

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Variable clouds today and cooler with highs in the mid-80s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight-lows from near 50 to 55.

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When the sun goes down, flower thieves come out to raid graveyards across Twin Falls County.

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Few people knew that before she was murdered, this computer trainer moonlighted as an exotic dancer.

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With no national standards on nursing licensing, many states consider convicted felons for nursing licenses.

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Credit card customers can be socked with late payment fees even if they live in a state where the charges are banned, the Supreme Court ruled Monday.

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The FDA approved two new tests for the HIV virus. One is a more accurate oral test, the other may predict how fast patients will sicken.

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The long road

After Slovenian war, trial in Mongolia Scottish globetrotters find Bliss

By Lu Wright
Times-News writer

BLISS — David Grant and his family are passing through Bliss today on their seven-year trip around the world, a bitter-sweet journey they have taken in a horse-drawn wagon.

There was the time when they found themselves in the middle of a pasture in Slovenia during the early part of the war in the Balkans. A man who had befriended them was shot 24 times in the back.

Then there was the time Grant used a slingshot to fend off three drunkards who tried to steal his horse. He was later sentenced to a year in a Mongolian jail after one thief sued him for hitting his eye.

The Grants were able leave Mongolia shortly after settling out of court. It was the first of many surprise expenses that would drain the family's pocketbook after selling their Orcafly Island, Scotland, home and starting this adventure 5 1/2 years ago.

But when their plight drew media attention, thousands of dollars poured in from concerned strangers.

"It was quite humbling because a lot of it came from Kobe, (Japan) which was half-flattened" by the big earthquake, Grant said.

"Despite the misadventures — and there were many — the Grants are enjoying the ride of their lives. The family has crawled across the globe at roughly 3 mph — from Scotland through Europe, Russia, Ukraine, China, Japan and now the United States.

The family plans to travel across Idaho, through Wyoming and North Dakota, and across southern Canada before returning to Scotland.

As the family horse, 11-year-old "Tracer," nibbled hay just outside Bliss on Monday, their red and green rig looked like a roadside attraction. If not for its passengers' Scottish accents and the sponsors' advertisements plastered to its sides, it might have passed for a sheepherder's wagon.

David Grant, a former geologist, makes the family's traveling mishaps in stride. The alternative to the court settlement following the October 1994 fight in Mongolia could have been death, he says. A human rights organization had recently found that 90 people died of malnutrition behind bars in that country.

After leaving Mongolia, Tracer got violently sick when Chinese officials loaded the wagon onto a flatbed truck and left the horse there for four days while the family dickered over deportation.

Luckily, Grant added, the horse was being held for two months under quarantine and had access to a veterinarian. Then the Grants lost thousands of dollars in unforeseen expenses of flying Tracer to the United States.

Their epic began as a simple vacation plan. They had the wagon built by a Scottish craftsman so they could travel Europe



with their three children, Torcul, 16, Elidh, 14, and Finin, 12.

As they began traveling, it dawned on them to keep going.

"First we said, 'Let's go to China,' then it was, 'OK, let's go the whole way,'" David Grant said.

They recount their impressions with the liveliness of people who have discovered a broader perspective of life.

"You've got to be philosophical about it. I have made some terrific friends that I will have for the rest of my life," Kate Grant said.

"It makes the world very much from different cultures and countries," she said. "You have got time to take in everything."



World traveler David Grant brushes his yawning steed, "Tracer," after stopping his wagon outside of Bliss on Monday. Living in their horse-drawn wagon, the Grant family of Scotland started their worldwide trip in Europe and hope to finish in Nova Scotia.

Whitewater panel may offer Hale immunity

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sen. Alfonse D'Amato got the go-ahead from the Whitewater panel Monday to offer immunity to David Hale so that President Clinton's chief accuser can testify at Senate hearings next week.

On Wednesday, the Senate Whitewater Committee will consider whether to grant

Hale immunity. D'Amato said. The New York Republican is chairman of the committee.

The Senate Whitewater hearings have been on hold for several weeks while D'Amato sought Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's consent to let Hale testify with immunity about an illegal \$300,000 loan made by Hale's government-backed lending company.

Hale, who testified recently at the Little Rock, Ark., trial of Clinton's Whitewater partners, James and Susan McDougal, has said that then Gov. Clinton pressured him in 1986 to make the loan to Mrs. McDougal — a claim Clinton denied in videotaped testimony.

"We heard some of the things (Hale) reportedly testified to with respect to the origins of the \$300,000 loan," D'Amato said.

Hale's lawyers had said he would not appear before the committee without being assured his Senate testimony could not be used against him in other cases.

In a letter Monday, Starr said he had no objection to such a plan. "We do not believe that immunizing Mr. Hale will interfere with our ability to prosecute criminal violations," Starr wrote.

Immunity would have no bearing on the 28-month prison term Hale is serving for defrauding the government through his lending company. But he would still be subject to perjury charges if he lied.

The committee intends to wrap up the hearing by June 14 and issue a final report on June 17.

Hale was Starr's main witness in the trial that ended in the conviction of the McDougals and Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker.

McDougal has said he might seek a pardon from Clinton. The White House called the idea a "non-starter."

"There is nothing that would even remotely resemble that possibility pending," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Historians are dying to know how Lewis died

The Associated Press

HOHENWALD, Tenn. — The only way to tell if explorer Meriwether Lewis killed himself or was murdered 187 years ago is to dig up his remains, an anthropology professor said Monday.

"If we find an entrance wound in the back of Meriwether Lewis, then it's not suicide," Dr. James Starrs of George Washington University told an inquest panel. "If we find a .58-caliber ball and a .69-caliber ball then something's wrong."

A prosecutor in Lewis County, named after the explorer, ordered an inquest after historians pushed for an investigation into the death. Lewis was 35 when he died of gunshot wounds on Oct. 11, 1809, along the Natchez Trace, a well-traveled route between Tennessee and New Orleans.

Historians have debated whether he was murdered, committed suicide or was shot accidentally. The prevalent belief is that Lewis — sent by Thomas Jefferson to explore the rugged western frontier in the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804-1806 — killed himself with his black powder pistol.

His remains are buried under a 50-ton monument at a national park site seven miles south of here.

Starrs, a forensic scientist, believes Lewis was murdered and wants to examine the remains to prove his theory. But not everyone feels the same.

Arlen Lorge, a former Wall Street

Journal reporter who once headed the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, said today that he believes Lewis was despondent and had become a heavy drinker before he killed himself.

Large said Lewis' close friend William Clark had written letters saying he was convinced Lewis had killed himself.

"Clark never throughout the rest of his life gave any indication of a murder," Large said.

But Large did not oppose exhuming the remains if it would help clear up the mystery.

The seven-member jury, convened by coroner Richard Tate, was meeting today and Tuesday at a National Guard armory about 10 miles from where Lewis is buried.

"My understanding of the whole situation is in 1809, when this whole thing happened, there wasn't much investigation done to find out the cause of death. It's our opinion that history ought to be factual," Tate said.

Jurors will hear evidence from historians, pathologists, psychiatrists, firearms experts and forensic scientists. They also may witness the firing of a reproduction of the .69-caliber muzzleloading pistol believed to have shot Lewis, and try to analyze Lewis' nasal condition through his handwriting samples.

The panel cannot order the exhumation of Lewis' remains. The National Park Service has authority over Lewis' grave and a 50-ton limestone and sandstone monument covering it.

FBI unplugs Freeman

The Associated Press

JORDAN, Mont. — The FBI pulled the plug on the electricity at the Freeman ranch Monday, a day after moving armored vehicles closer to the compound.

The power was cut during the afternoon in another effort to persuade the Freeman to resume negotiations for a peaceful settlement to the 71-day-old standoff, the FBI said in a statement.

The Freeman compound appeared quiet. Some neighbors have said they are sure the Freemans have their own generators. But it's not known how long the fugitives could hold out without outside power.

A fuel distributor said his company made a delivery to the ranch last fall, including 250 gallons of diesel that could be used to run generators.

The FBI switched on portable generators to supply power to 41 neighboring homes that are wired into the same circuit supplying the 960-acre Freeman grain and cattle ranch.

On Sunday, three FBI armored vehicles Please see FREEMEN/A2

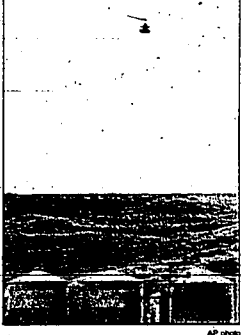
Worker fired for taking 'souvenirs'

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Investigators looking for a circuit breaker that could yield clues to the cause of the ValuJet Flight 592 crash found a piece of the panel — in the closet of a salvage worker's Fort Lauderdale apartment.

On Monday, FBI agents arrested Michael E. Gadsden, 35, who was immediately fired from his job as a truck driver for Resolve Towing and Salvage, the Broward County company hired to retrieve plane debris from the Everglades.

When questioned by agents, Gadsden claimed he kept the circuit-breaker part



The FBI files over the Freeman ranch.

Weather

IDAHO Weather

Tuesday, June 4
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

COEUR D'ALENE	73°
LEWISTON	70°
BOISE	85°
IDAHO FALLS	85°
TWIN FALLS	85°
POCATELLO	80°

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Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Today variable clouds. Cooler. Highs in the mid-80s. West-windly 10 to 15 mph. Tonight fair. Lows from near 50 to 55. Wednesday fair. Highs around 80. The ultraviolet index is an 8, a high exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Thursday partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s to the mid-50s. Highs in the lower 80s to the lower 90s.
Friday partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s to the upper 50s. Highs in the lower 80s to the lower 90s.
Saturday partly cloudy and cooler. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s to the lower 50s. Highs in the mid-70s to the mid-80s.

Wood River Valley

Today variable clouds. Isolated afternoon showers. Cooler. Highs in the 70s. Tonight variable clouds. Isolated evening showers. Lows around 40. Wednesday fair. Highs in the 70s.

Treasure Valley

Today variable clouds. Cooler. Highs in the mid-80s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight fair. Lows around 50. Wednesday fair. Highs around 80.

Northern Nevada

Today sunny and unseasonably warm. Highs in the 80s east to mid-90s west. Tonight fair and clear. Lows in the upper 30s to mid-40s east to mid-50s west. Wednesday sunny and warm. Highs in the 80s east to mid-90s west.

Northern Utah

Today mostly sunny and warm. Highs lower to middle mostly sunny and not as warm. Highs upper 80s. Extended forecast, Thursday and Friday mostly sunny days and clear nights. Continued unseasonably warm. Lows mid-50s and 60s. Highs upper 80s to near 100. Saturday partly cloudy. Lows mid-50s and 60s. Highs mid-80s to mid-90s.

Idaho weather summary

Mostly cloudy skies invaded Idaho over night. The Panhandle and northern central mountains were the cloudiest and received all of the reported precipitation.
Lewiston reported the most active weather as thunderstorms moved through the area.
Skies Monday afternoon remained mostly cloudy to cloudy across the state with a few isolated areas of sunny. Temperatures ranged from the mid-60s to the low-90s. Southerly winds in southern Idaho were in the 10 to 15 mph range and winds elsewhere were light and variable. No precipitation was reported in the afternoon hours.

Almanac

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp	Yesterday	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	85	62	m	Normal	72	41	0.03
Burley	91	50	m	Last year	66	47	0.03
Fairfield	m	m	m	Normal	72	41	0.03
Gooding	90	54	m				
Hagerman	84	48	m				
Idaho Falls	83	40	m	Month to date:	.00		
Jerome	88	52	m	Normal to date:	.00		
Latah	84	59	0.02	Water year to date:	13.00		
Malad	82	43	m	Normal year to date:	7.50		
Matta	85	45	m	Comfort factors			
McCall	m	38	m	Humidity at noon:	33 pct.		
Pocatello	86	44	m	Barometer at noon:	30.07 F.		
Salmon	77	33	m	Fallen count: NA			
Stanley	78	33	m	Cowley's Astoria and Albany of Idaho			
Sun Valley	79	28	m				

Skywatch

Sunset today 8:48 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:21 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, June 1, last quarter, June 8, new, June 15, first quarter, June 23.
Visible planets: Morning: Jupiter, Saturn. Evening: Venus.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, June 4.

FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY
PRECIPITATION: H I D R S
WEATHER: Hazy, Drizzle, Rain, Thunderstorms, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Sunny, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 94 degrees at Hagerman, Low, 33 degrees at Stanley.
Nation: High, 120 at Death Valley, Calif.; Low, 28 at Truckee, Calif.

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National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	92	63
Atlanta	84	68
Boston	87	67
Chicago	81	57	.....
Dallas	91	69	.....
Denver	89	69	.....
El Paso	98	51	.....
Fort Worth	91	63	.....
Houston	97	70	.....
Indianapolis	74	59	.....
Kansas City	84	61	.....
Las Vegas	105	70	.....
Los Angeles	71	58	.....
Miami	86	74	.....
Memphis	80	74	.....
Minneapolis	69	58	.....
Milwaukee	68	51	.....
New Orleans	89	70	.....
New York	63	56	.....
Oklahoma City	83	57	.....
Omaha	63	50	.....
Phoenix	111	76	.....
Pittsburgh	71	62	.....
Portland, Me.	59	45	.....
Portland, Ore.	80	64	.....
Reno	91	61	.....
San Antonio	88	63	.....
Salt Lake City	88	53
San Francisco	63	57
Seattle	74	57
Spokane	82	59
Washington	73	57

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2 New Yorkers arrested for selling gas masks to cult

Newbury
RUNAUPAUGE, N.Y.—A father and son who ran a surplus military and police supply company in New York were arrested by federal agents Monday and accused of trying to export gas masks to the Japanese cult responsible for the poison gas attack that killed 11 people and injured thousands in the Tokyo subway system last Thursday.
"In addition to charges involving the shipment of gas masks to the Aum Shinri Kyoku cult in Japan, Milton Somborg, president of Rothco, in Smithtown, N.Y., and his son, Howard, were accused of 160 illegal shipments of military and police equipment between 1993 and 1995 to other locations around the world, including the Czech Republic, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru and the Bahamas.
"The equipment included gas masks, chemical protective suits, tear gas, stun guns, semiautomatic ammunition magazines, night-vision equipment and empty hand grenade and artillery shells, said Robert Van Etten, head of the Customs Service in New York.
"The shipments often were mislabeled, apparently as food or clothing, and had warned the company not to ship equipment without proper export licenses, Van Etten said.
"The shipments were "a blatant and knowing disregard of the law," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Edgardo Ramos.
"The gas masks ordered by the Aum cult, which were intercepted by Customs agents in California the day of the subway attack in Tokyo, were inventoried as "force mades," Ramos said.
"In other alleged instances, the company shipped a stun gun and a set of handcuffs to an address in Ukraine with a shipping label indicating that they were toys. A shipment of hand-drawn gas canisters was labeled "pumpkinweights," and a shipment of stun guns as "cattle prods."
"There is no evidence, that Rothco officials knew they were dealing with the Aum cult, but their method of operation indicated that they had no concern about who bought their goods, said Michael Nestor, head of the Customs Service on Long Island.
"The DC's forward cargo hold. Court appearance.
On Monday afternoon, Gadsden appeared handcuffed to five other defendants and led into the courtroom of U.S. Magistrate Barry L. Garber. Gadsden, 35, sun-burned, wore black Levi jeans, a short-sleeve blue and gray striped shirt and white sneakers.
"After setting bond and ordering Gadsden to stay away from the crash site, the judge set another hearing for 2 p.m. Tuesday to give the defendant time to find a lawyer.
"Afterward, while pacing around the second floor of the federal courtroom in Miami while waiting for U.S. marshals to release him, Gadsden declined to speak about his arrest. "If this is going to be on CNN, I need to call my mother before she sees my name on TV. She's going to have a heart attack."
"Gadsden added that he does not know that he can afford a lawyer. "I don't have a lawyer. I can't afford a cash," he said. "My girlfriend's supposed to come pick me up, but I don't think she knows how to get here."
"Gadsden then started rubbing his eyes and scrubbing his beard. "This is just a nightmare," he said. "What a mess."

Storms rumble over Midwest and Texas

The Associated Press
Thunderstorms rumbled across Texas and the Midwest on Monday, and rain fell over the mid Atlantic states.
The thunderstorms developed rapidly during the afternoon across parts of Indiana and Ohio with abundant lightning and wind gusting to 40 mph.
These storms broke out along a cold front that looped from eastern Wisconsin into Indiana and southern Illinois and back across the middle Mississippi Valley into Texas.
Along the western end of the front, thunderstorms rained across the Texas Panhandle during the afternoon. Overnight thunderstorms also poured locally heavy rain over much of western and southern Texas, with 1.41 inches at Houston.
Afternoon thunderstorms also formed over the plains of southeastern Colorado, and the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning after one twister was spotted in Baca County.
In the East, showers were scattered across Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, parts of Virginia, New Jersey and southeastern New York state. In the West, there was a chance of light showers along the coast of Washington state.

Judge upholds 4th-grade ban on Limbaugh book

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP)—A state judge has ruled that a teacher's confiscation of Rush Limbaugh's book from his fourth-grade son had his day in court Monday, putting the boy on the stand to testify from a chapter titled "Condom-Bug Jumping."
U.S. District Judge James Turk denied a request by the father of 9-year-old Jason Gardner for a preliminary injunction against the school, saying there's no point with only four days left before summer break.
Jason was reading Limbaugh's "The Way Things Ought to Be" during the silent reading period at Montvale Elementary School when his teacher took away the book, saying it was inappropriate material for a fourth grader.
Bruce Bays said he took the book after noticing a chapter titled "Condom-Bug Jumping, The New Diploma." The school argued that Bays had read Jason from the book.
Thomas Gardner then sued, saying the school violated Jason's right to free speech and interfered with his right as a parent to determine what his child may read, as long as it's not obscene or vulgar. Limbaugh also accused the school of censorship on his nationally syndicated radio show.
"In the chapter Jason had been reading, Limbaugh argues that liberals and dislike Limbaugh's views. But Turk said he doubted the teacher was motivated by an aversion to Limbaugh's conservative beliefs.
"The evidence has been that the book in question is above the reading level of Jason," Turk said. "If the teacher held up a book and said anything that was worse than trash and I disagree with his political beliefs, then you have a strong case."

Salvage

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had shown him a piece of the aircraft a little more than a week ago.
"He said, 'I got me a souvenir.' He said he found it stuck in the slats in the truck when he left the warehouse," Larsen said. "It was a little piece of the console. It looked like somebody took a piece of aluminum, crumpled it up, then flattened it out again."
Gadsden was charged with illegally removing and concealing parts of an airplane involved in an accident, a federal offense. He was later released on a \$50,000 bond. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.
Meanwhile, a group including United Way officials and relatives of some of the 110 victims of the May 11 accident announced plans to build a memorial, possibly at the crash site.
The United Way organizations of Dade County and Atlanta will collect donations on behalf of the victims' families, who will decide what form the memorial will take.
"We thought we should do something to memorialize this," said Richard Kessler, an Atlanta attorney who lost his wife of 23 years in the crash. He had stood by the Tamiami Trail command post a mile from the crash site.
Kessler credited the idea for the memorial to his daughter Grace, a recent University of Miami gradu-

ate. Kessler and his wife had flown down from Atlanta for her graduation. Richard Kessler took an earlier flight back from Miami.
"He said his daughter, an artist, sent him pictures of the Everglades and was working out ideas with architect friends.
"I saw how beautiful the area is, and I thought it was a good idea," Kessler said, adding later: "My daughter and I are very comfortable with her being here."
At the crash site Monday, salvage workers continued using a backhoe mounted on a pontoon platform to dig for parts at the crash site. A National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman said investigators believe they now have pieces comprising about 50 percent of the aircraft.
Later in the day, the tragedy took a strange twist with news of the salvage worker's arrest.
According to the FBI, Gadsden drove a truck that transported recovered parts of the ValuJet DC-9 from the Everglades crash site to a hangar at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport where investigators are trying to reconstruct parts of the DC-9.
FBI spokesman Paul Miller wouldn't say how investigators think the parts had been taken. An NTSB official said a co-worker of Gadsden's might have tipped them off.
Armed with a warrant, agents searched Gadsden's apartment on Friday and found the parts hidden in a bedroom closet. FBI special agent Jacqueline Fruge said in her complaint.
While investigators searched his apartment, other agents were interviewing Gadsden at a Miami hotel during the operation. At the time, Gadsden denied possessing any plane parts.
On Saturday, agents again interviewed Gadsden and he allegedly confessed.
"Defendant admitted that about 10 days ago, he had found the aircraft parts, supposedly in the truck after delivering other parts, and that he took the two aircraft parts as souvenirs," Fruge wrote.
The parts were identified by Greg Feith, the NTSB's chief ValuJet crash investigator. One of the parts was apparently a part of a circuit breaker that investigators had been hoping to find. It could provide clues to the fire that raged aboard the plane before it crashed.
"Mr. Feith has identified this part of the panel as a relevant discovery with respect to effort to determine the cause of the aircraft disaster," the agent wrote.
The airplane's circuit-breaker boxes were replaced before it took off from Atlanta to Miami in the first leg of what would have been a round trip. The fire is believed to have been caused or fed by oxygen-generating canisters being transported in

Freemen

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were moved to within a few miles of the ranch.
The agency also has a rescue helicopter on the area.
"I don't have a lawyer. I can't afford a cash," he said. "My girlfriend's supposed to come pick me up, but I don't think she knows how to get here."
"Gadsden then started rubbing his eyes and scrubbing his beard. "This is just a nightmare," he said. "What a mess."

