski's lawyers can read the cabin to see the results of the 13-day search.

The Jurm's Hillside house was revealed to be a low-tech bomb lab, with deadly chemicals and bomb-making tools in every nook and cranny.

But the contents also show that the man who claimed to live off the land had a taste for Quaker Oats, unsalted peanut butter and Tate's Food.

Among the books in his library: "Les Miserables" and texts on the Bible. The list makes no explicit mention of the Unabomber's manifesto.

Weather

IDAHO Weather

Tuesday, April 16
AccuWeather's forecast for 8 days, conditions and high/low temperatures.

City	High	Low
Camas	71	46
Lawton	62	37
Blaine	60	35
Idaho Falls	57	32
Pocatello	58	33
Twin Falls	57	32
Pocatello	58	33

Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Cloudy and windy today with showers and thunder showers likely. Highs 56 to 60, lows 35 to 40 mph with higher gusts. Tonight mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows 35 to 45. Wednesday cloudy and breezy with a good chance of showers especially in the afternoon and into the night.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 4, a low exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Thursday through Saturday cool and unsettled. Moody cloudy with showery periods wet snow or mixed rain and snow showers in the highest elevations. Winds ranging from the upper 20s east through the 40s west. Highs mid- to upper 40s east ranging to the mid-50s west.

Wood River Valley

Cloudy today with a good chance of showers and a slight chance of a thundershower. Breezy on Camas Prairie. Highs in the lower 50s. Tonight cloudy and cooler with a chance of snow showers. Lows around 30. Wednesday cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers. Highs around 50.

Treasure Valley

Cloudy and breezy with showers likely and a chance of thundershowers today. Cooler with highs around 60. Tonight mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows 40 to 45. Wednesday cloudy and breezy with showers likely. Highs near 60.

Northern Nevada

Scattered showers, cooler and windy today. Snow level 6,500-7,000 feet east. Highs in the mid-50s to lower 60s. Tonight windy. Chance of rain in the valleys and snow in the mountains with snow level near 5,500-6,500 feet. Lows in the 40s to lower 40s. Wednesday continued cloudy. Snow level in the valleys and snow in the mountains with snow level near 5,500-6,500 feet. Highs in the mid-40s to upper 50s.

Northern Utah

Mostly cloudy today. Good chance of showers or thundershowers developing in the afternoon. Snow levels 15-25 mph becoming northerly late. Highs mid- to upper 60s. Tonight showers and thundershowers likely early. Lows near 40. Wednesday mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thundershowers. Cooler with highs in the upper 50s.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 4, a low exposure level.

Idaho weather summary

Monday saw mostly sunny skies with higher clouds, but rain was expected as a high pressure ridge moves eastward through the state.

Temperatures at mid-afternoon were warmer, with readings generally in the 60s.

Winds were light in the north and central mountains, while the southwest had winds gusting to 20 mph.

Almanac

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	70	46	0.0
Burley	69	33	0.0
Parlato	69	33	0.0
Gooding	69	33	0.0
Hampden	69	33	0.0
Idaho Falls	63	24	0.0
Jerome	69	33	0.0
Lawton	65	39	0.0
Mattit	63	19	0.0
Malta	64	28	0.0
McCall	56	23	0.0
Peachbottom	64	28	0.0
Salmon	67	28	0.0
Stanley	58	13	0.0
Sun Valley	67	33	0.0

Twin Falls

Yesterday	Max	Min	Pcp
	67	34	0.0
Last year	47	23	0.0
Normal	66	35	0.0

Precipitation

Month to date	37
Normal to date	48
Water year to date	8.69
Normal year to date	8.86

Comfort factors

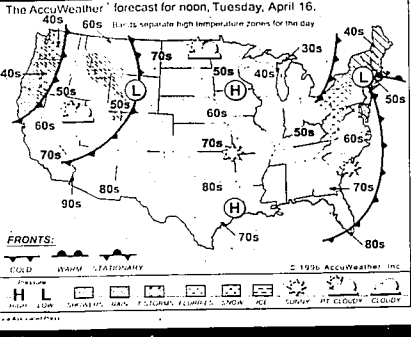
Humidity at noon	32 pct
Burometer at noon	29.96 F
Polen count	30 (juniper)
Wind	Light, moderate

Skywatch

Sunset today 8:21 a.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:54 a.m.
Lunar phase: New April 17; first quarter, April 25; full, May 3; last quarter, May 9.

Visible planets: Morning: Jupiter, Saturn. Evening: Venus, Mercury.

NATIONAL Weather



Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 71 degrees at Parma, Low, 13 degrees at Stanley.
Nation: High, 91 degrees at Cowdidge, Ariz. Low, 3 degrees at Antonito, Colo.

For up-to-the-minute weather information
Time to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/idot/dtmgp.htm>

National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	66	36	0.0
Atlanta	76	35	0.0
Chicago	45	36	79
Dallas	65	69	0.0
Des Moines	52	32	01
Detroit	82	71	11
Houston	74	49	29
Indianapolis	42	49	29
Kansas City	57	33	43
Las Vegas	62	60	0.0
Los Angeles	62	74	0.0
Memphis	51	47	0.0
Miami Beach	63	33	131
Minneapolis	51	32	24
New Orleans	68	59	81
New York	51	39	0.0
Oklahoma City	67	38	0.0
Omaha	58	31	01
Phoenix	87	53	0.0
Pittsburgh	69	40	10
Portland, Me.	51	33	0.0
Portland, Ore.	66	54	04
Reno	67	46	38
San Diego	66	38	51
Salt Lake City	65	34	0.0
San Francisco	62	52	12
Seattle	63	43	0.0
Sokane	69	43	0.0
Washington	55	44	13

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Thunderstorms, wind-cause damage in North Carolina

The tops of pump houses had lifted off and were in pieces, there were several cars with their windows blown out and our greenhouse was demolished," said Dean Peterson, principal of Acme-Delco Middle School.

Strong storms also developed during the afternoon over northern and central Florida, with locally heavy rain. Panama City received more than 2 inches of rain by midday.

In Arkansas on Sunday, a tornado killed seven people and injured more than 30. Damage was estimated to reach as high as \$5 million.

Strong storms also produced heavy rain in parts of the South, with up to 4 inches in parts of Mississippi. The Pearl River along the Louisiana-Mississippi state line was forecast to crest 2 feet to 3 feet above flood stage by Wednesday morning.

Further north, light snow fell around Lake Superior in northern sections of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Friends, strangers mourn 7-year-old pilot

PISCADERO, Calif. (AP) — To the strainers of "I'll Fly Away," the 7-year-old pilot who died trying to become the youngest person to fly across America was mourned Monday as someone who could "reach into your soul."

Jessica Dubroff's mother, Lisa Hathaway, caressed the white casket containing her daughter's remains as she remembered the child killed in the crash of her instructor's light plane in Cheyenne, Wyo., last Thursday.

Flowers and a small blue airplane decorated the casket. Her 9-

year-old brother, Joshua, who reportedly planned to fly over the weather, was grounded by the bad weather and was at the grave site.

"She knew how to reach into your soul and stay there," she told some 200 people who had gathered in a foggy drizzle at a small cemetery where Jessica used to ride her bike, near the coast about 40 miles south of San Francisco.

Jessica was attempting to become the youngest pilot to fly across America when her small plane crashed in Wyoming on Thursday. Her father and flight instructor also were killed.

Criticism of the flight has been mounting since the crash, with many people saying it was a child who should not be allowed to fly. Others have wondered whether the dream of flying across the country was Jessica's or her parents'.

A funeral was held Monday morning for the flight instructor, Joe Reid, and more than 500 people attended a vigil for him Sunday evening. Lloyd Dubroff's funeral was planned for Tuesday.

Jessica took off on Wednesday from Half Moon Bay, Calif., and was headed to Falmouth, Mass. Her single-engine plane went

down in Cheyenne shortly after she took off from the airport in a joy roustrom. Investigators have said the plane was overloaded.

The attempt at the record apparently had already failed on the day before, when Reid took the controls several times, according to Jessica's mother.

She said on Sunday that Reid had flown the plane once while Jessica took a nap. He also landed the plane in Cheyenne, and government investigators said his injuries suggest he was flying when the plane crashed.

Idaho Power proposes rate cut

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's largest electric utility has asked state regulators to authorize a 5.6 percent reduction in rates because of the above-normal water supplies to feed its hydropower generators.

The Idaho Power Co. decrease, sought under the Power Cost Adjustment clause of its rate card, would reduce the typical residential customer's monthly bill about \$2.73 to \$59.52 beginning May 16, if approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

The clause was created in 1993 to help the utility cope with drought years when it must shift more of its customer demand to more expensive coal-fired or purchased power.

"If I lowers rates when there is abundant hydroelectric power and market prices reflect that abundance," Idaho Power Chief Executive Joseph Marshall said, "The proposed reduction is based on estimates by the Northwest River Forecast Center.

Korea

Continued from A1 that could include proposals for drawing troops back from both sides of the Demilitarized Zone, the 2.5-mile-wide border that separates the two Koreas.

Clinton also "reaffirmed the steadfast U.S. commitment to security in the Republic of Korea" and his commitment to the agreement negotiating U.S. defense of South Korea should it be attacked by the North, the statement said.

Tensions have been on the increase following penetrations of the DMZ by North Korea troops earlier this year, in violation of the 43-year-old armistice.

The unexpected initiative has been in the works quietly for about two months after being raised by South Korea, the officials said.

Until now, the United States has insisted that North and South Korea negotiate directly with each other on a permanent peace accord.

North Korea has tried to force the United States into direct negotiations, which would put South Korea into a secondary role. Clinton's initiative is a new diplomatic formula for a peace process.

A decade ago, South Korea proposed a six-way peace negotiation

involving the United States, Japan, the Soviet Union, China and the two Koreas. The Reagan administration rejected the notion, holding out for North-South dialogue.

Some U.S. officials believe North Korea staged its military incursions into the DMZ after learning about Clinton's initiative. That North Korea could claim the United States was reacting to its move, in a form of concession.

Clinton has tried to make peace-making a hallmark of his presidency based on efforts in the Middle East, Haiti, Bosnia and Northern Ireland. Any movement in the long Korea stalemate would be an election-year plus for the president.

After a 20-hour flight from Washington, Clinton arrived here before dawn. Accompanied by his wife, Hillary, the president was greeted by Kim and his wife at a security hotel.

Shortly after their arrival, the president and his wife changed into running suits and strolled along the beach of the hotel. That way, an early-morning mist.

About 37,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea.

Lottery

Continued from A1 as great, Smith said.

Just as the Legislature debates, lottery dividends are split equally between public schools and buildings, Woodall said.

The Legislature also dictates:

- A minimum of 45 percent of sales go toward prizes.
- No more than 15 percent is spent on administration. Ten percent of sales in 1995 were spent on administration, including salaries for 47 people and tickets. The average lottery worker made \$28,696, with salaries ranging from \$65,000 for the director to \$16,036 for a security clerk.
- No more than 6 percent can be paid to retailers, including 1 percent in incentives. Six percent was spent on retailer commissions in 1995.
- A 3.5 percent cap on advertising. In 1995, 3.2 percent was spent.

The Money article also talked about how people think lottery dividends substantially benefit education but stages with lotteries "actually dedicated a declining share of their total spending to schools."

That isn't true in Idaho. In fiscal year 1990, 46.5 percent of the state's budget — or \$394 million — went to public education, which

factors out to \$1,770 a student; those figures rose to 47.7 percent, \$664 million and \$2,700 in fiscal year 1995, according to Department of Education spokeswoman Rhonda Edmiston.

Idaho started its lottery in 1989. The Money article also talks about how lotteries are inefficient at raising funds compared with charities, which typically retain 78.8 percent of what they raise.

Smith said that's a ridiculous comparison.

"Lotteries are not going to be that efficient because they're (an entertainment) business," Smith said. "People who play the lottery, a lot of times, aren't looking at it as going to the state."

Correction

In an anniversary announcement that ran April 14, Elma Chugg's name was spelled incorrectly. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Appeal

Continued from A1 Rancher Robert Whitley declined to discuss the Forest Service's latest decision Monday. The other three Wild Rose members — Ray, Bruce and Kent U. Bedke — could not be reached for comment.

The ranchers had argued that failing to maintain a water trough for cattle wasn't serious enough to warrant the shortened grazing season.

"If the water trough in question was the only range improvement not working, I would agree that this was an isolated incident," wrote Blackwell to Wild Rose Association President Ray Bedke.

"However," the documentation on the appeal record indicates the opposite.

