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Man arrested in Buhl armed robbery



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Travis Brewer, a member of the Buhl Fire Department, scans a field on the corner of 1700 East and 4400 North with a spotlight Tuesday night searching for a fleeing suspect in an armed robbery hours earlier.

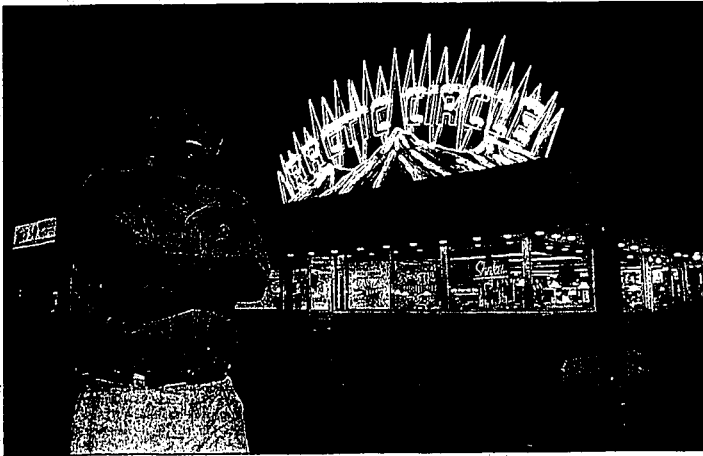
Suspect has history of violence, mental problems

By John Ruprecht
Times-News writer

BUHL — An ex-convict with a history of mental problems was charged Wednesday with stealing money from a Buhl convenience store and holding a clerk at gunpoint Tuesday night. Donald Shriver, 31, formerly of Buhl, was in Ada County Jail Wednesday night on an armed robbery charge. Boise police arrested him Wednesday afternoon. Shriver is charged with holding up Larry's Quick Service at gunpoint; investigators say he then escaped by motorcycle with an undetermined amount of money.

After the robbery, law officers Tuesday night surrounded fields near Shriver's father's house northeast of Buhl, where they had believed Shriver was hiding. But after blocking nearby roads and searching the fields and house for at least five hours, the Buhl Police Department and Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department cleared the scene at about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Buhl Police Chief Terry Stone said. Officers now believe Shriver ditched his motorcycle near the corner of 1700 East and 4400 North and used a pickup truck at his father's home to escape the area. **See also ROBBERY, Page A2**

TWIN FALLS AURORA



DAVID ORFELD/The Times-News

Allan Howa, owner of the Arctic Circle at the Lynwood Shopping Center on Filer Avenue, will take the nostalgic neon sign to the restaurant's new location, 680 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The sign has been a Twin Falls landmark since 1961.

Neon landmark switches site

Sign will be moved to new restaurant site on Blue Lakes N.

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The blue, green and pink neon lights that have lit up Filer Avenue nearly every night for more than 35 years soon will brighten up another part of town.

Arctic Circle restaurant, with its landmark sign mimicking the aurora borealis, will move from Filer Avenue to 680 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., kitty-corner from Fred Meyer.

Arctic Circle owner Allan Howa is building a new drive-through restaurant next door to the vacant Denny's Restaurant. Definitely, Howa said, he will bring the sign with him. His father, Ed Howa, bought the sign in 1961 when he opened the restaurant.

"People identify us with that sign," Allan Howa said. Customer Melodee Magoffin remembers caring at the restaurant since she was a child. The glowing sign always has been there. It comes in handy for giving directions.

'Some people don't know the name of the restaurant. They just know the sign.'

— Sarah Nelson, high school senior

"You can say, 'Just look for the big neon sign,'" Magoffin said. Sarah Nelson, a Twin Falls High School senior, called the sign a landmark. "Some people don't know the name of

the restaurant. They just know the sign," Nelson said.

Building his own restaurant, as opposed to renting, has been on Allan Howa's mind as he has watched out-of-town developers snatch up Twin Falls real estate, he said. He realized if he wanted to make a move he had to do it soon, and higher rent gave him the nudge he needed to build his own place.

Arctic Circle has the only neon beacon on Filer Avenue's Lynwood Shopping Center, where other businesses are bedecked by uniform, rectangular signs.

Customers saved the sign in 1987, Allan Howa said, when his landlords wanted him to take it down in an effort to modernize the shopping center. Howa polled his customers, who overwhelming-

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Balanced budget plan receives House approval

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House, in a rare display of high spirited unity, Wednesday overwhelmingly approved the balanced budget plan its leaders had just a day before agreed to with the White House.

Idaho's Republican representatives, Mike Crapo and Helen Chenoweth, voted for the measure, which passed by a 346-85 margin.

Details also emerged Wednesday about last-minute haggling on several issues. Most notable was a major battle the Republicans lost with the White House over whether welfare recipients in work programs should be paid the minimum wage and

Tax Impact — E3

offered other job protections. The budget agreement that was struck by the White House and GOP leaders Monday evening and finalized late Tuesday was approved in a testament to trade-offs made that would fulfill many of the promises of the GOP's "Contract With America" while adding billions for programs demanded by Democrats. The House will vote today on companion tax legislation providing \$25 billion of net tax cuts over five years, including a \$500 per child family tax credit and substantial cuts in the capital gains and estate taxes.

Exhibit cuisine becomes art form

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dinner conversation, it's been said, is a lost art.

If so, it's being lovingly preserved in a museum. In a quirky exhibit now at a gallery in New York's SoHo section, performance artist Ming-Wei Lee cooks for and dines with a new guest every night.

No one actually watches the one-on-one encounter, but Lee says the personal connection that develops over dinner is profoundly artistic.

"It's about a dialogue between two people," the Taiwanese-born 33-year-old explains. "It's one-on-one performance art, and there's no audience. Both of us are performing, both of us are participating. The food acts as a medium for conversation."

Lee has had dozens of invited guests since his exhibit opened. Among them a porno publisher, a neuroscientist, a kindergarten teacher and the director of the Whitney Museum of American Art. "People get quite personal with Ming-Wei," says Lea Freid, co-owner of the gallery. "He has this... manner, almost a cross between a priest, a monk and a hispanic."

Lee and his dinner partner sit on straw mats on a large wooden platform. Surrounded by a moat of dried black beans, they face each other across a table and rest their bare feet on mounds of dry white rice.

The meal is generally Asian. One recent spread included sauteed Chinese cabbage, noodles with sesame paste, hunks of homemade tofu and a bamboo platter piled with sweet, bean-filled buns.



Ming-Wei Lee prepares lunch as part of his studio art exhibition in a New York gallery.

Shippers brace for UPS strike

The Associated Press and The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — While a local UPS official declined comment on how a strike could affect parcel deliveries, consumers nationwide are bracing for the worst.

If UPS goes on strike, Sunday schools that get their lesson plans from the Faith Baptist Bible Bookstore in Ankeny, Iowa, might not have a prayer. Bookstore assistant manager Steve Imel said even a brief strike could put him way behind during one of the busiest times of the year, just before the start of the school term.

Across the nation Wednesday, retailers and manufacturers looking for other ways to ship in case 190,000 Teamsters go on strike against UPS at midnight tonight.

If the big brown trucks stop moving, it could mean delivery headaches for thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of businesses.

UPS moves about 12 million packages a day. Its closest competitor, Federal Express Corp., handles about 3 million, and analysts said FedEx, the Postal Service and other shippers wouldn't be able to handle the added demand.

Twin Falls UPS administrator Rich Bateman declined comment on the strike negotiations or what a strike could do to delivery service locally.

The business manager for the Twin Falls UPS, who refused to give his name, said the Twin Falls UPS employs about 50 people.

Negotiations between UPS and the Teamsters continued Wednesday. Earlier this week, UPS was still confident the contract would be resolved before the deadline.

"To be quite honest, we're not even addressing hypothetical situations," UPS spokesman Mark Dickens said. "To say we'd do this or that, it would be pure speculation."

The union is demanding pay and pension increases, limits on giving work to subcontractors, more full-time positions and health and safety improvements. The Atlanta-based company has said it needs more flexibility in hiring and work rules to compete.

For James Hook & Co. in Boston, a wholesaler that ships \$12 million worth

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WEATHER

IDAHO Weather

Thursday, July 31
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

City	High	Low	Conditions
Boise	90°	67°	Partly Cloudy
Twin Falls	90°	67°	Partly Cloudy
Pocatello	88°	65°	Partly Cloudy
Lewiston	85°	63°	Partly Cloudy
Idaho Falls	85°	63°	Partly Cloudy

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FORECAST

Magic Valley

Mostly sunny this morning. Isolated late afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Light and variable winds. Tonight mostly clear. Low in the mid 50s. Friday mostly sunny. A slight chance of late day thunderstorms. High 90 to 95. The ultraviolet index forecast is 8, a high exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Saturday through Monday mostly sunny days and clear nights. Cooler with isolated afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms each day. Lows 50s to the lower 60s. Highs in the mid-80s to the lower 90s.

Camas Prairie

Mostly sunny this morning. Partly cloudy with isolated late afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Highs from 80 to 85. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 45 to 50. Friday partly cloudy with isolated late day thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s.

Treasure Valley

Mostly sunny with isolated late afternoon and early evening showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds. Tonight mostly clear. Lows 55 to 60. Friday mostly sunny. High 90 to 95.

Sawtooth Mountains, Wood River Valley

Mostly sunny this Partly cloudy with isolated late afternoon or evening showers and thunderstorms. High from 80 to 85. Tonight partly cloudy. Low from 43 to 53. Friday mostly sunny in the morning. Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms late in the day. High in the 80s.

Eastern Idaho

Partly cloudy today. A slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. Tonight mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Friday mostly sunny. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Northern Idaho

Mostly sunny today. Isolated afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. Variable winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight mostly clear. Low 58 to 65. Friday mostly sunny. A slight chance of late day thunderstorms. High 85 to 90.

Northern Nevada

Mostly sunny this morning. Partly cloudy in the afternoon and evening with scattered thunderstorms. Highs near 85. Southwest wind 5-15 mph. Tonight mostly clear. Lows near 50. Friday mostly sunny with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs 85 to 90.

Northern Utah

Partly cloudy today with a chance of afternoon evening thunderstorms. Highs 90-95. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows near 60. Friday mostly sunny with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs mid 90s.

ACROSS THE NATION

Midsummer brings record low readings to Northeast

The morning temperature dropped to 47 degrees in the area of Wilkes-Barre (Scranton, Pa., and Binghamton, N.Y., tying the record for this date set in both areas in 1956. Williamsport, Pa., dropped to 48 degrees, breaking a record of 49 degrees, also set in 1956. Youngstown, Ohio, and Erie, Pa., tied record lows.

The cold front that pushed into the mid-Atlantic and Tennessee Valley Tuesday continued to produce widespread rainfall across most of North Carolina and southern Virginia.

Showers and thunderstorms also rumbled across the Southeast.

Moderate to heavy showers drenched east Texas and were expected to flood low-lying areas and bays.

The rains stretched from the Texas Panhandle into the Dakotas, producing flash flooding in portions of Nebraska and Colorado.