"We haven't given up" trying to end the standoff peacefully, the source said.
Agents also established additional checkpoints Sunday along a rural road between Jordan and the ranch.
"The FBI believes 18 people, three of them children, are inside the ranch and are being held there on charges including circulating millions of dollars in bogus checks and threatening to kill a federal judge."

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The Truck prize package was worth over \$24,000. As with any of the Lottery's other games, all the odds are based on the number of tickets that were sold for the winners.

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Nation

Few knew murder victim lived 2-lives

PEABODY, Mass. (AP) — Kristin Crowley was married, worked for a computer company and drove a Ford. Unbeknownst to most of her family, she also worked as an exotic dancer, performing at private parties.

Her other life came to light after she was stalked and killed by two men who encountered her at a mini-mart where she had stopped to buy groceries, a prosecutor said.

The prosecutor, Robert Weiner, stressed that the 27-year-old's work as a dancer had nothing to do with her murder, an apparently random act of violence outside her middle-class and usually safe condominium complex.

"To my knowledge, she was not an exotic dancer. But for her mother, how would I know," said Susan Gove, who owns the company in nearby Reading where her daughter worked as a personal computer trainer.

Crowley took the job working as an exotic dancer at bachelor parties and other private functions after graduating from high school in 1987. The Evening News of Salem reported.

The paper also reported that she had quit dancing to work for her mother's computer training company, but Weiner referred to Crowley as "an entertainer," and said she might have worked at a party currier in the evening of her murder.

Mrs. Gove spoke after a raucous scene in court as the suspects,



Kristin S. Crowley, 27, of Peabody Mass., left, was killed early Sunday as she arrived at her home. John P. Keegan, 25 of Boston, center, and Timothy Dykens, 23, left, of Cambridge, Mass., both face murder charges in the beating death of Crowley.

Timothy Dykens, 23, of Cambridge, and John P. Keegan, 25, of South Boston, were arraigned on murder charges and ordered held without bail. They pleaded innocent.

Several friends of the victim began shouting and cursing at the pair, and at least three men tried to get at them before Judge Santo Ruma ordered the courtroom cleared.

Friends denied that Crowley had danced at a party earlier Saturday night. They said she had joined them at a nightclub briefly to listen to a band before heading home, around midnight.

On the way home, she stopped at a service station to buy groceries.

It was there, prosecutors allege, that she ran into her assailants. Keegan and Dykens were captured on the store's video camera, Weiner said Monday.

He said the store's clerk also reported seeing Keegan look at Crowley and say he "wanted a piece of that." He said the clerk quoted Dykens as saying repeatedly, "You know what we've got to do."

Authorities, who said the suspects did not know their alleged victim, had been drinking earlier in the night at a strip joint.

Weiner said the pair followed Crowley to her nearby apartment building. She was found dead half an hour later in a wooded area off a parking lot of the complex.

Authorities determined she had been struck in the head and neck with a 35-pound rock.

Neighbors heard Crowley's cries for help, and one reported seeing a pair of women's underwear lying on a walkway. Weiner said tests to determine whether Crowley was raped will take several weeks to complete.

According to Weiner, a neighbor also saw a man he later identified as Keegan approach the door of Crowley's condominium and carry off a pair of women's shoes.

Dykens was taken into custody a couple hours after the crime as he walked along a road with his bloodied shirt in hand, police said. Keegan surrendered Sunday.

Judge strikes down prayer in schools

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — A federal judge ruled Monday that a rural Mississippi public school district violated the Constitution by permitting Bible classes and morning prayers over the intercom system.

"The Bill of Rights was created to protect the minority from tyranny by the majority," U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers wrote in rejecting the school's practice as illegal.

Lisa Herdahl sued in 1994 to end school prayers in the heavily Baptist community of Fern, saying her five children have a constitutional right not to engage in student-led prayers and should not be faulted for their Lutheran religious beliefs.

Biggers said school prayer can exist without violating the Constitution, but teachers must remain neutral and may not promote religious practices.

"Without the benefit of such a document, women in this county have been burned because the majority of their townspeople believed their religious practices were contrary to the tenets of fundamentalist Christianity," he wrote.

Biggers also allowed some publicity in his 39-page ruling.

"Some of the defendants argue that this ruling will stifle all prayer in schools," he said, "but the court feels confident that as long as there are tests in schools, there will be prayers there also."

Boy held for allegedly trying to poison teacher

Los Angeles Times

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A 15-year-old boy was in custody Monday after allegedly attempting to poison his teacher's cup of tea — the second incident of this sort in Southern California

within a month — authorities said.

The youngster, who lives in Perris, was arrested Thursday after he was spotted spraying a liquid dry-eraser solution into the tea. The teacher, Dean Hudson, was alerted by another student before he drank the tea,

said Riverside Police Department spokesman Steve Johnson.

The incident occurred at Somerset School, a private school that serves children who are emotionally disturbed and who are learning handicapped, Johnson said.

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Many states license convicted felons to practice nursing

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Gary Kleypas was 21 when he beat a neighbor in southwest Missouri, leaving the elderly widow to suffocate in her own blood. He was 36 when he finished half of his 30-year sentence, moved to Kansas and enrolled in college. His chosen profession: nursing. Had he not been charged with and convicted to a second murder — that of a 20-year-old fellow student in March — Kleypas likely would have graduated from Pittsburg State University with a registered nursing degree in May.

And shortly thereafter, this convicted mur-

derer could have been treating patients — administering injections, taking blood, all of the intimate and crucial work that nurses do. With no national standards on licensure, Kansas and most other states consider convicted felons for nursing licenses.

Since 1990, the Kansas state nursing board has licensed 29 ex-convicts with criminal rap sheets ranging from second-degree murder, rape and aggravated arson to harboring marijuana and embezzlement, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.

"Frankly, I was quite surprised," says

Kansas Attorney General, Carla Stovall. "I didn't know we had a convicted murderer licensed as a nurse." In fact, Kansas' only known convicted killer-licensed nurse now works as a supervisor in charge of a unit of a nursing home near Kansas City.

He speaks only on condition that his name will not be used. He has remained sober, he says, since the day he was imprisoned in 1978 for gunning down a man in a fight while in a drug-induced haze.

He took up this career, he says, because it was the only decent paying job he thought he could get.

"I was black, I was going to be an ex-con and I needed to get into a field that really didn't pay attention to a person's past record but would pay more attention to what they were doing at the time," he says.

In states like Maryland, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Georgia, the issue of a convicted murderer applying for a nursing license has never come up, according to their boards' directors.

In Texas, a woman who killed her husband after years of abuse was licensed as a registered nurse, says the board's executive director, Kathleen Thomas. But, a recent Texas-

law prohibits anyone convicted of a felony from being licensed as a practical nurse.

Other states say they discourage serious offenders early on. Lanette Anderson, assistant executive secretary of the West Virginia state Board of Examiners, says nursing schools there warn applicants that criminal background checks will be conducted before they are admitted.

Most nursing boards, like the one in Kansas, review the applicants on a case-by-case basis. Whether they are approved depends on the crime, if the applicant has finished the sentence and what they have done since.

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Sister says Gingrich spoke out of turn

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich's lesbian half-sister said if she ever decides to marry another woman, she will invite her brother to the ceremony even though he said he wouldn't attend.

In a statement released Monday, Candace Gingrich accused the speaker of "prejudicial posturing" when he announced on national television that he wouldn't attend the wedding.

"I have not even been considering having a ceremony and making that kind of commitment in my life, so for him to make a snap decision is just wrong," she said. "But when the day comes, I will invite him and I hope that he will

reconsider and attend." On NBC's "Meet The Press," Gingrich, R-Ga., said Sunday that although he hasn't been offended by his sister's relationships, unions of two people of the same sex are not the same as heterosexual marriages. He said he wouldn't attend Ms. Gingrich's wedding if she married a woman.

"I wouldn't regard it as a marriage, I think a marriage is between a man and a woman," he said. Gingrich continued his anti-gay rhetoric on Monday. During a visit to his home district in Georgia, he criticized the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games for bowing to pressure

from homosexual protesters. The committee in April decided to bypass Cobb County, just north of Atlanta, on its torch relay after homosexual groups threatened demonstrations because the county commission passed an anti-gay resolution. The resolution says the gay lifestyle conflicts with family values.

"Frankly, the homosexual demonstrators blackmailed the Olympic committee," Gingrich said. "I think it was very sad. It was the wrong decision and I think it's important to keep the Olympics above politics."

Gingrich said he expected Congress to pass by a wide margin a pending bill that would define

marriage as a union between one man and one woman, making homosexual couples ineligible for a range of federal benefits, including Social Security payments. The bill is a reaction to a Hawaii law that, if upheld in court, could make same sex marriage legal in that state.

President Clinton and congressional Democrats have accused the GOP sponsors of the bill of stirring up an anti-gay issue during this election year, but Clinton said he would sign the same-sex marriage legislation in its current form.

Candace Gingrich said she was dismayed by her brother's comment.

High court gives banks freer rein

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bank's credit card customers can be socked with late-payment fees even if they live in a state where such charges are banned, the Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The unanimous decision in a California case could net banks hundreds of millions of dollars a year and was denounced by consumer advocates.

"If you've got a credit card, this means you're going to get hit with one of these charges sooner or later," said Marc Chavez, a lawyer for the National Consumer Law Center. "It's a very disappointing decision — it allows one state to export its laws, pre-empting other states' consumer protection laws."

There was no immediate reaction from the banking industry. Nationally chartered banks that locate their credit-lending home base in friendly states such as South Dakota or Delaware are allowed to charge interest on credit card balances at rates permitted in the state they are located.

And the court ruled that late-payment fees are included in federal banking law's definition of "interest."

In other matters, the court: Upheld the military death penalty by rejecting a constitutional challenge to it by an Army private prosecuted in Texas.

Heard arguments over a new federal law that limits most state death row inmates to one appeal in federal court. A ruling is expected within a month.

Agreed to hear the Clinton administration's challenge to a Louisiana school board's election system that includes no majority-black districts and was approved despite evidence it diluted minority voters' political clout.

Rejected an appeal by a former FBI agent who says he was fired in retaliation for successfully suing the agency over its discrimination against Hispanics.

Agreed to decide whether the

federal government can force growers and shippers of California, peaches, plums and nectarines to help pay for generic advertising of those fruits.

The credit card decision focused on a dispute between Citibank's credit division, based in Sioux Falls, S.D., and Barbara Smiley, a Los Angeles credit card customer of Citibank.

Smiley sued in 1992 after being assessed \$15 late fees on her MasterCard and Visa accounts. California law limits such charges and some states ban them altogether.

About half the states limit or ban credit card late fees, and those laws also are preempted by Monday's interpretation of federal banking law.

The nation's highest court ruled in 1978 that a national bank can impose any credit rate allowed by the state in which it is located, and Monday the court said the term "interest" encompasses late-payment fees.

Some banks then chose to move to South Dakota, which has no limit on credit card interest. The Comptroller of the Currency, the federal official in charge of regulating banks, previously had ruled that such prepayment fees are valid anywhere Citibank customers reside, and the justices deferred to that interpretation of federal banking law.

"Since we have concluded that the comptroller's regulation deserves deference, the question before us is not whether it represents the best interpretation of the statute, but whether it represents a reasonable one," Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court today.

"The answer is obviously yes," he said.

Because the court's ruling is based on its interpretation of a federal law, Congress is free to amend the law.

Safety board recommends new airspeed indicator warnings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Transportation Safety Board issued a series of recommendations Monday for improved pilot warnings of malfunctioning airspeed indicators.

The moves stem from the Feb. 6 crash of a Birgenair Boeing 757 off the coast of the Dominican Republic that killed 189 people.

While the cause of the disaster remains under study, the board said readings from the airplane's flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder indicate that the pilot's airspeed indicator was not working correctly.

Realizing there was a problem, the pilot had the first officer call out speeds on takeoff, but shortly thereafter the pilot indicated

that his speed indicator "began to operate."

As the plane climbed, however, the crew indicated confusion about airspeed and did not recognize the significance of a warning light, the board said. The plane stalled at 7,000 feet and plunged into the ocean. Stalling occurs when an airplane is moving too slowly to keep flying.

According to the board, on this type of plane a pair of lights labeled "muchspped trim" and "rudder ratio" light up together when the plane's separate airspeed indicators differ by 10 knots (11.5 mph) or more.

However, the pilots didn't recognize this and became confused about their true speed, the report said.

Clinton supports Mideast peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the aftermath of Israel's elections, President Clinton sent letters to four Arab leaders reaffirming the United States' commitment to the Middle East peace process.



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Tony overlooks Andrews

NEW YORK (AP) — Julie Andrews snubbed the Tonys and they snubbed her back.

Sunday's awards were dominated by "Rent," and "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk," which each won four prizes. Three awards each went to "A Delicate Balance" and "Master Class," which won as best play.

From the start, the awards honoring Broadway's best took digs at Andrews, who rejected her nomination as best actress in a musical for "Victor/Victoria" because the show failed to win any other nominations.

Taking the stage in one of Andrews' glamorous "Victor/Victoria" costumes and trademark beaddresses, host Nathan Lane joked, "You really expected her here tonight? You all know that's as likely as the pope hosting Madonna's baby shower."

"Welcome to the Tabloid Tonys — The hills were alive with the sounds of Julie," Lane cracked, claiming she was away being host of "a telenovela for the egregiously overlooked."

While no-show Andrews' name remained on the Tony ballot, voters chose Donna Murphy for the best actress-musical award for her performance of a starchy governess in a revival of "The King and I."

"The King and I" also was named best revival of a musical and won two technical awards for scenic design and costume design.

In her acceptance speech, Murphy paid tribute to her fellow nominees, including "the inspiring Julie Andrews," as the crowd roared its approval of her upset win.

"It's appropriate," said Victor/Victoria producer Tony Adams, also a no-show. "Why should it go to someone who was not going to accept it? You've got to believe voters took her at her word."

Peter Cromarty, a publicist for Victor/Victoria, said this morning that Andrews would have no further comment on the Tonys. He said she was out of town but assumed she watched the telecast.

"Rent," written by Jonathan Larson, who died in January at the age of 35, was named best musical for its gritty celebration of artists in New York's East Village.

"Thank you all for embracing 'Rent' and with it my brother Jonathan," said his sister, Julie Larson McCollam. The show also received awards for Wilson Jermaine Heredia as best featured-actor in a musical, and for book and score of a musical.

"Master Class," which portrays diva Maria Callas instructing budding opera singers, was named best play.

In his acceptance speech, author Terrence McNally thanked his parents and "other" for listening to Saturday afternoon football games on the car radio so he could tune in opera on the good radio.

Zoe Caldwell and Audra McDonald also won as best actress and featured actress, respectively, in "Master Class."

"I'm going to try really hard not to faint — I'm good at it, though," said McDonald, who won a Tony two years ago for the revival of "Carousel."

Game show host hangs self

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Former "Family Feud" host Ray Combs had tried for weeks to commit suicide, including hanging his head against the wall, before hanging himself with bedsheets in a mental ward.

Combs, a 40-year-old father of six, apparently was anguished over his pending divorce, police Sgt. Rick Young said Monday.

The host of "The New Family Feud" from 1988 to 1994, Combs was taken to Glendale Adventist Medical Center on Saturday with head injuries and was admitted for mental observation, Young said.

About 14 hours later, hospital staff found he had hanged himself in a closet. He left no note, and officials are not sure exactly when he died.

"He had attempted numerous times during the past couple of weeks," Young said. "We have information that over the past several days he was banging his head against walls."

The hospital knew that Combs was suicidal, but such patients normally are not under constant watch, Young said. They are put into secured rooms supposed to contain nothing they can use to hurt themselves.



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Tax cuts: candidates confront their past

By John King
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an election-year competition for the upper hand on taxes, Bob Dole and President Clinton each can only hope voters ignore — or forgive — his personal history on the issue.

Both after all, have backed giant tax increases in the name of deficit reduction: Dole in 1982 and 1990, Clinton in his first year as president, after campaigning on the promise of a middle-class tax cut.

Both are now eager to make the promise of tax cuts part of their 1996 campaign portfolios, and part of their competition to answer voter anxiety about the changing economy.

"I believe we can cut taxes, reform the tax code and balance the budget," Dole said Monday in Michigan. His speech opened a week in which Dole will make the case that, in addition to Clinton's 1993 tax increase, Americans are paying millions more in "stealth taxes" because of higher interest rates, stagnant wages and only moderate economic growth.

Dole was taking this message to Virginia on Tuesday on a visit to a housing construction site. Clinton, meanwhile, was heading to New Jersey to deliver the commencement address at Princeton University, where aides said he would propose expanded tax breaks for college tuition. He has also proposed a \$10,000 annual tax credit for college tuition and job training, but the idea has languished in Congress. Aides also suggested Clinton would outline ideas for tax incentives to assist home buyers later this week.

In an odd twist of tax politics, the White House suggested Monday that there was virtue in the fact that Clinton's tax proposals were far more modest than those being considered by the Dole campaign.

"The president has always suggested that tax relief be targeted properly," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry, saying that cutting taxes too much now would stymie efforts to balance the budget. The president's top economist, Laura Tyson, made a similar argument in saying the threshold question about any tax-cut plan should be "how is it paid for?"

"This standard should be quite relevant to Dole, in a tax-cut package urged by applied to tax-cut proposals in the past, and one that has complicated efforts by some Republicans to convince Dole to embrace dramatic tax cuts, perhaps a proposal to cut taxes 15 percent across the board.

Analysis

Senate Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle of South Dakota described that idea as "preposterous," and "a disaster for the country," suggesting Dole try to explain how deep tax cuts would mesh with his support for a proposed constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget.

On this point, Daschle had an unlikely but important ally in the Republican congressional leadership.

"We have to be concerned about deficits," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, a Texas Republican, saying he could not imagine majority support for the several hundred billion dollars in spending cuts that would be necessary to pay for such a dramatic tax reduction without ballooning the deficit.

Dole was unlikely to embrace the 15 percent cut in any event, and left little doubt of that when he said Friday, and anew Monday, that his first obligation as president would be to balance the budget.

Still, the Dole campaign is determined to score on the issue, believing tax cuts are one way to address voter anxiety over stagnant wages, and return the campaign debate to the smaller government themes that helped Republicans in 1994.

Dole also is eager to remind voters of Clinton's broken promise to deliver tax relief to "the forgotten middle class." As for Clinton's more recent tax-cut ideas, Dole aides note they were never introduced when Democrats controlled Congress, only after Republicans swept the 1994 midterm elections on a platform that included tax cuts.

In Michigan, Dole said Clinton had "imposed the largest tax increase in the history of America on you, the people, and I intend to go in precisely the opposite direction." Precisely how, however, is the unresolved question. Dole said he wanted to be certain his plan added up before he unveiled it, meaning he has yet to decide how big of a tax cut he can propose without losing his credibility as a deficit hawk. "I don't want to be like Clinton," Dole said. "I want to make one and stick with it."

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional auditors have been asked to investigate reports that records were ordered falsified in the Los Angeles Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

"We cannot allow the central bank of the United States, the main custodian of the nation's currency and coin, to commit continual and serious errors in reporting its currency and coin operations, nor can falsification of reports of currency activities be permitted," Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, said in a letter to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Gonzalez, who is senior Democrat on the House Banking Committee, asked the General Accounting Office to investigate the reports, which he attributed to sources he did not identify.

The veteran congressman, a persistent critic of the Federal Reserve, said he was told that personnel in the Los Angeles branch were instructed by managers to "deliberately force zero differences between currency reports and other Federal Reserve records used by the Board of Governors."



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FDA OKs oral diagnosis, prediction tests for HIV

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans got two new tests for the AIDS virus Monday; one to more easily detect infection and the other to predict how fast patients with the deadly disease will sicken.

The Food and Drug Administration called Epitope Inc.'s Orasure the first oral test that appears as reliable as the standard blood test to diagnose the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

Orasure uses a treated cotton pad to scrape tissue sample from between the gum and

check. The sample is tested for antibodies to HIV, and doctors predicted wide use by people at risk for HIV but who shunned blood tests.

