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There's a big, complex health insurance bill being negotiated in Congress. Here's what it will or won't do.

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House Republicans add \$13 billion to a defense budget sent to them by the White House.

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Lower interest earnings and insurance premium taxes are combining to hold down the amount of revenues received by the state.

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Worker sues maker of digger unit

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Attorneys for the farmworker who lost both his arms and one leg in a farm accident last year have filed a suit against the manufacturer of the tractor-powered post-hole digger.

If the attorneys are successful, the money will be used by Javier Tellez-Juarez's family to live on.

But Idaho taxpayers will pay his hospital bill.

Twin Falls attorney Ken Pedersen and Joe Steele, a Salt Lake City attorney, filed a civil suit against Danuser Machine Co., Fulton, Mo., in 5th District Court last month. The suit asks for damages in excess of \$50,000 because the post-hole digger's power-take-off shaft was not covered by a protective guard, according to the lawsuit.

"Obviously we hope to collect more than \$50,000," Pedersen said. "In Idaho you can't state specific dollar figures in this type of lawsuit. His needs are in the multi-million dollar range to provide for himself and his family."

Tellez's wife Norma is also named as a plaintiff in the lawsuit. The couple has a seven-month-old baby girl.

Tellez, 24, was employed by Tracy Farms in Malta on Dec. 13, when he was injured. His clothes were tangled in the power-take-off shaft of a tractor-powered post-hole digger. The accident left Tellez with no arms and one of his legs had to

be amputated below the knee.

Pedersen added that a lawsuit against Tracy Farms has not been ruled out yet. Tellez's lawyers are in the process of examining the farm's assets, Pedersen said.

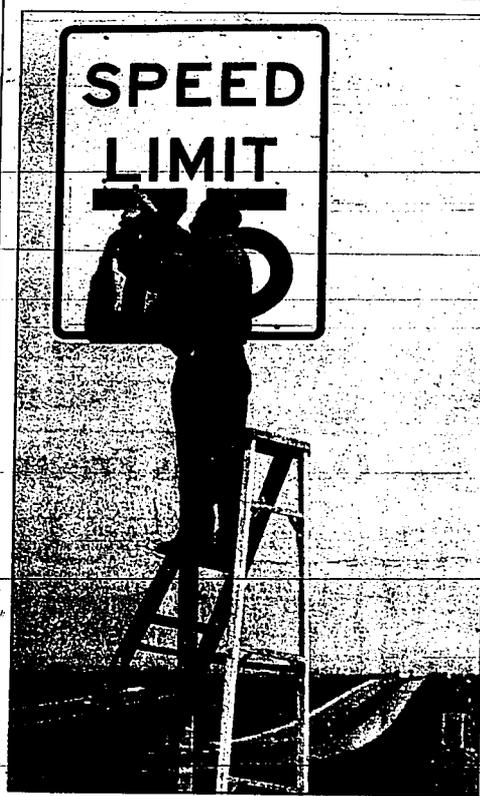
If Tracy Farms had been covered by worker's compensation, the medical bills would be paid, and Tellez would get about \$1,400 per month for the rest of his life.

Instantly, Cassia County will pay the first \$10,000, the remainder will

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Tellez Juarez



KEVIN MILLER/The Times-News

As anxious motorists nearby found themselves followed by Idaho State Police cars with lights flashing and sirens blaring, the first speed limit signs on Interstate 84 were changed to 75 mph by Idaho Department of Transportation worker Larry Bolton Wednesday. However, experts recommend beating the high cost of gasoline by traveling at slower speeds.

Republicans will keep pedal to metal for gas tax repeal

WASHINGTON - Having declared Memorial Day as their target to repeal President Clinton's 1993 gasoline-tax increase, Republicans are planning a full

menu of news conferences and congressional hearings to highlight their tax-cutting zeal.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., meanwhile, said Wednesday Democrats would permit repeal of the

4.3-cent-per-gallon surcharge only if the legislation "ensures that whatever benefit may be derived from this effort goes directly to the consumer."

And he said Democrats would look at pairing the gas-tax reduction with an in-

crease in the minimum wage. That suggestion was raised by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

House Republicans, however, expressed little enthusiasm for the linkage.

Foresters tell campers: Pitch no tents along banks of Salmon River

By Barbara Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

STANLEY - For decades, campers have been allowed to pitch their tents wherever they pleased along the Salmon River - but Sawtooth National Forest officials will begin confining campers to designated sites only.

Moreover, campsite stays will be reduced from 16 days to 10 along a 30-mile swath of the Salmon River downstream from Stanley. The new limit applies to all campsites within five miles of the river.

And boaters who are looking forward to floating the upper reaches of the Salmon River this summer better plan on pulling the raft out of the river some places and walking it a half mile downstream.

In an effort to protect wild populations of salmon that are nearing extinction along the river, the U.S. Forest Service announced Wednesday

changes in recreation management of a 30-mile stretch of the Salmon River from the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery to the eastern boundary of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

"We're not all in agreement, but I pushed the edge of the envelope as far as I think we can and still protect our desire to protect the salmon in the river," said William LeVere, Sawtooth National Forest supervisor.

Local outfitters expressed concern over regulations which will require the six commercial outfitters and guides that work the river to fork over at least \$13,600 a year. The fee, which is in addition to a 3-percent-of-gross-sales fee required to purchase a permit, will pay for enforcement.

Outfitters and guides also questioned the lack of any scientific evidence to demonstrate rafters and kayakers prevent salmon from spawning.

"We are being held to a degree of

compliance of the Endangered Species Act that is so much greater than anywhere else on the entire Columbia River system," said Randy Hess of White Otter Outdoor Adventures.

Experts generally believe that dams in Oregon and Washington kill most of the fish during their migrations between Idaho and the Pacific Ocean.

Hess said last year's restrictions resulted in \$30,000 in lost revenues to his business alone. Ron Gillett of Tri-angle C Outfitters said being able to use the river during August and September were vital for him to remain in business and had a direct effect on tourism in Stanley and Sun Valley.

Wild studies of floatboating's effects on spawning salmon are limited. SNRA Fisheries Biologist Lucy Wold said they have recorded salmon being spooked by people looking over a

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Pass the mayo; it's got Vitamin E

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Don't hold the mayo, after all. Or the margarine or salad dressing.

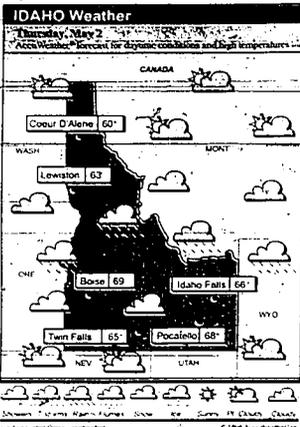
Evidence is building that reasonable amounts of these foods - shunned by many because they are so high in fat - can be an important part of a heart-healthy diet. Why? They are good sources of vitamin E.

A major study published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine found women who get lots of vitamin E-rich food cut their chance of heart disease by almost two-thirds.

Vitamin E "is the most exciting, interesting area in diet and heart disease at the moment. We don't have the final word yet, but it looks like the potential for reduction in risk could be extremely large," said Dr. Walter Willett of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Last month, British researchers reported that daily vitamin E pills seem to reduce heart attacks by 75 percent when taken by people with bad hearts.

Weather



Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Partly cloudy and breezy today with widely scattered rain showers and thundershowers. Highs in the mid-60s. West winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight partly cloudy. A slight chance of rain showers and evening thundershowers. Lows 35 to 45. Friday windy. Partly cloudy. A slight chance of rain showers. Highs around 60. The ultraviolet index forecast is 5, a moderate exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Saturday mostly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s.
Sunday mostly cloudy and breezy. A slight chance of showers. Lows mid-30s to mid-40s. Highs mid-50s to mid-60s.
Monday mostly cloudy and breezy. A good chance of showers. Lows in the mid-30s to mid-40s. Highs mid-50s to mid-60s.

Wood River Valley

Partly cloudy today. Widely scattered showers and thundershowers. Highs in the mid-50s. Tonight partly cloudy. A slight chance of evening showers and thundershowers. Lows around 30. Friday partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow then rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s.

Treasure Valley

Partly cloudy today. Scattered showers and thundershowers. Highs in the mid-60s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight partly cloudy. A slight chance of rain showers. Lows around 40. Friday breezy. Partly cloudy. A slight chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

Northern Nevada

Occasional high clouds today. Windy north and central. Highs lower 70s to mid-80s. Tonight fair skies. Locally windy. Lows mid-40s to mid-40s. Friday mostly sunny and cooler. Highs lower 60s to mid-70s.

Northern Utah

Sunny and warmer today. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Highs near 80. Tonight becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows near 50. Friday partly cloudy with a slight chance of morning showers. Breezy afternoon south winds. Highs 70-75. The ultraviolet index forecast is 7, a high exposure level.

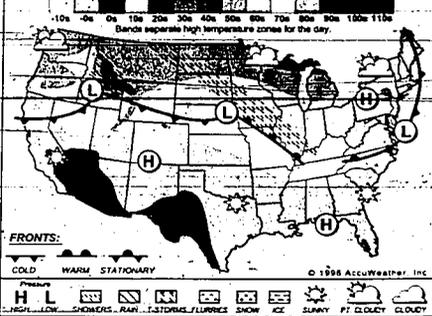
Idaho weather summary

Windy conditions prevailed over most of the state Wednesday. Velocities as high as 30 mph and a gust of 40 mph were clocked in the Upper Snake River Valley, where a wind advisory was issued.

Rain charts showed some precipitation on the eastern side of the Panhandle and along the Wyoming border. Afternoon temperatures ranged between the mid 60s and the upper 40s across the entire state. Skies over the Magic Valley were overcast much of the morning but cleared during the afternoon.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, May 2.
Bands indicate high temperature zones for the day.



Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 73 degrees at Payette. Low, 30 degrees at Sunlay. Nation: High, 106 at Lake Havasu City, Ariz. Low, 23 at Marquette, Mich.

For up-to-the-minute weather information

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/itd/itdhttp.htm>

National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	85	47	.....
Atlanta	76	44	.....
Chicago	60	44	.....
Dallas	81	54	.....
Denver	63	38	0.02
Des Moines	63	36	.....
Detroit	60	39	0.03
Honolulu	80	65	.....
Houston	81	61	.....
Indianapolis	64	45	.....
Kansas City	65	42	0.03
Las Vegas	84	64	.....
Los Angeles	89	65	.....
Memphis	76	53	.....
Miami Beach	83	76	.....
Minneapolis	56	39	.....
Mississippi	59	34	.....
New Orleans	78	72	.....
New York	65	56	.....
Oklahoma City	76	55	.....
Omaha	65	38	.....
Phoenix	92	65	.....
Pittsburgh	58	41	0.03
Portland, Me.	66	50	0.18
Portland, Ore.	60	48	0.03
San Diego	79	58	.....
St. Louis	69	47	0.25
Salt Lake City	70	49
San Francisco	68	41
Seattle	56	43	0.11
Spokane	57	38
Washington	68	42

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Almanac

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	67	46
Blaine	66	46
Parfield	59	36
Gooding	61	41
Hajjajman	62	42	.....
Idaho Falls	66	46	.....
Jordan	63	42	.....
Lewiston	59	48	.....
Malad	66	40	.....
Malta	66	42	.....
McCall	52	37	.....
Pocatello	62	42	.....
Salmon	59	41	.....
Stanley	51	30	.....
Sun Valley	57	37	.....

Twin Falls

Yesterday	Max	Min	Pcp
.....	61	44	.....
Normal	68	38	0.04

Precipitation
Month to date 77
Normal to date 06
Water year to date 9.08
Normal year to date 7.36

Comfort factors
Humidity at noon 42 pct
Barometer at noon 29.98 f
Pollen count 12 (ash), low
Courtney, Armitage and Arroyo of Idaho

Skywatch

Sunset today 8:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:31 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, May 3, last quarter, May 9, new, May 17, last quarter, May 25.
Visible planets: Morning: Jupiter, Saturn. Evening: Venus, Mercury.

Federal death penalty under fire

DENVER (AP) — Defense lawyers in the Oklahoma City bombing case argued Wednesday that the federal death penalty is unconstitutional because it is more likely to be meted out if murder victims are old, young or sick.

"It makes no sense because no person was more vulnerable than others," said Richard Burr, a lawyer for Timothy McVeigh, McVeigh and Terry Nichols could get the death penalty if convicted of murder in the 1995 bombing that killed 168 people.

Burr asked U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch to throw out the 1994 Federal Death Penalty Act because it makes it easier for prosecutors to seek the death penalty if the victims are old, young, infirm or otherwise vulnerable.

But Special U.S. Attorney Sean Connolly argued that the jury should be allowed to consider the health and age of the victims as an aggravating factor. "I don't need to remind you there were 19 babies and children in that building who could not be

more vulnerable," Connolly said.

Under the law, the government has to prove at least one aggravating factor existed when the crime was committed in order to get the death penalty.

"If the death penalty is not appropriate to this case, it's hard to imagine a case where it would be," Connolly said.

Matsch, who moved the bombing case here after ruling the defendants could not receive a fair trial in Oklahoma, didn't rule immediately.

Defense attorneys said the federal law fails to meet criteria approved by the U.S. Supreme Court for a death penalty statute and does not establish an adequate procedure for courts to review death sentences.

In another development Wednesday, prosecutors filed a motion requesting closed-circuit television coverage of the trial so victims can watch proceedings from the federal courthouse in Oklahoma City. Matsch gave attorneys until June 24 to file briefs.

Salmon

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riverbank as well as by rafts passing over or near spawning beds.

LeVergé said there is a reluctance for the fish to even initiate spawning because they don't feel secure in their habitat, and fleeing a threatening floatboat uses precious energy that should be channeled for reproduction.

The decisions announced by the Forest Service were a means to balance the needs of folks on the river with the needs of the salmon under the Endangered Species Act, said Paul Ries SNRA ranger.

Other major changes were announced Wednesday as well.

- A total of 26 camps will be removed from Holman Creek, Mormon Bend, Upper and Lower O'Brien campgrounds. Basin Creek Campground will be closed. The campfires are being eliminated to reduce effects on riparian areas.
- Twenty-six new camps will be added to the Shiny Gulch Campground near Redfish Lake Junction. All developed camp-

grounds will be upgraded to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act and to accommodate larger vehicles.

- Floatboating will be allowed from May 1 to Nov. 1, but will be subject to mitigation and monitoring measures to protect threatened chinook salmon during spawning periods.
- Special-use permits for six commercial outfitters will be issued for a five-year basis rather than annually.
- During the staging and spawning periods, beginning Aug. 10 each year, the number of boats allowed on the river will be increased from six boats per day per permit to eight.
- When salmon are present, river users can float through Indian Riffles and Torrey's Hole for six hours a day rather than the four-hour time limit of 1995. During spawning periods at these two spots, floating will be prohibited. Floaters must remove their rafts from the water and portage a half mile downstream around Indian Riffles, and then take out upstream from Torrey's Hole.
- Access to the river for floating will be restricted to Buckhorn Bridge, Four Aces, Mormon Bend Campground, Yankee Fork, Elk Creek, The Narrows, milepost 208.5, Torrey's Hole and Whiskey Flat.
- A strict point system will be used to encourage compliance with the salmon mitigation measures. If outfitters accumulate three points in any year, permit privileges would be lost for the remainder of the year.
- The general public will be required to obtain a self-issued permit to float the river.
- The same point system will apply to the public. However, if the maximum point limit is reached through infraction by a variety of individuals, floating will be prohibited to the entire public for the season.
- People who participated in the hearings over the past year will have the right to appeal the Forest Service decision. All regulations go into effect by the end of June.

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Ohio soaks up more rain but Midwest, South dry out

The Associated Press

Mostly clear and dry weather brought smiles Wednesday in the rain-soaked Midwest and South, where residents were trying to clean up after several days of heavy rain and widespread flooding.

Some rain still fell across Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. Nickel-sized hail was reported in Indiana, Ohio, and the National Weather Service warned that after a brief respite, more storms were expected late Thursday.

Rivers were still rising in Ohio and Indiana and some were expected to crest on Thursday, endangering areas downstream of the rain-swollen waterways.

The series of storms since Sunday killed six people and dropped up to 9 inches of rain on Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri since Sunday.

In the West, light rain was falling in western and central Montana.

Rainy weather in the Northwest was moving east, and

scattered showers were expected to hit Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas by today.

A high pressure system kept things warm and clear over the Rockies and the Southeast. Western Texas and New Mexico were slightly cooler.

Today's weather fact

Severe storm warnings are issued only when severe weather is reported or suspected through analysis of Doppler radar.

Warnings are issued for reports of hail inch in diameter or larger, winds in excess of 58 miles an hour, or sightings of a funnel or tornado. A network of Skywarn volunteer spotters has been trained to watch for these conditions and report them to the National Weather Service.

The weather service will immediately issue a warning through the NOAA weather radio. Television and radio stations receive the same information through a teletype service and broadcast a warning within seconds.

Oath stalls Freemen negotiations

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — Former 'Green Beret' Col. James "Boo" Goins, who helped negotiate an end to the deadly siege at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in 1992, called it quits after a 2 1/2-hour session — his fifth meeting with the group.

John Connor Jr., Montana's assistant attorney general, contacted the Freemen but rejected an offer of leniency on state charges in return for their surrender to federal authorities.

"I'm disappointed, of course," Connor told a roadside news conference after an hour-long meeting with the Freemen.

The Freemen may have wrongly assumed they could negotiate immunity for their alleged crimes, said state Attorney General Joe Mazurek.

"They have to answer for the acts they have committed and the crimes for which they have been charged. That's always been the bottom line," he said.

No offer was made to dismiss any federal charges against Freemen who are in the compound, said U.S. Attorney Sherry Shuck Mansueti.

Griz said the Freemen were back to their earlier position that they will submit only to a tribunal of their own kind.

Worker

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was making a mistake, that precedent was already established, and that the county would eventually be forced to pay the bill.

In a letter to Goins explaining the county's reasons for denying the claim, Cassia County states that the hospital should expend all other avenues of payment before filing the claim with the county.

Since then Goins has requested payment from the farm's insurance company, Uniguard, and state Medicaid, he said. Both requests were denied.

"Once we had proof of those two facts, Cassia County's obligation was pretty obvious," Goins said.

"At this time we are pleased about the patient's progress and that someone has stepped forward to take care of the medical bills. We hope this aspect of the case is soon resolved with certainty."

According to spokesman of Utah Medical Center spokesman John Dwan, Teller has made a valiant recovery since the accident. He was admitted to the hospital for about three months and now he is in an out-patient rehabilitation program. He lives with several family members in a Salt Lake City apartment donated by the LDS Church and various trust fund donations.

Teller's condition was as bad as the hospital's doctors had ever seen, and it was questionable if he was going to live for several days after the accident, Dwan said.

Though Teller was oblivious to the controversy it created, his case was pushed to the forefront of the worker compensation debate during this year's legislative session.

A check of records kept by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service didn't reveal that Teller had ever been processed, indicating that he was here illegally when injured.

But his immigration status has no bearing on how the hospital bills be paid.

Correction

In Wednesday's sports section, Minico freshman Darin Jurgensmeier was incorrectly identified. Jurgensmeier, who runs track and field for O'Leary Junior High School, cleared 6 feet to win a high-jump competition.

The Times-News regrets the error.

LOTTERY UPDATE

WEDNESDAY MAY 1 NUMBERS
POWERBALL
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POWERBALL NUMBER: 9

WEDNESDAY MAY 2 NUMBERS
Lotto
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WEDNESDAY MAY 1 NUMBERS
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Clinton welcomes Arafat as a visiting statesman



PLO leader Yasser Arafat, addresses a luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington, Wednesday. Earlier the PLO leader met with President Clinton. The president praised him for acting "under difficult circumstances."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accorded a statesman's welcome by President Clinton, Yasser Arafat lashed out at Israel Wednesday for keeping its borders closed to Palestinian workers.

The PLO leader, accused Israel of applying "collective guilt" for a series of suicide bombings. The effect of the travel restrictions, he said, has been to deprive 120,000 Palestinians of their jobs and to prevent export of their goods.

Arafat also affirmed his confidence the Palestinians will have a state by 2000. "Yes, yes, yes," he said at a news conference. "No doubt it is coming. No one can hide the sun with his fingers."

Long despised in the West as a terrorist, Arafat advanced his transition to statesman with a call at the White House. In 45-minute private talks, President Clinton agreed to establish a joint commission for studying economic problems of the West Bank and Gaza and promised to step up efforts to persuade donor countries to make good on promises of almost \$2 billion in aid.

"Our Palestinian people are facing a very serious economic siege," Arafat said in his speech. "Israel's military occupation destroyed the infrastructure of Palestine."

Earlier in the Oval Office, Clinton praised Arafat for acting "under difficult circumstances" to persuade the Palestine Liberation Organization's policy-making body to remove clauses in its 32-year-old charter that mandated an armed struggle to destroy Israel.

Asked Wednesday whether the

PLO has given up its dream of taking all of Palestine, Arafat, suddenly angry, retorted: "This is an unfair question." He refused to reply.

But Arafat several times warned of Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his peace-making partner, Peres' predecessor Yitzhak Rabin. He called the assassinated prime minister a scoundrel.

But Arafat several times deplored steps taken by Peres to try to screen out infiltrators, principally sealing of the borders with territory controlled by Arafat's Palestinian Authority. "I hope Israel will reduce its collective punishment against our people," he said.

Arafat said Israel should combat terror by complying with U.N. resolutions that demanded its withdrawal from land the Arabs lost in the 1967 and 1973 Middle East wars.

"We are not looking for the moon," he said.

Already a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Arafat was received in the Oval Office with the recognition and dignity reserved for respected leaders and other figures of renown.

"I am delighted to have this opportunity," Clinton told him.

Arafat has called at the White House twice before to sign accords with Israel. This visit was different. It was to celebrate the April 24 decision by the PLO's Palestine National Council to revoke the PLO charter's armed-struggle clauses.

"I want to applaud the action Chairman Arafat has taken in keeping the commitment he made," Clinton said. "Under difficult circumstances, he kept that commitment."

In talks with Israel due to open Sunday, the Palestinian Authority, which controls Gaza and all but one of the West Bank's centers of population, will push for nationhood, with its capital in Jerusalem. Clinton declined to get in the middle of the dispute. "I believe that those matters are going to have to be worked out by the parties in the region," he said.

White House spokesman David Johnson said the Israeli-Palestinian talks "will not go like lightning. Things take time in the Middle East."

Summing up Arafat's visit, Johnson said, "The real significant aspect of this meeting is it took place. The extraordinary has become the ordinary."

Israel's ruling Labor party last week dropped its opposition to a Palestinian state. Clinton did not repeat U.S. policy against statehood or his own stand four years ago that Jerusalem should be recognized as Israel's capital.



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Commissioner opposes plan to revamp FDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans would be at risk of getting infected blood transfusions and being poisoned by the food supply under pending legislation to revamp the Food and Drug Administration, the agency's chief said Wednesday.

Reforming the FDA "should not be a gamble with the public's health and safety," Commissioner David Kessler told a House panel. "The bills as written... will put American patients and consumers at risk."

At issue is how to make the agency responsible for safeguarding the nation's food and medicines work more efficiently.

Manufacturers and some patients complain that the FDA takes too long to approve medical breakthroughs, while consumer advocates and other patients say the FDA isn't strict enough in protecting Americans from harmful products.

Three House bills aim to overhaul the FDA, including giving much of its job to private compa-

nies that the FDA would accredit to approve new medicines and foods.

The bills' authors told Kessler Wednesday the legislation could be modified if he convinced them of serious problems. "These bills are not written in stone," said James Greenwood, R-Penn.

A more moderate bill that aims to speed FDA review of new products by giving the agency deadlines and pilot-testing whether to privatize portions of the agency has been passed a Senate committee.

But Kessler said the House legislation poses serious risks to the blood supply and other biological products, drugs made from liv-

ing tissues or cells.

Because tainted transfusions have given thousands of Americans the AIDS virus, hepatitis and other diseases, blood donations today must be tested for numerous infections. FDA inspectors check blood banks themselves and their records for signs of lapses that could let infection slip through.

One bill would limit the FDA's authority to seize and recall blood based upon suspicion that a batch is infected, allowing such a seizure only if someone already had been harmed, Kessler testified before the House Commerce health subcommittee.

The bill also would allow blood banks to be inspected by non-government groups, such as the American Red Cross or American Association of Blood Banks.

That's essentially letting the blood industry regulate itself, Kessler argued.

In fact, some blood banks that belong to those organizations are now under federal court supervision for violating blood safety rules.

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Questions and answers on health insurance bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bill is less complex than the overhaul envisioned by President Clinton two years ago.

Even so, the health insurance bill now being negotiated in Congress has many people scratching their heads.

What would change? And what wouldn't?

At its core, the bill would make it easier for people who switch jobs or lose jobs to keep their health benefits. But it would not make those benefits any cheaper.

Here are the answers to some commonly asked questions:

Q: Who would directly benefit from the bill?

A: Workers with health benefits who change jobs or become self-employed — even if they have pre-existing health problems — would receive continued access to health coverage. Small businesses that now find health benefits too expensive to offer to workers also would benefit.

Q: Would the bill limit the cost of insurance?

A: No. It would not restrict how much insurance companies could charge for the coverage they would be required to offer. State regulators would control those costs. The Health Insurance Association of America, which opposes the bill, predicts health insurance premiums overall would jump 10 percent. Sponsors contend premiums would rise only 2 percent to 3 percent.

Q: How would the bill help small businesses?

A: Small businesses would have more flexibility to form purchasing cooperatives to negotiate better insurance rates than each can individually.

Q: If I'm buying health insurance under the terms established by COBRA, does the bill affect me?

A: The provisions in the bill would kick in after a person has exhausted benefits under COBRA, the federal law that allows a person to temporarily stay with a former employer's group plan by paying the full premium price, plus 2 percent.

Q: I'm self-employed. What would the bill do for me?

A: The Senate bill would allow self-employed people to deduct 80 percent of health insurance costs from their taxes; the House bill would allow a 50 percent tax deduction. Current law allows a 30 percent deduction.

Q: What would the bill do for the terminally or chronically ill?

A: It would allow tax deductions for long-term care expenses. It would enable penalty-free IRA withdrawals for large medical expenses and for unemployed people to pay health insurance premiums. And terminally ill patients who cash in their life insurance policies to cover medical costs would get the money tax-free, clarifying the current somewhat confused situation.

Q: What's the chance that medical savings accounts will be in the final bill?