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Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	87	61	.06
Burley	90	58	tr.
Fairfield	79	-	-
Gooding	m	-	-
Hagerman	91	58	-
Idaho Falls	81	49	.01
Jerome	87	57	tr.
Lewiston	86	67	-
Malad	82	52	-
Meridian	87	57	-
McCall	75	53	tr.
Pocatello	81	54	.02
Salmon	m	54	-
Stanley	75	42	-
Sun Valley	77	42	-

Twin Falls

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Yesterday	85	59	tr.
Last year	71	40	-
Normal	93	55	0.1

Precipitation

Month to date:	Normal mo. to date:
.23	30
Water year to date: 14.41	Normal year to date: 9.21
Humidity at noon: 57 pct	Baometer at noon: 30.17 in

Comfort factors

Pollen count: 9 (ehenopods, stinging nettles) low. Mosquitoes: 125/1 (female, cladocerium) moderate.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 8:59 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:30 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, July 26; new, Aug. 3; first quarter, Aug. 11; full, Aug. 18.
Visible planets: Jupiter, Saturn, Jupiter.
Evening Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury.

Survey says 7 asteroids could threaten Earth

BOSTON (AP) — An ambitious sky survey has found seven previously unknown asteroids big enough and close enough to pose at least a potential threat to Earth.

None is an immediate threat, says Eleanor F. Helin of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, but so far only 10 percent of the sky has been searched by the project. Somewhere out there, an unseen asteroid could be streaking this way.

Helin's project, Near-Earth Asteroid Tracking, uses an Air Force satellite-tracking telescope to search for space objects that might hit the Earth.

In a report to the American Astronomical Society meeting in Boston, she said her group has identified in the last year more than 5,000 asteroids. Among them are the seven potentially threatening to Earth.

Helin said 99 asteroids, or comets now are known to pose what astronomers consider a danger to the Earth. These are objects that are 3,000 feet across that will pass within 5 million miles of Earth.

There may be another 800 of a smaller size, and Helin said these cannot be ignored.

"In terms of global destruction, it would take a kilometer-size object," she said.

Sign

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will miss Arctic Circle burgers within walking distance of the high school.

Allan Howa hopes to open his new location in 100 days. He broke ground last week. Both restaurants could be closed for 30 to 14 days during the transition.

Strike

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with competitors or commercial airlines.

"It's like going to buy potato chips at the store. You've got 50 different kinds to buy, and if your favorite brand isn't there, you pick another," Hook said.

Across town, Player Systems Corp. relies on UPS for shipping its golf-cart gadgets that calculate the distance to the hole. Switching to commercial airlines

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Where the hot spots are

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In Montana, for example, most of the western part of the state was exposed to the highest levels of fallout, but in the eastern part of the state, only one county — Petroleum — was a hot spot.

Other states with high-dose counties were South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Idaho, Nevada, Arkansas, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah.

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The new information is likely to set off calls for federal compensation to some residents where the highest exposure was predicted.

Some Utah residents have already been paid by the government for living in high-exposure zones; this study shows that thousands of residents of other states may have received the same exposure.

NCI officials declined to discuss the report or the potential health effects of the fallout, but the highest average exposure in the hot spot counties — 16 rads for adults and up to 160 rads for children — far exceeds the 10-rad level at which the government recommends people be monitored by a doctor.

The exposure rates for children are up to 10 times higher than the adult rate because radioactive iodine was spread largely through contaminated milk, and children tend to drink more milk than adults.

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Idaho's Gem County among hot spots from 1950s nuclear testing

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Robbery

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before authorities got there.

Shriver drove the truck to Boise, where he lives, Tipton said.

Shriver served five years in the Idaho State Penitentiary for punching a father in 1991. The same night he was arrested and charged with slashing his mother's arms with a kitchen knife.

As part of a plea agreement, aggravated assault charges were dropped in return for his guilty plea on a misdemeanor battery charge.

Shriver, who was diagnosed with schizophrenia, was released from prison in August 1996.

Nearby residents were unsure of his present mental condition, Tipton said.

While Boise's police department had probable cause to arrest Shriver Wednesday, an official warrant from Twin Falls County should be served today, Tipton said.

Wednesday's local investigation focused on retrieving a small handgun witnesses said might be in a canal near Clear Lakes Road in Buhl.

Searchers spent almost three hours sifting through the canal Wednesday, but came up empty.

Authorities Wednesday also hadn't found the money stolen from the store, Tipton said.

Times-News staff writer John Rupprecht can be reached at 733-0931.

LOTTERY UPDATE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 NUMBERS

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 NUMBERS

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NATION

Chinese donor visited White House 10 times

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A Chinese real estate and gambling mogul linked to laundered campaign money made at least 10 visits to the White House from 1994 to 1996.

Those visits included a dinner with President Clinton for major Democratic Party fund-raisers, according to White House documents released Wednesday.

Ng Lap Seng attended the dinner at the White House three days before a trading company he owns with Yuh Lin "Charlie" Trie, a fund-raiser and longtime friend of the president, allegedly funneled \$2,500 in contributions through two Maryland women to the Democratic National Committee.

The information raises new questions about the access that foreign business leaders could obtain to the highest levels of government in exchange for campaign contributions.

In addition, the documents' sudden appearance Wednesday, following a Senate Governmental Affairs committee hearing on Sen. Thompson's ties the day before, triggered an



Michael Cardozo

angry response from panel Chairman Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., who accused the White House of delaying release of the documents until after the hearing.

As a result, Thompson said the committee, which is investigating fund-raising practices in the 1996 elections, would issue its first subpoenas this week for White House documents.

Thompson said the incident may also serve as the basis for entering the committee investigation, which is due to shut down at the end of the year.

"They were trying to manipulate the press and us about waiting until testimony had happened before relevant documents would be produced," Thompson said.

"We're not going to tolerate that." White House denied there was any attempt to stonewall the investigation, saying that the records relating to Seng's White House visits were discovered only this week.

"We have never delayed production of documents for any tactical advantage or to prevent their use in a timely manner," White House Counsel Charles Ruff said in a statement Wednesday. "Any suggestion to the contrary is baseless."

In a related development, the committee heard testimony Wednesday that Trie twice visited the offices of Clinton's legal defense fund, carrying bags stuffed with checks and money orders intended as contributions.

The executive director of the fund, Michael Cardozo, testified that eventually the money, \$780,000 in all, was either rejected outright or returned because trust officials were suspicious about the source of the money. A private investigator later traced the source of the funds to a Taiwan-based Buddhist sect of which Trie was a member.

On one occasion, Cardozo testified that he saw Trie coming into his office with a large shopping bag, evidently filled with

checks and money orders, he thought "Oh my God, he's got a million dollars in there."

The testimony engendered an astonished response from some committee members, who expressed astonishment at the circumstances of Trie's attempts to contribute to the legal defense fund.

"It seems to me that the truth here, if indeed we have found it, is much stranger than fiction," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

"This incredible scene of shopping bags filled with cash. I don't know that a novelist could get away with writing a story like that."

The Presidential Legal Expense Trust was formed to pay legal bills of President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton stemming from special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation of their Whitewater real estate investments.

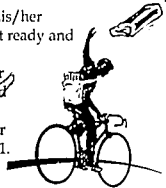
In its Tuesday hearing, the committee heard testimony that Seng wired at least \$905,000 from his accounts with the Bank of China in Macao to various Trie-related enterprises and accounts in the United States from 1994 to 1996.

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Richard Jewell demands public accounting from FBI

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Jewell said Wednesday the Justice Department report on his treatment as a suspect in the Atlanta Olympic bombing was filled with lies and distortions.

He called on Congress to investigate.

Jewell, testifying at a packed congressional hearing, demanded an accounting from the FBI for the 83 days he was investigated and held up to public ridicule before being cleared in the fatal blast.

"I believe I am entitled to have the FBI publicly explain its conduct toward me and my mother," the former security guard said in a polite and subdued voice as his mother, a phalanx of lawyers and



Richard Jewell

the House Judiciary crime subcommittee looked on.

A Justice Department report released this week faulted FBI agents for tricking Jewell into waiving his right to a lawyer and said their actions

hampered an investigation that still has produced no arrests.

"Jewell told the panel that the report is 'filled with false statements, half-truths and gross distortions of the truth.'" And he urged Congress to conduct its own, independent investigation.

He accused the FBI of conspiring with the media to portray him as the bomber, even after agents became convinced he had nothing to do with it. He said the FBI illegally tapped his phone, harassed his friends and relatives and violated his constitutional rights.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., chairman of the subcommittee, said he intends to name the matter and may call FBI Director Louis Freeh to answer questions at a second hearing.

Jewell discovered the bomb before it exploded in Centennial Olympic Park on July 27, 1996. After being hailed a hero, he quickly became the FBI's main suspect and was interrogated by

agents who pretended they wanted him to participate in a video about responding to bomb scenes.

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9 people killed in North Carolina crash

PLYMOUTH, N.C. (AP) — A vehicle carrying high school band students collided head-on with a big rig truck on a country road Wednesday, killing nine people.

The teen-agers' sport utility-type vehicle crossed the center line to pass a car in a no-passing zone, said Renee Hoffman, state Highway Patrol spokeswoman.

The crash took place about 100 miles east of Raleigh. Some of the victims were students who played in the band at Plymouth High School. They were taking a lunch break from summer band camp at the school, said Elena Barber, a school secretary.

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Gingrich helps dedicate resource center

WASHINGTON — Civic-minded Web surfers can review records of information about the House — from members' financial disclosure statements to historic information and archives — courtesy of a new resource center that launched a site Wednesday on the Internet.
"This creates a whole new world," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., who helped dedicate the Legislative Resource Center in a converted storage room beneath the rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building.
Visitors can also conduct research in person at the office. The Internet address is http://clerkweb.house.gov.

Saudi suspect pleads innocent to bombing

WASHINGTON — A Saudi dissident, once thought willing to shed light on a bombing that killed 19 U.S. airmen, backed out of a plea bargain with the government Wednesday and instead pleaded innocent to an earlier plot to kill Americans in the desert kingdom.
During a 22-minute hearing before U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan, Hani al-Sayigh, dressed in a white T-shirt and dark slacks, said only "not guilty." Sullivan set trial for Nov. 3.
Prosecutor Eric Dubelier said the government considered "the plea agreement has been breached. One of our remedies is to try the case and, at least as of today, that's what we intend to do."

5th accuser to testify in NCO hearing

WASHINGTON — An Army colonel given the task of recommending whether the service's top enlisted man should be charged with sexual misconduct has volumes of conflicting testimony to consider. And more is coming.
Hearings recessed Wednesday until Aug. 11, when testimony is scheduled from a fifth woman who alleged that Sgt. Maj. of the Army Gene McKinney made improper advances. Four accusers have already testified and been cross-examined by McKinney's attorneys.
After all the testimony is in, Col. Robert Jarvis, the presiding officer, will recommend whether McKinney should be court-martialed on sexual-misconduct charges.

FBI corruption sting nets city officials

HOUSTON — Two current and two former city councilmen were among six people indicted Wednesday on charges they accepted bribes from undercover operatives posing as investors wanting a piece of a downtown hotel project.
A federal grand jury returned the conspiracy and bribery indictment against former Councilmen Ben Reyes and John Peavy Jr.; current council members Michael J. Yarborough and John Castillo; former Houston port commissioner Elizabeth "Betti" Maldonado; and lobbyist Ross C. Allyn.
The charges were the result of a 10-month FBI sting in which an undercover agent and an unidentified person posed as minority investors looking to secure a share of the \$155 million convention center and hotel project.

