

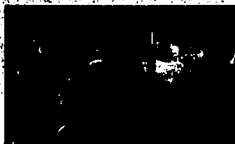
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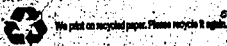
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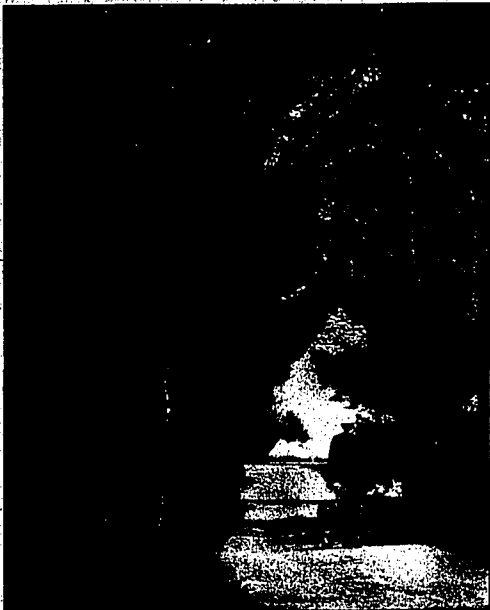
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MAIL CALL



Coming home from their daily trip to the mall on Monday, Jim Soudurant and his German shepherd pointer, Halo, stroll through a grove of trees next to Soudurant's property south of Kimberly.

'Ashtronauts' on their way

MADRID, Spain — Boldly going where no man's ashes have gone before, Gene Roddenberry's cremated remains soared into space Monday with those of LSD guru Timothy Leary and two dozen other space enthusiasts. The sci-fi dream of a space funeral — and Leary's desire for one last trip — became reality when a rocket carrying their ashes blasted into orbit. "It was a kind of a culmination of Gene's dreams and visions. It was gratifying to see," Majel Roddenberry, widow of the "Star Trek" creator, told The Associated Press after watching the launch on television.

A white Lockheed L-1011 airplane lifted the Pegasus rocket over the Canary Islands off the coast of northwest Africa. It dropped the rocket at 30,000 feet. Seconds later, the rocket blasted off, leaving a trail of white smoke in the cloudless sky. The 24 "ashtronauts" traveled in lip-sick-size aluminum capsules that held a small portion of their remains. The capsules accompanied the rocket's main payload, the first Spanish-designed and built satellite, which will conduct scientific research. The company charges \$4,800 to launch 0.2 ounces of cremated remains, which families sift into the vial and drop in the mail.

City ordinance blows whistle on fund-raiser game

Basketball benefit promoter halts calls until solicitor's license is secured

By Kent McCleary
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Promoters selling tickets by phone for a fund-raiser basketball game say they have temporarily ceased operations while applying for a Twin Falls solicitor's license. City officials require a license for anyone taking orders by phone for future goods and services, said Deputy City Clerk Sharon Bryan. Sports and Entertainment Group Inc., the Beverly Hills, Calif., group organizing and promoting a June 13 fund-raiser basketball game — has no license, Bryan said. SEG filed an application for the license Monday afternoon, Bryan said. It

will go to the Twin Falls Police Department for investigation and recommendation of approval or denial. SEG has a contract with a citizens' group, the Twin Falls Crime Prevention Association, to organize and promote the game. But Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore has distanced his department from the fund-raiser, questioning how much money from the game will go to the association. SEG is selling tickets to the game through one solicitation, with employees calling from rented space in The Paris building, according to Crime Prevention Association members. Brian Donessley, a Boise attorney representing SEG, said he will file an appeal. Please see GAME, Page A2

Dakota flood victims have only 'primitive' sanitation

The Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — With a record flood filling most of the city with filthy water, city officials said Monday they were considering stringing a hose up to 22 miles across the prairie to bring in clean water so people could at least wash their hands. "What people take for granted day to day, like taking a shower and washing clothes, isn't going to happen for quite a while," said National Guard Capt. Greg Bowen. "The sanitary conditions are primitive at best." The Red River that had flooded 75 percent of the city also shut down the municipal water treatment plant, and there was no water service for the estimated 10 percent of the city's 50,000 inhabitants who hadn't left yet. "The toilet part is the worst," said Richard George. "We just flush it with melted snow. We were melting snow on the back of the grill." Portable bathrooms and drinking

water stations were scattered throughout the city's silt-dry extreme west end. In public and motel restrooms, the stench built up until crews could periodically clean by with flushing water. The city also supplied most of the water for Grand Forks Air Force Base, where more than 2,000 of the city's refugees were staying. The base still had a reserve of clean water, was pumping some water from a nearby small town and planned to bring in 20 large tanker trucks, said a spokesman, Capt. Byron Spencer. In the meantime, he said: "We're asking people not to use the washing machine, limit their shower usage, things like that." City officials met Monday to discuss the proposal for a long water pipeline. The city water treatment plant and sewer system are expected to be flooded for weeks, and Bowen said the temporary hose or pipeline also could be used to speed up the process of restoring service once the flood ebbs.

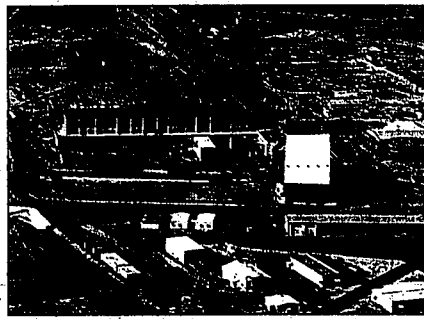
Nuclear waste cleanup model backfires

Contractor asks for another \$158 million

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two years after the government chose a plutonium-laden acre in the eastern Idaho desert to showcase a better, cheaper way to clean up nuclear waste, not a speck of dirt has been turned. Yet the contractor just asked for \$158 million more, which could double the project price tag. Instead of being a model for cost-effectiveness, the project at Pit 9 has been bogged down by technical glitches and fallen far behind schedule, according to documents and interviews. The problems threaten to run up a total cost in excess of \$300 million to clean the one-acre field — above the Snake River Plain Aquifer that provides drinking and irrigation water to the Magic Valley — where the soil is too toxic for anyone to touch. The Energy Department planned to spend no more than \$179 million on the cleanup under a

1994 fixed-price contract with Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems Co. Lockheed was to design, build and operate a special leaching system to sift through and treat the pit, where several thousand 55-gallon drums containing radioactive material and spent nuclear reactor vessels are buried with a plethora of toxic wastes such as PCBs, lead and ammonia. The first-of-its-kind facility was supposed to be a model for the Energy Department's effort to shift cleanup work to the private sector. Just last year, the department boasted to Congress that the project was "highly successful in reducing costs," estimating the fixed-price contract would save \$134 million. Now, Idaho state officials blame the contractor, and Lockheed says excessive bureaucratic meddling and more-than-expected pollution are driving up the costs. "These are very disturbing developments," said Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., and Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, in a letter to Energy Secretary Federico Pena. Bliley is chairman of the House committee that oversees Energy, while Barton chairs its investigative subcommittee. Please see PIT, Page A2



This is how the Pit 9 Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems Co. treatment plant appeared as construction proceeded this past October.

Pit 9 project has been troubled for more than a year

By N.S. Nokinivod
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The contractor hired to clean up a radioactive waste pile in eastern Idaho knew more than a year ago that the \$179-million project was in money trouble. Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems was hired in 1994 to clean up buried plutonium-contaminated waste in Pit 9 at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The cleanup is a Superfund project

that the Energy Department, the Environmental Protection Agency and the state Division of Environmental Quality all hope will demonstrate how to clean up more than 2 million cubic feet of waste buried willy-nilly at INEEL. This buried waste sits above the Snake River Plain Aquifer, which flows in a south-westward direction from the INEEL to the Magic Valley. The project was delayed more than a year when a major component of the proposed project failed to function under full-scale tests. The Energy Department recently was fined nearly \$1 million for the resulting missed design milestones.

Had the company known what it does now, it would not have proposed the chemical treatment system that failed, deputy project manager Bill Cole of Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems, said in a June 4, 1996, meeting. The system is "extremely expensive," he said. The Times-News obtained the minutes of the June meeting in a Freedom of Information Act request. The company is a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Co., which operates the INEEL for the Energy Department. The Energy Department and govern-

ment regulators, however, want a chemical treatment system included in the cleanup project. The company has been unable to meet the project schedule, resulting in project delays and increased costs, the Energy Department has said. Lockheed said last year it underestimated the complexity of the project. Government regulators, however, say the contractor failed to live up to the terms of the agreement signed by the Energy Department, EPA and the state DEQ. State and federal regulators repeatedly complained the contractor's Please see TROUBLED, Page A2

WEATHER

Idaho Weather

Thursday, April 22
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

COEUR D'ALENE	64°
LEWISTON	62°
BOISE	65°
IDAHO FALLS	60°
TWIN FALLS	63°
POCATELLO	62°

Shows: Fairly Rainy Fair Partly Cloudy Sunny Partly Cloudy Cloudy
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FORECAST

Source: National Weather Service

Magic Valley

Partly cloudy today. Highs 60 to 65. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Tonight becoming cloudy with rain likely. Breezy. Lows 40 to 45. Wednesday mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Windy. Highs in the mid 50s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 4, a low exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Thursday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Snow showers in the higher terrain. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s. Friday and Saturday mostly sunny and a little warmer each day. Lows in the upper 30s through the 40s. Highs in the 60s and lower 70s.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley

Partly cloudy today with a slight chance of rain by late afternoon. Highs 50 to 55. Tonight rainy and breezy. Lows near 40. Wednesday partly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Snow showers above 5000 feet. Highs 50 to 60.

Treasure Valley

Partly cloudy today with a slight chance of rain by late afternoon. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph. Tonight rain likely. Breezy. Lows in the mid 40s. Wednesday partly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Breezy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Sawtooth Mountains

Partly cloudy today. Highs 50s to near 60. Tonight rain likely. Breezy. Lows near 40. Wednesday cloudy with scattered rain showers. Snow showers above 6000 feet. Highs 50 to 55.

Eastern Idaho

Increasing clouds today with a slight chance of rain showers late. Highs 55 to 60. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight rain likely. Breezy. Lows in the mid 40s. Wednesday and Wednesday. Lows around 40. Highs around 50. Highs Wednesday 50 to 55.

Northern Idaho

Clear this morning with increasing clouds by afternoon. Highs 60 to 65. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. Tonight and Wednesday rain likely. Breezy. Lows 45 to 50. Highs 55 to 60.

Northern Nevada

Mostly cloudy today with a chance of showers and afternoon thunderstorms. Afternoon southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. Highs in the 60s. Tonight and Wednesday likely. Snow level lowering to valley floors by morning. Lows 30-35. Wednesday mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers. Snow level near 6500 feet. Highs near 60.

Southern Utah

Mostly cloudy and warmer today. Highs 65-70. South winds 10-20 mph developing in the afternoon. Tonight cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers and possible thunderstorms. Breezy south winds. Highs in the mid 40s.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 6, a moderate exposure level.

ACROSS THE NATION

Rain, thunderstorms dampen Great Lakes, Southeast

The Northeast was expected to be mostly dry, with some rain in the Southeast. A Molokai air from northern California to western Colorado kicked off a few scattered showers, mainly over northern Utah. Snow was expected in the higher elevations of northwestern Colorado.

In Idaho, high pressure brought partly to mostly sunny skies and cooler temperatures Monday. A few showers were located over the east half of the upper Snake River plain and highlands.

Afternoon winds were light and variable, under 10 mph in most locations. However, in southeastern and southeastern Idaho, speeds were in the 10-to-20-mph range.

Afternoon temperatures were in the mid-40s to lower 50s in higher valleys, and the mid-50s to near 60 in lower valley locations.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, April 22

FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY
H: HIGH L: LOW S: SHOWER R: RAIN T: THUNDERSTORM F: FOG SN: SNOW IC: ICE SU: SUNNY PT: PARTLY CLOUDY CL: CLOUDY

City	Max	Min	Pop
Albuquerque	81	51	...
Anchorage	74	52	...
Atlanta	54	42	...
Chicago	52	41	...
Dallas	85	56	...
Denver	59	45	...
Des Moines	61	35	...
Detroit	68	47	...
Houston	89	62	...
Indianapolis	58	45	...
Las Vegas	89	69	...
Los Angeles	74	53	...
Memphis	70	64	...
Miami Beach	83	64	...
Minneapolis	62	46	...
New Orleans	83	66	...
Portland, Ore.	63	39	...
Portland, Me.	63	39	...
Pittsburgh	55	39	...
Portland, Me.	57	35	...
Reno	67	55	...
San Francisco	71	48	...
Seattle	59	41	...
Spokane	61	39	...
Washington	59	43	...

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Idaho	Max	Min	Pop
Boise	59	38	...
Burley	59	37	...
Fairfield	m	m	...
Gooding	m	m	...
Hagerman	m	m	...
Lewiston	58	30	...
Jerome	57	38	...
Malden	m	m	...
Metta	61	36	...
McCall	52	28	...
Pocatello	58	32	...
Salmon	54	28	...
Stanley	43	24	...
Sun Valley	m	m	...

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 8:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:45 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, April 22, last quarter, April 25, new, May 6, first quarter, May 14.
Visible planets: Morning - Mars, Jupiter.
Evening - Mars, Comet Hale-Bopp visible WNW, 9:30-11:30 p.m.; not visible in the morning.

Pit

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"This site was supposed to be cleaned up for \$179 million," their letter reads. Instead, Lockheed has asked for a price "adjustment" of an additional \$158 million and "nothing has yet been cleaned up," the lawmakers lamented.

The Energy Department says its hands are mostly tied because the contract put Lockheed in charge and gave the company free rein to build the system as it saw fit.

If the department asks for changes, Lockheed can ask for more money.

"You have to understand the nature of the contract," Energy spokesman Brad Bugger said. "We can't dictate how they do their work."

"What we were doing was a pioneering effort, and we ran into some problems," said Steve Harry, a Lockheed spokesman. "We may need a way to solve the problem."

Lockheed contends that "substantial and intrusive government oversight and involvement in virtually every aspect" of the project caused massive delays and cost overruns, according to a March 28 letter by Lockheed's Pit 9 team obtained by The Associated Press.

To finish the job, Lockheed wants an additional \$158 million - above and beyond the original contract. And it wants the fixed-price contract switched to a traditional cost-reimbursement contract.

The department is reviewing Lockheed's requests.

Precipitation

Month to date: 4.7
Normal mo. to date: 6.7
Water year to date: 10.50
Normal year to date: 6.70

Comfort factors

Humidity at noon: 61 pct.
Barometer at noon: 30.10 in.
Pollin count: 28 (ast, juniper), moderate, Monday 1608 (cic, daisy), moderate.

Courtesy Astoria and Allergo of Idaho.

President to spend Earth Day in Dakota flood zone

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton will scrap his Earth Day celebration plans to make a firmhand look today at the flooding in Grand Forks, N.D.

"These people are facing a disaster and we want to see what we can do to help as soon as possible," Clinton spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn said. Clinton plans to tour the area by helicopter and then visit with local leaders, rescue workers and townspeople who have taken refuge at nearby Grand Forks Air Force Base.

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 63 degrees at Payette and Lower. Low, 24 degrees at Stanley. Nation: High, 102 degrees at Laredo, Texas. Low, 19 degrees at Ely, Minn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 334-8860. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is <http://www.state.id.us/itd/itdmpg.htm>

ROAD INFORMATION

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Boise, 376-8028; Shoshone, 886-2266; Pocatello, 233-6734; Rigby, 745-7776; Utah 801-864-5000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-736-8888.

Troubled

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Design documents submitted for "regulators" review were late or incomplete or both.

"The agencies are not in a position at this time, however, to evaluate the various options under consideration or to reach a decision on the future direction of the project without significant additional information," said a June 28, 1996, letter from EPA and DOE to the Energy Department.

Without complete plans and analysis of alternatives regulators can't tell whether the project complies with requirements.

"We can't say good or bad. It just isn't there," said Dean Nygard of DOE.

The DEQ and EPA noted problems including documents that show the project may have violated air quality standards, and changes that have resulted in an uncontrolled nuclear reaction or excessive worker radiation exposure.

One document notes the contractor made assumptions that are not readily verifiable or well justified but used as critical engineering design input. Another notes references to a centrifuge with no operating speed given.

Lockheed officials in the past have pointed out that digging up buried plutonium-containing waste has never been done before.

"Still, nobody's talking about backing out," the contractor and government officials said in a meeting to work out technical issues.

"It needs to get completed so we can find out what needs to be done with the buried waste," Nygard said.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Norkent can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

Game

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sending SEG, said he thought the licensing process would take 24 hours.

SEG has operated in Twin Falls for about seven years, but local event organizer Dennis O'Connor wasn't aware of the ordinance, Donesley said.

"I think the law has essentially been forgotten," Donesley said. But Bryan said the law is nothing new.

"It's hard to enforce unless they call us, or if we get a complaint," he said.

Bryan said she wasn't aware SEG was operating until she saw a story in Friday's edition of The Times-News outlining the operation, and DeVore's concerns about it.

"Non-profit organizations do not have to have a license. They were working for a non-profit group, but they themselves are making a profit; so they're required to have one," Bryan said.

The Twin Falls Police Benefit Association, an officers' guild, has done one fundraiser concert per year for 13 years, said show chairman L.C. Craig.

The association gets a telemarketing permit each year from the Idaho attorney general's office, Craig said. The association has never gotten a city phone solicitation permit, he said.

SEG is listed with the attorney general's office as having a state telemarketing permit.

Twin Falls police backed with city attorney Fritz Wenderlich and Bryan before notifying SEG of the ordinance, Bryan said.

SEG faxed a letter to the police department Friday, announcing that it had temporarily ceased operations in Twin Falls, "until the proper solicitor applications had been filed and executed."

The letter, signed by company CEO Gary S. Green, said the company knew about other fund-raising organizations operating in Twin Falls, and "expects your department to strictly enforce the same local laws with each of the organizations."

In the letter, Green said he hoped an upcoming fund-raising concert sponsored by the Twin Falls Police Benefit Association would be "equally scrutinized" by police and by The Times-News.

Green declined comment Monday.

Police Benefit Association concert promoter Wildwood Productions does telemarketing for the officers, but the benefit association handles all the government officials. The association is no longer a non-profit organization, Craig said, and that may change its legal requirements.

"I will be more than happy to get (a license) through the city if that's what we need to do," Craig said.

Times-News staff writer Kent McClary can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

CORRECTION

A photograph in the Money section of Sunday's Times-News shows Avcator owner and director of operations Mel Wagoner incorrectly to be at a flight back to Twin Falls from Boise last week. Wagoner was misidentified in a caption.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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School loses appeal of discrimination rulings

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an action hailed as a victory for sexual equality, the Supreme Court refused to free Brown University of rulings that the Ivy League school discriminated against female athletes.

Although Monday's court action is not a decision and therefore sets no legal precedent for other universities and colleges, the practical effect may be enormous. "I think the message that goes across the entire country today is that those who have been dragging their feet are duty warned that the time is now," said Christine Grant, athletic director for women's sports at the University of Iowa. "It's a very clear message and long, long overdue."

Most immediately, Brown must choose between funding more women's varsity teams or cutting funding for some men's varsity teams.

"It's just a relief to see an end to litigation," said Lynette Labinger, a lawyer for the women who sued Brown. She said the school has spent more than \$1 million in defending steps it took to save \$66,000.

There was no immediate reaction from Brown officials.

Lawyers for the school had argued that lower court rulings in its case could require schools nationwide to offer varsity opportunities for women based on "a stark numerical quota."

Those courts had ruled that Brown violated a 1972 law known

as Title IX. The law, credited by many with changing the face of women's sports and influencing society's attitudes about women, bans discrimination in education based on sex. All government-run schools and private schools that receive federal money are covered by the law.

In other matters Monday, the

Supreme Court rejected the government's effort to force Texaco to pay at least \$1 billion more in taxes on Saudi Arabian oil it sold between 1978 and 1981.

Left intact a \$1 million libel award won against ABC television by an Iowa manufacturer for a news report on a Georgia country's garbage-recycling machine.



Marsh Kight, whose daughter was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, arrives at the federal courthouse in Denver on Monday to attend the trial of bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh.

Judge, lawyers to pick McVeigh jury today

DENVER (AP) — The judge and attorneys finished questioning prospective jurors Monday in the Oklahoma bombing trial after a laborious 16-day process.

The final panel of 12 jurors and six alternates was tentatively scheduled to be picked today after U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch hears some pending motions. The judge was considering selecting an anonymous panel to hear the case against Timothy McVeigh.

A total of 99 people — from unemployed contractors to a wealthy businessman — have been brought in for questioning since March 31. Six were dismissed in open court and an unknown number were excused after private sessions between the judge and attorneys.