The association only employs one range rider to oversee the ranchers' 1,800-head cattle herd and troubleshoot. Problems are fixed as soon as they're found, Position said.

"However, they're not found soon enough, Blackwell wrote, "which again goes back to having only one full-time rider to ensure the cattle are cared for and distributed, and improvements are maintained and working."

LOTTERY UPDATE

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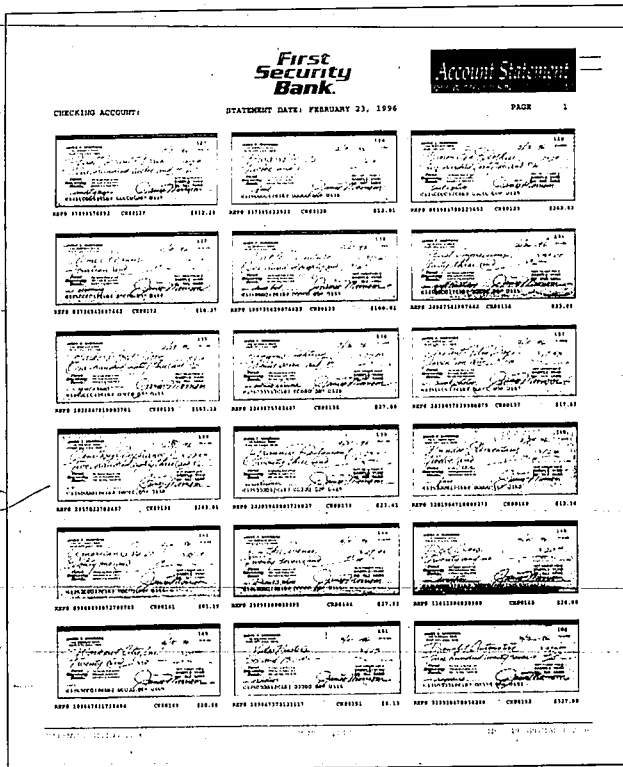
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Opinion

Editorial

Jerome leaders display wisdom, cooperative spirit

Fix the property taxpayer. Money is finite, but the places to spend it seem endless. And usually, each competing request seems to have merits.

A school, a landfill, a jail, a park. Each project seems worthy, but good grief — something's got to give.

For Jerome residents, something just did. City, county and school district leaders took the unusual step last week of comparing notes and setting shared priorities.

The result is the city of Jerome will put off a request for new taxes to finance water-system improvements. And Jerome County will sideline for now its hopes for a jail bond issue. Leaders of both entities will throw their support behind a new middle school. They agreed that relieving crowding in Jerome's schools is a key element in building the community's future.

Few communities enjoy this kind of cooperation. Usually, it's every taxing district for itself. A city proposal may come only months or

weeks after a county proposal, and a school or community college proposal may soon follow.

If the early bird catches voters in a good mood, the first proposal may collect "yes" votes at the expense of proposals that follow. No matter how urgently a subsequent project may be needed, it has little hope of approval if voters are feeling tapped out.

What Jerome's leaders have done is an example of true community leadership. Officials set aside their own bureaucratic empires for the sake of meeting the community's most urgent needs. They agreed that a middle school is No. 1, and that what will be presented to voters.

When a school proposal eventually goes on the ballot, a united endorsement from city and county leaders will doubtless carry weight with voters. More importantly, voters will feel grateful that local officials understand ordinary people's problems.

The gratitude will likely make a difference in the voting booth.

The Times-News

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Letters

Leave Idaho to Idahoans

I've been reading letters about bear hunting in Idaho and would like to add my opinion. I am not a bear hunter, but I am a longtime Idahoan and this is my opinion.

Native and longtime Idahoans have worked to keep Idaho the great place for hunters or not is not important, what is important is the fact that we have done a great job. That must be so, because so many out-of-staters want to move here to one of the few "great places" left.

You're probably coming here because you have made such a mess of your own space. So you come here to a great place to enjoy the beauty and tranquility, but you want to destroy it with the ideas that destroyed your own space.

If you don't like Idaho the way it is, don't change it, just leave it and go back where you came from; we don't want you here.

I resent Ryan Craig's referral to Idaho hunters as dumb, tobacco-sucking parasites. You have brought to a great place to enjoy the beauty and tranquility, but you want to destroy it with the ideas that destroyed your own space.

More people are building their homes in bear habitat, so the bears need to be controlled. The majority of people who are against hunting and bears are outsiders moving in and trying to push their lifestyle on Idaho citizens. We don't want your lifestyle. Go back where you came from and leave Idaho to the Idahoans who have always loved and made it a great place.

LAVON JAMES
Pico

Students seeks information

We are doing state research reports in my class, and I will be reporting on Idaho. I am covering topics such as history, wildlife, famous people. I am hoping some of the members of your community would write to me and tell me about their experiences, traditions and some history or wildlife they have in Idaho.

I live in southern California, and I am sure many things about Idaho are different from where I live. Also, if any of the citizens find time to reply, it would be great if they could enclose a copy of my published letter.

Thank you so much for your time for my request, and any information would be most appreciated. Send it to Jeremy Braga,

Doonesbury



Media just as guilty as Jessica's parents

Jessica Duhoff came into the world underwater, a birth method chosen by her parents. She never ate meat, a decision made by her parents, and she did not watch TV, a decision made by her parents.

She did not play with toys and she did not go to school, she was educated at home, where Barbie dolls and Tonka trucks were not considered worthwhile endeavors. Naturally, all of this was her parents' choosing, too.

When their little girl said "I'm 4 years old," Jessica began a paper route, a task encouraged by her parents. Four months ago, at the tender age of 7, Jessica began to take flying lessons. And even though she needed a co-pilot to reach the controls, the idea came for her to try to break an age record for flying across the country. This idea was suggested by her parents.

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They called Monte Dado. So Thursday, when Jessica lifted her small Cessna plane into a terrible rain storm in Cheyenne, Wyo., and crashed to Earth a minute later, killing herself, her father and the flight instructor, there was only one place to point the finger.

Her parents. But that's only part of the story. "WHY WAS JESSICA ALLOWED TO FLY?" the media screamed, just hours af-

Mitch Albom

ter the crash. The nation seemed up in arms. A congressman vowed new legislation. The FAA planned to review its policy — which allows anyone, of any age, to fly with an instructor alongside.

And all this besides the point. This is a very simple tragedy with very simple culprits. It doesn't matter that Jessica was a bright little girl who read historical books. It doesn't matter that she was mature and well-spoken. Seven years old is seven years old. Children that age listen to their parents, they want to please their parents, and Jessica Duhoff's parents are in every way responsible for her death, as sure as if they let her play in traffic.

But if they — and the flight instructor — are guilty of terrible judgment, then many of us in the media are guilty of something equally bad: hypocritical judgment. The fact is, had young Jessica completed her start today. You would see her on David Letterman, the Tonight Show, "Entertainment Tonight." Hosts would coo over her, marvel at her maturity, maybe even ask, "Weren't you scared of crashing while you were up there?"

If you watched the news programs the night of her death, you saw plenty of film of Jessica, smiling, flying her first leg, talking about how she only had two hours of sleep the night before the fatal flight in

Cheyenne. Ask yourself this: How come there was so much footage?

Answer: Because the media was following her around, glorifying her story. These are some of the same people who are chucking their tongues now that she's dead.

Parents often live vicariously through their children. And this trend toward early accomplishment — miniature gymnasts, musicians, figure skaters — has become a pint-sized epidemic. Some believe the push to get Jessica across the country was because she was 7 years old, and she turned 8 in just a few weeks.

Parents will push their kids as much as they can, and as hard as they can — if there's something to gain, like TV exposure, a book deal, fame, fortune. This whole affair is depressing, sure. But those of us in a position to criticize should have been doing it last week — before Jessica ever took off. Where were we then?

Instead, we are all there after the fact, ready to blame someone, our new national pastime. We can't jeer one day what we cheer the day before. A 7-year-old girl is dead, because her parents left accomplishment worth the risk. You wonder, if we didn't celebrate such accomplishments, if she'd still be alive today, looking at the sky and dreaming of her future.

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Letters

Scripture misused in argument
In reading Echo Dalos' letter of April 10, one might read the author's comments on the Bible and assume that they are correct. I would like to know where the information is obtained, as there are statements made with which one could take issue.

Dalos states that only the Apostle Paul in the New Testament speaks against gays. More specifically, Paul condemns specific behavior, and in doing so does not use the word "enough," as does the Matthew 19 passage cited. Rather, Paul uses two very different and very graphic words for homosexual behavior: "arsenokaitai" and "malakoi." The first is the active partner, and the second term denotes the passive partner.

The Hebrew term to which Dalos refers is, I must assume, "saris." The term refers to a government official who would often be a eunuch to ensure the legitimacy of the royal children. It acquired the connotation of one who was a eunuch, and perhaps later the connotation of a passive partner in a homosexual union. At no time in the New Testament are we reading a document that can be established as a translation from Hebrew to Greek, as Dalos states. None of Dalos' citations from scripture support the argument that gay people are so born, nor do they refute that argument. The citations as used (and abused) are simply irrelevant to the discussion.

It continues to amaze me how people on both sides of the gay-rights issue mis-

use the scriptures for their arguments and proceed from that basis to establish their positions as absolute truth. There is far more light than light in the debate, and we will never discover truth if we search for it with our minds already made up.

REV. JOHN R. KERR
Buhl

Christ was not silent on gays

I don't mean to speak for Tim Baker as I'm sure he will be speaking for himself, but I could almost see him laughing in response to the April 10 letter from Echo Dalos, commenting on Baker's previous letter.

The comment about Christ being silent on the subject of homosexuality is an argument from silence and thus carries little weight, especially in light of the Apostle Paul's dealing very strongly and pointedly with it in the New Testament Book of Romans in the first chapter.

In the Old Testament law, homosexuality was a serious enough offense as to warrant a death penalty.

When the writer got the idea that a eunuch was a homosexual is the real mystery. Vines Expository Dictionary of the Old and New Testament words defines a eunuch as an emasculated man, i.e., neutered, either by birth or after birth surgically. The Old Testament definition of a eunuch was that of an officer. The eunuch in the book of Acts was an officer in the queen's treasury. It would be nice if people would check a few facts before making public statements.

There's not one iota of evidence to indicate that the eunuch was homosexual. If anything, they were asexual.

The letter was a good example setting up a straw man and then knocking it over.

RICHARD REDDIG
Twin Falls

Homosexuality defense wrong

I am writing in response to Echo Dalos. There is no scientific evidence to prove your claim that homosexuals were born that way.

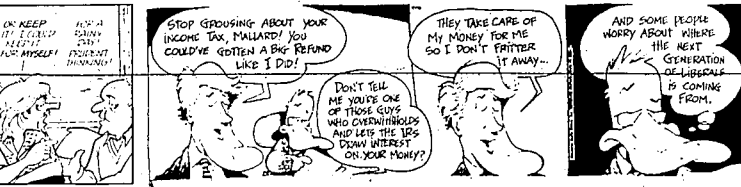
The word "eunuch" is a Greek word which translates, "a castrated person employed to take charge of the women of a harem." Therefore, a eunuch is a person with no sex drive and without the ability to have sex at all. That, Echo, is what Christ meant when he spoke the verse you quoted. Now if you really want to know how God about the homosexual act, look up Leviticus 20:1.

It is true I do not have the right to condemn a lifestyle which someone chooses. I do have the right to be offended when it affects me or other people try to reach this lifestyle to my children, and I empathize my children. My question to you, Echo, is what possible purpose can the gay lifestyle serve? As far as men molesting boys, that is a homosexual act and is an abomination in the sight of God!

Now that I am forced to defend my Christianity, I cannot sit and watch you twist the Bible to fit your ideas. Good day.

JAROLD JENNINGS
Heyburn

By Gary Trudeau Mallard Fillmore



Scientists clean up mercury

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have used gene-splicing to turn a weed into a possible tool for cleaning up mercury, a dangerous contaminant from pesticides, gold mining and textile and paper making.

Although the real-world uses may be some time off, the new research suggests a future role for plants in cleaning up soil and water pollution from heavy metals. Bacteria already have been suggested to clean up human messes, but plants would be easier and cheaper to grow.

Scientists at the University of Georgia charged the genetic makeup of the arabiopsis weed to hold a bacterial gene, mercuric ion reductase, according to a study being published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The gene causes the plants to produce an enzyme that digests mercury into a less toxic form. In fact, the plants grow well in growing media that contained toxic levels of mercury.