Dead climber was retired DOE director

RENO, Nev. — A Reno man who died while descending Mount Rainier was an avid climber and retired director of the U.S. Department of Energy's counterintelligence office, friends and colleagues said Wednesday.
Don McInyrey, 51, of Reno, died on July 27, of Santa Monica, Calif., was injured when they fell into a crevasse during a descent from the mountaintop Tuesday, said John Krambrink, chief ranger in Mount Rainier National Park.

Compiled from wire reports

Ancient ships found in deep waters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reaching a half mile below the Mediterranean with a nuclear submarine and a robot retriever, explorer Robert Ballard says he discovered, mapped and retrieved artifacts from the largest cluster of ancient ships ever found in deep waters.

Ballard, whose previous exploits include the discovery of the wrecks of the RMS Titanic and the German battleship Bismarck, told a news conference at the National Geographic Society on Wednesday that the new technology effectively opens 98 percent of the ocean floor to archaeology.

Most previous underwater archaeology has been conducted in coastal waters in depths of less than 200 feet where ancient wrecks are often in poor condition, Ballard said. He said that now wrecks can be explored at depths of up to 20,000 feet.

"This is really the first archaeological expedition to the deep sea using archaeological methods," Ballard said. The six-week effort began in May and operated at depths of about 2,500 feet.

"I am convinced the deep sea holds a vast amount of human history," Ballard said. "I think the deep sea holds more history than all of the museums of the world."

The new discoveries were found in a 20-square mile debris field about 100 miles off the ancient city of Carthage. The wrecks lie on the most direct route to the Roman port of Ostia across the Mediterranean in Italy.

Inspector: U.S. hit 2nd Iraqi depot

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — U.N. inspectors say the United States bombed a second large Iraqi ammunition depot containing chemical weapons during the Gulf War, possibly exposing even more American troops to clouds of dangerous gas.

The Pentagon announced last week that 98,900 U.S. soldiers were exposed to trace amounts of poison gas, when the Khamsiyah ammunition depot in southern Iraq was demolished on March 10, 1991.

On Tuesday, U.N. inspectors said Iraq reported last year that an unspecified number of shells



With recovered artifacts in the foreground, Dr. Robert Ballard, expedition chief scientist and president, Institute for Exploration, meets reporters at the National Geographic Society Wednesday.

There were eight wrecks in all, spanning more than 2,000 years of history, Ballard said. They include five ships from

the time of ancient Rome. These are vessels sunk about 100 B.C. to about 400 A.D. One Islamic ship from the early 19th

century and two more modern ships lost in the 19th century also were found.

The remotely operated vehicle Jason, from Woods Hole Oceanic Institution, recovered 115 artifacts from the wreck then loaded them into the cradled compartments of an underwater lift that brought them to the archaeologist waiting on a mother ship on the surface.

The oldest vessel, a trading ship from the late 2nd or early 1st century B.C. contains bronze vessels and thousands of double-handled, slim-tooted amphora used to transport wine, olive oil or fish sauce.

A ship from the 1st century A.D. contains what Ballard called a prefabricated building, large rough-cut building stones and finished columns, probably of granite.

"The Romans built all around the Mediterranean; they conquered as they built," said Anna McCann, the expedition's chief archaeologist. She said that if the stones are granite they most likely originated in Egypt.

The artifacts include amphora, a roasting pan, two glass cups and a glass lamp from the Islamic ship, and bronze Roman artifact, possibly a wine sieve or ladle. The ceramic objects will be soaked in fresh water for three months to remove the salt water that has soaked them for 2,000 years, Ballard said.

Ballard heads the Institute for Exploration in Mystic, Conn., and the organization's name was emblazoned in gold thread on the blue baseball cap he wore.

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Environment outweighs heredity in determining IQ, study finds

NEW YORK (AP) — Nurture edges out nature in a new study of what determines a person's IQ.

In an analysis combining more than 200 earlier studies, statisticians concluded that genes account for 48 percent of the factors that determine IQ.

That's less than most psychologists would concede, said study author Terrie Devlin, and far enough below the figure cited by the controversial 1994 book "The Bell Curve" to undercut its authors' main conclusions.

"That number is way too small for their arguments to be of any great consequence," said Devlin, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Devlin's study, conducted with Michael Daniels and Kathryn Roeder of Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University, also found that conditions during prenatal development significantly affect a person's intelligence. That suggests that inadequate prenatal care may explain why poorer peo-

ple and blacks generally score lower on IQ tests.

"Our study gives credence to that idea, and that in fact is something that people should be concerned about," Devlin said. "Poor prenatal care may have a negative impact on IQ."

He and his colleagues report their findings in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

The statisticians combined the results of 212 earlier studies that compared the IQs

of twins, siblings or parents and their children. Then the researchers constructed a set of statistical models, or predictions, to determine which one best fit the accumulated data.

The best-fitting model was one that included genetic effects, environmental effects such as being raised in the same or different households and prenatal conditions.

In twins, 20 percent of the similarity in IQ could be explained by the fact that

twins share the same prenatal environment. Even for siblings who aren't twins, being carried by the same mother at different times explains 5 percent of the similarity in IQ.

"The implication would be that the in-utero environment has a profound effect on IQ in the general population," said University of Minnesota psychologist Matt McGue. "It will stimulate people to think about prenatal factors in a way they hadn't before."

Radiation fallout maps' release held

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maps the government said it would release Wednesday identifying 24 regions that experienced intense radiation fallout from 1950s nuclear testing have been put indefinitely on hold.

Nuclear watchdog groups immediately accused the National Cancer Institute of a cover-up.

The NCI's 14-year, county-by-county study of nuclear fallout from the blasts found that people as far away as the East Coast — particularly children — were exposed to as much radiation fallout as residents directly downwind from the Nevada blasts.

Critics say the radiation amounts could be linked to thyroid cancer later suffered by residents of those hot spots.

The government said last week it would release maps showing the hot spots. Now, NCI says those maps are not yet ready for release and would not say when the information would be available.

"The public has a right to know who's at risk," said Bob Schaeffer of the activist group Military Product Network, which has petitioned the government to release the information. "We want a presidential commission to investigate the ongoing cover-up."

Preston Truman, director of Downwinders, a Salt Lake City-based advocate for fallout survivors, said the public has a right to see the maps.

"Delaying the release of incriminating evidence only continues the legacy of lies and perpetuates the poison done to our people and our democracy," he said.

Health care execs face indictments

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Three executives of Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp., the giant for-profit hospital chain that is the target of a federal fraud probe, were indicted in Florida on charges they cheated the federal Medicare program, the FBI said Wednesday.

Robert Whiteside, director of reimbursement of the company's corporate headquarters in Nashville, was set to surrender and appear before a federal magistrate, FBI spokesman Derek McGraw told The Associated Press.

The two top executives at Columbia's Southwest Florida Division also were indicted in U.S. District court. They are chief executive officer Jay A. Jarrell and chief financial officer Michael T. Neeb.

All three are charged with making false statements to obtain Medicare payments from Medicare; making false statements to a federal agency; aiding and abetting; and conspiracy, according to the FBI.

According to the indictment, Whiteside, Jarrell and Neeb conspired to overbill Medicare by submitting requests for reimbursement for capital expenses at Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Charlotte County, Fla.

They received 100 percent reimbursement though only 39 percent of the costs were covered by Medicare. The resulting overpayments totaled about \$1.8 million, according to the indictment. Capital expenses are large, one-time expenses such as the cost of constructing a building.

The indictments were handed up in Fort Myers, Fla., on June 25 and unsealed today. In a statement, Charles Wilson, U.S. attorney in Fort Myers, said the indictments are only the "first phase" of the investigation. He did not indicate why the indictments were sealed for more than a month.

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EDITORIAL

Why do Idaho taxpayers sponsor moonlight cruises?

Political blood is in the waters of Lake Pend Oreille, and the special-interest sharks are circling.

Having flashed his fanny (or some portion thereof - accounts are vague), Idaho's Fish and Game director is being nominated for unemployment. At least one environmental type who already disliked Steve Mealey's ideas is calling for him to be fired.

But let's pause for a little perspective, shall we? Without a doubt, last week's partial lunar eclipse was hugely dumb. Unprofessional, inappropriate, childish - you fill in the adjective. Who does Mealey think he is, after all, a Kennedy?

That said, just how serious an offense was it, really? To paraphrase the classic riddle, if pants fall in the forest but nobody sees it happen, is any harm done?

So far, news accounts on this subject have lacked a key element. They fail to mention anyone - anyone at all - who witnessed Mealey's gesture and was offended by it.

Fred Wood, the Fish and Game commissioner from Burley, says he was looking away when Mealey turned the other cheek. Chairman John Burns says he saw no skin and was not offended, though he understands how

others could be.

The only offended "others" appear to be people who have a political interest in Mealey's downfall. Mealey previously has been criticized for accepting multiple use of public lands instead of being a strident advocate for wildlife. As it happens, Mealey's moderate approach matches the philosophy of the commission, the governor and most Idaho voters.

The proper outcome of Mealey's gaffe is a contrite apology (which he has made), followed by an earnest attempt to refocus attention on the state's business.

And speaking of the state's business: The real item of concern for Idaho taxpayers wasn't the moonrise over Lake Pend Oreille. It was the fact that the incident happened while Fish and Game officials were partying on a chartered boat at state expense.

Mealey says the \$288 boat ride was a way to "let our hair down and kick back," after intense work sessions at a two-day retreat. Well, now, just how much did taxpayers spend on this retreat, altogether?

Gov. Phil Batt and the Legislature ought to examine what state agencies are spending for boat rides and lakeshore retreats.



Budget bill has more pluses than minuses

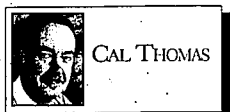
If you accept the congressional Republican leaders' line that the budget agreement between the Clinton White House and Congress is the best Republicans could get, then you are an incrementalist, likely to be pleased with the negotiated result.

If, instead, you believe that not only could Republicans have done better but that they also gave away too much to the White House because they still have nightmares over the government shutdowns for which they were blamed, then this bill was a compromise of principle.

Those wishing to see the welfare state dismantled will find little to cheer about. As the Heritage Foundation's Robert Rector noted: "The Republicans appear to have capitulated on almost every welfare issue," including the administration's demand that local governments pay the minimum wage to welfare recipients when they are in work programs.

New entitlements were either created or expanded. Fifteen hundred-dollar scholarships will go to students in middle-income families for each of the first two years of college. As we've seen with other federal education subsidies, more money eventually means higher prices to the education lobby that argues subsidies must be increased to meet "rising education costs." But they rise, in large part, because colleges know they can bill the government for more funds.

There's \$24 billion for children's "health care," which ensures more kids



will be seeing the doctor for minor ailments previously treated by parents with the help of Dr. Spock's book (look for this cost to balloon, as Medicare did). The president had asked for "only" \$15 billion.