Patients who already know they're infected can find out just how much HIV is floating in their blood with Hoffman-La Roche's Amplior test, also approved Monday.

But the question is whether patients will want this test, said Dr. Curtis Scribner, FDA's deputy director of blood research. Studies do

show that patients with high HIV blood levels are more likely to sicken fast — but nobody knows if drugs that lower those blood levels significantly reduce the risk of death or even if changes in HIV amounts signal it's time to change treatments, he said.

"We are at the cutting edge of science and medicine right here," Scribner said. "We just have not answered those questions yet."

Still, Roche will offer baseline Amplior testing for free to any HIV-infected patient for

60 days starting June 17. Later, the test will cost \$150 to \$200.

Doctors now gauge AIDS progression by measuring levels of an immune cell called CD4 that is a main target of HIV. But some people have no AIDS symptoms despite very low CD4 levels.

Meanwhile, the first generation of Orasure was approved in 1994, but it used a less sensitive method to screen for HIV antibodies, called the ELISA test.


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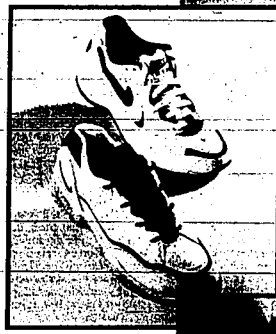
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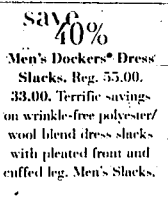
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Editorial

Kudos to Western Days organizers for success

Congratulations to the organizers of this year's Western Days in Twin Falls. The event was obviously a popular success, and the parade was the best in recent memory.

Event Chairman Randy Güiles says spectators have asked for a parade that features more floats, and the committee is trying to oblige. It clearly is succeeding. This year's parade featured high-quality commercial entries, such as the Bedke Deedle's Wild West town, and Lamb-Weston's bulldozing spud.

Little by little, Western Days is riding itself of the common course of small-town parades: the pickup truck whose only decoration is name of the sponsoring business. These are gradually being replaced by creative floats and marching units that entertain the crowd.

One less-popular change this year was the abundance of picketing. Signatures gathering by initiative sponsors rankled some people, who regarded it as a "negative" intrusion into a family event. Organizers are talking about banning such activity next year. Our advice: Don't.

Political canvassing at community

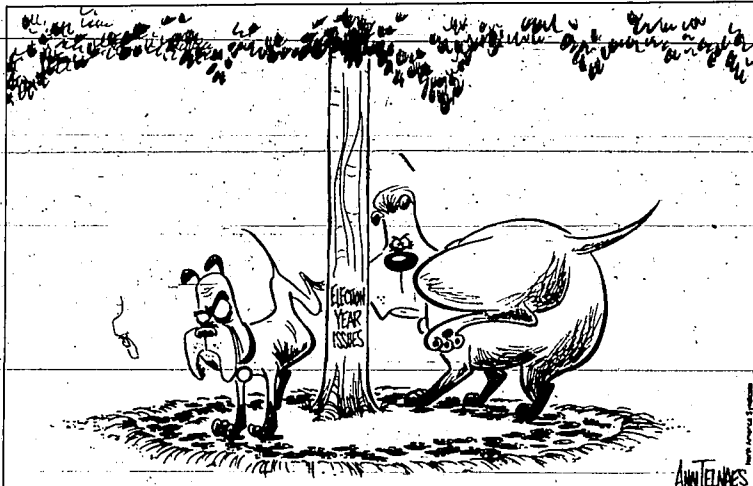
events is as American as applejack. It's a traditional way to express our freedom - and to preserve it.

Negative? Not on your life. Nothing could be more positive than politicians on the stump or petitioners on the prowl. These activities are the symbol and the substance of our democratic process. You won't see them in Cuba or China. As for the event's "family" atmosphere, what's more beneficial for children than seeing democracy in action?

On the other hand, if politicians want to be in the parade, they ought to get into the Western Days spirit. Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touley set a fine example with his handsome float depicting local geography.

The shrewdest political gesture of the day, however, was made by the Twin Falls City Council. Their Honors strode behind the equestrian units with shovels in hand. How better to symbolize humility in public service?

Appropriately, Mayor Jeff Gooding didn't wield a scoop himself. He just pointed out specimens for his colleagues to gather. That's what's known as "delegating authority," Jeff.



Letters

Media snivels at election time

Sniveling: "To effect a tearful state; while, the hypercritical show of feeling." In the week before elections in Idaho, the newspapers of Idaho transform into what should be called "Media Sniveling Week," where the representatives of the corporate elite executive officers that own the newspapers endorse candidates and the views benefiting the bottom line of the print media.

In order to benefit the mental conservation of we citizens, I suggest we all declare the week before any election "Media Sniveling Week."

ROBERT "SWEN" JOHNSON
Twin Falls

God-given abilities or disabilities, not only those able to "buy it."

LAURA DRAKE
Filer

Bike path disrupts parking

On May 20, our City Council voted to build a part of a bike path on the western edge of town. The route begins at the corner of Sparks Avenue, running west along Caswell, in front of Perrine and Robert Stuart. Then it turns south to Filer and continues down to the end of the dead-end road. Sounds like a great place to ride, don't you think?

As a result of this bike path being built, all parking on both sides of Caswell in front of Perrine will be eliminated. That means that when you attend future events at Perrine Elementary, such as the open house, teacher conferences, class parties, science fairs or anything else with more than 30 people, you may have to walk a few blocks to get there. And if you have a child who plays on a city baseball or soccer team and has practice at Perrine or Robert Stuart, don't plan on parking along Caswell. The city won't allow that.

Our City Council would have us believe that safety for our children and all bikers is a major reason for building this bike path. However, I have a hard time believing anyone would be safe riding a bike on Caswell. While there may be a few single-family homes along the street, there is a great number of people who actually live off the street in multiple-family dwellings. Even now, that number is increasing with apartments being built. Most of those cars drive down Caswell, entering and exiting the street. Add that to the heavy traffic associated with both schools, and I truly have to wonder how safety comes into play.

Unfortunately, most people who will be affected by this decision were not notified of the proposal and the resulting changes because we do not live on Caswell Avenue. But it's not too late. Speak up. Perhaps the City Council will listen and revisit the issue as they deal with the airport name.

CHELLE DOWDARD
Twin Falls

I believe you owe the public a printed apology for handling this story in such an indiscreet manner. I also hope that whoever divulged this information is reprimanded or relieved of their position. They are not responsible enough to fill the shoes of such a position where sensitivity, good moral sense and thoughtfulness to the family of the deceased is concerned, as well as the public it has just disappointed.

It is obvious to me that these individuals who are indicted would have continued in their killing spree had Wendy Hunter not fought back so valiantly. And for you to have printed what you did is unforgivable, unkind and plain bad work.

ANNE MARTIN
Oakley

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Letters

Science 'facts' were off base

The article in the May 24 edition of *The Times-News* states that "Americans lack basic science knowledge." Evidently this conclusion is based on a survey of American adults. One of the "test your science IQ" questions I want to challenge is Question 5, "Human beings, as we know them today, developed from early species of animals (True or False). The answer is given as true. Really?"

The general theory of evolution (i.e., man evolved from animals which, in turn, ultimately evolved from inorganic matter) is truly being taught as fact in many classrooms today. But is it a fact? The answer, without fear of contradiction, is no.

Dr. Weise, in his "Elements of Biology," reminds us "All science begins with observation... something that cannot be observed cannot be investigated by science" (McGraw-Hill, St. Louis, 1965, p. 40). Has evolution ever been observed with respect to animals evolving into human beings? Dr. Duane Gish states, "Evolution in the broad sense is unproven and unprovable and thus cannot be considered as fact. It is not subject to test by ordinary methods of experimental science... observation and falsification. It thus does not, in the strict sense, even qualify as a scientific theory" ("Evolution: The Fossils Say No!" Creation-Life Publishers, San Diego, Calif., 1979, p. 21).

The question asked in the survey is flawed to begin with, and those that answered it "wrong" actually got it right, either out of ignorance or knowledge. But then consider, does it even sound plausible that human beings, rational and moral, evolved from irrational and amoral beings? How does the moral come from the amoral? It does not.

RON THOMAS
Jerome

of Twin Falls, I was ticketed and fined \$47 for a speeding violation at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 7.

The patrolman, No. 2381-24, said my average passing speed was 81 miles per hour. This excess speed occurred when overtaking a semi-truck and van whose speeds were approximately 74 mph. After passing, I immediately resumed my cruise control speed of 75 mph.

A few statistics might be enlightening. Assuming the semi is 80 feet in length, it will take 30 feet and the space between them 30 feet for a total of 130 feet to pass, at the speed of 75 mph, which the patrolman said was the maximum allowable speed, it would take 190 seconds or 3 minutes 10 seconds to pass. If you also consider 40 feet before one could safely turn into the outside lane, another 58 seconds would be included.

I, for one, would not want to spend more than 4 minutes in passing.

Second, if the truck or van raised their speed to 75 mph, you could never pass.

When I asked the officer if there was an increase in speed allowed in passing, he replied no. He then made a statement that since the increase in speed limits, California has had an increase in fatalities.

To me, comparing California and Idaho driving conditions is not realistic. It's much like comparing apples and oranges.

When issuing the ticket, it appeared by his demeanor that I should feel guilty for his working overtime.

If my speed without passing would have been 81 mph, I would not be writing this letter.

I will still continue to visit your beautiful state, but please re-evaluate your no-tolerance speed limit when passing.

HENRY J. MELUSKY
Olympia, Wash.

Education system fails needs

Public education failure is not always due to failing parents, home life, church life or the child's lack of determination or willingness. Sometimes, the education system fails or refuses to address the child's needs.

In first grade, learning difficulties were noticed with my daughter. Testing was done. At my expense, a special education tutor worked with her throughout the summer. Second- and third-grade teachers motivated and addressed her strengths and weaknesses. She was assigned to Chapter One. In fourth grade, she flourished. During the first parent-teacher conference, some of her work was shared with the Chapter One assistant. Possible speech and language issues were noted.

I turned to the Scottish Rite Learning Clinic. My daughter underwent hours of testing: psychological, physical, IQ, academic, language and speech. Learning disabilities were apparent. She transferred to a private school willing to provide assistance. Private academic and language therapy is given weekly. All of this is at my expense. Her skills and self-esteem grew.

My daughter chooses to return to public school. Another round of testing by the public school, she does not meet the "numbers" to receive assistance. She tests under achieving her IQ ability by more than 10 points but less than 15, so no help. The Scottish Rite indicates her learning patterns need help, but until she fails drastically enough to meet the "numbers," she will receive no public assistance.

My daughter is not a behavior problem, strives to perform and is not severely disabled, so she does not qualify. To receive the education she needs and deserves, we must continue with the private sector at costs exceeding \$600 per month.

I will continue to fight for my child's education, to liberally buy her education through the private sector and continue to pay taxes. All to avoid dropout, juvenile delinquency and other social problems.

What about those less fortunate children with parents who are unaware of learning disabilities, who have their own learning disabilities, who blindly trust the school to monitor their child's education and, of course, who really don't care? Public systems should meet the needs of our children.

Most alternative school students fall into a special-needs category. The public schools have failed to meet those needs, the alternative school succeeds. Few families have the resources to "hire" help. Education for all of those willing to work for it, whatever their

Public coverage insensitive

To the editor; and to John Thompson, William Brock and Jennifer Bunch, *Times-News* writers, regarding the article, "A cold face death," Tuesday, May 21, front page.

I am shocked at the insensitive handling of this story. This brand of yellow journalism is not fit to be printed. I thought journalists had specific work ethics and guidelines to follow when it came to objectivity. First of all, someone with access to private statements never intended for the media has been foolish enough to divulge that information to obviously non-professional, self-proclaimed "writers." This is some of the most responsible coverage I have ever seen. Alleged conversations and private conduct plastered all over the front page of the newspaper when the victim has no way to respond to said allegations. What do you hope to gain by besmirching a girl's reputation and haunting her family with these words you've printed for everyone to see? This is something you'd expect from a gossip magazine at the grocery store.

CHELLE DOWDARD
Twin Falls

Paper sensationalized murder

When I read *The Times-News* editorial about the gag order involving the murders in Minidoka County, I really had to laugh.

The Times-News thrives on sensationalism. I cannot forget the graphic and ghoulish details it printed day after day on the double murder in Gooding County several years ago and how this affected the families, friends and the community.

Then when I read in *The Times-News* about these murders, the details *The Times-News* printed and their version of the story made me wonder where they got their information. Then to top it off, to find a small clarification printed so small on the second page of the May 29 paper stating *The Times-News* had the facts wrong about the suspects' criminal past and they couldn't even get the names on the pictures right. Boy, this is good journalism.

They state, as a result, rumor on the streets has supplanted facts and the people are terrified. I think *The Times-News* has supplanted facts, putting rumors into the people's minds. No wonder a gag order was issued. People should already be terrified; look at all the violence and murders that have happened in this area in the past five years.

I really had to laugh when they stated the newspaper's track record is one of "restraint" and that the sensationalist details haven't been in the paper because it's edited responsibly. What about the details they have already printed?

People have been locking their doors and cars for years in fear of violence, and if you are a responsible parent, you should be worried if your kids are out after dark.

JULIE COATES
Twin Falls

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Doonesbury Mallard Fillmore

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Your recent article, "Survey: Americans lack basic science knowledge," and its 10-question test of science facts was not quite honest. In Question 5, it treated an established fact something that is open to dispute.

This labeling of those who disagree with you as ignorant is not new. Extremist evolutionists use it all the time. But there are substantial numbers of scientists with credentials (doctoral degrees in the hard sciences) equal to or better than the evolutionist's credentials, who say the evidence for evolution is simply not there.

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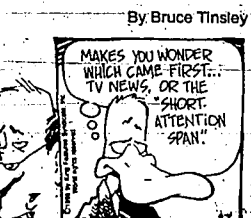
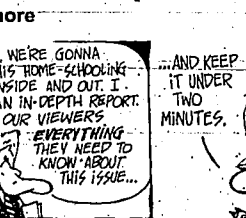
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By Bruce Tinsley

Only war will stop Bosnian vote

SARAJEVO — Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Western powers are pressing ahead with plans to hold elections in Bosnia in September even though most Bosnians believe a vote will divide rather than unite their country.

Only a flare-up in the war could postpone the ballot, the U.S. official overseeing the election said Monday.

The remarks by Robert Frowick showed a widening gulf between the desire of Western powers to have the election proceed as scheduled under last year's Dayton peace accord and mounting evidence of obstacles to a free and fair vote.

Frowick, head of the Bosnia mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, acknowledged "monumental difficulties" in setting up what he called "the most complex elections in history."

"I don't expect very idyllic results," he told a news conference.

Despite those problems, Frowick said only a major disturbance would stop the vote.

"If there is a gross, serious, manifest deterioration of the conditions that we even have now, in particular if there is a resumption of combat, that's the kind of thing that could derail" the elections, he said.

Frowick spoke a day after talks in Geneva between Secretary of State Warren Christopher and the presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia that supported holding elections by Sept. 14.

The meeting, however, failed to agree on how to oust hard-line nationalist Radovan Karadzic as leader of the Bosnian Serbs.

Both Karadzic and his military commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, have been twice indicted for genocide and wartime atrocities, but



Pavka Bagaric, 55, holds up a photo of her missing brother, Sijlo Lubar, whom she believed was one of the 41 people whose bodies were in a mass grave exhumed, in the village of Odzak near Bugojno. The decomposed bodies were thought to be Bosnian Croats killed by Muslims at the start of fighting in the area.

remain at large. Under the Dayton accord, they are required to step aside and face the Yugoslav war-crimes tribunal in The Hague.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said Monday at a NATO meeting in Berlin that both men "belong in front of the international court."

While President Alija Izetbegovic backed the elections, he indicated that Bosnian political parties may boycott the vote if Karadzic remains free.

"We do not have anything against having elections," in September "if the conditions are met," Izetbegovic told a news conference.

But those conditions — including free movement for all ethnic

groups and the setting-up of independent news media in Bosnia — seem unlikely to be met before the scheduled vote, Izetbegovic said.

He said that meant the election "would lead to the dissolution of Bosnia-Herzegovina for sure."

An unfair vote could ultimately "undermine democracy, legitimize extremists and prompt the disintegration of Bosnia-Herzegovina, all under the scrutiny and certification of the OSCE," he said.

"Those who press ahead, without clear assurances that the necessary conditions for free and fair

elections have been met, must then be prepared to take responsibility for the consequences," Sacirbey warned.

Most Bosnians fear the elections "billed" as the "best hope" for a country ruined by 3 1/2 years of war could revive ethnic fighting.

In Bosnia's first-ever democratic elections in 1990, nationalist politicians emerged victorious and led their people into a war that left more than 200,000 dead or missing and shattered the country's delicate ethnic balance.

Those same leaders remain in power today.

An internal OSCE report distributed to reporters pinpointed several serious obstacles to the elections.

Fraud warnings cloud nearing Russian elections

MOSCOW (AP) — Did you hear the one about who wins the Russian election? Communist Gennady Zyuganov gets 53 percent, but Boris Yeltsin wins — with 56 percent.

The joke, and others like it circulating in Moscow these days, put a thin veil of humor on a deep concern for Russians the prospect of fraud in the June 16 election and the uncertainty about what will follow.

The stakes are so high, and the democratic tradition so weak, that many Russians are worried less about whether someone will cheat than about who will be doing it, and by how much.

"As long as Yeltsin wins, it doesn't matter," said Yana Makovina, a 19-year-old language student and travel agent in Moscow.

"As long as they do it quietly."

Aides to incumbent Yeltsin and Communist challenger Zyuganov, the top two contenders, accuse one another of plotting to steal the vote.

In a country known for huge distances and less-than-reliable communications, the possibilities for distorting the vote count — at least in small ways — are endless.

The Communists have the edge at the grassroots-level, dominating local election committees and many of the 93,000, far-flung polling stations — often with the same people who have run those places for decades.

"I'll tell you where fraud can happen: with the portable election boxes taken out to sick people and so forth," said Yakov Borovoi, a spokesman for Yeltsin's campaign.

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War-crimes tribunal beamed back live to Bosnia

The Washington Post

SARAJEVO, Bosnia — Nermina Kurpahic stared at the live television broadcast beamed into her Sarajevo living room from the Dutch city of The Hague. Before her was stomach-turning testimony from witnesses at the trial of Dusan Tadic, a Bosnian Serb who is the defendant at the international war-crimes tribunal on Bosnia.

The trial has been broadcast here daily in Serbo-Croatian translation from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. since it began May 7. The broadcasts can be seen not just in Sarajevo, but in much of Bosnia, including Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic's headquarters in nearby Pale, thanks to television relay stations in Zenica, Tuzla and Mostar.

No one knows how many people are watching the trial sessions, espe-

cially among Bosnian Serbs. But employees at Internews, a California-based media company that has arranged the broadcasts, said they are convinced senior citizens watch the sessions during the working hours of younger family members and provide them with highlights in the evening.

For Kurpahic, who has been following the proceedings regularly, the surprising thing about the testi-

mony has been that "the witness and the others who passed through this Golgotha show neither anger nor hatred."

Not everyone here watching the testimony shared that impression. Some Sarajevo viewers complained of the relative unimportance of Tadic, a 41-year-old Bosnian Serb who before the war owned a bar in a predominantly Muslim village near Prijedor in northwestern Bosnia.

Turkish troops kill Greek soldier

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Turkish troops shot and killed a Greek Cypriot soldier Monday in the no-man's-land dividing the island of Cyprus between Greece and Turkey.

It was the first fatal shooting on the border in more than three years, and could further strain relations between the long-time enemies.

Turkish Cypriot officials said the soldier was armed when he entered the U.N.-patrolled buffer zone that divides the Greek and Turkish sides of the island. They said he was killed after failing to respond to warnings.

The Greek Cypriot government released a statement to protest what it called the soldier's "cold-blooded murder."

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denkash called the shooting "a very sad incident which nobody would want to see repeated." He promised a full investigation.

Cyprus has been divided into Greek and Turkish sectors since Turkish troops invaded the island following an Athenian-led coup by Greek Cypriots in 1974.

The state-run Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation quoted unidentified eyewitnesses who said the soldier walked up a Turkish post and started chatting with a Turkish soldier.

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World

Perry watches opening of 11-nation peacekeeping exercise

LVIV, Ukraine (AP) — Defense Secretary William Perry watched the opening of an 11-nation peacekeeping exercise Monday that he said symbolized the dramatic transformation of Eastern Europe since the end of the Cold War.

On these grounds today, where forces once trained for war, we now train for peace," Perry said as about 1,200 soldiers, including about 145 American GIs, stood at attention facing a reviewing stand on a former Soviet training range.

Under brilliant blue skies, Perry and the defense ministers of the 10 other participating nations looked as a military band played national anthems and columns of soldiers marched by, then jumped in armored vehicles and sped away.