Gorilla with leukemia put to sleep

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A 9-month-old Western lowland gorilla that had captured the hearts of children with its battle against leukemia was euthanized Monday when its pain became unbearable. Steve Wylie, director of the Oklahoma City Zoological Park, said Mojo's condition worsened Sunday, and on Monday, it was apparent that he was in severe pain. "He just literally had gone to the point that he wasn't moving," Wylie said. "He was just about on his last leg."

Mojo was diagnosed in December with acute lymphocytic leukemia, apparently the only Western lowland gorilla with the condition. He appeared to respond to chemotherapy at first, but began to develop infections and a loss of appetite because of the treatment.

Ebola virus found in imported monkeys

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deadly Ebola virus has struck several monkeys imported into Texas from the Philippines, public health officials confirmed Monday as they worked to contain the outbreak at a primate quarantine facility.

Doctors have no reports of bites or scratches to monkey handlers at IHP Inc., in Alice, Texas, but are warning the employees carefully as a precaution, said state epidemiologist Dr. Diane Simpson.

Two monkeys out of a shipment of 100 have been found sick so far. Federal experts diagnosed the Texas illnesses Monday as similar — although not an exact match — to the Ebola strain that decimated a Reston, Va., monkey facility in 1989.

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Supreme Court tackles states' prevailing wage laws question

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether states may enforce their prevailing wage laws and set trade-by-trade minimum compensation for workers on state construction projects.

The justices voted to review a ruling that said such a California law is preempted by a federal benefit-protection law.

A decision, expected sometime in 1997, should clarify how far states may go in overseeing the wages and training of construction industry apprentices.

California's appeal is supported in friend-of-the-court briefs submitted by various trade and labor groups and 10 other states — Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, Nevada,

New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Washington.

In other matters, the court:

- Heard arguments in a challenge by Colorado's Republican Party to federal limits on how much it can spend in campaigns. The state GOP said free-speech rights are being violated, but the Clinton administration said limitless spending has "significant cor-

ruptive potential."

- Agreed to use a case from New Jersey to decide how difficult it should be for federal regulators to win lawsuits against officers of failed federally chartered banks.
- Rejected the freedom-of-expression appeal of artist J.S.G. Boggs, whose color reproductions of U.S. currency are not appreciated by those who enforce the feder-

al anti-counterfeiting laws.

The prevailing-wage dispute focuses on California's law and its similarity to the federal Davis-Bacon Act, which sets minimum wages that must be paid on federal public works projects.

California law allows contractors to pay wages lower than the "journeyman" level to some workers on public projects as long as they can

be classified as "apprentices" under a state-approved program.

Sonoma County in 1987 awarded a contract for construction of a new jail to Dillingham Construction. The project required state, but not federal, prevailing wages.

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Woman faces charges of tying up nephew

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls woman pleaded innocent Monday to keeping her nephew lashed to a chair while she was away at work.

Bonnie Lorrain Caudill, 46, was indicted recently on a felony charge of injury to a child. The boy's mother, Kathleen Marie Belieu, 29, pleaded innocent to an identical charge last week.

The boy, who refused to return home from elementary school one day last fall, told school and welfare officials that Caudill was tying him to a kitchen chair by belting his waist and wrapping ropes around his ankles and wrists, according to an affidavit written by Detective Chuck Dudley of the Twin Falls Police Department.

She said Caudill strapped him to the chair "all summer long" while she attended the Circle K store on Orchard and that Belieu allowed the practice, the affidavit said. "A doctor noted rope burns on the boy's wrists, the affidavit said. Belieu and Caudill denied his accusations, saying the boy plays with ropes in the yard, the affidavit said.

Mini-Cassia men arrested after robbing Circle K

TWIN FALLS — Two Mini-Cassia men were arrested in connection with the armed robbery of cash and snacks at a convenience store in south Twin Falls early Monday morning.

Jesse Flores Diaz, Jr., 48, of Rupert, and Kody Shane Butcher, 20, of Burley, appeared in court Monday afternoon on charges of felony robbery; bail was set at \$20,000 each, and they were appointed public defenders to represent them, according to court minutes.

The men, one of them carrying a gun, entered the Circle K store on Orchard Drive West and Washington Street South at about 1:40 a.m. and demanded all of the money in the cash register, according to a witness statement written by clerk William Hieseman, 30, of Twin Falls.

Hieseman emptied his register, handed them \$80 and obeyed their instructions to lie on the floor and count to 20, his statement said. They also cleaned out a rack of food.

Shortly thereafter, police pulled over a van one mile away containing two people who matched the general description of the robbers. Inside the van, they discovered three handguns, cash and Circle K-labeled meat sticks, assorted fruit pies and a blueberry loaf, according to an affidavit written by Detective Dan Lewin of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Rock chuck hunter wounds woman at Walcott Park

RUPERT — A rock chuck hunter accidentally wounded a woman and her husband who were riding in a car near Walcott Park Sunday afternoon.

According to a Milwaukie County sheriff's report, Lauran Jackson, 36, of Rupert, fired a shot from a 270-caliber hunting rifle toward a varmint. The shot instead went through the windshield of a vehicle owned by Thomas and Sylvia Zamora of Paul. The slug passed through Sylvia Zamora's right hand and lodged in the shoulder area of her husband's jacket, according to the report.

Sylvia Zamora was taken to Mackay Memorial Hospital, where she underwent surgery and was released Monday afternoon. Thomas Zamora suffered a bruise where the bullet hit his shoulder but did not require medical attention, according to the report.

Twin Falls man to get jail time for beating another

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man will spend at least seven years in prison for beating a man with a baseball bat.

Victor Lee Kam Harmon, 29, was convicted of felony aggravated battery, according to court records. Monday, 5th District Judge Roger Burdick sentenced him to seven to 12 years in prison.

Harmon whacked Kevin Roy Mack several times on his head and shoulders inside a Buhl trailer, police said. The Jan. 16 attack hospitalized Mack and required him to receive several stitches, police said.

In February, Harmon was sentenced to three to six years in prison on a charge of sexual abuse of a child, according to court records.

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Jerome native makes Boston run for sister in Twin

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Jerome native Mike Last's qualifying time didn't get him in the Boston Marathon and his name wasn't drawn in the lottery, the 44-year-old wrote a letter.

In his letter, Last said he wanted to run in the Boston Marathon and raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. After all, his twin sister — Mary Hammett of Twin Falls — was diagnosed in 1983 with Friedrich's ataxia, one of the neuromuscular diseases grouped as "muscular dystrophy."

And that's how Last became one of the about 39,000 official runners at Monday's Boston Marathon, unofficially completing the 26.2-mile historic trek in three hours and 47 minutes. Last also raised more than \$2,700, which Hammett augmented with pledges for another \$895.

"I really wanted to run the Boston

Marathon," the Pennsylvania transplant said by telephone after the race's 100th running. "It was incredible.

"I was going to be very, very happy with \$100 a mile," he added. "I got to run training on her coat tails."

Monday's marathon was the fifth Last has run since he started with the New York Marathon in 1991. While Last doesn't feel guilty that he is healthier than his wheelchair-using twin, he does think about Hammett when training gets tough.

"From time to time a run will get a little bit difficult," he said. "I just have to think about my sister and just kind of remind myself 'Maybe don't have a topic so bad.'"

"She kind of runs with me occasionally."

For her part, Hammett said she's proud of Last's abilities and fund-raising endeavor. Last recently has called Hammett or their parents, Bill and Jackie Last of Jerome, with updates on his training progress, she said.



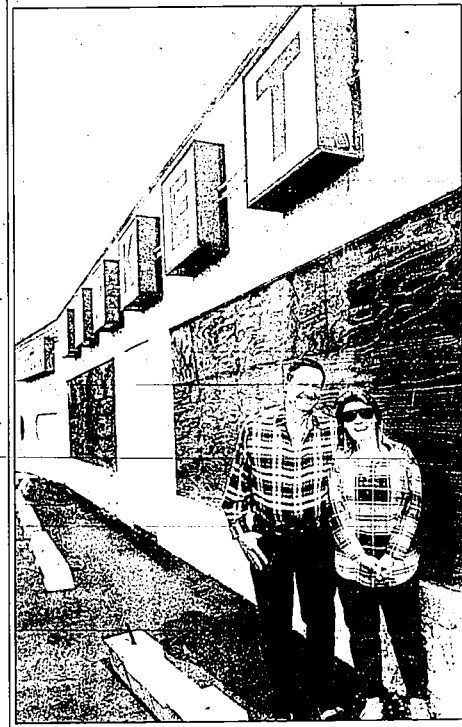
Inspired by his sister, Mary Hammett, Mike Last persuaded Boston Marathon organizers to let him run to raise money for muscular dystrophy.

"I think it's really special that he wanted to do that," Hammett added. "He's just been very, very supportive and real concerned, you know, really wanting to know everything about the disease that I have."

A large part of running, Last said, is mental. And Hammett, who received the MDA's

South Park lot due for face lift

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer



Twin Falls business owners Larry and Debbie Muegler are planning to tear down the old Marty's Market and South Park Lounge building to open a new South Park Lounge and their latest venture, a sandwich shop called the Village Grill. The building will also have room for a third tenant.

TWIN FALLS — A fire-gutted eyesore south of the Old Towne Bridge will soon give way to a new sandwich shop and lounge, a local businessman says.

South Park Lounge owner Larry Muegler said he plans to tear down his beer bar and the attached, boarded-up remains of Marty's Market, a grocery that burned more than a decade ago.

In its place near the corner of Washington Street South and South Park Avenue, he'll build a handsome, gabled structure decorated with columns and imitation river rock.

"It'll make a nice entryway into the town," said neighboring restaurateur Steve Soran, who heads up redevelopment efforts of the Old Towne Corp.

Soran and city Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin say Muegler's investment will likely help accelerate other business activity in South Park and the former warehouse district nearby.

"It'll also see the care of the Old Towne development ripple through the surrounding streets," Soran said. And locally owned, one-of-a-kind operations are just the ones to create a thriving, attractive Old Towne, he said.

At least four of the lounge's South Park business neighbors, McAlindin said, have made major renovations in the past two years — "that's exactly what you want to see occur."

The city's Urban Renewal Agency proposes to reward South Park Lounge — to the tune of \$35,000 — for its investment in the area, McAlindin said earlier. The agency also is drawing plans to install old-fashioned street lighting on Shoshone, extending past the South Park Lounge site.

Muegler said the new building will house an expansion of his South Park business when it opens in August.

The new Village Grill, a small shop at one corner, will serve sandwiches and burgers to the area's growing lunch crowd. South Park Lounge, at the new building's center, will begin serving evening and takeout meals in addition to its bar fare, he said.

Construction on the roughly \$400,000 project should begin in three or four weeks, said contractor Keith Petersen of Petersen Brothers Construction Inc.

The city issued the Village Grill a permit in June 1995 to build a 6,370-square-foot building. An extension on the permit expires this June, building department aide Beccie Massee said.

Muegler said a pizza parlor will occupy a third section of his new building.

Poetry, music will headline Tellez benefit

The Associated Press



'I'm happy to be at home and I'm doing well'

NAMPA Poetry and music will spice up a benefit for Javier Tellez Jureaz, the Malibu farmworker who lost both arms and part of a leg in a power post-hole digger accident last December.

The "Cowboys for Javier" show will be held at the Nampa Civic Center on Saturday.

Humorist and cowboy poet Rudy Gonzales came up with the idea for the benefit. He hopes the concert and an auction of cowboy items that will precede it will raise \$6,000 to \$10,000.

"I think it's great," Jureaz said by telephone from his Salt Lake City apartment.

The still is undergoing physical therapy and learning to walk with a prosthetic device at a Salt Lake City Hospital. He can amble up to 500 or 600 feet.

"I'm happy to be at home and I'm doing well," he said, through Dan Ramirez, an aide to Idaho Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, who interpreted.

The Dec. 13 accident focused attention on the plight of Idaho's farm laborers, and helped prompt passage of a state law requiring workers' compensation coverage for farmworkers after Jan. 1, 1997. Jureaz's employer did not have the insurance.

The two-hour concert will feature Gonzales, a buckaroo turned entertainer. The Eagle Reserve is founder of the Idaho State Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

Sharing the stage will be "The Mountain Man" Helen Marzowski, a poet and story teller; cowboy poet "Barb Wire" Ben Atkin; 10-year-old country singer Marissa Profit; and Rudy Rodriguez, Lucio Prado and their Mariachi Band.

All proceeds of the concert and auction will go to a trust fund for the Jureaz family.

Gonzales said an anonymous business picked up the \$450 cost of renting the Nampa Civic Center.