The bill restores disability benefits to legal immigrants who are not yet citizens. This cost is \$11.4 billion over five years. That's nearly half of all the savings that was to have been achieved by restricting benefits under last year's law.

Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, called the agreement "a dream come true." It is a good dream for tax preparers, because the tax code will be more complex than ever. But not so good for long-suffering taxpayers.

Republicans got a few bones. They got their cherished cut in capital gains, from 28 to 20 percent, and lower for those earning below \$41,200. Inheritance taxes will also be cut, reducing the "double tax" on many estates. There will be medical savings accounts for 300,000 Medicare recipients, allowing them to save their own money and buy health insurance of their choice. If this were allowed to expand, the problems with Medicare (and the need for it) would be quickly solved.

Republicans also got their cherished \$500-per-child tax credit, one of the central Contract With America promises. But the president won a major point when he got Republicans to agree to extend those benefits to the working poor, who don't pay income taxes but do pay payroll taxes, such as Social Security and Medicare. He got a tax increase from Republicans on cigarettes.

Administration officials seemed surprised at how easy it was to roll Republicans. This bill is the result of a Republican Party that doesn't believe it can hold on to Congress without a budget agreement. For many, getting an agreement was more important than the contents.

Perhaps most ominous of all, not a single government agency has been eliminated. The era of big government is still with us. Whether the budget actually balances depends on economic forces beyond the control of the negotiators.

Maybe the Republicans are right. Maybe they can make a case next year that if voters increase the Republican congressional majority, they'll do better. And if they get a Republican president in 2000, they'll do best. But this bill is nothing to brag about.

Between now and then, Republicans must ask themselves whether they want to outperform President Clinton in a contest over style (which he will always win) or to gradually return to substantive themes, appealing to voters' minds, not their feelings.

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LETTERS

Area kids deserve more attention

I am writing in response to the letter regarding the \$7 million Events Center. It drives me crazy knowing that there could be a pretty much useless waste of money going into something like the Magic Valley already has. The College of Southern Idaho Expo Center is, in my opinion, more than enough for now.

My concern for the Magic Valley is the growing crime rate. I have grown up in the Magic Valley area, moved away at 17 and back again at 24. I know how stagnant this place can be for younger people here. I like Justin Livingston in *The Times-News* on Tuesday, July 29, was bored!

In my opinion, there just aren't enough recreational activities for the young adults in the community. It seems that anything available to the youth usually has a fee, and parents just can't afford to take their kids to many places anymore. It makes me so angry to hear about these kids getting into trouble and the community not doing a thing to help control it. This Events Center would be great if it offered more to the youth free of charge, but will it? Probably not!

Why not spend much less money and more time on the kids in this community? It definitely wouldn't take \$7 million to make these kids happy, just a place to go. I truly believe that if Twin Falls had a recreation center for young people and free of charge that there might not be so many "bored" kids. I know that it's hard to accept that Twin Falls is growing and with the expansion comes the crime. But if we don't do something now for our young people, crime will keep rising, and we'll keep blaming the kids and parents when the truth is that these kids are probably just "bored."

As Hillary Clinton said, "It takes a community to raise a child." And with the many single parents out there, there just isn't enough time spent with our children anymore. (I am a single parent. I know how tough it is.) There are plenty of places for these kids to go after they've gotten into trouble, but why not do something before they get

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into the system? They need to know that they're important, and this community needs to help with that process; otherwise, we only have ourselves to blame.

TINA LAMP
Twin Falls

Thanks a lot, William Brock

Howdy, William Brock! I got a kick out of your Heyburn piece in the July 24 paper and just want to say thanks. I also enjoyed reading your piece a year or two ago about the South Buttress of Moran, though I was pretty envious since the South Buttress is one of those oldies I keep promising myself to do when I get some time and my chops up to move fast. One of these days, eh?

Anyway, I think you do a terrific job of writing about climbing for a general audience without being condescending or talking over peoples' heads. That's a pretty good balancing act, seems to me.

I also appreciated your talking Heyburn up as a cool mountain. I agree with you immediately on that. Based on a few trips up the Star Chimney, I think Heyburn is one of America's classic peaks: a great looker, a great position above Bench Lake, a history of attracting Fred Beckey, a stimulating hike for the approach, an airy, fifth-class summit, and no walkoff.

Keep those stories coming, please.

MARSHALL RALPH
Haley

Re-elect Art Bailey, Doug Howard

Voters who reside in the Twin Falls Highway District have a rare opportunity to re-elect two fine men to the position of highway district commissioner: Art Bailey and Doug Howard. These two dedicated men have committed themselves to running one of the best highway districts in the state.

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and return a surplus to the budget. Please remember to vote Aug. 5 for Art Bailey and Doug Howard. It is not often you find men of such high caliber to serve the public.

DENNIS L. MAUGHAN
Twin Falls County Commissioner

Events center is good investment
On Aug. 5, we, the citizens of Twin

Falls County, have the opportunity to say yes to the construction of an events center on the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds that can benefit everyone in the county. If you are interested in 4-H or Future Farmers of America livestock shows, rodeos, auto shows, equipment shows, sporting events or concerts, the proposed events center will be for you.

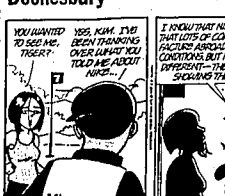
Through the years, we have paid taxes to construct new jails, a new youth detention center, the College of Southern Idaho, a courthouse addition and many other facilities that make our county work. This election gives us an opportunity to support a building that benefits everyone in the county.

The Twin Falls County Fairgrounds has millions of dollars of support facilities (barns, grandstands, horse stalls, parking areas, etc.) already in place to help ensure the success of the proposed events center.

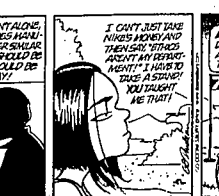
The \$15.50 per year that would cost the average person is a pretty reasonable price for the citizens of Twin Falls County to have an events center.

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been getting his front foot down properly. In fluent Gwynnspeak he explains that when his mechanics unravel, "my hands come forward too soon," "my upper body drifts forward," "my front foot floats..."

Before he peels off his number 19 jersey this night he will have his 627th multi-hit game and his 2,711 and 2,712. He started the season ranked 66th on the all-time career hit list. Any day now he will move past Gehrig into 44th place, heading toward the 3,000-hit brotherhood.

In his clubhouse space this night is a pile of Sports Illustrateds, hot off the press with a cover photograph of him completing a swing, his eyes following the ball where he frequently flicks it, through the "5.5 hole," between third and short (the 5 and 6 positions, if you are keeping score). SF's cover proclaims: "Baseball's Best Hitter Since Ted Williams." San Diegoans, who know that if Gwynn played in New York he would be baseball's

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biggest star, think Nice of you to notice.
 SF's Tom Verducci, a masterful sifter of statistics, notes that, measuring Gwynn's .339 career average against the .261 average of all major leaguers during his career, his difference of .0789 is the sixth best ever, behind Cobb (.1029), Williams, Hornsby, Lajoie and Keeler. Against the best pitcher of his era, Greg Maddux, Gwynn's career average

is .453. Since 1995 he is hitting .425 with runners in scoring position. Can he become the first since Williams in 1941 to hit .400? The night the 1994 strike started Gwynn was an effortless 3-for-4, ending that truncated season at .334.

There is a paradox in the glittering performances of Gwynn and others. Maddux recently required just 78 pitches for a complete-game victory. The

Mariners' Randy Johnson recently achieved history's second-best mark over a 50 decision span — 44-6. The Yankees' brilliant 23-year-old Derek Jeter may never be the American League's best shortstop, so gifted is the Mariners' 22-year-old Alex Rodriguez. Baseball is unlike polo, education, popular culture and much else.

Baseball is going against the grain of contemporary America by maintaining high quality. Yet some of baseball's owners are suffering a crisis of confidence in their product.



Tony Gwynn

They are scrambling for gimmicks to entice customers who, these owners evidently think, cannot be attracted as fans always have been, by what baseball alone among the professional sports has — more than a century of continuity that enables fans to savor Gwynn's greatness through meaningful comparisons with distant predecessors. These owners are threatening to rip the fabric of this most traditional sport by a stunning miscalculation. Believing that this year's novelty of interleague play boosted attendance because of regional rivalries, they propose radical realignment of the teams, obliterating the identities of the

Mariners and American Leagues by creating geographic divisions. Here is one proposed division: Cubs, White Sox, Brewers, Twins, Cardinals, Royals, Rangers, Astros. With competition for the sports fans' dollar increasingly intense — the first NFL preseason game comes six weeks after the last NBA championship game — why does baseball contemplate jettisoning the traditionalism that makes it distinctive? Does it really want to become just another in the blur of constantly changing entertainment choices?

In baseball, unlike in, say, politics, it is not disheartening to compare the present and the past. Gwynn compares with Stan Musial more reassuringly than, say, President Clinton compares with President Truman, or Speaker Gingrich compares with Speaker Henry Clay. So real fans, who understand how much the enjoyment of baseball derives from today's game being a linear extension of the game's past, should say to intrusive owners: "Down in front. Number 19 is on deck."

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Advice to those who have no business in the wild: Stay home

Yellowstone is in trouble. So are Yosemite, and the Smokies, and the Grand Canyon, and Carlsbad Caverns, and the Everglades, and Gettysburg and ... well, every one of our national parks.

Attendance is up, funding is down. Too many people plus too few dollars equals crumbling infrastructure. A campground is shut down at Yellowstone. Rain leaks into the Civil War archives at Gettysburg. Parking lots overflow at the Grand Canyon. Money would heal, of course. The National Park Service figures it costs \$4 billion behind on maintenance. Entrance rates went up last year — it now costs \$20 a vehicle to get into the Grand Canyon. Hikers would help, of course. Yosemite or Yellowstone — but that hasn't slowed the stream of tourists hungry for a taste of the great outdoors.

Last week, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Natural Resources Defense Council proposed selling national park bonds to help fund conservation. There is a cheaper option.

JUST STAY HOME. There are too many folks out there who have no business being in the wilderness. In the Northeast, a couple out on the trail use a cell phone to call park headquarters and ask for directions. They didn't bring their map. In New Hampshire, a group of hikers call in to ask for emergency help. They forgot their flashlights. In the Smokies, a couple is chastised for feeding a bear. They were just trying to keep it still while they perched their toddler on its back and took a picture.

The bear had to be destroyed. A

LISA DAVIS

wild animal that becomes comfortable around humans also becomes dangerous.

Look, people, you'll really be much happier if you just stay home on the couch, tune in the Discovery Channel and order pizza. The bears will be happier, too. National parks exist in part to remind us of what we're in danger of losing — to provide a tranquil escape from civilization. But you people aren't going to the parks to get away from it all. You're bringing it all with you.

U.S. News & World Report reports 800,000 people last year toured the Grand Canyon by helicopter. As many as 1,000 snowmobiles a day roar into Yellowstone in the winter. Summertime air pollution in the Smoky Mountains cuts visibility from 65 miles to 12.

More than 17 million people drove through the Smokies on the Blue Ridge Parkway last year. Only 100,022 got out and hiked the backcountry trails in the park.