To an observer it looked like what one imagined the defunct Warsaw Pact allies had done during the Cold War — except, of course, for the presence of a U.S. Army contingent from the 1st Infantry Division, based in Germany, with their Bradley

armored vehicles.

The exercise, called Peace Shield '96, includes contingents from Russia and former members of the Warsaw Pact. The soldiers are practicing handling peacekeeping missions such as transporting refugees, setting up checkpoints and doing search and rescue missions.

Gen. Pavel Grachev, the Russian defense minister, later told a news conference here, "The exercise makes it possible for our soldiers... and officers to cooperate more closely

and to establish better human understanding.

The exercise, which lasts until June 11, is the first of its kind on territory of the former Soviet Union. It is being held under the auspices of NATO's Partnership for Peace program, which seeks to improve the compatibility of Eastern and Central European militaries with that of NATO members.

This is Perry's fifth visit to Ukraine since he became defense secretary in February 1994.

The highlight of the Ukraine trip is expected to come Tuesday when Perry and his Ukrainian counterpart, Valery Shmarov, mark the historic transformation of Ukraine to a non-nuclear weapons state. With the approximately 4,400 weapons Ukraine inherited in the collapse of the Soviet Union, it became the world's third-largest nuclear power behind the United States and Russia.

Ukraine announced over the weekend that the last of its nuclear

warheads had been shipped to Russia, as called for under a deal it cut with Washington and Moscow in 1994.

Ashton Carter, the assistant secretary of defense for international security policy, told reporters aboard Perry's plane that Ukraine had faced a secret deadline of June 1 to complete the shipments of nuclear warheads.

He and Perry said the schedule was in doubt almost until the last moment.

Parents mourn son killed

BEIJING (AP) — The parents of a 17-year-old killed when the army attacked protesters in Tiananmen Square lit candles and incense and cooked his favorite meal on Monday to mourn the seventh anniversary of his death.

The brutality of the army assault in 1989 and a heavy police presence on Beijing's streets during subsequent anniversaries have effectively dissuaded Chinese from public commemorations.

Most Chinese dissidents are in jail, in exile or underground, unable to publicly mark the anniversary. Most ordinary Chinese prefer not to discuss it, and even victims' families are often afraid to speak out.

But Ding Zilin, a retired professor, is an exception. Despite warnings from the authorities against speaking to foreign reporters, she said she would commemorate her son's death at home, lighting candles, incense and cooking pork, shrimp and fish.

Ding said her son, Jiang Jielian, was shot late on June 3, 1989, as tanks and troops began shooting their way through Beijing to take Tiananmen Square from student protesters. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, were killed.

Police have targeted Ding for harassment because she compiled lists of those killed.

On the fifth anniversary of the crackdown, Ding and her husband staged a two-day fast to protest police surveillance of their home. She said her phone was cut off.

But this year, she did not stage a public protest because "they are not in front of my door," she said in a telephone interview.

Five or six plainclothes officers still followed Ding's husband, Jiang Peikun, as he bought food Monday for their commemoration, she said. She, too, is followed wherever she goes.

Ding and 30 others have sent a letter to China's legislature demanding a full account of the crackdown.

A similar petition last year went unanswered, and so far there has been no reply to this year's letter, she said.

Police in plainclothes patrolled Tiananmen Square in heavy numbers Monday.

Unlike previous years, they did not prevent foreign journalists from photographing or videotaping at the square.

Some of the officers sat in polo shirts and slacks on fences around the Monument to the People's Heroes, an obelisk at the center of the square.

Walkie-talkie antennas protruding from rolled-up newspapers gave them away.

Others lolled in unmarked cars parked under trees.

Algeria signs China accord

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algeria has signed a draft agreement with China on nuclear energy cooperation, the Scientific Research Ministry said Monday.

The ministry's promise no details about the agreement, which it said was signed Saturday during a meeting between Scientific Research Minister Boubakeur Benbouzid and Li Deng Fan, China's vice minister of nuclear energy.

It said only that the accord marked a second stage in nuclear cooperation between the two countries.

Algeria has two nuclear reactors, one of them Chinese-built, and has signed cooperation accords with several international bodies, including the International Atomic Energy Association.

It signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in January 1995, says at the time its "unequivocal commitment to the use of nuclear power for peaceful ends only and to complete, general disarmament."

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Around the valley

100 law officers mourn death of Chief Cox

SHOSHONE - More than 100 law enforcement officers converged on St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls Monday to mourn the death of Shoshone Police Chief Chuck Cox. "They came from Hootello, all over Twin Falls and the Magic Valley, and as far north as Post Falls," said Shoshone city councilman Ken Haught. "They completely filled St. Edward's." A funeral procession more than a mile long escorted the hearse to Fairfield, where Cox was laid to rest. Cox, Shoshone's chief for the past eight years, was killed in a traffic accident a week ago. A delivery truck swerved into his lane as the truck's driver attempted to retrieve a fallen microphone. A trust fund for the family may be established at local banks, Haught said.

Jerome to hold bone marrow drive for 31-year-old

JEROME - A bone-marrow drive for 31-year-old Kris Brand of Jerome is being held Saturday in the National Guard Armory at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. During the drive, healthy donors aged 18 to 55 will have a small blood sample drawn. Those samples will be tissue typed, and the results will be added to the national registry. Saturday's drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help find a donor for Brand, who has leukemia. For more information, contact Mark Allen of the Mountain States Tumor Institute at 1-800-845-4624.

400 sign petition asking that Ibez Peak not be closed

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners accepted a 400-signature petition Monday asking that Ibez Peak in the South Hills not be closed to motorized vehicles during hunting season. Commissioners also signed the petition. They will present it to Pete Peterson, district ranger for the Sawtooth National Forest, which manages the area. For the past couple of years, roads leading to Ibez Peak have been closed during October's deer hunting season. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game asked the Forest Service in 1993 to close the roads up provide a small area for hunters seeking a less-competitive area. The closure extends for one and a half miles around Ibez Peak. Another closed area, of approximately 30 square miles west of Rock Creek, lies in Twin Falls County, that closure has drawn no organized opposition.

Medicaid Reform Advisory changes meeting place

TWIN FALLS - The Medicaid Reform Advisory Council has changed the place it is going to hold public meetings in Twin Falls on Monday. The meetings now will be held at the Weston Plaza. The meeting for doctors, hospital administrators, nursing home officials and other health-care providers will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday. The meeting for Medicaid-recipients, taxpayers and advocates will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday.

Jerome Middle School report cards are ready for pickup

JEROME - Report cards are ready now at the Jerome Middle School. The report cards may be picked up weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., but the school office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. The office will officially close for the summer on June 14.

Drivers license offices in Buhl and Twin Falls close Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Drivers License offices in Twin Falls and Buhl will be closed Thursday. The Idaho Transportation Department will be holding training workshops that cover new legislation, new policy and procedures, and new systems that will be used in the future. Both offices will be open for business Friday.

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Magic Valley flower thieves raid valley graveyards

Families lament lost memorials to loved ones

By John Rupprecht Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When the sun goes down, flower thieves come out to raid graveyards across the Magic Valley. There have been several recent complaints of flowers and other memorials being stolen from local cemeteries, including Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

"I buried my wife in 1993 and it's happened every year over there," lamented La Mar Black of Hazelton. Black said someone pulled flowers out of inexpensive plastic pots he left at his wife Irene's grave, then dropped the flowers on the ground and kept the pots - which cost less than \$1.25. He also had seven or eight planters stolen from his wife's grave at Sunset.

"I can't imagine anyone being so low," he said. "It makes me feel terrible. It's not the cost of the flowers, it's the expression of love and concern."

Betty Carrier of Hansen has had flowers and color bowls stolen for several years in a row from the graves of her parents, Earl and Ema Young, and her mother-in-law, Phyllis Carrier.

"I was almost in tears when I left there the other day," Carrier said. "It's one of the few things you can do. I know the person there doesn't know the flowers are there, but we do."

Colleen Brewer, office clerk at West End Cemetery District in Buhl, said her end of the county also has a small problem with flowers and planters being stolen.

"There have been a few that have complained," she said. "As a whole, we don't have that big of a problem."

Shaune Hudson, sales and marketing director for Sunset, said he's heard a few complaints in the last week - but adds that it's difficult to burglar-proof a cemetery.

"One of our big problems with (security) is if someone comes in and takes flowers off graves, you don't know whether they're taking it off their own graves or someone else's," Hudson said.

"To police that is almost impossible. It's just one of those things that's hard to regulate."

Black said he realizes everyone can't be checked at night, hiring night security and occasional checks by city police officers.

Hudson also suggests bringing inexpensive flowers and pots to the cemetery to minimize the risk of theft.



MOKE SALSBURY/The Times-News
Once again, thieves have stolen flowers that Hansen resident Betty Carrier left in memory of her parents and mother-in-law at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

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I-84 crash sends woman to Utah hospital

The Times-News



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A woman was injured during a crash during daylight hours, but adds that there are other options. He proposes installing gates that can be locked at night, hiring night security and occasional checks by city police officers.

Western Days Parade and Queen winners announced

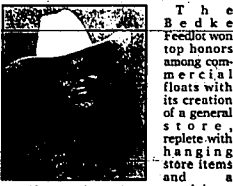
By Karen Tolkkhen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A troupe of 12 senior citizens in wheelchairs, pushed and whirled by white-shirted attendants, was the top special entry in the Western Days Parade.

The Rock Creek Buck-A-Roos, all residents of the Rock Creek Rehab and Medical Center, rode from the College of Southern Idaho to City Park. Their attendants stopped, turned the chairs and marched in formation.

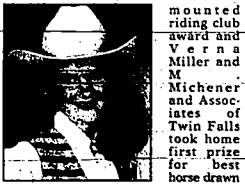
It was their second year in the parade, said Nolan Hoffer, medical center administrator. "It was quite a task," Hoffer said. "They were all tired by the time they were done."

Six other awards were presented for float entries in Saturday's Western Days Parade.



Kathie Almond

Sheriff Wayne Tousley won the non-commercial float division with his rendition of Magic Valley landmarks - including a watery replica of Twin Falls and Balanced Rock. The Filer Junior Riding Club won the



Ida Gurly

from Robert Stuart, Junior High was first in the band or drill team category because "they just had tons of enthusiasm," said judge Sherry Kesler-Wright. The local DARE program was the default winner of \$300 for school-sponsored orga-

Hospital association details role

By Julie M. McKinnon Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - This November, Idaho voters will decide whether public hospitals can enter joint ventures with doctors and other hospitals.

It was the Idaho Hospital Association that helped get the Senate Joint Resolution passed and presented to voters, IHA President Steve Millard told Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's board Monday night.

"We think it's a major issue for Idaho hospitals," said Millard, adding that two-thirds of the Gem State's hospitals are public.

The Twin Falls County hospital's finance committee asked Millard to explain to the full board what IHA does with the dues it collects from hospitals.

This year, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center paid \$41,482 in dues.

Millard said IHA works as an advocate for member hospitals, mainly during legislative sessions. In the past two years, IHA helped:

- Twice argue against a move to license laboratory technologists. Millard said unnecessary licensure increases health-care costs.
- Amend a bill that unintentionally would have excluded diploma nurses from working in hospitals. There only are associate and bachelor-degree programs in Idaho, but some nurses working in Idaho were trained in three-year diploma programs.

• Replenish the state catastrophic health-care fund so counties would pay the first \$10,000 of health-care bills for indigent residents and the state fund would pick up the rest.

• Change the catastrophic fund so counties don't have to pay for organ or bone-marrow transplants. They also don't have to pay as much for out-of-state residents treated in Idaho, and they don't have to pay anything for treatments Idahoans get in other states.

Nearly every Idaho hospital is in IHA, and they pay dues based on their annual expense.

Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital is the only local hospital that isn't a member. Also at Monday's meeting, Twin Falls County Commission member Reinke asked board members to consider broadcasting their public meetings on Continental Cablevision's community channel.

The board would help explain to the general public - and hospital employees - what goes on at the hospital, Reinke said, adding he gets telephone calls about hospital operations.

The board also decided to again accept bids for its share of a local patient-information network among hospitals, doctors and the health department.

The 13-month-old bids for the hospital's part in the Southern Idaho Medical Information Network are out-dated, said hospital Administrator John Bingham.

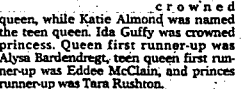
Board members also agreed to pay a one-time fee of \$5,000 and a share of monthly operating expenses for the network, which hasn't yet hired an executive director.

Western Days Parade and Queen winners announced

izations; no school-sponsored groups entered the parade.

A pair of queens and a princess also were enthroned in the Western Days Queen Contest.

LaWen Thornton was crowned queen, while Katie Almond was named the teen queen. Ida Gurly was crowned princess. Queen first runner-up was Alysa Bardendreg, teen queen first runner-up was Eddee McClain, and princess runner-up was Tara Rushton.



LaWen Thornton

Idaho fish decline in numbers

BOISE (AP) — As a boy, Clayne Baker, 65, spent summers fishing in the family cabin on Warm Lake — hooking a leann speckled trout from the clear waters.

He goes to the cabin still, but the trout he caught as a boy are no longer around. The westslope cutthroat, like all Idaho's native trout, are disappearing.

"I grew up on cutthroat. Now they're gone," said Baker, who owns Stonefly Anglers, a Boise fly-fishing store. "It was special to catch cutthroat. They were just a beautiful fish."

Once common throughout the mountains of central and northern Idaho, westslope cutthroat now are thriving only in isolated pockets, mainly in the Clear Fork of the Snake River valley. In Idaho's two other types of cutthroat, the Yellowstone and the Bonneville, also have declined sharply.

The state's only other native trout, the redband, are clinging to survival in isolated streams and lakes of the central mountains and the Owyhee desert.

"The number of native trout has been largely overshadowed by the furor over the disappearance of salmon and steelhead. But for many anglers, the loss is felt more acutely."

Consider the cutthroat: As well as being beautiful, the fish are easy to catch.

They don't hide under logs and banks like more common hatch-

ery-bred rainbow and brown trout do, and they seem to strike anything.

"After 55 years of fly-fishing I haven't been able to figure out most other trout," said Bob Dunnagan, Bonner County tree farmer who spends as much time as possible wading lines on mountain streams. "I've been able to figure out cutthroat because they're so notoriously dumb."

Fishing is big business in Idaho. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game sold 269,074 fishing licenses to state residents in 1995, the most recent year data is available, and another 186,758 licenses to non-residents. The license sales generated 8.4 million.

Tracking down native fish is not easy, everyone. But for the dedicated few, it's a rarefied experience.

Dunnagan likes cutthroat because they are only found in the most pristine streams. That means finding them involves getting off the beaten track.

He winds up in beautiful areas that other fishermen do not consider worth the slog. Dunnagan

worries that his grandchildren may be denied the fishing experience he loves the most.

"The loss of native trout is one of the big, conservation issues being missed in the Rocky Mountains," said Bruce Farling, executive director of the Montana chapter of Trout Unlimited, an environmental group.

"It's our native custom to fish for cutthroat and redband. We're losing that opportunity."

The plight of Idaho's native trout is more than a loss to keen anglers. It is a sign of trouble in Idaho's waters.

Cutthroat are sensitive fish that cannot survive when air temperatures rise or streams become clogged with sediments.

"The cutthroat is like a canary in a coal mine," said Robert J. Behnke, professor of fisheries at Colorado State University and one of the nation's top trout experts. "They're the first to go in a logging operation, a mining spill, an overgrazed valley."

Behnke and others say it is no

coincidence that westslope cutthroat are doing best in Idaho's wilderness areas. That is where streams run clearest and coldest, without roads that bleed sediments or clearcuts that remove shade, allowing hot sun to warm pools.

"If we're going to preserve these fish, we're going to have to take better care of our lands," said Cindy Deacon Williams, a fisheries biologist with the Pacific Rivers Council, an environmental group.

Idaho's other "trout" in trouble — the bull trout, a candidate for listing as endangered — is not really a trout at all. It is in the char family.

Cutthroat and redband are on the decline but have not reached the level where they are being considered for listing as endangered or even threatened, Idaho considers them to be "sensitive" species.

In a strange twist, biologists say, the precipitous decline of Idaho's ocean-going fish — the salmon and steelhead — has also hurt the state's native trout.

Salmon and steelhead die in the alpine streams and lakes where they go to spawn; the dead bodies of the giant fish were once major sources of food for the insects that trout and salmon eat.

"There's no longer this great source of nutrients coming back from the ocean into mountain streams to support the trout," said Horton, resident fish coordinator for Fish and Game.

How Idaho lawmakers voted

House	Chenoweth	Crppo
ATTENDANCE RECORD:	94.18	98.18
1) MILITARY CONSTRUCTION: The House on Thursday approved 369-43 a \$10 billion bill for military construction projects in 1997. The bill, which funds military housing and facilities and base closure accounts, would provide \$600 million more than the Clinton administration requested, but is \$1 billion less than last year's appropriation.	Yes	Yes
2) SPACE The House on Thursday, in a 127-286 vote, rejected a move to end U.S. funding for the international space station project. The vote was on an amendment to a reauthorization bill that would have struck \$1.8 billion earmarked for 1997.	No	No
A "yes" vote favors scrap funding for the project.		

Source: States News Service DANA JOHNSTON/THE TIMES-NEWS

Tree rings, ocean currents used to predict fire year

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Those are tree rings they read, not tree leaves.

The rings, along with records of ocean-driven climatic conditions called El Niño or La Niña, helped University of Arizona researchers predict 1996 would be a traumatic forest fire year. The prediction is already coming true.

Thomas Swetnam is an associate professor of dendrochronology — the study of growth rings in trees and aged wood as a measure of past historical fire and climatic records. At the university's pioneering Tree-Ring Laboratory, he and researcher Christopher Baisan also have concentrated on the effects of the Pacific Ocean currents off western South America, created by trade winds, on major fire years.

Warm water currents, known as El Niño, result in warm, moist air eventually producing moisture in the Southwest. In contrast, cold currents, called La Niña, produce an upwelling of cold ocean water and bring dry atmospheric conditions to the region. Often, a dry winter and spring caused by cold Pacific currents on the heels of several wet years led by warm currents signal a high chance of a bad fire year, Baisan says.

"Generally speaking, the El Niños correspond with the wetter conditions in the Southwest in the winter

and into the spring months. And it tends to reduce fire activity," says Swetnam.

"So when a moderate to severe El Niño occurs, you have a pretty high probability that the subsequent fire year the following summer is going to be reduced."

When La Niña occurs, it tends to be drier in the Southwest in the spring, and you tend to have larger fire occurrences."

Big fire years tend to follow one to three wet years that produce the fuels, Swetnam said. Before 1900, fires generally occurred in forests in the Southwest about every five to 10 years, burning brush and so-called understorey and scarcing but not devastating trees. But active fire suppression since 1910 changed the character of many forests and their fires.

"What we've done now is converted these forests to low-frequency, high-intensity fires, where they were historically high frequency, low-intensity," Swetnam said. He and Baisan warned U.S. Forest Service fire managers from Arizona and New Mexico in February that data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showed a clear La Niña pattern.

High court to review reversion of land law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday agreed to review a federal law that regulates the reversion of land owned by individual tribe members to revert to the tribe when the owner dies.

The court said it will hear the Justice Department's argument that the government had the authority to change the way land allotted to Indians long ago is handed down to future generations.

Between 1887 and 1934, much of the land on Indian reservations was divided into tracts and allotted to individual tribe members. The Supreme Court later ruled that one generation to another, large numbers of people began inheriting smaller and smaller shares of individual tracts.

In 1983, Congress enacted the Indian Land Consolidation Act requiring many of the tiniest fractions of ownership to revert to the tribe on the owner's death.

The Supreme Court later ruled the law violated the Constitution's ban on government takings of private property without fair payment.

Congress amended the law in 1984. The new version affected land interests representing 2 percent or less of a tract, which are not capable of earning more than \$100 in any of the next five years.

The new law said owners still could write wills to leave such land interests to someone who already owned a share of the same tract.

William Youpee, a member of the Sioux and Assiniboin tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana, died in October 1990. He owned small interests in land on the Fort Peck Reservation, the Devils Lake Sioux Reservation in North Dakota, and the Standing Rock Reservation, which straddles the Dakotas.

An Interior Department administrative law judge ruled that those tracts must revert to the tribes. Youpee's heirs sued, and a federal judge in Montana ruled the law unconstitutional.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, saying the 1984 law unfairly limits the class of people who can inherit such shares of land.

Death notices

Joe C. Martinez
BUHL — Joe C. Martinez, 83, of Buhl and formerly of Rupert, died Monday, June 3, 1996, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until the time of the vigil service today and one hour before Mass on Wednesday at the church.