Nearly every prospective juror questioned expressed some degree of willingness to impose the death penalty against McVeigh if he is found guilty of committing the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil. McVeigh faces murder and conspiracy charges in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people.

Most of the jury pool is white, well-educated and has ties to the military. They said they believed in God, family and the justice system, but distrusted big government and the news media.

They recounted vivid memories of the Oklahoma City bombing and rescue effort, but few knew much about the evidence against

McVeigh or any of the details of the pretrial procedures.

Although the exact number of those in the approved pool was kept secret, a minimum of 64 candidates had to be approved to allow for the 23 peremptory challenges granted to each side — 20 for the jury and three for the alternates.

Matsch was considering a secretive, paper-shuffling system for the peremptory challenges by attorneys on Tuesday, according to sources, speaking on condition of anonymity. Court officials have refused to comment on court matters, citing the judge's sweeping gag order.

Usually, peremptory challenges — in which attorneys may excuse jurors without stating a cause — are done in full view in open court.

Under the secret system, it would be impossible to tell who actually was seated on the jury.

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Talks resume in Goodyear plant strike

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Goodyear and the United Steelworkers union resumed contract talks Monday in a strike by about 12,000 workers at plants in seven states.

Negotiations between North America's largest tiremaker and

the union stalled late Saturday just before the contract expired at midnight, but they agreed Sunday to resume talks in Cincinnati.

Workers walked out at nine plants in the first strike against Akron-based Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. since 1976.

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Some want probe of GOP contributor

Democrat fingers big gift giver

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's investigation into campaign finance abuse should look into Republican assistance to a Japanese-American businessman who contributed \$500,000 to the party, a key Democrat said Monday.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said Michael Kojima should be a focus of the investigation because a Republican campaign official in 1992 wrote Japan's prime minister on his behalf after he pledged \$500,000 to the party.

The donation embarrassed Republicans when it was learned Kojima had large unpaid debts and failed to make child-support payments.

Kojima, president of a Los Angeles company, got a seat near then-President Bush at a Republican dinner for his large contribution.

Levin handed out a March 9, 1992, letter from a Republican Party official to then-Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa on Kojima's behalf. The letter's author, Iain DeGrandi, was head of the Presidential Roundtable — a GOP senatorial campaign group for major party contributors.

Several weeks earlier, Kojima received a thank you letter from former Sen. Howard Baker, who was chairman of the dinner. He thanked the businessman "for agreeing to serve as a co-chair-

man by pledging \$300,000 to The 1992 President's Dinner." Dinner officials later said the contribution was \$500,000.

The Senate has approved an investigation into political fundraising problems in both parties, and Levin is trying to ensure that the bipartisan scope turns into reality when hearings begin.

"We need a bipartisan investigation and a bipartisan remedy" to campaign finance abuse, said Levin, a member of Sen. Fred Thompson's Governmental Affairs Committee. Levin discussed the investigation with a group of reporters, even questioning whether the donated money could have originated with a loan from the Lipohank.

The bank is part of an Indonesian conglomerate controlled by the Ruddy family that is a focus of investigations into White House fundraising.

DeGrandi wrote the Japanese prime minister on March 9, 1992, to thank him for meeting with Kojima while he was in Japan. She said his firm "does significant business throughout the international arena" and described him as "one of our executive members of the Presidential Roundtable, a business advisory group that advises members of the U.S. Senate, President Bush and the administration on business issues."



Maj. Tony Dominice, right, briefs Lt. Col. David J. Maher, left, and Col. Greg Keelher at the Colorado Army National Guard Base, Colorado Springs, Feb. 10 today. Dominice explains the flight path of the missing A-10 warplane and its pilot, Capt. Craig Burton.

Snows, winds force delay in plane search

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Wind-driven snow Monday kept an Air Force recovery team known as the "Ninja brain surgeons" from dangling over a steep Rocky Mountain slope to examine the suspected crash site of a missing warplane.

A powerful helicopter needed to drop the team was grounded by the weather at an airport 40 miles away. A blowing snow advisory and howling winds whipped through the search headquarters here, about a mile below the snowy mountainside where shards of gray metal were spotted Sunday.

The weather was expected to improve Tuesday. But Air Force Col. Denver Fletcher said the new snow cover on the jagged, steep slope could make it too dangerous for the crew to look searchers.

"We weren't able to find it in

the first place because of the snow ... fresh snow is the big problem," Fletcher said.

The Air Force believes the wreckage, is the \$9 million A-10 Thunderbolt warplane which vanished April 2. But there was no sign of Capt. Craig Burton, who was at the controls when the plane left a Tucson, Ariz., base on a training mission and veered north toward Colorado. The site in the central Rockies, 15 miles southwest of Vail, is some 800 miles off course.

The only way to get a rescue team to the site — at least until the snow melts this summer — is to dangle them 100 to 200 feet below the helicopter, and one good gust could "whip them right into the mountainside," Maj. Gen. Nels Running said.

U.S. hails N. Korean food aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will welcome North Korean donations of food aid under Pyongyang's clarified its stance on entering proposed peace negotiations, the State Department said Monday.

Expressing frustration with repeated North Korean delays in answering U.S. and South Korean diplomats in New York, department spokesman Nicholas Burns said: "We can't wait forever."

North Korea had promised a response last Wednesday to a U.S.-South Korean proposal for four-way peace talks, but has

remained silent. A low-level meeting was held Monday in New York, but no agreements were made and no date was set for the higher level discussions the United States has been seeking.

Burns said the North Koreans have continued to ask for additional U.S. food aid on top of the \$25 million already pledged.

Officials from the U.N. World Food Program, which issued the appeal earlier this month for additional aid, have said the U.S. contribution might not be enough to head off widespread starvation.

Report: CIA turncoat could have been caught sooner

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA and FBI "significantly delayed the detection" of CIA turncoat Aldrich Ames by failing for five years to mount a serious, joint investigation of their stunning loss of Russian agents in 1985-86, the Justice Department concluded Monday.

Justice Inspector General Michael Bromwich said a joint

investigation did not begin until August 1991, which led to the 1994 arrest and guilty plea by Ames, the most damaging mole in CIA history. Bromwich released a brief summary of his top-secret 400-page report on the FBI's role in the case.

The FBI said it "has strongly taken issue with many aspects of the report," adding that the

study highlights relations between the CIA and FBI "that have long since been improved and fixed."

The FBI looked into its own losses in 1985-86 without finding an explanation, and took a passive view when it learned that CIA had lost even more agents during that two-year period, Bromwich said.

"The FBI ignored the obvious disaster at the CIA" even though it is responsible for investigating foreign spying against the United States, Bromwich reported.

"The failure of the CIA and the FBI to pursue a joint investigation of the lost assets prior to 1991 significantly delayed the detection of Ames' espionage," Bromwich concluded.

Deficit 13% lower in 1st half of fiscal '97

WASHINGTON (AP) — Halfway through fiscal 1997, the federal budget deficit is 13 percent below last year's level during the same period.

March's red ink of \$21.3 billion brought the deficit from October through March to \$111.3 billion, the Treasury Department said Monday. That compares with \$127.7 billion during the first half of fiscal 1996.

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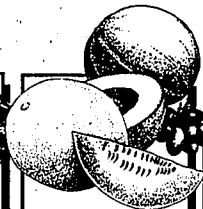


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NATION

Critics say kids not learning math

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's the kind of drill that drives math nerds crazy.

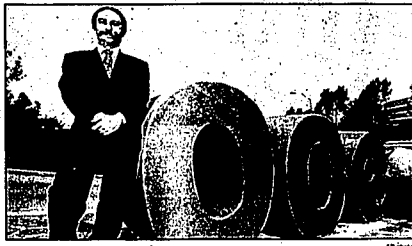
And it wouldn't matter so much if these statisticians, scientists and others weren't parents as well.

The drill, as described in a California workbook for seventh-graders.

Students in a group, must fill an imaginary recycling container with imaginary phone books. But the books and container have only two dimensions. And the kids also may use a calculator to figure out .75 times 600, part of the exercise. The text gives the answer, right next to the problem, just in case students can't get it with a calculator.

Critics like Paul Clopton, a 46-year-old statistician and angry San Diego parent, say 1992 changes in California math teaching, prompting such exercises, are creating math dummies. A state board is working on new standards this year.

And the issue has attracted angry parents' attention beyond California, because some of the teaching philosophy under fire would show up in voluntary



Paul Clopton, angry parent and member of a group called Mathematically Correct, is concerned with the deterioration of math skills among young students in the country.

national standards and tests that President Clinton supports.

Critics say the math curriculum reflects the handiwork of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, which in 1989 called for a national overhaul of math teaching.

The council, worried about America's math phobia and drop-

ping test scores, hoped to make math more meaningful by changing from a dry-as-chalk focus on drills, postulates, definitions and proofs — the memorization of tables and rules — to a more real-world focus.

The council also recommended that all grades use calculators.

*All of the research that we've

seen shows that children learn differently," said Jack Price, professor of mathematics education at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona and past president of the national group. "For some, direct instruction in the classroom works well. For others, it doesn't."

"We have never said anywhere in any of our publications that children shouldn't know their basic skills," he added.

In an interview, though, Price questioned the need to learn the multiplication tables, or at least more than half of them.

Why figure a square root without a calculator? Or long division for that matter?

Why do a stack of division problems for homework?

Should standards be so specific as to say children in the first grade ought to be able to write every number up to 100?

"Some kids are not going to be able to do that," he said.

Under the council recommendations, students instead were encouraged to focus on problem solving, generally in groups, as the best way to pick up skills and prepare them for the real world.

McDougal says he's telling the truth

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (AP) — Declaring he is now telling Whitewater prosecutors the truth about the Clintons, James McDougal, their former business partner, says he lied in the past "to save my own skin."

In an interview, McDougal said he "wouldn't speculate" on whether the new information he has given Whitewater prosecutor

Kenneth Starr would lead to indictments against the president or first lady.

McDougal now says that, then-Gov. Clinton attended a meeting where an illegal loan was discussed. The \$300,000 loan — never repaid — was used partly to shore up the Clintons' falling Whitewater real estate investment.

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Critics say algebra text trivializes math

WASHINGTON (AP) — To steal from the car commercial, this is not your father's algebra text.

The book is "Focus on Algebra: An Integrated Approach," and critics of modern math teaching say it represents the worst of the worst. In an effort to make formulas and numbers more accessible, the publishers have filled the 843-page text with color graphics, reproductions of paintings, biographical sketches and problems that supposedly represent real-life situations — a lot dealing with food and a lot with the environment.

Youngsters, shown with smiling faces, attempt to solve problems. "Kristin thinks..." "Esteban thinks..."

Marianne M. Jennings, a lawyer who teaches ethics at the Arizona State University business school, has led the critics, lampooning the book in newspapers and newsletters as "MTV geometry" and "rain forest algebra."

Jennings, whose daughter Sarah used the book, says it trivializes algebra, and strays from the subject.

One problem, dealing with a chili cookoff, asks students to describe ways that organizers could raise money. Students are asked to say what is the hottest kind of pepper they have eaten, and how they would set up a hot-

ness scale. In another, a zoo sponsors a creative writing contest on endangered species. Students are asked what criteria would be used to judge the essay. In another problem, students are asked "what are the kinds of pollution besides air pollution might threaten our planet?"

But Dan Caton, vice president and director of product development at publisher Scott Foresman Addison Wesley, defends the book.

"It's a rigorous algebra text," he said. "It contains all of the content that any math educator would want."

"The difference is that it applies it to situations that will make students want to study math, and then be able to use it in real-world situations."

In between the color and the cuteness are lots of x's, y's and equal signs. Caton and other defenders of the "new, new math" say its drills are no less trivial than old ones asking "if train x is going at 20 miles an hour and train y is going at..."

Noting that Jennings also has criticized the frequent use of Esteban as a narrator in the book, Caton adds: "Our culture is changing and our books have to reflect that culture."

Air Force F-16 crashes in Georgia swamp

PEARSON, Ga. (AP) — An Air Force F-16 fighter crashed in a remote south Georgia swamp today after its pilot ejected safely, authorities said.

The plane went down about 20 miles north of Moody Air Force Base in south Georgia's largely rural Atkinson County, said Airman 1st Class Clarence Townsend, a spokesman for the base.

The pilot, 1st Lt. Joseph C.

Thomas, appeared to be in good condition, Townsend said. He was picked up by loggers, and was then taken back to Moody, where he was treated and released at the base hospital, the Air Force said.

The crash site was in a swamp about 2 1/2 miles from the nearest homes and eight to 10 miles from Pearson, said dispatcher Herman Soles at the Atkinson County sheriff's office.

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Bomb threats trap thousands in London traffic



Police seal off Trafalgar Square in central London after security alerts led to disruption on roads, in airports and train stations across the capital Monday.

LONDON (AP) — A string of telephoned bomb threats tied London's air, rail and road traffic in knots on Monday and momentarily distracted politicians from the national election campaign.

Authorities blamed the IRA. Prime Minister John Major, expressing contempt for the Irish Republican Army, praised the "stoicism and good humor" of the traveling public, which struggled all morning with citywide traffic snarls. No bombs were found.

"It is essential to take these warnings seriously," Major said. "The IRA have murdered in the past. They will not hesitate to murder again."

No one claimed responsibility, although the people who called in the threats used recognized IRA code words.

"It's a clear attempt by the IRA to disrupt the British general election" on May 1, said Tony Blair, leader of the Labor Party, which is way ahead in the polls.

In late March, Labor's Northern Ireland spokeswoman,

Mo Mowlam, suggested that the Sinn Fein party could be invited to join all-party talks in Northern Ireland in June if their allies in the IRA quickly restored their cease-fire, which lasted 17 months until February 1996.

'This is going to be some of the worst traffic chaos that we have seen in London for many years, if ever.'

— Peter Brill, Royal Automobile Club spokesman

The IRA's answer was more disruption and violence: a bomb hoax that canceled the Grand National horse race on April 5, the shooting of a policewoman in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, on April 10, and a bomb Friday at the rail-road station in Leeds.

Monday's threats forced the evacuation of four major railroad stations and two airports.

"Basically, west London and central London are closed," Royal Automobile Club spokesman Peter Brill said at

midmorning. "This is going to be some of the worst traffic chaos that we have seen in London for many years, if ever."

Police sealed off Trafalgar Square and Whitehall, at the heart of the British government.

Cars, taxis and buses, wedged bumper to bumper, strangled Parliament Square. Some roads into the city were clogged solid.

Thousands of passengers were stranded out on the tarmac at Gatwick and Luton airports before they received clearance to disembark. Others waited for hours, their flights canceled or re-routed.

The railroad stations all reopened by noon, and the gridlock slowly melted. Flights disruptions, however, lasted all day. Some people caught in the mess took the bomb threats in stride. Others were exasperated.

"I don't think anyone's going to take any notice of them; it's happened time and time again," said Ian Baker, waiting for police to give the all-clear to enter the building where he works.

Iraq faces retaliation for no-fly zone flights

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein ordered his helicopters into the U.S.-patrolled no-fly zone Monday, saying he intended to fly home weary Iraqi pilgrims returning from Mecca.

"Any U.S. action threatening the aircraft or the pilgrims "will be met with the suitable response to deter aggression," the state-run Iraqi News Agency warned.

The United States urged Iraq to stay out of the no-fly zone or face unspecified retaliation.

"We will respond appropriately, but we're not going to shoot down civilian helicopters," presidential press secretary Mike McCurry said.

"While we understand the significance of the (pilgrimage) ... there are other means and procedures available for the transportation of ... pilgrims," McCurry said.

Western allies set up the no-fly zone after defeating Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War. Western forces patrol the skies over southern Iraq to protect the people there from Iraqi reprisals for a failed rebellion.

The zone was extended in September to punish Saddam for sending his army into northern Iraq to support one Kurdish faction against another. It now covers an area stretching from the southern suburbs of Baghdad

down to Iraq's borders with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

The Iraqi News Agency said the helicopters will begin ferrying "sick and exhausted" Muslim pilgrims from the Iraqi-Saudi border on Monday. It did not say how many aircraft would be involved or give the number of the pilgrims. Presumably, the flights would be on military helicopters.

By nightfall, there was no word on whether any flights had taken place.

The decision to use helicopters to ferry home the pilgrims was announced after a meeting Monday of the Revolutionary Command Council and the leadership of the ruling Bath Party — Iraq's highest bodies. Saddam chaired the meeting.

On April 9, Saddam sent an Iraqi Airways jet carrying 104 pilgrims to Saudi Arabia for the pilgrimage in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, site of the holiest shrine in Islam. The flight defied a U.N. ban on flights in and out of Iraq — one of a broad set of sanctions imposed in 1990 for Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The United States failed to persuade the U.N. Security Council to condemn the Iraqi flight as a violation of the sanctions, settling instead for a mild rebuke. The council's response was a diplomatic embarrassment for Washington.

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WORLD



Maj. Gen. Zhou Borong, left, deputy commander of China's military garrison to be stationed in Hong Kong when the British territory reverts to Chinese rule in July, crosses the China-Hong Kong border with a military contingent Monday.

Troops set up camp in Albania

VLORA, Albania (AP) — Italian and Greek soldiers set up base Monday in the city at the center of Albania's insurrection, cleaning up a burned and looted aviation academy for use as their headquarters.

The people of the southern port city of Vlora welcomed the 850 foreign troops. Children climbed up walls around the port to chat with the soldiers. City leaders and a gang lord vied for the officers' time.

The Greeks and Italians are among the first 4,000 arrivals of what will be a 6,000-member multinational force sent to safeguard aid shipments to Albania. Albanian leaders hope the troops also will help restore order to the country, where protests over failed pyramid schemes in January quickly grew into open rebellion.

Vlora's police chief, Milto Kordha, said he would ask Italian Gen. Girolamo Giglio to lend some of his troops for joint patrols with Albanian police, in hopes of quelling the violence that descends nightly on the city.

Like the aviation school in Vlora, buildings have been looted and burned across Albania. Lawlessness and mob rule prevail in parts of the country; violence has killed more than 400 people. Three died from Sunday night to Monday morning in Tirana, the capital.

The foreign soldiers put plastic over the gutted windows of the aviation school, which has no running water or electricity. Squatters were living in one of the academy's four buildings, and the soldiers showed no intention of disturbing them.

The troops would spend the next day or so making the buildings habitable, Giglio said. Soon, they would turn to clearing the harbor of mines and other explosives, he said.

Soldiers turned away a Vlora gang leader, Purizim Causiti, when he tried to visit Giglio. The general said only that if Causiti acted properly, so would the troops.

Since Thursday, Italian soldiers had made brief, daily visits to Vlora, but delayed setting up camp until Monday.

French soldiers patrolled the road between Durres and Tirana on Monday, and about 10 French armored personnel carriers passed through Tirana's main Skanderbeg Square.

Chinese arrive in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — The vanguard of the Chinese army's future garrison rolled into Hong Kong on Monday, a vivid reminder that Britain's rule over its last Asian colony is ending.

Led by Maj. Gen. Zhou Borong, a deputy commander of the future garrison, the 40 unarmed soldiers drove onto British soil at the Lok Ma Chau border checkpoint. They are to prepare 14 bases for up to 30,000 troops, who will replace the British garrison on July 1.

The arrival fell on the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, which was honored for the last time in Hong Kong with a 21-gun salute by a Royal Navy warship shortly before the Chinese arrived. It also came on the eve of British troops' last military exercise in the colony before the handover.

Except for visits by the future commander of the Chinese garrison, it was the first time the People's Liberation Army has set foot in the colony.

Gov. Chris Patten reassured Hong Kong citizens that the soldiers will obey the colony's laws, saying they are "conducting themselves, I think, in a sensible, low-profile way."

The soldiers are to wear civilian clothing when outside their barracks.

In a brief ceremony at the Prince of Wales Barracks, British military headquarters, the generals pledged to work together for a smooth change of sovereignty.

"This is a historic moment for both

British and Chinese armed forces," said Maj. Gen. Bryan Dutton, commander of the British garrison.

The convoy of trucks, vans and limousines left the neighboring Chinese city of Shenzhen to the tune of a marching song, and an exhortation from the future garrison commander, Maj. Gen. Liu Zhenwu, "to convey a good image of the PLA as the ethical troops."

Each vehicle, bearing Hong Kong and Chinese license plates, was joined by a British soldier for the drive across the New Territories, through a tunnel under the busy harbor and on to the barracks in the business district of Hong Kong Island.

The posting of Chinese soldiers in Hong Kong has been one of the most sensitive issues in the transfer of sovereignty.

Many Hong Kong residents are refugees from communism. Others know the PLA for firing on democracy demonstrators in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989 and for using its political clout to muscle in on business deals.

To allay fears about the PLA's role in Hong Kong, China's legislature has approved a law on stationing troops in the colony that strengthens private property protections and bans the military from engaging in business.