Sept. 26, 1994: A brilliant red leaf, portent of the fall foliage, lies perfectly displayed upon a rock beside a narrow trail. June 3, 1995: Dozens of spider webs, silences with morning dew, dot the ground like a field of miniature tents.

Oct. 28, 1996: A gust of wind brushes the tops of the poplars, and leaves drift down like golden snowflakes.

I have these memories because I got out and walked in the woods. It is out there that I have learned about myself, about nature, about God. I've driven through the park, scanning the vistas through the tinted windows while the radio played. There is a dullness there.

The dullness is encroaching on the pristine spaces. On our most recent backpacking excursion in the Smokies, we stayed at a primitive shelter called Fock's Corner. A 12-mile hike from the nearest paved road, the place was nonetheless trashed out. Empty cans, bits of foil, a wrapper from an entire bag of Oreos. A bear — being no fool, and enjoying an Oreo as much as the next creature — had been spotted in the vicinity. Rather than begging cutely for food, the bear had been rushing the front of the shelter, or tipping over the larvae.

We hikers have a word for you Oreo-stuffed litterers, you muck-craps-up of nature: "tour-ons." It's short for "tourists on the trail." It is not a term of endearment.

The thing most crucial to preserving our national parks is not care themselves about what they're getting into, willing to leave the comforts of the living room behind, willing to respect and learn from the wilderness that has been so carefully protected for them. The National Park Service was created in 1916 to preserve nature "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." That does not mean future generations get to ride the bears.

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WORLD

2 bombs explode in Jerusalem; 14 dead

JERUSALEM (AP) — Two explosions ripped through a crowded outdoor vegetable market in Jerusalem Wednesday afternoon, killing at least 14 people and wounding more than 150.

Police said two suicide bombers carried out the attacks.

The bombings prompted postponement of an initiative by U.S. envoy Dennis Ross to try and break the impasse between Palestinian and Israeli negotiators. He had been scheduled to depart for Israel tonight to help start the talks.

Late in the day, a leaflet signed by the military wing of the militant Islamic group Hamas claimed responsibility for the attacks. The leaflet was found in the West Bank city of Ramallah following a telephone tip to The Associated Press.

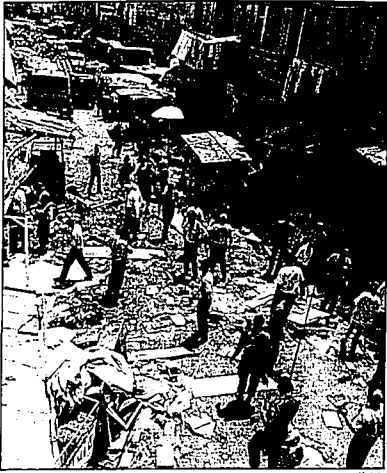
The leaflet included a list of demands, including the release of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, jailed spiritual leader of Hamas; the release of all Hamas and other Palestinian and Arab prisoners; and an end to Israel's policy of jailing prisoners without charges.

The leaflet said the demands must be met by 9 p.m. Sunday, but did not say what would happen if they were not. It was signed by the Brigades of Izzeddin al Qassam, the military wing of Hamas.

The simultaneous blasts went off about 50 yards apart in an alley in the Mahane Yehuda marketplace, the city's main fruit and vegetable market.

The explosions occurred at 1:15 p.m., when the market was packed with shoppers. Green awnings covering the alley were torn apart and vegetable stands and clothing displays overturned, their wires shredded and strewn about the asphalt. Scraps of clothing hung from telephone lines.

Smashed vegetables and water mixed covered the ground, mixed with blood. Bodies covered in soot



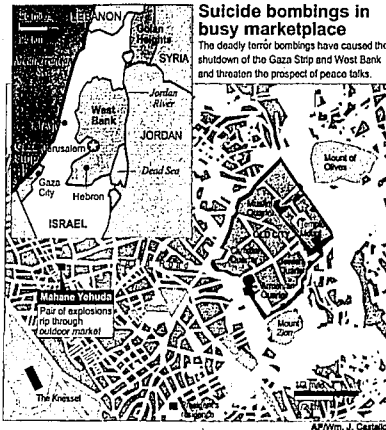
Israeli police and soldiers inspect the grounds of the Mahane Yehuda outdoor market in Jerusalem Wednesday after a double suicide attack. At least 14 people died and more than 150 were injured.

and blood lay on stretchers and on the ground before being hurried away by rescue workers. Shoppers staggered away from the site of the blasts, their faces covered in blood. Dozens of ambulances lined up along Jaffa Road, one of Jerusalem's busiest streets, to carry away the dead and injured. Several children were seriously hurt. A 14-year-old boy was seen with a badly mangled leg, and rescue workers tried to revive a boy

about 8 years old. Bomb squads at the scene picked up blackened nails, packed into the bombs to increase their deadly impact.

After one of the wounded died in the hospital, police put the death toll at 14, including the two suicide bombers whose dismembered bodies were found at the scene. Police said more than 150 people were wounded.

Israeli TV said that besides the



Suicide bombings in busy marketplace

The deadly terror bombings have caused the shutdown of the Gaza Strip and West Bank and threaten the prospect of peace talks.

suicide bombers, eight men and four women were killed.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, speaking at a hospital, demanded action from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his government, which he accused of freeing terrorists from two militant groups.

"About 150 leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad were set free like savage animals," he said. "set free to prowl in our cities and our streets to commit these barbarous acts."

"We expect action to apprehend these terrorists and their leaders (and) to collect their weapons," he added.

Arafat, speaking in Jericho, said, "I strongly and completely condemn this terrorist act that is

against the peace. The attack is not only aimed at Israelis but at the peace, and against the Palestinian people and peace in the region."

Palestinian police sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat declared a state of emergency and canceled all police leaves. Israeli TV reports said Arafat was expected to order mass arrests of Islamic militants in the West Bank and Gaza overnight.

Dike starts to crumble; alarms ring

BAD FRIEZWALDE, Germany (AP) — Military helicopters dropped sandbags from the air and tolling church bells urged residents to flee an area on the Oder River where a stretch of 250-year-old earthen dike began crumbling Wednesday.

Authorities sounded the alarm when the sudden dike started crumbling along a stretch of about 165 feet. Soldiers began evacuating the several hundred remaining residents late in the day.

Emergency workers said there was little chance the rescuers would be able to plug the widening gap in the base of the dike. Authorities said a second dike could help contain the water if the main barrier collapsed.

If the water breaks through, a 7,400-acre area would be flooded.

Soldiers and volunteers filled new sandbags and worked to reinforce the section of the dike at Hohenwutzen, at the northern tip of the Oderbruch flood plain. Helicopters dropped sandbags and monitored the situation.

Authorities said several hundred residents remained in the area directly threatened by the swollen Oder waters. About 4,600 people normally live in the area.

Earlier, constant pressure forced a new break farther south along the 100-mile dike. Officials said, however, that the break was under control and nearby Ratzdorf was not in immediate danger.

The new breaks came even though a dreaded flood wave upstream from Poland did not raise water levels as much as officials had feared.

About 5,000 people have been evacuated from the low-lying Oderbruch region.

WORLD IN BRIEF

At least 17 dead in Alpine climbing mishaps

PARIS — Snowy conditions in the Alps have led to the deaths of 17 American and European climbers since the weekend, French authorities said Wednesday.

Two other climbers, one from the Netherlands and one from Britain, died three weeks ago but their bodies were first spotted today by a helicopter rescue team, said police spokesman Pierre Fausserier. Four climbers, including an American, an Austrian and a Frenchman, fell to their deaths early this morning in two separate accidents in the Mount Blanc region of the French Alps, Fausserier said by telephone. He could not confirm their identities, or the nationality of the fourth climber.

Landslide hits lodges; several may be dead

SYDNEY, Australia — A landslide smashed into two ski lodges in southeastern Australia Wednesday, trapping an unknown number of people under the rubble, police said.

Police feared several people were dead in the slide at Thredbo, a popular ski resort in New South Wales. There were several injuries, Australian Associated Press quoted a police officer as saying. A spokeswoman from the Thredbo media office, Suzie Rowland, said the Carinya Ski Club had slid into the adjacent Blunden Scuff Lodge, causing extensive damage. At least 33 people were booked into the buildings.

New Zealand considers live seafood ban

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Seafood is always better fresh, but New Zealand lawmakers are moving to ban extra-fresh — in fact, live — delicacies such as "screaming prawn" and "dancing crayfish" from the menu.

Under the bill before Parliament, courts could impose jail terms of up to three months and fines up to \$6,400 for serving seafood alive. The bill has solid government support and is expected to pass later this year.

In Australia, the state of New South Wales passed legislation this year banning the serving of live fish or seafood, making it punishable by up to two years in prison.

Mir commander: Crash could've been worse

SPACE CENTER, Houston — The Mir cosmonaut who was controlling a cargo ship when it collided with the space station last month said Wednesday the damage would have been devastatingly worse had he not steered the craft the way he did.

Mir commander Vasily Tsibilyev was guiding the Progress cargo craft by remote control when it crashed into the station on June 25, rupturing one of six modules and causing Mir to lose half its power. There has been speculation that either pilot error or an overloaded craft that wouldn't respond properly caused the accident.

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I asked the doctor before he closed the wound if he could put some brains in there.

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—Outfielder Rex Huxler, after receiving stitches to close a cut caused when he smacked into a wall while trying to snare a foul ball

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball

A state tournament, Orofino
Burley vs. Coeur d'Alene, 11:30 a.m. PST

Golf

Cactus Petes Idaho Open, TF Municipal and Jackpot, 8 a.m.
Boys' Junior America's Cup at Mauna Kea Kona, Hawaii

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IN BRIEF

Wells Junior Rodeo set this weekend in Nevada

WELLS, Nev. — The 21st annual Wells Junior Rodeo will take place in the city's rodeo arena at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.
The rodeo is open to children in three age groups: 0-7, 8-11 and 12-15. Events will include team roping, barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping, goat tying for girls and calf or steer riding for boys.
Events for the youngest age group include keyhole, barrel race, pole bending, run-ride-lead, goat untie for girls, sheep ride for boys.
Entry fees are \$7 per event to Dayla Morrison, P.O. Box 824, Wells, NV, 89335, or call Toni Villalobos at (702) 752-3553.

Robinson memorial rodeo slated Sunday in Shoshone

SHOSHONE — The annual Janet Robinson Memorial Timed Event Rodeo will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Shoshone Fairgrounds.
Events will be barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping and goat tying with various divisions.
There will be a membership meeting for the Magic Valley Rodeo Association prior to the rodeo, and officers will be elected. For more information, call Carla Sparks at 734-7840 or Lisa Zeburth, 423-9055.

Bull riders rodeo scheduled for Aug. 29-30 in Halley

HAILEY — The annual Halley Wagon Days Bull Riders Rodeo is coming up, with the first performance set for 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, and the second for 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30.
Bullriders pay \$75 to enter and can enter both days. The event pays four places. There will also be a wild cow race — three persons to a team, pays first place only.
Kids under 60 pounds may enter the mutton bustin'. Entry checks can be sent to Vaughn Bros., 1095 N., 850 E. Richfield, ID 83349.
For more information, call Rose Vaughn at 487-2162.