Bullets rip through basement window; second shooting in a week

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Neighbors say the second incident of night-time gunfire in a week occurred over the weekend near Yale Avenue and 10th Street.

Police are investigating a shooting that occurred shortly before 1 a.m. Saturday. Two bullets ripped through the basement window of a home at 1000 West Yale Ave., where four teens were sleeping, according to homeowner Janie Espanosa Rebollozo. She was just going to bed when she heard the shots.

Rebollozo can point out three more bullet holes in the side of her house near the basement window. The offenders shot out a window in the family's pickup, too.

Police are looking for a group of juveniles in connection with the shooting, according to a report from the Cassia County Sheriff's Department. Officers found a .25-caliber bullet and four empty shell casings from a .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol.

Rebollozo said her home may have been targeted to the shooting, because her son had been in an argument with another juvenile.

The home lies in a family neighborhood inhabited by many small children, Rebollozo said. She hopes police can catch the people responsible for the shooting.

A neighbor says another gunshot was fired in the street a week ago Saturday. It was fired into the air and came from a group of juveniles, she said. She didn't report that shooting.

Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said the neighborhood doesn't stand out from the rest of the community as one with a higher crime rate. Crime seems to hit areas in spurts, he said.



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Monday marks bear season opener

The Associated Press

With spring bear hunting season beginning Monday, activists went into the field to dissuade sportsmen from taking part in an activity they want discarded in the November election.

Activists are descending upon public lands to confront outfitters, guides and hunters with a resounding voice of opposition," said a press release.

The Coves-Mallard Coalition is an umbrella group which also includes opponents to logging in the Coves-Mallard area of Idaho's Nez Perce Forest.

Three members of the Earth First! group — one woman and

two men — went in search of hunters in northern Idaho Monday, hoping to discuss the "barbaric practice," said Natalie Shapiro of Coves-Mallard.

The trio intended any confrontation to be non-violent and hoped to take photographs, she said.

The Idaho Coalition for Bears is pushing a signature drive to do away with spring bear hunting, and the use of baiting stations or hounds to hunt bear.

Shapiro said many Idaho sportsmen oppose those three methods, and the photos might persuade more to sign the petitions.

The effort needs 41,335 signatures by July 6 to get the ban-

Opponents to spring hunting claim that — although it is illegal to kill female bears at the time — they still are shot leaving cubs which cannot fend for themselves.

The coalition said the largest black bears are mainly killed for their hides and hunters often take only a small amount of the meat, although it is illegal to leave the meat behind.

The release also said hunters killed about 1,300 bears in the 1984 spring hunt through May.

John Beecham, Idaho Fish and Game biologist and bear expert, said the 1,300 actually is all the bears killed yearlong. The number is killed from the bear hunters who turn in information

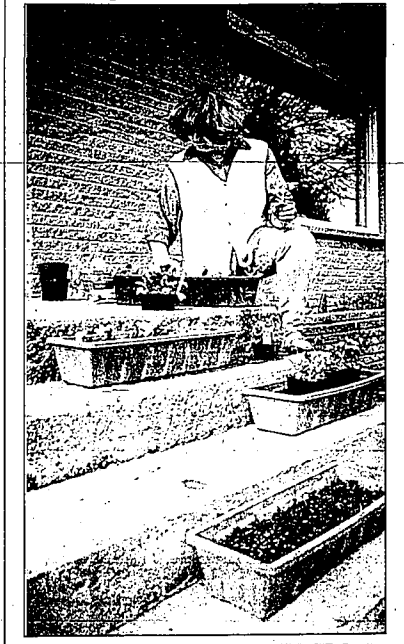
about the bears in a mandatory check-in.

Fish and Game research shows the Idaho bear population is healthy, especially among the female sows, he said, adding the initiative drive is geared toward the emotional impact of hunting rather than the biological question.

"The real issue is if we allow this to go to the ballot, it takes away all the flexibility in the system," he said.

"These are the kind of issues for the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to consider," Beecham said. "My preference is they come in here and hash it out with the commission."

Burley blooms



Lorinda Talman paints multi-colored panels at her Burley home. Monday's topid weather brought many people outside for home-improvement tasks and play.

Idaho leaders discuss West at Utah meeting

By Jenny Emery
Times-News correspondent

SALT LAKE CITY — Two guiding forces in Idaho's natural resource management practices described their visions of the West's future at a symposium on "Community and Ecology in the West" in Salt Lake City last weekend.

Martha Hahn, the Idaho director of the federal Bureau of Land Management, and Sen. Laird Noh, R-Smyrna, chairman of the Idaho Senate Resources and Environment Committee, joined a host of Westerners at the conference, including writer Terry Tempest Williams, Missoula Mayor Daniel Kemmis and actor Robert Redford. Their common mission was to discuss the West as the "source of hope, and to grapple with the region's possible destinies."

Although Hahn and Noh both spoke from the perspective of the Idaho landscape, they presented dramatically different guidelines for leading the state and the region into the 21st century.

Hahn criticized efforts to minimize federal control of public lands natural resources. While she admitted that federal management practices are not perfect, she said that federal control is working reasonably well and that it is a waste of our resources to argue about ownership.

Noh, on the other hand, spoke of the need to reamp federal legislation to increase control at the local level. Specifically, he advocates revising the Endangered Species Act to shift the balance in favor of local communities.

Both Hahn and Noh emphasized the need for cooperation and consensus rather than extremism and isolation in determining the fate of the West.

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Idaho's natural resources. Each said that neither human nor natural communities will be sustained by tactics that threaten the multiple-use management.

Hahn expressed concern

Noh that, as a community of people caring for and living together in this Western landscape, "We don't even know each other." Knowing a place, she explained, involves not only knowing the land but also knowing all the people who inhabit it.

"A sense of place must be realized," she said, "before a sustainable relationship between people and earth is established."

Their sentiments on the need for consensus were mirrored by other program participants who said that polarizing interests in the land use debate stalls any kind of positive action. Terry Tempest Williams, author of "Refuge" and "An Unsettling Hunter," concluded that making it in the West is no longer a matter of "survival of the fittest but of the survival of compassion."

What we need now, she continued, is "evolutionary patience."

The event was the inaugural symposium of the University of Utah College of Law's new Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources and the Environment. The center is dedicated to an interdisciplinary approach to natural resource issues, and the writings for the center's namesake serve as its framework.

According to Director Robert Keiter, the center will continue to sponsor symposiums on Western issues, but no dates have been set.

Prosecutor defends plea bargain child slaying

CHALLIS (AP) — Custer County Prosecutor Mike Lee is defending his decision to cut a deal with a woman charged with choking her son to death, saying he did not have the evidence to prove she wanted to murder the boy.

"We can't prove any malice aforethought," Lee said. "We had three pathologists that said they couldn't ascribe malice aforethought — two for the prosecution and one for the defense."

Faced with that circumstance, Lee abruptly canceled last week's preliminary hearing for Andrea Michelle Goodwin of Challis on a second-degree murder charge and five charges of child abuse and agreed to let her plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter and three counts of child abuse.

Those guilty pleas will be entered when she is arraigned within the next two weeks by 7th

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District Judge James Herndon. Goodwin was accused of killing her 26-month-old son, Matthew, last October. An autopsy showed the toddler choked to death on his own vomit.

Goodwin finally regained custody after the family had moved back to Idaho, but Nevada Health and Welfare officials retain jurisdiction over the child's care. Lee said the plea bargain would be brought in for regular weighing and monitoring.

"We believe that he wasn't eating, and that she just started stuffing food into his mouth," Lee said in speculating about how the child died. "We think she had this fear that he wouldn't eat, so she kept forcing it down his throat."

We have witnesses that said in the past, when the child tried to spit up food, she would put her hand over his mouth."

"When she's arraigned, we're going to hear what she said happened," Lee said.

"Unfortunately, nobody else was in the room with her when it happened so we'll have to take her word for it."

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Norwest study: Suburban traffic more dangerous than city crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most people are safer in cities than suburbs, despite the risk of violent crime in urban centers, because of the higher rate of traffic deaths and injuries outside city limits, a new report said Monday.

The surprising findings come in a study by the Seattle-based Northwest Engineering Watch, which looked into the impact of motor vehicles and suburban sprawl on the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest.

"Traffic accidents kill more Northwesters each year than gunshot wounds or drug abuse," said the report based on police statistics, Federal Highway Administration figures and U.S. Justice Department data on juvenile offenders.

"Tragically, people often flee crime-ridden cities for the perceived

safety of the suburbs — only to increase the risks they expose themselves to," the report said.

"Driving is among the most dangerous things people do. Since 1980, motor vehicles have killed almost 31,000 Northwesters and injured more than 2 million — far more than have died or been injured as a result of violent crime," it said.

The study focuses on metropolitan centers in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.

"We came at it from the environmental side and stumbled onto this safety point," said Alan Thompson, director of the non-profit group, a spinoff of the World Watch Institute.

"Generally, people don't think about personal safety when they get in cars. They should think when they

get in a car it is like walking down a dark city street at night."

Because of strong psychological reactions to who's driving, he said, "stranger danger" — the fear of random, malicious acts — people tend to overestimate the risks of crime while dramatically underestimating the risks of driving, the report said.

The media contribute to this misconception, Durning said.

"When there is a driver's shooting, it is a real big deal, and when there is a car crash it is hardly mentioned," he said.

"Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death among Americans 10 to 24 years old, Durning said.

The study found that per-capita crime rates in the cities varied surprisingly little across all types of neighborhoods, and that most crimes

are committed by acquaintances, not strangers, the report said.

The per capita rate of violent crimes might be 10 times as high in an urban neighborhood — Seattle's Queen Anne neighborhood, for example — as in a distant suburb such as Issaquah.

But the risk of an injury-causing car crash — already a more serious risk than crime for the Queen Anne dweller — roughly quadruples in Issaquah.

"It does so because residents of distant suburbs commonly drive three times as much, and twice as fast as urban dwellers," the report said.

The numbers hold true throughout the country, Durning said, with few exceptions in the largest urban centers with the highest crime rates. Sixteen of every 1,000 Seattle residents

Briefly

Softball and baseball deadlines coming

TWIN FALLS — Youngsters who want to join city softball or baseball teams for the first time should sign up now.

Until the end of May, new players can join the November Bower in the city recreation department at 730-2265. Boys in grades one through six are eligible for the city baseball program. Girls in grades three through nine can play city softball; younger girls play baseball.

Signups for city swimming lessons began at 9 a.m. on May 13 at the Harmon Park recreation building. For information, call 734-4341.

Shwin can't collect personal damages

TWIN FALLS — Gooding County Sheriff Jim Jax will not be able to collect personal damages against the county commissioners if he wins a lawsuit demanding the reinstatement of last year's salary.

Fifth District Judge Roger Burdick ruled Monday that Jax's lawsuit better fits the parameters of the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act, which allows a judge only to decide whether to uphold the commissioners' decision to cut his salary, said Ned Williamson, attorney for Gooding County commissioners.

Commissioners cut his salary last year because Jax was forced to temporarily lay off his six deputies because he ran out of money. A judge called the budget losses "a mutual mistake" and that Jax had been a "negligent administrator."

Williamson said he didn't know whether Jax will be allowed to collect lost wages, but that he cannot collect attorney's fees. Jax filed suit against the commissioners in November 1985 after they cut his salary to \$18,000 from \$27,400. Meanwhile, commissioners are countersuing Jax for more than \$2,400 he overspent on his budget.

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Also on the agenda is a discussion and possible action on a water hook-up fee schedule tabled during the Council's April 2 meeting.

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School bond town meeting set for tonight

JEROME — A town meeting will be held tonight to discuss the school district's efforts to pass a bond issue to construct a new middle school.

A committee to do the necessary legwork to insure passage of the bond issue will be appointed during the meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting in the auditorium of Central Elementary.

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Committee to explore alternative county government forms

By Rob Lundgren
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — County commissioners decided Monday to appoint a committee which will explore alternative forms of county government.

In 1995, the state legislature passed the Optional Forms of County Government Act which not only allows the electorate to vote on one of seven alternative forms of government for that county.

The seven options pertain to the number of commissioners, the form of an executive or manager of county business, and the elimination or consolidation of other elected county positions.

The act stipulates the option of the commissioners appointing, or the public voting for, county officials.

Also, offices for two or more counties may be consolidated (excluding county courts), or the current method of three county commissioners with elected officials may be retained. A majority vote at the general election is required to adopt any optional form of government placed on the ballot.

The commissioners drafted a list of 25 persons, representing various segments of the community, who will be asked to sit on the commission.