A: The House bill contains a provision for this insurance option, but the Senate voted 52-46 against it. Despite that vote, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole wants to appoint senators who favor medical savings accounts to the conference committee that will negotiate a final version of the bill with the House. Democrats have blocked Dole's maneuver, saying the Senate conferees should go to the negotiating table reflecting the Senate's vote.

Q: How would medical savings accounts work?

A: Consumers could make tax-deductible contributions of up to

\$2,000 a year or \$4,000 per family to an account created by an insurance company. In addition, the insurance company would provide a catastrophic health plan for big medical expenses. Employer contributions to the account would not be considered employee income, and earnings would be tax-free. Money from the account could be used to pay for routine medical expenses. Unspent money would roll over into the next year and continue to grow. Withdrawals also could be made for nonmedical expenses, but then would be taxed as income.

Q: Does the bill address the mentally ill?

A: The Senate bill would require insurance companies to provide the same benefits for mental illness as they do for physical illness. Currently, a small percentage of health plans offer coverage for mental illness. But coverage tends to be much skimpier than for physical illness. For example, a policy may offer 200 to 300 days of inpatient care for cancer but only 30 to 60 days for schizophrenia. A lifetime limit for cancer treatment may be \$1 million, while mental illness coverage is capped at \$50,000.

Q: What are the chances the mental health provision will be in the final bill?

A: Although support for the amendment crosses party lines, it generally is viewed as an expensive addition, and is opposed by many business groups that supported the original bill. The House bill does not include the provision. And key senators who will be negotiating the final bill say it must be left out.

The Senate bill is S1028; the House bill is HR3103.

Fire crews mopping up back burn area in New Mexico blaze

BANDELER NATIONAL MONUMENT, N.M. (AP) — The Smokey Bear Hotshots were fighting their piece of a 16,000-acre forest fire—the hard way—Wednesday — dirt doped by dirt clog.

A "back burn" that turned the Dome Fire around against itself was successful in halting the fire's northwest corner about two miles from the edge of the nuclear weapons laboratory at Los Alamos and preventing flames from jumping into Frijoles Canyon, heart of Banderler National Monument and its spectacular Indian cliff dwellings.

"The threat to Los Alamos National Laboratory and Los Alamos has decreased dramatically," Jamie Kingsbury, a fire information officer with the Forest Service, said Wednesday.

The hotshots were assigned the backbreaking work of putting out smoldering or burning downed trees, roots and ground cover, watering down hot spots and turning over soil to make sure no embers were hiding, ready to ignite.

"We're mopping up, digging up anything that's still smoking. Usually this dry mop means you just dig and dig," said Marna Smith, 27, leaning on her "comb" — a utility tool with a spade on one side and a pick on the other.

Smith and other members of the Ruidoso-based hotshot crew had been on the fire lines 10 days — five days battling a forest fire on the — Mesquero — Apache Reservation in southern New Mexico and the last five on the Dome Fire northwest of Santa Fe.

On Wednesday, they worked 1 1/2 miles from the firefighters' base camp, putting out hot spots on an area deliberately burned out earlier this week in advance of the approaching forest fire so as to leave it nothing to burn.

"It looks real good," said crew



Fire fighters from Potosville, Calif., put out hot spots from a fire in the Jemez Mountains in New Mexico, Wednesday. The Dome fire, now in its seventh day, has burned over 16,000 acres.

member Jeremie Livingston, 21. "The back burn went well. So now we're just mopping up. In case the winds go up, no flames can cross this fire line."

The 150-yard-wide swath of charred ground and trees left in the wake of the back-burn stretched hundreds of yards in a rugged area flanked by ponderosa pines.

"It looks bad now, but within 10 days green grass should start coming up," said U.S. Forest Service information Chris Zajicek, of Tallahassee, Fla. "It's just another component of our environment — the weather, the soil, the fire. It's good for the forest."

Officials Wednesday backedtracked on their estimate that the fire was 40 percent contained, declaring it 30 percent contained instead.

They believe the blaze, burning

since April-25, started from an abandoned campfire. Two men have been charged in the case.

Santa Fe National Forest officials said burnout operations Monday and Tuesday contained all the known hot spots on the northwest edge of the fire, considered crucial to protecting the community of Los Alamos and its lab.

Larry Humphrey, who helped direct the burnout, said the efforts were critical because erratic winds could have sent flames back across fire lines into unburned areas.

Kingsbury said 75,000 gallons of fire-retardant slurry was dropped Tuesday on the fire to aid the firefighters on the ground.

Crews on Wednesday were patrolling and mopping up all areas of the fire, but Kingsbury said concentrated efforts shifted to the southwest corner to protect Cochiti Canyon.

Dole's campaign squeezed for cash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Squeezed for cash, Bob Dole's campaign has shifted dozens of staffers to Republican Party payrolls and let dozens more go, paring his staff from a peak of 230 down to 67.

Moving campaign workers to the party payroll is common between primary and general elections, allows the candidate to keep valuable staffers working for the cause — getting Dole elected — without costing his campaign precious dollars.

The lion's share of the staff cuts and transfers to the Republican National Committee were made

about a month ago as the primaries wound down, Dole spokeswoman Christina Martin said.

Half of the remaining staffers are in legal and accounting jobs. The rest are a skeleton crew of administration, communications, scheduling and political staffers. Those who were let go were involved in fund-raising, event planning and other campaign work. Some were state campaign workers whose jobs were eliminated after the primaries.

"Once you get past the primaries you scale back," Martin said. She declined to say how many people were let go, but said

the number of people shifting over to the party was in the dozens.

Those to head to the party ranged from Dole's chief fund-raiser, Jo Anne Coe, who became RNC deputy finance chairwoman, to Judy Toland, a campaign administration staffer last year who now is an accounts payable clerk at the RNC.

Dole is in a cash crunch, with less than \$2 million left to spend between now and the Republican convention in August. Because he accepted federal matching funds for his campaign, Dole must stick to a legal spending limit of \$37 million for the primaries.

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Suspected serial killer extradited to Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A drifter suspected of serial killings was extradited to Florida Wednesday to face a first-degree murder charge in the stabbing of a woman.

Glen Edward Rogers was moved following a Kentucky Court of Appeals ruling that rejected his extradition fight.

He was scheduled to appear in court Thursday morning.

California and Louisiana also sought extradition of Rogers, who's suspected in five slayings coast to coast. Authorities believe he crisscrossed the country working at county fairs and carnivals. Police describe him as a handsome charmer who found it easy to pick up women.

Chaney judged competent for trial

PROVO, Utah (AP) — John Perry Chaney is competent to stand trial on charges that he married his 13-year-old daughter to a 38-year-old friend, a 4th District judge ruled Wednesday.

Judge Guy R. Burningham made the ruling after hearing that court-appointed psychiatrists believe Chaney is competent to assist in his defense.

The former Utah resident who was arrested in Michigan in October is charged with conspiracy to commit rape of a child and conspiracy to commit aggravated, sexual abuse of child.

Both are second-degree felonies. Chaney, 39, was bound over to district court in February.

Nation

Republicans add \$13 billion to '97 defense budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans pulled together their version of the 1997 defense budget Wednesday, planning to add \$13 billion to President Clinton's request.

Most of the increase — \$7.5 billion — would go to weapons. And if the lawmakers needed remaining, the Air Force Association set up a ballroom-sized display on the F-22 fighter down the hall from the hearing room.

"The F-22 Payoff" read the sign that welcomed visitors — perhaps those voting on the defense budget plan — to examine all the things the new fighter will be able to do. Beginning what promised to be a marathon session to put finishing touches on the legislation, the House National Security Committee first considered two separate bills. One, approved by the committee—31-22—would require the government to deploy by 2003 a system capable of defending the United States against a limited missile attack.

The second bill, which passed 47-1 with a Democratic pledge to oppose it in the House floor, would limit the president's power to place U.S. troops under foreign command. In a bow to conservative Republicans, the bill's language would require the president to report when a deployment would require Americans to wear helmets, badges or other insignia of the United Nations.

Both subjects passed Congress last year and were included in the overall defense budget: Clinton vetoed it. With election season approaching, Republicans are eager to avoid another drawn-out battle over the defense budget and so made the missile defense and foreign command measures separate bills. That almost guarantees they will be vetoed.

"It doesn't make sense to bring it up separately, unless we're just playing a political game here," said Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo.

Replied Rep. Floyd Spence, R-

S.C., the committee chairman, "All things around here are political."

Under the Republican plan, the House defense budget bill would pump an extra \$13 billion into the Pentagon budget on top of the \$254.4 billion requested by Clinton for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. That would result in a defense budget roughly equal to this year's measure, when adjusted for inflation.

Among weapons the Republican spending increases would finance are 24 additional Army Kiowa helicopters; a dozen more Apache helicopters; ammunition; an additional two each F-15 and F-16 fighters, C-17 transport, and V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft; and \$83 million to modify the Navy's F-14 fighter, four of which have crashed this year.

The \$7.5 billion weapons procurement increase would add to Clinton's \$38.8 billion request, the lowest weapons-budget in inflation-adjusted terms since the

Korean War. The increase would be distributed roughly proportionally among the services, with the Army and Navy getting \$1.6 billion each, the Air Force \$1.8 billion and the Marines \$1 billion.

The remainder would go into manufacturing development accounts.

The GOP defense plan also adds \$1.6 billion to research and development, including an \$659 million increase in the missile defense budget.

The missile defense increases would finance faster production of longer-range Army and Navy theater missile defenses, and \$350 million would be added to national missile defense research.

Rep. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., the committee's ranking Democrat, said the measure appears to be looking backward at wars involving heavy weapons and massive forces instead of planning for peacekeeping and humanitarian operations that arise with increasing frequency.

Overstated projections ignore world food crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank and the U.N. agriculture agency are ignoring an impending global food crisis and consistently overestimating world food production, the Worldwatch Institute said Wednesday.

Overly optimistic projections of future food production are causing underinvestment in agriculture and population control throughout the world and will lead to food shortages, the independent environmental and social research group said in a report by its president, Lester R. Brown.

World Bank projections have overestimated the grain harvest every year since 1990, with the discrepancy growing from 56 million tons in 1992 to 225 million tons in 1995, the report said.

Estimates of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations' agriculture agency, demonstrate an even greater gap, it said.

Since both organizations' projec-

tions comprise simple extrapolations of past trends, they show surplus agricultural capacity through 2010 combined with falling prices for wheat, rice and other grains, the document said.

In fact, it said, world carryover stocks, the world's most sensitive food security indicator, have dropped to the lowest levels on record. Food prices already are soaring, the report said.

Both organizations strongly disputed the criticism. The World Bank said the Worldwatch analysis was based on an unofficial paper that did not represent the organization's true estimate of production trends.

"The real issue is whether the growth of food production is slowing faster than the slowdown in the rate of global population growth," said Alex McCalla, the bank's director of agriculture and natural resources. "If the right things are done, I think food supplies will be able to keep up."

Investigation finds food stamp fraud widespread

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food stamp investigators in three parts of the country found that 43 percent of the stores they checked committed acts of fraud, including accepting stamps for liquor, cigarettes and clothing, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

The three-week investigation could result in some of 331 cited retailers being fined or barred permanently from the food stamp program. The three-week investigation targeted stores in and near Jacksonville, Fla., Seattle-Tacoma, Wash., and Virginia's Tidewater area.

Undercover investigators from USDA's Food and Consumer Service posed as customers and visited 770 stores.

Of the 331 retailers cited, 82 were accused of trafficking — buying food stamps for cash. The department said the 82 bought \$13,590 worth of food stamps for just over \$6,900 in cash. Those stores face possible fines or perma-

nent disqualification from the program. An additional 249 stores sold items other than food in exchange for stamps, investigators said. Of the 249 alleged violations, 113 were serious enough for the stores to face possible fines or temporary disqualification. The other 136 stores will get warnings.

All the stores that were cited had redeemed \$11 million worth of food stamps last year. The 82 accused of trafficking had redeemed \$3.2 million.

Some 203,000 stores nationwide have permission to take food stamps, a program that will spend more than \$26 billion this year to help feed 26 million people.

Lists of stores identified in each of the three areas may be obtained by calling USDA regional offices. Jacksonville: Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, 404-730-2588; Virginia: Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, New Jersey, 609-259-5000; Seattle-Tacoma: Western Regional Office, San Francisco, 415-705-1311.

Jeweler offers diamond ring and rifle

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Air Force unveils decade-old one-of-a-kind secret spy plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force Tuesday unveiled a unique "stealth" airplane built more than a decade ago in California in the strictest of secrecy.

Parts of its pioneering radar-evading design live on in today's B-2 stealth bomber.

Meant to be a surveillance plane that could fly close to a battle front with minimal risk of being detected by radar, the plane was test flown 135 times from 1982-85 but then scrapped. It has been in secret storage ever since.

The Air Force had never before acknowledged the existence of the project, which was code-named

Tacit Blue. The plane never flew real surveillance missions.

In declassifying the project, the Air Force provided color photographs and a videotape of the plane in flight. The only one of its kind ever built, the Tacit Blue aircraft will go on public display May 22 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The plane was built between 1978 and 1982 by Northrop Corp. at its Hawthorne, Calif., plant for \$136 million. Lt. Gen. George Muellner told a Pentagon news conference. Testing the plan cost \$29 million more, he said.

"It has been a pretty well-kept

secret," Muellner said.

Aircraft enthusiasts have speculated for years about the existence of a super-secret spy plane some dubbed "Aurora," but that plane — which U.S. officials deny ever existed — was supposed to be supersonic, Tacit Blue was subsonic.

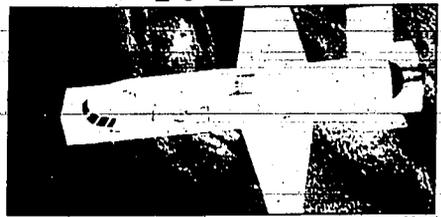
Shaped like no other known military aircraft, Tacit Blue resembles an upside-down bathtub with stubby wings.

At 55 feet in length, it is a little shorter than the Air Force's main fighter, the F-15; its wing span of 48 feet is only a little wider than the F-15's. It was not meant to

carry weapons, Muellner said.

Unlike other planes, the intake for Tacit Blue's two turbofan engines is on top of the fuselage. The vertical stabilizers on the rear of the plane form a "V." The plane's underside appears to form an unbroken flat surface from front to rear.

Two aspects of Tacit Blue's innovative radar-evading characteristics were adapted for use on the B-2 bomber, Air Force officials said. One is the combination of curved and linear surfaces; the other is the special composite materials used on the surfaces to absorb signals from radars trying to track it.



"Tacit Blue," was meant to develop a radar evading spy aircraft, but the Air Force gave it up in 1985. The cost was \$165 million.

Marines 'think tank' develops hottest new concepts in art of war

Los Angeles Times

QUANTICO, Va. — And now, a pop quiz for everyone who has followed the progress of the "think-tank with the hottest new agenda for developing concepts in the art of warfare?"

a. The Air Force
 b. The Naval War College
 c. The Brookings Institution
 d. The Marines

A. If you thought the Quantico dateline was put there just to trick you, guess again. The Marines really are becoming an intellectual force in the U.S. military, and here, for those who may be skeptical, are some of the things they are doing:

- A new Marine war-fighting lab here is experimenting with ideas ranging from a global response team to deal with attacks from chemical and biological weapons to a streamlined command structure that scraps much of the battlefield bureaucracy in use since Napoleon's day.
- A revamped Marine combat development center is taking the ideas dreamed up and tested by the war-fighting laboratory and rewriting current tactics and doctrine to incorporate them, speeding them out to the fleet as soon as they are workable.
- The corps is setting up a "university without walls" to provide advanced training for officers. Instead of bringing students to Quantico, it will offer courses and seminars by television that can reach Marines at bases and aboard ship.
- The Marines are promoting a cadre of some of the best and

brightest officers in the military, and freeing them to speak their minds and develop ideas. Many are now colonels and generals, and these are beginning to stir things up intellectually.

Although some of these trends have been in progress for some time, the effort received a boost from Gen. Charles C. Krulak, the Marines' new commandant, who has launched a program of "experimentation" designed to reshape the corps for the battlefield of the future.

The result has been a powerful push for innovation that outlookers in other services and in outside think-tanks view as worth watching closely.

"The things that the Marine Corps is getting into have the potential to redefine how we go to war," exclaims a top Army futurist, who, for bureaucratic reasons, asked that he not be identified.

"They're cutting-edge stuff — just what the military ought to be probing."

Admittedly, the notion of the Marines as any kind of intellectual force may seem to defy some firmly held American stereotypes.

While Americans historically have prized the Marines as the kind of outfit you'd want to have around if someone ordered you to take some hill, few seem to have cried, "Send in the Marines!" to attack an intellectual problem.

The corps' image has been of brown, not brains.

Then too, the Marines are not the only branch of the service that is exploring new war-fighting concepts. The Army, for instance, maintains battle labs around the country. And each of the services

has its doctrine-writing centers and war and staff colleges.

But defense experts say that while the other services have done well at "shepherding" improvements in military technology, they have done little to alter the fundamental way U.S. forces fight. Most of what they are doing assumes a Desert Storm-like battlefield.

In contrast, rather than just testing new technology, the Marines have started from the premise that both the size of the military and the very art of warfare are going to change, and they have begun looking for ways that the new technology can help them get there.

"The Marine Corps is doing the best job because they're taking a very holistic approach to improving current war-fighting," says John F. Hilton III, a former Army officer now at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative research organization.

The Marines also have been willing to take some risks, from dropping a long-cherished concept that may have outlived its military usefulness to experimenting with ideas such as the "nonlethal" weapon that sprayed sticky foam from a special gun to immobilize rioters in Somalia.

As a result, while the experiments the corps is conducting are eclectic and wide-ranging, they all fall under a single conceptual framework: How to use U.S. forces more efficiently in the kinds of small-scale conflicts that experts say America is likely to face.

The list includes:

- Setting up what may be the

first military rescue team designed to deal with terrorist attacks that involve chemical or biological warfare. An emergency computer network links the unit to a panel of 11 civilian scientists equipped to provide expert advice from back home.

- Experimenting with a 21st-century command structure that does away with the top-heavy military bureaucracy that has existed for the past 250 years and substitutes a three-officer management group linked by computer to companies and squads.
- Developing a system of transponders that enables U.S. forces to monitor intersections, buildings and even individual rooms in urban areas electronically. The Marines hope the devices will cut the number of people required for peacekeeping missions.
- Testing a ship-launched battlefield communication satellite — actually a large balloon — that can handle computer and radio signals for all U.S. fighting units in a region without forcing them to rely on earth-orbiting satellites, which are expensive and overloaded.
- Developing new ways to deliver supplies and ammunition, such as using pilotless helicopters that move at night along electronic flight paths to get material to widely dispersed platoons.

The system could eliminate the need for huge stockpiles near the battlefield.

In April, the Marines conducted the second segment of an exchange program with a group of Wall Street traders in hopes of learning more about how to use

digitized information, in the form of numbers flashed on a computer screen, in making decisions on a battlefield. Following a session last spring in which the Marines spent

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Lawmakers delay mandatory HIV testing of newborn babies

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate conferees agreed Tuesday on a measure that could lead to mandatory testing of newborns for the virus that causes AIDS.

But such testing would be contingent upon how the medical profession chooses to deal with pregnant mothers and HIV and the success of efforts to combat the spread of the virus over the next four years.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, said the agreement emphasizes voluntary testing of pregnant mothers over mandatory testing of newborns.

"Given the recent advances in medicine regarding the prevention of HIV transmission from mother to child, it would be a tragedy if out of ignorance, fear, or lack of health care, children are born with a deadly disease that could have been prevented," Kennedy said in a statement.

"But testing of newborns will

not prevent the transmission of HIV to a single baby. It is simply too little, too late," he said.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kansas, who chairs the Senate panel, acknowledged that compromise may draw criticism from some advocates on both sides of the issue.

"The give and take involved in a conference rarely leaves everyone satisfied with every aspect of the final agreement," she said. "I believe, however, that the compromise bill offers constructive change."

Although 2,000 babies are born with the HIV virus every year, 80 percent of babies born to HIV-infected mothers never develop AIDS. They test positive simply because they carry their mother's immunoglobulins.

All 10 lawmakers on the conference committee signed off on the agreement late Tuesday night, according to congressional sources.

The deal broke a logjam over the contentious issue of mandatory testing of newborns that had

locked the Ryan White AIDS Resource Emergency Act in conference for months.

The agreement requires the secretary of Health and Human Services to determine two years from now if mandatory testing of newborns has become a standard medical practice. If HHS determines that it has not, the issue dies.

If it is determined that it has become standard practice, then in the year 2000 states will have to show they've had a 50 percent reduction in newborns who test positive, or that 95 percent of pregnant women seek testing.

If they don't meet either of those requirements, states will have to implement a mandatory testing program for infants to be eligible for funding under the Ryan White Act.

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Alcott novel dates from her youth

BOSTON (AP) — An unpublished manuscript written by Louisa May Alcott when she was a teen-ager has been found in a Harvard University library by two Alcott scholars.

The novel, a romantic story of a beautiful but penniless governess who discovers she actually is an heiress, was found along with a handwritten note from Alcott claiming authorship of the story.

"When we read the first couple of pages we thought the novel was worth photocopying. When we finally got around to transcribing it, we realized how good it was," said Joe Myerson, an English professor at the University of South Carolina.

Called "The Inheritance," the manuscript was handwritten and difficult to decipher. Myerson said he and his collaborator, Daniel Shroyer of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, discovered the book two years ago, but only recently finished transcribing it.

Now Hollywood producers are vying for rights to the story, and book publishers will get their first shot at it this week, said Todd Shuster, a partner in Zachary Shuster, a Boston-based literary agency.

Agents negotiating the deal have been flooded with calls since word of the manuscript spread among major studios, Shuster said.

"We knew we had a wonderful novel on our hands, but we didn't expect it to produce ... this breaking of the floodwaters," he said. Shuster said the novel had a "feminist streak" and was "romantic with a capital R."

Set in an English castle, the novel follows the trials of Edith, an orphan hired as a governess by the Hamilton family. Edith's beauty draws the jealousy of a Hamilton aunt, who accuses the governess of stealing.

Virtuous Edith knows who committed the crime, but will not reveal the name. Instead, she resolves to accept the blame and leave the family.

Just in time, a castle page confesses to the theft and, in the final twist, produces a critical page from the will of a Hamilton ancestor revealing Edith is actually an heir to the family's fortune.

To sweeten the ending, Edith's virtue wins her the heart of the dashing Lord Percy.

Shuster would not reveal details of offers he's fielding, but pointed to another recent Alcott find, "The Long Fatal Love Chase," Shuster's partner, Lane Zachary, negotiated that manuscript's \$1.5 million sale to Random House.

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Opinion

Editorial

PBS stands West's history on its head

To hear public television tell it, the quarter-million Americans who trekked overland to Oregon, California and Utah between 1843 and the Civil War were a noble-too-bright band of brutish, trigger-happy louts mostly interested in seeing how many buffalo they could slaughter while running the Indians out of their ancestral lands.

"In Search of the Oregon Trail," produced by Nebraska Public Television and shown Monday night on PBS, strives to be a politically correct version of "The Way West." What it achieves is a serious distortion of history.

The emigrants come off as Midwestern losers and religious fanatics who couldn't make a living with 40 acres and a plow, so sought refuge in the West where something might be had for nothing.

Less a story of the Oregon Trail, the film is a litany of grievances of the Native Americans who got in their way.

This documentary is PBS at its worst, aimed squarely at the Eastern suburban liberal audience that gives money to public broadcasting.

It's sad to see how far the programming standards of this network have slipped since the halcyon days of "Masterpiece Theater" and "Nova."

But then PBS, which is on the road to privatization by congressional mandate, playing to its perceived constituency — folks who never met an injustice that wasn't America's fault.

In the case of "In Search of the Oregon Trail," the villain is the doctrine of manifest destiny, which they authors of this piece interpret as a mandate to clear-cut, bulldoze and enslave.

Perhaps some perspective is in order.

The Oregon Trail was a system of emigration routes, not a clever imperialistic device designed to bamboozle Indians and snatch the Oregon Territory from the British.

Most of those who headed west from Missouri were families, made up of God-fearing second-generation

Americans looking for something better for their kids.

In fact, it was faith — not hardback and provisions stolen from the Indians — that sustained these folks on their 2,000-mile walk into the unknown, but God is barely mentioned in the PBS documentary.

Although the overlanders had their share of run-ins with the native peoples of the West, they didn't fatally disrupt Indian cultures along the way. Nor did they decimate the buffalo populations. All of that happened after the coming of the railroad after the Civil War.

In some cases, the film is simply wrong. It uses drawings done at other places and other times in the West and represents them as being of the Oregon Trail.

And in places, the documentary stretches logic past its breaking point. The Cayuse, certainly, did not wipe out Marcus Whitman's mission in southeastern Washington because they were upset about the measles.

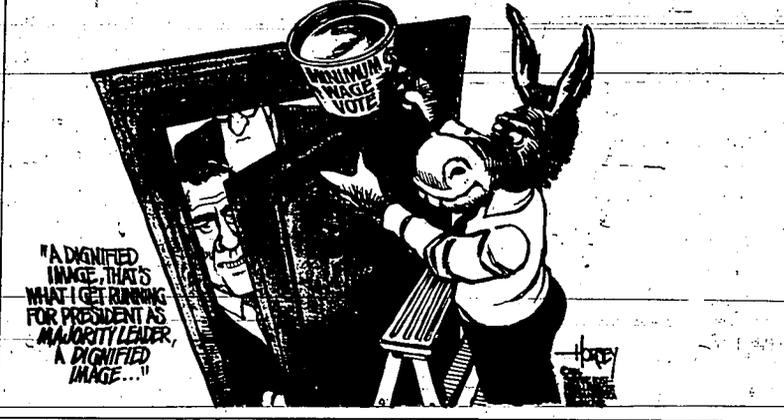
It's true that Americans have much to answer for about the country's treatment of Indians. But it's absurd to suggest that emigrants seeking a better life were inevitably agents of genocide and environmental destruction.

The writers of "In Search of the Oregon Trail" seem to be especially annoyed by the fact that the legend of the overlanders has grown larger than life, that it's something in which American schoolchildren are still taught to take pride.

How ironic that the Bureau of Land Management, which is the custodian of much of the physical evidence of the Oregon Trail's passage, cooperated in producing this documentary. Seeded with PC-minded bureaucrats by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, it's now evidently interested in rewriting history.

That history doesn't need revision, thank you, for the facts speak for themselves. The Oregon Trail experience was one of America's finest hours, full of courage, vision and perseverance.