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Local pro jumps to early lead

By Damien Clow
Times-News writer

JACKPOT, Nev. — When Twin Falls golfer pro Mike Hamblin's tee shot on No. 15 landed in the fairway Wednesday, bystanders almost had to wonder if he'd recover.

Hamblin had birdied the other three par 5s, but had spent little time in their fairways.

"It was just mis-hitting my driver a couple of times," said Hamblin, who reached all but two greens in regulation, had 27 putts and scored a first-day 65 to lead the Idaho Open at Jackpot Golf Club on three strokes.

Boise's John Schoonover, who won the Rocky Mountain Section Club Pro title earlier this summer, leads a six-man pack at 68.

With a 7-under-par first round going into today's round here and a distinct home-course advantage for Friday's final round, Hamblin is in good position to recover the Idaho Open title he won in 1990. Two-time defending champion Rustand is part of an octet with 69. The closest Magic Valley competitor is Steve Meyerhoeffer, also of Twin Falls, at 72.

The club pro at the Open's other 1997 venue, Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, Hamblin said he plays the Nevada course just a few times a year. But the course, which favors heavy hitters off the tee, was kind to him Wednesday.

The shotgun start had Hamblin's four-some starting on No. 16. He set the tone five holes into the round, on No. 2. Hamblin out-drove the three others in his group but landed just inches from knee-high rough. Still, he was the only one on the green for his third shot, and just missed a 30-foot birdie putt to the left.

On the par 3 No. 4, Hamblin's tee shot fell 20 feet short of the green — 20 yards from the hole — but he chipped to within inches of the cup to save par.

Hamblin and senior tour member Babe Hisey, a Magic Valley native now living in Gillette Park, Texas, landed in heavy rough off the tee at No. 5. His second shot brought the hole twice as close but didn't improve the lie — so he chipped from the edge of the rough from 90 yards out, and connected on an eight-foot birdie attempt.

"That was a steal here," Hamblin said of the fifth hole. "I got a little over-aggressive (with the second shot) and tried to hit it too hard."

At the 20-foot birdie putt stayed on the lip at No. 11, but the green was definitely more cruel to John West — a Jerome resident and the only amateur in the foursome. West took a double-bogey before making birdie on the next hole. "It was a two-footer, then make one that breaks four times," said West, who finished the first day at 81. Then, turning to his wife, he added, "That's why



Twin Falls pro Mike Hamblin pitches a ball out of the rough on his third hole of the Idaho Open Golf Tournament Wednesday. Despite several drives off the fairway, Hamblin ended the day 7 under par and leading by three strokes.

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After 9 long years, Padre makes big

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — It's not hard to look at Mandy Romero and think of Crash Davis from the movie "Bull Durham." After all, he spent 9 1/2 seasons in the minor leagues before his first call to the major leagues.

By the time he buttoned up a San Diego Padres jersey for the first time, Romero had played in 732 minor league games. The wait was well worth it for the switch-hitting catcher. In his first start on July 18, he got his first hit, but his first homer in consecutive at-bats against fellow Cuban-American Alex Fernandez of the Florida Marlins in his hometown of Miami.

About 40 of his friends and family members were at the game, including his mother, Soledad, who had never seen her son in a pro uniform.

Last week, he went 3-for-4 with another homer against Pittsburgh, which had given up on him in 1994. "I didn't expect it to be this good," the 29-year-old said. "It's going unbelievably good for me right now."

Romero's call up on July 13, after backup catcher Carlos Hernandez went on the disabled list, has coincided with the Padres' surge back into contention in the NL West. And he has become something of a folk hero to fans and teammates. "That home run you hit, that was so cool," a fan yelled to him after the game. "Everybody's psyched for him," said Rockies pitcher Will Cannans, 23, who spent four years in the minors before being plucked out of the Marlins' organization last December. "The patience would be the hardest part. But he felt it was worth striving for to achieve his dream."



San Diego catcher Mandy Romero, right, enjoys himself with Padre star Tony Gwynn Monday.

Romero was a 19th-round draft pick for the Pirates in 1988 and became its minor league player of the year in 1990 while

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Olympian's great leap upward: From cars to bars

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — When Charles Austin was in high school, he became an artist at jumping onto cars. Now he's a perfectionist at jumping over bars — a high jumper.

But long before he won a world title in 1991 and an Olympic gold medal in 1996, he could jump onto a car roof from a starting position. And he had a good reason to master that maneuver — to escape snapping dogs.

"My friend had a Doberman," said Austin, who will try to win his second title at the World Track and Field Championships, which begin Saturday. "Sometimes he would let the dog go and he chased me. When he caught me, I jumped onto the car roof. I was scared. I didn't know I could do that."

And with that desperation leap, a high-jumping career was born. In high school, before his final scholastic season in Van Vleet, Texas, he had only dabbled in track and field — but dies, long jump and high jump. But he

wasn't serious. "It was very small then," Austin said. "The coach said I could go on and play basketball, but I don't think anyone will give you a chance."

At the time, Austin was only 5-foot-8 and less than 120 pounds. "I started sprouting in my junior year in college," he said. By then, he had reached 5-11 and 145 pounds. As a senior, he was up to his current height and weight — 6-0 1/2 and 170 pounds.

His jumping skills also had improved dramatically. "The first time I went over the bar, I jumped backwards after watching the other guys," Austin said.

From a jumper whose high school best was 6-11 while competing in only six meets, Austin soared to 7-6 1/2 at Southwest Texas and won the NCAA championship in 1990.

That year, during the indoor season, he injured his left knee, his takeoff leg. The injury worsened, but Austin

kept jumping. Surprisingly, the knee held up while Austin set the U.S. record of 7-10 3/2 during a meet in Switzerland in 1991. He won the 1991 world title at Tokyo and competed in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, finishing tied for eighth. By 1993, he could no longer stand the pain.

"It was on the verge of rupture and pretty much shredded," he said. When he collapsed at the USA championships, doctors advised surgery.

"Whenever I got money to me," Austin agreed to the operation, with no guarantee he could jump again.

"I had to be patient, but I never lost faith," he said.

His patience and faith were tested. Because he couldn't compete, Austin's income dropped and he had trouble making mortgage payments on the home he bought in San Marcos, Texas, in 1993.

"Whenever I got money to me," Austin said. "Everyone worked with me. The bank came very close to

foreclosing me, but fortunately I didn't. I don't even think they knew who I was."

Austin's anonymity didn't last long. After a light season of only nine meets in 1994, he won the USA championship in 1995. Then came the 1996 Olympic gold medal at Atlanta. He was the first U.S. high jumper champion at the Olympics since Dick Fosbury in 1968.

"The money still isn't rolling in, but I'm very pleased with the way things are going," Austin said. "I'm happy with my life. I wouldn't change anything."

Austin now has a shoe contract with Mizuno, has established the Charles Austin Foundation to provide scholarships for underprivileged children and has his own clothing line called So High Sportswear — "apparel for the vertically inclined."

Austin is 29 years old and can think about another Olympics in Sydney in 2000.

"I'm still a young jumper," he said. "I want to keep jumping. I'd love to jump in Australia in three years."

Southern Idaho golfers stormed the leader board at Twin Falls Municipal in the amateur first flight. Ketchum's Brian Saksa shot a 68 for the lead, with Gary Burkett of Twin Falls at 69. Doyle Morrill of Kimberly at 71 and Twin Falls' Andy Hollister and Patrick O'Dell of Shoshone at 72.

Norman Lancaster of Twin Falls held a two-stroke lead at 72 in the second flight and Kimberly's Terry Morrill broke into the top five with a 75 in the third flight.

Bruce Kemper, at 77, was one stroke off the fourth-flight lead of Boise's Jonathan Gibbs. Jim Ladroff (79) and Mike Galbos (80), also of Twin Falls, helped round out the top five.

A trio of Twin Falls golfers — Dennis Cornwall (76), Rick Mabey (77) and Mini Vitale (81) led the fifth and final flight.

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Organizers: Pay Welch \$2 million

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Olympics organizers recommended a \$2 million compensation package Wednesday for Tom Welch, who brought the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake but resigned amid charges he abused his wife.

"This was an effort to be fair to him in light of the service that he rendered," said Jim Jardine, legal counsel for the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee's board of trustees.

The board's executive committee emerged from a three-hour closed meeting recommending that SLOC chairman Frank Joklik serve as Welch's interim replacement as president and CEO. It also ordered that a search committee be appointed to find a successor.

Members also voted to hire Welch, a former corporate lawyer, as a consultant for \$10,000 a month and to pay him \$1 million to compensate him for his service from 1989-95 in which he wasn't paid. They also recommended a retirement benefit of up to \$500,000. Starting in 1995, Welch received \$325,000 a year as president, with a \$100,000-a-year retirement.

SPORTS

Yanks blank A's; Mariners fall to Sox

LETTER

NEW YORK (AP) — David Lewis struck out a career-high 16 in a three-inning and Tino Martinez hit his major league-leading 31st home run Wednesday, leading the New York Yankees to a 7-0 win over the Oakland Athletics.

Luis Sojo also homered and went 4-for-5 as the Yankees won their third straight.

Wells (11-5) recorded his second shutout in three starts. He had struck out 11 in a game two games previously.

Wells' performance matched David Cone's 16-strikeout against Detroit on June 23, and was the second most ever in a game by a Yankees pitcher. Ron Guidry struck out 18 California Angels on June 17, 1978.

Martinez's two-run homer in the first inning off Steve Karsay (3-11) gave the Yankees a 3-0 lead. Martinez's 36 homers are the most by a Yankee since Reggie Jackson hit 41 in 1980, and the most by a New York first baseman since Lou Gehrig hit 37 in 1937.

Red Sox 8, Mariners 7

BOSTON — Nomar Garciaparra's bases-loaded single in the 10th inning capped another Boston rally as the Red Sox came back from a five-run deficit Wednesday to beat the Seattle Mariners.

Boston scored two runs in the 10th inning and for the fourth time in six games — the Red Sox scored three in the bottom of the ninth. Then they scored the game-winning run in the 10th, in which they were forced to use pitcher

er Steve Avery as a pinch hitter, followed by light-hitting Jesus Tavarez.

Orlles 3, Rangers 1

BALTIMORE — Scott Kamieniecki won his first start in more than a month and Geromino Berroa drove in two runs as the Baltimore Orioles capped a three-game sweep of the Texas Rangers.

Jeff Reboulet, subbing for injured second baseman Roberto Alomar, went 2-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI. Alomar was placed on the 15-day disabled list before the game with a pulled groin.

Baltimore has won five straight and eight of nine, including a three-game sweep of Texas last week. The Orioles won the series from the Rangers 10-1 after going 3-10 against them last year.

White Sox 3, Tigers 2

CHICAGO — Frank Thomas broke a six-inning tie with his 25th home run of the year, leading the Chicago White Sox over the Detroit Tigers and snapping a four-game losing streak.

Thomas was starting his second game as the designated hitter following Tuesday's trade of Harold Baines to Baltimore. Thomas, the AL's leading hitter with a .361 average, is 1-for-1 in the two games.