John Wood
EDEN — John Wood, 53, of Eden, died Monday, June 3, 1996, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Joseph R. Hinton
JEROME — Joseph R. Hinton, 78, of Jerome, died Monday, June 3, 1996, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending, and will be announced by the Hove-Roberson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Juan (John) B. Almanza
BURLEY — Juan (John) B.

Almanza, 83, of Burley, died Saturday, June 1, 1996, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 6 p.m. until the time of the vigil service and one hour before Mass on Wednesday at the church. Burial will be in Edinburg, Texas, at a later date.

Lola Bales
WENDLELL — Lola Bales, 95, of Wendell, died Monday, June 3, 1996, at the Magic Valley Manor in Wendell.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Cleve F. Bean
RUPERT — Cleve Franklin Bean, 81, of Rupert, died Monday, June 3, 1996, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rupert 3rd and 10th Ward LDS Church, with Bishop Ernest Christensen officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the funeral on Thursday at the church.

Mary A. Bernard
TWIN FALLS — Mary Alene Bernard, 89, of Bellevue, Wash., and formerly of the Magic Valley, died Monday, June 3, 1996, at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue, Wash.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lillian Lucille Brinkman
Luhman Clitwood, 85, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 2 p.m. Thursday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Melvin Edmond Weinberg, of Wendell, 2 p.m. Thursday, Wendell Presbyterian Church, (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Services

Mildred D. Allen, of Rupert, private family graveside service, 2 p.m. Thursday, Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Sidney "Sid" Byram, of Gooding, graveside service 11 a.m. today, Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding, (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Released

Gloria Fisher of Twin Falls.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted

Marjorie Dayley, Vincente Gonzalez and Wanda Jolley, all of Burley; Anthony Heiner of Rupert; and James Darling of Heyburn.

Released

Vincente Gonzalez of Burley; Joann Bessire,

Stephanie Crystal, Michelle Korson and Natalie Morrison, all of Rupert; Ralph Poulton of Oakley; and Toni Fackrell of Heyburn.

Births

A baby was born to Sunshine Caldwell of Burley; and to Toni Fackrell of Heyburn.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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Released

Sean Streeter and Anna Villafuerte, both of Rupert; and Laura Allshouse and baby girl of Burley.

Obituaries

Twin Falls

Leonard A. Schlosser
Leonard A. Schlosser, 72, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 30, 1996, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

He was born Sept. 5, 1923, in East Salisbury Township, Pa., the son of Henry and Caroline Richter Schlosser. On Feb. 8, 1948, he married Martha W. Ehrlich in Allentown, Pa., where they lived until moving to Twin Falls in October of 1994. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Ho-

was a 32nd degree member of the Masonic Lodge in Bristol, Pa. Leonard worked as a painter/roofcovering contractor until 1981, when a heart attack and surgery forced him to retire. After retirement, he continued to refinish antique furniture and also succeeded in moving to Twin Falls.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Schlosser of Twin Falls; one son, Michael Alton Schlosser of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Lana (Bill) Craft of Kimberly and Wendy (Ronald) Giudici of Elk, N.C.; four grandchildren, Michelle C. Giudici, Samantha E. Giudici and Kimberly A. Giudici, all of Elk, and Brian D.

Hillgass of Allentown; one great-grandchild, Tiffany Amber Hillgass of Bethlehem, Pa.; one brother, Charles Schlosser of Kutztown, Pa.; and one sister, Grace Howarth of Mortizton, Pa. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, 1996, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. James Frisbie officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery, with military rites by Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliary and also music by the Cremation took place at White Crematory, Twin Falls.

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\$500,000 medical bill not yet paid

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Nearly \$500,000 in medical bills for an injured migrant farmworker have not yet been paid, according to an attorney with the University of Utah Medical Center.

However, the Cassia County commissioners recently approved payment of the first \$100,000 of the Tellez-Juarez's hospital bills. On June 18, the board of directors that oversees Idaho's catastrophic health-care fund will decide whether to pay the rest.

"County approval is the key element in the process. It gets the ball rolling," said Larry Goin, lawyer for the U of U hospital, where Tellez was treated. "In our opinion the catastrophic health care fund has no power to override the decision and deny the claim. I don't expect any more problems."

On Dec. 13, Tellez was caught in a tractor-powered post-hole digger while working on a Malta dairy farm owned by Harold and Charlotte Tracy. Tellez lost both arms at the shoulder and his left leg below the knee.

Tellez was a patient at the Salt Lake City hospital for about two months and has since been in out-patient therapy, Goin said. He had no money or insurance to help with the medical bills and was not covered by



worker's compensation insurance.

According to Goin, the hospital is close to recouping its money without going to court. However, a legal battle is brewing between Pedersen, Tellez's lawyers, the manufacturer of the post-hole digger and possibly Tracy Farms.

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"We are moving into the discovery phase of the proceedings and trying to learn more about the history of the machine," Goin said. "We know it's more than 30 years old and we haven't allowed to see it but we don't know much more than that."

Pregnant hostage feels sorry for captor couple

CRANBROOK

British Columbia (AP) — A pregnant woman held hostage for three harrowing days feels sorry for the young couple who held her captive.

"These kids are screwed up because of her childhood," Leanne Campbell said in an interview in her hospital room. "You feel sorry for them in that sense."

Campbell, 34, was taken hostage when a young man and woman suspected in a botched video-store holdup broke into her home in Wycliffie, —a hamlet — midway between Cranbrook and Kimberly in southwestern British Columbia.

Cory Lindsay, 21, and Melissa Schoenholz, 19, of Calgary, appeared in court Monday on "dozen charges," including attempted murder in the wounding of a police officer who went to the Campbell home. They were remanded to July 8.

Campbell said Sunday that she and her baby — due within days — are OK.

"We're fine, we are," she said Sunday after the couple came into her home. "I sort of knew that it was going to be a long time before I was going to be out of there."

The anger went, the survival instinct took over. Campbell said that like Melody Verhaeghe, who was allowed to offer herself as a substitute hostage, she believed the couple held her captive did not mean to harm her.

"But I really wanted to be out of my situation, of course," Campbell said. "I'm really grateful that man, did get me out of that situation, especially for my baby's sake."

Verhaeghe, a single mother from the small mining and logging

town of Fernie, is being hailed as a hero.

A longtime confidante of one of the suspects, she offered to trade places with Campbell.

"I knew everything would turn out all right and it did," Verhaeghe said after the hostage drama ended Saturday. "I never once believed they would harm Leanne or myself."

The standoff was two days old when Verhaeghe phoned police on Friday and offered her help. The former Calgary resident knew Lindsay before moving to Fernie.

"I know Corey and Melissa well — I felt that I could help out so I went to see what I could do to help bring a peaceful solution," she said.

Officers grilled Verhaeghe before agreeing to the highly unusual exchange.

"We had some long, hard sessions with her before we decided it was safe," said spokesman Sgt. Peter Montague of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. "Once we were confident he wouldn't hurt her, it was a no-risk situation for us," and we could get Leanne out."

Campbell was freed in exchange for Verhaeghe Friday evening.

Early Saturday morning, Verhaeghe snatched the male hostage-maker's 9mm pistol as she slept and left the Campbell house, Montague said.

Moments later, two people were called to the house.

Verhaeghe's mother, Cathy Gentle of Fernie, said her daughter's decision was in character for the single mother of two.

"I was surprised at what she did because she's always been like that, bringing stray pets home as a child or a bird with a broken wing, that's Melody," said Gentle.



Four-year-old Faiesha Whitlowhark, prostrates Eunice Caudle a rose and a hug. Caudle received roses from 14 youngsters, each representing a year she served as a Foster Grandparent.

Foster grandparents work with Head Start

By Nancy Miller
Times-News writer

Want to help?

If you're interested in becoming a Foster Grandparent in the Mini-Cassia area, you can call the Head Start office at 678-8324.

BURLEY — Back when Eunice Caudle was raising her six children, her methods weren't fancy. "I wish I'd have known as much about raising kids when I was raising mine as I do now," she said Monday.

"There were never no instructions that come with them. I even apologized to my kids, but they said they needed everything they got. I just used plain strength and awkwardness."

Since then, the Ozarks native has employed that "main strength" and the wisdom of her years to help countless other children. On Monday, at age 83,

Caudle retired from the Foster Grandparent program after 14 years of service.

Caudle was honored Monday with 14 roses presented by youngsters — some of them now teens — from the 14 years of Head Start classes she has helped. She also was presented a paper crowning signatures of grateful children.

Though she is officially retired

Foster Grandparents such as Caudle receive a government stipend to work with children in the Head Start program. They give the children individual attention and help with such tasks as reading or assembling puzzles.

Caudle, whose own formal education ended after eighth grade, has lived in Burley since 1937. She joined the Foster Grandparent project during Head Start's second year of serving the Mini-Cassia area.

She said she has always enjoyed working with children, and foster grandparenting was an extra source of income for her.

Though she is officially retired

from the program, Caudle plans to fill in occasionally when the local Head Start center needs an extra pair of grandmotherly hands. She also plans to continue her work in respite care, tending the needs of homebound patients for a few hours so that family members can run errands or relax.

When she's not helping other people, Caudle enjoys reading and spending time with her own family.

Though her husband of 59 years died eight years ago, Caudle's six children are all still alive. They have given her 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

3 federal agencies oppose railroad merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture, Justice and Transportation departments objected Monday to the proposed Union Pacific-Southern Pacific railroad merger on grounds it would reduce competition and raise prices.

In the toughest comments, the Justice Department estimated the deal could cost consumers \$800 million a year in higher prices and urged a federal panel to kill the merger as-to-flawed to remedy.

The Agriculture Department said the \$5.4 billion merger would likely push up freight costs enough to harm farmers and leave U.S. farmers less competitive in foreign trade. Because Union Pacific did not accept Agriculture's earlier recommendation that it sell off rail segments from the Midwest to the Gulf and to the West Coast, USDA also opposed the deal now.

The Transportation Department added its opposition to the merger but argued problems of reduced competition for rail freight customers still could be solved if portions of the combined line were sold off to other railroads.

But Union Pacific President Dick Davidson said, "This merger is overwhelmingly pro-competitive and has the written backing of over 1,300 shippers" and support from port officials on the West Coast and in Texas.

Davidson predicted approval next month from the Surface Transportation Board, a Transportation Department division

that succeeded the Interstate Commerce Commission and has authority over the merger.

The three departments and the railroad all offered their final recommendations Monday to the board.

The proposed merger would create the largest railroad in the United States with more than 35,000 miles of track. Union Pacific Corp. says its purchase of Southern Pacific Rail Corp. would save the railroads more than \$750 million annually and improve western freight service.

"This merger would mean higher shipping charges and would cost consumers dearly," said Assistant Attorney General Anne K. Bingaman, head of Justice's antitrust division.

The Agriculture Department said the cost of shipping wheat, soybeans and other crops would likely increase as a result.

The merger would leave only two rail lines operating in the "vast grain and oilseed production area" between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean, Agriculture said.

Among other problems, Agriculture said the merger could harm U.S. competitiveness in foreign trade, particularly to export points on the Gulf, Pacific coast, and Mexican gateways.

Freight customers now pay more than \$6 billion a year to move cargoes by rail in the markets that would be affected by the deal, Justice said.

The merger would give Union

Pacific a monopoly in hundreds of markets, including Houston and the Gulf Coast as well as Colorado and Utah, and would leave hundreds of other markets, like Los Angeles, with only two rail freight competitors, Justice said.

The antitrust division said that to offset the enormous competitive consequences would require such a large sell-off of assets that it would be difficult, if not impossible, for the board to fashion conditions that would make the deal acceptable.

And during any such sell-off of track, Union Pacific would enjoy little or no competition in hundreds of major markets, Justice said.

The Transportation Department, however, proposed a series of steps that would remedy its concerns. These included:

- Sale to an independent railroad of lines that carry chemicals and plastics from Houston to New Orleans and Memphis.
- Sale of lines from Houston south to Brownsville, Texas, and west to Eagle Pass, Texas, that are crucial in carrying the growing trade with Mexico.
- Increased trackage rights for the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe to operate over Union Pacific, Southern Pacific rails between Denver and Oakland.
- Union Pacific and Southern Pacific have offered to grant

Burlington-Northern-Santa Fe the right to conduct limited operations over their track as a remedy for competitive problems the merger might cause, but Justice said this was inadequate and would not preserve the competition that Southern Pacific provides.

To preserve competition, Justice said the following lines would have to be sold off:

- One of the two parallel routes radiating from Houston, north through Little Rock and Memphis to St. Louis, east to New Orleans, west to San Antonio and south to Brownsville.
- One of the two central corridor routes from Oakland, Calif., through Salt Lake City and Denver to Kansas City.
- Lines between Los Angeles and Chicago or another Eastern gateway.

The department said these divestitures would have to be made to railroads other than Burlington Northern-Santa Fe.

Defending the deal, U.P.'s Davidson has said, "Last year's merger of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe dramatically unbalanced the western rail network and erased any chance that Southern Pacific could continue to compete alone."

But Justice argued that Southern Pacific's financial condition was not serious enough to jeopardize its standing as a significant competitor for the indefinite future and the competitive harm would outweigh the claimed benefits.

McVeigh opposes closed-circuit coverage

DENVER (AP) — Closed-circuit television coverage of the Oklahoma City bombing trial would violate Timothy McVeigh's rights by turning the trial into a "television mini-series," his attorney argued Monday.

McVeigh's lawyer also said in a court brief that the new anti-terrorism law, which mandated closed-circuit television coverage of federal trials, moved more than 350 miles so victims and survivors could follow the proceedings.

McLaughlin argued that the cameras could influence jurors and witnesses and hamper McVeigh's ability to consult with his attorneys.

She also questioned whether the government could guarantee that the transmission would be secure from outside sources, who could illegally tap into the system and steal the signal.

in the bombing of the federal building, which killed 168 people and injured more than 500 others.

Matsch moved the trial from Oklahoma to Denver in search of an impartial jury.

President Clinton later signed an anti-terrorism bill that contained a clause requiring closed-circuit television coverage of federal trials.

Matsch has not decided whether to allow the coverage. McVeigh and Nichols face the death penalty if convicted of federal murder and conspir-

Thieves hit gem jackpot in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An international jewelry heist was foiled by 35,000 jewelers, has also attracted hundreds of professional thieves, trying their luck at lifting in glittering gems.

"These thieves have hit the jackpot," Las Vegas Metro Police Lt. Dan Mahony said Monday. "It's the equivalent of the Super Bowl."

The annual J.C. Kay Jewelry Show opened Thursday, and by Monday an estimated \$1.8 million in gems had been stolen, Mahony said. The show ends Tuesday.

The jewelry expo, featuring everything from raw stones to elaborate jewelry, has drawn 35,000 delegates to Las Vegas, ranging from buyers and sellers to stone cutters. Some police sources estimated there is between \$4 billion and \$8 billion

in jewelry on display.

Nine people have been arrested for theft, but most of the jewelry was already gone, police said.

Hotel rooms have been robbed, and delegates' bags have been snatched in hotel lobbies as they register. One scam involves dropping money on the ground and waiting for a delegate to pick up the cash.

"The common theme is distraction of the target, bumping into them, asking them directions, getting their attention in some way," Mahony said.

Three men arrested Sunday during a robbery were also suspected of robbing a jeweler at the airport.

about \$10,000 in jewelry and \$9,000 in cash. The jewelry was part of a \$300,000 theft from a Hong Kong delegate at the Flamingo Hilton.

The six also are believed to be responsible for a \$40,000 jewel heist at the Aladdin on Thursday. They were identified by surveillance video.

Other heists included a \$40,000 theft at the Treasure Island resort and a \$500,000 theft at the Spago's at the Forum Shops.

Mahony thinks the thieves — many of them from South America — will stick around town a few extra days to see Friday night's boxing match between Julio Cesar Chavez and Oscar De La Hoya.

And a bad bet won't be the only way to lose money that night, he says. "They'll be there to see the fight. But they'll also be there to work the crowd."

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Flag exhibit in Phoenix raises desecration issue, again

Los Angeles Times

PHOENIX — In publicizing its exhibit "Old Glory: The American Flag in Contemporary Art," the Phoenix Art Museum has courted controversy by celebrating the freedom of expression enjoyed under the U.S. Constitution.

What most people did not know until the display debuted was that it features an 8-foot-tall wooden "jail" housing a U.S. flag in a toilet, a flag placed on the floor for visitors to stand on and a flag made out of Caucasian human skin and hair.

Never mind that sculptor Andrew Krasnow insists that he obtained the skin through unconnected channels, or that visitors are encouraged to register their outrage or delight over that work and others in books destined for the museum's archive.

The show has rattled congressional leaders in Washington, where Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has launched an inquiry into whether federal funds were used to promote or pay for the collection scheduled to run through June 16. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, has chastised the museum of "hiding behind the lofty language of free speech in order to profit from debasing America."

Recently, the exhibit has turned Phoenix into a cultural war zone in which definitions of art and politics are up for grabs, museum officials are under fire and antipathies fester among City Council members.

Labeling the paintings, lithographs and sculptures a collective desecration of the nation's symbol, veterans have staged protest rallies on the museum lawn — and even removed flags from the exhibit to fold them properly.

Some sponsors of the museum — including Dial Corp., the soap company, and the development firm that Del Webb Corp. — have disavowed any connection to the show and demanded the removal of plaques at the entrance stating "admission while the museum undergoes renovations." Pepsico Inc. has asked that its name be stricken from exhibition brochures.



A portion of the 'Old Glory' flag exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, Az.

The Salt River Project, the largest utility in the Phoenix metropolitan area, has decided not to give the museum \$29,000 in grants in the coming year.

There is more to come. While Mayor Skip Rinsza says Phoenix has no legal authority to influence museum activities, Vice Mayor Frances Barwood is trying to find legal grounds to sever the city's 60-year contract to maintain the private, nonprofit facility, one of the largest museums in the Southwest.

"It's stretching freedom of expression pretty far when a flag made out of human skin hides behind the First Amendment. Where do we draw the line?" Barwood said. "Right now, it is a city-owned building on city-owned land, and we pay \$400,000 a year to maintain it. They pay us a dollar a year and thumb their noses at taxpayers and veterans."

"All they've done is stir up hurt and anger," she added.

"Maybe it's time for the city to get out of the museum business altogether."

Not all concerned citizens feel that way. A coalition of educators, clergy and business owners recently paid for an advertisement in a local newspaper, urging residents to rally behind the museum, the exhibit and the First Amendment.

Despite the turmoil, museum director James Ballinger has no intention of canceling the exhibit on the last leg of its tour. If anything, the show "has been and is a success," he said. And protest, he maintains, "is very much in the spirit of what this exhibit is all about."

Since the exhibit opened on March 16, he said, "attendance is about 1,600 visitors a week above average, membership has increased and donation box offerings are up 40 percent."

But he concluded that the exhibit has created more prob-

lems than anticipated. A museum advisory group of local civic leaders — including a veteran — reviewed the works before they went on display. And there were no political troubles at the traveling exhibit's two previous venues, Cleveland and Colorado Springs, Colo.

As for concerns of federal funds being used to pay for the show, Ballinger said, "All Senator Helms has to do is call my office and ask. There is no public money being used in this exhibition. Period."

Museum curator David Rubin, who organized the exhibit, said the collection came to document a significant trend: Amid recent disputes over flag burning and National Endowment for the Arts funding, the flag has resurfaced as a frequently used material by

artists. The trouble is the exhibit arrived in Phoenix a few months after the U.S. Senate voted down under an intense national spotlight — a proposed constitutional amendment that would have protected the flag from physical desecration. Beyond that, Phoenix residents are not used to seeing controversial artworks in a museum that has traditionally displayed less inflammatory offerings.

"Ultimately, we've brought art with something to say together with people who are looking, listening and reflecting," Rubin said. "After all, that's what significant art has always been about."

What can rub critics raw, however, is when Rubin describes the artist who stitched a flag out of leathery strips of taup-colored human skin as "very innovative."

"His use of material is progressive. It's breaking new ground." Some visitors find it a repulsive reminder of the lampshades Hitler's Nazis fashioned out of the skulls of Jews during World War II. For others, that flag and others on display bring back painful memories.

Standing beside the soiled flag placed on the museum floor, 43-year-old veteran Fred Quihuis said, "The first thing that came to my mind when I looked at the thing was my cousin in a casket. He was killed in Vietnam."

He stepped on a land mine.

Ridership the big question on rails

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Elaine Jacobs, a dental secretary heading home to Coquitlam on the train window to a heroin rookery along Burrard Inlet. Across the aisle, architect Paul McPhail sips a cappuccino and reads.

Passengers on the purple and yellow West Coast Express say the new commuter rail service between downtown Vancouver and the eastern suburbs began being stuck in the 5:15 p.m. at Waterfront station.

"It's probably not the most economical solution, but you're not all wired up by the time you get to work."