They indicated anyone else who would like to be appointed should contact them at the county offices.

Thomas initially discussed a commission size of between five and nine members, but indicated the size will be determined after names

are received.

"We're going to be proactive rather than reactive in setting up this commission," Commissioner Roy Prescott said. "We want to create that a well-represented cross-section of citizens is responsible for a ballot issue rather than a special-interest group possibly not well thought out."

Under the law, commissioners may choose or decline to place the commission's recommendations on the ballot. If they do not place an initiative on the ballot, anyone who gathers signatures from 20 percent of the qualified electors may submit an optional form of government for voters' approval.

When the commission is expected to be put in place by the end of May, Prescott wasn't sure the task at hand should be completed in time to be placed on November's ballot.

"This may be too sensitive and too important an issue to complete in time for the November election," he said.

"We need to take our time so we can address all the issues and alternatives."

In other action:

- The commissioners approved a list submitted by Kurt Thompson to develop a subdivision south of the trailer park on West Avenue 1.
- The 23-acre subdivision will be divided into 117 lots featuring manufactured homes.
- Thompson said he will develop the project in three stages, and hopes to get started this year.

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Miniature horses easy to fall for

Culbuto Springs Gazette
Telegraph

A newborn miniature usually stands 15-21 inches tall and weighs 15-21 pounds. When grown, they can weigh as little as 80 pounds, smaller than many dogs.

Most people are familiar with Shetland ponies, which are popular for pony rides at carnivals. They were originally bred to pull coal hoppers in mines. They grow to about 48 inches and can be ridden and pulled heavy loads.

The miniature is knee-high to most folks. So an owner might sit in a chair rather than stand on one while grooming a horse.

Perfectly formed, the miniatures are twice-size versions of their bigger cousins and are shown the same way — at halter, pulling wagons and crossing jumps and obstacles. But only a Lilliputian could ride one.

Baney often takes one or two of her miniatures to visit residents at the nursing care center where she works.

"They are a big hit there," she says. Miniatures eat less and produce less manure than large horses. And if they step on you, they won't crush your foot.

Shirley and Gene Baney have 25 of the prancing little horses on their Baney's Road Miniatures farm in Canon City, Colo. They went to a show during their honeymoon and "we fell in love with them," Shirley Baney says. "They are so cute."

The Baneyes are members of the American Miniature Horse Registry, which is owned by the American Shetland Pony Club in Peoria, Ill.

Man of letters feels lost in 'modern' times

DEAR ABBY: What has happened to the epistolary tradition in America? When I write to someone, I discuss what is going on in my life, inquire about the health, happiness, and what is going on in the lives of mutual friends. I generally try to carry on a written conversation that will delight the reader.

If I receive a reply, it is usually on a separate paper, or section to be mailed to 20 other people, and starts out, "Hi, just a short note to keep in touch..." Maybe they should just say, "Hi, just a short note to say I can't be bothered to formulate a real letter. I am too lazy, illiterate, insensitive, or all of the above."

Maybe, are people's lives so shallow they have nothing to say? Or are they so busy that they have nothing to say of themselves in simple written language?

In the past, when this modern age that communication has been disconnected or is no longer in service?



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

In my view, it's not a matter of communication "no longer in service," it's that people have changed and people are busier now. Short notes, form letters, faxes or quick phone calls are time-savers. And for those into computers, electronic communication is the "in" thing.

DEAR ABBY: I am having a disagreement with a friend and we have decided to let you be the judge. If a couple is engaged to be married, and the woman decides to end the engagement, should she return the engagement ring? — B A HEIKAMP, CINCINNATI

DEAR B.A.: The ring goes back. When a woman accepts an engagement ring, she is also making a promise to marry the man who gave it to her. If she changes her mind, the ring should be returned. Occasionally, when the man breaks the engage-

ment, he may offer to let the woman keep the ring, but he is not obligated to do so. Easy rule: The ring belongs to the person who paid for it, until the marriage has taken place.

DEAR ABBY: I had to chuckle when I heard your comment about "sex" on the first date. (You had misheard the question on the "Larry King Live" show. I had an experience in my younger days with a girl I wasn't particularly enamored with. When I asked her for a kiss on our first date, she said, "No, not on our first date." I answered quickly, "Well, how about on the last date?" — PHIL FROM JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter you had some time ago about sleeping in the nude:
In the late '40s, I worked for Dr. Karl Meeminger at the well-known clinic in Topeka, Kan.
He always recommended sleeping in an extra-large gown or nothing. His theory was that night-nightwear (pajamas) included should to mudge one's nerves, making for a rest-less night.
My husband always said, "Nightgowns should be on the floor next to the bed in case of fire." We have been married for 46 years.
— MRS. ROSE SPICER, REELSVILLE, IND.

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Idaho/West

New state agriculture director seeks high-technology revolution

WILDER (AP) — Pat Takasugi has come a long way since farming just 12 acres in Canyon County 20 years ago.

And now his 970-acre farm that employs over 100 at harvest time is in the hands of two full-time foremen as he sets his sights on bringing the state Department of Agriculture from the team-and-sawgun era into the age of high technology.

"I want to take the department through the high-tech revolution," said Takasugi, the new agriculture director. "The information age is here. It's more than just a games platform."

In the month since taking over the department, Takasugi has abandoned paper memos for his 360 employees and has them relying on electronic mail — something many did not even know how to use six weeks ago.

But it is only an extension of his own personal operation. Three computers, a printer, two photo copiers, a fax machine and modem surround the desk in his home office in Wilder. He keeps in touch by cellular telephone with his foremen who have broad responsibility in the day-to-day operation of the farm.

Takasugi, 47, admits few people would believe a picture of him on the back of a tractor. In recent years he has spent much more time in a suit and on the phone.

And he believes the Internet is the way to get the most information to the largest number of farmers and ranchers the fastest.

"It will allow farmers to make better marketing and compliance deci-



Idaho Department of Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi plans to update the technology used by the department to provide the state's farmers with the latest information.

Director Takasugi says, "We need to concede the next member of his cabinet is a better farmer than himself. Takasugi is considered one of the industry leaders in Idaho. He has been vice president of both the Farm Bureau and the Food Producers. He also is chairman of the Canyon County Republican Central Committee."

It is that viewpoint that Takasugi wants the department to at least recognize — that government sometimes has made farming and ranching more complicated than it needs to be.

"I hope to bring a new perspective to the office as one who has been on the other side of the regulations," he said.

A 1971 graduate of the College of Idaho, Takasugi spent five years as an Army officer, admitting his "goal was not to be a farmer."

But after his active duty, Takasugi returned to Wilder and began building his farm, renting land from his father and neighbors and eventually living in the same house his parents built in 1957. He met his wife, Suzanne, in 1991 and they married the next year. The couple has two boys, Taylor, 2, and Cody, 5 months.

A neighbor of Gov. Phil Batt, who

Eastern Idaho crank use soars, fills jails

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho Falls has a vicious drug habit, one police say is driving the crime surge that has the county jail bursting at the seams. The methamphetamine epidemic has spread to virtually every city neighborhood, as well as outlying towns like Teton and Ririe. But it is occurring all over the West, and affects more than the lives of law-

breaking users. The number of drug-related incidents in Bonneville County nearly doubled in 1995, to almost 600, according to recently released state crime figures. Such incidents had already doubled the prior year. The number of meth users in Idaho Falls has risen from a handful to the thousands over the past two

years until it stands second only to marijuana as the drug of choice, police say. Meth is by far the most potent adversary. "They can be the most decent human in the whole world, then you get them cranked up and they're devil himself," Bonneville County Sheriff's spokesman investigator Steve Davis said.

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High court studies Indian waterways

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to resolve an Idaho dispute over control of waterways through an Indian reservation.

The court said it will hear arguments by Idaho officials that federal courts lack the authority to decide the dispute between the state and the Coeur d'Alene tribe.

But the court turned down a cross appeal by the tribe's lawyers, in which they argued Idaho's sovereignty wrongly was allowed to limit the scope of the tribe's lawsuit.

The Coeur d'Alene tribe sued the state and a number of state officials in federal court in 1991, claiming ownership of Lake Coeur d'Alene and several rivers within its Panhandle reservation.

The tribe contends it owns the water under the 1873 presidential executive order that created the reservation. The tribe asked a judge to give it title to the waterways and to bar state officials from regulating the waterways or denying the tribe exclusive use.

State officials say Idaho assumed title to all navigable waters within its borders when it became a state in 1890. The state sought dismissal of the

case, arguing that the Constitution's 11th Amendment bars federal courts from hearing such lawsuits against states. A federal judge agreed and dismissed the case.

But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the part of the lawsuit that sought to keep state officials from controlling the lake and rivers. Federal courts have the authority to require state officials to conform to federal law, the appeals court said.

In the appeal to the high court, Attorney General Alan Lance said Idaho would in effect lose ownership of the waterways if state officials were barred from controlling them.

The 1873 executive order did not give the tribe ownership of the lake and rivers, state officials argued.

They also said the issue would be more properly decided in a federal lawsuit filed against the state by the federal government, acting as trustee for the tribe. The state has given up its immunity to such lawsuits.

The cases are Idaho vs. Coeur d'Alene Tribe, 94-1474, and Coeur d'Alene Tribe vs. Idaho, 94-1647.

Greene drops name

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's 2nd District Congresswoman has dropped the last name of her shunned husband, Waldholz, and now is simply going by Rep. Enid Greene in Congress.

On Monday, her staff started answering the phone with "Congresswoman Greene's office," he said.

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County loses crossing suit

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Bingham County will pay more than \$200,000 to the family of a man killed at a railroad crossing because a stop sign was not posted there.

Maerina Ramirez Piro De Gonzalez and her children had filed a tort claim against the county after her husband, Fernando Gonzalez-Torres, died on Sept. 13, 1991. The pickup he was a passenger in was hit by a Union Pacific train south of Blackfoot.

Fernando's brother, Martin Gonzalez-Torres, was seriously injured and also awarded damages.

The county denied the tort claim, allowing the lawsuit to be filed. A civil trial was held last fall.

Seventh District Judge James Herndon has released his decision. Since the county is self-insured, the money comes out of its funds.

The county is required by law to post a stop sign, he said.

Herndon acknowledged the weather was stormy that day and visibility was limited. Witnesses said it appeared Martin slowed down because he was aware of the crossing.

Fernando spent about eight months each year in Idaho. His family lives in Mexico.

McClure papers now available

MOSCOW (AP) — The papers, pictures and memorabilia of former U.S. Sen. James McClure are now available in a special collection for researchers and scholars at the University of Idaho Library.

"The McClure papers add to the growing body of documentation of Idaho's political leadership," said Ron Force, library services dean. Among the holdings of the library are records of governors C.A. Bottolfsen, Barzilla Clark and C. Ben Ross, as well as U.S. senators and representatives William Borah, Burton Lee French, James P. Pope, George L. Shoup, W.B. Heyburn, Gracie Hunt, Herman Welker and Compton White.

McClure, who served 25 years in Congress, donated his papers to the university in 1990 upon his retirement.

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Amegy

Southwest sways airline quality rating

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's airline service got better in 1995, its first improvement in five years that included a dramatic drop in the number of crash deaths, a research group says.

The industry "seems to have turned a minor corner in performance and quality," said researcher Dean Headley of Wichita State University.

Southwest Airlines turned in the best performance, taking over the top spot from American Airlines, according to the analysis released Monday by Headley and Brent Bowen of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The report rates airlines on 19 factors ranging from on-time performance to ease of flight to lost baggage to accidents. While Southwest and American continued their duel for top spot — they have alternated the last two years — most airlines showed improved performance and

there was less difference between the best and worst, Headley said.

The major airlines had a much safer year in 1995 than the year before. Only three people died in accidents last year, compared with 239 in 1994.

The improved financial picture for the airline industry had prompted more attention to consumer preferences, the researchers said. In addition, competition from new carriers like ValuJet has forced the larger airlines to improve service.

While still ranked last among the nine major airlines, Continental was the "most improved" in the study.

Overall, the rankings were Southwest, American, United, Delta, America West, Northwest, USAir, TWA and Continental. Northwest was second in on-time performance, followed by USAir.

On the other hand, Southwest had the worst record on denied boardings, overtaking other flights than any other airline. Northwest was the least likely to bump passengers, followed by United and American.

The 1995 Airline Quality Rating run-down for the major airlines — those with operating revenues of at least \$1 billion — was:

• Southwest regained the top rating with the best on-time performance and lowest lost bags. Moved up despite having the highest rate of bumping passengers.