Twins 11, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Brad Rocke, handed an eight-run lead before throwing a pitch, won his 11th straight start by pitching the Minnesota Twins past the Kansas City Royals.

Rocke (15-5) did not give up a hit until Chad Davis bloomed a single with

two outs in the sixth inning. Rocke allowed three hits in seven innings.

Angels 5, Indians 2

CLEVELAND — Ken Hill won his first start for Anaheim, and the Angels completed a four-game sweep at Jacobs Field with a victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Jim Edmonds and Todd Greene homered for Anaheim, which moved within one-half game of AL West-leading Seattle. The Angels' first sweep at Cleveland since 1986 made them 16-5 since the All-Star break.

Cleveland went 4-10 in its longest home stand since August 1986. The Indians' lead in the AL Central was trimmed to three games over Milwaukee.

Anaheim's Tony Phillips was apparently hit in the helmet by a small object thrown from the stands after striking out in the fifth inning. Phillips, held by teammates in front of the dugout, had flipped his bat at catcher Sandy Alomar after fanning.

Rockies 12, Expos 6

DENVER — Andres Galarraga hit two homers and drove in five runs, giving him a major league-leading 101 RBIs, as the Colorado Rockies beat the Montreal Expos 12-6 Wednesday.

Galarraga, who struck out in all four of his at-bats Tuesday, went 3-for-4 with a walk. He hit a two-run homer in the first inning and three-run shot, his 28th, in the eighth.

Vinny Castilla and Dante Bichette each went 4-for-4 for the Rockies. Ellis Burks added a two-run homer in his first game since June 17, 11 days before he was

placed on the disabled list because of a strained groin.

Tim Lincecum, who went 4-for-4, Henry Rodriguez and David Segui each homered for Montreal.

Marlins 6, Reds 0

MILWAUKEE — Unbeaten rookie Livan Hernandez allowed three hits in eight innings for his fifth win, leading Florida past Cincinnati.

Hernandez, 22, became the first Florida pitcher to start a season 5-0. Dennis Cook pitched the third and gave up a hit.

Moises Alou had a three-run homer and a run-scoring double, giving him three homers and seven RBIs in two nights.

Astros 7, Cardinals 4

HOUSTON — Craig Biggio hit a bases-loaded triple in the eighth inning and Darryl Kile won his eighth straight decision as the Houston Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-4 Wednesday night.

After the Cardinals scored three times in the eighth to tie it at 4-4, Houston came back with three runs. Tim Lincecum drove in two runs in the eighth.

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Coach spitting incident sets bad example for kids

At the recent Bay Area All-Star Tournament, I witnessed the absolute best and worst of Little League baseball. The best was the semi-final game between the Wood River Nationals and the Twin Falls National All-Stars. Characterized by superb pitching, stone-wall defenses and power hitting, the level of play served as a tribute to our national sport. When Twin Falls player Doug Benson hit one so far over the fence that it landed in the duck pond, he was applauded by both teams.

The game was a joy to watch, and it was thus unfortunate that the deciding out resulted from a close play at home. Wood River was in the outfield and, with two outs, Twin Falls had the go-ahead run on base. Following a solid hit and a close throw, a Twin Falls player failed to step on home plate and was subsequently called out. The Twin Falls coaches immediately appealed the call, but after a lengthy conference, the tournament umpires decided in Wood River's favor. Wood River would go on to the finals; Twin Falls would play for third.

At that point, the teams lined up for the traditional handshakes. The exhausted players passed and told each other good game. Then, while both teams watched, Wood River Coach Mike Chatterton offered his hand to Twin Falls Coach John Sudik. Sudik glanced at Chatterton's gesture of goodwill, then suddenly spit on him. Chatterton

stepped back in amazement, then shook his head and said, "You shouldn't be coaching boys!"

A second later, Mike Chatterton and had to be restrained by the other Twin Falls coaches.

I have two sons who play baseball and have always felt that the most important thing a coach can teach his team is not how to hit, field or catch a ball. The most important values players learn from their coach are sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play. Only a very few of the players who competed in the Burley tournament will play high school ball. Fewer still will play in college.

It's not the rules of a game they learn from Mike Chatterton and John Sudik, but the rules of life. For that reason alone, I am extraordinarily proud of the fact that Mike Chatterton had the strength, leadership and courage to turn his back and walk away. And I am utterly ashamed that both teams had to witness John Sudik's disgusting behavior on the field that day. In my mind, I can never remember whether they won or lost that game, but they'll never forget Sudik's sad and lasting example.

ANDREW SLOUGH
Halley

Editor's note: When contacted about this letter, Mr. Sudik acknowledged spitting in the direction of Coach Chatterton, but he intentionally spit on the ground and "not a drop hit him."

Mr. Chatterton said some of the spittle got on his hand.

Romero

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Class A Salem.

He made it to the 40-man roster in 1991 but injuries knocked him off. The 1992 season brought his second big-league injury. In 1993, he was slowed by chicken pox and a torn ligament in his right thumb.

It was hard explaining to friends and family why he had not reached the big leagues.

"I was injured, but I wasn't using that as an excuse," he said. "They didn't know any better. You have to block out those thoughts."

The Pirates released him May 6, 1994, after seven games at Class AAA Buffalo. "I took it so hard I wanted to quit," Romero said.

His brother, Andy, who had played in the Philadelphia Phillies organization, talked him out of it.

"He's the one who told me that as long as you have a uniform on, you can play in the big leagues," Romero said. "Without a uniform, you're not nothing."

Romero finished that year playing for the Cardinals in Mexico. Padres general manager Kevin Towers, who spent two years as a scout for Pittsburgh, got Romero to San Diego. After he hit 302 with 21 homers and 82 RBIs for Kansas City's Triple-A Las Vegas,

the Padres signed him as a free agent.

"It's certainly almost a sign of relief that with all the hard work and effort, he hasn't given up," Towers said. "He never complained, he never bitched about anything. He just wanted to go out and play baseball."

When Towers visited Class AA Mobile earlier this year, Romero told him he had a shot at going to Triple-A Las Vegas.

Towers told him to stay positive.

Romero did go to Vegas, but for only 20 games. After all those years in the minors, he found himself in the same clubhouse with Tony Gwynn, Ken Caminiti and Rickey Henderson.

The Padres have not decided whether they will keep three catchers after Hernandez is activated. If Romero is sent back to the minors, he will certainly be back up when rosters expand on Sept. 1.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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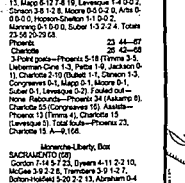
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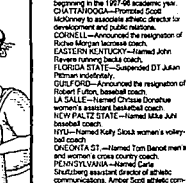
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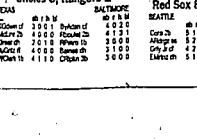
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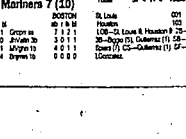
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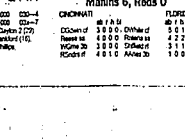
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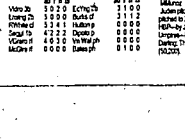
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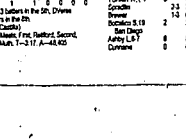
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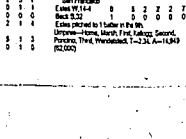
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Barkley admits pushing 'drunk redneck'

CLEVELAND — Charles Barkley testified Wednesday that he pushed the man who is suing him because he was a "drunk redneck" who deserved it.

"I don't know if I ever got to hit him or not," Barkley said. "I would hope I did, but I don't know if I did."

Barkley, testifying in the lawsuit in which Job Tyler is seeking \$550,000 from the NBA star, described a chaotic scene in which Tyler moved aggressively toward him.



Charles Barkley

Tyler, a 24-year-old business equipment salesman from Spencerport, N.Y., had already testified that Barkley bloodied his face with punches during a July 7, 1996, melee in which he was trying to be a peacemaker. The nightclub where the fight took place was dismissed from the lawsuit.

Dodgers get OK to draft agreement with Fox

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers were given permission Wednesday by major league baseball's ownership committee to draft an agreement with Fox Group for the sale of the team to Rupert Murdoch.

Any prospective sale must be approved by major league team owners. Owner Peter O'Malley announced in January that his family planned to sell the team they have controlled since 1950. The team is expected to fetch \$350 million to \$400 million, which would be a record for a baseball team.

Injuries take minor toll on Seahawks

CHENEY, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks have stayed relatively healthy so far in training camp, but the inevitable bumps and bruises are beginning to add up, coach Dennis Erickson said Wednesday.

"Knock on wood, we haven't had anything real, real serious," Erickson said as the team's training camp at Eastern Washington University entered its third week. "We're fortunate there."

However, starting right tackle Howard Ballard will miss Saturday night's pre-season game against the visiting Arizona Cardinals because of an ailing right knee, Erickson said.

The knee troubled the nine-year veteran last season and has kept him out of practice this week. An MRI conducted in Seattle on Wednesday showed no new damage, Erickson said.

Seles wins on day of upsets at Toshiba

CARLSBAD, Calif. — While Monica Seles struggled through her second-round match at the \$450,000 Toshiba Classic on Wednesday, three other seeded players weren't as lucky.

Seles, the No. 2 seed, had a tougher than expected match as she held off Japan's Ai Sugiyama 6-4, 6-4.

But No. 4 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain, No. 5 Anke Huber of Germany and No. 8 Irina Spirlea of Romania, all were upset in the second round.

Sanchez Vicario's play was flat and uninspiring as she was swept aside 6-2, 6-1 by France's Sandrine Testud.

Testud has beaten Sanchez Vicario twice in a row, including a 6-0, 7-5 win at the Lipton Championships in March. Sanchez Vicario had won their previous three career meetings.

NBA referee with tax trouble steps down

NEW YORK — Jess Kersey, one of four NBA referees indicted on charges of federal income tax evasion, resigned Wednesday after 24 years with the league. He was regarded as one of the NBA's top officials.

Kersey pleaded guilty in Norfolk, Va., to filing false federal income tax returns and was sentenced to three years' probation. He was fined \$20,000 after agreeing to cooperate in the investigation of tax fraud by NBA referees.

Just last week, Kersey was advised by a federal judge in Norfolk that it was in his best interest to negotiate a plea because a jury was not likely to be convinced by his defense.

SuperSonics forward signs 1-year contract

SEATTLE — The Seattle SuperSonics signed forward Stephen Howard to a one-year contract Wednesday.

Sonics general manager Wally Walker said Howard had an outstanding year in the CBA last season "and we felt he has performed well in his limited NBA action."

In 15 games with Oklahoma City of the CBA last season, the 27-year-old Howard averaged 25.6 points and 9.5 rebounds in about 42 minutes per game. Howard, who played at DePaul, played in 42 games last season with the Utah Jazz, averaging 3.6 points and 1.8 rebounds.

Eagle apologizes after exposure accusation

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Mike Anderson apologized Wednesday to a female bouncer who accused him of exposing himself to her. She accepted the apology, even though the statement lacked an admission of guilt and did not specifically mention the allegation.

"He apologized, and I'm sure he sincerely meant it. That's good as far as I'm concerned," Sherri Happany said. "I'm not going to go any further with it."