— Paul McPhail, rail commuter

\$144 million for 12 trains with one engine and five level coaches. A \$167 million for construction or renovation of 14 stations, plus maintenance and train lawyer facilities.

RTA commuter trains would make 18 trips during peak hours weekdays between Seattle and Lakeview. Everett-Seattle service would have 12 trips a day.

The plan will be financed by a four-tenths of one percentage point increase in the sales tax within the RTA district and a three-tenths of one percentage point hike in the motor vehicle license tax within the RTA district boundaries. Both tax increases would be in effect for 10 years.

Commuter rail operating costs are generally low compared with buses. Federal Transit Authority figures show, however, up-front costs are within equipment and bus costs compared with buses. For example, King County's Metro Transit buses in 1994 had a per passenger mile operating cost of 47 cents. South Florida's Tri-County Commuter Rail service was 22 cents per passenger mile and the Chicago area's Metra rail system ranged between 10 and 20 cents per mile.

But commuter rail ridership can fluctuate.

The Chicago system's ridership stagnated during the past year because parking lots at commuter stations reached capacity, said a spokesman for the system, Kris Napkott.

South Florida's Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority passenger figures dropped from between 100,000 and 120,000 a day to about 8,000 during the year following a fare increase.

"But they're starting to come back as gasoline prices go up," said a Tri-County planner, Dave Daniels.

Trains cost more than bus fleets, but they last longer.

The cost of the latest 42-passenger Metrolink buses an order are \$249,000. The latest 12- to 14-year-old trains, on the other hand, carry several hundred people, cost about \$2 million and last 25 to 30 or more years.

But to some critics think commuter rail will never draw the ridership needed to make it pay.

"I've never seen anything that makes me think it will match the cost of a bus," said Seattle transportation consultant Bill Eager of the RTA's most recent commuter rail plan.

PROVO, Utah (AP) — An 18-year-old Escondido, Calif., woman was arrested on a theft charge on her way out of jail.

Michelle Beckstrand apparently tried to keep the top of a jail uniform as a memento of her time at the Utah County Jail, said Lt. Ron Fernstead of the sheriff's office.

Jail officials discovered the clothing in Beckstrand's duffle bag during a routine search as she was leaving the jail on Sunday.

Beckstrand has been in jail for illegal consumption of alcohol and resisting arrest, Fernstead said.

Beckstrand was immediately rebooked into jail on a theft charge. \$275,000 in cash release date has not yet been set.

Centennial wagon train not exact recreation of event

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — The Utah Centennial Wagon Train that gets underway here on Tuesday won't be authentic.

And it's no re-creation of a historical event, say historians.

"They could have made a more appropriate (Utah pioneer) sesquicentennial event," said Clyde Milner, editor of the Western Historical Quarterly and a professor at Utah State University's history department. "By 1896, wagon trains were a thing of the past."

"Anyone going to Utah 100 years ago would have ridden the trail on a commercial railroad," said Harold Schindler, a journalist and historian.

Nonetheless, Milner said, it's a great idea.

"I think I should play the curmudgeonly academic role and say, 'This isn't right, but I think it's a great way to get people together and celebrate being Utahns,'" he said.

"People connect to history in all sorts of different ways. History's alive. No one interpretation owns the past — that's the great thing about it."

Those who make the 24-day trek from Logan to Cedar City in 100

wagons will have a much different experience than those who journeyed across the Plains in their Conestogas in the 1840s and 1850s.

The main difference, Milner and Schindler said, is the modern wagon train won't allow anyone off the wagon at a rest stop. In the old days, everybody walked beside their wagons.

"If you don't have springs. Riding across those awful, rutted roads could almost literally jar your insides out," Schindler said. "You walked unless you were too elderly or too sick to."

"This time around, much of the rest is in paved roads, and rubber tires are allowed to soften the jolt."

And, Schindler noted,

"Everybody will be clean."

The original pioneers went a month or more in the same clothes without a bath. They didn't bring bathtubs, and when they did find a river, they had to bathe in it, they waded in clothes and all.

While only horse-drawn vehicles will be allowed in this year's re-creation, most of the pioneers used oxen.

And while the modern wagons will average 20 miles a day, the pioneers were lucky to make 15.

"They had to break early to make camp and care for the animals," said Schindler, a columnist for The Salt Lake Tribune. The new wagons will have hay and water provided. The modern adventurers will have to sign on to a list of rules

and regulations to ride with wagon train, just as pioneers did. But it's doubtful the pioneers had to sign liability waivers.

Among the Centennial Wagon Train's rules is a prohibition on littering. The immigrants of old not only threw anything they could off the wagons to lighten the load, they weren't much more careful about disposing of bodily waste.

"You know what the bathrooms were?" asked Schindler. "Men on the right (of the trail), women on the left."

Guns and alcohol are prohibited on the modern trek. In the old days, they were essential for survival.

"Alcohol was about their only antiseptic and their only pain killer," Schindler said. "And when you're really cold, nothing warms you up faster than a hot drink with a shot of something in it."

Guns were needed for hunting and to ward off Indians, but they were also a leading cause of death and injury.

The wagon train was scheduled to leave the Cache County Fairgrounds early Tuesday morning.

Guys show they still have what it takes in Pig Bowl

LAYTON, Utah (AP) — In Davis County's first Pig Bowl, the gray-skinned doughnut rolls whipper the crew cuts with the washboard stomachs. It was Geritol over Geritol.

The full-contact football game Saturday between Layton area police officers and the Hill Air Force Base Security Police was billed as a way to help bring police officers from their communities and Hill to its host cities.

But what the game at Layton High School came down to was a contest between old and young.

Rod Dixon, who joined the Layton Police Department nine months ago, scored the first and only touchdown for Layton in the first quarter. It was old-timers then hung on for a 7-6 win.

"The guys had a saying," said Pete Davis, Layton patrol officer and coach. "Age and will over youth and speed."

Indeed, Davis, with John Ledkins and Jerry Lukens, helped organize officers from Pleasant View to Salt Lake City and tried his teammates to practice once a week for two months.

On Hill's side, Paul Bellus, who had the idea for the game, practiced with his teammates for just three weeks. The game featured a pep band and cheerleaders, a drill team and an announcer. The Hill team wore uniforms on loan from Clearfield High School and Layton wore Layton High uniforms, except for 6-foot, 280-pound Miller Atagi, who fit better in a Weber State uniform.

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Clyde Milner, editor of the 'Western Historical Quarterly'

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Valley life

Water has the power to relax, refresh and heal

Knight-Ridder News Service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The only way to get to Blue Pool, a lagoon tucked away in Maui, is to hop on a giant, smooth, black rock. A waterfall crashes down a curving cliff wall where wild impatiens rock in patches of pink. Twby feet away, the Pacific pounds. Between the two, there's room to stretch out in a rocky crevice and let the indigo pool's cool overflow splash over you and out to sea. ... Close a line in Lake Taiqun, pray for nibbling bass while watching the setting sun sparkle the water with glints of gold. ... Ahhh — that first sigh of relief when an icy hot lowers into a steamy, whirling hot tub on a starry night.

Close your eyes and imagine the most relaxing place in the world. Chances are your most serene place will include water, too. ... When people are asked to create a visualization of a relaxing scene, the most common involve water: ocean, waves, a bubbling brook," says Bruce Chlopian, clinical director of Tallahassee Pain and Stress Management. ... One of his pain-relieving techniques, Chlopian says, is getting his clients to visualize that most restful place. ... "It's not practical to carry a fountain with you or go through life with headphones of wave sounds," the psychologist says. ... "It's hard to function and have a bubbling brook going on at the same time."

Whether imagining pouring water or plunging into a pool head first, the liquid oxide of hydrogen, good old H₂O — holds great therapeutic powers. ... Why is that? ... "Certainly, water is the necessity of life. Humans have built their lives around living near water. And there may possibly be some evolutionary significance to settling down near water, having to do with survival," Chlopian offers. ... Carol Prescott, a licensed massage therapist who owns Health and Harmony in Tallahassee, Fla., says "One of my passions is water." She's thought a lot about the healing ways of water, from the spas of ancient Rome to New Age remedies for what ails us. ... "One of the reasons that water is

so useful is because it evokes our subconscious memory of being in the warm, protective, fluid environment of the womb," Prescott says. ... Prescott is licensed to perform water — water showers — a form of massage therapy performed in a 12-foot tub of warm water. ... Using the resistance of water, water therapists help move clients' limbs in creative stretches, and the 94-degree water loosens stiff joints. ... Prescott's watsu tub is not yet in a commercial setting, and her womb-like flotation tank for total relaxation is currently in storage. But she does keep a fountain trickling in a treatment room. ... "People constantly comment on it. They're struck by the beauty of it. We're so disconnected from

water now, living in the city. We've gone too far in the direction of asphalt and concrete," Prescott says. ... "In trying to insulate ourselves from the sun, we've also insulated ourselves from sunsets, cooling breezes and the sights and sounds of moving water. ... "And what it is about moving water, I think, is that it pulls us on, on a very primal and subconscious level, back into the rhythms of nature." ... For Judy Burgert and her husband, Dr. Woodward "Woody" Burgert Jr., their gorgeous heated swimming pool with fish fountain is part of their home and a big part of their lives. ... "I jog every day, three miles

every morning," says Judy Burgert. ... "In the summertime, I am so hot, I swim some laps to cool down and relax. I swim in the morning, and my husband swims evenings. It gets a lot of use. We love our pool!" ... Gray dye was added to the Gunite cement mixture, giving the bottom the slate-blue hue of a natural pond, instead of the bright aqua of synthetic creations. ... Gurgling from a pair of entwined fish, Judy Burgert says, "is just a lovely sound. The fountain drops out the sounds of cars going by."

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Lock of hair may unlash mysteries of Beethoven's life

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Nearly 170 years ago, an admirer grieving the death of Ludwig van Beethoven snipped some of the great composer's hair and put it in a locker. ... Where the admirer alive today, he might be horrified to learn that his keepsake has become a scientific key to the skeletons in Beethoven's closet. ... Did Beethoven use drugs? Did he die of syphilis? Was he murdered? ... Was he infested with lice? Those are among the undignified questions that a team of scientists is investigating as it subjects part of Beethoven's remains — the hair sample — to rigorous, high-tech tests. ... The inquiry comes on the heels of other recent examinations of the dead "seeking to solve historical



Beethoven

mysteries, such as a posthumous genetic test that disproved Anna Anderson's controversial claim that she was Anastasia, daughter of the last Russian czar. ... From the disintegrated corpse of Zachary Taylor proved that the 12th U.S. president was not poisoned. Graves in a remote Bolivian cemetery were dug up to find out whether the bodies they contained could be identified as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. ... As more-sophisticated testing techniques have become available, and as biologists learn more about physical links to behavior, the physical remains of the long dead increasingly are being explored for clues to historic mysteries — but not always without controversy. ... A 1990 federal law established a process for Native American tribes to claim remains of their people that have been kept as museum specimens. Public displays of such remains that were established in the name of science have been degraded by some as culturally degrading. Yet even as the remains of Native Americans are reburied, other people once decently laid to rest are being unearched, their remains prodded and probed. ... It is not hard to imagine what Beethoven might have thought of all this. Late in life, the German composer was sullen and ill-tempered: "He spent long hours off

brooding alone. ... But one of the Beethoven buffs who own the hair said he believes the possible fruits of research will outweigh any such concerns. ... "I don't think there's any question whether we have the right," said Ira Brilliant, a retired Phoenix real-estate developer who, along with a urologist from Arizona named Alfredo Guevara, purchased the hair at a 1994 Sotheby's auction. The two paid \$7,300 for the 582 strands. ... A clump of about 20 strands of Beethoven's hair arrived last week at the Health Research Institute in Naperville, Ill., outside Chicago. During a news conference Thursday, HRI President William Walsh showed reporters a vial containing the gray-flecked brown hair. ... "We're not doing it for personal

gain," Brilliant said. "We're doing it to learn some new things about Beethoven." ... HRI's Walsh and Ronald Isaacs, director of research, have been studying the relationship between body chemistry and behavior for two decades and opened the HRI Pfeiffer Treatment Center seven years ago to help people with behavioral problems. ... "Hair is a diary of what is going on in your body," Isaacs said. The two have compiled a large amount of data on chemicals in hair samples and behavior associated with those chemicals. ... HRI researchers hope to conduct a neutron-activation analysis on the Beethoven hair, a process in which, according to Walsh, "We're going to pop it into a nuclear reactor."

Prejudice can be unlearned through teaching

Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Lisa Early and Credo Siyanagwe realized early that prejudice would taint the life of their son, Samuel — the product of a white mother and a black father. ... She figured the more informed he was, the better. ... Early used situations such as the O.J. Simpson case to discuss prejudice. ... She noted that detective Mark Fuhrman was likely racist because of the bad things he said about people of color. ... After their talk, Samuel had as good a grasp on the issues as any 5-year-old could. ... "They shouldn't do that," Samuel said of judging people because of their race. "It doesn't matter what color you are." ... Soon Samuel learned that bias

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wasn't confined to the small screen of TV. ... A young boy at his preschool frequently picked on him, and Samuel hadn't a clue why

Now at least Samuel knew the score. Enlightened, he confronted his nemesis, branding him racist. ... "Without missing a beat, the boy replied, 'Yes, I am.' ... "They didn't know the gravity of what they were saying," Early said. "They were just being honest." ... Kids are born free of bias, but such attitudes are quickly absorbed from books, music, television — and especially from parents whose negative perceptions about people of different races will often color a child's outlook. ... Parents can help youngsters gain an understanding and appreciation of differences — and nurture an outlook as unprejudiced as possible — by evaluating their personal attitudes and actively integrating honesty, fact and lessons of diversity into their lives. ... One day Samuel's teacher hit Early with her theory: The other boy's parents seemed to be racist; the boy was simply parroting them.

5 categories of subtle racism

1. "I'm really into Latin music."
2. "The Chinese food factor."
3. Avoiding contact — Having only friends who are your same race. This is a particular problem for whites. Blacks because they may encounter few blacks in day life, whereas blacks encounter whites constantly.
4. Blaming the victim — Blaming victims of racism instead of the perpetrators. An example: An employer who blames the company's first minority employees for going poorly, instead of examining problems that caused the failure.
5. Dysfunctional helping — Offering "help" that's not needed or appropriate. An example: A teacher who shouts to make herself understood when speaking to Hispanic students.

"If we want to raise culturally diverse children we will have to take some affirmative action as parents," said Charles W. English, a Winter Park, Fla., licensed mental health therapist who specializes in multicultural counseling. ... "We can't sit back and expect it to come to us; we've got to take some risks," such as getting to know people of different races and ethnicity.

Report: Speedy, inexpensive scanner accurately predicts heart attack

DALLAS (AP) — A relatively low-cost, ultrast fast CT scanning has proved a powerful predictor of heart attacks and heart blockages, even in young, apparently healthy people. ... "I think this test is going to change the way doctors think about identifying people at risk for developing coronary artery disease," said Dr. Alan Guerci, author of a study published in Saturday's issue of the American Heart Association journal Circulation. ... Research has shown a correlation between heart disease and calcium deposits in the heart arteries. But

EBCT provided doctors with a calcium content score for each patient. ... Among those who had scores of 160 or above, 7 percent had heart trouble during the follow-up period, compared with 14 percent of those with scores of 680 or above. The average score was 935 in patients who later showed heart problems vs. 144 in the others. ... EBCT proved to be 10 times more powerful a predictor of heart attacks and blockages than the standard noninvasive technique: a combination

of cholesterol testing and asking the patient about such risk factors as smoking, high blood pressure and a family history of heart disease, said Guerci, director of research at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, N.Y. ... Patients who are found to be at risk can be treated with medication, diet and exercise, said Yadon Arad, a co-author of the study. ... The best diagnostic technique of all is cardiac catheterization, the "gold standard" against which all over tests are measured, Guerci said.

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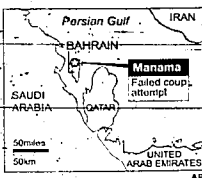
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Bahrain nabs 29 in coup plot

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Bahrain has arrested 29 Iranians that the government says were trained by Iran to topple the ruling Al Khalifa family and install a Shiite Muslim government modeled on Iran.

Bahrain's information minister, Mohammed al-Mutta'wa, said Monday that the detainees confessed last month and detailed their links to Iran. He did not disclose when the arrests took place.

Iran denied the accusations Monday, calling them "totally baseless." Al-Mutta'wa said caches of light weapons were seized from the alleged plotters, who were trained by Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

A slight majority of Bahrain's 500,000 people are Shiites, many of Iranian origin, but the ruling family belongs to the mainstream Sunni Muslim sect.

The accusations are certain to worsen the already uneasy relationship between Bahrain and Iran, its giant neighbor across the Persian Gulf. Bahrain repeatedly has accused Tehran of being behind a Shiite-led wave of unrest that began 18 months ago in which 28 people have reportedly been killed. Iran has denied any involvement.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman called the accusations "a result of instigations by outsiders," the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Iran "advises the Bahraini government against being influenced by the conspiracies of the enemies of the Islamic community," spokesman Mahmoud Mohammadi said.

The chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Shalikashvili, suggested last week that Iran was involved in the continuing unrest in Bahrain.

"We support Bahrain's efforts to ensure its stability and we continue to accuse Iran as a threat to the stability of the region," Shalikashvili said.

Mutta'wa said Monday that Bahrain was recalling its ambassador from Tehran in response to the alleged coup plot, but would not sever ties.

He said the arrested militants, all Bahrainis, were detained as they tried to return to the country or were rounded up in Bahrain.

He said they belonged to a movement calling itself "The Military Wing Of Hezbollah — Bahrain." It was founded in the Iranian city of Qom in 1993 "under the guidance and the full financial and resource backing of Iranian authorities and the intelligence department of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards," he said.

Bahrain's opposition has called for restoration of a parliament dissolved in 1975, more jobs for Shiites and the release of hundreds of detained activists. The government has said that the movement's demands are a cover-up for a terrorist conspiracy to set up a Shiite state in Bahrain.

Japan reluctantly faces sex slave past

TOKYO (AP) — Last year, on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, Japan appeared to be facing up to its wartime past. Now it is reluctantly coming to grips with Korea's wartime legacy — how to compensate thousands of women forced into sexual slavery by the Imperial Army.

Officials of a private fund for the former sex slaves are expected to announce today how much each woman will get.

The fund, established last year with the government's blessing, has postponed its final decision several times as its officials failed to reach agreement on the key points.

Historians estimate that as many as 200,000 women — mostly Koreans — were forced into the brothels for Japanese soldiers. The Japanese government has refused to compensate the women directly, saying the issue was settled by post-war treaties.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, known in the past for supporting hawkish causes, is now struggling with his predecessor's pledge that the women would receive at least an official apology.

Allies revamp NATO to meet new challenges

BERLIN (AP) — Easing France's re-entry into NATO, the United States and its allies approved historic changes in the 47-year-old European defense structure Monday to prepare for Bosnia-like crises in the next century.

Where once NATO was poised to attack should Russian tanks roll across the plains of Germany, the 16-member security alliance intends to reinvent itself to cope with unforeseen conflicts even beyond Europe.

"In the real world, there is no substitute for a real security alliance," said Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who credited President Clinton with inspiring the changes at a NATO summit in 1994. "NATO is the essential and most realistic foundation upon which to build a secure and undivided Europe."

Slow to respond to the ethnic bloodshed in Bosnia, the alliance will be revamped to be able to react more quickly to conflicts, with

European commanders and using U.S. weapons and possibly troops, provided Washington concurs.

"NATO needed to prepare itself," Christopher said, with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said potential challenges for the revised alliance included reducing stockpiles of dangerous weapons, and enforcing peace under U.N. mandates.

NATO troops could be used, for instance, to keep the peace on Cyprus in the event there is a settlement on the island, which was divided by a Turkish invasion in 1974, said a U.S. diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"NATO has met the challenges until now," Solana said. "Now NATO has to meet the challenges of the future."

The former Spanish foreign

minister said Russian troops could participate in NATO operations, as they already do in Bosnia, and Christopher said NATO could extend its operations beyond Europe, although he sug-

gested the possibility was remote. The revamping was the result of compromises between Europeans, led by France, seeking a larger role, and the United States, determined to make sure it retained a veto over use of American troops, intelligence or weapons.

"The wrangling, and there was a lot of it, came over the words," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said. "There were compromises on all sides. Every major country involved made compromises."

Christopher paid tribute to France, which is resuming full participation in NATO after 30 years of Gaullist semidetachment. "I want to stress that in a very real sense, our progress today was made possible by France's decision to take part more completely in the work of NATO," he said.

France withdrew from NATO's military command structure in 1966, arguing that French interests were being overshadowed by U.S. concerns, but has continued to participate in the alliance's foreign ministers' meetings.

Acknowledging the allies were plunging into uncharted waters, Christopher said in response to a reporter's question: "One cannot foresee the way these things can be put to use."