It's too bad PBS didn't come along for the ride.



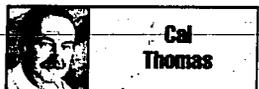
New PLO charter not a done deal

The headlines, editorials and television news last week trumpeted the "decision" by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to "revoke" those clauses in its 32-year-old charter that call for an armed struggle to destroy Israel.

As is the case with so much in the Middle East, first impressions can be misleading. The Palestine National Council (PNC) voted two and a half years after the PLO reached agreement with Israel over autonomy for the Palestinians, to refer the matter to one of its subcommittees. The PNC directive did not specify a deadline, though a spokesman said a revised document would be ready within six months.

But which clauses are to be revised? The PNC referred to five such clauses, but various counts put the number that directly or indirectly refer to Israel's destruction at between 15 and 28. And after the recommendation by the subcommittee, the matter will have to come back for debate and another vote by the PLO Central Council. Presumably, the document will then be submitted again to the PNC for discussion, debate and ratification.

No time table has been set for any of this, and the new language has yet to be seen. A friend writes from Israel about the dangers inherent in trusting the PLO and moving ahead with more land transfers to its authority. "Would you transfer an asset to a person who gave you a series of bad checks, and



now is using a post-dated check, and expects to get the title over the asset (in this case Lebanon) before the post-dated check clears your bank?"

Last week I attended the annual Independence Day reception at the Israeli Embassy in Washington. As demonstrators across the street screamed their opposition to Israel's "Operation Grapes of Wrath" assault on the Hezbollah terrorist organization in Lebanon, I spoke with one of the embassy staff, a counselor with many years of experience in Mideast affairs. He told me that this time he thinks peace will come because of the PLO decision to repeal parts of the charter. He said, "First the head, then the heart."

I told him it should be the other way around. First the heart, then the head. I'd take another look at things when the PLO and the leadership of Arab nations — the latter having been strangely silent about the PLO decision — say Allah has changed his mind and no longer views Jews as infidels who must be killed and their land reclaimed solely for Arabs and Muslims. But more than the charter must be changed (if, indeed, it is). Hearts must be changed and then minds

can be transformed. A senior Israeli official takes a different line. In a dramatic version of pop psychology, the official, who spoke on background, said that Syrian President Hafez al-Assad "wants peace, but doesn't know how to do it," because "his world is no bigger than his tent" and "he doesn't travel much." About Islamic extremists, the official said that as there are different brands of Christians and Jews, so are there various kinds of Muslims. He believes that when diplomats make peace, the hearts and minds of all but the most fanatical extremists will prefer improved economic conditions to fulfilling "the will" of Allah by continuing their quest for all Israeli land.

Maybe he is right, but if he is wrong it is disaster for Israel, which cannot afford to be wrong even once. On May 29, Israeli voters will decide whether to take the risks Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his Labor Party are proposing, or the more cautious, even confrontational approach of Likud Party challenger Benjamin Netanyahu.

A lot depends on whether Peres has correctly read the hearts and minds of his Arab and Palestinian adversaries. Have they changed, or is this only a negotiating ploy to exploit the weakness of some Israeli leaders who want to believe peace is at hand?

Cal Thomas writes for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Letters

Nation's strength is in families

I believe the strength of our nation lies with the individual and family and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or ability.

I believe free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I believe government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I believe the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations and that the best government is that which governs least.

I believe the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people. I believe Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong, while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times. I believe Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world. I believe we all must vote and vote for the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

Finally, I believe in voting for the man and/or woman, regardless of party, ethnic background, color or religious preference and, in most instances, I believe I will probably be voting for a Republican.

JACK STREETER
Mountain Home

Trucks should pay road damage

This is in response to Mr. Doug Martin's letter to the editor published March 13 regarding heavy trucks and road damage.

Mr. Martin stated that he paid the following expenses regarding his trucking business: (a) \$2,201.66 for 1995 annual registration for one semi-truck and (b)

\$1,145.84 federal "heavy use" tax, plus state and federal fuel taxes for a total of approximately \$79.73 per day in taxes and registration fees of about \$25,000 per year. This is based on driving the truck an average of 500 miles per day at five miles per gallon fuel consumption.

I agree this is a considerable amount of money, but I also wonder just how much of the \$25,000 is tax deductible. It would seem that all or most of this expense is a business deduction and if so, Mr. Martin, in reality, is paying very little toward state road or highway maintenance.

I certainly agree with Mr. Martin's last comment — where is the money going that has already been paid in? I have recommended an audit be performed on all operations of the Idaho Department of Transportation to determine inefficient or wasteful practices, if any. I am concerned about this department because, in my opinion, it is simply not doing its job in some cases.

For example, a new section of concrete interstate highway between Burley and Twin Falls was completed within the last two years. Mr. Bower, Department of Transportation, stated that concrete highways are designed for a life expectancy of 40 years; however, this new road is already showing signs of surface wear and deterioration in many places, especially the west-bound lanes. I doubt this new concrete highway will last even 10 years without some maintenance or resurfacing, yet the taxpayers paid for a 40-year road. This is a terrible waste of taxpayer dollars. Where were the state inspectors on this project?

The state Legislature has recently increased gasoline taxes and vehicle registration fees to help pay for more road maintenance. We should not need more costly road maintenance. We do need roads of higher quality. Longer life spans to reduce road maintenance. The taxpayers should get what they pay for. Since the heavy trucks cause most of the road damage, I believe they should pay more

taxes and higher access fees to travel on Idaho roadways. Also, the Department of Transportation should improve the quality of highway construction to increase roadway lifespan and reduce costly maintenance.

VAUGHN PETERSON
Burley

Illegal immigrants have rights

I am writing this letter in response to one written by Ann Ridgely and published April 10. She wants someone to explain to her what rights illegal immigrants have in this country.

Well, Ann, personally, I believe that any human being has the right not to have the hell beat out of them by public officials with clubs. I am sure those cops didn't ask them for green cards before they started dogging. Maybe we should do away with the court system and just hire a bunch of tough cops to beat the hell out of everyone who does something they don't like.

Did you think of the lives those deputies endangered by chasing that pickup at speeds over 100 miles per hour on a busy highway?

Police brutality has to be stopped! These beatings take place on a regular basis. Give a guy a badge, and he has a license to beat people up. The only time they get in any trouble is when someone catches them in videotape. If I beat someone like that, I would be in jail with or without a videotape.

Think about all the times it happens and nobody has any proof. The cops can just say the person resisted or tried to get away, and all of the other officers will lie right along with them. Maybe that is why they tried to get away. I would run, too, if I knew I was going to get beat.

Do you think they only beat up illegal aliens who try to enter your country illegally? Wake up, Ann. Maybe someday you'll run a stop sign and four cops will pull you over.

TRACY HANSEN
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Bilingual ballots harm nation

WASHINGTON — John Silber, the sand-papery president of Boston University, might have been governor of Massachusetts — he was the Democratic nominee in 1990 — were he not given to speaking his formidable mind as bluntly as he did when a voter asked what we should teach our children.

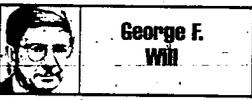
"Teach them that they are going to die," he said. And have a nice day.

His point was that children need a sense of reality, beginning with the fact that life is short and that living nobly may depend on an early understanding of that brevity. He never tried, as most politicians do, to be a ray of sunshine.

Recently he was here among the politicians, displaying his penchant for uttering disconcerting truths. He is a philosopher by academic training and his testimony in favor of repealing bilingual ballot requirements was a model dissection of ill-conceived compassion.

The 1965 Voting Rights Act, as amended in 1975 and subsequently, requires bilingual ballots in jurisdictions with certain demographic characteristics pertaining to linguistic minorities, English deficiency, illiteracy and low voter turnout.

But as Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., another advocate of repeal, noted in testimony, all



George F. Will

this is patently peculiar because since 1906 any immigrant seeking citizenship has been required to demonstrate oral English literacy, and since 1950 has been required to "demonstrate an understanding of English, including an ability to read, write and speak words in ordinary English."

Applicants over 55 who have lived here at least 15 years are exempted.

Porter said that if immigrants are gaining citizenship without knowing how to read English, the law is not being enforced. And if 18-year-old citizens born and raised here are illiterate in English, the education system is failing.

Deval Patrick, who as President Clinton's assistant attorney general for civil rights is paid to inflame the rhetoric of civil rights while trivializing the subject, testified against repeal of the bilingual ballot requirement, warning of "the pernicious disenfranchisement resulting from

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Opinion



Letters

Stop judging those who say they are born gay

A minister's wife called about a letter I had in *The Times-News* and, after telling me how wrong I was, said, "Hell will freeze over before I'll agree with you."
 She added, "I'm a nurse, and I can get gays to change."
 Apparently, we have a miracle worker among us. Before I could say any more, she hung up on me. Man isn't and never has been infallible. I believe the Bible is God-inspired, but written and rewritten by man down through the ages. Like a story told and retold, changes are often made. Isn't that one reason we have so many denominations? If everyone's interpretation of the Bible was the same, wouldn't we all belong to the same church?
 If you believe homosexuals are not born that way, I suggest you talk with those who hoped and prayed they weren't. I know those who sought answers through medical reports, Bibles and many other

sources, hoping against hope it was something they could change but finally accepting the fact they had no choice and are doing the very best they can with a life made more difficult by the "do gooders" bent on molding others' lives the way they believe it should be. Some people, like banty chickens, decide to pick and pick until they stir up others to do the same — no reason needed.
 Some people in prison away from their spouses for a long time and those in wars (modern and biblical times) in the same situations do, at times, "lie" with another of the same sex.
 That is entirely different than the loving relationship that gay people (born that way) have. There is a natural relationship — the other is not. I don't believe God needs our help in judging anyone, and he can handle our eternal punishments and rewards.
 Hopefully, criminals here on earth will be punished for their crimes and not because of who they are or what they believe. Does a crime committed by a heterosexual make all het-

erosexuals "bad," and treated like they have the plague?
 Let's work to overcome our own sins — cheating, gossiping, judging others and the list goes on.
 One remark I overheard was, "A loving God wouldn't create a homosexual."
 How about crippled children, etc.?
 Ignorance and fear go hand-in-hand. Think about it!
ECHO DALOS
 Twin Falls

Experts have no concern for poor in wage question

It is obvious that the "experts," including *The Times-News* and our congressional delegation, who oppose the minimum wage, have no real concern for the working poor.
 If all the low-income people would go to the polls this November, the disparity between the have's and the have not's would suddenly begin to narrow. I could live with that. Can you?
RICHARD WESTENDORF
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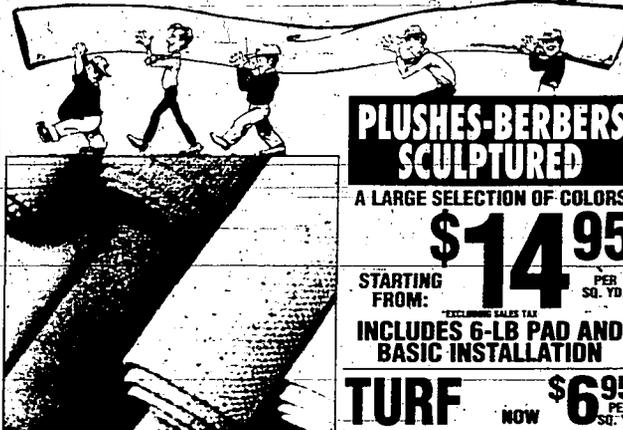
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 a lack of English proficiency." In regards to bilingual ballots as instruments of compassion for people who are "limited-English proficient" and exhorted one and all to "recognize, respect and celebrate the linguistic and cultural variety of our society." He said repeal would "reassert barriers to equal access to and participation in the democratic process for American citizens who do not speak English very well."
 "Very well?" Good grief. Talk about inadequate use of the language. How can bilingual ballots produce "equal access to and participation in the democratic process?" What is at issue is accommodations for people who cannot read English language ballots, and the law of the land is supposed to be a barrier between such people and citizenship.
 It fell to Silber to say why bilingual ballots are of "constitutional consequence, amounting in effect the very concept of United States citizenship." The naturalization statutes clearly presuppose that English is the language indispensable for life in America, where all the founding documents and all the laws and all the proceedings of legislatures are in English. Citizens not proficient in English are, Silber said, "citizens in name only" because they cannot follow a political campaign, talk with a candidate, or petition a representative, and providing them with a bilingual ballot merely makes a mockery of civic life.
 The financial cost of this unfunded mandate is not trivial. (New York

City has had to acquire new voting machines to cope with the required Chinese characters. In the 1994 general election, Los Angeles County spent \$67,568.87 accommodating 692 voters who speak Fagalog — \$97.64 per voter). However, as Silber testified, the intolerable cost is the degradation of the concept of citizenship when applied to "someone lost in a country whose public discourse is incomprehensible to him."
 Silber stressed that in no other nation do so many people, spread over so large an area, speak the same language. This nation, which Lincoln said is dedicated to a proposition, is a creedal nation, founded on shared affirmations, not on ethnicity. Here, Silber said, ethnicity is "a private matter." Various ethnic groups celebrate their saints and other sources of communal pride. Such private and voluntary undertakings are splendid. However, the government properly recognizes only Americans, not ethnic groups. In opposition to that principle, bilingual ballots "represent a dangerous experiment in deconstructing our American identity."
 But of course. For some of the diversity-mongers who advocate bilingual ballots, such deconstruction is precisely the point. They think it is oppression for one American identity to be (in the jargon of our multiculturalists) "privileged."
 Silber says such deconstruction is wrong-headed. Have a nice day.
 George F. Will writes for the Washington Post.

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Nation

Customers stuck on no-lick stamps, but collectors unglued

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Winnie and Robert Blacklow of Sugar Bush Knolls, Ohio, are not ones to dash off a letter of praise to the federal government.

"We usually accuse them of being so unresponsive," Robert said.

But when the Blacklows discovered that the Postal Service had come up with stamps that don't require licking, they were so impressed that they wrote to Washington in astonishment. "It's a great idea. It saves time. It saves your tongue," said Robert.

The Blacklows are not alone. "Who wants to lick stamps anymore? It's a matter of time," agreed Marianne McDermott, executive vice president of the Washington-based Greeting Card Association, which represents an industry that depends on stamps.

Postal officials say self-adhesive stamps have become the fastest-selling items the Postal Service has created since, well, 1847. That's when the first U.S. stamps were issued. "Self-adhesive 'peel and stick' stamps represent one of the most successful consumer service innovations the Postal Service has developed," the agency declared in its recently issued annual report.

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— Marianne McDermott, executive vice president of the Washington-based Greeting Card Association

"It's the hottest thing today," said Azeemly S. Jaffer, manager of stamp services for the Postal Service. Sales of the self-adhesive stamps are expected to account for 50 percent of all stamps this year, 32 billion stamps in all. That's triple the rate of last year and growing so fast that some people — mostly stamp collectors and stamp printers — worry that the end of gummed stamps is in sight.

"As I sit here today, I can't tell you there will be gummed stamps," said Jaffer, who credits the Persian Gulf War with triggering the demand for the stamps across the nation. During the conflict, generals in the humid Gulf region were demanding stamps that wouldn't stick together before they were placed on envelopes.

Soldiers discovered how convenient the self-adhesive stamps were and took the idea home after the conflict, Jaffer said.

The idea, and technology for self-adhesive stamps have been around for more than 25 years, but it was only last year that the Postal Service began a concentrated sales campaign for the stamps. The campaign has been far more successful than the agency anticipated, with many customers shunning the colorful, gummed commemorative stamps that have been bestsellers in the past.

Thanks to new, colorful designs of flags, flowers and angels on the self-adhesives, their sales are booming. Last year, with few stamp printers turning out adhesive stamps, postal officials could not keep up with the demand at many post offices. That infuriated a public that had become, well, stuck on the new stamps.

Today, with more printers, the nation's 40,000 post offices are flooded with self-adhesives, Jaffer said. That's great for postal customers, but the sudden shift has alarmed many stamp collectors.

Philatelists are accustomed to stamps that they can tear off a sheet one by one and slip into their albums, said Mike Schreiber, a senior editor at Linn's Stamp News.

U.S. removes North Korea fuel rods

WASHINGTON (AP) — American energy experts Wednesday began removing 5,000 spent fuel rods from a North Korean nuclear facility, the White House said.

The operation, taking place under an October 1994 agreement between Washington and Pyongyang, "will make the world a safer place," said White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry.

"After months of technical preparations and discussions, U.S. energy experts and private U.S. companies began the current operations on the 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods at the nuclear facility in North Korea under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy

Agency," McCurry told reporters. McCurry says the experts are removing the fuel rods from a cooling pond and placing them in steel canisters.

The encased rods will be safeguarded "until such time as they are eventually removed from North Korea," as called for in the agreement, McCurry said.

"That's good news; it's going to make the world a safer place and solve what is arguably one of the most dangerous national security problems this president faced when he came to office," McCurry said.

"It certainly reduces a very dangerous situation that threatened the (Korean) peninsula and U.S. security

in the region," he said.

North Korea has pledged to freeze activity at its existing nuclear reactor and at a facility for extracting plutonium from reactor fuel rods.

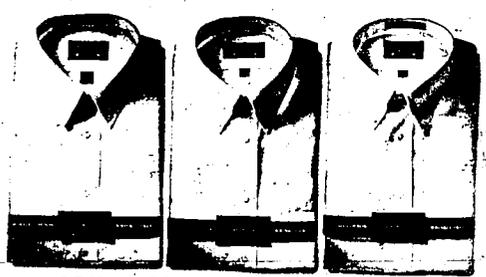
The communist nation also promised to cooperate in transferring out of North Korea an existing group of used nuclear fuel rods which the United States says contain enough plutonium to make about four nuclear bombs.

And it agreed to permit regular inspections of its nuclear program by the International Atomic Energy Agency as called for under terms of the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty.

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— Rockies' Ellis Burks after a 474-foot homer at Shea Stadium

Briefly

Rankin scores first ace at Blue Lakes

TWIN FALLS — Marcia Rankin recorded the first hole-in-one of her amateur golfing career. She used a seven-wood to accomplish the feat on the par three, 108-yard 17th hole at Blue Lakes County Club Wednesday. Witnesses were Chuck Gates, Gile Williams and Dan Murphy.

Nets owners take team off market; name new chief

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets have been taken off the market but the NBA team's ownership will be restructured with Henry Taub emerging as the new chief executive. Taub, who owns 19 percent of the team, will replace Alan Aufzien as chairman and chief executive officer, Nets president Michael Rowe said in a statement Wednesday afternoon. "The Nets ownership considered substantial offers to sell the team but decided to commit themselves to strengthening the organization and building the best team possible."

Parcells shortens contract, may leave after '96 season

FOXBORO, Mass. — Apparently upset about his dwindling power and frustrated by his lack of success, New England Patriots coach Bill Parcells has been granted permission to walk away from his contract after the coming season. The change announced Wednesday will likely have little effect on whether Parcells stays with the Patriots beyond this year, because he could return in spite of the change and might have left even if he was under contract. Parcells was not available for comment. But owner Bob Kraft confirmed in a statement that he honored a request from Parcells last season to cut his five-year deal to four.

DePaul dismisses Jermaine Watts for drug possession

CHICAGO — Jermaine Watts — who led DePaul in scoring, assists and steals as a sophomore last season — has been dismissed from the school after being charged with drug possession, according to a newspaper report.

The 6-foot-7 guard was dismissed for violating school policy prohibiting students from possessing illegal substances, the Chicago Sun-Times reported today.

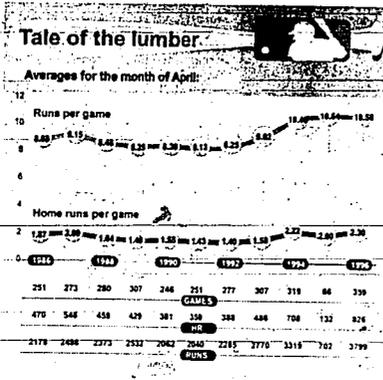
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- High school baseball: Minico at Burley, 4:30 p.m.
- High school golf: Minico, Highland, Pocatello and Twin Falls at Burley
- High school softball: Jerome at Buhl, 4 p.m.; Twin Falls at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.
- High school track: Twin Falls and Buhl at Wood River Invitational, 3 p.m.; Northside conference meet at Carey, 2 p.m.
- High school tennis: Gooding vs. Declo at Rupert, 3:30 p.m.; Burley at Pocatello, 4 p.m.

Baseball hitters shower April with record runs



The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball's longest April saw lots of long balls.

Three of the five highest-scoring days this century on which 12 or more games were played, came in the last week, according to the Elias Sports Bureau: April 24 (13.93 average), April 30 (13.92) and April 28 (13.58). The record of 14.07 was set on July 25, 1937; July 10, 1932 also had a 13.58 average.

There were 826 homers in 359 games in April for an average of 2.30, up 64 percent from the 1.40 average in 1992, the last year before expansion and 3.6 percent higher than April 1994. Runs were up 28 percent from 1992, to an average of 10.58, which is 1.7 percent higher than two years ago.



Runs per day

Date	Runs	Average
Apr 25 1995	12	14.17
Apr 24 1996	14	13.93
Apr 28 1996	12	13.58
Apr 30 1996	13	13.92
Apr 29 1992	14	14.07

since June 1970. Barry Bonds, Gary Sheffield and Brady Anderson hit 11 homers apiece in the month, matching the major league Willie Stargell (1971), Mike Schmidt (1976) and Graig Nettles (1974). Montreal became the first

team to hit six grand slams in a month, topping the previous record set by Baltimore in September 1983 and matched by Seattle August 1985. At 3.95, the Chicago White Sox are the only AL team with an ERA under 4.

Detroit's is a major-league high 7.31. Fans started coming back. The average attendance was up 7 percent in the first four weeks of the season, from 23,606 to 25,260 for the first 338 dates. Following the strike, the average dropped 20 percent for the first month last year.

Television viewers also increased. ESPN's first-14 broadcasts averaged a 1.9 rating, up 27 percent from last year's 1.5 but down 44 percent from 1994's 2.2.

Despite efforts to cut game time, the average for a nine-inning game was 2 hours, 53 minutes, down just one minute from last year's average.

Trainer tunes injured 'Unbridled's Song'

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Unbridled's Song, the tenderfooted Kentucky Derby favorite, had a fast workout in the early morning rain Wednesday after his trainer changed his mind and let the colt breeze after all.

"I feel like I've already won," jockey Mike Smith said after Unbridled's Song ripped a half-mile in 46 seconds in the Churchill Downs mud and galloped out in 59.

The gray colt worked in bar shoes because of an injured left front foot and heel.

Owner Ernie Paragallo and trainer Jim Ryerson said they were happy about the work, but Sonny Hine, trainer of Skip Away, said: "I wouldn't want to be in their shoes ... no pun intended."

Skip Away, an impressive winner of the Blue Grass Stakes, is considered a major contender for Unbridled's Song, winner of the Florida Derby and the Wood Memorial in his last two starts.

Also set to start are a Derby-record five horses trained by D. Wayne Lukas, who will try to extend his unprecedented string of victories in Triple Crown races to six. Lukas won the 1995 Derby with Thunder Gulch, one of three starters he saddled last year. Only three of the other 18 3-year-olds expected to be entered Wednesday night are coming off victories. They are Cavonnier, winner of the Santa Anita Zarb's Magic, the Arkansas Derby winner, and City by Night, winner of the Lexington.

Ryerson said Tuesday the colt would not breeze Wednesday, but he was reshod twice with different type bar shoes and, the trainer said, "I decided last night to work a half-mile and we called Mike."

"I was hoping he'd go an 48," Ryerson said. "If there was enough to tell us where we are, but he got into stride and covered so much ground easily. I don't think it will affect him (adversely)."

Paragallo arrived from New York too late to see the fast workout, but he said, "It was about what we expected. It was nothing out of the ordinary. Everything's a go."

Paragallo said a blood sample was taken Tuesday and Unbridled's Song's blood count was normal and there was no infection.

The foot problem emerged right after the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct on April 13, and the colt has been wearing a bar shoe on the



KENTUCKY DERBY '122

Favorite draws more bad luck

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — So far, Unbridled's Song's Derby luck has been all bad.

And rumors that he may be scratched because of a sore foot, the string of bad luck that's jinxed the Kentucky Derby favorite continued Wednesday with the gray colt drawing the worst possible post position for Saturday's race: No. 20.

A full field of 20 — the largest in 12 years — was officially entered at the post position draw, televised live and a game-show atmosphere in the Churchill Downs Sports Spectrum.

Only one horse has ever won the Derby from Post No. 20: Clyde Van Dusen in 1929.

foot since two days after the race.

While Skip Away was awesome in the Blue Grass April 13 at Keeneland, several trainers wonder whether he can come close to duplicating that performance Saturday. It also seems that the gray colt doesn't have the proper dosage. The dosage index is a way of measuring Derby performance through blood tests.

"Now if they made him the favorite, that would be three strikes against us," Hine said. "Then, if I didn't know any better I'd pack up and go home." Shane Sellers will ride Skip Away, owned by Hine's wife, Carolyn.

Team Lukas is comprised of Editor's Note, loser of seven straight, including a third in the Blue Grass; Grindstone, second in the Arkansas Derby; Honour and Glory, second in the Santa Anita Derby; Prince of Thieves, second in the Lexington; and Victory Speech, second in the Jim Beam.

Braced for impact



Minico shortstop Crystalline Wilcox readies for the collision with Burley pitcher Bobbi Eckley while trying to score on a wild pitch Wednesday. Wilcox beat the throw, but she was called out because her violent collision with Eckley was made without an attempt to slide.

Minico takes 2

By Kevin Miller, Times-News writer

BURLEY — Two teams headed in different directions decided they will meet again next week in the first Region III fast pitch softball tournament.

Minico (12-5), winners in nine of its last 10 games, extended its winning streak to five games Wednesday with a doubleheader sweep of Burley.

In dropping their sixth straight game, the Bobcats (5-15) assured themselves of fourth place in the region and a first round matchup with their cross river rivals next Tuesday.

The Spartans host the regional tournament starting at noon Tuesday at Big Valley Park in Rupert. First place Highland and last place Pocatello also square off in the first round.

Twin Falls will meet the win-

ner of Minico-Burley in the double elimination tournament.

Minico did all the playing for one-and-a-half state playoff weeks.

"We're where we need to be," Minico coach Kelly Fosco said after her Spartans beat Burley 17-6 and 23-6. "We're playing well."

Other than some untimely errors that cost runs, Minico did all the things that have contributed to its current winning streak.