• American slipped to second with weaker on-time operations and frequent flyer awards more difficult to get. Did a better job than previously at reuniting passengers with their baggage.

• United held at No. 3 despite a slight drop in rating due to weaker on-time performance and more restrictive frequent flyer program. Had fewer bumpings and lost bags than in 1994.

Stocks bounce higher on firmer bonds

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks posted strong gains Monday, with help from a continued boost from strong earnings reports and merger activity.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished up 60.33 points at 5,592.92, the biggest rise in four weeks, to make up 40 percent of last week's total loss. The gain was enough to prompt the New York Stock Exchange to impose restrictions on computer-driven programs in the final half hour of trading.

Advancing issues had a strong 2-to-1 lead on decliners on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume was moderate at 446.24 million shares as of 4 p.m., down sig-

nificantly from Friday's pace. Broad-market indexes added 2.79 to 345.20. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 5.78 to 642.49.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 9.50 to 1,110.44, while the American Stock Exchange's market value index added 3.85 to 576.11.

In overseas trading, London stocks rose to record high levels, partially in reaction to the strength on Wall Street, with the FTSE 100 index closing up 23.7 points to 3,790.5.

Frankfurt shares soared, pushing the DAX index up 1.4 percent to 2,545.94, also a record high, bolstered by the strong lead in gains in bond prices. The Nikkei index in Tokyo gained 1 per-

Markets

Dow-Jones

Symbol	High	Low	Close	Chg
Dow Jones	5603.25	5532.59	5592.92	+60.33
S&P 500	650.15	636.71	642.49	+5.78
Nasdaq	1120.00	1099.94	1110.44	+9.50
Amex	580.00	572.11	576.11	+3.85
NYSE	446.24	446.24	446.24	0.00

Most active

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Microsoft	1,100,000
Apple	1,000,000
Oracle	900,000
Amazon.com	800,000

Local interest

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Stock listings

New York

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Sugar

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Money

Digital television debuts

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nine years in the making, technology that would give Americans super-sharp TV pictures and CD-quality sound stepped out of the lab in its first broadcast Monday.

Using a special transmitter, CBS affiliate KLAS broadcast in high definition, a digital format developed specifically for U.S. television.

Broadcasters attending the National Association of Broadcasters annual convention here got to look at the super-sharp TV. KLAS viewers continued to get their regular programming in the existing analog format.

The station's HDTV signal traveled unobstructed to the Las Vegas Convention Center, about half a mile away from the station. The signal was received on special equipment set up outside the center, routed to a makeshift theater and then to a projection TV with a rectangular screen, said Paul DeGonia, director of HDTV development for Westinghouse's Wireless Solutions Co. Westinghouse Electric Corp. owns CBS.

'I was impressed — as far as I can be by television.'

— Daryl Allen, convention center worker

It's an improvement, but vast is too strong an adjective," said Daryl Allen, who was impressed — as far as I can be by television.

But broadcast engineers gave it rave reviews.

Westinghouse Electric Corp. Chairman Michael Jordan called the broadcast "an important technical step and an important symbolic step" toward making high definition a reality for TV viewers.

Broadcasters watched a taped, 10-minute block of TV clips all shot in the HDTV format. The clips showed sporting events like skiing and ice skating, scenery like the Grand Canyon, a roller-coaster ride, and national monuments such as the White House and the Capitol.

KLAS will broadcast the HDTV feed every half hour until the convention closes on Thursday. "It's a step along the way to the digital TV age," said Dick Wiley, chairman of a committee that developed the HDTV system KLAS is using.

That system is called the Grand Alliance. Once approved by the Federal Communications Commission, possibly later this year, it will be the system that all U.S. TV stations will use to provide viewers the next generation of television. HDTV systems used in other countries have been shown at previous conventions, but the Grand Alliance has not.

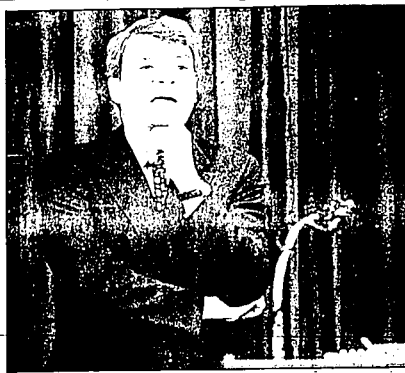
"You can kind of see a gathering of momentum" behind HDTV, Wiley said. "HDTV is becoming a reality."

Westinghouse developed the special transmitter KLAS is using. DeGonia said that because it would cost about half the price of conventional transmitters, it should accelerate broadcasters' conversion to digital. Westinghouse's device will be "competitively priced" with transmitters developed by two competing companies, DeCom and Zenith.

To receive the high-quality digital signals, viewers will need to buy new TV sets that won't be on the market for several years. DeGonia said that because it would cost about half the price of conventional transmitters, it should accelerate broadcasters' conversion to digital. Westinghouse's device will be "competitively priced" with transmitters developed by two competing companies, DeCom and Zenith.

AT&T, General Instrument, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the David Sarnoff Research Center, Thomson Consumer Electronics, Philips Consumer Electronics and Zenith developed the Grand Alliance system.

Using the language of computers, digital technology is a vast improvement over existing analog. Digital is less susceptible to interference and is more efficient, allowing TV stations to pack four or five digital channels into the space of one analog channel.



Michael Jordan, chairman and CEO of Westinghouse Electric Corp., speaks at during a news conference announcing the first silicon carbide High Definition Television broadcast at the National Association of Broadcasters in Las Vegas, Monday.

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**Roscoe Patton Attends
Investment Management &
Research National Conference**

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Roscoe Patton was one of over 500 Investment Management & Research, Inc. (IM&R) financial advisors to attend the company's National Conference March 26-31 in San Antonio, Texas.

Roscoe Patton is a member of IM&R's Executive Club, an elite group comprising some of the firm's most successful financial advisors. Patton was recognized for his achievement during IM&R's Awards Banquet the first evening of the conference. An Idaho Falls (New Sweden district) native, Patton has been a licensed securities broker for over 30 years. For 21 of those years he has been serving Magic Valley residents. He joined IM&R in 1986. Earning degrees from the University of Arizona and U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., Patton started in the defense-electronics industry in New York and New England.

"I have a responsibility to my clients to be educated and informed about economic and financial issues that may affect their investments," said Patton, Branch Manager of the IM&R office, Downtown Twin Falls. "This conference allowed me to learn valuable information which I can put to work for my clients."

Financial advisors spent a busy week attending seminars and workshops on a wide variety of investment and financial subjects. Topics included asset allocation, retirement, estate and tax planning, asset management, international investing, insurance, mutual funds, and fixed income investing.

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Roscoe Patton has served in Defense & Aerospace Electronics 10 years Program Mgt Contract Work, & Motorola Mgr 17 years Sperry Gyrocorp, 10+ years Sanders Associates & 1 year Ball Bros Research, Sales Rep/Automatic waffle solder fountain machines 10 years machine sales, 3 years security sales/NYSE Bookbinder & Co., 11 years NYSE E.D. Jones & Co. (L3) PmJ & Mutual fund sales, 2 years, Washelli & Reed & Founders Mutual, N.H., Idaho & Colorado. Currently, 10 years as Branch Manager for IM&R.

He has gained broad insights and traveled with C.E.O.s, Treasurers, etc., and has lived for meaningful periods in 5 states. He worked on the semiconductor industry's "Foundation" project at Sanders. With the relevant background, he has successfully traded these stocks. Roscoe and his wife, Laraine, grandsons James and Andrew Patton and son, Charles Heilmann, enjoy spending time on a 4-H Club projects with their Apocoochee horse.

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Lynn N. Beedle, director of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, looks out on the Chicago skyline Friday after announcing the ruling that the Sears Tower in Chicago is the world's third tallest building.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Is too. Is not. Is too? Is NOT?

So goes the discussion over the world's tallest building. Is it in Chicago, home of the 1,450-foot Sears Tower (antennas not included)? Or is it in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where the upstart Petronas Towers are nearing completion? Without spires, the Petronas complex is 209 feet shorter than the roof of the Sears Tower. With spires, it's 34 feet taller.

If Sears' antennas were allowed — which a panel of experts on Friday decided against — it would remain the ranking behemoth. But if Petronas' spires are included, why aren't Sears' antennas?

The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat says, there really is such an organization) reiterated Friday that it does not consider antennas or TV and radio towers part of a building's "structural top."

The council, based at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, is devoted to high-rise design and construction. Eight executive committee members unanimously voted Friday to keep the existing standards — which give the "tallest" distinction to the two towers in Malaysia — but the official tally will come in about a month when the six absent members vote by mail, said Lynn Beedle, the council's chairman.

How important is the Sears Tower to Chicago? How does the phrase "Chicago, Home of the World's Third-Largest Building" strike you?

Gerald Johnson, chairman of the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings, admits the issue is a matter of ego and politics. "Everybody wants to be the

tallest, the biggest, the best," Johnson said. But, he said, not having the tallest building won't make the 1.5 million annual Sears visitors forsake Chicago for Kuala Lumpur.

"I don't think anybody has gone to New York in the last 25 years because the Empire State Building is the second or third-tallest building," he said.

The ruling hasn't dented Chicago — much. "While there still is a dispute over what qualifies as the tallest building in the world, there is no disputing the fact that Chicago would still have the highest observation deck in the world," said Noelle Gaffney, spokeswoman for Mayor Richard Daley.

Well, actually you can dispute that. The floor of Sears Tower's observation deck is 1,465 feet at Toronto's CN Tower, which owns the title of "World's Largest Self-Supporting Structure."

But Chicago has never let facts get in the way of a good story. The city long has been enamored with superlatives, said Robert Brueggemann, a modern-architecture expert at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago claimed to have the first skyscraper, even though New York beat it by about a decade in the 19th century, he said.

"It seems like more of an obsession in Chicago than elsewhere in the world," Brueggemann said. "Chicago is not one of the largest

cities in the world... For that reason, it's all the more a matter of civic pride."

Despite the board's ruling, the battle is unlikely to subside.

Construction begins next year on the Shunghai Financial Center, which is designed to stand 1,609 feet — 26 higher than Petronas and 59 feet taller than the Sears Tower. Or is it 9 feet shorter than the bases of the Sears antennas? Or is it 194 feet shorter than the top of the 1,703-foot spikes at the top of the tower?

Man plans Utah scenic flights

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — A Vermont entrepreneur believes northern Utah has sights as interesting as southern Utah's, and wants to start helicopter and airplane tours of the region.

Jim Richards, owner of MASH Helicopters, Rides, and Tours in Vermont, didn't get much encouragement when he proposed his idea to the Farmington Planning Commission last week.

Richards wants to put a helicopter pad north of Laysan Amusement park, which would be used in summer to take customers over Antelope Island on short jaunts and to Kootenai Copper's Bingham named longer trips.

The commission said it probably wouldn't let Farmington's general plan

And the manager of Antelope Island State Park, located west of Farmington, was just as cool to the idea.

"Most people who come here appreciate the value of Antelope Island as a place to escape the business, and noise of the Wasatch Front," said Tim Smith, park manager.

Helicopters buzzing the island would disturb native birds along with other birds of prey and the 400,000 or so tourists who roam there every year, he said.

Richards has indicated that if he cannot fly out of Farmington, he may use one of the local municipal airports. And if he cannot settle there, he may find a welcome at the Ogden-Hinkley Airport.

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— San Francisco Chronicle columnist Scott Ostler

Briefly

Kimberly sets Legion baseball tryouts

KIMBERLY — Tryouts for the Kimberly American Legion baseball team will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the baseball field, which is behind the Kimberly Middle School.
 For more information, call Terry Bohan at 423-4679, ext. 3224.

Minidoka County Babe Ruth baseball tryout Wednesday

RUPERT — Minidoka County Babe Ruth baseball tryouts will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at East Minico Junior High in Rupert.
 All boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 15 are invited to participate. Each participant should bring a copy of his or her birth certificate.

Montana football coach Don Read announces retirement

MISSOULA, Mont. — Saying it was “the hardest thing that I’ve ever had to do in my life,” Montana football coach Don Read announced his retirement Monday.

Read, the school’s winningest coach, led the Grizzlies to the NCAA Division I-AA national championship in December. Montana beat the host team, Marshall, 22-20.

Montana is to begin spring drills today.

“The timing is right for Montana to take another step forward,” Read said. “The timing is right for new energy. The timing is right for Don Read to move in a different direction. At this point, what I can tell the world is thanks for the opportunities that we’ve had here.”