In Bosnia, some 60,000 NATO

troops, including about 20,000 Americans, have separated ethnic adversaries and placed their heavy weapons in storage.

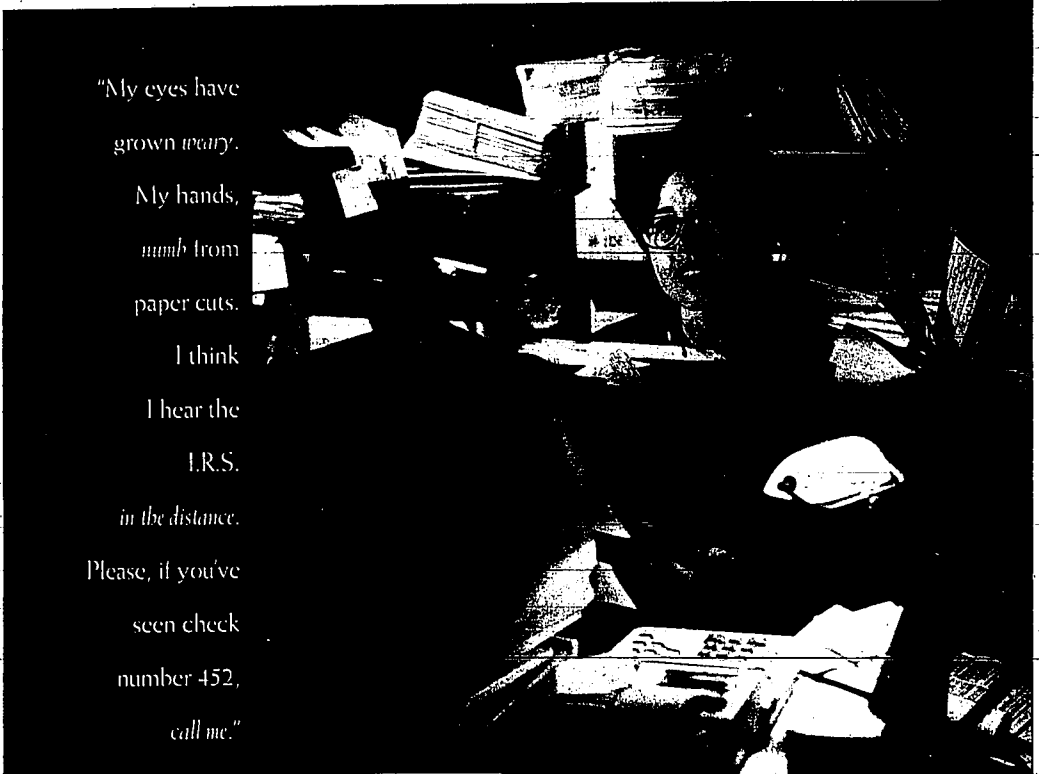
As a result, Solana said, the troops can expand their patrols with a better chance of encountering and arresting war crimes suspects, such as Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serbs' political and military leaders.

Christopher, who was unable Sunday in Geneva to secure a guarantee of their arrest from Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, said the troops now could take on greater responsibilities. And this, he said, would increase the risk for suspects of being captured.

The newly flexible NATO was described in a windup communiqué as being able "to undertake new roles in changing circumstances." There will be European-only task forces poised to rush to hot spots to restore order.

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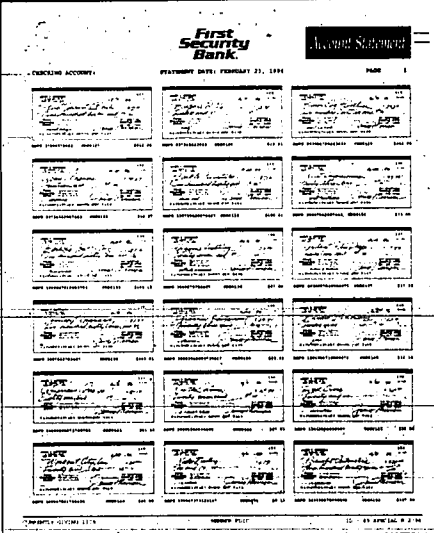


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Sports

Muster bows out of French Open

The Associated Press

PARIS — Thomas Muster's reign as French Open champion was cut short by a serve-and-volleyer with a gimpy ankle and few expectations.

Michael Stich, who nearly skipped the tournament following recent surgery on his left ankle, accomplished Monday what only three others have managed to do in the last two years: beat Muster on clay.

Controlling points with his serve (23 aces) and outplaying Muster from the baseline, the 12th-seeded German won 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) to reach the quarterfinals and continue the surprising run of attacking players at Roland Garros.

"There was a lot of pressure on him to defeat his rival," Stich said. "I had nothing to lose. He had a lot to lose. ... He definitely was not on top of his game."

The second-seeded Muster, usually so relentless and tenacious, seemed to run out of steam after a grueling, 10-week European clay court season.

"I'm normally up for the big matches," he said, "but I just wasn't today."

The tournament also lost its sentimental favorite Monday. Stefan Edberg, playing for the 12th and final time in the one Grand Slam event he has never won, bowed out in straight sets to 14th-seeded Marc Rosset.

"It's just a pity I couldn't play better than I did today," said Edberg, who blew farewell kisses to the crowd following the 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-3 defeat. "It's the first day I didn't feel as good as the other days."

Two unseeded players advanced to the quarterfinals in straight sets. Bernd Karbacher knocked off No. 5 Goran Ivanisevic 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, and Cedric Pioline took out No. 9 Marcelo Rios 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

They joined Pete Sampras, Jim Courier, Richard Krajicek and Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the final eight.

The quarterfinal matchups are: Sampras vs. Courier, Krajicek vs. Kafelnikov, Rosset vs. Karbacher, and Stich vs. Pioline.

The women's quarterfinals are set for Tuesday with Steffi Graf vs. Iva Majoli, Monica Seles vs. Jani Novotna, Conchita Martinez vs. Lindsay Davenport, and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario vs. Karina Habesudova.

Muster came into the French Open with five clay court titles this year and an aura of invincibility. He got through the first three rounds without dropping a set, extending his record on clay to 100-3 over the last two years.

Stich, meanwhile, said three weeks ago that his chances of playing in Paris were "very, very slim." He had undergone surgery March 7 to remove bone splinters in his left ankle, which he first injured in Vienna last October and again in a locker-room accident early this year.

Recalling a discussion with his coach, Sven Groenweld, Stich said, "I do know I should go to France and look like an idiot playing on the clay."

Groenweld responded, "Just go there and use it as a practice, one or two matches, to get ready for the main event."

Despite Stich's success on grass — he

French Open at a glance

PARIS (AP) — A quick look at Monday, the eighth day of the French Open.

WEATHER: Sunny and warm.

ATTENDANCE: 27,028 spectators, 390 fewer than last year on the same day.

WINNERS: Michael Stich, seeded 15th, dined reigning champion Thomas Muster (2), to advance to the quarterfinals. Marc Rosset (14) ousted Stefan Edberg.

On the women's side, Conchita Martinez (3) defeated Amanda Coetzer (14).

LOSERS: Goran Ivanisevic, seeded fifth, was eliminated in straight sets by Bernd Karbacher, ranked 55th. Marcelo Rios (9) lost to Cedric Pioline, also in three sets.

A LOOK AHEAD: In quarterfinal action, No. 1 Pete Sampras will take on Jim Courier (7) while Yevgeny Kafelnikov (6) will face Richard Krajicek (13).

Defending champion Steffi Graf, co-seeded No. 1 with Monica Seles, will face Iva Majoli (5). Seles will take on Jani Novotna (10) and Conchita Martinez (3) plays Lindsay Davenport (9). Two-time champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (4) faces Karina Habesudova.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "It's a disappointment right now but when I wake up tomorrow morning, hopefully I have the same (amount of) hair."

—Muster after losing to Stich.

STAT OF THE DAY: It was only Muster's fourth loss on clay in two years.

was the 1991 Wimbledon champion — the German is also an accomplished player on clay.

While Muster normally dominates his opponents from the baseline, Stich kept him on the defensive with his fluid ground strokes.

"Normally guys start moving back one or two meters behind the baseline," he said. "I tried to stay on the baseline and take his balls early. That started to work out in the second set. I think that caused him a lot of trouble because he was not able to move me around. It was going the other way. I was moving him around. I know he does not like that."

—Muster said he wasn't aggressive enough. "I just didn't my game together as I usually do," he said. "I played too short and I gave him too many chances to come back."

Muster suggested the clay court grind may have taken its toll. "The clay court players have 10 weeks and they have to play all the 10 weeks," he said. "Some of them have burnout, some are tired. They have to play an awful lot in two months."

After Muster won the first set and went up a break in the second, Stich turned the



Marc Rosset of Switzerland reacts after defeating Stefan Edberg of Sweden in their fourth-round game of the French Open tennis tournament in Paris Monday.

match in his favor when he broke back in the sixth game.

From 4-4, Stich won eight of the next nine games to take the second and third sets. Muster went up 5-2 and served for the fourth set, but Stich won four of the next five games to force a tiebreaker.

On the first point, Stich hit a forehand that clipped the top of the net and dropped over. Muster won the next with a vicious return, but Stich then won six straight points — ending the match with a forehand volley into the open court.

Stich dropped his racket, threw up his arms and went over to the stands to kiss his wife, Jessica. Then he did a little knee-pumping dance.

"I have to create a new name for this dance," he said. "It was just like sheer joy."

Muster took the defeat stoically.

"It's a disappointment," he said; "but winning last year hasn't changed my life (and) this is not going to change it either. I don't think they're going to take my name away (from the champions' trophy) because I lost."

Later on the same court, Edberg was unable to replicate the magic of his third-round victory over Michael Chang.

With the crowd chanting "Stefan! Stefan!" he made a last-ditch run after Rosset went ahead 5-1 in the third set. Edberg saved four match points, one at 5-1, and three others at 5-2. He had another break point in the eighth game but Rosset held firm and finished the match with his ninth ace.

Rosset put his arm around Edberg, then clapped for him and left the court to allow him to enjoy the ovation.

Morning line

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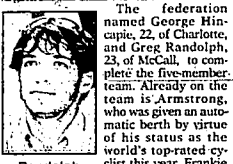
“To think of all the hours I wasted in hotel rooms, watching TV, when I could have been taking correspondence courses.”

Former-New York Met Mookie Wilson, who left college 19 years ago to play baseball but recently returned for his degree.

Briefly

Cycling Federation rounds out team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The U.S. Cycling Federation on Monday rounded out its men's road racing team for the Olympics by selecting two riders with the hopes that they can help Lance Armstrong win a gold medal.



The federation named George Hin-capie, 22, of Charlotte, and Greg Randolph, 23, of McCall, to complete the five-member team. Already on the team is Armstrong, who was given an automatic berth by virtue of his status as the world's top-rated cyclist this year. Frankie Andreu and Steve Hogg also earned their spots by finishing first and second in a five-event series of races that ended over the weekend. Randolph, a student at the University of Oregon, is the lone amateur on the U.S. team. He joined the Motorola team three weeks ago on an apprenticeship specifically for the Olympic trials, and he made the most of it. He had strong showings in road races and time trial events, and he finished eighth overall in the final points standings.

"I'm surprised," Randolph said. "It's like I just won the Miss America pageant."

Twin Falls AAU basketball finishes 4th in Nampa

NAMPAA — The Magic Valley AAU basketball team finished fourth at the Nampaa tournament over the weekend.

The local team lost to Eagle High School, 73-68, in the opening round, getting 17 points from Rock Dedie of Burley, 16 from Decko's Jesse Nielsen and 13 from Scott Plew, Kimberly Boise beat the Magic Valley team, 90-69, in the second game. Scott Plew led the locals with 26, and he scored 21 when the Magic Valley team rebounded to take Vallivue, 72-57 Saturday. Nielsen added 16, Dedie 13 and Ryan Eckert, Buhl, 10 in the victory. Magic Valley beat Grangeville, 69-46 Saturday night. Lance Gibson of Minico scored 25, with Plew and Nielsen adding 18 and 15, respectively.

In the fourth-place game Sunday, the Magic Valley team outlasted Nampaa, 90-87 in overtime. Gibson scored 26, Plew 23 and Nielsen 21. Mason Harper of Burley hit a pair of free throws near the end of regulation to force overtime.

"I was real pleased with the way the guys came back after losing the first two games," Coach Steve Ayers said.

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Sportslate

Today

American Legion baseball
Minico at Twin Falls AA, Frontier Field (2), 5 p.m.
Kimberly at Buhl (A), 6 p.m.
Jerome at Burley (A), 2 p.m.

Atlanta rallies to beat Mets

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — John Smoltz didn't win for the first time in nearly two months, but his Atlanta teammates kept him from getting the loss Monday night by rallying for a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets.

Smoltz's 11-game winning was in jeopardy when he left the game after the sixth inning trailing 4-1. But the Braves scored three runs in the seventh, then won it in the eighth on Ryan Klesko's two-out, run-scoring triple.

The Braves have won 21 of their last 26 games.

Brad Clontz (3-2) earned the win, and Mark Wohlers pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Bob MacDonald (0-2) lost in relief. "Smoltz had won 11 straight starts since losing his first on April 4. He allowed four earned runs in six innings, the most since he surrendered six earned runs in that lone defeat.

Smoltz was overworking at times — he had at least one strikeout every inning and 10 in the game — but also gave up eight hits before he was lifted for a pinch hitter.

Please see BASEBALL/D2



Colorado Rockies' pitcher Bill Swift warms up between innings Monday in Pittsburgh. It was Swift's first outing of the season after coming off the disabled list.

Homecoming helps erase mental road grime

TWIN FALLS — Everyone has them, and the past few days have been my personal blue period.

Picasso would be proud. In the last week, I have earned a 2,400-mile drive, the breakup of a long relationship, a solid butt-kicking in my hometown bicycle race and the realization that the pneumonia I thought was cured might still be lingering.

But none of that matters, because I am home. "Ah yes, home. My gut tells me that Simon and Garfunkle wrote "Homeward Bound" in the back of some sweaty '70s bus about 3,000 miles and 20 shows away from the Village and a decent rest. At 40, rest in the desert, you can bet that "Are we there yet, Moses?" made the man long for something a bit more permanent than a tent. ("Settle down back there you kids, or I SWEAR I will pull over and you can part this water yourself!") I'll even go on a limb and venture that



Albert Belle is probably a really nice guy. His mansion security houses a bright yellow rumpus room where Al raises rabbits and paints water color. The poor guy just gets a wee bit irritable when he has to travel too much.

My frequent stops at freeway diners (Eat where the truck drivers eat) have revealed two states of mind among those who travel a great deal. People who are just coming from or are on their way home are smiling, flirting with the waitress and acting, well, jaunty. The rest of us poor souls with eyes downturned and backs slouched at the prospect of another week on the road are

Please see FOSTER/D2

Palmer's homer helps Rangers over Brewers

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Dean Palmer hit a 437-foot homer and Bobby Witt won for the first time in five starts Monday night as the Texas Rangers routed the Milwaukee Brewers 5-6.

Rangers All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez left the game in the first inning after getting hit by his right wrist by a wild pitch and replaced by Dave Valle. X-rays were negative and he's listed day-to-day.

Witt (5-4) gave up two earned runs and five hits with four walks and seven strikeouts in six 1/3 innings for his first win since April 8 against Toronto.

The Brewers rallied for four runs in the ninth against Texas' bullpen before Mike Henneman finally closed it out for his 16th save.

Milwaukee catcher Mike Matheny, suspended five games Monday for charging the mound in Friday night's brawl with the Cleveland Indians, struck out three times and had two passed balls and an error.

The Rangers tagged Milwaukee starter

American League

Steve Sparks (3-6) for six runs, five earned, and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Twins 5, Angels 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Chuck Knoblauch continued his torrid hitting with three hits and three RBIs and Roberto Kelly added two key doubles as the surging Minnesota Twins beat the California Angels 5-3 Monday night.

Knoblauch, batting .514 in his last 10 games, drove in two runs in Minnesota's three-run second inning and another in a four-run eighth as the Twins won their third straight and their fifth in the last six games.

Kelly had a two-out double and scored the tiebreaking run in the seventh, and his double in the eighth drove in the final two runs.

Aike Trumbley (1-0), recalled from Triple-A on Sunday, pitched two-plus innings in relief of starter Rich Robertson, allowing three hits.

Twin Falls American Legion AA Cowboys kick off season today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — After one practice, the Twin Falls American Legion AA Cowboys will kickoff their 1996 season by hosting the Minico Game at 5 p.m. today at Frontier Field.

Due to extensive personal problems for Coach Don Hornback, the Cowboys will be feeling their way into the season.

But Hornback is not daunted by the start. "We're going to be a little short on pitching but that's probably true of most teams," he said. "Our turnout is good and we're seeing some solid effort."

Because "we have seven or eight

players who can run," the Cowboys will be shifting gears offensively this season.

"For the past couple of years we've sat back and wanted for the three-run homer," Hornback said with a smile.

"This year, we're going into each game thinking nine one-run innings. If we get a mar on base, we'll find a way to get him to third and hopefully he'll score."

The nucleus of the team is provided by eight returnees: Two, Isiah Day and Willie Bird will get most of the pitching calls although Jamie Hyde may get some.

The position players are Rely Salinas, Chris Harmon, Jeff Hanchey, Luke Mickelson and Wes Bauer.

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Baseball

AL Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	31	13	.706	0
Chicago	27	17	.613	4
Atlanta	26	18	.591	5
Boston	25	19	.568	6
St. Louis	24	20	.545	7
Philadelphia	23	21	.522	8
San Diego	22	22	.500	9
Los Angeles	21	23	.477	10
Minnesota	20	24	.455	11
Seattle	19	25	.432	12
San Francisco	18	26	.409	13
Colorado	17	27	.386	14
Arizona	16	28	.364	15
San Francisco	15	29	.341	16

NL Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	28	14	.667	0
San Diego	26	16	.619	2
St. Louis	25	17	.595	3
Philadelphia	24	18	.571	4
Los Angeles	23	19	.548	5
San Francisco	22	20	.524	6
Chicago	21	21	.500	7
San Francisco	20	22	.476	8
San Diego	19	23	.452	9
Los Angeles	18	24	.429	10
San Francisco	17	25	.405	11
Atlanta	16	26	.381	12
Philadelphia	15	27	.357	13
St. Louis	14	28	.333	14
San Diego	13	29	.310	15
Los Angeles	12	30	.286	16
San Francisco	11	31	.262	17
Atlanta	10	32	.238	18
Philadelphia	9	33	.214	19
St. Louis	8	34	.190	20
San Diego	7	35	.167	21
Los Angeles	6	36	.143	22
San Francisco	5	37	.119	23
Atlanta	4	38	.095	24
Philadelphia	3	39	.071	25
St. Louis	2	40	.048	26
San Diego	1	41	.024	27
Los Angeles	0	42	.000	28

MLB All-Star Game

Team	W	L	Pct.
American League	1	0	1.000
National League	0	1	.000

College World Series

Team	W	L	Pct.
Florida State	2	0	1.000
Arizona State	1	1	.500
Arizona	0	2	.000

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Sports on TV

Television

Event	Station	Time
Volleyball: USA23	USA23	7 a.m.
French Open: USMC Sports/CH 84(H/T)	USMC Sports/CH 84(H/T)	7 a.m.
Baseball: ESPN/13	ESPN/13	7 a.m.
Baseball: WGN/7	WGN/7	7 a.m.
Baseball: Prime Sports/CH 84(H/T)	Prime Sports/CH 84(H/T)	7 a.m.
Baseball: ESPN/13	ESPN/13	12:30 p.m.
Baseball: WGN/7	WGN/7	12:30 p.m.
Baseball: Prime Sports/CH 84(H/T)	Prime Sports/CH 84(H/T)	12:30 p.m.
Baseball: ESPN/13	ESPN/13	5 p.m.
Baseball: WGN/7	WGN/7	5 p.m.
Baseball: Prime Sports/CH 84(H/T)	Prime Sports/CH 84(H/T)	5 p.m.
Baseball: ESPN/13	ESPN/13	5:30 p.m.
Baseball: WGN/7	WGN/7	5:30 p.m.
Baseball: Prime Sports/CH 84(H/T)	Prime Sports/CH 84(H/T)	5:30 p.m.
Baseball: ESPN/13	ESPN/13	10:30 p.m.
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NBA leaders

Player	Team	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Shaquille O'Neal	Orlando	25.1	12.3	4.3
Scottie Pippen	Chicago	22.8	10.7	7.9
Charles Barkley	Philadelphia	21.7	11.7	3.8
Tim Duncan	San Antonio	20.8	11.7	2.8
Alvin Robertson	Portland	19.8	11.7	2.8
Scottie Pippen	Chicago	18.8	11.7	2.8
Tim Duncan	San Antonio	17.8	11.7	2.8
Alvin Robertson	Portland	16.8	11.7	2.8
Scottie Pippen	Chicago	15.8	11.7	2.8
Tim Duncan	San Antonio	14.8	11.7	2.8
Alvin Robertson	Portland	13.8	11.7	2.8
Scottie Pippen	Chicago	12.8	11.7	2.8
Tim Duncan	San Antonio	11.8	11.7	2.8
Alvin Robertson	Portland	10.8	11.7	2.8
Scottie Pippen	Chicago	9.8	11.7	2.8
Tim Duncan	San Antonio	8.8	11.7	2.8
Alvin Robertson	Portland	7.8	11.7	2.8
Scottie Pippen	Chicago	6.8	11.7	2.8
Tim Duncan	San Antonio	5.8	11.7	2.8
Alvin Robertson	Portland	4.8	11.7	2.8
Scottie Pippen	Chicago	3.8	11.7	2.8
Tim Duncan	San Antonio	2.8	11.7	2.8
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Something missing from Stanley Cup — besides Lemieux

DENVER (AP) — There's something missing from these Stanley Cup finals, besides any teams from Canada and, for two games, Claude Lemieux.