China has promised Hong Kong a high degree of autonomy, and says it will not move its own police and civil servants into the territory. But it insists on stationing troops here to symbolize its sovereignty.

Truck, buses collide in Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A truck went out of control and collided with two buses Monday in northeastern Thailand. At least 16 people died and 88 were injured.

The driver of the 10-wheel refrigerated truck, which was carrying fish, fled the scene, police. Capt. Itthipol Nakkam said. He said the driver may have fallen asleep.

Early Monday, the truck collided with the back of a passenger bus traveling from Bangkok to

Rot-et in the northeast. It jumped across a canal that divided the road and hit an oncoming bus, Itthipol said.

A nurse at Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya Hospital in Nakhon Ratchasima province said many of the injured were in serious condition, with broken limbs and in some cases broken necks.

Crashes with high death tolls are common on country roads in Thailand, often because of unsafe driving.

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Organizations aim to educate land, water users

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Among the environmentally aware in Idaho, the term "watershed council" is fast becoming the catch phrase of the 1990s.

Over the past four or five years, watershed organizations have sprung up around the Henry's Fork, the South Fork, the Blackfoot and Portneuf rivers, with similar efforts under way around the state.

The basic purpose of such grassroots groups is to teach people to take the whole idea of a watershed council to "facilitate communication between the different groups of people

who use the river," said Tamar Jergensen, an Idaho Falls attorney who teaches environmental law at the University of Idaho education center and was a founding member of the South Fork group.

"Watershed groups represent landowners, ranchers, farmers, irrigators, outfitters, recreationists and agencies including the Federal Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service and the state Division of Environmental Quality and Department of Fish and Game.

"The idea of watershed councils is to get all the interested parties to the table and

'It's a fantastic thing. This consensus-building effort is saving rivers, jobs and communities.'

—Tamar Jergensen, attorney

talking about land use and how it can be managed to protect the health of waterways.

"It's a fantastic thing," Jergensen said.

"This consensus-building effort is saving rivers, jobs and communities."

Environmental professionals like David Blew of the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission believes watershed councils also make his job easier.

"They're very important groups," Blew said. "We'll make an assessment of a river and then we can bring it to these people, the actual decision-makers, to figure out what needs to be done to manage the resource."

The idea is a variation on the old-fashioned town meeting concept, said Marv Hoyt of the Greater Yellowstone

Coalition, who also is involved with watershed councils on the Henry's Fork, the South Fork and the Blackfoot River.

"In a way, it's rekindling the whole interest in being a citizen, in this case a citizen of the watershed," Hoyt said. "We as a group have the power to make the decision about what we want to see happen" to the resource.

"Together we have enormous clout." Hoyt believes working in small watershed groups is an effective approach to tackling a variety of environmental problems along the region's rivers and streams.

Clinton says teaching most important job

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When Utah's teacher of the year says education is the world's most important profession, she has a powerful ally in the White House: President Clinton.

Karen Swenson, a first-grade teacher at Weber School District's Lombard View Elementary School, was among educators from throughout the nation honored by Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Clinton, underscoring the high esteem in which he holds teachers, decided to see how many of his teachers' names he could recall. He got all of them through elementary and junior high.

Clinton told the educators Friday in the White House that he was confident he could do the same with high school and college instructors.

"Don't even think what you do every day is unimportant," he said. "I remember them all as if I were sitting with them yesterday."

Swenson also remembers her teachers, who gave her the yearning to work in education.

"I never wanted to be anything else but a teacher," she said.

"My father was a teacher. My son is a teacher. I have two sisters who are teachers. And I have

some uncles who are teachers," she said. "My family could staff an entire school."

She has taught first grade for 25 years at the same school, annually taking up the challenge of teaching her charges to read.

That made her especially like a challenge that the president issued again Friday.

"Like the president said, I hope all teachers will accept the challenge to improve reading scores and do our best to help our students read better," she said.

Clinton also issued a call for the best of today's students to be one of the 2 million teachers he says will be needed in the next few years for a school population on the rise.

Clinton said it requires sacrifice to be a teacher.

"Each of you made a decision that you would never be wealthy," the president said. "Each of you made a decision that you would give yourselves to the next generation."

Swenson had her picture taken with the president, and she was anxious to show it to her students.

"They are so excited you can't believe it," she said. "First-graders get excited easily, and that's one reason I like teaching that age."

Grizzly bear conflicts decline in Yellowstone

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Serious conflicts between humans and grizzly bears in and around Yellowstone National Park dropped by 51 percent in 1996, compared with a year earlier, a committee of bear managers reported.

The decrease came mostly because bears enjoyed good supplies of natural food that kept them away from people. Better education of people living and playing in grizzly country also helped, the report from the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee said.

The committee, composed of bear managers and biologists from Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks and the states of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, said there were 74 conflicts in 1996, down 51 percent from the 1995 total of 144.

Conflicts are incidents in which bears injure people, damage property or obtain nonnatural food.

There were 31 confrontations, down 37 percent from the 1995 total of 49 incidents. Confrontations are incidents in which bears bluff charge, act

aggressively, enter camps or areas adjacent to occupied dwellings.

Three people were injured in two attacks. In both cases, hunters encountered sow with cubs and killed the sow after being injured by her. One attack took place in Wyoming and the other in Montana near Corwin Springs.

In Yellowstone, grizzlies caused no human injuries or property damage in 1996 and there was only one case of a bear obtaining unnatural food in the park.

The report said there was a good crop of army cutworm moths in late summer and early fall, which helped keep grizzlies in the high country and away from people. In addition, white-bark pine nuts, scarce for the previous three years, also were abundant during the fall when grizzlies go through a feeding frenzy preparing for hibernation.

"When preferred native foods are abundant, bears are not forced to range widely in search of alternate foods and the number of bear human conflicts are generally low," the report said.

Vandals desecrate cemeteries, including national memorial for war dead in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — Blood red messages of hate for the state and police were sprayed on hundreds of tombstones and walls at five cemeteries, including the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

The vandalism was discovered Sunday. The culprits were organized, using templates to stencil some of their painted

messages, police said.

One scrawled message at the national cemetery said, "Let all visitors know Hawaiians are racist. Another said, "Hawaii desecrates me I desecrate."

Still another addressed the Honolulu Police Department: "H.F.D. ignores hate crime. IGNORE THIS."



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EDITORIAL

More than grades needed to rank valedictorians

Parents of some Madison High School seniors are hopping mad because their students won't be sitting on the speaker's platform come graduation day.

The eight seniors have earned 4.0 grade-point averages since they've been at the Rexburg school, but the students who were chosen as valedictorian and salutatorian each got a B somewhere along the line. Their grade-point averages are 3.99.

They'll get the top honors for a good reason: They took tougher classes, and they did well in them.

The Madison High School administration decided last year that the traditional practice of naming every student who gets straight A's as valedictorian was silly and unfair to students who elected to study, say, calculus instead of Principles of Body Development.

So it decided to give extra consideration for valedictorian honors to students who took advanced-placement classes - special classes that seniors can take to earn credit for college.

AP classes aren't easy, and that's the point: Kids who are preparing to go to college should be able to handle some academic rigor.

And when it comes down to picking the top two students in a high school, success in AP classes is a

pretty good criterion.

Although a school, and a community should be proud of straight-A students, it seems to us that the number of valedictorians has gotten way out of hand in recent years.

Last year, Twin Falls High School had 11 valedictorians, and it's not unusual for smaller Idaho schools with a few dozen graduates to have a half-dozen valedictorians.

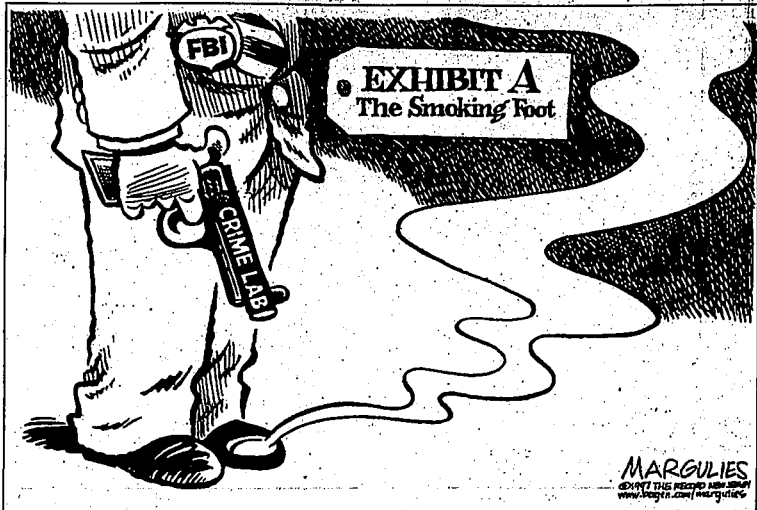
That diminishes the value of achievement. Straight A's are a measure of what a student knows and how well he or she has learned it, but they are only one criterion.

Colleges recognize that. No straight-A student gets into a selective school anymore without good test scores, plus evidence that the student is capable of writing adequately.

The Bonneville School District in suburban Idaho Falls is recognizing that fact. Starting next year, it will add AP classes and SAT and ACT scores to the criteria for picking valedictorians and salutatorians.

That's a sensible approach, and it ensures that the valedictorians next year at the district's Rompage and Hillcrest high schools will truly be the best students.

After all, isn't that the idea behind honoring them in the first place?



Country's for sale; Washington won't fix it

Now they're on to something about President Clinton. Now they're talking about a real story. Now they're cookin' with gas.

But before we go into the details of what could be real malfeasance, let me say again: It's taken long enough.

We had yet another week of non-stories. An astonished world was informed that Clinton had given ambassadorships to big donors. Boy, I haven't been that shocked since Shirley Temple became an ornament in the world of diplomacy. Big donors getting ambassadorships - imagine that! My word! Upon my soul USA Today managed to report this astounding news (I) as though it had never before occurred in the history of the world. At least most of the other papers did mention that they thought it was perhaps not previously unknown.

And since this astonishing new development came out of a thousand pages of documents the White House had laid upon the world, we naturally had a round of whining about these "documents dumped" the White House now pulls. You ask about something, the administration provides more paper on it than can be comfortably read in an afternoon, and the next charge is that they hope to hide something by providing all this information at once.

This accusation is, of course, being made by exactly the same people who used to complain and criticize because the White House released information only in dribs and drabs. How many Sunday mornings have we spent listening to Talking Heads offer gratuitous advice to the Clintons? Lay it all out there, don't hold back, when you dribble-dribble it looks like you're hiding something, get everything out at once.

Damned if he does, damned if he doesn't - pretty much the story of Clinton's life as president. But here's a real story. First, Time magazine tracks down a bunch of big donors



whose giving patterns are suspect - that is, instead of laying a lot of money on the Democratic National Committee, they contribute in more modest chunks to state parties around the country, thus flying under the radar screen of those whose job it is to flag big contributors. One of these citizens is Vance Opperman of Dellwood, Minn., who runs a legal publishing empire. (That's not legal as in the opposite of illegal but legal meaning law books).

According to Time, in 1995 and '96, Opperman and his wife gave \$53,000 to 10 state Democratic parties around the country but only \$30,000 to the DNC, and only the \$30,000 was reported to the Federal Election Commission. Opperman also helped raise more than \$150,000 at a fund-raiser for Veep Al Gore last October, and the Oppermans gave a significant sum in 1994, as well.

According to the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Opperman's West Publishing Co. has lobbied the administration on several key issues during the past three years. According to Time, Opperman approached Clinton at a fund-raiser in the fall of '94 and asked, "Can you get the Justice Department off my back?" Shortly before that event, the Justice Department had announced that it was exploring ways to establish an on-line legal research system that would compete with West Publishing, which dominates the legal publishing industry. After the event, Opperman met with Mack McLarty and Steve Newirth of the White House counsel's office.

According to a White House spokesman, Newirth then "made inquiries at the Justice Department and

determined that this was not the type of issue that we wanted to be involved in." The anti-trust division was then investigating West concerning allegations of monopolistic practices.

Justice then dropped the anti-trust inquiry and its plan to start an on-line service. In 1996, West publishing merged with the Thomson Corp. in a \$3.4 billion deal that had to be approved by a federal court. Both consumer advocates and West's smaller competitors insist that Justice should have opposed the merger under the anti-trust law because it creates "an enormous concentration" in the legal publishing field. According to a spokesman for the Justice Department, "politics played no role in the decision to approve the merger."

This last statement may be true, but this one does not pass the smell test. Unfortunately, we have been so inundated with smoke about the Lincoln Bedroom, Whitewater and rides on Air Force One that most of us probably wouldn't know a real stink if one came our way. The Wall Street Journal's editorial page, which is crossed on the subject of Clinton anyway, took leave of its senses entirely this month and was off on some sort about old homicides and drug dealing in Arkansas.

Meanwhile, the open sewer of legal bribery that constitutes the way campaigns are financed is now being investigated by people who are themselves in it up to their eyeballs. And the most mad-dog part of the impending Hypocrisy Fest is that the investigators have declared in advance that they will do nothing about fixing the system. Government policies are for sale, the country's resources are for sale, our country is for sale, and no one in Washington wants even to talk about how to fix it.

Time to throw the explosive-deleted out.

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LETTERS

Dropouts should lose privileges

As a senior in high school, I understand the importance of needing a good high school education. To be able to excel in the real world, an education is essential. Being aware of the importance of education makes me wonder why the drop-out rate is so high.

I believe when kids drop out of school they should have their driving privileges revoked. In my opinion, principals should be forced to fill out the necessary paperwork and to inform the proper authorities of a student dropping out, so lawful action can take place.

Students who drop out of school are not taking responsibility for their lives. They do not realize the poor choices they make now will lead to a life filled with hardship and wanting.

I feel one of the things that could curb the drop-out rate is for all students to know and understand they will lose their license if they indeed drop out. Maybe if this were a mandatory law, the kids would have more incentive to stay in school.

JASMINE BAILLEY
Wendell

Homosexuality is not behavioral

Ron Thomas, Jerome (Times-News, April 15), makes it clear that he knows something about Bible quotations. What he doesn't seem to know is anything about homosexuality (except for his bias) when he labels its prevalence as "a behavioral problem." Ron should explain wherefrom he obtained his special knowledge of human aberration. He should explain why the Bible's nivolt parents did not understand that she was born hermaphroditic. And why they were so perplexed by Jane Jim's proclivity for playing with dolls and wanting to wear frilly clothing.

The father, who longed for a male-person son, took Jane Jim to a shrink in hopes that the brain-peeker could remove Jane from Joe's Jim. In the who-are-it priest's office, Jane Jim watched pornographic movies while electric shock waves. Then off to a voice coach where another unknowing expert tried to teach Jane Jim to speak only Jim-ese.

Nobody, of course, was more perplexed than Jane Jim because shehe always felt more Jane than shehe did Jim. Time passed and Jane Jim at age 19 found herhimself in prison for being a pervert. It seems Jane Jim was seen urinating from a provocative male organ by some prudles in a women's restroom.

The prison doctors, secure in their knowledge of human genetic foibles, performed an operation on Jane Jim to remove the male appendage. Jane was then released from prison, fell in love with a young man who had no inkling of her past bipolar life. Jane and Mark produced a beautiful child that they named Sarah Jean.

True story. And, Ron, you do not know didly about homosexuality. You should take some courses in scientific profundities such as chromosomes, hormones and feelings. Perhaps the College of Southern Idaho offers courses in morality and genetics that will open your mind to the wonders of nature.

You might even become an expert on the vagaries of God's perplexed offspring. Gay/Lesbian sheep for example. And those horny young bulls that can't seem to tell the difference between female and male bovines. And the sad-looking young seagull, standing apart from the flock pondering its gayness. Am I a bird or what? They don't seem to like me.

Behavioral problems.
BERT EAMES
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We are not here to judge gays

I must apologize to the people of the Magic Valley for my March 20 letter as hatred and intolerance did not leave the area, according to the April 15 letter of Mr. Ron Thomas. A night aid, his letter was two days short of his letter on the same subject last year. Evidently, he did not read my letter explaining the mission, purpose, agenda or whatever he wants to call it of Greater Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. All in all for the most part, Mr. Thomas does not follow the advice of the wise man that he quotes.

I understand the Bible. I know the history of the Bible. As far as the verses concerning homosexuality, I've read them and heard them. There are roughly 600 laws in the Old Testa-

ment that go back 4,000 years B.C. and about as many again in the New Testament that are around 2,000 years old. Outside of the Ten Commandments, isn't it time that man gets with it? The Bible was written by man for man as a guide. The writers of the Bible had no scientific knowledge of what causes homosexuality. It is not a matter of choice or conversion or indoctrination by their parents or a bad relationship with the opposite gender or any other lame excuse for the cause. The absolute, true scientific reason for a homosexual is that they were born that way.

Those who believe that it is wrong to be a homosexual did not get their attitudes from the Bible. Instead, they have turned to the Bible to defend their homophobic attitudes. Jesus' teachings were extremely simple and

very revolutionary. He taught that what really matters is to be loving, kind, compassionate, generous, honest and non-judgmental. The same teachings that run parallel to Buddha, Mohammed, Kung-fu-tse (Confucius), Zoroaster and Baha'ullah.

I speak for myself and not for PFLAG when I say that an absolute literal reading of the Bible leads to a denial of reality and the persecution of people. I will stand up for the homosexuals with compassion, love, support and understanding. I will in no way comment on the sexual orientation as being a sin or not being a sin, for it is very dangerous territory for anyone, past, present or future, to presume to know who or what God is for or against.

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River mocks forecasts

Knight-Ridder News Service

In February, they warned that flooding would be severe. By the end of March, they figured the Red River would crest 21 feet above flood-stage in Grand Forks.

But by midafternoon Sunday after the Red River already had exceeded projections by a full 5 feet, forecasters declined to make more predictions.

"Mother Nature threw us a curve," conceded Dean Bratz, hydrologist in charge at the North Central River Forecast Center in Chanhassen, Minn. "The river is just going to find its own level."

The concession offers little solace to the refugees of Grand Forks, whose abandoned city has become a Midwestern Atlantis submerged in murky brown water. Some who had relocated to Crookston even claimed forecasters purposefully misled them to prevent widespread panic.

But Bratz and others at the river forecast center scoffed at those claims.

True, they had months to figure out precisely what the record-high snowfall would mean to rivers in eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota. And everyone from Bratz to grave-diggers were talking of saturated soil that couldn't take much more moisture.

Should we have known the days of toil and hundreds of sandbags wouldn't be enough to save Grand Forks and East Grand Forks? Strange as it sounds, not even the most sophisticated equipment—from computer models to gamma ray soil measurements—could have predicted the push and plunder of the Red River, Bratz said.

Why? Because the Red River is a particularly unique beast, Bratz said, and the spring weather has been anything but accommodating.

• Because the river runs south to north—or, generally, from warmer to colder climates—and water from snow-melts is pushed toward ice-infested waters in the north. The ice in the river delays the rushing waters and either diversifies them from the channel or creates a backup, or pond.

• The Red River Valley's topography—or lack thereof—contributes to the most computer models used to predict flood patterns assume well-defined channels and flood plains. "We don't have those up there," Bratz said. Because the valley is essentially flat, flood waters are free to flow. That sometimes limits the use of gauges to measuring flooding. "It's hard to know exactly what the volumes are because the water is running around our gauges," Bratz explained. "Mother Nature keeps you guessing, especially in a basin like this."

• April weather didn't cooperate. Initial predictions called for the river to crest at 47.5 feet at Grand Forks, 49 feet with more rain or snow. But after the thaw began, the area was hit with a blizzard and a week's worth of cold weather that created what Bratz calls "a screwy melt pattern. We increased the volume in a lot of the area, then we had a blizzard and it shut things down. As a result," he said, "we had a lot of ice action and the ice ponded all this water."

By Sunday afternoon, the crest in Grand Forks stood at 54 feet. "We'll be studying this for years" to find out what happened and why, Bratz said. "We'll go back and look at our procedures. We'll probably look at whether there's some new techniques we can add to our present modeling."

Flood forces Bosnian refugees to flee their refuge

Knight-Ridder News Service

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, ND.—Alex Todorovic and his wife, Ivona, are no strangers to fleeing their home, sleeping on cots and trying to just make do among thousands of strangers. "This is how it was when the war started," said Todorovic, 27, who now works as a computer programmer for United Housing in Grand Forks. "Lots of people, sleeping in bunks."

His is one of seven Bosnian families in Grand Forks—a tiny refugee community that had fled the war in the former Yugoslavia

and are once again shifting for themselves, looking for yet another place to call home. They are refugees from their own refuge.

In fact, another family is due to arrive on Thursday, the most recent family of immigrants—which the other Bosnians were still looking for in the crowd—had flown to North Dakota only a week before the Red River spilled its banks.