In game one, the Spartans turned a handful of hits into three or four run rallies.

Leading 11-6 in the seventh inning, and still under threat of a big Bobcat rally, Minico used just one hit to put the game away. Makenzie Fleming, Arriann Peterson and Rori Temple all drew walks from tripping pitcher Heather Beyer. Jackie Rasnick sent a drive to the fence that scored all three and

left her standing on third base.

She later scored on a sacrifice fly, capping a 4-for-4 performance with six RBI and four runs scored.

Rasnick was just warming up, though. In the fifth inning of game two, the senior third baseman lifted a two-run homer to left field, finishing off a seven run Spartan rally.

Burley, meanwhile, was struggling to get any offensive production.

"We need to hit the ball. We're making contact, we're just not doing anything with it," Bobcat coach Leonard Horton said. "If we do, we're starting the ball better, we're not going anywhere."

Minico: 33-27-11-22; Burley: 30-23-10-12; Region III: 30-23-10-12

Upping bats: 428-27-2-4; Minico: 428-27-2-4; Burley: 428-27-2-4

Alibi parents crowd Twin Falls' sidelines

Conventional wisdom in high school athletic circles is you can't have a winning program with alibi parents. Since Twin Falls hasn't beaten much of anyone for a long time in anything on a consistent basis, it appears time to start a Bruin chapter of Parents Anonymous.



Sports Larry Hovey

This included one set of parents whose son has thrice told the coaching staff to "fornicate off." He no longer is with the team.

It renders the involved athletes totally uncompetitive. Little Johnny throws the ball away on a gimme fastbreak basket. The coach growls. The parents say "don't be so negative. He's trying his hardest." So the kid does it again in the fourth quarter.

And goes home laughing. Little Mary swings and misses a pitch in the dirt to end a bases-loaded rally.

The coach says "just swing at the strikes, Mary." Mary's parents say "don't be so negative. She's trying her hardest." And Mary goes back to the dugout and fetches out another sick of gum, then short-arms a couple of grounders.

The other great line: "Hey, coach, get off the kid. He's only 17." "That's not this is the same parent who at halftime says "kids are so much more so-

phisticated than we were at that age" and actually means kids know much more about the wrong things and less about the right.

Little Johnny comes home from a basketball game. He says the coach blamed part of the loss on him.

The father says "well, that coach doesn't know anything anyway. I thought you were just unlucky and poorly coached and didn't get enough playing time."

Then there's always "I don't like the coach so I'm not going to turn out" and that covers a loser immediately. Anyone who doesn't give him/herself a chance to succeed is a failure - athletics, business, parenting, life.

The player knows that win or lose, none of the taint will fall on him. Mommy and Daddy will see to that. You give

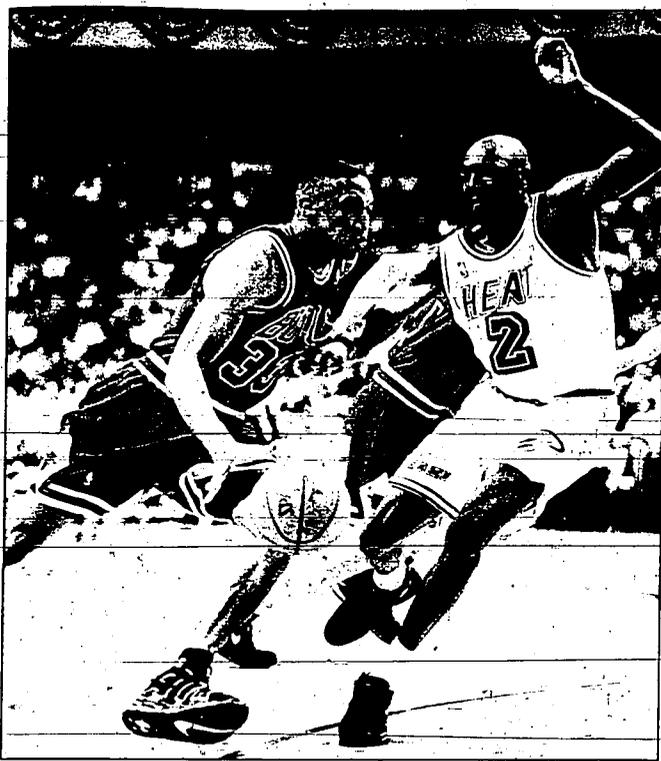
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Chicago Bull Scottie Pippen charges past Miami Heat's Keith Askins in the first half of game 3 of the Eastern Conference Playoffs in Miami Wednesday.

Hurting Jordan leads Bulls past Heat, 112-91



MIAMI (AP) — A bad back couldn't stop Michael Jordan, and neither could the Miami Heat.

Playing in pain, Jordan scored 26 points Wednesday night to lead the Chicago Bulls past Miami 112-91 for a sweep of their first-round playoff series.

Scottie Pippen added his 17th career triple-double for the Bulls, who will meet the New York Knicks in a best-of-7 series beginning Sunday in Chicago.

"I can't see anybody getting in their way," said Heat coach Pat Riley, who failed to advance out of the first round of the playoffs for the first time in his 14 years as an NBA coach.

Jordan, who played 33 minutes, said his back is improving with treatment, and he hopes it will be 100 percent for the Knicks series.

"It was tough getting loose," he said. "Once I got loose, I felt pretty good. Every now and then when I twisted, I could feel the pull."

Pippen had 22 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists in 39 minutes. His rebound total tied a career high.

"Scottie picked it up a notch," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "He knew he had to be an initiator because of Michael's back."

The teams traded caustic comments throughout the series, and when it ended, most of the Heat players declined to shake hands with the Bulls.

Chicago's three victories in the best-of-5 sweep were by an average of 23 points.

"It was thorough," Riley said. "I know how bad we feel and how bad a lot of people in this town feel about the show we put on tonight."

Jordan scored 17 points in the

first 14 minutes as Chicago raced to a 42-25 lead. But for the second game in a row, he gave the Bulls a scare by leaving in the first half because of his back.

This time he hurt it driving to the basket when Keith Askins grabbed him around the waist with both arms. Jordan later declined to criticize Askins.

"I anticipate those situations or I wouldn't be out there," Jordan said. "I don't take it in a negative way."

Jordan ran on his back by the bench for several minutes and received treatment from a trainer, who tugged on the superstar's long legs. Jordan then returned to the game midway through the second quarter.

"He was 7-for-11 before being jarred by Askins, then went 3-for-12 the rest of the way."

Nonetheless, Jordan led Chicago's scoring for the third consecutive game. His crowning moment was a no-look, back-to-the-basket, over-the-head layup to make the score 74-55 late in the third quarter.

"Michael played under wraps," Jackson said. "We nursed him through."

Alonso Mourning, who struggled in the first two games of the series, managed 30 points but couldn't spark Miami.

Before the series began, Mourning said the Heat were capable of

beating the Bulls. Those words backfired against a team that set a league record this season with 72 victories.

"It's not a good feeling at all," Mourning said. "You have to give credit where credit is due. ... It's difficult to say that because of my attitude about wanting to win."

Bulls forward and author Dennis Rodman contributed just three rebounds in 18 minutes.

Rodman's autobiography, "Bad As I Wanna Be," was released this week, but he failed to live up to the title, complaining only mildly when he picked up two fouls 11 seconds apart in the first quarter.

While the Heat concentrated on blocking out Rodman, Pippen grabbed eight offensive rebounds to help Chicago gain a 51-41 edge on the boards.

"Scottie played a complete game," Riley said. "That's no surprise."

And Jackson won the latest round in his sometimes bitter rivalry with the Heat's first-year coach.

"Phil has put together a machine that is incredibly in sync," Riley said. "When you vote for coach of the year, my vote is for Phil. There isn't anybody in the league doing a better job."

Notes: Chicago went 3-1 against New York during the regular season. ... In the past six years, the Bulls are 18-1 in the first round of the playoffs. ... The Heat's all-time playoff record fell to 2-9. They were also swept by Chicago in 1992. ... Fashion advisory: Rodman switched his hair color to blond this week. ... The playoff game was the Bulls' first on the road. They went 33-8 on the road during the regular season.

Houston's Drexler uncertain for Game 4

HOUSTON (AP) — Clyde Drexler had neck spasms during practice Wednesday, and there is a chance the Houston Rockets guard might not play Thursday night against the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 4 of their playoff series.

Dr. Bruce Mosley said Drexler's neck was stiff when he awakened Wednesday and worsened during practice.

"At practice today, it really went into a bad spasm," Mosley told KRIV-TV. "What we're hop-

ing is that he makes a really good turnaround during the next 24 hours and will be ready to play. But that's something we'll have to decide (Thursday)."

Drexler missed 30 games during the season because of an injured right knee, that required arthroscopic surgery. He sat out the regular-season finale April 21 with a swollen right knee.

The Rockets lead the Lakers 2-1 in the best-of-5 first-round series.

Knicks hang on in 4th to eliminate Cavaliers

NEW YORK (AP) — Three quarters of good basketball were barely enough to give the New York Knicks a 30 sweep.

The Knicks survived a terrible fourth quarter after celebrating a bit too early and swept their best-of-5 series from the Cleveland Cavaliers with an 81-76 victory Wednesday night.

Starks had 22 points and Ewing added 16 points and 10 rebounds but went just 6-for-14 from the free-throw line. The Knicks, who scored only 13 points in the fourth quarter, won despite having 21 turnovers and shooting 20-for-37 from the line.

Terrill Brandon had 19 points and Dan Majerle 16 for the Cavaliers, but both missed crucial shots in the final 30 seconds.

New York opens the second round of the playoffs Sunday against the Chicago Bulls.

"Tonight we sort of exhaled, we played the game to get the game over with, and we didn't lose them out," Knicks guard Derek Harper said.

"In order to beat Chicago, we're going to have to play very consistent basketball for 48 minutes, but I do like the way we held together and made big shots down the stretch."

The premiere celebrating started late in the third quarter when the Knicks led by 13. When Terrill Brandon was called for his fifth foul with one minute left in the period, John Starks started grinning and waving five fingers in the face of Cavs coach Mike Fratello.

"I appreciate John trying to help me out; telling me that my point guard had five fouls. That was very considerate on his part," Fratello said sarcastically. After that incident, Fratello's team came back.

The Knicks, who opened a 19-point lead in the second quarter, and seemed to be cruising in the third, went scoreless for more than five minutes in the final period and fell into a 70-70 tie with 4:51 left.

"We were up against a very desperate team trying to get back in the game," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said.

Starks made his fifth 3-pointer of the game and 14th of the series with 3:22 left to build the lead back to five, and Cleveland never got closer than two down the stretch — even though Patrick Ewing missed five of six free throws in the final 2:04.

Tyrone Hill scored on a putback with 49 seconds left to draw Cleveland within two, 73-76, and Anthony Mason answered with a post-up hook with 35 seconds remaining.

Brandon missed a 3-point attempt and Ewing rebounded and was fouled, but he missed both shots with 24 seconds left. Majerle then tried a running left-hander that missed, and Starks picked up the loose ball. He was fouled and made one of two from the line for the final margin.

It was New York's first playoff sweep since 1989 against Philadelphia. The Cavs were swept in a playoff series for the third time in four years.

By halftime, it seemed as though the Knicks would advance to the next round without even enduring a tense moment. Hubert Davis had eight points in a 16-3 run that gave New York a 44-25 lead, and Starks hit a twisting 3-pointer from halfcourt as the buzzer for a 50-32 lead at intermission.

Notes: Cleveland had only 32 points in the first half, four more than the NBA playoff record-low of 28 by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1974 against Milwaukee. ... The Cavaliers had no fastbreak points despite New York's 21 turnovers. ... With Wednesday's victory by the Knicks, fifth-seeded teams have defeated fourth-seeded teams 16 times in 25 series. ... Denny Ferry missed his first eight shots and finished 3-for-12, including 0-for-4 on 3-pointers. He was 1-for-16 from behind the arc in the series. Cleveland shot just 37 percent.

Portland evens score with Jazz win

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Rod Strickland and Arvydas Sabonis provided the offense Wednesday night as the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Utah Jazz 98-90 to even their first-round playoff series 2-2.

Strickland had 27 points, seven assists and six rebounds as Portland won its second straight at home to force a deciding Game 5 Sunday in Salt Lake City. Sabonis scored 25, hit all three of his 3-point attempts and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Portland took the lead for good in the first six minutes, led by as many as 17 in the second quarter, and was up by 21 in the third.

With stars Karl Malone and John Stockton suffering through horrible shooting nights, the Jazz got no closer than eight in the second half.

Strickland capped the victory by sinking two 3-pointers late in the fourth quarter. His first, with 5:13 to play, put the Blazers up 89-75. His second, with 2:40 to go, made it 92-77.

Jeff Hornacek was the only consistent offensive threat for Utah, scoring 30 points, including 4-for-4 from 3-point range. Malone was 4-for-16 from the field and 7-for-12 at the foul line for 15 points, 17.7 below his series average. Stockton had 11 points and 11 assists, and was just 3-for-13 from the field.

Clifford Robinson scored 15 points for the Blazers despite foul trouble.

Leading 54-40 at halftime, the Blazers outscored Utah 9-2 at the start of the third quarter to make it 63-42 with 9:33 left in the period.

The Jazz scored the next 12 points, with Hornacek and David Benoit both hitting 3-pointers, to cut the lead to 63-54.

Stockton's layup to start the fourth quarter made it 74-66, but the Blazers used a one-two Robin-

son punch to regain momentum.

Cliff Robinson's driving layup and Clifford Robinson's three-point play on a foul by Malone boosted the lead back to 79-66.

The Jazz couldn't stop Sabonis in the first half. The 31-year-old rookie from Lithuania was 5-for-5 from the field, including two 3-pointers, and 6-for-7 from the foul line for 18 points and six rebounds in 17 minutes.

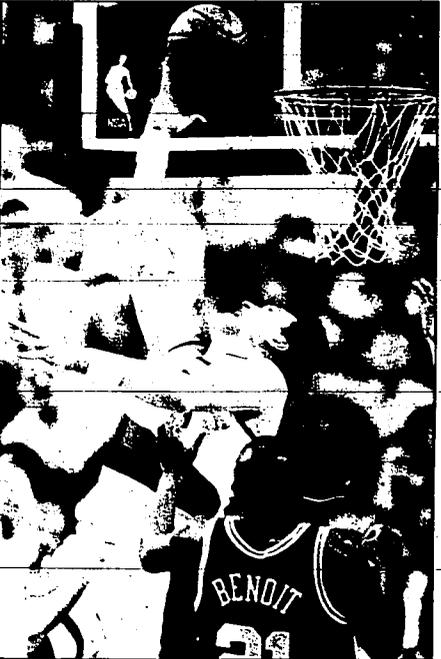
Utah's three centers amassed nine fouls in the first two quarters trying to stop him.

Portland, shooting 39 percent from the field in the first three games of the series, made 14 of its first 18 shots before cooling off to 48.5 percent for the game.

Utah closed to within six but the Blazers put together a 17-0 run to grab a 92-83 lead. Strickland's spinning inside move 2:19 before halftime.

Malone was 0-for-5 from the field in the second half. He was frustrated early, unable to get his accurate foul calls on his inside moves. After getting the only foul called against his defender in the first half, he drew a technical foul for saying something to referee Joe Forte.

Notes: Portland has led entering the fourth quarter of all four games in the series. Sabonis has become the darling of Portland fans. One big banner read "Feed Us Arvydas." Another said "He's not my vydas. He's not your vydas: He's our vydas." Sabonis was presented his European player of the year award for 1995 at halftime. Portland is 9-1 at home against Utah in the playoffs but 2-7 on the road. Twice in the first half, Portland rebounders accidentally knocked the ball in Utah's basket. Malone was 17-for-46 shooting in his two games in the Rose Garden.



Portland Trail Blazers center Arvydas Sabonis scores while Utah's David Benoit watches during their NBA playoff game in Portland Wednesday.

Briefly in sports

Thompson loses Iverson to draft

WASHINGTON — John Thompson doesn't like losing, and he doesn't take it well. On Wednesday, he reluctantly lost Allen Iverson to the NBA, and all the coach could do was wish his player well and take a few potshots at the NCAA.

Citing personal and financial reasons, Iverson became the first player in Thompson's 24 years at Georgetown to leave as a senior for the pros. One of the last major pillars of the four-year student athlete has finally crumbled in the wave of the leave-school-early '90s.

"I don't blame anybody but us," Thompson said. "We have the most antiquated set of rules. They're almost prehistoric based on the times. If we don't look at it very clearly, there won't be one halfway sensible reason why kids will stay in school."

Perot, McDavid group buys Mavericks

DALLAS — Sixteen years to the day after a franchise agreement was signed that brought the Mavericks and the NBA to Dallas, the team got its second owner.

A group of investors led by land developer Ross Perot Jr. and auto dealer David McDavid purchased a 67 percent interest in the team Wednesday from Donald Carter, who paid \$12 million for the NBA franchise in 1980. Carter and some limited partners will own 31 percent of the team, said Norm Sonju, who was retained as general manager.

Prep star may enter NBA draft

COLUMBIA, S.C. — High school basketball star Jermaine O'Neal

may follow fellow high school star and friend Kobe Bryant straight from high school to the NBA draft, O'Neal's coach said Wednesday.

"I think it's a 50-50 decision now," said Claire High School coach George Glymph said. "He hasn't decided one way or the other yet, but he is considering the draft." O'Neal is one of the most highly recruited players in South Carolina history.

Russians beat Italians in hockey

VIENNA, Austria — Russia defeated Italy 5-2 and the Czech Republic beat Germany 6-1 Wednesday to advance to the semifinals of the World Ice Hockey Championships.

The Russian victory sets up a semifinal Friday with Canada that is widely expected to produce the winner of this 60th annual championship. The Czechs play the United States in the other semifinal with the finals set for Sunday. World champions a record 22 times, Russia toyed with an Italian team sporting 14 naturalized North Americans — mostly Canadians — and coached by Canadian Bryan Leffley.

Police arrest man in linebacker murder

MIAMI — A phone tip led to the arrest of a 24-year-old man in the murders last month of Miami reserve linebacker Martin Barnes and friend Timwanika Lumpkins in a campus apartment.

The 22-year-old student was beaten to death with a shotgun by 24-year-old Leland Detharw Detharw, Lumpkins' former boyfriend and the father of her 3-year-old daughter, police said Wednesday.

Compiled from wire reports

your Sports

Soccer-association participates in tourney

POCATELLO—Approximately 160 players from the Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association recently participated in the regionally IVSA-sanctioned Portneuf spring Soccer Classic tournament. There were 124 teams competing from Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

The 10 teams from the Magic Valley represented the community well. The developmental U-12 boys' team trained, coached by Wayne Gibson advanced to the championship game before being eliminated by a strong Wyoming team.

Matthew McFarland, Morningside School, was named the most valuable player of the tournament. The U-12 boys' Terror team tied Boise Alliance 1-1 before beating SLC Firebirds 2-1 and PVSC Lightning 7-1. The Terror then lost to Rock Sp Avengers 2-3. Matt McFarland scored seven of the goals and B. Kester scored two.

The U-14 boys' Flames of Fury played three games, beating PVSC Annihilators 6-0 and Rock Sp Avengers 5-0. The Flames lost to Helena Arsenal 1-5. Six goals were scored by L. Walker, three by K. McLannan, two by D. Vanhounhoven and one by T. Stone.

B. Welch and Andy Xoumanivong. The U-14 boys' Impulse played three games, losing twice and winning once. The Impulse beat PVSC Apollo 3-1 and lost to Nampa Yellowjackets 1-8 and Ellis Therapy 1-7. G. Midwest scored four of the Impulse's goals and D. Remaley got the last one.

The U-16 boys' Storm beat Nampa Yellowjackets 4-1 and lost to PVSC Stars 0-2 and Am. Futbol Club 1-5. N. Collins led the team with two goals. B. Adrian, C. Tindall and M. Jones each added one.

The U-16 girls' Hornets won two games and lost one, beating Helena Arsenal 5-1 and PVSC Milan 2-0 and losing to Blackfoot Blacksnake 0-5. Goals were scored by N. Cranga (2), E. Surber and J. Peraza (4).

The U-16 girls' Rage came away with two wins and a loss. After tying PVSC La Brea 2-2 and Capital Select 0-0, the Rage won on a penalty kick. The loss was to Boise Select 1-2. Goals were scored by Brandi Wilcox and Katie Danas (2).

The U-19 girls' Magic were shutout in all three games, losing to Helena 0-5, tying Blackfoot Blacksnake 0-0 and losing to PVSC Stars 0-4.



Flames of Fury soccer team, standing: Darrin Vanhounhoven, Tomas Stone, Lucas 'Sky' Walker, John Topete, Andy Xoumanivong, Kneeling: D.J. Stone, Jake Skeem, Ben Mueller and Billie Humphries. Sitting: Danny Welch, Kelsey McLannan, Casey Tindall, Joel Brown and Greg Gabica.

Let us know

Do you know of a local sporting event that ought to be in the paper? Tell us about it! Call Karen Bauman at The Times-News, 733-8311 or drop it by our office at 132 3rd St. W. Copy also can be mailed to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303-0548 or FAXed to 734-6538. Photographs are encouraged. Please include: □ First and last names, and hometowns for people mentioned. □ Date and place of the event. □ Scores or places won for the participants. □ A name and phone number for more information.



Starting young

In its first season of club soccer, the Mini-Casla girls' 17-and-under team has yet to win a game, but is developing players for high school teams at Minico and Burley. Team members include: Angelene Barnes, Michael Billings, Elsie Chisholm, Emily Coats, Melissa Handy, Montana Herr, Amy McFarland, Marie Michaelson, Jamie Monga, Nicole Rutschka, Jillian Terry, Toni Sundeland, Maria Gustavson, Brooks Thornton, Lori Gillett, Chantille Gibby and coach Russ Terry and Phil Gilley.



The BK softball team members are, back row (left to right): Mel Gurmman, Juan Castaneda, John Culley, Fidel Ruiz, Travis Casper, Jo Sanchez, Shane Talbot and Erick Aldridge; front row, Mario Marin, Max Castaneda, Virgil Wageman and Joe Fitzgerald. Not pictured are Elias Langoria, Chuck Tolbert and Bob Fisse.

Burley team earns 3rd in Hagerman

HAGERMAN—The BK softball team from Burley finished third in the lower-division bracket at the Breaker Tournament in Hagerman April 19-21. The team from Nampa won the upper division competition, beating sec-

ond-place First Commercial of Buhl and The Mint Bar from the lower-division was captured by Rose Plumbing of Nampa; followed by M and S Builders of Salt Lake City.

Local gymnasts win honors in Oklahoma, Oregon

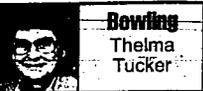
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Anthony Nelson, Stephen Coombs, 13, Burley, and Rayna Jones, 15, Paul, all of Sage Gymnastics competed in the first World Age Group Ranking Competition April 27. This was the first of three competitions to rank athletes for selection to the national team that will represent the USA Trampoline and Tumbling at the World Age Group

Gymnastics team recently competed at the USA regional meet in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii and Montana to compete. Two members of the Sage team placed in the top three on an event. Brenda Gladfelter took first on vault to become the regional vault champion and Brinley Van Wagner placed second on beam. Members on the Level 8 team also include Christina Brown, Karl Brown, Tiffany Billington and Amber Egbert.

Games in Canada this August. The top six in each category receive points. Points at the three competitions will be added together to select the top two in each area. Anthony placed sixth on trampoline in Oklahoma. The team, with the addition of J.J. Shawyer, will travel to Cincinnati at the end of July for the Phoenix, Ariz. in July for the other two competitions. USA regional meet EUGENE, Ore. — Sage's Level 8

Drama teacher wins State Division II title

Sherry Strueck, a drama teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School, is another one of those outstanding first-year bowlers. She is the type of gal who maybe went bowling two or three times a year before joining the Sunday Early Mixed League at the Bowldrome last fall.



Thelma Tucker

Some of the women on the league twisted her arm into committing to bowling the Women's State Tournament. As a first year bowler, she was like the rest of us at that time, scared about it, and wondering what she was getting into.

Her entering average was 107. In the Singles Event she rolled 220, 151 and 144 for a 515 series. I might insert here that she proudly informed me her current average is 120. Adding her handicap to the 515 series, she had 793, putting her in first place in Division II. She held onto the lead for the final three weekends of the tournament.

Congrats, Sherry, you are one terrific person and deserve to win. Comments from her league members went like this: asset - friendly - outgoing - terrific - doesn't know a stranger - an example for all beginning bowlers.

been a total flop. A sincere thanks from all the bowlers who participated in a highly successful tournament. Last week you read about some new bowlers on the City Mixed League who were up for the championship. At the end of the three game roll off the two teams were still tied. Following another full game, to hopefully break the tie, Mom and the Family took the championship. "The Kids" did it. Congratulations Nicole, Grant, Chad and Leslie.

The team known as the "No Names" starring Gene Shaff, Helen Reed, Vera Smith and Rich Farnsworth took the championship on the Magic Valley Senior League. Second place went to Double Pinocchio made up of Mel Marsh, Freda Ross, Dorothy and Chet Nenzel.

The Port of Hope was presented a check for \$96 at the fund raising check doubles held April 20 at the Bowldrome. Eddie Chappell and Vicki Kiesig placed first with 1,914. Gary Tucker and Leslie Wheeler were second at 1,828 and with 1,782. Jim Baker and Teresa Culver finished third.

The Tuesday A.M. Trio ended its season with three teams tying for the championship. The P.P.T.'s were successful in the roll off. Team members are Peggy Mowry, Julia Samples and Peggy Newbury. Second place went to the Screw Ups, Leslie Marcellus, Carol Clark and Nancy Bond. The Pin Ups, Gayle Harrell, Farla Schiemmer and Corn Le Detweiler, took the third place spot.

ODDS AND ENDS: Steve Studer, Rupert, bowled a 267 triplicate score. Becky Scott, Jerome, picked the 4-10 split. Pam Bartlett, Y-Dell Bowl, on the M.V. Travel League picked the 4-6-10. And Dan Adams, Twin Falls, the 6-7. Brian McGregor likes bowling in the dark. At Moonlite Bowling at Sunset Bowl, Buhl, he rolled 230, 247, 226 for a 703 series.

The Filer Women's Bowling Association will hold its annual spring meeting and election of officers at 7 p.m. on May 16 at Cedar Lanes. Your association ideas come from those who attend and let their officers know they care. Filer gals, your association officers request your attendance and ideas. Awards will be presented to the winners in the Filer City Women's Tournament following the meeting.

Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. You can contact her at 733-4357.

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Your scores and stats

Bowling

League scores

Here are the scores for the week from the Twin Falls Bowling Center. The scores are for the week ending April 27.

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Softball

Church League

Following are the standings for the Church League.

St. Paul	1
St. Peter	2
St. John	3
St. Mary	4
St. Michael	5
St. Raphael	6
St. Thome	7
St. Vincent	8
St. Xavier	9
St. Elizabeth	10

Gymnastics

Sage results

Top Gymnasts in the State were:

1. Anthony Nelson	2. Stephen Coombs	3. Rayna Jones
4. Anthony Nelson	5. Stephen Coombs	6. Rayna Jones
7. Anthony Nelson	8. Stephen Coombs	9. Rayna Jones
10. Anthony Nelson	11. Stephen Coombs	12. Rayna Jones

Magic Valley

City's flaws draw dreamer's cures

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With quick marker strokes and a stiff time limit, seven business people huddled over a large map and transformed the face of Twin Falls. Their green marker reserved Rock Creek and Snake River canyons for public recreation; the blue one scattered three new schools around the city's perimeter and expanded the College of Southern Idaho.

The red added residential areas in northeast and northwest Twin Falls and transplanted the heart of the city's manufacturing.

The seven team members, and a roomful of other alumni of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's leadership courses, met Wednesday for an exercise in creating the future.

Armed with maps and markers, the half-dozen, sand-drafted their Twin Falls of 2020 - a mixture of whimsy and realism.

The team of seven cheerfully annexed Kimberly and a healthy chunk of Jerome

County. It turned Fillmore and Locust streets into a pair of one-ways and built a new bridge across the Snake River.

First American Title's Mary Lou Panatopoulos argued for a language institute at CSI and a citywide bus system. A new golf course in northeast Twin Falls became the namesake of her colleague Dwight Sandmark.

A Coldwell Banker-Western Realty representative was less fortunate in his namesake - the "Shey Patterson Memorial Wastewater Treatment Plant," to serve the south end of town.

One team installed tourist signs in English, Spanish and Japanese; crisscrossed commercial zones from Blue Lakes Boulevard; and blithely moved all houses off the Snake River Canyon rim.

Other teams drew a belt route around the city, built a regional airport north of the Perrine Bridge or designated a "bomb-free" residential zone.

Midge Fisher, of Silver Sage Girl Scouts, argued for a bomb shelter on Quincy Street - or a husband who would move her to the northeast part of town.

Exec touts city's lifestyle

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Community and quality of life - not free buildings, cheap power or tax cuts - are the real magnets for new businesses, says Bob Seastrom.

When business owners move, they relocate themselves and their lives, not just their businesses, Seastrom told a group of Twin Falls business and civic leaders who gathered Wednesday to mull the city's future. So such things as schools, recreation and "a sense of community" are weighty concerns, he said.

Seastrom's precision-parts firm, Seastrom Manufacturing Co., completed its own move from Southern California to Twin Falls a little more than a year ago.

In February 1995, shortly after Boise-based Micron Technology Inc. and its

several thousand jobs abandoned suitors in Twin Falls, Seastrom told *Times-News* he had offered to help the city attract small- to mid-sized manufacturers.

Since then, a number of people affiliated with Seastrom's 98-employee company have assumed leadership of civic projects.

"We plan to be here a long time," Seastrom said Wednesday. His own specially skilled employees are drawn from around the country; a just-hired plant manager was attracted from out of state by the local lifestyle, he said.

"Maybe Twin Falls doesn't give itself enough credit," he said.

Attracting and accommodating behemoth business may not be an enviable ability, so keep vigilance watch on business recruitment methods, he said. "We have to go for the common good of the community."

Around the valley

Haily man arrested for California murder

HAILY - After a long search, a man who has lived in Idaho's Wood River Valley the past five years has been arrested on a charge that he killed his wife in California nine years ago.

Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling said Damian Mamerto, 34, faces charges in the death of Lisa Lopez, who was slain on April 11, 1987, at Wasco, Calif.

The sheriff said he received information from California that Mamerto, who has used the alias Angel Lopez, was in the area. A confidential informant overheard the man talking about the murder and reported it to the sheriff's office.

"We've tracked him here for at least five years," Femling said. Mamerto has been working for several landscaping companies and worked as a shepherd.

"As we kept getting information (from California authorities) we kept getting closer. A son near his left eye and his birth date were the clues," the sheriff said.

The sheriff said Mamerto admitted the killing. Mamerto is in the Blaine County Jail, awaiting extradition to California.

School officials investigating allegations against coach

TWIN FALLS - School officials are wrapping up their investigation into allegations by a group of parents against Dan Creek baseball coach of Twin Falls High School.

Terrell Donicht, the superintendent of Twin Falls School District, said district officials will submit a report of their findings to him within the next several days. Donicht said he will probably present the report to the School Board in closed-door executive session at its May 14 meeting, and the board will decide whether to take any action against Creek.

Parents claim that during a recent drill, Creek threw baseballs at his players who were ordered to stand in one place without flinching. A high school baseball coach in Rupert said such drills are standard practice. Parents declined to comment about other complaints.

Donicht said he will make part of the investigation available for public view following the executive session.

Can of ammonia explodes, neighbors think it's a bomb

TWIN FALLS - A loud explosion Tuesday night may have sounded like another bomb on the residential streets, but police discovered it was probably little more than a can of ammonia that popped its lid.

The can apparently spontaneously ignited, shooting off its lid but not causing any other physical damage, said Sergeant Jim Mann of the Twin Falls Police Department. Mann said the exact contents of the can remain unknown, but high pressure within the can probably caused the explosion.

Firefighters were called out because the explosion was initially reported as having sparked a shed fire. Police cordoned off the 200 block of Van Buren Street as curious residents walked out of their homes. The "fire" was reported at 227 Van Buren Street at 9:43 p.m.

Two bombs have exploded nearby in the past four months - one on Adams Street, and an alley between Adams and Washington streets. Both bombs were planted near the home of 27-year-old roofer Steve Thompson.

Murderer, other parole hopefuls, seek freedom

BOISE - A former Hazelton man who bludgeoned an elderly neighbor to death 12 years ago is seeking parole from prison.

Cory Sellers, 30, struck Faye Ostler, 67, at least 15 times with a baseball bat in her Hazelton home when he was 17, according to authorities. Sellers testified he was intoxicated and killed her over a "disagreement" on May 24, 1984.

Sellers is expected to argue for his release before the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole at the Idaho State Correctional Institution in Boise in July.

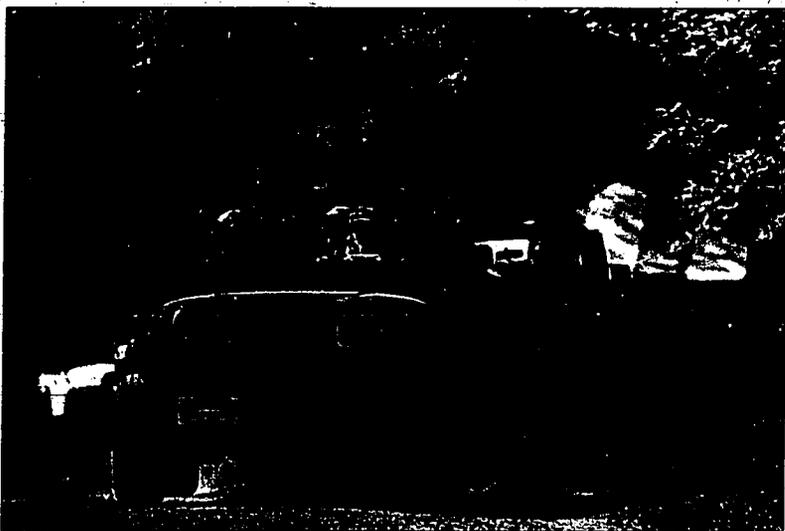
Sellers was originally charged with first-degree murder, but he struck a plea bargain and pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. Sellers was sentenced to "life," or at least 30 years in prison, which makes him eligible for parole after 10 years.

Others due for parole hearings include Joe Hostetter, charged with child injury in Twin Falls in 1992. Troy Don Tinsley, convicted of child injury in Burley in December of 1995, and Thomas Walsh, convicted of armed robbery in Twin Falls in 1988, according to the commission agenda.

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Old Towne Parkway up for adoption

By Jenny Emery
Times-News writer



Robbin Seastrom leads a caravan of jeeps during a tour of Old Towne Parkway, a section of Rock Creek Canyon that is undergoing restoration and beautification efforts.

TWIN FALLS - Members of the Rock Creek Brigade wood business, schools and civic groups Wednesday evening, hoping to summon their help with the restoration of the Old Towne Parkway. The Parkway is located in Rock Creek Canyon, south of Addison Avenue West, and branches off from the Old Towne warehouse district.

The bi-invitation-only gathering kicked off the nonprofit brigade's "Adopt-a-Park" program, in which participants can adopt a one-tenth mile tract of the Parkway for three years. Brigade hosts treated attendees to hors d'oeuvres and a guided jeep tour while describing plans for a rustic, natural community recreation area.

Program coordinator Robin Seastrom said participants will be responsible for caring for their adopted section by cleaning up litter, planting native trees and flowers and watching for vandals. They are also asked to donate \$500 to help pay for plants and picnic facilities.

The Parkway provides a home for wild rose bushes, weeping willow and deer. Presently, it also harbors miscellaneous metal pieces and concrete chunks from the canyon's days as the city dump.

Hundreds of volunteers and some heavy machinery already have helped the Brigade's efforts for over a year by removing garbage, trimming trees and painting over graffiti.

Young actors bring theater to shrubbery

"Immortality is not a gift. Immortality is an achievement."
- Edgar Lee Masters

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Hemmed between a weeping Norwegian and potted shrub, Jennifer Talley tells the story of a dead atheist.

It's a tale from the crypt - words of redemption from a character without a ghost of chance, spoken as fountains gurgle and wind chimes sing under the dome of Kimberly Nurseries.

"These are characters who have been cut off from the world for a long time, who don't know what's happened since they died," said Howard Miller, the Twin Falls High School drama teacher and director of "Spoon River Anthology."

"What better place to tell the story of a graveyard than in a greenhouse?"

Talley and 35 other Twin Falls High School students will relate Edgar Lee Masters' saga about the secrets of a small town told by spirits who don't live there anymore. But unlike most plays, the actors will stand, and the audience will come to them.

"It's an ideal approach for this play in this setting," Miller said. "It's just a lot of heavy lifting."

Jeff Robinson will supply the scenery.

"He's the guy who has to move the plants," Miller said of Kimberly Nurseries' retail manager. "There's a lot of heavy lifting."

This is the second time that Kimberly Nurseries has opened its sliding doors to a high school play. TFHS performed William Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" here two years ago.

"That time we seated the audience on a platform," Miller said. "This time,

For more information

The Twin Falls High School Drama Department will present Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology" tonight, Friday and Saturday at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E.

Curtain time will be 7 to 8 p.m. Guests will be escorted through the play in small groups. Wheelchairs are available for playgoers who need them.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students with activity cards, or \$10 for family passes that admit up to six people. They're available at Kimberly Nurseries, Everybody's Business, The Little Red Hen or from any cast member, or at the door.

For more information, call Howard Miller at 733-6551 or 420-5912.

they have to walk around."

In groups of threes and fours, playgoers will wander the greenhouse's meandering sidewalk, stopping every 20 feet or so to hear a sorry soliloquy from a different specter.

"It's a very different experience for these kids," Miller said. "Normally, an actor stands on a stage and plays a role. Here they're talking to an audience one-on-one."

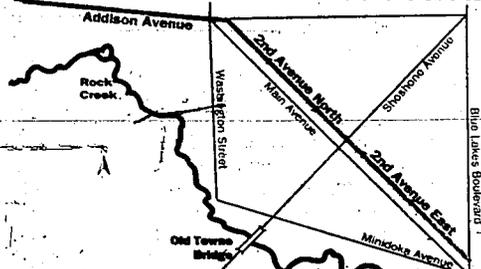
Depending on how many people show up, Miller figures his students will have to repeat their lines a couple of dozen times a night.

"We encourage them to be creative in the way they approach this," he said. "But it's still the same lines."

"Spoon River" is a staple of American drama, but usually it involves five or six actors speaking different parts from the stage, Miller said. He said he's never heard of moveable theater before - at least the kind where the audience goes to the actors.

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Under construction



DANA JOHNSON/The Times-News

Workers busy improving Twin Falls streets

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Drivers can expect to dodge construction barrels on Addison Avenue West today and Friday, but all lanes of Second Avenue North and East should be reopened today, a spokeswoman for the Idaho Transportation Department said.

Crews are lowering water valves and manhole covers on Addison and Second in preparation for a repaving project from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to the intersection of Second Avenue East and Blue Lakes Boulevard, ITD Project Coordinator Connie Jones said.

Beginning today, sections of Addison will be reduced to one lane each way as workers move their preliminary operation from west to east, Jones said. Construction barrels on Second will be relegated to the road-

side until Monday, she said.

Gordon Paving Co. Inc. of Burley will grind off the top inch or so of pavement and replace it with new pavement. Construction of the \$67,000 project will last through May, according to the ITD.

On Monday, grinders will begin to consume 12-foot-wide swaths of Second Avenue pavement, beginning at its southeast end. The north parking lane will be the first to go, Jones said.

Grinding is a noisy process, but water used as a coolant should control dust, she said. As grinding crews move northward, the somewhat roughened lanes will reopen behind them.

Second Avenue should be stripped of its top layer in about three days, and grinding is to start on Addison next Thursday, moving east to west, Jones said. Again, the north lane will be the first swath to fall prey to the grinder, she said.

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Utah officials expect little flooding despite high snowpack

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — State water and reclamation officials do not expect major flooding in northern Utah this year, despite snowpack levels topping nearly 170 percent of normal.

But high temperatures and intense storms from mid-May to mid-June could cause minor flooding along the Jordan River and along the Green and Yampa rivers near Jensen in eastern Utah, said Brian McInerney, service hydrologist for the National Weather Service.

"We'll just have to wait and see at this point," he said. "But I think we'll get by okay."

His forecast came Wednesday at a briefing in the State Office Building for state and local officials on spring flood potential.

The Green River Basin's snowpack level is averaging 111 percent of normal while the its water supply is between 140 percent and 150 percent of normal. Snowpack in the Provo River Basin, which

includes Utah Lake and the Jordan River is averaging 168 percent of normal.

White Utah Lake, a half-fogged above capacity, is spilling into the Jordan River, McInerney said the river is managed carefully enough to prevent flooding.

But intense rainfall, temperatures over 90 degrees for three or four consecutive days, a delayed snow melt or additional snowfall could cause minor flooding, McInerney said.

Temperatures in northern Utah should cool after Thursday to normal or below normal, with showers expected Friday, Monday and the following weekend, said David Toronto, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

Toronto predicts normal temperatures throughout May, but warned the typically volatile month could produce some extremes.

Although flooding is not in the

forecast, Utah should be prepared to handle such emergencies, said Lorayne Frank, Director of the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management.

In 1983, massive flooding throughout the state caused extensive damage, she said.

"I don't think we'll see anything like that again," Frank said.

However, this year's snowpack levels in the Weber and Provo rivers and the Bear River Basin, which is at 156 percent of normal, are higher than they were 13 years ago, said Randy Julander, director of the Snow Survey Office of the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Julander is concerned about potential flooding in the Weber River above Oakley and Farmington Canyon, the Bear River in southern Idaho and the Provo River above Woodland, which has lost seven inches over the past week.

Senate education chairman claims bias against Fox critics

MOSCOW (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Education Committee says supporters of State Sen. Superintendent Anne Fox may have punished her critics by denying their school districts education improvement grants.

Republican Sen. Gary Schroeder of Moscow specifically said his school district was refused a grant under the Goals 2000 program because Superintendent Jack Hill has repeatedly criticized Fox publicly for failing to fight for more support for public education.

Schroeder claimed that when the grant was denied this week to dole out \$225,000 instead of considering anonymous applications as he had earlier requested all the applications were identified by school district.

That lack of anonymity may have played a role in rejecting Moscow's application, he said, because of Hill's criticism of Fox.

"What would the scores have been if no one knew the district?" Schroeder asked. "The applica-



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tions should have been designed so everyone got a fair shake — and they didn't."

He charged that Dani Hansen of Idaho Falls, an ardent Fox supporter and head of Idaho Citizens for Quality Education, gave Moscow a zero on the major portion of its application "but on the districts she liked, she gave in the 40s."

Hansen denied that knowing which application belonged to which district had any impact on her decisions.

She said she believes she gave Moscow an eight or 10 and lost out on a grant because it followed outdated Goals 200 criteria for the application instead of the state's updated strategic plan.

"We had some districts use Goals 2000 and that is probably what happened to Moscow," she said. "It is legitimate to do that because federal legislation says you take Goals 2000 money, review and revise your state plan, then issue local grants that bring local districts up to speed with new state plan."

Moscow officials said they used both the strategic plan for the Department of Education and the board of education to draft their application to bring in a nationally known expert on community building, underwrite school improvement and team trainers and finance print and video equipment.

Hansen contended the project did not address some of the main goals of academic achievement and direct service to students in the state plan.

Hill disagreed and speculated that his recent campaign to form a coalition to promote education in place of Fox was the reason Moscow lost out.

"I would like to think it didn't, but from what Gary said, it probably did," Hill said, but "it probably couldn't be proven."

Whistleblower charges Corps with covering problems

The Associated Press

An environmental specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has filed a "whistleblower" complaint, alleging the agency tried to silence him over environmental problems at a proposed gold mine near Salmon.

Ray Kregel filed the complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor

Tuesday with the assistance of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. That group represents federal and state resource managers involved in the Clean Water Act.

His action triggers an immediate Labor Department investigation.

The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund filed suit in U.S. District Court in Seattle against the proposed Beartrack Mine on the Salmon National Forest,

claiming it failed to mitigate wetlands destruction, hazardous waste spills, increased sedimentation and damage to habitat for endangered salmon. The court directed the government to reassess the mine's effects.

Kregel, who has been with the Corps since 1987, was designated project manager on the Beartrack. He provided his comments as part of the reassessment.

Charges from fatal crash anger motorist

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A motorcyclist accused of leading a Jefferson County sheriff's deputy on a high-speed pursuit that ended in a fatal car crash says he's outraged that he was charged with a felony while the deputy was charged with a misdemeanor.

Casey Lee Hosey, 20, was charged with involuntary manslaughter on Tuesday. Deputy Ken Havlicak was charged with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter in the death of Kent Jeppesen, 19, of Idaho Falls.

"They're trying to hang me for something Havlicak did," Hosey said.

But the deputy's boss says he doesn't agree with the decision to file a criminal charge against the deputy. Jefferson County Sheriff Blair Olsen said if Havlicak is convicted of a misdemeanor, he won't lose his job.

"I know the prosecutor has a job to do," Olsen said. "I don't agree with his decision because I have a hard time with a law enforcement officer who's doing his job being charged with a crime."

On April 1, Havlicak ran a stop sign at a Bonneville County intersection and was traveling at an estimated 55-60 mph when he struck Jeppesen's car, said Prosecutor David Johnson.

The speed was determined by Idaho State Police investigators, who forwarded reports to Johnson last week. Havlicak chased Hosey from Ribby on Highway 20 into Bonneville County, officials said.

Hosey claims he watched a videotape of the pursuit showing that Havlicak flipped off his lights when he reached the Bonneville County line, but it doesn't show the actual crash.

Johnson said the evidence is inconclusive whether Havlicak's lights were on at the time of the crash. He said he couldn't go into details, but he said witnesses near the scene saw the patrol lights on.

Olsen said no videotape exists of the pursuit because Havlicak's camera was not operating. Johnson said he didn't know of any videotape. Bonneville County Sheriff's Sgt. Paul Wilde checked within the department and said he doesn't know of any deputy who watched the tape; if it exists.

Though Havlicak acted with negligence when he ran the stop sign, felony charges were not filed against him because he was involved in a pursuit at the time of the crash, Johnson said.

State law allows officers to run stop signs in pursuit if the intersection is clear. Buildings at the intersection would have blocked Havlicak's view of oncoming traffic, Johnson said.

Hosey was charged with a felony because he was fleeing from officers and his conduct was a cause of the accident, Johnson said.

Hosey maintains he had nothing to do with the crash, and officers couldn't even prove he was trying to flee. Hosey remains in the Jefferson County Jail awaiting trial on a charge of felony eluding.

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Services

Marda C. Keeter, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 11 a.m. today, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Twin Falls, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Rosamond Crawford, of Burley, memorial service, 11:30 a.m. today, First Baptist Church, Burley, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Jean Steube, of Heyburn, memorial service, 2 p.m. today, Payne Mortuary, Burley, Viewing one hour before the service at the funeral chapel.

Margaret Taylor, of Alpine, Wyo., and formerly of Burley, memorial service, 10 a.m. Friday, Alpine Civic Center, Graveside service, 4 p.m. Friday, Pleasant View Cemetery, Burley.

Scott August Nelson, of Gooding, noon Friday, Gooding LDS Church, Viewing 1 to 7 p.m.

Death notices

today, Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Ruel Stayner Jr., of Twin Falls, graveside service, 2 p.m. Friday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Hugh Greene, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Friday, White Mortuary.

Michael L. Paul BURLLEY — Michael Lawrence Paul, 48, of Burley, died Monday, Jan. 22, 1996, at his home from complications of diabetes. A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley, with the Rev. Stephan W. Ross officiating. Military Fites will be under the direction of local veterans. Arrangements are under the direction of the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Clyde Hanes RUPERT — Clyde Hanes, 86, of Rupert, died Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. A private graveside service will be held today at the Rupert Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Twin Falls, Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today and 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

Norbert A. "Henk" Henkelman, of Twin Falls, memorial Mass, 6 p.m. Saturday, St. Edwards Catholic Church, Twin Falls, (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Mortuary in Burley.

Released Bryce Morgan of Burley; Jennifer Miller of Rupert; Alice Peterson of Paul; and Sandra Tippets of Vancouver, Wash.

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

the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Memorials are suggested to the VFW or Friends of Hospice. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

Ketchum

Zilla M. Smith

Zilla May Smith 90, of Boise and formerly of the Wood River Valley, died Wednesday, May 1, 1996 in a Boise care center.

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Zilla loved the outdoors, rock-climbing and gardening. She felt close to her garden than anywhere else on this earth.

Survivors include a niece who was like a daughter to Zilla Jane and her husband, Jim Estlin of California, a daughter-in-law, Ann M. Smith of Boise, grandchildren,

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A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 3, 1996, at the Twin Falls Cemetery, with the Rev. Jon Brown of the First United Methodist Church of Boise officiating. Friends and family may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 1996, at the Alden-Waggoner Chapel in Boise.

Memorials may be made to the Boise Samaritan Village Apartments in care of the Zilla Smith Memorial Fund, 3360 Collier Drive, Boise ID 83703.

Obituaries

Buhl

Lillie G. Meissner

Lillie G. Meissner, 91, of Buhl, died Tuesday April 30, 1996, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl.

She was born July 30, 1904, in Maywood, Neb., the daughter of Frank and Molly Haynes Rupert. She married Frank Meissner on March 22, 1921, and they farmed in Nebraska until moving to Idaho in 1937. Her husband, Frank, died in 1961. She worked at numerous jobs, retiring about 1975.

She was a member of the WWI Auxiliary and the DAV auxiliary. She enjoyed dancing—tango, and was able to bowl until 1993.

She is survived by a son, Ray Meissner, and a daughter, Dolly Larragan, both of Buhl; three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three brothers. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank; two brothers, a daughter, Edna Mae, and two grandsons.

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Candidates speak in Jerome

By Rob Lundgren
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Well over 100 people listened to candidates talk about drugs, jails and taxes Wednesday evening in a "meet the candidates" prelude to the May 28 primary.

The all-Republican contingent represented hopefuls in the county sheriff, prosecuting attorney, and District 1 and 2 county commissioner races. No Democrats filed in any of the four races.

George W. Silver III, Wayne Childers and Jim Weaver are vying for the Jerome County sheriff position. Silver now holds. Each had a different solution to Jerome's crowded jail.

Silver said a conversion of available space in the basement of the courthouse would solve an immediate need but would only be a Band-aid to a growing problem. He advocates building a jail large enough to handle projected growth.

Childers said the county needs a new jail, but he doesn't want to burden the taxpayer with a bond issue. He advocates the construc-

tion of a minimum security facility similar to one in Blaine County, which does not require expensive amenities and security features.

Weaver said a new jail is out of the question given the cost to the taxpayers.

He said he would use alternatives such as electronic surveillance and ankle monitors, or doubling-up inmates in cells. He also cited release programs with weekend assignments as an option.

The issue of drugs has again taken center stage with prosecuting attorney candidates Loren Bingham, John Lothspetch and John Meienhofer.

Bingham said he is against the legalization of any drugs, and advocates the vigorous prosecution of drug dealers. He said marijuana is a stepping stone to other drugs and should not be legalized.

Lothspetch said, "Anyone who wants to bring (marijuana) into the county doesn't belong here." Marijuana is classified as a hallucinogenic and needs to be controlled just like other substances,

he said.

Meienhofer agreed that no drugs should be legalized, but concessions may need to be considered because "we're losing the war on drugs," he said.

He prefers money be targeted to fighting other drugs, such as methamphetamine and cocaine, and drug education can help win the war, he said.

The District 2 commissioners race includes incumbent Harriet Weixel and challengers Mike Dahmer and Emmett Brollier. Each had a different response to how Jerome County should cope with a potential loss of 44 percent of its revenue under the One Percent Initiative.

Weixel said she favors reducing taxes but hesitates in giving a resounding yes to the initiative. Some portions of the legislation are unclear in how they will affect the county's budget and will require close scrutiny, she said.

Dahmer said the One Percent Initiative, if needed in Jerome because the city and county are the highest taxed entities in the state.

Priorities within the county could be reorganized to stay within the budget, he said.

Brollier was clear in his position against the initiative.

He said the tax reduction would cut out too much of the services necessary in Jerome. Conservative, common sense can be used to make necessary cuts, he said.

District 1 commissioner John Toolson will face Glenn Elwell in the Republican primary.

Faced with the same question, Elwell said his experience with Proposition 13 in California has turned him off to the purported tax benefits of the One Percent Initiative. It will put an artificial cap on the county's ability to grow, he said.

Toolson seemed less concerned with the county's loss of revenues, citing potential savings in the reallocation formula for school districts with the initiative, and the prospect that Jerome County will realize a sizeable savings if the Legislature reforms its means of funding community colleges like the College of Southern Idaho.