Read, 62, never had a losing season in his 10 years at Montana, including 10 straight victories over rival Montana State. He compiled an 85-36 overall record, including a 54-22 mark in the Big Sky Conference.

“On behalf of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, let me say we are saying goodbye to a true legend in our field,” said

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Sportslate

Today

High school baseball
 Mandan at Twin Falls, 3 p.m.
 Burley at Arco, 4:30 p.m.
 Buhl at Jerome, 3 p.m.
 Filer at Wood River (2), 1 p.m.

High school golf
 Gooding, Oakley, Filer, Declo and Valley at Jerome, 1:30 p.m.

Buhl, Mullanugh, Kimberly and Wendell at Glenns Ferry, 1 p.m.
 Minico, Burley, Highland and Pocatello at Twin Falls

High school softball
 Buhl JV at Glenns Ferry, 3 p.m.
 Filer at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.
 Buhl at Jerome, 4 p.m.
 Bosco at Twin Falls, 3 p.m.

High school tennis
 Gooding at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
 Burley at Highland, 4 p.m.

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More than 40,000 run 100th race

Tanui beats teammate; Pippig tops women again

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

BOSTON — Putting his feet to the throttle on the best-remembered Heartbreak-Hill, Moses Tanui of Kenya started to define the 100th Boston Marathon as he opened up a few strides on countryman and three-time defending champion Gezae Nflet.

By the time Tanui headed through Cleveland Circle and onto Beacon Street, the decisive move had been made. From there to the finish on this glorious Patriots' Day Monday it simply became a matter of the margin of victory among the dominant Kenyans, who worked as a team for most of the 26.2-mile race against a brisk headwind. As a sea of humanity — a record 38,706 registered runners and estimated 5,000 bandits — made its way past one million cheering spectators in 50-degree weather, Tanui, 30, crossed the finish line in 2 hours, 9 minutes and 16 seconds for his first marathon victory. Kenyans swept the top five places.

Making his third Boston appearance, Tanui, ranked ninth in the world, bettered his previous marathon time by 25 seconds and earned \$100,000, a lion's share of the record \$600,000 prize purse. He was runner-up to Nflet a year ago.

Germany's Uta Pippig, 30, despite severe menstrual cramps and diarrhea, came from behind to overtake two-time New York City Marathon winner Tegla Loroupe of Kenya to capture the women's title. She is the first woman to win three consecutive titles. Her time was 2:27:12.

Jean Driscoll, 29, of Champaign, Ill., won a record seventh consecutive women's wheelchair title in 1:52:56. Switzerland's Heide Frei, 38, a runner-up last year, won the men's title in 1:31:14.

On a day when tradition and history took center stage at the oldest marathon, the Kenyan men added to their own history and tradition by taking seven of the eight top spots. Ezekiel Kitok, 30, running against 12 other Kenyans in the men's elite field for a spot on the Olympic team, finished 50 yards behind Tanui in 2:09:26.

Nflet, 24, watched his hopes of becoming the first man to win four consecutive Boston



100th Boston Marathon April 15, 1996

Here are the finishing times for Magic Valley runners in Monday's Boston Marathon. (Times are from starting gun; it took up to 26 minutes for some runners to reach the starting line):

Earl Reed, Jerome	3:05:01
Heldi Stutzman, Buhl	3:17:11
David Ward, Twin Falls	3:27:36
Dave Emerson, Burley Falls	3:27:46
David Brown, Ketchum	3:30:19.5
Esteban Garcia, Rupert	3:34:15
Tom Mastio, Burley	3:39:09
Shari Aslett (Har), Filer	3:43:44
Mac Simpson, Twin Falls	3:44:29
Holly Anderson, Twin Falls	3:55:49
Harry Geist, Twin Falls	3:58:46
Heldi Husbands, Ketchum	4:00:34
Nancy Brown, Ketchum	4:01:51
Darlene Crawford, Ketchum	4:02:11
Alice Schenk, Rupert	4:26:00

titles diminish on Heartbreak Hill when blisters and stomach cramps began to take their toll after 21 miles. He held on for third place in 2:09:51.

“It is our tradition if we have a team, more than two or three runners, we have to help each other run together,” said Tanni, a former steeplechaser known more for his blazing track speed. “We share water, we talk and we pull each other along. At the end, it is the strongest who wins.”

Tanni, the 1995 World Championship half marathon gold medalist, like his teammates, started running at an early age.

“In Kenya we normally look after cattle and sheep,” Tanni said. “We are walking and running all the time. We don't have cars so we normally run to school every morning.”



The elite runners participating in the 100th running of the Boston Marathon leave the starting line as the gun sounds at noon Monday.

Spectators back runners

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Twelve-year-old Ryan Ochoa stood tripped on a cinder block wall, with a video camera in one hand, stretched to follow the finish line from his vantage point behind a slatted wooden fence separating the marathon crowd from the course.
 Race winner Moses Tanui would run by, followed later by women's champion Uta Pippig and a host of other “stars” in the 38,706 runner field. But the camera was for his dad, who was running his first Boston Marathon.

“It's pretty cool,” Ryan said, as he waited with his two brothers and mother among the wall of enthusiastic spectators that lined the route of the 100th Boston Marathon from start to finish.

The Truexes, Calif., family made a vacation of Larkwood's running in the Boston Marathon.

“His 40th birthday is the 18th (of April),” Linda Ochoa said. “This was his birthday present to himself, fulfilling a dream.”

“He couldn't have asked for a bigger party.”
 “For amateur runners, the Boston Marathon is the Olympics,” said Red Pleasee so SPECTATORS/D2



Runner Ary Cardoso of Sao Paulo, Brazil, wincing in pain on a cot in a medical tent as medical workers massage his legs after the marathon.



Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson talks to media after practice on Monday.

Excited Bulls want to put historic win behind them

Knight-Ridder News Service

MILWAUKEE — The Chicago Bulls can win an NBA-record 70th game Tuesday night against the Milwaukee Bucks.

“We just want to get it out of the way,” Michael Jordan said.

With four games left, the 60-2 Bulls are nearly assured of making the playoffs. A 69-13, held by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers.

It should happen Tuesday night, with the Bulls playing one of the worst teams in the NBA, a Milwaukee team 45 games behind them in the Central Division standings.

“I'm tempted to say I'd like to get it out of the way,” Dennis Rodman said. “But, nah, let's get it done.”

Tuesday night, as is often the case with the Bulls' games in Milwaukee, many of their fans will be in attendance. One, who can't find tickets to games at the sold-out United Center seat up tick-

ets at the Bradley Center, just 90 miles up the interstate, when the Bulls play there.

Tuesday night's game has been a sell-out for a while, but the historical aspect is making it even a hotter ticket. The arena also will be peopled by nearly 200 members of the media on hand to report the record-breaking victory.

Now all the Bulls have to do is win.

“I've been hearing them talk about how they want to get it over with and get it done, and we don't want it to be against us,” Bucks swingman Johnny Newman said. “So we're going to go out and try to put another good game together, like we did against Orlando.”

The Bucks surprised the visiting Bulls on Sunday with a 114-101 upset in which they got 27 points from Vin Baker and 25 from Newman and shot 56 percent.

Chicago is 3-0 against Milwaukee this season, having won by 12, 29 and nine points. Jordan, the NBA leader in scoring, averaged 37 points in those games.

CSI faces key series at Treasure Valley

The Times-News

ONTARIO, Ore. — Before the Region 18 baseball season started, the Chukars of Treasure Valley Community College were expected to join Ricks in challenging favored College of Southern Idaho for the Northern Division crown.

But midway through the league's regular season, that hasn't come to pass. CSI, at 7-2, leads the division by two games over Ricks, having swept the Vikings in a three-game series to open league play.

Treasure Valley's loss is a game further back. But College of Southern Idaho coach Jim Walker knows this weekend's trip to Ontario will test his team's mettle.

“We haven't shown we can play well on the road,” he said after a Sunday win at Walla Walla, noting that 10 of his team's 13 errors all have come away from Frontier Field.

And one of those rare home losses came at the Treasure Valley earlier this month.

“This is a very important series, because I think Ricks will take North Idaho in Reburg,” Walker said, referring to next weekend's other divisional matchup.

While the Eagles have assured themselves of a playoff spot, barring a total second-half collapse, Walker said the race now is to host the Region 18 playoffs.

The top three Northern Division teams will play the Southern Division's top three May 19-20. The top team from the North will host the tournament, which sends one team to the western District playoffs, May 16-17 and the Junior College World Series May 21-June 1 at Grand Junction, Colo.

CSI held its two-game lead over the weekend by taking two of three games

Region 18 Northern Division Standings

	North Division				Overall			
	W	L	GB	W L Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
CSI	7	2	776	28	13	667		
CSI College	4	5	52	24	15	615		
Treasure Valley	4	5	444	3	19	20	487	
North Idaho	2	7	222	5	12	15	444	

from North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene while Ricks also beat Treasure Valley two out of three.

The Golden Eagles were slated to battle Utah Valley in a double-header today, but UVSC cancelled in order to make up some rain-out games from earlier in the season.

So, CSI travels to Ontario to complete a seven-game road trip Friday and Saturday.

CSI finds itself a little shaky at the catcher position, with Nate Forbush suffering with what could be a broken finger sustained against NIC and Ben Henderson down with strep throat.

At the plate, lead-off hitter Chris Gillette performed well on Sunday. The league's leading hitter, Brandon Duckworth, and Marty Caldwell, continue to pile up solid numbers, while outfielder Mike Gonzalez registered a couple of key hits over the weekend.

Defending division champion Ricks College is finding its rhythm at the plate, winning five of its last six division games and eight straight overall before Saturday's 6-7 loss to Treasure Valley.

Wade Bell homered three times against the Chukars, while Jeff Quinton and Adam Cluff also hit home runs.



Unhealthy Rangers may give Canadiens a break

By Frank Brown
New York Daily News

Eastern Conference

Canadiens vs. Rangers While the Rangers' players have a huge edge in playoff experience, New York coach Colin Campbell was entirely correct to note the playoff experience of Montreal's coaching staff (Mario Tremblay, Yvan Cournoyer and Jacques Laperriere) and management (Rejean Houle). This would be an easy call if the Rangers were healthy and in sync, since they aren't, rest assured it will take longer than it should. **RANGERS IN SIX.**

Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia: What the Lightning have to decide is whether they will take a "jelly happy" approach or whether they will ride the discipline and focus displayed during their pre-playoff run. Tampa Bay went 3-2-28 after a 4:10-4 start, but it's playing a very good team that is peaking at a very good time. **FLYERS IN FIVE.**

Washington vs. Pittsburgh: A season-long, you could look at Pittsburgh's defense and wonder how the Penguins won any games at all. And yet, you wouldn't see opponents blasting into their defensive zone with speed, or with manpower advantages. G Jim Carey will steal a game for the Capitals and, healthy, Washington might be able to check them and frighten them, but the Capitals are badly banged up, and they don't have nearly enough firepower. **PENGUINS IN SIX.**

Boston vs. Florida: The Bruins finally got a goalie in Bill Ranford, they got grit in Rick Tocchet and Ron Sutter. They have Ray Bourque and Kyle McLaren on defense, their noses are back to the grindstone. Bruins-style, and they're finally listening to coach Steve Kasper. Panthers coach Doug MacLean has done a fine job, and Florida knows how to check, but the Panthers started swooning a while back and haven't really recovered. Four days between Games 1 and 2 could be momentum-killers. **BRUINS IN SIX.**

Western Conference

Winnipeg vs. Detroit: Sure, Winnipeg beat Detroit twice. Still, it is time to admit Detroit is the best team and has no apparent weaknesses; any team that tried to brawl got killed by Detroit's power play.

Avalanche don't want to fall again

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Avalanche don't want a repeat performance.

Last season, the Avalanche — then the Quebec Nordiques — posted the best record in the Eastern Conference, only to bow to the New York Rangers in the opening round of the NHL playoffs.

That disappointment was very much on the players' minds as they prepared for the playoff opener here against Vancouver on Tuesday night.

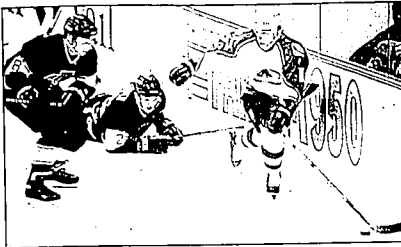
"Not a lot," leading scorer Joe Sakic said when asked if this year's club is carrying around baggage from last year's flop. "We definitely have a different team from last year. We've added a lot of new faces — Sandis Ozolins, Mike Keane, Patrick Roy and Claude Lemieux — and three of them have won Stanley Cups.