"We don't know where they are," said Marina Kojic on Saturday, as she stood outside the monstrous cargo plane hangar where her family was staying. There are about

2,400 people sharing the space, normally a maintenance facility for C-130 flying tankers.

"We're worried because they just got here and they don't speak English very well," Kojic said. She

hoped they'd found shelter after the city was evacuated.

their 4-year-old daughter have been in the United States since last May.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“He'll need a year to win (an NBA championship) and a year to brag about it.”

— Phoenix Sun forward Cedric Ceballos, who said Houston's Charles Barkley must play two more years

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College baseball**
Salt Lake at CSI (2), 2 p.m.
- High school baseball**
Buhl at Wood River (2), 3:30 p.m.
Wendell at Filer (2), 3:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Burley, 4:30 p.m.
- High school softball**
Twin Falls at Elko (2), 2 p.m.
Gienna Ferry at Wood River (2), 3 p.m.
Wendell at Filer (2), 3:30 p.m.
Buhl at Jerome (2), 4 p.m.
- High school golf**
Class B tournament at Burley, 1 p.m.
Class B tournament at Gooding, 1 p.m.
- High school tennis**
Gooding at Iron Wood (Ketchum/Wood River), noon
Burley at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.
- Golf**
RMSPGA Pro-Am, TF Municipal

SCOREBOARD

- High school baseball**
Wood River 8 G. Ferry 7
Wood River 10 G. Ferry 7
- College baseball**
CSI 16 Prairie 8
- Major League Baseball**
Boston 4 Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees 4 Chicago Sox 3
Detroit 7 Texas 6
Philadelphia 10 Pittsburgh 2
Chicago Cubs 6 N.Y. Mets 4

IN BRIEF

- Judy Stroud of Fairfield gets hole-in-1 in Gooding**
GOODING - Judy Stroud of Fairfield hit a hole-in-one Monday at the Gooding Golf Course.
Stroud used a 4-iron on the 136-yard, par-3, 18th hole.
“It was witnessed by Harold Stroud.”
- Kyle McBride of Twin Falls scores hole-in-1 in Jerome**
JEROME - Kyle McBride of Twin Falls carded a hole-in-one April 13 at Jerome Country Club.
McBride used a 5-iron on the 173-yard, 12th hole.
“The feat was witnessed by Louise McBride and Steve and Kay Felzman.”
- Jack Eastman drills hole-in-1 at Jerome Country Club**
JEROME - Jack Eastman scored a hole-in-one April 15 at Jerome Country Club.
Eastman used a 9-iron on the 115-yard, seventh hole.
Witnesses included Joe Goodrich, Jim Davis and Chris Israel.
Compiled from staff and wire reports.

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Big innings carry CSI to win

Golden Eagles top Prairie, 16-8

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When a team's No. 9 hitter raps five hits, and a pitcher who has never before taken the mound in college turns in four solid innings, there should be little doubt as to the outcome.

There wasn't on Monday - at least not much - as the College of Southern Idaho pounded Prairie Baseball Academy 16-8 in the rubber game of a three-game series.

“We lost our cool a little bit” after taking a 15-1 lead in the fourth, CSI coach Jim Walker said. “But I know they're competing.”

The outbreak started in the third when second-baseman Larry Panaro, hitting last in the lineup, led off with the first of five hits.

James Close followed with a double that tied the score at 1-1. Matt Silvey walked, and Chris Gillette and Dion Washington followed with back-to-back doubles to key a five-run inning.

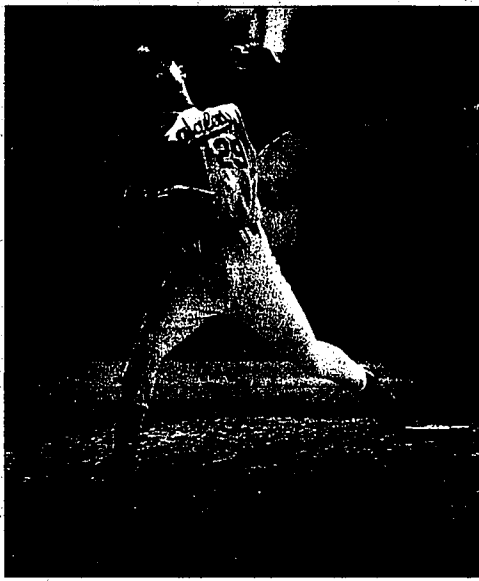
The next frame started in similar fashion, with Panaro picking up a one-out single - the first of six consecutive Eagle hits. Mark Green's double scored three.

Meanwhile, freshman Reid Wildeman, in his first mound appearance, was holding Prairie at bay. The 6-foot, 5-inch lefty baffled the Prairie Dawgs, who had five left-handed hitters in the lineup.

CSI (25-14-1) continues a week-long homestand today, hosting a doubleheader with Salt Lake Community College at 2 p.m.

Southern Division co-leader Dixie College comes in Wednesday and Thursday for a three-game set, followed by a key Northern Division clash with North Idaho Friday and Saturday.

North Idaho took two of three games from Ricks over the weekend, preserving



Golden Eagle first-time pitcher Reid Wildeman pitched four innings during CSI's 16-8 win against Prairie Baseball Monday.

CSI's three-game lead over the Vikings atop the Scenic West's Northern Division.

Saturday's game comes on meet-the-player day. The CSI Booster Club will be giving away Free pizza before the game; fans are invited to visit team members and collect autographs afterward.

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Foster, Zoltick (4), Benson (4), Ballou (5), Haines (8) and Washburn, Williams, Rice (5), Schum (7), MacLeod (7) and Martin, Saldana (6), Headley (7).
WR-Williams (6), LF-Panaro.

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Woman who filed lawsuit hails decision

The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Lisa Stern was a senior in high school in Phoenix when she got the news: Brown University planned to eliminate funding for the women's gymnastics team.

Stern was devastated. She had turned down scholarships to other schools because she was so impressed by the Ivy League school and its gymnastics program, and had been granted early admission to Brown.

To compete her freshman year, the gymnastics team had to raise money to pay for the program. In one case, the team earned a “couple of hundred” dollars by doing flips on the campus green for donations.

“We almost felt like prostitutes. It was very degrading,” she said Monday.

Stern and other gymnasts sued the school in 1992, claiming its athletic program discriminated against women. They won in U.S. District Court, then in the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals. On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand the lower court ruling.

“I think the message is pretty clear,” said Stern, who graduated in 1995 and now lives in Baltimore. “You have to provide the same opportunities to women that you're providing to men. I think the message is also that the way to do that is not by cutting the men's programs - it's by increasing the women's programs.”

On the same day the high court refused to hear Brown's appeal, the school announced a plan to provide equity for female athletes.

The proposal, which must be approved by U.S. District Court in Providence, calls for Brown to increase the number of spots available to women athletes by about 60 to the number mirrors the overall student population, which is nearly 54 percent female.

It also calls for Brown to set minimum numbers of participants in each male and female sport, and a maximum number for each male sport.

Kenya's Aguta, Ethiopia's Roba win Boston Marathon

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Fatuma Roba is still looking for Heartbreak Hill.

Competing on a course she had never run before, the 26-year-old Ethiopian became the first African woman to win the Boston Marathon, proving that her Olympic victory in Atlanta wasn't just a one-race breakthrough.

Roba finished in 2 hours, 26 minutes, 23 seconds, the first runner - male or female - to win in Boston after the Summer Games.

She did it on a demanding, undulating stretch known for its steep hills, including the famed Heartbreak Hill - a course she was neither familiar with nor afraid of. “I am told there is a hill, but I didn't find it,” she joked afterward.

For the men, Lameck Aguta ushered in the marathon's second century the same way its first century ended - with a Kenyan champion.

The fourth-place finisher the previous two years, he became the seventh consecutive Kenyan winner and the third different champion in three years.

The 25-year-old pulled away toward the end, finishing in 2:10:34.

“It is magic,” Aguta said. “I have been waiting all my life for this.”

Uta Pippig of Germany, trying to become the first four-time women's winner, finished fourth in 2:28:51, more than 2V minutes behind Roba. She did not decide to seek a fourth consecutive title until March 7.

Pippig has been beset by physical problems. She was forced to drop out of the Olympics because of a stress fracture while leading, then developed another stress fracture four weeks ago.

“I had less training than in other years,” she said, with her usual gracious smile. “I'm fourth, it's OK.”

The victories by Roba and Aguta in the 101-year-old marathon appeared to signal



Boston Marathon overall first-place winners Lameck Aguta of Kenya, left, and Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia are honored at an awards ceremony at Boston's Copley Plaza on Monday.

the end of an era not only for Pippig but Kenya's Cosmas Ndeti, the Boston champion from 1993-95 and third-place finisher last year. Ndeti, never in contention, finished 27th in 2:22:56.

“My training didn't go as well as the last four years,” said Ndeti, who set the course record of 2:07:15 in 1994. “The other guys still have some homework to do, though, because they didn't break the course record.”

As expected, the men's race materialized into a battle between the Kenyans and the Mexicans, who never have won at Boston.

The Mexicans came with a strong contingent of three-time London Marathon champion Dionicio Ceron, two-time New

York City Marathon winner German Silva and 1993 New York City champion Andres Espinoza.

As late as 25 miles, Ceron, along with Kenya's Joseph Kamau, was within two seconds of Aguta. But the rangy Aguta, trained by Pippig's coach, Dieter Hogen, then began pulling away and beat Kamau by 12 seconds.

Kamau, timed in 2:10:46, was followed by Ceron in 2:10:59 in his Boston debut. Silva, also in his first race at Boston, finished fourth at 2:11:21 and Tanui was fifth at 2:11:38.

Tanui developed bronchitis a week before the race and had little stamina. “That's why I had a problem toward the end,” he said.

Boston Marathon finishers
Lameck Aguta of Kenya and Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia were the men's and women's winners of the 101st Boston Marathon.
A total of 10,524 runners were competing for the top prizes of \$75,000 for the men's and women's division.

- TOP TEN MEN**
1. Lameck Aguta, Kenya, 2:10:34
 2. Joseph Kamau, Kenya, 2:10:46
 3. Dionicio Ceron, Mexico, 2:10:59
 4. German Silva, Mexico, 2:11:21
 5. Moses Tanui, Kenya, 2:11:38
 6. Jimmy Mulndi, Kenya, 2:12:49
 7. Andre Ramos, Brazil, 2:13:10
 8. Jose Luis Molina, Costa Rica, 2:13:34
 9. Bekalo Tesfaye, Ethiopia, 2:14:02
 10. Neilson Nderera, Kenya, 2:14:12
- TOPTEN WOMEN**
1. Fatuma Roba, Ethiopia, 2:28:24
 2. Eliana Meyer, South Africa, 2:27:09
 3. Colleen DeRuock, South Africa, 2:28:03
 4. Uta Pippig, Germany, 2:28:51
 5. Deratu Tulu, Ethiopia, 2:30:28
 6. Junko Asari, Japan, 2:31:12
 7. Alla Ilievskaya, Russia, 2:31:55
 8. Sonia Meccioni, Italy, 2:31:59
 9. Kim Jones, USA, 2:32:52
 10. Debbie Kilpatrick, USA, 2:38:04

Once again, Bulls are team to beat in NBA playoffs

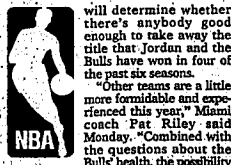
The Associated Press

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that the Chicago Bulls are the team to beat in the NBA playoffs. They're the dominant force; they won 59 regular season games; they have Michael Jordan. Etc., etc., etc.

But who else is out there? Who are the favorites to come out of the West? Who are the sleeper teams? Who are the overrated teams?

Which players are going to raise their game? Which coaches have a few tricks up their sleeves?

These are the questions that will matter most in the first few weeks of the marathon postseason, and the answers



will determine whether there's anybody good enough to take away the title that Jordan and the Bulls have won in four of the past six seasons.

“Other teams are a little more formidable and experienced this year,” Miami coach Pat Riley said Monday. “Combined with the questions about the Bulls' health, the possibility is there that they could be had in a game or two. They're a little more vulnerable, but I don't think that's a new bulletin.”

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More housecleaning: Coaches keep falling by wayside

The Associated Press

The year of the coaching change didn't end with the regular season.

The list of fired coaches grew to nine Monday when the Denver Nuggets made their second change of the season, jettisoning Dick Motta and his entire staff.

The Philadelphia 76ers fired Johnny Davis on Sunday in the first of what is expected to be a series of offseason dismissals.

M.L. Carr is expected to be replaced as coach of the Boston Celtics, Larry

Brown is free to leave the Pacers if he chooses, and Rick Adelman is said to be in danger of being fired by Golden State.

There were seven firings during the regular season. Coaching changes in Phoenix, Bernie Bickerstaff in Denver, Jim Lynan in Washington, Brian Wynans in Vancouver, Gerry St. Jean in Sacramento, Brian Hill in Orlando and Bob Hill in San Antonio.

As of the 15th, not all already mentioned, seven have coaches with less

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SPORTS

TENNIS IN BRIEF

Jim Courier, Sergi Bruguera advance in Monte Carlo
MONTE CARLO, Monaco - Jim Courier and Sergi Bruguera, with four French Open titles between them but struggling to stay in the top 20, won first-round matches in swirling wind Monday at the Monte Carlo Open.

Courier rallied to defeat 19-year old Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia 6-7 (7-7), 7-5, 6-4. Bruguera had an easier time beating fellow Spaniard Javier Sanchez 6-4, 6-1. Pete Sampras, ranked No. 1 in the world the last four years, and three-time champion Thomas Muster are the top two seeds and begin play Tuesday after first-round byes.

Sampras faces Magnus Larsson, a former top 10 player, and Muster meets Fabrice Santoro of France.

Larsson topped Hicham Arazi of Morocco 6-3, 6-2. Larsson was at the top of his game in 1995, but he broke his foot

and was slow coming back. Santoro defeated Francisco Roig of Spain, 6-4, 6-1. Also, Christian Rind of Norway eliminated Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-2; Emilio Alvarez of Spain beat Karim Alami of Morocco 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; and Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic outlasted Gustavo Koerin of Brazil 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

Petr Korda survives upset scare in Clay Court 1st round
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - Third-seeded Petr Korda survived a first-round scare at the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships Monday when Jeff Salzenstein of the Czech star to the brink of elimination before withdrawing from the match because of leg cramps.

The score was 2-6, 6-4, 4-3, retired. In other matches, Australians Jason Stoltenberg and Sandon Stolle advanced with straight-set victories, while American Vince Spadea was ousted by Germany's Oliver Gross.

Top-seeded Michael Chang will play his first match Tuesday night. Salzenstein sat through the first set against Korda and scored an early service break in the second set. At 4-2, the 23-year-old from Denver reached break point on Korda's serve and appeared ready to claim the biggest win of his career. But Korda held serve and promptly ran off six straight games to capture the second set and grab a 2-love lead in the third.

"I hadn't played a match in a long time and I was struggling," admitted Korda, who hadn't played since losing in the first round at the Lipton Championships last month. "But I kept playing and kept running him left and right."

After rallying briefly to even the set 2-2, Salzenstein began to limp visibly because of leg cramps.

With Korda serving at 3-3, 30-15, Salzenstein took a 3-minute injury time-

out while a trainer worked on his leg. After Korda won the next two points for a 4-3 advantage, Salzenstein told the chair umpire he was unable to continue. Stoltenberg, seeded fifth, needed little more than an hour to defeat Sargis Sargsian of Armenia 6-1, 7-5. The eighth-seeded Stolle had a tougher time beating Argentina's Mariano Zabala 6-3, 7-6 (7-4). Gross, ranked 99th in the world, made surprisingly short work of Spadea with an easy 6-1, 6-2 win over the 63rd-ranked American.

Albert Costa downs Albert Portas to win Gode Open
BARCELONA, Spain - Spaniard Albert Costa defeated fellow countryman Albert Portas 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 to win the Seat Gode Open men's tennis tournament Monday.

"This is one week I won't forget in my life," Costa said before traveling to Monte Carlo where he is to play Sweden Jonas Bjornik in the tournament there Tuesday.

Bjornik was in the tournament there Tuesday. The match had been postponed from Sunday because of rain.

Costa made it to the final by defeating fellow countryman and world No. 8 Carlos Moyá in the semifinals while Portas defeated Spaniard Alberto Berasategui.

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Playoffs

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"They're still too good, too experienced and know how to play to win. Nothing will bother them in the playoffs," Riley said. The best-of-5 first round begins Thursday night with four games: Charlotte at New York, Orlando at Miami, Minnesota at Houston and the Los Angeles Clippers at Utah.

The other four series begin Friday with Detroit at Atlanta, Washington at Chicago, Phoenix at Seattle and Portland at the Los Angeles Lakers.

An interesting twist to the first round is the success that the lower-seeded teams have had against their higher-seeded opponents during the regular season.

The No. 3 and 4 teams in the East both lost their season series 3-1 to their first-round opponent. Charlotte beating New York and Detroit defeating Atlanta.

In the West, the fifth-seeded Trail Blazers beat the fourth-seeded Lakers in three of four games, including the regular-season finale Sunday, and seventh-seeded Phoenix split its season series with Seattle, winning the final two games in late March.

It makes for an interesting first round, one in which at least six of the eight series figure to be very competitive.

A look at each of the best-of-5 matchups:

Eastern Conference

Chicago vs. Washington

The Bulls didn't qualify for this spot until they beat Cleveland on the final day of the season, and they figure to be happy taking a three-game beating, right? Well, with a minor Washington lost the season series 2-3, but their losses were by one and four points. And the Bulls couldn't stop Rod Strickland of Chicago's offense from a 110-102 win April 3. Dennis Rodman and Toni Kukoc will be back for Chicago, which hasn't had its best together and healthy for some time.

Chicago is the better team, but the Bulls won't be able to sleepwalk past a team that matches up well with them.

Miami vs. Orlando

When we last saw these two teams in the playoffs, both were looking bright in sweeps against the Bulls last season. Both teams have made big changes since then, and each team has a drastically different personality from a year ago. The Heat will have to contend with the lack of playoff experience among three of their starters: Jamal Mashburn, P. J. Brown and Voshon Leonard. And Tim Hardaway and Alonzo Mourning will have to outplay their counterparts, Penny Hardaway and Roy Selley.

Orlando has a history of playoff folds. The Magic have been swept from the playoffs in three straight seasons.

New York vs. Charlotte

Nicks coach Jeff Van Gundy admits the Hornets are the toughest first-round matchup the Knicks could have drawn. Patrick Ewing will have to contend with being guarded by former teammate Anthony Mason, and the Knicks will have to figure out a way to stop Glen Rice, who scored 40 and 34 in the team's final two meetings. Larry Johnson, who Charlotte sent to the Knicks last summer in the trade for Mason, was badly outplayed in three of the four games during the season series.

The Knicks have played well against tough competition and poorly against less than. Ewing made it out of the first round in five straight years.

Atlanta vs. Detroit

Probably the least sexy of all the first-round matchups, the one features two teams that were heading in opposite directions over the final month of the season. The Hawks won 13 of their first 16 meetings. The Pistons dropped 14 of 25 after being the surprise success story of the first four months. Grant Hill nearly had a triple-double in his regular-season games between the teams, and the Hawks will have to stop him in the fourth quarter when the Pistons run cleavus for Hill every time down the court.

The biggest weakness for Detroit is the lack of a good center, and Atlanta's Dikembe Mutombo could be the difference in this series.

Western Conference

Utah vs. L.A. Clippers

The Jazz played the best basketball Utah has had in a long time. The Jazz played the best basketball Utah has had in a long time. The Jazz played the best basketball Utah has had in a long time.

The Clippers managed to keep one of the games close.

Seattle vs. Phoenix

Of all the first-round pairings, this will be the one that seems to have the most potential for an upset. Seattle has been a team on the brink of disarray over the second half of the season as Shawn Kemp's chronic lateness and unsharp play have dragged the Sonics down. They built their 57-25 record mostly on the strength of dominating lesser teams and have had trouble with the better ones. The Suns often use a unique, four-guard lineup with two speedy point guards, Kevin Johnson and Jason Kidd, who can break down Seattle's trapping defense.

Kemp is the X-factor here.

Houston vs. Minnesota

The Rockets couldn't have asked for a better party. They swept the season series 4-0, and three of the games were blowouts. The Timberwolves had no answer for Hakeem Olajuwon, who scored 39 against them twice. Minnesota also had a problem matching up with Clyde Drexler, who scored 37 and 34 in two of the games. None of the Wolves' main contributors have any playoff experience, and they had only three wins against playoff teams after the All-Star break.

The biggest threat to Houston may be overconfidence.