Briefly

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Community Partnerships sets meeting

WENDELL — Community Partnerships has scheduled a Friday workshop to explain services provided in rural areas for children, teens, adults and seniors with developmental disabilities.

The workshop will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at Wendell High School.

For more information, contact Barbara LaCroix at 536-5721 or 934-8335.

Historic group honors local architect

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Historic Preservation Council will honor a Twin Falls architect as a "steadfast advocate for historic preservation."

As past chairman of the Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, architect Russ Lively worked on Oregon Trail and Chinese mining-camp projects; a register of local historical buildings; and national recognition for six local sites. Lively will receive the state council's "Friend of Preservation" Orchid Award, given to nonprofit preservationists.

Lively will be honored at a banquet Saturday on the Albemton College of Idaho campus in Caldwell. A social begins at 6 p.m., a dinner at 7:30 p.m., and an awards ceremony at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

For more information, call Susan Emerson at 386-9124.

Jerome Habitat for Humanity to build

JEROME — Habitat for Humanity is kicking off its drive to build a home in Jerome with a planning meeting today.

The Magic Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity has donated \$20,000 toward the targeted summer project, leaving \$20,000 to be raised by the Jerome Chapter, according to committee chairperson Colleen Crutcher.

Persons interested in getting involved with the group are encouraged to attend the 7:00 p.m. meeting at the St. Jerome Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E.

For more information, contact Diane Holley at 324-3437.

Compiled from wire reports

Planning and zoning meets

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city planning and zoning board has recommended denial of a request to convert the residence at 2013 Addison Ave. E. to a professional office, after a number of neighbors opposed the plan.

Planning and Zoning Administrator LaMar Orton said.

The planned widening of Addison will make the location less desirable for a single-family home, David Houser said in his rezoning application.

But the board turned down Houser's request by a 5-2 vote. Orton said. The City Council will hear the case in June.

In other planning and zoning action Tuesday:

- Elizabeth Lammers received a thumbs-up to operate a wood-crafting business in a home at 250 Fler Ave. In a public hearing, several neighbors expressed concern about parking and ticks, but Lammers said she anticipates almost no added traffic as her customers seek ticks in her operation, Orton said.
- Richard Frey's application to operate a beauty salon in a home at 2102 Falls Ave. E. was approved.
- Two restaurants — the Lptown Bistro, at 117 Main Ave. E., and Garibaldi's, at 1118 Blue Lakes Blvd. — received permits to serve liquor by the drink.
- Preliminary plats were approved for the North Pointe Ranch Subdivision, north of North College Road, and the Green Tree Estate West Subdivision, north of the 2300 block of Elizabeth Boulevard.
- A public hearing is set May 14 on Sawtooth Construction's rezoning, request to build a retirement center on Locust Street, North, between Lawndale and Evergreen drives.

Tribal beat



Painted Horse Drummers from left to right: Reggle Sope, Mindi Howard and Ted Howard of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes open the annual Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism Wednesday with tribal song. Tribal members came from the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on the Idaho-Nevada border. This is the first year they have participated in the three-day conference. Tourism is a big part of life in Duck Valley. Conference-goers discuss trends in tourism and the industry as a whole throughout the state.

3 teens held in 2-day crime spree

REPUBLIC, Wash. (AP) — A 16-year-old boy and two 13-year-olds were being held Wednesday after a two-day crime spree that included a pair of burglaries, an auto theft, an assault and an attempted abduction, authorities said.

Multiple counts of assault, felony eluding and burglary were expected to be filed Thursday against each of the three Inchelium boys, Ferry County Prosecutor Allen

Nielson said.

Christopher Banning, 16, Charley Lane, 13, and Harry Tony Williams, 13, were each being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail in the Okanogan County juvenile detention center, Nielson said. Arraignments were scheduled next Tuesday in Ferry County Superior Court.

The string of crimes on the Colville Indian Reservation began Sunday with break-ins and vandal-

ism at the Inchelium school and a home, followed by the theft of a pickup at another home, tribal police chief Jay Goss said.

The owner of the pickup reported that the thieves fired a gunshot at her as they left in the vehicle, Goss said. No one was hurt.

A tribal wildlife officer chased the pickup shortly after the theft but lost track of it after shots were fired from the vehicle, he said.

Play

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"We'll keep them coming in small groups," Miller said. "If somebody wants to go back and hear a particular character again, that's fine. If somebody wants to take a break and get an espresso, that's fine too.

At 9:30 or so, we'll just tell everybody who's left that it's time to go home."

"Spoon River" transforms the greenhouse every night after it closes for business: Each actor stands of a patch of turf next to a foam-rubber headstone that he engraved himself.

"It's a lot of extra work for Kimberly Nurseries during a time of year when they're already busy," Miller said.

"But it's great setting. I hope they'll invite us back every year."

Besides Talley, cast members are Nancy Valle, Britteni Sojka, David Dabistanti, Rickie Palmer, Mike Nichols, Matt Nichols, Jenny Davis, Kip James, Meghan Evertson, Phillip Valenta, Laura White, Kayti Robbins, Jennifer Miller, Mercedes Opheim, Nicole Jacobson, Gregory Orton, Jaime

Worthington, Stormy Edwards, Amber Hampshire, Wendy Rae St. Clair, Rasamy Chanthhachith, Monica Meyers, Mickey Beauregard, Ingunn Aase, Ben Koldewey, Rene Tenney, Teri Watt, Allison Peterson, Ryan Fox, Kristy Jones, Eddie Tavello, Rande Starin, Christine Velasquez, Tiffany Andrews and Jennifer Buttar.

Batt blasts Fish and Game

The Associated Press

reference to the wildlife tax.

And he was highly critical of a letter from Commissioner Keith Carlson of Lewiston urging repeal of the tax.

BOISE — Gov. Phil Batt put members of the Fish and Game Commission on notice Wednesday that he will not be intimidated into taking a back seat to a mobilization of Idaho's wildlife policy.

"The incumbent commissioners seem to indicate that they are the only ones that can set a course for Fish and Game. They don't like being answerable to anyone," Batt said. "That's not so. These offices belong to the people."

The statement seemed to bode ill for Commissioner Wesley Rose of Jerome, whose term expires July 1.

The governor, who seemed to come out on the short end of a confrontation with the commission last year, lashed out at the panel after discovering that the Fish and Game Department had contributed \$225 on Jan. 10 to the opponents of an initiative curbing bear hunting in the state.

"It's totally unacceptable," he said, for the commission to take sides on a political question.

But it was just the most recent action by the commission and department to rankle the governor, who also complained about department employees supporting grizzly bear reintroduction when the state officially opposes it and the department's promotion at a recent Earth Day event of a 2.5 percent to 5 percent tax on recreational equipment and supplies to finance non-game wildlife programs.

"Another very political action, in my opinion, which should not be in their domain," Batt said in

letter from Commissioner Keith Carlson of Lewiston urging repeal of the tax.

And he was highly critical of a letter from Commissioner Keith Carlson of Lewiston urging repeal of the tax.

Although Carlson disputed the governor's interpretation, Batt said it seemed he was being threatened by a mobilization of sportsmen against him if he replaced Rose.

"Those assertions from the incumbents that somehow we have to follow their agenda are absurd," the governor said. "They're threatening to get various organizations after me. That's not proper."

Three weeks after taking office last year, Batt found himself confronted with sportsmen angered by his request that the commissioners offer him their resignations while he determined if they could support the policies — particularly on salmon recovery — he promoted during the campaign.

Batt conceded that his action, as publicly perceived, was premature and ill-conceived. But over the past 16 months, Batt seems to have kept track of incidents and situation to support his dissatisfaction with the commission, topped off by the contribution to the Sportsmen's Heritage Defense Fund and its campaign against the initiative to ban bear baiting, running bears down with bounds and the spring bear hunt.

He declined to say whether that incident assured Rose's replacement. But the governor said lawmakers had told him there would be a fight over confirming Rose's reappointment and then added, "I'm not about to appoint any incumbents who condone some of the actions the board has taken, including this one."

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Boise national forest not keeping up with prescribed burning

BOISE (AP) — Instead of shovels and axes, Boise National Forest fire crews are carrying flame throwers and cans that drizzle burning diesel fuel.

The Forest Service, after a half-century of fighting fires, now is in the business of starting them. It wants to burn away small trees choking the Boise's ponderosa pine forests, inoculating the big trees against raging wild fires that destroy all vegetation.

'We're burning a lot of acres; but we're not doing as much as we need to and want to.'

— Frank Carroll, forest spokesman

ecologist Leon Neuenchwander said. "The question is, what kind of fires will they be." Forest officials fear another

foothills fire. The 1992 blaze near Mountain Home incinerated thousands of acres along the South Fork of the Boise River.

Everyone agrees the Boise National Forest needs to do more prescribed burning. Neuenchwander puts the figure at 30,000 acres — an area the size of the city of Boise — every year for the next 50 years.

The Forest Service, which started setting fires there three years ago, has burned 7,500 acres since then. That includes 3,000 acres this month. It hopes to burn another

3,000 acres this spring and fall. "In the year 2006, the year I retire, I will probably look back and say, I wish we had done more," Neuenchwander said. "It's a pretty sad state of affairs."

Ponderosa pine forests, valuable for their biological diversity as well as their timber, cover more than half the forest's 2.6 million acres. "We're burning a lot of acres, but we're not doing as much as we need to and want to," said Frank Carroll, forest spokesman.

Forest Service officials say their firefighting dollars are shrinking,

while understanding prescribed fire is a new science. "We have to change our way of thinking," said Steve Raddatz, the Boise's fire management officer.

"Since European man arrived here, we've been putting out all the fires we can. Now we're learning that wasn't the best idea."

Natural fires used to burn regularly through the ponderosa pines of the West every dozen years or so. They killed undergrowth, but the ponderosas survived because of thick, fire-resistant bark.

That began to change in the

1940s, when the Forest Service started using lookout towers and planes to spot blazes. By the 1980s, the underbrush started burning in an inferno which killed the huge ponderosas. Prescribed burn usually are set in the spring, after snow melts, but before summer heat arrives. Some are set in the fall.

Most environmentalists agree the ponderosa forests are thick and susceptible to damaging fires. But they suspect the Forest Service and the timber industry are using the problem as an excuse to open areas for logging.

State collections fall below projections

BOISE (AP) — For the first time this year, both income and sales tax collections exceeded monthly expectations in March, and lagging interest earnings and insurance premium tax payments more than offset the gain to curb Idaho's cash surplus.

The monthly economic update from the Division of Financial Management showed total collections in March fell \$900,000 below the projection, reducing the running cash surplus to \$9.4 million with three months left in the state's budget year.

Exceeding the projection eliminates the need for emergency spending adjustments this summer to keep the state in the black.

Analysts said earnings on invested state money fell \$300,000 below the target, a result of the normal volatility that comes with the state's cash accounting system. And premium taxes were \$1.5 million below the estimate, ending an eight-month string of better-than-expected monthly performances. There was no obvious explanation for the development although chief economist Michael Ferguson said the same thing could occur in June.

But while the combined more than offset adequate income and sales tax collections, the fact that both categories produced more cash than pro-

jected provided some optimism about the state meeting its revenue projection for the year that ends June 30. Income taxes account for nearly half of all general revenue and sales taxes make up more than another third.

Personal income tax receipts were \$600,000 higher than the March estimate because of substantially lower refund claims, reversing two months of significant under performance. Payroll withholding payments, which provide over two-thirds of personal income tax collections, were only fractionally below expectations.

And analysts pointed out that while 2.6 percent more refunds have been processed than last year, the amount of money returned to taxpayers is down 5 percent.

That creates the possibility of better-than-expected collections during the final three months of the budget year that could bring receipts in on target. It is the only tax category running behind projections at \$2.5 million.

Sales taxes were \$400,000 more than anticipated in March, the fifth month in the last six they have run ahead to finally overcome a poor performance last summer.

Minnick apologizes for bra trick

BOISE (AP) — Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Walt Minnick has apologized to a Boise woman after finishing in a practical joke in which he pulled a brassiere from her blouse.



Minnick

Minnick was campaigning at a meeting of the Boise Southwest Rotary Club last week when he was asked to join in what was billed as magic trick.

He helped tug on one of two black handkerchiefs that had been pushed down the blouse of a female member of the club, Donna Hiller, volunteered to put the handkerchiefs in her blouse, Rotary officials said. What Hiller and the audience did not know

participate. "Walt had no idea what he was getting into," said his campaign manager, Karen White. Minnick called Hiller to apologize.

was that a bra was attached to the handkerchiefs. The instigator of the stunt, Rotary Club sergeant-at-arms Arlan Bergesen, picked Minnick to

"She explained to him that it was not a big deal, that it was part of a continuing joke and that she should apologize to Walt for putting him in that situation," White said.

Minnick is seeking to oust Republican U.S. Sen. Larry Craig this fall.

Rotary Club President Alan Giltzow said four of the club's members filed written complaints about the incident.

Another six objected informally.

On Monday, the club's board of directors voted to draft a new sexual harassment policy.

Idaho's soaring gas prices sound sour note for station employees

The Associated Press

Whatever the cause for Idaho's soaring gasoline prices, gas station employees are hearing about it from customers.

Bert Geer may have the most unpopular job on the Palouse.

As he knelt before the Peck's Conoco gas pumps Tuesday, he glanced around to make sure no one else was listening, and then sheepishly admitted he was changing the price; increasing non-premium unleaded to \$1.49 a gallon. The Potlatch gas station assistant manager has already heard grumbles from customers about rising prices and was sure the latest increase wouldn't be popular either.

"It's not my fault," he said. "Most of the customers know that,



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but they still say things about it."

Geer is not alone. Gas station employees may have the rising prices more than consumers.

Each time the price jugs they hear about it, and the price has been rising a little too often for comfort lately.

"It seems like every time we get a shipment it goes up," said Terri Katus, Peck's manager.

"The customers always want to know why the prices are going up, and even I can't answer that," said Lisa Sanderson, manager of Sunset Mart Conoco in Troy. "I just get a call from my boss saying

to raise the prices." "The customers seem to think that we're somehow behind this," said Scott Burkart, clerk at Jins Mart in Pullman. "But I'm making minimum wage and I'm paying the same price they are."

At \$1.47 a gallon for unleaded, Jins Mart had one of the lower prices in Moscow, but both Burkart and co-worker John Mayhew said they still hear comments. "(Customers) haven't yelled at me, but they have yelled," Mayhew said. "And they're not angry as much as upset. I guess cranky would be a good word to describe it."

Some people are taking the advice to cut down driving.

Vern Pelton, owner of Vern's Chevron in Moscow, said business has dropped. "It's to be expected," he said.

Lake Pend Oreille's level rising too fast

SANDPOINT (AP) — Lake Pend Oreille's water is rising faster than engineers at the Albani Falls dam can get rid of it and some lake shore residents are experiencing minor flooding.

"The lake is already two to three feet above normal for this time of year. Runoff is accumulating quickly and for the last two weeks, the dam is fully open, which has not occurred since 1982, said project engineer Bob Schloss.

"I'm standing here looking at the river running through the spillway," he said over the sound of rumbling water. "It's pretty dramatic."

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Grant from NEA aids education programs in Idaho

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Commission on the Arts has received a \$40,000 federal grant to support its Arts In Education program.

It's the largest of individual grants contained in a \$365,400 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to Idaho.

The Idaho Commission on the Arts also received \$302,000 which will support basic grants to arts organizations.

The Idaho allotment was among 167 NEA grants nationwide totaling \$39.4 million announced this week.

Other state grants include \$19,400 to the state commission to support the folk arts apprenticeship program; \$5,000 to Boise State University to pay artists' fees and related costs for the Boise Chamber Music Series and \$5,000 to Theatre For You, Inc., to support the Idaho Schools Tour, which brings theater for youth to more than 10,000 students and educators.

Rehearsing set for Garden City water proposal

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission says it will "reluctantly" allow a rehearing on a rejected proposal to allow a service-territory swap between United Water Idaho and the Garden City municipal water system.

United Water wants to exchange its Millstream service area plus about \$600,000 for the North State area served by Garden City.

In March, the commission ruled that the exchange was in the public interest and rejected it.

In an order Wednesday, commissioners Ralph Nelson and Marsha Smith voted to allow a rehearing. Commissioner Dennis Hansen dissented.

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Dole enters privatization debate

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Senate President Bob Dole's pointed clarification that he doesn't support President Clinton's privatization-in-place proposal for two Air Force bases was timely good news for supporters of Hill AFB.

many as 6,000 end up in Utah. After the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission proposed closing military maintenance centers at Sacramento and San Antonio — moving their work to Hill and bases in Georgia and Oklahoma — Clinton said he could keep thousands of jobs in voter-rich California and Texas by turning over that Air Force work to private industry.

"60-40" requirement has been to ask Congress to repeal the rule. The Roll Call aid, paid for by nine industry associations, says the Defense Department needs more management flexibility and the 60-40 rule places arbitrary restrictions on the military. It said Dole supports Clinton's call for a repeal.

Murder victim sightings fuel bid for new trial

Witnesses want reexamination of Boys Club conviction

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was a rainy Christmas Day in 1987. At a small restaurant on the Greek island of Mykonos, a door blew open, letting in a bitter wind, the witness recalled. A familiar figure stepped inside.



Joe Hunt, the former leader of the Billionaire Boys Club, sits with his attorney, Ron K. Klein, in a Los Angeles courtroom Tuesday, during a habeas corpus hearing.

distinctive looks: tall, prematurely silver-haired, immaculately groomed in trendy clothes and always exuding "a slightly suspicious air."

"Ivan Werner, a funeral director, identified Levin as a mourner at a Westwood funeral in 1987. He said the man had white hair, a close-cropped beard and was impeccably groomed. Werner said he saw Levin's picture in the paper several months later and recognized him as the mourner.

Southwest jet lands safely without gear

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) — As one passenger prayed aloud and others wept, a jetliner with disabled landing gear touched down on its remaining wheels and skidded to a halt with an engine dragging on the runway.

problems was taken to a hospital, authorities said. The plane came to rest leaning toward its left wing and with its nose wheels off the ground, where firefighters had sprayed foam to prevent flames. The passengers left the plane using a rear emergency chute, said Southwest spokeswoman Kristie Kerr.

David Rose, weekend anchor of the syndicated TV show "Extra," who was aboard the flight. The aircraft, originally bound for Burbank, made several attempts to set the gear and also tried to jar it free with a touch-and-go landing before it was diverted and gingerly set down at Ontario, 50 miles east of Los Angeles.

Utah banks will require fingerprints

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — From now on, when you try to cash a check at a bank where you don't have an account, you probably will be required to provide a fingerprint.

With only two exceptions, Utah banks are participating in the Touch Signature Identification Program, which seeks to thwart check fraud by requiring nonbank customers to leave their fingerprints on checks.

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World

Briefly

Chechny's leader not dead as reported

MOSCOW — Chechnya's new separatist leader surfaced Wednesday to shoot down rumors of his demise with a quote from Mark Twain.

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated," Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev told reporters, echoing the American satirist's famous saying, the reporter said.

Yandarbiyev also laid down the same unyielding terms for peace talks with Russia as his slain predecessor, Dzhokhar Dudayev.

"The condition for talks is the total withdrawal of Russian troops," Yandarbiyev said at a news conference at a secret location in southern Chechnya.

Tax promise forces deputy to resign

HAMILTON, Ontario — Canada's deputy prime minister resigned Wednesday after a week of public pressure, reluctantly fulfilling a 1993 campaign promise to quit if the government didn't scrap the national sales tax.

Sheila Copps, the No. 2 official in the Liberal Party government and Prime Minister Jean Chretien, was put in an embarrassing position last week when the government acknowledged it would not carry out its campaign pledge to abolish the tax.

Copps in particular was bind because she explicitly promised during the campaign to resign if the tax was not abolished.

Global change biggest danger to whales

CANBERRA, Australia — The world's whales are more threatened by climate change, ozone depletion and pollution than by whaling, International Whaling Commission chairman Peter Bridgewater said Wednesday.

International efforts to revitalize whale populations, such as the establishment of sanctuaries and the IWC whaling ban, has led to a much healthier general population, Bridgewater said.

"The biggest danger to whales is ... global change," Bridgewater said, addressing a lecture series on whales at the National Science and Technology Center. "By global change I mean not only climatic change, but also other effects, such as the ozone hole, and the spread of pollutants."

Mongolia needs equipment to fight fires

BEIJING — Mongolia needs equipment — from thousands of wood boats to at least a few water cannons — to fight wildfires sweeping the country's vast grasslands and pristine mountain forests.

A list of needed supplies was part of Mongolia's statement Tuesday appealing for international aid to help extinguish the fires, which already have killed 15 people and injured 60.

The fires, spread through the parched countryside by dry, warm weather and high winds, have overwhelmed Mongolia's spartan emergency relief system. Most of the 24,200 people fighting the fires have only coats, shovels and other small equipment.

Iranian ship found with weapons cache

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Weapons found on an Iranian ship included a mortar grenade and launching equipment, Belgian authorities said Wednesday, backing Israeli claims that a major terrorist arms cache was intercepted.

During a routine inspection in the port of Antwerp on March 14, police found three cases of arms and explosives in a container of garlic and cucumber bound for an Iranian import-export business in Munich, Germany. A report from Belgian army explosives experts to judicial authorities said the mortar could be deadly up to 600 yards from where it was launched, according to a judicial official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Compiled from wire reports

Castro's May Day slams U.S.

HAVANA (AP) — In a flamboyant celebration of communism designed to defy the United States, Fidel Castro presided over a May Day parade Wednesday with hundreds of thousands of marchers waving Cuban flags and carrying anti-American banners.

Cuba's first full-blown May Day celebration in three years also was meant to show renewed confidence and resources as the country recovers from a disastrous economic crisis caused by the collapse of its socialist allies in Europe.

Patriotic music blasted from loudspeakers across the Plaza of the Revolution as Castro stood on a marble platform and peered through binoculars at the river of marchers. Above him was a 450-foot tower honoring Cuba's independence hero Jose Martí.

For the past two years, only small neighborhood gatherings marked the traditional socialist and communist workers holiday, with officials saying there wasn't enough fuel or transportation for a big celebration.

Cuban officials billed this year's march as a rejection of the Helms-Burton Act that tightens the U.S. embargo of Cuba, and as a reaffirmation of Cuba's communist principles.

In other May Day observances around the world:

• Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his Communist rival, Gennady Zyuganov, held competing rallies in Moscow. Both predicted victory in the June 16 presidential election, and spent the holiday stumping for votes in what polls show to be a neck-and-neck race.

• In Paris, about 12,000 far-right supporters led by National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen marched waving banners against immigration, European integration and President Jacques Chirac.

• China marked the holiday with concerts, ceremonies and a call in the national press for all workers to contribute to its modernization drive. Schoolchildren and soldiers gathered at dawn in Beijing's Tiananmen Square for a flag-raising ceremony.

• In Minsk, the capital of the former Soviet republic of Belarus, an official rally turned into an opposition demonstration when thousands of people demanding higher wages and the president's resignation took to the streets.

Curious 4-year old rode alone on Japanese train 230 miles to Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) — Four-year-old Shin Okazaki has always been fascinated by trains. On Saturday, he slid away from his parents and rode one 230 miles to Tokyo.

"He just got on the train because he was curious," the boy's mother, Misuru, explained in a telephone

interview Monday after Shin was back home safe and sound. "As a parent, I'm very embarrassed."

Shin made his escape late Saturday afternoon, when his parents thought he was outside playing. He sneaked into the nearby Nishi-Otsu Station in Otsu, central

Japan, and apparently hopped a train to nearby Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital. From there, he transferred to a high-speed "bullet train" bound for Tokyo.

Back home, Shin's alarmed father called the police to report his son missing.



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World

Candles honor the dead as Australia mourns



An Australian woman wipes a tear at St. David's Cathedral as hundreds gather to mourn the 35 people killed in a shooting rampage.

HOBART, Australia (AP)—Tiny flames flickered at the base of a simple wooden crucifix Wednesday, one candle for each of the 35 people methodically slain by an enraged gunman as they visited a popular tourist site.

Hundreds of mourners prayed at Hobart's St. David's Anglican Cathedral for the victims, ages 3 to 72. And as residents of Tasmania grieve for the dead, their anger only grows toward the murder suspect.

Martin Bryant, 28, was badly burned in a house fire he set just before police arrested him. Now, under heavy police guard, he is being treated for burns in the same hospital that is caring for survivors of Australia's worst massacre in modern times.

Hospital officials say people have called to complain that Bryant should not receive any medical treatment. In an act of protest, 20 nurses at the Royal Hobart Hospital called in sick Wednesday, hospital chief executive Lindsay Fyne said.

Doctors say Bryant, who was charged with murder at a bedside hearing, might require plastic surgery and could remain hospitalized for another week.

Wednesday's tearful state service started with a minute's silence observed throughout Australia, which includes the island of Tasmania 300 miles southeast of Melbourne.

At 10:30 a.m., streetcars stopped running, financial exchanges suspended trading and schools inter-

rupted classes.

Inside the Anglican cathedral where the service was nationally broadcast live on TV, 800 friends, relatives and neighbors of the victims sat with the nation's leaders. Some wept openly.

"The suddenness of the assault, the scope of the massacre, the senselessness of the carnage, have left us in deep shock and even anger," Tasmania's Anglican Bishop Phillip Newell said.

Before the service, Prime Minister John Howard, who has promised to tighten gun controls, visited the death scene, 30 miles south of Hobart.

"This is an event that has shaken the core of this country in a way that no individual crime has done in my lifetime," Howard said.

Royal Air Force to withdraw from Germany

LONDON (AP)— Britain's Royal Air Force is to completely withdraw from Germany for the first time since its victorious forces arrived there at the end of World War II.

Only two British air bases are left. RAF Laarbruch is set to close in 1999. The other, RAF Bruggen on the Dutch-German border, will close in 2002.

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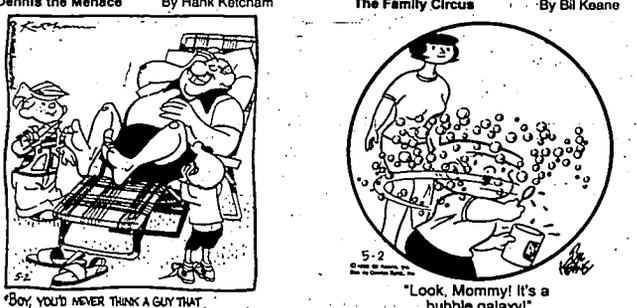


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Liquor blamed often for breakups

Q. Ask your Love and War man what's blamed—most—for divorce among people who break up in their 20th year of marriage?
A. Liquor.