"We feel we're a more defensive-minded team, which is what it is Sakic said he and his Colorado teammates have a more confident attitude after posting a 47-25-10 record and the second-highest point total in the league (104), trailing only Detroit's 131.

"Last year, when we got eliminated was the most frustrating summer I've ever had," he said. "It's exciting to have the playoffs start tomorrow and have another chance at it."

Facing Vancouver amounts to a homecoming of sorts for Sakic, a native of Burnaby, British Columbia. "It's always fun, it's always special to play back at home," he said.

Although Vancouver lost 11 of its last 16 games and finished at 32-35-15, Colorado isn't taking the Canucks lightly.



Los Angeles Kings Dmitri Khristoch and Phillippe Boucher move in on Colorado Avalanche's Valeri Kamenski during the Kings' 5-4 victory in Denver Sunday.

"They're a very explosive team," Avalanche winger Claude Lemieux said. "They have tremendous skill and a 50-goal scorer (Alexander Moggi). They have a lot of speed, which matches ours, and big defense."

"At times in the past you've heard that the first round is probably your toughest, and I wouldn't want anyone on this team to look beyond

Vancouver. They're a very good club. Pat Quinn has taken them to the Stanley Cup finals (1994). It's going to take our best hockey to beat them."

Quinn, the Canucks' general manager, fired coach Rick Ley late this season and took over the coaching reins, leading the team to a 3-3 record.

The Canucks have advanced to the second round of the playoffs the last four years. In two of those years, they came back to win series after being down 3-1.

Vancouver will without one of its best players, Pavel Bure, who tore a knee ligament last November, had hoped to return to the ice by the first round of the playoffs, but he won't play against the Avalanche. Bure failed a strength test on his knee last Thursday.

Colorado was 3-1-1 against Vancouver this season but only 0-1-1 at home.

"They've got a good, mobile defense and one of the most prolific scorers in Moggi," Colorado coach Marc Crawford said. "That club has a wealth of experience in the playoffs the last four or five years."

"We've added a lot of people this year who've had that kind of experience, and we think that will give us leadership and an emotional boost."

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Gant powers Cards over Bucs; Rockies rally

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ron Gant homered, doubled and drove in four runs as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-4 Monday night for their fifth victory in six games.

Gant had an RBI double in the first inning and hit a three-run homer in the third, his fourth, off John Lott (0-2). The homer slotted Cardinals rookie starter Alan Benes (2-0) to a 5-1 lead. But the right-hander struggled, allowing four runs and seven hits with seven strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings.

Royce Clayton's RBI single in the seventh off Jason Christian gave the Cardinals a 6-4 lead. Rick Honeycutt struck out three of the last four batters in the game for his first National League save since Aug. 20, 1987.

Pittsburgh has lost five of its last seven.

National League

Rockies 11, Padres 9

DENVER — Dante Bichette hit a two-run homer on the eighth inning, his first this season, as the Colorado Rockies rallied from five runs down for an 11-9 win over the San Diego Padres.

Bichette, who led the National League with 40 homers last season, hit the first pitch from former teammate Willie Klein (0-2) over the center field wall to give the Rockies a 10-9 lead.

Andres Galarraga and Vinny Castilla then hit consecutive doubles to make it 11-9.

Bichette went 4-for-5 with four RBIs as the Rockies, which rallied 9-4 in the bottom half.

Bruce Ruffin (1-0), the fourth Rockies reliever, pitched one inning for the win, but Los Angeles left him for his third save. Five Colorado outfielders combined to two-hit the Padres over the final two innings.

Tommy Gray and Andruw Cedeno drove in two runs each and Wally Joyner collected his 1,500th career hit for the Padres.

Reds 3, Cubs 2, 10 innings

CHICAGO — Charles Larkin worked with one out in the 10th inning for the Reds.

Larkin drove a 1-1 pitch from Robb Liden into the left field bleachers for his third home run.

Cincinnati starter Dave Burba struck out a career-high 11 in seven innings, but left with the game tied 2-2 and did not get a decision.

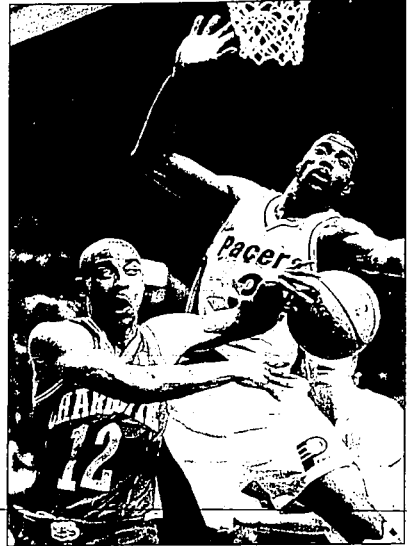
Marco Moore (1-1) pitched one-half an inning for the win and Jeff Blanton worked the 10th for his fifth save.

Eddie Taubensee and Hal Morris each won their first game for the Reds, who won their third straight.

Knicks crush Raptors

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks came within two points of matching a franchise record for largest victory margin, routing the Toronto Raptors 125-79 Monday night.

Patrick Ewing scored 23 points and John Starks added 19 for the Knicks, who shot 57 percent from the field.



Pro basketball

The 46-point margin was two short of the team record, which has been done three times, most recently against Philadelphia on April 21, 1994.

New York, which had lost two straight and three of four, led by as many as 22 points in the first half and increased the margin to 48 late in the fourth quarter.

Ace Earl, who scored a career-high 40 points last week against Boston, led the Raptors with 25 points.

Heat 110, Nets 90

MIAMI — The Miami Heat, scrapping for the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference, held New Jersey scoreless during a seven-minute stretch.

The victory was the fourth in a row for Miami, which began the night tied with Charlotte in the race for the eighth playoff slot in the conference.

Atlanta forward Scottie Pippen scored 20 points to lead six double-figure scorers for the Heat, who shot 55 percent.

The Nets shot 40 percent and were outscored 16-0 during one stretch in the third period.

Miami completed a five-game sweep of its season series against New Jersey, which is out of playoff contention.

The Nets have lost seven in a row, their longest losing streak of the season.

SuperSonics 112, Rockets 106-110 — Gary Payton scored 31 points and had three steals in the final 1:31 as Seattle beat Houston for the ninth straight time in the regular season.

Melvin Siveas had three of Detroit's five hits, and Mark Parent drove in both Tigers runs.

Omar Olivarez (1-1) took the loss.

Cleveland cruises by Boston; Chisox survive Royals

BOSTON (AP) — Jack McDowell pitched his 13th career shutout as the Cleveland Indians completed a four-game sweep of Boston with an 8-0 victory over the Red Sox.

Carlos Baerger drove in three runs for the Indians, who entered the weekend three games under .500 but improved to 6-5.

American League

Boston's fifth straight loss dropped the Red Sox to 2-10, their worst start since opening the 1927 season 2-11 en route to a 100-loss season.

McDowell (1-1), who had surrendered only four earned runs in his first two starts, continually worked with runners on base. He struck out nine and walked one.

Boston starter Tim Lincecum (0-2) was the loser.

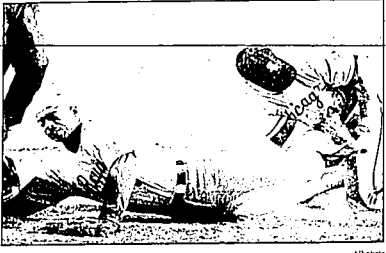
White Sox 11, Royals 10

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chicago blew a 10-run lead before Ozzie Guillen's RBI double in the ninth inning allowed the White Sox to score.

The White Sox scored five runs in the first and second innings before the Royals rallied. Kansas scored six runs in the second inning and eventually tied it 10-10 with two runs in the eighth.

Harold Baines singled to open Chicago's ninth, and one out later, Guillen doubled off Mike Magrane. The hit prevented the Royals from completing the largest comeback in club history. Kansas City rallied from an 11-2 deficit to defeat Milwaukee on June 15, 1973.

Reliever Matt Karchner (2-0), whose error helped the Royals tie in the eighth, picked up the win. Roberto Hernandez worked the ninth.



Kansas City Royer Michael Tucker slides safely across home plate knocking the ball away from Chicago White Sox pitcher Matt Karchner Monday.

Hipolito Pichardo (1-2) took the loss. Frank Thomas homered and hit two doubles for the White Sox.

David Howard went 3-for-4 and Rip Roberts drove in three runs for the Royals.

Blue Jays 8, Tigers 2

TORONTO — Juan Guzman pitched a six-hitter and Charlie O'Brien matched a career high with four RBIs.

Guzman (2-1) matched a career high with 11 strikeouts and walked two in his second straight complete game. The right-hander, who went 4-14 during an injury-plagued 1993 season, has allowed five runs in three starts this season.

O'Brien, signed as a free agent in the offseason, hit a three-run homer and added an RBI double as the Blue Jays ended a three-game losing streak.

Melvin Siveas had three of Detroit's five hits, and Mark Parent drove in both Tigers runs.

Omar Olivarez (1-1) took the loss.

Athletics 8, Rangers 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Oakland scored five runs with two outs in the seventh inning as the Athletics defeated the Rangers their first home loss this season.

The A's broke open a 3-3 game as seven batters reached base, five on hits and two via walks. Pedro Munoz ignited the rally with an RBI double off the top of the left-center field wall. Jason Gant singled home Munoz and Mike Bordick singled in two more runs, all off Gil Hershko (0-1).

Mike Moller (1-0) picked up the win with 3 2/3 innings of relief. Terry Steinbach homered for Oakland, which improved to 6-6 with the victory. The A's are at .500 for the first time since last July 14.

Speedway announces 77 entries, 35 drivers for Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Roberto Guerrero, who holds the track records for qualifying, and former winner Arie Luyendyk were among 35 drivers named on 77 entries announced Monday for the Indianapolis 500.

The deadline for entering cars for the 80th Indy 500 is to run May 26, was April 5. The race is being held as an event of the fledgling Indy Racing League, funded by Speedway president Tony George. There is no deadline to select a driver for an entered car.

"We anticipated a good response, but this is really strong," said IRL executive director Jack Lang. "We'll have a more complete picture of the entire field as we get closer to opening day in May because there are still a lot of unassigned drivers and entered cars we expect to see matched up."

Opening day of practice for the race will be May 4 with a rookie orientation program scheduled for the first three days. All drivers will be allowed to practice for the first time on Tuesday, May 7.

The Indy 500 has drawn more than 160 entries in past years. However, the number is down this year because of the on-going feud between George and the rival Championship Auto Racing Teams.

Former Indy winners Al Unser Jr., Emerson Fittipaldi and Bobby Rahal are among those who are not on this year's entry list. They will be in Brookly, Mich., on May 26 for the U.S. 500 — a race scheduled by CART in response to the George's decision to guarantee 25 starting spots in the 33-car field to participants in his series and differences in the direction of the sport.

Although official practice for the race doesn't begin until next month, several teams have been testing in recent weeks. During one session, Scott Brayton set a new official record of 237.555 mph for one lap in his Menard-powered Lola. Official records can only be set during qualifying or the race. Brayton could be the most experienced starter in the 33-car field with 14 previous starts.

Guerrero set qualifying records of 232.618 mph for one lap and 232.482 for four set in 1992. He said earlier this month he expected them to be topped in May.

"This year they will go for sure, both of them," he said. "The fact they didn't get broken earlier was a freaky thing. The tires are much better this year, both the Goodyears and the Firestones."

Luyendyk, who won the IRL's last event at Phoenix, is another of the experienced drivers named for the race. Luyendyk, 42, won the 1990 Indy 500 with a record average speed of 185.951.

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NBA suspends Magic for 3 games

New York Daily News

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — He has the most famous smile in league history, a good friend in David Stern and an unrivaled standing as basketball ambassador. But in the eyes of the NBA on Monday, Magic Johnson was no different than teammate Nick Van Exel or any of the other Generation X players.

That became clear when the league socked the Lakers legend with a three-game suspension and a \$10,000 fine for bumping referee Scott Foster during the Lakers' 118-114 victory Sunday over the Phoenix Suns at the Forum.

"I accept the league's fine and suspension and I want all the fans, the media and everyone associated with the Lakers to know that my actions were unprofessional and wrong," Johnson said in a statement.

Johnson apologized to Scott Foster, to all the NBA referees, and to the league and I hope they know, as I do, that the incident was accidental and that I respect them in their professionalism in what is a very difficult job. Hopefully, other players will learn not to even put themselves in a position to make contact with a referee when a referee calls in the future.

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