L.A. Lakers vs. Portland

The Trail Blazers won the season series by capturing the season finale Sunday when Shaquille O'Neal kept Portland from getting a second 12 seconds left. That major factor in his game remains a huge factor despite Shaq's change of address. Portland has the added advantage of having 7-0-3 Arvydas Sabonis, who has the bulk to match O'Neal. Sabonis also is an inside scoring threat, so he will draw O'Neal away from the basket and open up the lane when the Blazers have the ball. Portland gave the Lakers fits in their four regular season games, and there's no reason to expect things to change now.

Coaches

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than two years' experience.

Clearly, the NBA coaching carousel is twirling as strong as ever.

"We're trying to move forward in a new direction to give ourselves a fresh start," was the predictable comment of Nuggets vice president Allen Bristow on Monday as he announced Motra's firing.

"I'm pretty important person," Bristow said. "I want this thing to turn around, and I'm not going to hide behind a three-year or four-year (rebuilding) plan."

Davis was fired by the 76ers along with general manager Brad Greenberg, and owner Pat Croce said he would take a shot at hiring Rick Pitino away from the University of Kentucky.

The Celtics contacted Pitino a few weeks ago to ask if he had any interest in replacing Carr, and were told Pitino wasn't looking to leave the Wildcats just yet. But Pitino has never been shy about listening to offers, and a bidding war could break out for his services.

Another prominent name that will pop up is that of Chuck Daly, the former Pistons coach and Nets coach who would welcome a return to the bench if the salary is big enough.

The Celtics refused to confirm a report in Florida that Boston Globe said the decision to replace Carr as coach and/or general manager had already been made.

SCORES AND STATS

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SPORTS

Lehman looks like No. 1 in World Championship 1st round

EATONTON, Ga. (AP) — Tom Lehman kept his momentum Monday for the first time as the No. 1 golfer in the world. Then he lived up to his ranking.

Lehman, who ascended to the top of the rankings with his fourth-place finish the day before in the MCI Classic, beat defending American champion Scott Hoch in the first round of the Anderson Consulting World Championship of Golf.

Lehman went ahead with an eagle at the par-5 12th hole, built on his lead with a birdie at 16, then holed out a 5-footer for par at 17 to defeat Hoch in the match-play event, 2-and-1.

"Actually, it gave me some confidence," Lehman said of his introductory round. "I was the best player before he teed off at the first tee. It was pretty cool. I like the sound of that."

Other first-round winners in the American Championship were Davis Love III, 5-and-3 over Corey Pavin; Phil Mickelson, 3-and-2 over Mark O'Meara; and Fred Couples, 2-and-1 over Steve Stricker.

Lehman and Love will meet in one semifinal match Tuesday morning, while Couples and Mickelson are paired in the other. The two winners advance to the 18-hole American championship in the afternoon on the 7,048-yard Great Waters course



Tom Lehman lines up a putt during the opening round of the Anderson Consulting World Championship of Golf Monday in Eatonton, Ga. Lehman defeated Scott Hoch to advance to the next round.

at Reynolds Plantation, about 75 miles east of Atlanta. Lehman, who was even with

Hoch through 11 holes, went ahead for good at No. 12. He hit a 5-wood to within 5 feet of the

pin on the 559-yard hole, then punted out for eagle to go one-up.

Both men parred the next two holes, then Lehman gave himself some breathing room at 16. He hit a monstrous drive and hit an 8-iron to within 12 feet for the birdie putt. Hoch settled for a par to go 2-down.

Lehman clinched the match with a par at the next hole, avenging a loss to Hoch in last year's American championship.

"I was driving the ball really well today," Lehman said, a distinct advantage on the wide-open, Jack Nicklaus-designed course. "This is one of the best driving rounds I've had all year."

Love had no trouble beating Pavin, who sprayed his shots all over the course. Pavin hit the water twice on the front nine to go 2-down at the turn and found the sand on two of the first three holes on the back nine to fall four-down before Love clinched the match at 15 with a par. Pavin, appropriately, missed the green with a 6-iron and wound up taking another bogey.

"He did not play like Corey Pavin, that's for sure," said Love, who continued his hot play coming off a final-round 64 at the MCI Classic. "I didn't want to worry about him too much, but clearly he was not on top of his game. I knew if I could start solid and look good, it would

make it a little harder on him." Mickelson lost the first two holes in his match against O'Meara and didn't grab his first lead until he birdied No. 12. At 13, Mickelson protected his one-up margin with a 15-footer for birdie after O'Meara popped his approach shot within a foot of the cup.

"That was kind of where the match changed in my favor," Mickelson said. "I got some confidence and he began hitting some shots he doesn't normally hit."

O'Meara bogeyed the last three holes to drop the match. Two long putts gave Couples his victory. He made a 40-footer for birdie at the par-3 14th to go one-up — then outdid himself by making in a 50-footer at the next hole for another birdie and a two-hole lead.

"That second one was probably going 100 mph," Couples joked. "If it misses, I probably would have lost the hole. Instead, I ended up winning it." This is one of four preliminary events — the others are for Japanese, European and international golfers — that will be held during the year matching the top golfers in each section in match-play competition. The four winners advance to the world finals at Scottsdale, Ariz., on Jan. 3-4, 1998.

Kosar announces retirement, wants to bring football back to Cleveland

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Bernie Kosar wants to help bring the Browns back to Cleveland in his new role as full-time entrepreneur.

"That is part of what I'm thinking about," the quarterback said in announcing his "retirement" Monday. "There is no question those fans, that area, deserve a football team."

Kosar, who played in Cleveland for 12 seasons, leads an investment group seeking to own the expansion team that will debut as the Browns in 1999. The Browns left Cleveland after 50 years to become the Baltimore Ravens last season.

"Cleveland loves Kosar," said Seth Task, the former Browns mascot. "This is a player who really is a model as far as sports athletes are concerned. He's a top-notch player. Monday." Clevelanders, his motive is to come back to Cleveland from where he is from and be part of the new Browns."

Kosar was unemotional in announcing his retirement Monday at the Miami Dolphins' training facility. He said business interests had finally superseded football.

"It's a tough decision to make because I still have the competitiveness inside of me," he said. "I feel I'm still capable of playing football. I don't think it would be fair to try to give 100 percent to another club for some of my other commitments."

Kosar is executive director of a booming telemarketing business



Bernie Kosar

and owns a new line of beer-wig cards and a chain of Arby's fast-food restaurants in Virginia.

In addition, Kosar and his wife, Babette, are expecting their third child this summer.

For a quarterback whose dramatic losses were as memorable as his victories, Kosar said winning a Super Bowl with Dallas and his later loss at Brown, were his most memorable moments.

At 33, the hard-nosed player ended up where he started — in Miami where he won a national championship with the University of Miami in 1983 and then ended his career as a backup for the Dolphins.

"I'm funny how things go for me," Kosar said. "If you would have asked me when I signed my letter of intent to go to the University of Miami and say I would even play at UM, let alone become a 12-year player, I would have wanted to lock you up in an insane asylum."

Jimmy Johnson, who coached Kosar when both were with the Buccaneers, Cowboys and Dolphins, said he typifies the player who brings qualities to a football team other than just physical talent.

"He had the intangibles to make him one of the best Johnson said. "Bernie brought a lot to the game. He brought a lot of intelligence, a lot of competitive spirit."

The Ohio native was a first-round pick by the Browns as a rookie in 1985 and became a starter. He led Cleveland to the AFC Central title in his first three seasons, and again in 1989.

His career totals include 1,994 completions in 3,365 attempts for 23,301 yards with 124 touchdowns and 87 interceptions. His interception percentage is the third-lowest in NFL history and the league's all-time leader in consecutive passes advanced without a sack off (308).

Still, Kosar was also known for his "wild" plays. With the Browns, especially to Denver in the AFC championship games of 1986, '87, and '89. He was waived in the middle of the 1993 season in a move that angered many fans.

His last pass as a Brown was a play to wide receiver Michael Jackson that he drew in the dirt and went for a touchdown against Denver.

"I put it behind me," Kosar said of his "untimely exit from Cleveland." "I think some people, in particular, don't believe I put it behind me, but I looked at it as a blessing."

Kosar went on with Dallas where he won the Super Bowl with the Cowboys as a backup, playing in the NFC championship game against San Francisco.

Stallings remains hospitalized after horse trampling



Gene Stallings

PARIS, Texas (AP) — Former Alabama football coach Gene Stallings remained hospitalized Monday after he was trampled by three horses on his ranch.

He was listed in good condition at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center after undergoing surgery to repair a frac-

tured hip on Sunday.

"It was a dumb thing to do," Stallings, 62, told The Paris News about Sunday morning's accident. "I was feeding three young colts at the same time and each was afraid he wouldn't get to eat. One knocked me down and I landed on my hip."

Stallings said he's been

told he'll need a wheelchair and a walker for about three months.

Coaching Alabama to a 70-16-1 record from 1990-96, Stallings' 1992 team captured the national championship with a 34-13 victory over Miami in the Sugar Bowl. He retired after the 1996 season.

Parcells' draft strategy gives rise to questions

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Bill Parcells' first draft in the reconstruction of the New York Jets created as many questions as it provided answers.

When Parcells was hired to oversee the rebuilding of a team that went 1-15 and had the NFL's worst record for the second straight year, he admitted it was a huge project. When he traded away the No. 1 overall pick and made a bunch of other moves to stockpile picks, he passed on the top talent in the draft, Ohio State tackle Orlando Pace.

But Parcells wound up with 11 picks this year and filled some of New York's many needs. "With the overall No. 1 pick, I certainly wouldn't have been able to acquire the kind of favorite line-backer James Farrior now."

"Was this the best player in the draft? No. But is he a very good, solid player? I think I can count on for a number of years?"

"I just hope eventually these guys are good players. We'll try to rush them along as best we can."

While Parcells got his favorite line-backer, he also traded away the top pick in 1993, who was slated to move to weakside line-backer.



Bill Parcells

"It doesn't mean anything," Parcells said. "I'm trying to collect good players."

"This guy is a run-and-hit guy," Parcells added about Farrior. "He's smart, he's tough, he's a high-class kid. That's what I want on my team."

If the Jets could find a team interested to trade for Jones, they will make \$750,000 next season, then become a free agent in 1998, they'd likely make a deal.

Parcells also hinted that the offensive tackle position isn't as solid as he led people to believe when he bypassed Pace and dealt away the top choice. David Williams, who underwent back surgery in the offseason, has been hospitalized with complications resulting from surgery to remove a cyst. The other highly paid veteran tackle, Jumbo Elliott, has been injury-prone through much of his career.

While mentioning time and again how weak his defense is, Parcells also selected four offensive players, none of whom are likely to have an impact right away on anything but special teams. He didn't get the cover guy at cornerback he sought, either.

But Parcells added four bodies to the defensive line, including second-round tackle Rick Taylor of North Carolina, who is something of a project.

Coach sues over Nike campaign

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Dennis Jackson hoped to form a partnership with Nike to give a boost to his summer basketball and academics camp. But he says Nike just did it — without taking him along.

Jackson, president of the camp in South Hadley, sued Nike on March 27 in U.S. District Court in Springfield, accusing Nike of stealing his trademark.

Jackson, a former assistant coach at the University of Massachusetts and several other schools, founded his nonprofit program for high-school age students in 1989 under the acronym P.L.A.Y., which stands for Physical Learning Achievement for Youth.

He says he later tried to sell Nike on contributing to his program, initially by contacting basketball star and Nike pitcher Michael Jordan. Later, Jackson proposed a partnership to Nike.

However, Nike founded its own youth campaign in 1994 with the same acronym, P.L.A.Y., and participate in the Lives of America's Youth. Company spokesman Jim Small said that, under Nike's program, the company donates money and other help to a variety of groups that encourage young people to play sports.

Asked how the two programs are similar, Jackson said in an interview Monday, "I don't know what they do. I only know what we do."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Buhl police investigate Sunday gunfire report

BUEHL - Buhl police are investigating a report of shots fired within city limits Sunday night. The shots were reported to have been fired from a house in the area of the 400 block of 11th Avenue.

Anyone with information on the shots is asked to call Buhl police at 543-4200.

Car alarm thwarts burglary attempt in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - A car alarm apparently broke up a burglary Sunday morning.

Twin Falls police reports say the alarm went off on a car parked in the 600 block of Folk Street about 1:50 a.m. Sunday.

The owners of the car ran out of their house to find burglars had taken a screen out of a pickup canopy window, crawled in the truck, and were trying to remove the stereo. Thieves took a radar detector, binoculars, a fence finder and tools from another vehicle parked at the house.

An alert homeowner in the 300 block of Folk heard glass break at about 2:46 a.m. and went outside to find a broken car window.

Police are investigating other car burglaries, including:

- A stereo stolen between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday from a vehicle parked in the 300 block of Fillmore Street.
- An attempted burglary of a car parked in the 600 block of Folk between midnight and 10 a.m. Sunday.

- Tools stolen from a truck parked at the Bowls-drome Sunday night between 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Hood pleads innocent to 1st-degree murder charge

RUPERT - Corey Hood pleaded innocent Monday to charges of first-degree murder in connection with the 1996 slayings of Mae Hood and Wendy Hunter.

Hood's hearing was part of the process to formalize first-degree murder charges against Hood.

Hood had the chance to plead innocent Monday because he had been charged only with voluntary manslaughter in connection with the Hunter slaying. Until recently, no charges were filed against Hood in connection with the murder of his grandmother, Mae Hood.

Last June Hood pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Wendy Hunter. But just before the end of a seven-day long hearing January to rescind the voluntary manslaughter charge, Hood agreed to plead guilty to two counts of first-degree murder.

The agreement spells out a minimum 33-year prison sentence. The threat of a death penalty was likely a factor in Hood agreeing to the second plea agreement.

Twin Falls man faces drug charges after traffic stop

JEROME - A Twin Falls man faces two felony drug charges after being pulled over on U.S. Highway 93 near Jerome early Saturday, according to court documents.

While a quarter-pound of marijuana laced with methamphetamine was found during a search of a car driven by Justin Lyle Izatt, 21, said Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver.

A deputy spotted Izatt's car speeding on the highway at about 125 a.m. and pulled Izatt over in the Petro Z parking lot near the interchange of Highway 93 and Interstate 84, according to court documents.

A records check revealed Izatt's license was suspended. He was arrested on a charge of driving without privileges, court documents say. A search of the car turned up the drugs and some drug paraphernalia, the documents say.

Izatt was arraigned in Jerome County Magistrate Court Monday and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, and felony possession of more than three ounces of marijuana.

Izatt is being held in the Jerome County Jail on \$15,000 bond, Weaver said.

A preliminary hearing for Izatt is set for May 2.

Camas starts sandbagging banks of Soldier Creek

PEARFIELD - Camas County officials started supplying the stockpiles of sandbags to the banks of Soldier Creek Saturday.

Camas County Sheriff Harold Lee said the sheriff's department and residents sandbagged about a 50-foot stretch of creek bank Saturday afternoon. The creek had risen about 6 inches over the bank near Second Street East and East Poplar Avenue, he said, threatening one home that suffered flooding last year.

"It rained most of night, and that was what caused the water to come up," Lee said. "We'll just have the sandbags there. The water was pretty high today."

Overnight temperatures have warmed enough to melt the snow and ice. Camas Creek, Lee said, and neither creek had been a flooding problem so far, this spring, Lee wasn't expecting a freeze Monday night.

Compiled from staff reports.

CSI board mulls club proposal

By Liz Wright
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees mullied over a surprise proposal to erect a 14,000-square-foot cinder block building on campus to house the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley.

Snake River water court judge Daniel Hurlbutt, the club's president, asked the board Monday evening to consider a clubhouse on campus, an area of fast growth that would be a good site for club services.

"We probably would not see any expansion in that area, particularly," Hurlbutt said. "We're not coming to you in desperate straits."

The club provides after-school activities, mostly for children of working par-

ents. Private donors fund the non-profit organization.

About 300 6- to 12-year-old children are club members, Hurlbutt said. The proposed building would house 500 to 600 children.

Three-fourths of the children who use the club attend Lincoln and Bickel elementary schools. The clubhouse sits inside a converted warehouse in Old Towne, an industrial section of central Twin Falls that is being refurbished to attract visitors.

The club moved in December 1995 to its current location.

CSI president Gerald Meyerhoeffer said Hurlbutt approached him about the proposal Friday. The area of campus east of the day care and north of the ball park is a proposed clubhouse.

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-Gerald Meyerhoeffer, CSI president

Dam operates nearly 10 years without permit

Liability is the main concern, not safety

By Jennifer Buch
 Times-News writer

OAKLEY - Holding water behind Oakley Dam without the necessary storage certificate isn't a safety concern, but it is a liability issue, an Idaho Department of Water Resources official said.

Water storage certificates are issued routinely, unless changes are made to a dam's structure and operation. After handling heavy water flows during the 1994 flood emergency, the canal company was forced to face the dam's outlet tunnel with a steel liner.

Yet operators didn't revise and submit an operations plan to go with the improvements, Water Resources spokesman Dick Larsen said.

"We have analyzed the outlet. We know that it's perfectly safe for them to release water," Larsen said.

Water Resources inspects the dam

every other year, and in the past has noted the canal company does not have a storage certificate, Larsen said. In the "crudest" sense, he said, storing water without the certificate is illegal.

The department has not made a big issue of this. Penalties for not having the certificate only are misdemeanour charges, but the bigger problem is liability, should something happen to the dam.

"The real lever we have is the risk the dam operator puts himself at by not being legal," Larsen said.

Leadership of the Oakley Canal Co. has changed in the last few years, and so has its legal representation. The former company president and watermaster have died.

Daren Critchfield, chairman of Oakley Canal Co.'s board of directors, said he didn't know the company did not have a

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Drummer conquers adversity, keeps music beating

By Laura Huber
 Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Drummer Paul Sharrai may have been born without a left hand, and he may have lost his sight from complications of diabetes, but his drumming ability and his rich, mellow voice charms Magic Valley music fans.

Sharrai plays drums for Country Feelings, a local band that has performed in the Magic Valley for four years.

He isn't the only band member who has stayed active in music despite disabilities. Don Bailey, the group's bass guitar player, has periods of deep depression.

"When Donny and I auditioned for the band, our disabilities were not taken into consideration, they heard the music," said Sharrai, 45.

Sharrai has played drums for 25 years, and has kept playing even after losing his eyesight 12 years ago. He created an adaptive appliance so he can use his left drumstick.

"I use a plastic band three inches wide and wrap it around my arm and hook my drumstick into it," he said. "His blindness doesn't affect his drumming much."

"It is no big deal about being blind and playing drums," Sharrai said. "The drums are in the same position that they were when I had eyes that worked."

Sharrai's play and perseverance impress the group's fans.

"I think it is amazing that the drummer can play the drums so well because of his disability," customer Fritz Fressure said.

Bailey, meanwhile, says his life has been a great healing part of his music.

"I don't take medication or do anything special," he said. "My blindness really realized I was depressed five years ago."

Other band members are Gail Cartwright, the lead singer who plays rhythm guitar; Jimmy Wallace, who



Shown here playing at a friend's wedding in Burley Friday evening, Paul Sharrai, drummer for the local band Country Feelings, has not let any disability affect his music.

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plays lead guitar and fiddle; and Bill Taylor, who plays keyboard and fiddle.

The group plays a variety of music, but focuses primarily on country classics, a resurgent musical genre.

As country classics rise in popularity, Sharrai and his group are pleasing

crowds each weekend.

"This might be because, between them, they have 160 years of playing experience."

For the past three weekends, the band has performed at the Blue Room in Rupert.

KEITH SHARAI/The Times-News

The band packs her bar each night they perform. Owner Marie Russell said, with a recent crowd ranging from 21 to 80 years of age.

"The band is fun to dance to and they have a good beat," 26-year-old Edie Riggelman said. "It was amazing to find out (Sharrai) was blind and was unable to use his left hand to hold his drumstick."

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Businesses need to stimulate downtown growth, consultant says

By William Brock
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The revitalization of downtown Twin Falls appears to be going well, but private businesses must do their part if the process is to succeed, an economic development consultant told the City Council on Monday.

The city's downtown business district is "probably healthier than people think it is," Don Rypkema said.

Allowing a broad mix of businesses and encouraging the preservation of historic buildings is crucial, he said.

Rypkema urged city leaders to augment public spending with contributions from private businesses whenever improvements are made in downtown and Old Towne. He also recommended business owners spruce up buildings and expand hours.

Making it easy for customers is the key to success.

"Sixty percent of all retail sales are after 5 p.m. or on weekends," he said.

Rypkema also suggested the city work closely with the Eastern Idaho Railroad to move the rail switching yards out of Old Towne. The chance to relocate a railroad is rare, he said, "and to forgo the opportunity when you have the chance, I think would be a mistake."

After Rypkema's informal presentation, Twin Falls County Commissioner Brent Reinke asked the City Council to participate in a feasibility study for a brand-new bridge across the Snake River Canyon. If built, the bridge would link Interstate 84 with Highway 93, somewhere between Twin Falls and Filer.