It took 30 seconds to design the zipper and 22 years to make it work. The Illinois Indian's word "peasareous" was respelled as "the name of that Illinois city called Peoria. It meant "place of fat beasts," but there are no more fat beasts there than anywhere else. Uederkrans is a German word, true, but that cheese of the same name has been strictly American from its outset.

Q. You listed eight of the nine U.S. time zones, but left out Hawaii Standard Time. Why?
A. Time stands still in Hawaii. Like when you're playing poker. Or fishing. Or dining with your own true love. You won't buy that! I forgot.

Statisticians say a disproportionately large number of golfers take adult-education courses.

L.M. Boyd What's what?

Ask your conversational compatriot to name the most significant innovation of all time in the cosmetics industry. Backup answer: The safety razor. In all large armies, about a third of the enlisted personnel are sergeants. Q. If the female male gypsy mode can't fly, how does that moth get around so much that it's called "gypsy"?
A. In its caterpillar stage, it climbs high, emits a fine strand of silk, and floats off on the wind. Q. Why was Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" banned in China?
A. You're going way back. That was in 1931. Chinese powers objected mightily then to the depiction of talking animals.

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF MAY 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Focus on mental status, philosophy, journalism, travel, writing assignment. A different kind of love is on horizon. During May you'll be desired practically, socially. Capricorn, Cancer persons significant roles in your life. Future story could be written concerning your remarkable comeback. Hope will last during June that you are in possession of money. June, September and December your most profitable, romantic months of 1996.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Tension relieved, publicity coup, saves the day. Business partner or mate come up with needed cash flow. Get aspiration worth, profit results via words - get it on record.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Deal will soon be cast. Define terms, protracted agreement, streamline procedures, get rid of superfluous material. Finances individual states. "You're right person, at right time."

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Chips are dealt! Opportunity you sought is here and now. Deal with advantage, be permit intuitive intellect to guide actions. You'll meet, beat deadline. Capricorn person, deal with.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): What was regarded as completed, including special project, will once again spring to life. Emphasis on distance, language, spreading influence, increasing markets. Areas talks of love.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Delivery of durable goods very soon - you'll be dealing with another Leo who emphasizes color coordination, showmanship. Aquarian helps with proper legal procedures. Love intense!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Family reunion, surprising message. Cancer native acts in unorthodox manner, attempts to inveigle you into wild goose chase. Emotional, financial drain stopped! Goal will be sighted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Move fast, diversify, take advantage of unusual circumstances moving in your favor. Gemini, Sagittarius persons figure in fantastic scenario. Last object located, you'll receive praise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): In a matter of hours after reading these words, you'll know you are on right track, will be rewarded as a result. Focus on architecture, color coordination, personality.aurus represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): What appeared to vanish will reappear in surprising manner! Friends, you'll understand, express appreciation, you'll hear words of love. Virgo, another Sagittarian in pleasure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You'll stand out in crowd! Moon position increases ability to gain allies, to put business contracts in motion. Music featured, you'll dance to your own tune. Excellent for finance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Two individuals figure prominently: Pisces and Virgo. Expect to be chosen for assignment of tremendous primary role. Invitations come from across country. You'll be invited to your own tune. Excellent for finance.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Surprise invitation could involve overseas journey. Invitations come up for reporting. Primary assignment. Attendance at educational conference coincides with finding soul mate.

- ACROSS
- 1 Leg bone
- 5 Homes for peas
- 6 Solitary
- 15 Oak seed
- 16 American Indian
- 17 Armies
- 18 Initiates
- 19 Small wagon
- 20 Agreed
- 22 Biceps
- 24 Outfit
- 25 Satchel
- 26 Rabbit home
- 29 Hearth
- 33 Pen name of Charles Lamb
- 34 Change
- 35 Injure
- 36 First person
- 37 Worked a trade
- 38 Near, prof.
- 39 Horse doctor, brief
- 40 Daily routine
- 41 Periods of time
- 42 Making possible
- 44 Took long steps
- 46 Trick
- 47 Chair
- 48 Garden fruit
- 51 Looking over
- 52 Dash
- 56 Relating to bath
- 58 Wickedness
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- 60 Wed in secret
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- 11 Unit of exam
- 12 Sol
- 21 Born
- 23 Pitcher
- 25 Localized
- 26 Work on a loom
- 27 John - pilgrim
- 28 Lanat
- 29 Throw
- 30 Insect stage
- 31 Challenged
- 32 Rub out
- 34 Skit style
- 37 Jail inhabitant
- 38 Business associates
- 40 Over-supply
- 42 Alcoholic drink
- 44 Undercoat of paint
- 45 U.S. educator
- 47 Land or sea and
- 48 Examine
- 49 Bread spread
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Valley life

Scheme to stop junk mail backfires

DEAR ABBY: After reading the comments in your column about junk mail, I had to share my experience with you. It all started in Vancouver, where my wife ordered a sweater for me from the landlady who ran the bed and breakfast inn where we were staying. The landlady wanted to be paid only for the yarn, not her time. She suggested we give what we felt it was worth to our favorite charity.

When we received the sweater at home — in Pennsylvania two months later, my wife sent a check to the landlady and asked her to put her favorite charity on the check. Soon my wife was getting pelted with junk mail support letters from Jimmy Swaggart's ministry. Finally, I wrote "DECEASED" on one of the solicitations and returned it. Presto! She no longer got mail from Jimmy Swaggart.

My brother-in-law, a doctor in Miami, heard how got rid of my "junk mail" and put "deceased" on all of his junk mail and returned it to sender. A few weeks later, he realized that he was not receiving important mail he had been expecting. He then found out that his postman had seen "deceased" on his mail and, assuming that he was indeed dead, had put "deceased" on his first-class mail and sent it back to me. My brother-in-law then discovered that he'd been mourned by his Harvard classmates and was no longer a member of some of his clubs and associations.

His remark to me was, "The next time you get a smart idea, don't tell me about it!"

—AN ABBY FAN IN LAKE WALES, FLA.
P.S. About 30 years ago, I wrote you about my wife not being interested in sex. You suggested we see a sex therapist, only we couldn't afford to go because I was starting a new business. This year, when things went from bad to worse, we



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

started going to a therapist — and we wished we had taken your advice years ago!

DEAR FAN IN LAKE WALES: Better late than never.

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I read the letter from "Wondering in Missouri," about the lady who wanted to know if she should give her children things that were special to her before she passed away. Yes, yes, please do!

My mom died earlier this year and none of her wishes were obeyed. For years and years, she had been telling everyone the things that she wanted her children and grandchildren to have. Well, after she was gone, her husband ignored her wishes, refused to pay one cent for the funeral, and treated us worse than anyone could ever begin to imagine. He kept everything she wanted her loved ones to have. I and her granddaughters are devastated. We not only have to live every single day with the grief of losing her, but we have nothing of hers that she wanted us to have. Mother would be so very sad if you want them to have her husband destroyed her will and did not even give us the courtesy of seeing her last words. So, if you have loved ones who are special to you — then please, please give them the things that you want them to have before you die. We can't even get a lawyer to try and fight this injustice because we can't afford it. My heart is broken.

—BROKENHEARTED IN OREGON

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: I have often said, "Do your giving while you're living, and you'll be knowing where it's going."

'Some assembly' note causes much anguish

The Hartford Courant

Just three little words: "Some assembly required." Never has one phrase caused so much anguish for so many. The pressure of Christmas Eve: The frustration of furniture in a box. The mental fatigue of computer upgrading.

To the average consumer, "some assembly required" is not so much an advisory as it is a warning, a bold-letters harbinger that should include the caveat: — along with a neighbor who graduated from MIT.

A survey by the Bureau of Business Research at American International College found that 80 percent of the 230 people interviewed would be willing to pay for assembly of an item, and 25 percent would be willing to pay as much as 10 percent more for the luxury.

"It's like going to a restaurant and paying extra for clean plates," says Ira Smolowitz, dean of the Bureau of Business Research at AIC, who conducted the survey of Connecticut residents in Springfield and Enfield in December 1993.

The overriding reason we cannot get our VCRs to record, our computers to compute, our appliances to function, the holes in Slot 1 to align with the holes in Tab 2, is because we have been thrown to the technicians.

More than anything else, the slide-rule set is responsible for the confusion of written material posing as clarity.

"Most companies want manuals that are quick and cheap," says John R. Nelson, who heads the technical writing program at the University of Massachusetts. "Usually they have an engineer — who probably hates

to write — write the instructions.

"Engineers don't write for the end-user, they write for other engineers. There is usually a lot of jargon, a lot of shortcuts. They don't consider their audience: What level do they read on? What familiarity do they have? What previous experience?"

Says here to —

"Lock the switch trigger by placing the direction of rotation selector in the center position."

All you have to do is ...

"Adjust the clock to the current time with the TIME SET buttons, H (hour) and M (minute), while holding the ALARM/CLOCK set switch to the C/CLOCK side."

Another reason directions often read like Greek is because they may have been in Greek, or another foreign language, to begin with. As the economy becomes increasingly global, instructions that are incomplete in one language become downright incomprehensible in another.

"You can get some dreadful translations," Nelson says. "I was doing some consulting work and came across a Japanese floor-mounted belt sander that was described in English as: This is machine of high wisdom."

Steven Meyst, a technical writer with the Precision Manufacturing Center in Storrs, Conn., saved an instruction sheet that came with a two-drawer filing cabinet. Although he does not know the language of origin, the English translation went:

"After assembled the drawer be sign to hit the 'B' & 'C' panels up to the bottom then adjust the drawer until it can be easily and smoothly go to the rail."

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Author says to get over getting old

Orange County Register

You play the hand life deals you. So how come the "Rosevelt babies" don't see they're holding a straight flush?

"We are the forgotten age group, the people 50 to 65 today," says Letty Cottin Pogrebin, herself a hearty 57.

No one is interested in us. So heck, we're not interested in ourselves, because we're scared to admit what we are: getting old.

This, then, is why Pogrebin, a founding editor of Ms. magazine and author of "Among Friends" and other books, has written "Getting Over Getting Older" (Little, Brown, 1996). It's a book about her own aging process after 50 — from the day she discovered a graying pubic hair to the moment she realized not everyone she loves will be here forever. And neither will she.

"Rosevelt babies," people born in 1930-45, are just facing mortality. They're at an age when they must endure the changes time brings, an age to rethink what matters in life. But too many think they are missing the point, Pogrebin says.

The point, she says, is that *time is life*. Time is all we really have to spend.

We were talking about how to spend late middle time — is hiding in a room for weeks after a facelift a really good use of time? — just hours after Pogrebin had returned to her New York apartment from a memorial service for a friend killed in an automobile accident.

"He was 53. See what I mean? It's this time/mortality epiphany," she says. It hits around 50, when griviness says the body and the spirit.

Fifty is the beginning of the downhill run, she says. Only the arrogant think they are halfway home. The humble admit three-quarter-century ticks off signals that age has arrived: There's that problem of waking up in the middle of the night with a nonnegotiable need to go to the bathroom. Immediately. There's more of you in the rear, and tiny lines of character on your face.

The usual reaction is an effort to recapture youth, instead of celebrating late middle life.

Pogrebin is one of the few bringing the message that there's something good to say about the years between 50 and 60.

The reality is, no one seems to be celebrating those of us too young to retire and too old to take maternity leave.

MOVIES This section includes movie listings for Twin Cinema 9, Grand Cinema 9, and various other theaters. Listings include titles like 'Mr. Holland's Opus', 'White Squall', 'The Quest', 'Kurt Russell Executive Decision', 'Sharon Stone Last Dance', 'Pamela Anderson Lee Barb Wire', 'Craze', 'Nick Nolte Melanie Griffith Chazz Palminteri', and 'Fargo'.

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Outdoors

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So do a lot of others.

The legendary proprietor of Ruel Stayner Sporting Goods died Monday, after 50 years of doing business at the East Five Points in Twin Falls. He inspired generations of dedicated fly fishermen, including several who went on to achieve prominence in their own right.

My encounters with Ruel didn't amount to much. For the most part, they consisted of my shouting and him straining to hear. His friends always were in the shop and, somehow, their shouts were more intelligible than mine.



William Brock
Force of Nature

It didn't really matter because I didn't have anything urgent to communicate. I'm not much of a fisherman and I didn't want to waste Stayner's time, or energy.

The important thing was that I was there, in the presence of a profound man, surrounded by the tools of his trade. Stayner's shop, strewn with equipment and filled with friends, was the nerve center of southern Idaho angling.

There was something else about that shop. It looked like it had been ransacked by gorillas.

To the untrained eye, it was pure chaos - but Stayner knew where everything was. Some things just took longer to find than others.

Everyone was taken aback when they entered his shop for the first time. Dick Jardine, who hunted and fished with Stayner for 20 years, told me about his first visit: "I walked into his shop one day and I thought someone had broken in, so I offered to help him clean it up."

"I've told you, 'No, don't touch a thing. If you do, I'll never find it again.'"

In conversations with his friends, I learned Stayner was far more than a purveyor of fishing equipment. Fruth told, he probably was his own worst enemy as a businessman.

Cantankerous as a badger, Stayner would snub wealthy customers that he didn't know - then give away equipment to kids with no money. Customers whom he approved of got far more than they ever paid for.

Still, that ain't the half of Ruel Stayner.

He was a crack wingshot, master photographer, rod builder, fly tier and, above all, a peerless innovator and craftsman. Friends said he had an uncanny ability to dye feathers and his home-made waxes and hardeners were, in today's argot, "to die for."

"He took 'em with him," Jardine lamented. "He never wrote any of them down."

Beyond his technical skills, Stayner was a fundamentally inspiring man. He shared his enthusiasm for fishing, and deeper values about conservation, with countless kids who grew up to become leaders.

"He was the kind of guy that a boy would look up to," said Sen. Laird Noe, R-Kimberly, who hung around Stayner's shop when he was a lad.

"He sold me my first fly line," added Warren Schoth, who went on to establish the Wendell-based Riverborn Fly Co. - which sells quality fishing flies all over the world.

Rene Harrop, founder of the House of Harrop mail-order fly business in St. Anthony, summed up the thoughts of all: "Ruel was around forever. From the beginning of my consciousness, he was a fixture in the outdoors."

Throughout the West, there are hundreds of anglers who remember him. Those who knew him well should permit themselves an inward smile and count their blessings.

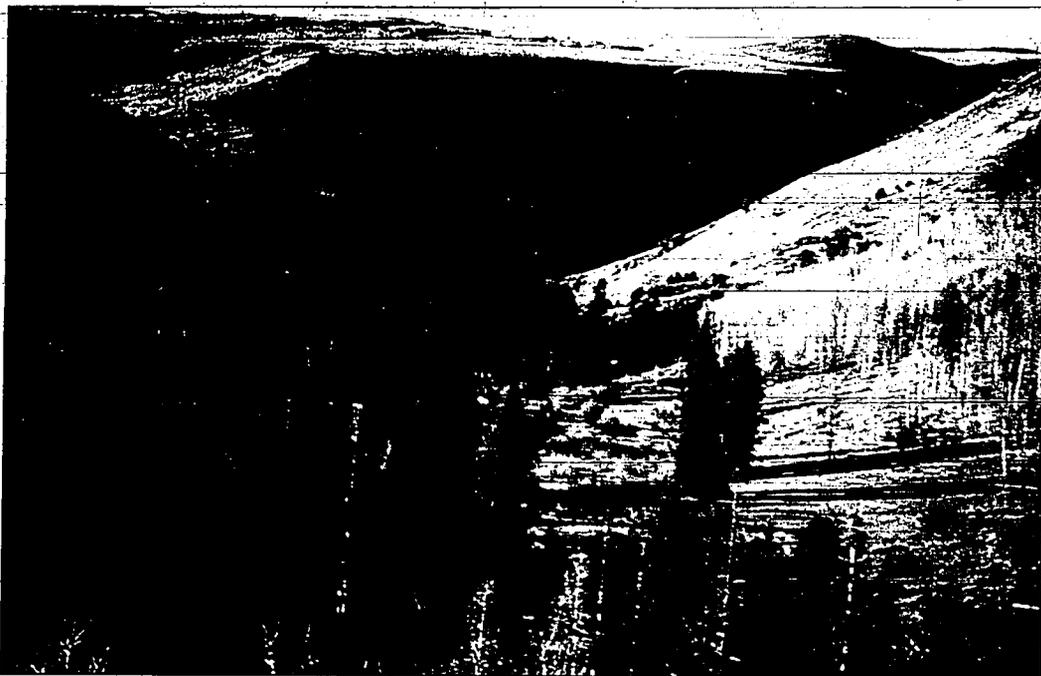
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South Hills make great getaway

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This is the reward for people who take the time to visit Wahlstrom Hollow - only about 20 miles south of Hansen.

By Mark Weber
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HANSEN - It seems like winters in southern Idaho get a little longer every year.

The calendar disproves this myth, but around this time of year, thousands of southern Idahoans await the warmer temperatures and longer days of summer.

In the meantime, we must weather the vagaries of spring - which is a time of searing winds, maddeningly inconsistent temperatures and a rejuvenation of life itself.

The dormant months of winter are over and nature is rebounding at a frantic pace. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the mountains - and this is the perfect time to spend a warm day strolling through the wilds of creation.

There are countless areas around the

Wahlstrom Hollow

How to get there

Take Highway 30 to Hansen, then turn south on Rock Creek Road. After about 20 miles, signs will announce Wahlstrom Hollow on the left (east) side of the road.

Magic Valley where people can enjoy nature up close and personal, but the South Hills rank among the most convenient.

Just a few minutes south of Hansen, these rolling mountains harbor a kaleidoscope of flora and fauna.

One small and narrow valley, known as Wahlstrom Hollow, is a virtual Noah's Ark. On a warm day, under a cobalt blue sky, Wahlstrom Hollow could be mistaken for the Garden of Eden.

Up there, mountain chickadees and juncos are flitting from tree to tree amidst frantic chirps. The smell of pine needles and evergreen trees is overwhelming.

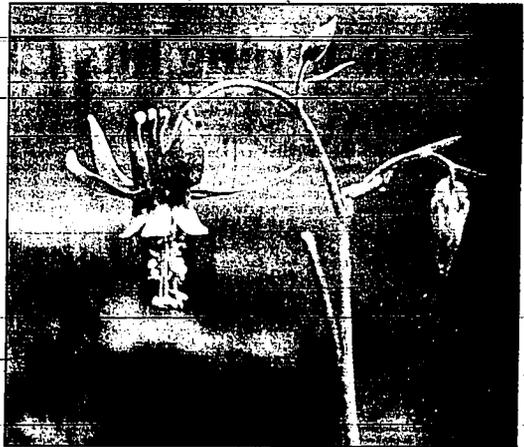
Lush green grass, skunk cabbage and wildflowers hint a series of beaver ponds that, a few months ago, were in the grip of winter and buried beneath 5 feet of snow.

These days, several pair of nesting mallards can be found on the shallow ponds. The water's surface is glassy and calm, broken only by a couple of beavers that leave ripples when they poke their heads up for air.

There's movement on the shore, where a Lilliputian creature perches on the tip of a skunk cabbage leaf to bask in the sun.

Closer inspection reveals a small frog - yet another creature that enjoys getting out after a long winter.

Even on the brightest days, the over-



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head canopy of trees filters light into a tangle of many sunbeams.

The light finally runs aground on the forest floor, illuminating a wild profusion of flowers. The beauty of some of these wildflowers is beyond description.

Multi-flowered penstemon stalks are awash with purples and blues. A few steps away, monkshood sway in the breeze to reveal their deep velvety violet colors. Next to a fallen and decomposing tree, a crimson columbine exhibits brilliant shades of red, orange and yellow from a single flower atop a tall stem.

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With a little imagination and effort, the possibilities for exploring southern Idaho's natural wonders are almost limitless.

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Clear Lakes Country Club site of annual Women's Fly-Fishing Clinic May 18

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Outdoors

South Hills make great getaway

Narrow valley called Wahlstrom Hollow could be mistaken for Garden of Eden



This is the reward for people who take the time to visit Wahlstrom Hollow — only about 20 miles south of Hansen.

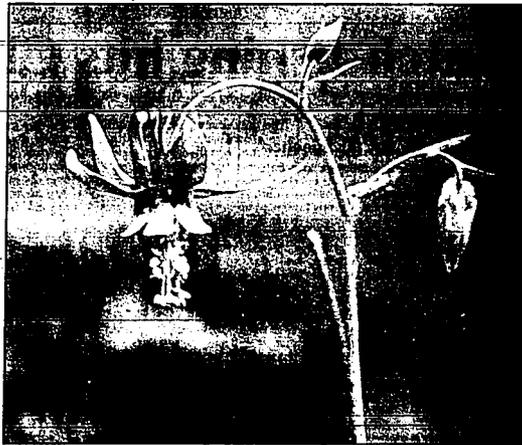
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By Mark Weber
Times-News correspondent

Wahlstrom Hollow

How to get there

Take Highway 30 to Hansen, then turn south on Rock Creek Road. After about 20 miles, signs will announce Wahlstrom Hollow on the left (east) side of the road.



MARK WEBER/The Times-News

A crimson columbine, considered by many to be the most beautiful mountain wildflower in Idaho.

HANSEN — It seems like winters in southern Idaho get a little longer every year.

The calendar disproves this myth, but around this time of year, thousands of southern Idahoans await the warmer temperatures and longer days of summer.

In the meantime, we must weather the vagaries of spring — which is a time of searing winds, maddeningly inconsistent temperatures and a rejuvenation of life itself.

The dormant months of winter are over and nature is rebounding at a frantic pace. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the mountains — and this is the perfect time to spend a warm day strolling through the wilds of creation.

There are countless areas around the

Magic Valley where people can enjoy nature up close and personal, but the South Hills rank among the most convenient.

Just a few minutes south of Hansen, these rolling mountains harbor a kaleidoscope of flora and fauna.

One small and narrow valley, known as Wahlstrom Hollow, is a virtual Noah's Ark. On a warm day, under a cobalt blue sky, Wahlstrom Hollow could be mistaken for the Garden of Eden.

Up there, mountain chickadees and juncos are flitting from tree to tree amidst frantic chirps. The smell of pine needles and evergreen trees is overwhelming.

Lush green grass, skunk cabbage and wildflowers hem a series of beaver ponds that, a few months ago, were in the grip of winter and buried beneath 5 feet of snow.

These days, several pair of nesting mallards can be found on the shallow ponds. The water's surface is glassy and calm, broken only by a couple of beavers that leave ripples when they poke their heads up for air.

There's movement on the shore, where a Lilliputian creature perches on the tip of a skunk cabbage leaf to bask in the sun.

Closer inspection reveals a small frog — yet another creature that enjoys getting out after a long winter.

Even on the brightest days, the over-



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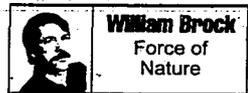
A saw-whet owl (*Aegolius acadicus*)

Farewell to fishing legend

I met Ruel Stayner a couple of times, but I never knew him. Even so, I feel a little poorer now that he's dead.

So do a lot of others. The legendary proprietor of Ruel Stayner Sporting Goods died Monday, after 50 years of doing business at the East Five Points in Twin Falls. He inspired generations of dedicated fly fishermen, including several who went on to achieve prominence in their own right.

My encounters with Ruel didn't amount to much. For the most part, they consisted of my shouting and him straining to hear. His friends always were in the shop and, somehow, their shouts were more intelligible than mine.



William Brock
Force of Nature

It didn't really matter because I didn't have anything urgent to communicate. I'm not much of a fisherman and I didn't want to waste Stayner's time, or energy.

The important thing was that I was there, in the presence of a profound man, surrounded by the tools of his trade. Stayner's shop, strewn with equipment and filled with friends, was the nerve center of southern Idaho angling.

There was something else about that shop. It looked like it had been ransacked by gorillas.

To the untrained eye, it was pure chaos — but Stayner knew where everything was. Some things just took longer to find than others.

Everyone was taken aback when they entered his shop for the first time. Dick Jardine, who hunted and fished with Stayner for 20 years, told me about his first visit: "I walked into his shop one day and I thought someone had broken in, so I offered to help him clean it up."

"Ruel told me, 'No, don't touch a thing. If you do, I'll never find it again.'"

In conversation with his friends, I learned Stayner was far more than a purveyor of fishing equipment. Truth be told, he probably was his own worst enemy as a businessman.

Cantankerous as a badger, Stayner would snub wealthy customers until he didn't know — then give away equipment to kids with no money. Customers whom he approved of got far more than they ever paid for.

Snill, that ain't the half of Ruel Stayner.

"He was a crack wingshot, master photographer, rod builder, fly tier and, above all, a peerless innovator and craftsman. Friends said he had an uncanny ability to dye feathers and his home-made varnishes and hardeners were, in today's argot, 'to die for.'"

"He took 'em with him," Jardine lamented. "He never wrote any of them down."

Beyond his technical skills, Stayner was a fundamentally inspiring man. He shared his enthusiasm for fishing, and deeper values about conservation, with countless kids who grew up to become leaders.

"He was the kind of guy that a boy would look up to," said Sen. Laird Nob. R-Kimberly, who hung around Stayner's shop when he was a lad.

"He sold me my first fly line," added Warren Schoth, who went on to establish the Wendell-based Riverborn Fly Co. — which sells quality fishing flies all over the world.

Rene Harrop, founder of the House of Harrop mail-order fly business in St. Anthony, summed up the thoughts of all: "Ruel was around forever. From the beginning of my consciousness, he was a fixture in the outdoors."

Throughout the West, there are hundreds of anglers who remember him. Those who knew him well should permit themselves an inward smile and count their blessings.

I didn't know him, but I do know that Ruel Stayner was a trophy Idaho sportsman.

Farewell, Ruel.

William Brock is outdoors editor of the Times-News.

Clear Lakes Country Club site of annual Women's Fly-Fishing Clinic May 18

The Times-News goes together. Lessons on entomology, fly selection, reeking the water, knots and how to handle fish will follow.

Participants will start out with the basics, and will be shown the essentials of fly fishing tackle — rods, reels, lines and leaders — then learn how it all

Participants should bring their own rod, reel, flies, float tube, fins, sunglasses and hat.

To reserve a spot, call Deena Schjaick at 543-5827, Hazel Laughlin at 734-2891, or Ardele Hanson-Garets at 326-4903.



Photo courtesy of Magic Valley Fly-Fishers

This woman attended last year's Women's Fly-Fishing Clinic.