First, the Florida Panthers vs. Colorado Avalanche series that begins Tuesday night represents the first Cup finals played so far south — south of the Rocky Mountain border, but of the Mason-Dixon line.

But the news goes beyond pucks competing with palm trees for popularity in Miami Beach, and this matchup of the rvs. the Rockies and Miami Ice vs. the mountains.

Where are the stars? Where is the tradition in a sport whose championship trophy is the most famous of them all? And, pray tell, where are Eric Lindros, Mario Lemieux, Wayne Gretzky, Jaromir Jagr and Steve Yzerman?

Oh, there are Patrick Roy and John Vanbiesbrouck, arguably the two best goaltenders in the game, but, quick, name another Panther besides the Beezer. Sure, the Avs' Joe Sakic has 17 playoff goals, but this megastar in the mountains attracts most stars to St. Louis.

And never before has a championship series in a major sport paired franchises so relatively new. The Panthers are tempestuous 3-year-olds, a team that didn't even exist when Roy won the Stanley Cup with Montreal in 1993. The Avs were still the Quebec Nordiques only a year ago.

The NHL has long wanted to pump up a game it advertises as the coolest on ice, to make it as hip and chic as the NBA. And this is as new and fresh as it gets.

"I think it's terrific for the NHL," Panthers coach Doug MacLean said Monday. "We're brought in new viewers and fans. It is unbelievable the excitement in Miami. We're thrilled about it."

It may be the first time Stanley Cup opening game tickets were openly scalped in the NBA-like

1995-96 range.

"It doesn't matter if this is your first year or your 11th year, this is the opportunity of a lifetime," Panthers general manager Bryan Murray said. "We were ready to drop the puck at 11 o'clock this morning."

When they do drop it, don't expect any high-risk hockey, even in this mid-altitude. The stars may be gone from the playoffs, but the muckers and grinders aren't. The Panthers forecheck and backcheck, cycle the puck down low in their offensive zone and score goals off their opponents' gambles, not their own. The final line of defense is Vanbiesbrouck, whom Penguins coach Eddie Johnston said was "in a zone like no one I've ever seen, while limiting the Penguins' Mario Lemieux and Jagr to a goal apiece in the Eastern Conference finals."

"He's been the difference in every series," Johnston said.

The Avs, trying to become the first Western Conference team to win the Stanley Cup since Edmonton in 1990, counter with Roy, who brought sobriety and a more physical presence on the blue line. Colorado also doesn't gamble on getting break-aways, like Pittsburgh did, or grow so impatient to score goals that they abandon their shift, as Philadelphia did against Florida.

"They'll play the body more than Pittsburgh did," Panthers defenseman Terry Caraker said. And Sakic, two goals shy of tying the NHL playoff record of 13 goals set by Philadelphia's Reggie Leach (1976) and Edmonton's Jar Kurri (1985), is a sneaky scorer who doesn't constantly require the puck to get his goals.

"I think Mario (Lemieux) played every second shift (Saturday) against



Florida Panthers coach Doug MacLean talks to goalie John Vanbiesbrouck during practice in Denver Monday. The Panthers face the Colorado Avalanche in game one of the Stanley Cup today.

the Panthers," Avs Avalanche coach Marc Crawford said. "We don't do that with Joey. Joey is so evasive, so good at eluding checks. It's hard to find out there. Sometimes he disappears." Of course, Vanbiesbrouck can make the best of scorers do. He allowed the Penguins only 14 goals in seven games, or less than half their average, and stopped 210 of 224 shots.

"He doesn't give you a lot of last year up until now when we win the championship."

Not if. When Maybe Jordan doesn't feel threatened by the possibility of losing because he honestly feels it can't happen.

It was a theme repeated often Monday by the confident Bulls.

As Scottie Pippen said: "A seven-game series is a long series — whether you beat them in four or five or whatever."

Pippen and Jordan are the only players remaining from Chicago's 1991, 1992 and 1993 title teams. Coach Phil Jackson was there, too.

"Every time I've thought about the championship teams, I've thought that we had nine, 10, 11 guys who were the same so we could draw on. Remember how we played that series? Remember how we played that series?" Jackson said. "This team has no history like that. We don't have something to rely on to bring us back into focus."

NHL slowly starts to gain interest

NEW-YORK (AP) — Three years after Gary Bettman became commissioner, the NHL has expanded to all corners of the United States, its revenue is up and so is sponsorship. But TV ratings have increased only slightly.

On the eve of a Stanley Cup final between the Colorado Avalanche and the Florida Panthers — franchises in two of the league's new cities — the NHL and its business partners are convinced the sport is moving in the right direction.

"We expanded the national footprint," said Steve Solomon, the league's chief operating officer, "both by the successful expansion into what we would call the Sun Belt — the expansion into Florida, the move of Minnesota down to Dallas, the Southern California teams and the growth of the Mighty Ducks, the San Jose success and the movement into Denver as well. And next year there's the move into Phoenix."

The NHL took in \$398 million during the 1995-96 season, according to the league's figures. It forecasts revenue this season will total \$920 million, up 13 percent during a period in which the number of teams increased from 21 to 26.

"Still, it's a far cry from the \$1.87 billion that major league baseball took in during 1993, its last full season."

"People talk about where we are in comparison with other sports," Solomon said. "The answer is our sport is growing on a slow, steady basis throughout the United States, and that slow, steady basis is the key to our future."

Under the regime of John Ziegler, the NHL pretty much disappeared from U.S. television. It left ESPN for SportsChannel America, which wasn't seen in many households.

Ziegler, who headed the NHL from 1977 to 1992, wasn't concerned with broadcasting.

"We are not on network television," he said in 1988. "It is not a goal of ours."

The Stanley Cup finals returned to network television in 1993 for the first time in 13 years. After one season with ABC, the league switched to Fox. With no Canadian teams advancing past the first round, playoff ratings for the first three rounds jumped from 1.9 last year to 2.4 this spring.

NHL revenue		
Year	Team	Revenue
1995-96		\$398 million
1994-95		\$362
1993-94		\$732
1992-93		\$604
1991-92		\$448
1990-91		\$449
1989-90		\$376
	200	400
	600	800

* Licensed during the 1994-95 season
 ** 1995-96 revenue is projected

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Bulls, SuperSonics gear up for NBA Finals beginning Wednesday

Is winning important for Jordan? Yes and no

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan doesn't need to win the NBA title to validate his career.

Yes, he wants to win. But if his Chicago Bulls don't beat the Seattle SuperSonics in the NBA Finals, he said Monday, "I wouldn't say I would be disappointed."

The statement, made two days before the best-of-7 championship series starts, was somewhat surprising because Jordan has always said he would be the first to quit if he has separated him from other great players.

"I'd be disappointed, yes," Jordan said. "But I think I've proven my point long before we win."

"That I can get back to the point that I left," said Jordan, who retired as basketball's top player in October 1993 after leading the Bulls to three straight titles. He returned 15 months ago only to lose to Orlando in the second round of last season's playoffs.

"For all the people that said I may have lost a step or can't jump as high ... I've compensated by mental knowledge about this game and shown ways of still winning."

OK, so it does come back to winning. And Jordan certainly has done plenty of that this year.

He led the Bulls to an NBA-record 72 victories, winning his eighth league scoring title and his fourth MVP trophy in the process. And Chicago takes an 11-1 playoff record, including avengeful sweep of Orlando, into Wednesday night's game at the United Center.

Winning the championship, Jordan said, "completes the picture."

"It would be half-taunted if we can't accomplish this last step," he said. "Nine-tenths of the picture is done. We need this tenth to complete the picture so everyone can see what was in store, what happened in the course of the year from the day we got knocked out of the playoffs

Just ask George Karl: Sonics can win

SEATTLE (AP) — George Karl is convinced.

If the Seattle SuperSonics play against the Chicago Bulls as they did in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals, they can be the NBA champions.

"I don't think we're a tremendous underdog," Karl said Monday. "You think we're a tremendous underdog. I think we have a solid basketball team that can win the series."

By beating Utah 90-86 for the conference title Sunday, the Sonics earned their first trip to the NBA Finals since they won the league title in 1979. They open the best-of-7 series in Chicago on Wednesday night. And Karl knows the Sonics must be at their best to beat a team that has won record 72 games this season before sprinting to the finals with an 11-1 record.



beating Utah in Game 7 on Sunday.

"I told my players today that you're probably going to have to play six or seven of those type of games to win this series and when you play that type of game you're going to have to be more dedicated to come back," he said.

During the season, Seattle beat Chicago 97-92 at home and the Bulls pummeled the Sonics 113-83 in Seattle. Dennis Rodman missed the Bulls' victory in Seattle on Nov. 26. In Chicago, Michael Jordan said he didn't need to win a fourth NBA title to validate his career. He said he's already proved himself

after his 15-month retirement from basketball.

"I'd be disappointed, yes," Jordan said. "But I think I've proven my point even before we win. That I can get back to the point that I left."

Bulls coach Phil Jackson is concerned about how his team will stay with Shawn Kemp, who will often be guarded by lumbering Chicago center Luc Longley. Jackson also is concerned the referees will let the Sonics get away with some defenses. But one thing doesn't concern him: that Jordan suddenly has softened his stance on the importance of winning.

"When he comes this far, the direction is straightforward to the championship," Jackson said.

"The Bulls are well rested after sweeping Orlando. The Sonics are tired and limping after grinding it out for seven games against the Jazz."

It is beach volleyball in time in beachless Baltimore for Olympic tryouts

BALTIMORE (AP) — Smog belched from nearby smokestacks and passing fire engines roared by Monday as Ken Dickinson used his finishing touches on the site of the U.S. Olympic beach volleyball trials in a city without a beach.

"There aren't as many girls around," said Dickinson, a former Californian who helped transform a former parking lot near a blue-collar neighborhood into Venice Beach East. "Usually, we're setting up on the beach and we have a lot of people watching."

Despite its lack of sand, surf and lately sunshine, Baltimore this week will play host to the nation's top 54 beach volleyball players who will take seven and a half hours on the U.S. Olympic team.

By the end of the final qualifying match Sunday, three men's teams and three women's teams of two players each will be chosen for Atlanta, where the sport will make its Olympic debut July 23-28.

Participating players include the top-seeded men's pairs of Ken Dickinson and Ken Blyden, along with Johnson and Randy Stoklos, along with the women's teams of Lisa Ace and Karolyn Kirby and Liz Masakayan and Angela Rock.

So far, about a third of the tickets, which cost between \$15 and \$30, have been sold. The event is expected to pump up to \$3 million into the local economy.

Not yet going to Atlanta, this is where to see Olympic beach volleyball, said Barbara Bozzuto, a spokeswoman for the Maryland Sports Corp., which is running the tournament.

While the bronzed players began arriving Monday, organizers have been at the site for a week turning the paved lot in the city's harbor area into a temporary beach volleyball court and a 4,000-seat stadium.



Olympic beach volleyball player Liz Masakayan passes the ball during a 1996 beach volleyball tournament. Masakayan and her partner, Angela Rock, are hoping to win a medal in beach volleyball's Olympic debut in Atlanta.

Shore and spread about 14 inches deep at center court.

"Nearly all the three-acre site was covered with at least several inches of sand so spectators can feel beach squishing between their toes even when they visit the snack area."

"It's looking more and more like California everyday," Dickinson said.

Barbed wire that used to ring the vacant lot was taken down and red, white and blue banners and carpeting were put up. Organizers chose the patriotic color combination over

traditionally beachy neon colors to reflect the dignity and seriousness of the Olympics, Bozzuto said.

The cameras will be focused on neighborhood have eyed the project suspiciously. But aside from the traffic, they say they don't mind it.

"It's something for us dirty old men to watch," said a 62-year-old man enjoying a morning beer at a corner bar.

Baltimore's unlikely relationship with beach volleyball goes back to 1994, when the city hosted its first professional beach volleyball tournament in the same location. But organizers who submitted a bid never expected to win the trials over six other locations, including Dallas and Kiawah Island, S.C. "I thought it would go to California where the sport was born," Bozzuto said.

Actually, only about half the tournaments on the professional beach volleyball circuit are played on real beaches, said Bobby Clarke, competition director for USA Volleyball, the sport's governing body.

The rest, including the Olympics, are played on makeshift courts or "a cat box filled with sand," as player Stoklos said as he toured the site

Monday to get acclimated. When NBC broadcasts the competition, the cameras will be focused on sponsor Bud Light's logos and away from the empty warehouses, smoke stacks and tankers nestled nearby in the city's industrial section.

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AL Wrings Belle with 5-game suspension

NEW-YORK (AP) — Apparently, all that anger counseling that Albert Belle is supposed to be getting hasn't helped yet.

Belle's resident had his wit with his fifth suspension in six weeks Monday for his part in last weekend's brawl between the Cleveland Indians and Milwaukee Brewers.

Belle's agent said this is yet another example of baseball picking on the Cleveland outfielder.

"Once again, Albert is being held to a different standard," said agent Arn Tellem. "Given that he was not ejected, and given that the umpire said it was legal play, this is just total, total discrimination on the part of the commissioner's office against Albert."

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Belle, teammate John Tavearez and Milwaukee's Mike Matheny were suspended for five games apiece.

Belle was penalized for his vicious forearm to the face of Brewers second baseman Fernando Vina. Tavearez was docked for throwing umpire Joe Brinkman to the ground and Matheny was disciplined for charging the mound.

American League president Ken Berry said Belle was suspended "since his action not only threatened injury to an individual but also led to the later disruption of the game."

Tellem said Belle will appeal his suspension.

"For any other player in baseball, there definitely would not have been a suspension," Tellem said, but that he was not ejected, and given that the umpire said it was a legal play, this is just total, total discrimination on the part of the commissioner's office against Albert.

Just last month, Budig ordered Belle to undergo immediate counseling to help curb his temper. That decision was in response to a home-run ball he hit which Belle hit a Sports Illustrated photographer with a ball.

And in Texas last week, Belle cursed a fan in only ways wanted to see him in the bullpen but he was not ejected, and given that the umpire said it was a legal play, this is just total, total discrimination on the part of the commissioner's office against Albert.

Milwaukee center Phil Garner said he thought five games for Matheny was too much. He said he was surprised Belle was punished and reiterated the only problem he had with the outfielder was that he came at Vina's face.

"Again, I don't have any particular problem with Belle and I know it's a clubhouse play," Garner said. "When an infielder's in the base line with the ball, it's kind of fair game. The only thing we take exception to is when I see the film over and over again I see the elbow in the face."

Matheny also is appealing his suspension, and the intent of Tavearez is not yet known. For Belle and Matheny, their suspensions wouldn't become effective until hearings are held.

The 10-minute melee started in the ninth inning Friday night when Matheny charged the mound after Tavearez threw a fastball behind his back. During the fight, Tavearez body-slammed Brinkman to the ground.

In the eighth inning, a fastball by Marshall Boge hit Belle on the shoulder. When Eddie Murray grounded to second one batter later, Belle flattened Vina when he tried to tag the Indians star. In the ninth, Belle was hit again in his left shoulder, this time by Terry Burrows.

Matheny said he thought his suspension was excessive.

"This whole thing's new to me. I've never really had to deal with it before," he said. "But I was asking around after it happened and realized that charging the mound usually results in some kind of suspension, but usually a three-game suspension. Five was a little bit of a surprise."

Matheny said he felt he had no choice when Tavearez' pitch sailed behind him but to charge the mound.

"It was obviously intended to hit me and I had to defend myself," Matheny said. "I didn't want to risk getting back in the box and possibly getting hit in the head."

Budig said Tavearez was suspended "for placing the safety of an umpire at risk — which is inexcusable. Umpire Joe Brinkman was attempting to restore order when he was slammed to the ground."

Umpires' union head Richie Phillips called Tavearez's punishment "totally inadequate."

Phillips said the union protested the decision to Budig and "requested a review and a reconsideration."

"I was shocked when I heard it was only five games," Phillips said. "I thought it should've been a minimum of 30 days, and up to 60 days to the remainder of the season."

In his incident report, Brinkman said he believed Tavearez's claim that the pitcher didn't know he was throwing an umpire to the ground.

"We believe that," AL spokeswoman Phyllis Merhige said. "Budig called Matheny's conduct 'clearly wrong and his action contributed to a dangerous situation.'"

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Cleveland Indian Albert Belle walks away from Milwaukee Brewer second baseman Fernando Vina after running into him to break up a double play in the eighth inning Friday, May 31 in Milwaukee. While Vina was coming back to his senses after being slammed in the nose and knocked to the ground, he heard Belle say, "Get out of my way then, and you won't get hurt." Vina got revenge Saturday and Sunday, shifting his position directly behind second base, where he robbed Belle of four hits up the middle.

Louisiana State beats Florida, 9-4

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Chad Cooley, Justin Bowles and Mike Koerner homered Monday as Louisiana State beat Florida 9-4 despite committing five errors and allowing seven unearned runs in the College World Series.

It was the fifth meeting of the Southeastern Conference teams, but the first time LSU (50-15) and the second seeded Gators, who had led past LSU three times this season and won 25 games in come-from-behind fashion, didn't have the muscle to stay with the top team in the nation.

The No. 6 Tiger advanced to the

Bracket Two semifinals against an undetermined opponent. Florida (49-17) must come back Tuesday to beat the survivor of Monday night's game between Florida State and Wichita State.

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Tim Lanier tripled in a run for LSU in the bottom of the second and scored on Warren Morris' single. Lanier also doubled to lead off the top run for the Tigers.

Morris bunted for a hit and Jason Williams walked to lead the bases.

Koerner's sacrifice fly brought Lanier home to tie the game and he also scored the go-ahead run on a Nathan Dunn groundout.

LSU added three more in the seventh on Cooley's 14th homer with one aboard, and a solo shot by Eddie George in the eighth.

Coerner's 12th homer, also a two-run shot, came in the eighth.

Yet, except for the fans who happened to watch ESPN and see him strike out 15 in only 7 1/3 innings at the College World Series, not many people know about the Clemson pitcher. Certainly not compared to the exposure Allen Iverson and Marcus Camby have gotten in basketball, or Keyshawn Johnson and Eddie George in football.

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Lee Thomas said, "I think it's very important, and I think it ought to be published as much as the other sports."

Last year, a total of 1,666 players were picked in 87 rounds. This year, Pittsburgh will choose first, followed by Minnesota and St. Louis in a draft that will last through Thursday. The two expansion teams, which start play in 1998, will participate for the first time. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays will pick 29th, followed by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It will not be a player who has received a lot of notoriety, but there still are good players all around the country," Diamondbacks director of

Clemson pitcher projected as No. 1 pick by Pirates

NEW YORK (AP) — At 21, Kris Benson has all the qualities of a future All-Star.

He's got size, a live fastball and control, making him one of the most highly rated college pitchers ever, and putting him in line to be the overall No. 1 pick by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the baseball draft Tuesday.

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Clemson's pitcher Kris Benson throws against Miami during Friday's College World Series game in Omaha, Neb. Benson is expected to be drafted early today at the baseball draft.

Ken Griffey Jr. was the No. 1 pick in 1987, Chipper Jones was the top choice in 1990 and Alex Rodriguez was No. 1 in 1993. Paul Wilson, the No. 1 pick in 1994, is already pitching for the New York Mets and outfielder Darin Erstad, chosen No. 1 last June by California, is hitting 300 in Triple-A.

But Brian Taylor, taken first by the New York Yankees in 1991, is a long way from the majors after hitting his shoulder in a fight a few years ago. Phil Nevin, taken No. 1 by Houston in 1992, showed a little and was finishing holes in a difficult draft.

"Earlier, when the money wasn't as big, the draft wasn't as noticeable as it is now," Philadelphia general manager

Lee Thomas said. "I think it's very important, and I think it ought to be published as much as the other sports."

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