\$40,000 must be raised locally, Reinke said. Private trucking firms also might be interested in a new bridge, particularly if it crosses the canyon at rim level, rather than dipping down to river level, Reinke said.

In other business Monday, the City Council:

- Awarded a \$43,568 contract to C.L. Stutzman Excavating Inc. to provide the final-section of curb, gutter and sidewalk at Hanson Park.
- Awarded a \$8,539 contract to J-U-B Engineers for design, contract and construction management services for a new city water in the southeast area of town.

Low water pressure has plagued the area - bounded by Eastland Drive, Kimberly Road, Addison Avenue and Hankins Road.

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City airport lands new manager

By William Brock
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A U.S. Air Force veteran who managed the military airfield at Mountain Home has been charged for landing as the new manager at the Twin Falls airport.

The Twin Falls City Council Monday unanimously confirmed the selection of Master Sgt. David Allen, who will be paid about \$37,000 per year.

"He's an exceptionally well-qualified person. We're fortunate to be able to recruit him," said City Manager Tom Courtney. Allen will replace Ron Madsen, who retired recently.

Allen beat out 96 other applicants for the job, and was the unanimous choice of two local interview boards. He is retiring after 22 years in the U.S. Air Force and is tentatively scheduled to begin work in Twin Falls in early June.

In his application letter, Allen, 40, described himself as "an aggressive, proactive manager, a responsible leader, and an effective communicator."

In an interview with *The Times-News*, Allen said he's impressed with the airport's new terminal and, more generally, with how the airport has been managed.

"The things I would have jumped on right away are already being addressed - like the parking lot," Allen said.

The City Council Monday approved a contract to expand

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 276.

TWIN FALLS



Yoichi 'Ted' Matsuda

Yoichi 'Ted' Matsuda, 66, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 19, 1997, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born Nov. 17, 1910, in Wakayama, Japan. He immigrated to the United States at the age of 10 and lived in Seattle, Wash. He was a journalism student at the University of Washington when his brother was killed by the World War II relocation of Japanese-Americans. After the Minidoka Relocation Camp, he, his wife and two children moved to Twin Falls where Ted worked for The Times-News for 35 years.

He was active in the Methodist Church and was avid fisherman. However, Ted never lost his love of writing and received awards for his journalism. He was not able to complete his last story, but had a title in mind, "The Ghost of Mrs. Abt," a story of early Twin Falls. He is survived by his wife, Fumiko of Twin Falls; daughter, Dr. Sharon of Twin Falls; son, Robert of Irvine, Calif.; and granddaughter, Mollie Matuli and her husband, Frank, of Sausalito, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 1997, at the First Methodist Church in Twin Falls, with the Rev. James Frisbie officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

B. 'Jaun' Bird

B. 'Jaun' Bird, 72, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at her daughter's home in San Clemente, Calif.

She was the dearly beloved wife of 52-1/2 years to Earl; loving mother of Linda, Jennifer, Emilee and Bruce Bird; and devoted grandmother of William, Katherine, Amanda and Melissa Bird; and Brooke and Shannon. She is also survived by her two sisters, Helen Wlesener of Chowchilla, Calif.; and Leona Wlesener of Helena, Ore.; and her brother, George Lavigne of Oroville, Calif.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 1997, at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, with the Rev. Myron Glatz officiating. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Citizens International, P.O. Box 871, Twin Falls ID 83301.



O. Pearl Easton

O. Pearl Easton, 77-year-old Heyburn resident, died Saturday, April 19, 1997, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl.

She was born Feb. 25, 1920, in Dewey, Okla., the daughter of John Milton and Minnie Lehto Reynolds. She moved to the Burley area in July of 1930, where she attended schools in Springdale and Burley. Pearl married Orlan O. Easton on Nov. 22, 1939, in Burley. They lived and farmed in the View area until moving to Washington in the late 1940s. After residing in Washington for two years, they moved back to the Emerson, Pa., area where she resided until the time of her death.

She worked for many years in the Minidoka School Lunch Program until her retirement.

She was a member of the Burley First Christian Church. She enjoyed going to church; crafts, fellowship, camping, traveling, coking and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Ora of Heyburn; one son, Lonnie (Karen) Easton of Paul; one sister, Mildred (Fred) Schaffer of Byron, Calif.; two brothers, John (Faye) Reynolds of Heyburn, and Frank (Ruth) Reynolds of Copan, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Berdina Parry and Dianna Funk; one brother; and two sisters.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 1997, at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oak Ave. in Burley. The Rev. Laurie Hart officiating. Burial will follow at Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and one hour before the funeral on Wednesday at the church.

JEROME



Kathryn M. 'Kat' Clarke

Kathryn M. 'Kat' Clarke, 33, of Jerome, died Saturday, April 19, 1997, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

She was born September 17, 1963, in New York City, N.Y., to Robert and Patricia Milburn Clarke. She never met a stranger and was a best friend to everyone. Her life revolved around her children.

Kathryn loved fishing and the outdoors, always considered a "pool shark" extraordinaire. She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Patricia and Lloyd "Boboney" Rains; two sons of Jerome, children, Cori, Mark, Chase and Cordell; all of Jerome; brothers, Garry (Cory) of Jerome, Mike (William) of Jerome, and Tom of Jerome; and Mark (Nancy) Clarke of Ellensburg, Wash.; and Larry Webb of Bellevue. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Thomas Milburn.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 24, 1997, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Inurnment will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary & Crematory in Twin Falls.



Lloyd E. Theate

Lloyd E. Theate, 72-year-old Rupert resident, died Sunday, April 20, 1997.

He was born Aug. 21, 1924, to Albert and Ida Arkebauer Theate in Cawker City, Kan. He attended schools in Mitchell County, Kan. Later he moved to Filer with his parents.

He was in the United States Army serving in World War II. He married Delzie Hahn on Feb. 14, 1950, in Buhl. They lived in Filer and Twin Falls and moved to Rupert, Idaho, in 1958, where they home for two years. They attended and have since resided in the Emerson, Pa., area where she resided until the time of her death.

drinking water and milk. The neighbors came over to their home for drinking water and milk. He took on jobs with the attitude of how can we get the job done best, not you have to do it my way. He worked in getting things done.

He enjoyed working on the Sugar Beet Growers Board, because he got to work with good people and trying to improve and protect the industry and community. Lloyd was a people person. He cared about people. He wanted you to understand God's love for you, because he cared about you.

Lloyd was a member of the Good Sam's Club. He loved to golf, travel, do woodworking, fish and visit with friends. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. He served as an Elder for 12 years, and was also chairman of his congregation; and laborer on building projects such as Immanuel Lutheran School in Twin Falls, Trinity Lutheran Church addition, and at Camp Parkins. In the past, he served as youth group leader, and a Sunday school teacher.

He is survived by his wife, Deloris of Rupert; six daughters, Caroline (Leland) Snyder, and Arlene (Kevin) Smyer, both of Rupert, Grace (Steve) Hauptman of Camarillo, Calif., Bernita (Tom) Kraska of Yorkville, Ill., Joy (Ron) Thomas of Troutdale, Ore., and Gayle Theate of Nampa; one son, Mark Theate of Rupert; two brothers, Ernest Theate of Twin Falls, and Glen Theate of Seaside, Ore.; and 12 grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 24, 1997, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert, with Pastor L.G. Mietzen officiating. Burial will follow at Gem Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary in Burley.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 909 Eighth St., Rupert ID 83350.

BURLEY



Theron K. Smith

Theron K. Smith, 63-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, April 20, 1997, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born June 22, 1933, in Benjamin, Utah, the son of Charles and Ethel Dorothy Smith. He moved to Idaho in 1919 and attended school in Burley. He married Bernice (Bea) Nelson of Oakley, on Sept. 1, 1958, in Burley. They farmed and ranched in the Burley area and also worked at Portland Feeders for 15 years.

He was a member of the Clearmont Garage, serving in various leadership positions, and the Cassia County Sheriff's posse. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, but most of all, he enjoyed tring horses and good dogs. He was a member of the LDS Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bea of Burley; one son, Roy Smith of Burley; two daughters, Flene (Fred) Samples of Burley, and Annie (Ray) Roberts of Gilbert, Ariz.; four grandsons, Tab Smith and Ryan Samples, both of Burley, and Patrick Roberts and Dillon Roberts, both of Gilbert; one great-granddaughter, Kylie; and one great-grandson, Kaleo Smith of Burley, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, and one granddaughter.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 1997, at the Park LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 160 W. 400 S. of Burley. Burial will be at Gem Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.

The family suggests that instead of flowers, donations be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

North Idaho rivers reach flood stage

The Associated Press

High waters caused by melting snow and a weekend of heavy rain inundated much of the northeastern Washington town of Chewelah Monday and caused minor problems elsewhere in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho.

In Northern Idaho, flood warnings remained in effect for the Snake and Coeur d'Alene river valleys.

Both rivers were one to two feet above flood stage and were expected to remain so for most of the week. The Weather Service said the flooding affected low-lying areas, and no dwellings were in immediate danger.

But Cataldo resident Alfred Erickson was getting a small boat ready to use in case waters of the north fork of the Coeur d'Alene continued rising. The water had already crept up part of a slope in Erickson's backyard.

The water has got to go some place, because the ground is very saturated, and the water is coming down the dikes that protect Cataldo, which experienced heavy flooding last year.

Some secondary roads and campgrounds along the Coeur d'Alene's north fork were inundated.

Roadway flooding and small mudslides also were reported in Bonner, Boundary and Latah counties in Idaho.

Chewelah residents piled sandbags to protect against the rising waters of Chewelah Creek, which overflowed its banks and left much of a downtown park under water. The creek left a portion of U.S. 395 covered with a few inches of water, allowing traffic through downtown to a crawl.

The high water also closed a few streets in town and hurt business at Jackie Roh's downtown coffee shop, which was encircled

with a wall of sand bags. Some shops were not in immediate danger of being flooded.

"I kind of had an image of everything bobbing around in my store, but so far, so good," Roh said.

Farther north, the Shewana County Sheriff's Office reported numerous mudslides in the Northport area. In central Washington, flood residents left their homes Monday, fearing that a Yakima River dike would fail.

A handful of families near Selah were evacuated because private levy "had some problems," said Dawn LaPierre, a Yakima County Emergency Management Services spokeswoman.

But the dike held and the river began falling after rising nearly a foot above its 33.3-foot flood stage, the National Weather Service reported.

Mormon Church president visits Elko

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — More than 4,200 people turned out Sunday for Mormon Church President Gordon B. Hinckley's first visit here.

In a speech at the Spring Creek High School gym, Hinckley said he was pleased with church membership in Elko and predicted there

would be a Mormon temple in the town someday.

He and former Brigham Young President Jeffrey Holland spoke to members of four northern Nevada stakes of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dr. Kurt Alleman, an Elko optometrist and state legislator, said people had to be turned

away from the gym because there wasn't enough room inside during the two-hour stake conference.

Hinckley, 86, also gave young people a list of "five Bs" to aim for during their school years.

"Be smart, be true, be humble, be clean and be prayerful," he said.

OBITUARIES

TWIN FALLS

Joyce Fisher Stewart

Joyce Stewart, 87, passed away Friday, April 11, 1997, at her home in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

She was born March 16, 1930, and was raised in Kimberly and Twin Falls. She attended school in Kimberly and graduated from Twin Falls High School Class of 1948 after having moved to Twin Falls in 1946. Joyce graduated from the University of Idaho in 1952. She taught two years in the Gooding school system. She married Donald L. Stewart, Jr. of Greeley, Colo., in 1954. He finished dental school in Kansas City after having graduated from the Church. They were then in La Rochelle, France, where he served in the U.S. Army as a dentist.

Upon returning to the states, they owned a dental practice in Burley, Glenwood Springs and have lived there since that time.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Don; three sons, Charlie, Gunner,

and Patrick; one daughter, Gretchen; and her brother, C.L. "Foggie" Fisher of Kimberly. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Ina Fisher of Twin Falls.

A memorial service was held April 17, 1997, in Glenwood Springs.

FILER

Katherine 'Katie' Jasper

Katherine 'Katie' Jasper, 89, of Filer, died Saturday, April 19, 1997, at the Snake River Rehabilitation Center in Buhl.

Katie was born June 25, 1903, in Lam Bavaria, Germany, to Alois and Katherine Winter Oxler. She moved with her family to Twin Falls, Idaho, on Feb. 10, 1926, she married Julius Jasper in Buhl.

Katie was a charter member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, a member of St. Anne's Study Club, the Poplar Hill Club, and the Filer Senior Citizens.

Surviving are four daughters, Irene

Chambers Montgomery of Filer, Mary Wright of Buhl, Katherine (Lloyd) Balch of Twin Falls, and Joanna Woodruff of Hemdon, Va.; a sister, Anna Bush of Twin Falls; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Julius; by three sons-in-law, Charlie Chambers, Gail Wright, and Clifford Montgomery; two brothers, Lud Drexler and John Drexler; a sister, Cecelia Bush; and by a grandson, Gregory Woodruff.

A prayer vigil with Rosary will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 1997, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Funeral Mass will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 1997, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Clover Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral chapel today from 8 p.m. until the time of the Rosary.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Lung Association or to St. Edward's Catholic School.

DEATH NOTICES

Ronald R. Finney

RUBEN — Ronald R. Finney, 55, of Buhl, died Monday, April 21, 1997, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Glen W. Anderson

RUPERT — Glen W. Anderson, 83, of Rupert, died Monday, April 21, 1997, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

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

Josephine Linz

TWIN FALLS — Josephine Linz, 87, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 21, 1997, at Bridge View Estates in Twin Falls.

Loreline S. Wallace, of Denver, Colo., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service, 2 p.m., today, Twin Falls Cemetery, (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted: Raquel Borraro of Wendell.

Released: Helen Whitesell of Twin Falls.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted: Helen Hunt and Brogan Palomarez, both of Heyburn.

Released: Kimberly Whitaker of Burley; Dell Carlson of

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted: Brenda Farnsworth and Ruben Ramirez, both of Rupert; and Denise Halstead and Wynne Martindale, both of Burley.

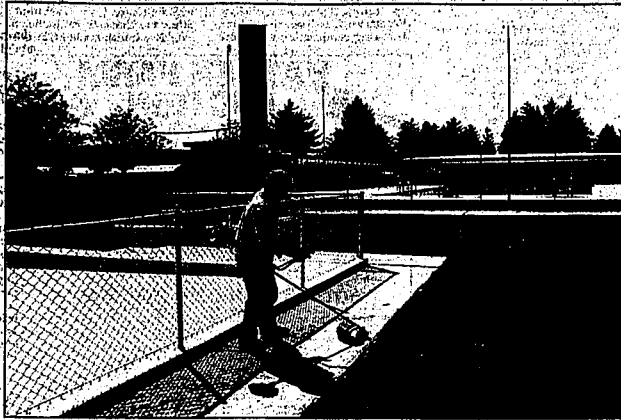
Released: Ruben Ramirez, Gwenivere McCombs, Tress Eagle, Stephanie Leback, Sergio Gil, Emma Brimley and Floy Jackson, all of Rupert; Karl Russell and Shelby Rossetto, both of Paul; and Maxine Burgess of Burley.

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SPRING-CLEANING



State Admire of the Burley City Parks and Recreation Department trims the grass and cleans up around Salmon Park Monday afternoon, making preparations for the city pool to open.

Teton Valley looks to prevent scams

DRIGGS (AP) — Builders and government officials in Teton County are struggling to get a handle on a building market some say is ripe for abuse.

There is little government oversight and a growth spurt has dramatically increased the number of new homes being built in the eastern Idaho county.

"It's a fiasco up here," said Pete Moyer, a builder in the valley for 23 years.

Moyer is president of the new Teton Valley Builders Association, an industry group that polices members to ensure they meet minimum business requirements. Teton County commissioners also are considering an ordinance requiring all builders to register with the county.

Builders who do not pay bills, do shoddy work or do not pay worker's compensation are nothing new, Moyer said. But several high-profile cases over the past year have galvanized efforts to monitor the local industry.

One builder, Harvey Hoffmester, declared bankruptcy in January, leaving debts with a long line of local companies,

according to court records. Several companies filed liens on unsuspecting homeowners who hired Hoffmester and his company, Alpine Construction, and one homeowner has sued Hoffmester for poor quality construction.

Efforts to reach Hoffmester or his attorney were unsuccessful.

'It's a fiasco up here.'

— Pete Moyer, valley builder

Cliff Parker, another builder, had court judgments totaling more than \$15,000 against him for not paying bills. A judge in neighboring Teton County, Wyo., issued a \$836,000 judgment against Parker after he failed to respond to charges he used money from a customer's construction loan to buy other property.

Efforts to reach Parker or his attorney were unsuccessful.

Building permits for new homes issued by Teton County have almost doubled in recent years, from 84 in 1992 to a high of 160 in 1995. But Moyer and

Commissioner Geneo Knight said they have not seen a dramatic increase in related problems.

The Idaho attorney general's Consumer Protection Unit has heard from only one Teton County consumer in each of the last two years. But county planner Leslie Nemeth said local growth, coupled with a building slow-down in nearby Jackson, Wyo., makes problems more likely.

"When the growth slows down in one area and goes up in another area, you're bound to wind up with a variety of people," she said.

Teton County could also be a prime candidate for problem contractor because there is little oversight of building and business practices.

"Right now there's nothing. You can get a contractor off the wall of the bulletin board at the grocery store," Moyer said at the end of the evening.

Idaho is one of eight states that does not require builders to have a state license or register with the state. And like most Idaho counties, Teton County has no local licensing either.

Thousands expected for 50th anniversary

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Former President Bush and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher head a list of luminaries scheduled to address Air Force veterans and air chiefs from around the globe this week.

The occasion is "Air Force Fifty," a five-day series of events marking the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force.

"For a lot of World War II veterans, this will be a bittersweet event," Howard Metzger, chief of media relations for the sponsoring Air Force Association, said Monday. "This may be the last time a lot of them get together for a reunion of this type: They paved the way for the modern Air Force."

"For Korean veterans, it will be a chance to relive those years, and the same for Vietnam veter-

ans, to meet, to recollect, to tell old war stories. And the men and women of the modern Air Force will be able to share in those memories."

The U.S. Air Force was established in 1947.

Bush, a decorated World War II Navy pilot, author-futurist Dr. Alvin Toffler and Sally Condit, president and CEO of The Boeing Company, will appear before the Air Force veterans for an International Airpower Symposium. Lady Thatcher will address the symposium by video satellite.

Metzger said both Bush and Lady Thatcher are likely to focus on the role of airpower in the Gulf War. Lady Thatcher is also expected to speak on the role of American aviation in helping save England in World War II.

CSI plans comet shows until end of April

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The comet Hale-Bopp won't be back for another 23 years, so the College of Southern Idaho is planning to celebrate the aerial show through the end of the month.

Every Tuesday night through the end of the month, CSI will present a free public telescope viewing of the comet Hale-Bopp through the college telescope. The viewings will begin immediately after the regularly scheduled 7

p.m. planetarium show.

The show, titled "Comet: From Ice to Fire," will be presented five times per week, beginning the end of May at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Friday, and at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for students, and advance reservations are recommended.

Each Tuesday, provided the sky is clear, CSI will offer free viewing sessions for Hale Bopp beginning at dusk at the Herret Center.

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the parking lot and apron, and add a new security gate.

It's part of a \$92.0-million package of improvements at the airport. A Federal Aviation Administration grant will pay for 90 percent of the project. The state Division of Aeronautics has offered \$25,000, while the city and county must contribute \$67,054.

Improvements include reconstruction and expansion of the airport parking lot, expansion of the passenger apron, adding a new utility service area, a mechanical passenger lift for passengers with

disabilities.

The council awarded a \$748,655 contract to Idaho Sand and Gravel Co. to provide everything but the passenger lift. Construction will begin within a month, and the company has three months to finish the job.

Allen predicted slow, steady growth for the airport and vowed to boost revenues by establishing a light industrial park in the area. Providing adequate water and utility service will be one of his major challenges.

Last year, Allen won the

A second airpower symposium is scheduled Thursday morning featuring Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman, and former Defense Secretary William Perry.

Also Thursday, Gen. Howell Estes will speak on the future of the Air Force in space.

Charles "Chuck" Yeager, a World War II pilot who flew an X-1 rocket-powered aircraft faster than the speed of sound in 1947, is scheduled to unveil a replica of the X1 this evening.

The convention is sponsored by the Arlington, Va.-based AFA.

More than 13,000 AFA members are registered for the convention, which begins Tuesday and runs through Saturday. Some 169 military units have scheduled reunions during convention.

Washington man missing after canoe tips

The Times-News

LEWISTON (AP) — A Clarkston, Wash. man was missing and presumed drowned after a canoe he and a brother were riding in capsized in the Clearwater River.