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Play ball



Sydney Aquarium keeper Adan Kassl plays with a 19-year-old seal with a new type of ball in the pool at the aquarium Monday. Seals, with a lifespan averaging 22 years, tend to get bored in captivity, so Kassl introduced this modified polycarbonate ball with holes drilled into it. The holes enable the seal to have hours of active play by blowing air bubbles into it to keep it afloat and control its position in the water.

AP photo

Angler bags record catch

Orange County Register

SAN DIEGO — John Collins, whose goal is to catch the world record largemouth bass, hooked into something big last Wednesday and turned to his fishing partner.

"If this is what I think it is, we could be going home in a limo," Collins said.

You know the story. Catch that elusive world record largemouth and become an instant millionaire.

Well, Collins and his partner were fishing a cove in Harvey Arm at Lower Otay Reservoir in San Diego County. They were using crayfish in search of big bass.

Collins' partner already had boated a 10 1/2-pound largemouth. Now Collins was fighting what he thought was a world record bass.

He had a record, all right. A state-record blue catfish that tipped the certified scale at 82.1 pounds.

By nearly 20 pounds, it shattered the previous record set at Irvine Lake last November.

Ralph Orr of Pinon Hills landed a 62.3-pound blue catfish, three days after Irvine Lake employee Dan Connolly of Orange caught and released a 73-pound blue catfish before it was verified by the California Department of Fish and Game.

Collins' catch Wednesday was verified by San-Diego County Lakes biologist Larry Bottruff, a former DFG official, but it still needed verification by the DFG, which wasn't readily available.

Briefly

Region IV Wildlife Council meets

GOODING — The Region IV Wildlife Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Gooding City Hall.

Wildlife biologists Tom Maeder and Gary Nohrenberg, of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, will report on the Gooding County pheasant and predator-control project.

Jerome Rod and Gun plans trap shoot

JEROME — A trap and sporting clay practice shoot is planned for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Jerome County Rod and Gun Club range.

The range is located five miles north of the junction of highways 93 and 25, and one-half mile east of Highway 93 at Mile Post 64.

The club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the range. The trap range will open around 4 p.m. for anyone who would like to shoot a round of trap before the meeting.

Members and non-members are invited to both events. For more information, call John L. Weston at 324-7374.

Fish and Game hosts public meeting

GOODING — A public meeting for anyone interested in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's fish-planting practices will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Gooding City Hall.

Fish and Game Commissioner Wes Rose and Fisheries Manager Fred Partridge will be on hand for a question-and-answer session. For more information, call Ben Simer at 934-4950.

McFarlane completes ski patrol test

KIMBERLY — Jason McFarlane has completed the requirements for the National Ski Patrol and will serve on the Fomerelle Ski Patrol for the 1996-97 ski season.

McFarlane is the 17-year-old son of Joanie McFarlane of Kimberly and Jim McFarlane of Filer. He is a junior at Kimberly High School.

The National Ski Patrol was founded in 1938 and has evolved from a handful of ski patrollers into the world's largest winter rescue organization. It provides emergency care and transportation services to skiers in distress.

Compiled from staff reports

2-hour battle lands 422 pound great white shark in Florida

Knight-Ridder News Services

MIAMI — Larry Melby caught a medium-sized version of Jaws on Sunday off Islamorada.

After a two-hour battle, the Miami man reeled a 422-pound great white shark to the charterboat Sassy Lady where the crew lassoed it with a rope and towed it back to Holiday Isle Marina.

"This is the fish of a lifetime," said Melby, CEO of Columbia University Hospital in Tamarac.

The shark hit a triple-hooked fillet of a 40-pound amberjack drifted in about 300 feet of water over the Islamorada "Hump" — a sea mount 12 miles offshore.

Sassy Lady's mate, Mike Scirocco, rigged the bait on 50-pound conventional tackle with 15 feet of heavy wire leader. Melby said he waged a seesaw battle with his toothy opponent.

"You'd keep pulling. You'd gain line and then he'd pull it back out again," Melby said.

"He came to the surface a few times and thrashed his head to get the hooks out. The hardest

part is everyone standing around ribbing you when you're trying to land it."

Sassy Lady didn't carry a gun or a flying gaff — a long detachable hook used to boat large gamefish — so the crew improvised.

"When he came to the top, Captain Butch Green backed the boat down and got the fish up close," Scirocco said.

"I grabbed the leader and lassoed him with a rope. We put a rope over his head and another rope on his tail."

Secured to the boat's transom, the shark was towed to port in the style of Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*.

A large crowd awaited the shark's arrival at Holiday Isle. No one was quite sure of the species until 20-year Islamorada charter boat captain Larry Dukehart examined the teeth and declared the shark a great white.

"There's no doubt," Dukehart said Monday.

"The only positive identification is the teeth — they're triangular."

Catching a great white shark off the Florida Keys is a rare event — but not all that rare, according to Dukehart.

He said about two dozen of the sharks, which can grow to 5,000 pounds, have been caught off the Islamorada and Marathon humps in the past 20 years. He said they are attracted by large schools of amberjack.

Dr. Jos Castro, shark scientist with the National Marine Fisheries Service, said he will dissect Melby's shark, hoping to learn its age, growth, stomach contents and migration.

"We don't know much about their migration patterns south of Cape Hatteras," Castro said.

"They probably have the entire western Atlantic as their range. Great whites down here are primarily winter catches. I don't think they come close to shore here. They probably stay in deep water."

Melby is spending \$1,000 to have a replica mount made of his shark. Its carcass and fins will be sold for food.

Match-fishing hits Chicago

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — While Chicago may be noted for its ethnic restaurants, a different touch of Europe will grace the Illinois & Michigan Canal at La Salle on June 1.

What may be the nation's first major Euro-style team match-fishing event will take place along a five-block stretch of canal filled with crappie, panfish, bass, catfish, carp and pickerel. Teams of four anglers each will draw specific "pegs" or bank sites to angle over two heats to haul in the heaviest total weights to win the 1996 Midwest Team Challenge.

"We'll strictly follow international match-fishing rules," said Ralph Grasso of Chicagoland Bank Anglers, co-sponsor with Heritage Corridor Visitors Bureau. "The bank will be divided into four sectors. A member of each team will fish the same peg number in each sector. Each competitor will have his own flag with his name and team number, so everyone can follow the action."

At the end of each 2 1/2-hour heat, the best angler in each sector will receive one point, with two to the next, and so forth. After points from both heats are added, teams with the three lowest totals will win gold, silver or bronze medals.

"We tried this on a small scale near Carbondale a year ago, but it was mainly a local thing," Grasso said. "This time we expect teams from several states, as well as teams

sponsored by individual bait shops and manufacturers."

The only missing elements will be huge crowds of fans mobbing the shoreline, which usually occurs at European tournaments, and the scent of ethnic cooking. Even so, a fish lunch and other condiments will be supplied to competitors as part of their \$75 team entry fee.

"It would be nice if we could turn this into a real ethnic festival with special food and foreign beers," Grasso said. "Maybe next year."

In keeping with European customs, teams will draw their allotted pegs two hours before the contest begins at 8:30 a.m. to give them time to study the water. Five minutes before fishing time, competitors will be allowed to chum their areas to stimulate the fish.

"If people are smart, they won't get fancy here," Grasso said. "They'll probably just lace the spot with some maggots. To do more might ruin spots like these."

Only live bait with floats or bobbers is allowed, and all fish will be returned live after each heat.

"We hope to get this kind of fishing started on a regular basis around Chicago," Grasso said. "Virtually every water is suitable for match-fishing, from park ponds to forest preserve lakes. They all provide different challenges and require different techniques and touches."

For example, a two-sector CBA event at Monee Reservoir in IL, windy conditions saw competitors reduced to ultra-tiny No-20 hooks earlier this month. In what developed into a dogfight for minuscule fish, Bernice Bradley of Elgin won her sector with a mere total of 1 pound over 2 1/2 hours, followed by a three-way tie for second at nine-tenths of a pound. Greg Micinski of Union, Mich., won his segment with 1.4 pounds, as six-tenths separated the top six places.

"Normally, it's not that close," Grasso said. "But normally, fishing conditions aren't bad, either. I'll tell you, the narrowness of that competition brought us together for the first time as a club."

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Bathing bear



Samson, the most famous resident of the Orange County zoo at Irvine Regional Park in Irvine, Calif., beats the heat wave by lounging in his private pool and waterfall.

Outdoorsman still pro with horses at 74

Knight-Ridder New Services

POTTER'S MILLS, Pa. — To get there, Vince Treaster is saying, turn at the willow tree beside Route 322. Follow the back roads until they get smaller and muddier, and then take the one that hugs the base of Thickhead Mountain. Can't miss him.

One of those byways doesn't even show up in the Pennsylvania Atlas and Gazetteer. But that last road, the one in a crease as sharp as an accordion fold, is lined with mountain laurel and pine. Pennsylvania gets no prettier.

Treaster lives at the end of that road, in an old Centre County log house beside a barn that has seen its better days, too. Piles of wood are strewn near the front door, where a sign warns "Beware of Owner." Hereford-longhorn cross-breeds graze several feet away, meandering among farm machinery.

Treaster clearly has his mind on something besides yard maintenance. That something is usually horses.

For as long as anyone around here can remember, Treaster has taken horses with various vices — the cursed ones, compelled to bite, to buck, to balk — and made them whole.

"If you can't learn something from Vince, you're not looking at him," says Jesse Darrington, a former headman at Penn State University's agriculture college. "He's just terribly respected."

At age 74, he still can slice a cigarette from your mouth with a bull-whip — from nine feet away. That is not your run-of-the-mill party trick.

But it is his affinity with horses and dogs that has won him accord and a glass bookcase full of ribbons and trophies. His knowledge caught the attention of Darrington when, in the 1960s, Penn State decided to offer courses on horses with a practical riding use.

Darrington was not expert on horses' traits and behavior, but he showed horse sense: He hired Treaster — the cowboy from a hollow in Pennsylvania that didn't even get electricity until 1958 — to teach the teachers horse husbandry.

Treaster took them from the basics to advanced training techniques, instructors there recall. And when prodded, he put on many an impromptu show of cowboy derring-do as well.

"His athletic ability with a rope, a whip and a horse is incredible," says Darrington, who now raises horses and beef cattle in country near here.

Treaster's eyesight is phenomenal, too. With a 22 rifle, he can hit a penny thrown in the air two out of three times.

"I've seen him do many times,"

says Gordon Smith, a lieutenant in the West Gosden Township Police Department who owns a hunting cabin farther down the hollow. "I still can't believe it."

From the 1950s through the 1970s, Treaster drew top billing at regional rodeos, county fairs and various benefits. He teamed with Smoky the Wonder Horse, a black stallion that knew upwards of 100 tricks, including seven dance steps, and needed only vocal commands.

Treaster taught Smoky three rearing displays, including one in which the horse clapped his front hooves together while prancing on his rear legs. Smoky could sit like a dog. He could count. He could smile. Just about the only thing Smoky couldn't do was a trick Treaster taught another stallion — to fire a pistol loaded with blanks from his mouth.

Told at a rodeo once by a caller that Smoky was a dandy entertainer but most likely of little practical value, Treaster mounted Smoky and entered the roping contest to settle the score right then and there. He won — without reins.

The pictures — of his performances of his horses, and of horses owned by others who could buy his 150 acres and not blink — are collected in photo albums he keeps in the kitchen. But there is work to do on this rainy spring day, and he walks stuffy out to the barn, pausing only to snap the spot from a longhorn's nose with his whip.

Once, he had 40 horses of his own. He is down to six now. But one of them is a bright and biddable 3-year-old palomino. It reminds him of another palomino, one he trained for Hawkeshaw Hawkins, a honky-tonk artist who possibly was on his way to stardom with the song "Lonesome 7-203" when he died in the plane crash that killed Patsy Cline and Cowboy Copas in 1963.

Treaster opens the gate for the palomino. He asks it to step outside. It does. He asks it to smile. It does. He asks it if it feels like working. It shakes its head no. He asks it to give him a break, to at least take a bow. It does.

Treaster is trying to explain it all. "People ask me all the time how I do it," he says. "I wish I could find the right words to tell them."

He checks the stock and is satisfied with its well-being. He dawdles with a lasso, hopping inside the loop and twirling it in ever-expanding circles high above his own white mane.

On the way back to the house, miming through the muck of the day, he pauses to pat the head of one of his Plotts, a darkly mottled European hound often used for bear hunting. It is a small bitch for its breed, but he swears it is the best in a line of champions he has

raised. That dog's sire is behind the barn. He is registered as Treaster's Mountain Warrior. He has never lost a treecing contest, an event in which dogs compete for the most number of barks in 30 seconds after they spot a treed raccoon. Treaster's Mountain Warrior once barked 83 times in those 30 seconds. The dog's eyes are filmy now, and, Treaster concedes, "he's about all barked out."

For 20 years now, Treaster has hosted an all-day autumn trail ride through the mountains and passes near his house. It costs \$10. For that, riders are fed two meals and see 25 miles of Pennsylvania's finest foliage.

Two years ago, Treaster donated the money received from 175 riders to a local family with medical bills and no insurance. He comments on the incident reluctantly. It is their business and his, and that is enough to tell about it, thank you.

"Anyone in the valley who ever had a problem or a problem horse knew who to call," says Bill Stoner, who raises quarter horses on his Hickory Hollow Farm, several miles away. "I don't know what the area's going to do when he's not around anymore."

Back in the kitchen, Treaster is tired and worried. His wife, Dolores, has been hospitalized with arthritis and diabetes. She might need knee replacements.

Treaster admits to a touch of arthritis, too, and it is evident as he fiddles for the first time in years with his Gibson guitar, his pick slashing through "Guitar Polka." The notes are ragged but right.

Treaster has not been asked about, nor has he mentioned, other health problems of his own, problems his friends say are potentially serious. He has, however, been asked how long he plans to keep going.

"I always said I'd quit when I couldn't get on a horse anymore," he says. "Well, I've taught them to lie down, so I figure I'm in pretty good shape."

The kitchen is warmed by a wood-burning stove. One photo album, its images yellowed, is still open.

The pages show a black stallion rearing on its hind legs and a starkly handsome horseman with his lasso circled in front of him, the rope forever frozen and close to the ground.

Prize-winning angler accused of stuffing shad

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — Was it a case of fish-stuffing? Or shad sabotage? Either way, something was definitely fishy about the winning catches in the Delaware Shad Fishing Tournament, officials said Tuesday.

Douglas Siska of Pecks Pond, Pa., who has won more than \$7,300 in the tournament in the past two years, was accused Tuesday of stuffing shad with lead weights to improve his chances.

The champion angler says he was framed. He admitted no guilt, but agreed to bow out to protect himself and the tournament.

Siska said someone must have jammed a quarter-pound of plastic-wrapped lead fishing weights into one fish and a single lead weight into another to leave his enviable record.

The fish were snatched several times Monday, prime opportunities for shad sabotage, Siska said.

"Everybody wants to knock the king down, but ... I didn't think they'd go this far to do it," he told The Express-Times newspaper of Easton, adding he has heard jealous comments from fishermen in the past. "They wanted me out of the tournament and I think somebody finally figured out a way to do it."

Tournament executive director Evelyn Gulick said Tuesday that after officials found the weights Monday night, the fisherman involved voluntarily withdrew and would be barred from future tournaments.

Gulick didn't identify the errant angler, but Siska's name was provided by about two dozen angry competitors, who speculated that his previous prizes may have been tampered with as well.

Records show Siska's full-time fishing guide on the Delaware River, has won at least \$7,325 at the tournament since 1989, including the grand prize in 1991 and second prizes in 1989 and 1990. Siska had Sunday's biggest catch at 6:78 hours. The nine-day tournament

'They wanted me out of the tournament and I think someone finally figured out a way to do it.'

— Douglas Siska, fisherman

ends Saturday.

"I want to know why he isn't prosecuted — this is theft, isn't it?" said Lou Muretta of Easton. "He has won a ton of money here. That's why I didn't enter the tournament this year — I can't beat him. Of course, I don't want lead."

Had the lead not been found, the fraudulent fish likely would've placed third and fourth — at 6:37 and 6:27 pounds, respectively — among Monday's catches, tournament weighmaster Bob Stewart said. Siska said he was "devastated" when a tournament official showed him the weights.

"I thought, 'Who the hell could've done this to me?'" Siska said. "I put all of my heart and soul into this sport — and for someone to ruin a lifetime of dreams, well, I'm just hoping people can see the truth."

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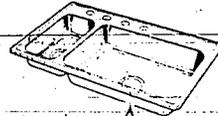
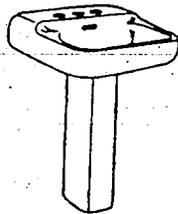
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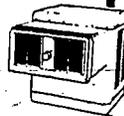
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Money

Nasdaq sets 10th straight record high

The Associated Press

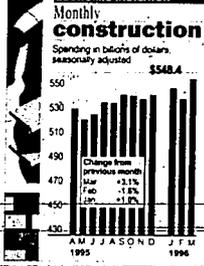
NEW YORK — The Nasdaq market and the Russell 2000 closed at record highs for the 10th straight session Wednesday as renewed fervor for technology and more speculative issues regained momentum.

The broad market rose after a new report indicated a slower pace of economic growth, allaying fears about inflation. But the gains were modest again, and trading remained restrained ahead of a pivotal report on April employment.

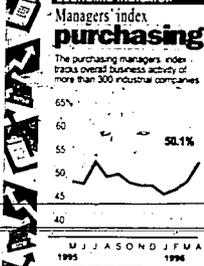
The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.14 points to 5,575.22 — the fourth straight move of less than 10 points for the slip-sliding barometer of big U.S. companies. The Dow was up as much as 25 points in the afternoon after rebounding from a loss of more than 20 in the morning.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 9.14 to 1,199.66 and now has gained more than 100 points, or about 9.3 percent, in less than three weeks. The Russell 2000 index of small companies rose 2.00

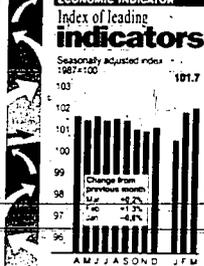
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403.30 million shares as of 4 p.m. The NYSE's composite index rose 0.29 to 351.53 and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index gained 0.41 to 654.58.

Overseas, Tokyo's Nikkei stock average fell 1 percent and London's FT-SE 100 fell 0.3 percent. Most major European markets were closed in observance of May Day.

Some of the day's gains in price and volume were the result of predictable inflows of new mutual fund money on the first day of a new month, said Jerry Hegarty, equity market analyst for Thomson Research in Boston.

Wednesday's session marked the seventh consecutive time in which the market has closed higher on the first trading day of a month, he said.

Bonds started the day slightly lower, pushing down stocks, amid news that an important index of future economic activity rose 0.2 percent in March. But bonds rebounded after a subsequent report on U.S. manufacturing indicated a moderate pace of activity in the March, which carries less risk of inflation.

Briefly in business

US West names Spies as VP, controller

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Allan Spies has been named vice president of finance and controller for US West Communications Group.

Spies, a 25-year veteran of the company's financial operations, will oversee financial accounting and corporate financial analysis. He will be responsible for the corporate books, budgeting and both short- and long-term planning.

Spies earned a bachelor's degree in physics—from California Lutheran University and a master's degree in management science from Pace University.

US West Communications provides telecommunications services to more than 25 million customers in 14 Western and Midwestern states. It is one of two major groups that make up US West.

Mountain bike company recalls suspension forks

WASHINGTON — Nearly 70,000 Manitou Mach 5 suspension forks for mountain bikes are susceptible to cracks and breaks that may cause the front wheel to come off, the government said Tuesday.

The manufacturer, Answer Products of Valencia, Calif., is offering free replacements to consumers who return the forks that were sold from August 1995 to March 1996, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

The company has received 49 reports of cracked forks, including five riders who suffered cuts, bruises and scrapes.

The Mach 5 forks were sold as original equipment on more than 27,000 Trek, Fisher, Diamondback, Martin, Mongoose and other high-end bicycles. More than 41,000 forks also were sold separately for \$270 to \$380.

Compiled from wire reports

to 350.28, bringing its gains to more than 6 percent since early April.

The Nasdaq and the Russell 2000 had managed only meager gains in the previous three sessions and waited for a government report Friday on employment, a key indicator of economic

strength. The two indexes have benefited from a series of strong earnings reports and enthusiasm that a stronger economy should benefit technology and small companies most.

The American Stock Exchange's market value index, also dominated by smaller companies, set a record for the ninth time in 12 ses-

sions, closing 2.88 to 593.78.

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Union Pacific urges feds to OK merger

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Union Pacific Railroad has asked federal regulators to block the sale of the company by opponents of the track's proposed merger with Southern Pacific.

In a filing with the federal Surface Transportation Board, the Omaha-based railroad said the proposed track sale would devastate planned service improvements and cost the merged company \$524 million in potential revenue each year.

This week's filing was the next step for Union Pacific in the federal merger review process. The Surface Transportation Board is expected to rule on the merger in July.

Officials of Conrail and the Kansas City Southern Railway have criticized the merger as leaving rail transport consolidated in

the hands of only two companies — Union Pacific-Southern Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.

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Idaho Power CEO tells stockholders to expect changes

The Associated Press

BOISE — After decades of stability, big changes are coming in the utility industry, says Idaho Power Co. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Joe Marshall.

"Customers throughout the world want their choice of electricity provider," Marshall told shareholders at the utility's annual meeting in Boise Wednesday.

Changes, allowing customers a choice of which utility serves them, is "an irresistible economic and political force," Marshall said.

"Energy users in other parts of the country pay two or three times as much as Idaho Power customers for electricity. They know that if there is competition for their business, the

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Markets

Dow-Jones

NEW YORK (AP) — Dow Jones averages for Wednesday May 1					
STOCKS	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Dow Jones	5424.20	5430.00	5420.00	5428.00	+1.80
S&P 500	654.58	655.00	654.00	654.58	+0.00
Nasdaq	1199.66	1200.00	1198.00	1199.66	+0.00
Russell 2000	351.53	352.00	351.00	351.53	+0.00
NYSE	351.53	352.00	351.00	351.53	+0.00
FTSE 100	6545.80	6550.00	6540.00	6545.80	+0.00
Nikkei 225	15850.00	15860.00	15840.00	15850.00	+0.00
Hong Kong	10000.00	10010.00	10000.00	10000.00	+0.00
London	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00	+0.00
Amex	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	+0.00
Commodities					
Oil	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	+0.00
Gold	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00	+0.00
Platinum	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	+0.00
Palladium	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	+0.00
Iron Ore	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	+0.00
Copper	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	+0.00
Aluminum	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	+0.00
Zinc	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	+0.00
Nickel	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	+0.00
Lead	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	+0.00
Silver	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	+0.00
Mercury	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	+0.00
Uranium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
Energy					
Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
Gas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
Coal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
Oil	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
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Zinc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
Nickel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
Lead	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
Silver	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
Mercury	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00
Uranium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.00

Most actives

NEW YORK (AP) — Sectors trading most actively on Wednesday May 1					
STOCKS	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Energy	100.00	105.00	100.00	102.00	+2.00
Technology	200.00	210.00	200.00	205.00	+5.00
Healthcare	150.00	155.00	150.00	152.00	+2.00
Financial	80.00	85.00	80.00	82.00	+2.00
Consumer	60.00	65.00	60.00	62.00	+2.00
Industrial	40.00	45.00	40.00	42.00	+2.00
Transportation	30.00	35.00	30.00	32.00	+2.00
Utilities	20.00	25.00	20.00	22.00	+2.00
Real Estate	10.00	15.00	10.00	12.00	+2.00
Commodities					
Oil	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	+0.00
Gold	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00	+0.00
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Copper	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	+0.00
Aluminum	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	+0.00
Zinc	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	+0.00
Nickel	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	+0.00
Lead	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	+0.00
Silver	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	+0.00
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Financial	80.00	85.00	80.00	82.00	+2.00
Consumer	60.00	65.00	60.00	62.00	+2.00
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Grains

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STOCKS	Open	High			

Money

Justice probes mutual fund boycott

WASHINGTON (AP) — A leading mutual fund said Wednesday it is cooperating with a Justice Department investigation to determine if several large mutual funds violated antitrust laws by boycotting a bond sale by Illinois.

million sale of municipal bonds in January. Gov. Jim Edgar signed the repeal order last month.

used to gather documents and testimony in investigations. "Vanguard has cooperated fully with the U.S. Justice Department's investigation of issues relating to the trading of certain Illinois debt securities," Mattes said in a statement.

sunk millions into the incinerator bonds. At that time, New York investment banker David Kagan, who consulted on two of the three Illinois incinerator projects, said bonds funds "are going to stay away from Illinois" if the credit repeat affects existing projects.

Utah, Tennessee join Lloyd's lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Utah and Tennessee have joined nine other states in filing lawsuits against Lloyd's of London, alleging agents from the troubled British insurance market defrauded U.S. investors, officials said Wednesday.

of the risks and placing them into especially risky insurance for asbestos and pollution claims. Lloyd's said it clearly informed the U.S. residents about the risks of underwriting insurance, including the possibility they could face unlimited liability, which means they would have to cash out all bank accounts and sell their home in the worst case. It also denies that its activities violated state securities laws.

Power

Continued from E1 employees at the end of the year, down 5.4 percent.

the company officials said, which will lower the cost of power production. Gunnoe said the company spent \$84 million on construction last year.

Merger

Continued from E1 224,000 rail cars to travel on more than one railroad, increasing freight rates and transit times for shippers.

the nation's largest shippers group. Neither has power-to-kill the merger, but both have filed its opposition with the Surface Transportation Board, saying the Union Pacific-Burlington truckage rights agreement does not go far enough.

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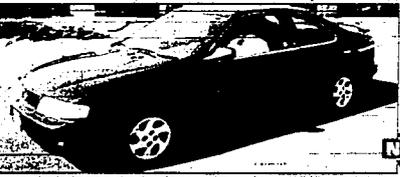
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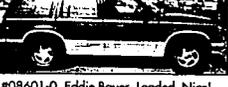
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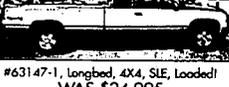
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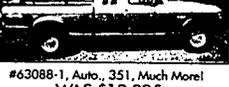
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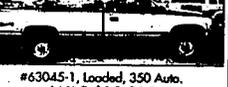
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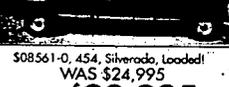
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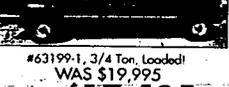
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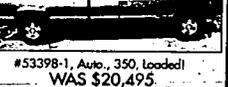
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