Solomon Kampf, 26, was last seen by witnesses Saturday afternoon about five feet from the north shore of the river near Myrtle Beach east of Lewiston, the Nez Percé County sheriff's office said.

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"We probably would not see any expansion in that area, particularly," Meyerhoeffer said.

Board member Donna Brizee said the building "needs to be compatible with what's on campus."

Board member Bill Babcock said, "I think it's probably a worthwhile cause to look at."

Meyerhoeffer suggested the board refer the matter to the CSI board's next meeting May 19 to discuss the proposal further.

In other business, the CSI board unanimously raised fees

Idaho educators back smaller classes with more parental involvement

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho Education Association wants the state to require smaller classes, extend the school day and raise taxes to pay for a more than \$700 million backlog in school facility needs.

More than 400 teachers at the association's annual delegate assembly during the weekend approved calling for the 1998 Legislature to consider sweeping education reform that would cap kindergarten through sixth-grade classes at 20 students and seventh through 12th-grade classes at 25.

Representatives of the state's largest teachers union also recommended extending the school year from 190 to 200 days, with some of that time used for parental

contact and professional development for teachers.

Keeping schools open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to offer educational services such as computer and library access during the early morning and late afternoon hours, child care and additional physical education opportunities also would be available.

Encouraging more involvement from parents by "establishing effective systems to ensure all parents attend at least two parent-teacher conferences per-year, regardless of grade level."

The association also wants incentives for local businesses to allow working parents to volunteer at least one hour each month in their children's school during the regular school day.

Assigning experienced teach-

ers to mentor new teachers for at least one year.

Creating a Teaching Intern Certificate for teachers during their first three years. A decision whether to issue a continuing "Professional Training Certificate" would come at the end of the third year.

Increasing an existing tax or create a new one to help school districts address building needs and class size caps.

A strongly worded resolution that called for banning tobacco advertising and vending machines failed after opponents said the association could discourage membership by getting involved in private sector business decisions. However, a call to ban government subsidies of tobacco products was approved.

U.S. Secretary of Energy finishes New Mexico tour

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — New Mexico plays a crucial role in international science and technology with its Department of Energy laboratories and facilities, Energy Secretary Federico Pena said Monday.

"This state, I hope people realize, is making extraordinary contributions to our country and to the world in the work of the laboratories," said Pena.

Before leaving the state Monday, Pena had scheduled a visit with the Department of Energy's Albuquerque office and a private meeting with anti-nuclear activists.

Also during his visit, Pena toured Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, a Hispanic Culture Center and an elementary school.

"I think he has the indoor record for most consecutive days in the borders of New Mexico by any Secretary of Energy or any secretary of any other Cabinet," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who accompanied Pena during most of his visit.

"I think he is convinced by what he has seen that New Mexico's DOE facilities must be well-funded."

"Our labs are really the crown

jewels of the system, and we must continue to insure that the leadership we have had in our labs for many years continues," he said.

The DOE has played an intrinsic role in New Mexico's economy ever since Robert Oppenheimer brought atomic researchers to Los Alamos more than 50 years ago.

Last year, DOE spending in New Mexico matched the entire state's budget of \$3 billion, DOE officials say every \$100 they spend here generates another \$225 of additional economic activity.

The relationship is not entirely one-sided. New Mexico's DOE facilities account for about 18 percent of the DOE's entire budget.

Those facilities — essential to department operations — include two of the nation's three nuclear research centers. There's also the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, a \$1.8 billion project designed to bury plutonium-contaminated waste from the nation's defense industry 2,150 feet underground in salt caverns southeast of Carlsbad.

"The Department of Energy has the most investment, the most facilities, the most personnel in New Mexico," said Bingaman.

State police officer resigns following shots

SODA SPRINGS (AP) — A 22-year veteran with the Idaho State Police has resigned after firing three shots into the ceiling of his home during a dispute.

Police Cpl. Dennis Abrams has been on administrative leave since the March 30 incident. He was not charged.

Pointing the gun at anyone and there were no injuries. He is on paid retirement.

"He's been a good officer to see him go, and I wish him well in the future."

— ISP Lt. Mikk Sutton

Abrams earlier said he fired the shots out of frustration with his girlfriend's adult daughters.

His girlfriend had been under emotional stress caused by her husband's death and developing cancer, he said, adding her daughters were talking about putting her in a mental institution.

Grandmother tells judge that her grandson should never get out of jail

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A 72-year-old woman who was beaten unconscious and whose husband was stabbed to death told a judge here Monday that her grandson and his friend should spend the rest of their lives in prison for the attack.

Wanda Anderson survived the attack last July by her grandson, 24-year-old Michael Munson and his 16-year-old friend, Robert Austin. Her husband, Edward John Anderson, 67, died from stab wounds after he fired a gun at the intruders.

Munson, of Ogden, and Austin, of Washington Terrace, pleaded guilty last month to aggravated murder, attempted aggravated murder and aggravated burglary. They agreed to plead guilty to the

condition that prosecutors would not seek the death penalty against them.

Mrs. Anderson told 2nd District Judge Pamela Heffernan that she remembered the pair coming in through a back door and beating her unconscious. Heffernan is making testimony in a sentencing hearing this week.

Also testifying Monday was Robert Munson, Anderson's son and Michael Munson's uncle. He, too, asked for life sentences for the pair.

He said his mother had given her grandson \$12,000 over time to help him pay for rent and groceries. After the attack and her hospitalization, two psychiatrists determined she was suffering from dementia. "I had to be with

her 24 hours a day. I had to quit my job," the son said.

North Ogden Detective Clark Crowther, who interviewed Austin within days of the attack, testified that the youth showed no remorse when he confessed the crime.

The detective told the judge that Anderson shot him in the left shoulder and hand before Austin stabbed him to death and fled the house, Crowther said.

Austin was taken to a hospital by family members, and told authorities there he was wounded in a drive-by shooting, Crowther said. After he awoke later in the hospital, he told his family the truth and they called police, Crowther said.

Oakley

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Smyer of Albion to immediately release water from his two private, earthen dams. Smyer's dams are not authorized for storage either, but represent a public safety issue rather than simply an administrative issue, Larsen said.

If Oakley Dam were not safe, it would be a different matter.

"It doesn't mean it isn't important, but it doesn't mean if you

put water in your dam it's going to fall down," Larsen said.

Water releases represent 428 dams throughout the state. A handful do not have permits, but most of these are safe, Larsen said.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Bunch can be reached at Burley at 677-4042.

for out-of-state and foreign students to \$1,000 per semester from \$600, noting that CSI is still less expensive than North Idaho College and the cheapest college in the state.

The board also purchased a \$70,385 video mail and scanning system from Management Systems Advisory Group of Portland, Ore.; a \$64,332 lighting system for the fine arts auditorium on Oasis State Woods of Salt Lake City; a \$65,900 system for heating ventilation and air conditioning controls from Utah Controls of Salt Lake City and \$7,622 worth of sheet metal work from

Magic Valley Refrigeration. No other companies submitted proposals except for the sheet metal work, which went to the lowest bidder.

Dick Sterling, physical plant director, reviewed major projects on campus, including paving, removing the Taylor Building and refurbishing the doors on the north end of the Expo Center. Paving should cost \$200,000 and Expo Center work should cost about \$50,000, he said.

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IDAHO

Man resentenced on new charge, may get parole

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho Falls man whose 1994 rape conviction was overturned on appeal who resentenced based on a plea agreement that immediately made him eligible for parole.

Michael John Gittins, 34, has served three years and seven months of a seven-year sentence for rape. On Monday, he was sentenced to three to six years on a new charge of battery with intent to commit a felony. But he also

was granted credit for time served, making him eligible for parole.

The ultimate decision to release Gittins will be up to the state Commission of Pardons and Parole, 7th District Judge Ted Wood said.

Gittins will not be a registered sex offender after his release since the rape conviction was overturned by the Idaho Court of Appeals last summer.

The appellate court ruled that

the presiding judge at Gittins' trial gave the jury an erroneous instruction in response to a question about the legal definition of sexual intercourse.

The court also found the defense attorney improperly failed to object to the instruction, and it ordered a new trial. But in the meantime, the Idaho Falls Police Department accidentally destroyed the physical evidence in the case.

The prosecution and the

defense agreed the case would be difficult or impossible to retry without the evidence, so Gittins was offered the plea bargain.

His victim was in court Monday to oppose the new charge.

"It was not an attempt to commit a felony; the felony happened," the woman told Wood.

She said she thought that with witness testimony there was enough evidence to put the original rape charge before a jury again.

Bargain reduces illegal medical practice charges

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A Blackfoot man accused of practicing medicine on humans and animals without a license has cut a deal with prosecutors that reduces the number of charges against him and clears his girlfriend.

James Gary Boldt, 43, was scheduled to stand trial April 29 on 14 felony charges and two misdemeanors. The plea agreement reduces the charges to one felony count of practicing medicine without a license, one misdemeanor charge of practicing veterinary medicine without a license and one felony count of issuing an insufficient

funds check.

His sentencing is scheduled for July 14 before 7th District Judge James Hemdon.

Boldt cut the same deal with Blingham County prosecutors in January but changed his mind in February.

A May 6 jury trial had been set for Boldt's girlfriend, Brenda Lopez, who was charged with harboring a wanted felon. Prosecutors alleged Lopez hid Boldt from police in her Blackfoot home for several months last year before he was arrested in July. But the charge will be dropped as part of Boldt's

plea agreement, according to court records.

Charges against Boldt stem from a March 1995 incident in which he allegedly injected a Blackfoot teen-ager with the anesthetic drug Marcaine and a June 1994 incident in which he allegedly performed surgery on a dog.

Boldt was convicted of similar charges in Jackson, Wyo., in 1993. He served about 30 days in jail and performed community service.

Practicing medicine without a license is punishable by up to five years in prison and \$10,000 in fines in Idaho. The insufficient

funds charge carries a penalty of up to three years in prison and \$50,000 in fines, and practicing veterinary medicine without a license is a civil infraction punishable by up to 180 days in county jail and \$3,000 in fines.



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St. Maries woman joins parole board

BOISE (AP) — Janie Dresen, administrator of the St. Maries Chamber of Commerce, has been selected by the Idaho Board of Correction to fill a vacancy on the Commission of Pardons and Parole.

Mrs. Dresen's term on the five-member parole and clemency board will expire in January 2002.

She succeeds Del Ray Holm of Roberts, whose term expired. He spent more than 14 years on the commission.

Holm was among three parole board members in the majority last May as the panel voted 3-2 to recommend that Gov. Phil Batt commute the death sentence of convicted murderer Donald Manuel Paradis to life in prison without parole.

Batt followed the commission's recommendation.

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Expected to draw more than 2,000 spectators, The Coeur d'Alene Regatta would be a sanctioned, Class B rowing competition with more than 200 teams, said Marc Semer, owner of Solart Design Group.

Elite collegiate rowing clubs from the likes of Yale, Stanford and Princeton would be invited, as well as teams from Washington State, the University of Idaho and even North Idaho College, he said.

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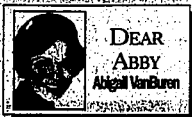
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Man whose heart is confused needs to sort out his feelings

DEAR ABBY: When I told "Confused Heart," "When in doubt, don't," and "the sooner you set her free, the sooner she'll be happy," she can look for someone who will be happy you jumped to the conclusion that what he was experiencing was adultery.

But I have not a single example of loving relationships in his life. In his later indicators, he may need to work through his feelings with a therapist, alone or as a couple.

But I'd like to see him throw away a three-year relationship because of your advice. I have not known a single person contemplating marriage who hasn't experienced doubt or wondered if the grass wasn't greener with another person.



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanDuren

My advice to "Confused Heart" would be to find a therapist and work out his feelings about love, commitment and relationships. If his current relationship does not work out, he'll have a much clearer idea of what he is looking for in a mate the next time around. And who knows, his girlfriend may just be the "right" one after all.

-NO LONGER CONFUSED THANKS TO THERAPY. DEAR NO LONGER CONFUSED: I received a bushel of well-reasoned responses to the letter from "Confused Heart" in Manhattan, the majority from readers who endorsed my answer. But I agree with you, counseling could be very helpful to that doubtdriven young man. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I was in a relationship like "Confused Heart's." I dated a guy for 13 years. He was so afraid of losing me to let me go, but all the while he never gave himself fully to me because he was always wondering what was out there. Finally, I left him.

My advice: If, after three years of dating, you still have a difficult

time period, you're with your friend for the rest of your life—if it is not how you imagined things should be—get out. Stay in simply leading your girlfriend on and giving her false hope. To jump into marriage at this point with all your doubts would surely make you another divorce statistic. You would always continue to wonder, as you have put it, "Is there real love out there?"

-HAPPILY MARRIED IN PENNSYLVANIA
DEAR ABBY: I read with great empathy the letter from "Confused Heart," who loved his girlfriend but wasn't sure she was the one. He wondered if he was living in a fairy tale world, or if there is a real love out there where there are no doubts.

I am 34 years old. I'm being married for the first time in June. As an adolescent I thought I wanted to get married as soon as possible, and regarded every guy I met as a potential mate. I stayed in some bad relationships because it was better than being alone. Over time, I matured, gained some self-esteem, and my expectations about relationships changed. I had several boyfriends, one of whom I grew to care for deeply. But I chose not to marry him because I, too, was unsure of what love was "supposed" to feel like. I didn't want to make a mistake and end up divorced.

Then I met Dan. I can't explain how I knew. I just knew. Dan was the one for me. I had no doubts. Abby, of all the guys I dated, no one made me feel the

way he does. He brings out the best in me. He's my best friend. He never gives me any reason to doubt his love for me.

I'm not saying that everyone should wait as long as I did to get married, but your advice was right on. If in doubt, DON'T—and that applies to more than just marriage. When it's right, you'll know it. I hope "Confused Heart" makes the right choice. But as for me, I'm ...

GLAD I WAITED
DEAR GLAD: Congratulations on your upcoming wedding. I love happy endings.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to tell your readers to always consult an attorney when dealing with paternity issues.

Out of the blue, we were hit with a suit to pay support for a child who is 12 years old. The woman listed as the mother was someone my husband had dated for one week. Needless to say, he was stunned. The state wanted back support for the tune of \$15,000, plus future support and medical insurance. My husband didn't know what to think, but I was fighting mad. We have a child of our own and another on the way.

I contacted an attorney in the state where the suit had been filed to learn what our rights were. He told us to insist on a paternity test. The state readily agreed they were sure my husband was the father, and they even paid for the test.

We were greatly relieved, but my heart breaks for the child who has been lied to for 12 years about who his father is.

Please urge your readers to insist on a paternity test. Regardless of how it turns out, everyone needs to know the truth.

-PUT TO THE TEST IN PORTLAND, ORE.
DEAR PUT: If a man is asked to support a child he is not sure is his, he should insist on a paternity

test. This test is the only way to establish that a man is (or is not) the biological father.

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issues, but not always necessary. Your physician can refer you to a laboratory that performs paternity (or parentage) testing.

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From church basements to singles bars, bingo is the indoor game of the 1990s

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The second hint that this was not a traditional night of bingo came after the caller read "11 4 1."

Before even checking their cards, each and every patron at the bar at Spin, a nightclub for young singles, caught the cue, snapped the first finger up, in a gesture of tribute to The Supremes, sang out, "You break my heart!"

The first hint, of course, was the caller seated on a throne chair, wearing a black dress, shoulder-length false hair and considerable jewelry, he was introduced to the crowd, amid much whooping and hollering, as Daisy Mae, though his real name is Tim.

From time to time, he shrieked, "Attitude check!" on a microphone, his words ricocheting off nearby disco music thumped out of six closed-circuit TV sets. The crowd, snarling in response, was ready to play.

"It's fun... and you can still drink and talk" was one player, Edward Jones, though he was sent to a corner, sentenced to wear a plumed dunce cap, for not paying attention. Later, other patrons dined and fought and funneled having special contests, including one called "Speed Bingo."

"This," said one Spin newcomer who gave his name only as Larry, "is great." This is "Daisy Mae's Spin Bingo."

Described by its promoters as a performance-based gaming experience, it is one of many hot, new variations of a game popularized almost 70 years ago by Edwin S. Lowe, a toy company owner, after he watched a carnival operator run something called "beano," in which players marked spaces on a board with beans and shouted when they filled a line.

According to game historians, Lowe, printed cards for friends, renaming it after one of them named "Bingo," the victory cry, yelling "Bingo!"

Later, selling cards for \$2 a set, Lowe spawned a pastime that now reaches from church basements to the glittering casinos of Las Vegas.

There are bingo trips, such as the 9th Annual World Championship Bingo Tournament, which will offer \$5 games and \$100,000 in prizes, aboard the Carnival Destiny, cruising the Caribbean in November.

And bingo books, among them works of Beverly Gargas (author of the bestseller "Get Your Own Damn Supper, I'm Going to Bingo.")

And bingo advisers, notably on the "Bingo Bugle," a journal avail-

able on the Internet that offers tips on what to do if, for example, you can't hear because a player next to you is monopolizing. (Move.)

Unlike such Depression-era rivals as Monopoly and Parcheesi, which have yet to turn on the betting crowd, the ongoing game of bingo, it appears, is just getting bigger and weirder with each passing year.

As the Bugle notes, bingo is played by 500 million people around the world. It is a \$12 billion-a-year industry and, for some organized religions, has become a five-letter synonym for fundraising.

Bingo also has, as others note, become camp.

That is a state of mind which, according to critic Susan Sontag who first identified the phenomenon in 1965, requires its followers to "be serious about the frivolous and frivolous about the serious."

Camp reflects, Sontag also noted, "a certain playfulness, nourishing itself on love that has gone into certain objects and personal styles."

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Home-based secretarial services are taking off

KnightRidder News Service

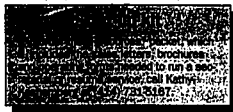
Looking for a great business to operate? If you like working with words, have a good aptitude for computer programs and can hold your own with customers, you might be a good candidate for a home- or office-based secretarial service.

Kathy Mandy, owner of Select Word Services in St. Paul, Minn., came to that conclusion 15 years ago when she left the corporate world. She started an after-hours home typing service while she worked as a secretary; four months later she quit her day job and she hasn't worked for anybody except herself since.

One thing she's learned in her work is the importance of discipline. "If you miss a deadline in this business, you lose it all," she said. "I make all my deadlines. I do it by being in my office every day from 8:30 to 5, and I don't schedule things during the day that are personal or social."

Most home-based operators develop a specialty niche. For Mandy, it's tape transcription. For others it might be graduate papers, medical billing, sales correspondence or resumes. When Mandy began her business, she served a number of independent sales representatives. Now those people use their own computers for correspondence, and Mandy is called on for more complex pieces that involve desktop publishing skills.

Kathy Keshenberg, owner of Computron in Appleton, Wis., started



her business in 1983. She was a single parent at the time, living on public assistance while she cared for an ill child. Now she owns her own home and employs another woman part-time. In addition to secretarial services, she develops resumes and cover letters for job seekers and provides office support to other home-based businesses.

Keshenberg is also active in the National Association of Office Services, and often gives advice to others who are considering this work. That's one reason she developed her "Resources" packet, which includes the sales letters, brochures and operating forms needed to run a secretarial or resume service. "It's so much easier to start when you have the forms already done," she said. "I wish I'd had something like this when I set up my business."

While Keshenberg and Mandy operate their businesses in metropolitan areas, Chris Dammud has taken the road less traveled — literally. She opened Support Services Network in downtown Wadena, Minn. — population 4,200 — four years ago, amid predictions of fail-

ure from the town newspaper and others. "A lot of people thought it wouldn't work," Dammud noted. "I got comments that it was too 'city-like' of a business."

Dammud has succeeded by offering something for everyone. In addition to traditional secretarial services, she also runs the town's only temporary services, rents out executive office suites with secretarial support included, organizes community events, offers computer training and provides bookkeeping services. Her staff of four also provides phone answering and customer service for other businesses in town. Profits have been good enough to allow her to purchase her building, and she has five business tenants who pay her rent. How does she know she's succeeding? The newspaper is now one of her best customers. "If you are interested in starting your own secretarial service, take some time for research first. Many services fail in their first years because their owners were not prepared for the realities of the work. Here are some resources to help you:

National Association of Secretarial Services (NAS) 237-1452. Ask for the information packet, which describes 14 publications to help you set prices, market for customers and set up your office.

Books to find at the library: "Word Processing For Dummies" by David and "Making Money Typing at Home," both by Peggy Glenn. "How to Open and Operate a Home-Based Secretarial Services Business" by Jan Melnik.

Latest inflation warning causes stocks to pull back

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks pulled back Monday as another inflation warning from the Federal Reserve quickly rattled the uneasy calm behind last week's rally. The sagging Nasdaq market suffered the worst damage again as investors continued to flee the volatile technology sector.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 43.34 points to 6,550.21, bouncing back over the final minutes from an abrupt afternoon slide of 86 points. The Dow added 310 points last week, recovering nearly half of the 700 points it lost over the prior month.

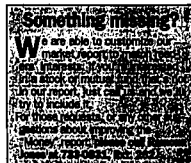
Broader stock measures also meandered during the lifeless session before turning sharply lower in the afternoon with the bond market, where interest rates rose following some cautionary

remarks by a top Fed official.

Fed vice chair Alice Rivlin warned that persistent strength in consumer demand could aggravate inflationary pressures at the nation's factories.

The remarks heightened fears the central bank will try to slow borrowing and spending with a sharp increase in interest rates. That would ease demand, but may also put a dent in company revenues and profits.

Last month, the Fed raised one of its key lending rates higher for the first time in two years. After Rivlin's comments were publicized, bond prices fell, boosting the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond — a key influence on borrowing costs — to 7.09 percent. Last week, the long-bond yield rose to a nine-month-high of 7.17 percent before edging lower.



Southwest holds top airline quality rating

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Southwest Airlines widened its lead over the competition, collecting its second straight first place in an annual airline quality rating by university researchers. The airline's rating was "Obviously, Southwest is a clear top-quality performer," Dean Headley of Wichita State University said at a news conference Monday.

Five airlines bunched close together for a second time, ahead of Delta of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. They are American, United, Delta, Continental and Northwest.

The professors praised Continental as the most improved carrier, jumping from last place to fifth in this year's rankings. Bringing up the last three spots in the rankings were US Airways, America West and TWA.

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NEW LAWSUIT

BOISE (AP) — Albertson's Inc. has been targeted by another class-action lawsuit alleging the supermarket chain illegally profits by coercing its employees to work off-the-clock without pay.

But Albertson's spokesman Michael Reed said the complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Boise on behalf of union and non-union employees in 17 states was the latest in a series of allegations the union has yet to back up with specific evidence that the company can ignore.

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Advertisement for the 1997 Mercury Villager. Features a large image of the vehicle and text: 'EQUIPPED WITH AUXILIARY REAR HEAT & AIR CONDITIONING, POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS, CRUISE CONTROL, REAR DEFROSTER, POWER STEERING, POWER BRAKES. 1% OR \$2000 APR OR \$2000 CASH TO YOU FOR 48 MONTHS!'.

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Micron website offers students lessons about real-life work situations

BOISE (AP) — Micron Technology Inc. is preparing its next generation of workers via the Internet.

The company has added a K-12 education resources page on its World Wide Web site.

Much of the information on the page was developed by employees who are designed to give students a real-world look at what they need to know to work for a company like the computer chip manufacturer.

For example, a section on writing in the workplace was put together by Micron's professional writers. The section includes a comparison of creative and technical writing, and users can pull up samples of technical writing done at Micron.

"There isn't a reason in the world why technical writing isn't as vital in the classroom as creative writing," said David Sims, coordinator of Micron's K-12 education projects.

The New Plymouth School District's middle and high school teachers spent two days at Micron last fall learning how to teach technical writing. They are using the same material in their classrooms as that available online.

Superintendent Ryan Kerby said it is too soon to measure the results.

"But the students have enjoyed

it," he said. "They will work harder if they know they will use what they learn when they get out of school."

Micron's web site also features a math-in-the-workplace section. It includes sample math problems, math skills people need to know to do various jobs and salary estimates for those jobs.

Sims said she asked everyone in the company for an example of the type of math problem they routinely solve. The results, listed online, include unit conversions, calculating percentages and using exponents.

Dennis Roggenbuck, math chairman at Borah High School, said teachers at the school use some of the problems in their classes.

The web page also contains material for elementary school students.

Two lesson plans, co-developed by Micron and teachers at Boise's White Pine Elementary School, are geared for first- and second-graders. The first lesson plan teaches students about heat and light. The second focuses on sound.

Sims said about other lessons, through grade seven, will be added soon.

The web site's address is: www.micron.com/ml/hr/education/index.html.

Senator: CPI debate is generational issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — To Sen. Bob Kerrey, the debate over devising a more accurate measure of inflation isn't a mathematical abstraction.

In his view, the matter boils down to whether older Americans — political giants in Washington — will accept losing some of their federal retirement benefits to help a new generation attend college without swamping themselves in debt.

The key element pushing that question is a proposal before the administration and Congress for a slight reduction in the Consumer Price Index, or CPI.

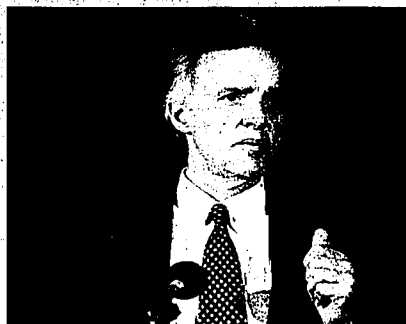
"We've got to say to people over 65 this adjustment is critical if we are going to be able to continue to say our middle class is growing," Kerrey, D-Neb., said at a Senate Finance Committee hearing.

"I think we need to say to people over the age 65, that unless we make the adjustment, there are going to be American children who graduate from high school who will not be able to send kids to college."

The hearing was focused on the Clinton budget proposal tax incentives for education and ways to reduce the crushing debts of college students, which can reach \$30,000 or more upon graduation.

Kerrey said those debt levels are destructive to society. He proposed financing additional college grants and other aid with savings generated by reducing the CPI.

The issue is the subject of a choice between the generations puts a novel and dramatic spin on the long-running debate over the Consumer Price Index. The index is used to make annual cost-of-liv-



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ing adjustments for Social Security and other retirement programs and to adjust the income tax to remove the impact of inflation.

In December, a panel of prominent economists led by Michael Boskin found the CPI overstates inflation. Panel members recommended reducing the index by 1.1 percent annually, a change that would generate an estimated \$1 trillion in budget savings over 12 years. That enormous sum could be redirected toward a variety of

goals, ranging from tax cuts to social programs.

A CPI reduction is a major unresolved issue in this year's budget talks, with Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-DeL, advocating using savings from a CPI reduction to finance deep tax cuts. Also favoring CPI reduction is Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., the finance committee's ranking Democrat.

Talk of adopting the Boskin commission's CPI reduction has riled

powerful lobbies for senior citizens and labor unions and even became a theme in last year's presidential campaign as President Clinton blasted Republicans for wanting to cut Medicare spending.

David Certner, AARP's senior economics coordinator, said the over-50s advocacy group supports an accurate Consumer Price Index but believes it should be righted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which publishes it. To Certner, politicians like Kerrey are using the argument over CPI's accuracy for other purposes.

"It's nice to be able to argue accuracy, but clearly he has been in favor of a cut before the CPI debate," Certner said. "To say CPI should be lowered to pay for educating the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which publishes it. To Certner, politicians like Kerrey are using the argument over CPI's accuracy for other purposes."

In 1994, Kerrey and former Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., headed a bipartisan entitlement and tax reform panel that in 1994 recommended a number of long range changes, including a CPI cut.

Certner's American Association of Retired Persons has calculated that trimming the CPI, as Boskin proposed, would lead to a \$5,000 reduction in benefits for the average Social Security recipient over a decade.

Without the change, Kerrey contends, the federal budget rapidly will become consumed with mandated spending for seniors and other benefits programs.

Currently, 66 percent of the budget goes to mandated spending. In five years, that will be 70 percent. Seen that way, Kerrey regards the CPI change as critical to the long-term health of the budget and the economy's future expansion.

MONEY IN BRIEF

Rates mixed in Treasury bill auction

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities were mixed in Monday's auction.

The Treasury Department sold \$6.1 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 5.21 percent, up from 5.15 percent last week. An additional \$6 billion in six-month bills at an average rate of 5.38 percent, down from 5.42 percent.

The three-month bill rate was the highest since they sold for 5.25 percent on March 24. The six-month bill rate was the lowest since they averaged 5.30 percent on April 7.

The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 5.36 percent for three-month bills with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,663.30 and 5.61 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,716.80.

In a separate report, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, the most popular index for making changes in adjustable-rate mortgages, fell to 5.98 percent last week from 5.99 percent the previous week.

Alaska Air Group has better 1st quarter

SEATTLE — Alaska Air Group said Monday its losses in the first three months of this year narrowed compared with the year-earlier period.

The parent company of Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air reported a first-quarter net loss of \$5.7 million, or 39 cents a share, compared with a loss of \$7.2 million, or 52 cents a share, in the first quarter of 1996.

Operating revenue for the quarter rose to \$380 million, an 8.3 percent increase, while operating expenses were up 8.2 percent to \$386 million. The operating loss for the quarter was \$5.4 million, compared with \$5.2 million a year earlier.

John F. Kelly, president and chief executive officer, attributed the improved performance to an increase in passengers and higher ticket prices.

AT&T reports 24% drop in 1st-quarter profit

NEW YORK — AT&T Corp. said today its profit fell 24 percent in the first quarter, weakened by investments in new telecommunications markets and growing competition for long-distance phone service.

The nation's biggest long-distance company said it earned \$1.12 billion, or 69 cents a share, that was down from \$1.47 billion, or 92 cents a share, a year earlier.

The profit drop was in line with predictions last month by AT&T President John Walker and met expectations of 18 analysts who predicted average profits of 70 cents a share in the first quarter.

"Results are where we expected them to be as we implement our strategy," AT&T Chairman Robert E. Allen said in a statement.

Revenue from AT&T's continuing operations rose by 1.5 percent, from \$12.85 billion to \$13.05 billion, reflecting gains in AT&T's local phone service, long-distance service to businesses and wireless services.

But the expense of new investments and struggling sales of long-distance service to consumers more than offset any benefit to AT&T's bottom line. The company boosted spending on local, overseas and other young businesses in a continued bid to diversify beyond its core long-distance services, where intense rivalry has eroded profits in recent years.

Sprint may cut international telephone rates

ARLINGTON, Va. — Sprint is set to lower weekend rates for telephone calls abroad as consumers benefit from the elimination of Sunday holidays and increased traffic on the international network, USA Today reported today.

Sprint's announcement today will cut rates to as low as 10 cents per minute on the weekend, making a call to England as cheap as a domestic call, according to the report. Sprint had been charging 45 cents a minute.

Weekend calls to Germany, Italy and France will fall to 30 cents a minute, from 45 cents now.

Weekday rates are higher. AT&T and MCI charge 12 cents a minute for calls to Britain, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. All three carriers impose a \$3 monthly fee for the least carrier rates.

"The differences between domestic and international rates will diminish," said Daniel Alcazar, Sprint's director of international marketing.

Among the reasons for the cuts are a World Trade Organization pact in February, which is opening a \$30 billion global market. State-owned monopolies are lowering rates charged to foreign carriers connecting to their networks.

Also, traffic on the global network is growing, allowing big phone companies to buy access to other countries at lower bulk rates, Alcazar said.

Compiled from wire reports

Researchers back emergency devices in airports, malls

WASHINGTON (AP) — People who suffer cardiac arrest in public places do so most often in airports, shopping malls and sports arenas, according to a study that suggests placing heart-helping emergency equipment in those spots might be the best way to reduce the number of deaths.

The research, done by the King County Emergency Medical Services of Seattle, was presented Thursday evening at a Washington meeting of the American Heart Association.

The heart association is holding the meeting to promote the idea of putting in public areas and in ambulances the equipment called defibrillators — equipment that can shock a stopped

heart into beating again.

Even many ambulances and other emergency response personnel do not have defibrillators available currently, according to a second study presented at the conference.

Fewer than half of emergency medical technicians, and just 19 percent of non-EMTs who are the first responders to cardiac victims, are trained to use defibrillators or have access to them, that second study found.

Experts say a third of the 300,000 Americans who die of cardiac arrest every year might be saved if emergency workers could deliver an

electrical shock to restart the heart during the critical first minutes of an emergency.

Cardiac arrest is not a heart attack, it's worse: The electrical signals that tell the muscles to pump go haywire so the heart actually stops. Victims pass out almost immediately and the average survival rate is just 5 percent.

The Seattle survey of cardiac arrests in King County from 1990 to 1994 found that those that happened in public places were most likely to occur at the city's airport — seven a year on average, said Linda Beckler, coordinator of the research for the King County emergency medical services.

Effects of engine plant strike spread

DETROIT (AP) — The effects of an 11-day strike at a Chrysler engine plant spread Monday to Indiana and Mexico, where workers were told to stay home.

The latest layoffs brought the number of Chrysler workers idled to 22,293, including the 1,800 strikers. Fifteen plants in the United States, Canada and Mexico have been affected.

As contract talks continued by telephone Monday with the United Auto Workers, Chrysler refused to back down on its right to farm out 300 union-covered jobs to an independent supplier. The contract in dispute is a local one affecting only the Detroit engine plant.

The strike has shut down North American production of Chrysler's high-profitable Dodge Ram and Dakota pickups and Jeep Grand Cherokee sport utility vehicles. It also has stopped production of the Dodge Viper sports car and Dodge Ram vans.

Pickup assembly lines in Lago Alberto and Saitillo in Mexico went down last week and workers were told Monday they were laid off indefinitely, spokesman Tony Cervone said.

In Kokomo, Ind., 2,362 workers at two parts plants were laid off Monday.

The United Auto Workers members went on strike after negotiators failed to reach a new contract.

Issues include plant health and safety, workplace discrimination against minorities and Chrysler's desire to shift more rear-drive parts production to outside the plant.

In addition to V-6, V-8 and V-10 engines, the plant makes drive shafts.

Swing into spring with Times-News Sports.



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COMICS

Peanuts
By Charles M. Schulz

It was a dark and stormy night.

NO NOT AGAIN.

It was one of those dark nights when you weren't sure if it was going to be stormy or not.

Dibbert
By Scott Adams

THIS SO-CALLED "FAMILY FRIENDLY" POLICY IS LIKE A TAX ON CHILDLESS PEOPLE.

YOU GET CHILD-CARE; I GET LOWER PROFIT-SHARING. YOU GET TIME OFF FOR FAMILY; I GET TO PICK UP YOUR SLACK...

I'M A VICTIM, BUT IN SOME STRANGE WAY I'M ENJOYING IT.

THEN YOU'LL LOVE THIS!

G.C.
By Johnny Hart

WHAT'S GREEN WITH WHITE STRIPES AND HAS 300 FEET?

I GIVE UP... WHAT?

A FOOTBALL FIELD.

Garfield
By Jim Davis

DO TREES HAVE FEELINGS LIKE LOVE... HATE... PAIN?

OH PAIN... DEFINITELY.

REALLY WHY?

RIGHT NOW YOU'RE MY ROOT.

SORRY.

Hi and Lois
By Chance Brown

THIS PEDIATRICIAN HAS GOTTEN SO POPULAR!

EVERYBODY'S LOOKING FOR QUALITY MEDICAL CARE THESE DAYS.

FOR ME IT WAS THE WAITING ROOM!

The Wizard of Id
By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

THIS MAN IS A LOCAL WINEMAKER, SURE... WE ARRESTED HIM FOR STEALING FROM THE CHURCH POOL BOX!

WHAT GAVE HIM AWAY?

THE PURPLE FOOT-PRINTS.

Hagar the Horrible
By Chris Brown

HAGAR, YOU SLEEP UNTIL NOON HANG OUT AT SPIKES BAR AND DON'T LET YOUR FINGER AROUND THIS HOUSE!

IS THIS THE BEHAVIOR OF A RESPONSIBLE MARRIED MAN?

HOW DO YOU COME UP WITH ALL THESE HARD QUESTIONS?

Bottle Balley
By Mort Walker

SEE YOU LATER.

WHY THE HECK ARE YOU GOING IN THERE?

WORKSHOP.

IT'S THE LAST PLACE GARGE WOULD LOOK FOR ME.

Frank and Ernest
By Bob Thaves

TO THE ROYAL CHAMBERS.

WELL, OF COURSE YOUR RATINGS ARE GREAT!... YOU'VE GOT THE TIME SLOT RIGHT BETWEEN FEASTING AND DEBAUCHERY!

The Bon Loner
By Art Sansom & Chip

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SINCE LAST SUMMER...

BUT MUST YOU BE SO IMPATIENT? I WARNED YOU THE WEATHER CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE THIS TIME OF YEAR!

For Better or For Worse
By Lynn Johnston

WHAT'S THAT SMELL? THE WALLPAPER HAD DROPPED FINALLY GOT THE SPONGE TO CLEAN HERE. AT THE MOMENT I SAID HE'D PUT IT UP.

MAGNETS AND TAPES ARE WITH ME AND I'M GOING TO TAKE THEM TO THE LIVING ROOM FURNITURE!

GO THIS IS NEVER GOING TO BE MY ROOM AGAIN... IS IT?

DO NOT LOOK AT ME... THAT'S WHAT MICHELLE'S TRICKS ARE ALL ABOUT.

THAT'S RIGHT... I'M GOING TO DON'T ASK!

Blonde
By Dean Young & Stan Drake

OW! EW-W! OUCH!

AUGH! WHOA!

NORODY! BUT NORODY GETS MORE SHAVES OUT OF A BLADE THAN I DO!

Pickles
By Brian Crane

IF YOU WANT THINK ABOUT WHAT ABOUT NELEON?

DON'T YOU THINK WE NEEDS AND DON'T YOU THINK FATHER POLICE IN HIS LIFE?

WELL, HE'S GOT HIS GRANDFATHER.

DON'T YOU THINK HE NEEDS AND DON'T YOU THINK FATHER POLICE IN HIS LIFE AND DOESN'T HE WANT TO BLOW OUT HIS BIRTHDAY CANDLES?

Dennis the Menace
By Hank Ketcham

I'M HAVING A SINGLE PARENT. BEFORE YOU CAN WORK FOR US."

The Family Circus
By Bill Keane

"Chicken Little was right. The sky DID fall down."

A California inn with a mission

In 1875 at California's Riverside, Tom Miller wanted to turn his farm house into a hostelry where tired travelers could feel safe in a bandit world. So he called it the Mission Inn, and to create an appropriate ambience, put on a monk's robe tied with a rope and shuffled quietly around the halls at night.

At last report a new name was added to the organ waiting list: in the United States every 18 minutes.

Q. Why are well switches always about 12 inches higher than the door-knob?

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WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Scientists at the Institute of Animal Physiology in Cambridge, England, have done it. The embryo is implanted in surrogate sheep and goat mothers. They call their hybrid a "geep."

Yes, insects have "ears," so to speak. Hearing organs of one sort or another. But no insect has them in its head.

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HOROSCOPE Sydney Omar

IF APRIL 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You were separated psychologically or otherwise from one or both parents while relatively young. You did not follow family tradition. You created your own tradition. Your interests are varied, often lead to volatile encounters with those who lack imagination. You are a Taurus, Leo, Scorpio person play out-standing roles in your life. Social activities excite you in May, you'll enjoy interest in art, music, literature, museum. October memorials.

TAURUS (March 21-April 19): Full moon relates to your House of Mystery. You'll make personal magnetism, aura of sensuality, Sauris money gift. Constat - Capricorn plays top role. Cancer native involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Encouragement received for emotional issues. Go for brass ring, reach beyond the immediate. Replaces money gift. appeal, conquer distance, language fluency. Gemini also involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refreshing! People feel your words, cloudy lines, spiritual eye reawakening. Don't hold back, highlight independence, originality, new direction. Leo, Aquarius personal roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lost article located, culprit confesses, be merciful but not lenient. You're a sensitive, express feelings, sing songs of love. Lunar phase highlights stirring of creative forces.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fun and games! Lunar phase emphasizes tranquility, excitement of sensuality at home. Sagittarius declares, "You are the energy that makes the world go round!" Gemini also involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rewrite, review, slow down in order to rebuild on former solid structure. Lunar phase highlights trips relating to career, mission for benefit of relative, Taurus, Scorpio in picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emphasis on ability to relocate, to find lost article, to correct mistakes by being conscientious with accounts. Be ready for change of scene. Business or marriage proposal. Gemini also involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Spotlight on your opinions expressed verbally and in writing. Intense relationship might be too hot not to cool down. Wer style of green, make personal appearances. Gemini involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid jumping to conclusions. Briefing appointment should not be pushed out of proportion. Claustrated arrangement comes to light; will provide personal enlightenment. Place involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lunar quill pen suspends in air. Dreams come true. Popularity rating soars, you'll win friends and influence easily. Come to realization: "It's not alcohol!" Happy in love!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Plan to involve in a safe scheme. Steer clear, go your way, which is right way. Overseas journey distinct possibility. Art display could lead to soul mate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): People seem to involve in a safe scheme. Steer clear, go your way, which is right way. Overseas journey distinct possibility. Art display could lead to soul mate.

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