Allentown police captain Paul Snyder did not immediately return telephone messages seeking comment on whether the department planned charges against Mumula. Happany has said police told her they plan to drop the case.

Phillies' draftee can't become free agent

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Phillies' top pick in last month's amateur draft just his bid Wednesday to become a free agent.

outfielder J.D. Drew, selected second overall but regarded as the best player available, had argued that the club failed to send him a contract within the required 15 days. His agent, Scott Boras, said the Phillies faxed him an offer — not a contract.

Major League Baseball's executive council rejected the petition, ruling that the Phillies retain Drew's professional contract rights. He said Drew will appeal in court.

New racket: Borg vs. McEnroe on senior tour

Bjorn Borg had just lost in the U.S. Open final for the fourth time. He picked up his rackets, walked into the tunnel at the side of the court and retired from the sport.

CHICAGO (AP) — Baseball put off until next week any action on what could be the sport's most radical realignment ever.

After a four-hour meeting Wednesday, a committee studying realignment for next season, acting commissioner Bud Selig promised that the issue will stay in the forefront.

"I will keep pushing this very aggressively," he said.

"There are a lot of different ideas. Every club has a different thought process, but yet the feeling about realignment is very strong," he said after the 12-member realignment committee met. "Each plan has a lot of variations to it and it gets complicated. Clearly nothing has been decided."

Selig said the next step would be

another meeting of the committee, perhaps by conference call early next week, and then to take any plan to the executive council.

Any realignment plan would have to be approved by a vote of the full ownership before a schedule could be completed and presented to the players' union.

"We will see on track to try to do something to implement for 1998, although that window closes a little bit every day," said committee chairman John Harrington, chief executive officer of the Boston Red Sox.

"We have to be done by October, absolutely," Selig said.

"We've discussed the benefits, the pluses and minuses of various realignment plans and we've dis-

cussed a lot of overall philosophy, some results of some data on different plans and scheduling."

There's also the touchy question of the designated hitter.

Under one reported form of realignment, dubbed a "16-14," the DH would be used by all 30 teams.

"We may resolve it in this room," Selig said.

"The DH is an issue we will have to work with."

Under the two-league "16-14" format, said to be favored by Selig, one league would have a Central Division with the Texas Rangers, Houston Astros, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Cardinals, Kansas City Royals, Milwaukee Brewers and Minnesota Twins and a Western Division with

the Los Angeles Dodgers, Anaheim Angels, Oakland Athletics, San Francisco Giants, expansion Arizona Diamondbacks, Colorado Rockies, San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners.

The other league would have an East division comprised of the Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox, Montreal Expos, Philadelphia Phillies, Toronto Blue Jays, New York Mets and New York Yankees.

The second division would include the Florida Marlins, expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Pittsburgh Pirates and Detroit Tigers.

Four teams — two division winners and two wild cards — from each league would advance to the playoffs.

Oh, baby: Swoopes comes back

HOUSTON (AP) — Just five weeks after giving birth to a son, Sheryl Swoopes — a little rusty, a little heavy and still very confident — joined her Houston Comets teammates for a practice.

"I was really anxious to get out there," Swoopes said Wednesday after the two-hour workout. "I wasn't so worried how I was going to do. I was more worried about how the players were going to react to me, how I was going to fit in."

Coach Val Chancellor had Swoopes participating in most of the ball-court activities but held her out of the full-court play, timing and conditioning were the biggest things needing attention, he said.

"It's going to be a slow process, but I saw a lot of glimpses of a lot of progress — passing, seeing the floor, something you just can't coach," he said. "It's going to take time, but I think it will be over relatively quick."

Swoopes, 26, was a member of the U.S. team that won the gold medal at the 1996 Olympics.

The 6-foot forward is Texas Tech's career scoring leader with a 24.9-point average.

She scored a record 47 points in the Red Raiders' 1993 NCAA championship game victory over Ohio State, led the NCAA in scoring that season at 28.1 points and averaged 23 points in the 1993-94 season with Bari, Italy. She was awarded to Houston in the WNBA's initial play-

er assignments in January. She gave birth June 25 to Jordan Eric Jackson.

"I've definitely gained some weight during my pregnancy," she said Wednesday. "I've got to get back down to where I was during the Olympics."

"The one thing I'm confident in is my shot. That's something I worked on and didn't lose too much of during my pregnancy."

"But it's completely different to be playing pickup ball with the guys and then you come out here and play organized ball. A lot of people don't understand how physical it is."

The Comets (10) have for a three-game road trip but Swoopes will stay behind to work on her conditioning with a personal trainer and to practice.

"I thought it was inspiring," Chancellor said. "I think if you let Michael Jordan go for a whole year, he'd be rusty. From what I expect, Sheryl is one of the premier players in the country. She's got a ways to go but I think she can be 75 percent of what she can be and help us. All she needs is a little time."

During practice, Swoopes hit a number of 3-pointers and connected with some good passes.

"She was looking good," fellow forward Tina Thompson said. "She was getting everyone involved. I enjoyed having her out."



Houston's Sheryl Swoopes shoots as teammate Janet Arcaon defends during practice Wednesday.

Now is perfect time to consider bowling

Summer is still in full swing, but back-to-school sales are cropping up and autumn is just around the corner, meaning bowling leagues will be starting in about 45 weeks.

That means it's the perfect time for folks who are considering taking up the sport or returning after a long time away from the lanes.

Most bowlers say the greatest part of the game is meeting new people and having fun.

Getting into bowling is easy. Any bowling center will give you your name, address and phone number to the secretary of a league that plays on the night that best suits your schedule.

I recently interviewed two local women who are perfect examples of every-day people who have taken up the sport for more than just a chance to roll a high score.

Sandy Sapper is not really new to the game of bowling, but when her corner, Becky Schulz, asked Sandy to lace up her bowling shoes about a year ago, it seemed she was just starting. Sandy bowled when she was very young.

At the age of 10, she won the Nevada State YABA Doubles Championship, 29 years ago.

Sandy's parents, Gene and Barbara Poer, Las Vegas, were bowlers. Sandy's son, David, now 19, bowled when he was younger. Bowling has always been a part of her life. Getting back into the game gave Sandy an opportunity

"to get out of the house and meet new people," she said.

Sandy bowled for the Kevin's Welding Team on the Sunset League at the Bowlmore. Over the course of the year, Sandy bowled 19 weeks for a total of 51 games ending the season with a 132 average. Her high game was 177 — not too shabby for a first-time bowler.

The Kevin's Welding Team on which she plays finished second last season in an 18-team league. Teammates include sister Becky, Christina Castro, Ilene Holstinger, and Rhonda Cristobal.

Sandy, who works at the Albertson's sales bar and does merchandising for White Cloud Mountain College, had no trouble when asked for suggestions to improve bowling tournaments.

"Prize money rather than trophies."

Leanne Troppen also has been around the sport all her life and got back to it last season. She and husband, Scott, received a telephone call from their neighbor, Darla McCullister and Theresa Boehm, inviting them to fill out a team with Dave and Marti Florke on the Friday Mixed League at the



BOWLING Thema Tucker

Magic Bowl. The league had been bowling for a couple of weeks, but Leanne bowled 32 weeks of the season getting 106 games and finished with a 131 average. Her high game for the season was 190.

Leanne's early experience was as a substitute for her mother 23 years ago on the City Mixed League at the Bowlmore. Her parents were Clinton and Ilene Earl, who were ardent bowlers (as many of us know). Leanne's days are busy with her children, Ryan, 22, Arisana, 14, and Tyler, 11, not to mention her full-time job as Human Resources Coordinator at the South Central Community Action Agency.

Water skiing season will be ending soon, so Leanne is anxious to get back to bowling. She also enjoys the time away from work, the exercise, and most of all, the chance to meet new people.

Her suggestion for a change in bowling is "a little bit shorter season."

Thema Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for the Times-News. You can contact her at 733-4357 or by e-mail at tucker@magicink.com.

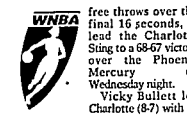
Liberty tops Monarchs in OT

NEW YORK (AP) — Sophia Witherspoon had four of her season-high 26 points in overtime Wednesday night as the New York Liberty beat the Sacramento Monarchs 73-58, ruining the WNBA coaching debut of Heidi VanDerwee.

The loss was the sixth straight for the Monarchs (5-11), who fired coach Mary Murphy on Monday.

Sting 68, Monday 67

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rhonda Mapp scored 19 points, including four



free throws over the final 16 seconds, to lead the Charlotte Sting to a 68-67 victory over the Phoenix Mercury on Wednesday night.

Vicky Bullett led Charlotte (8-7) with 20 points, while Andrea Congreaves added 13 points and a game-high 16 rebounds.

Rackler Gilom scored 16 points and Michele Tilton added 15 for the Mercury (8-7), who lead the WNBA's Western Conference.

Young No. 1 in salary wars

The Associated Press

A week after Brett Favre got to a contract that allowed him to lay claim to being the NFL's highest-paid player, Steve Young jumped over him — at least according to the San Francisco 49ers.

At the same time, Young took a pay cut.

So it is in the age of the salary cap.

Young signed a new deal with San Francisco on Wednesday that will pay him \$45 million over six years, presumably more than Favre's deal, reported at \$47.25 million for seven years. Mark Brunell, Jacksonville's quarter-back, also has a new deal: \$31.5 million for six years.

Young's contract, really an extension, cleared \$1.5 million in room under season's salary cap.

Within hours of Young's signing, general manager Dwight Clark said the 49ers and their top draft

pick, Virginia Tech quarterback Jim Druckenmiller, agreed to terms on a six-year contract. Financial details weren't released.

Young, who turns 36 in October, is unlikely to see all the money in the deal. None of it is guaranteed and both Policy and Young's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said there's a strong possibility it will be restructured as early as next year, when Young is due to receive a \$10 million base salary.

"He will be with us the remainder of his playing career. I think this contract guarantees that," 49ers president Carmen Policy said.

It also is part of what seems to be a game of one-upmanship.

Last week, after Favre signed, Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman, also a Steinberg client, joked: "Leigh will be on the phone to Jerry Jones to re-do my deal, then he'll call San Francisco."

It turned out he called San Francisco first.

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Members of the West End Men's Association pee wee baseball team that took first in the final season tournament are from left: (back row) coaches John Osterkamp and Vince Hamilton. (middle row) Eric Aquilar, Alex Johnston, Cody Hick, James Osterkamp, Perry Hamilton, Jeff Wagner, Willie Elm and Jason Munoz; (front row) Wade Martynetz, Mitch Quigley, John Naser Colton Williams, Patrick Osterkamp and Jeff Hite.



Members of the Buhl Kiwanis pee wee baseball team that took second in the off-season tournament in Buhl are from left: (back row) coaches Mark Laing and Hank Goodhart. (middle row) Josh Stewart, Austin Laing, Travis Wiserna, Chris Fields, Colt Bass, Cody Cunningham, Brett Twiss and Trevin Belski; (front row) Seth Hansen, Chance Castle, Devin Heworth, Karriek Kelly, Brad Twiss and Drew Gabbard.



Members of the Condie Twisters who won the Midget League title are from left: (back row) coach Ryan Turner, Chris Condie, Cory Robertson, Scott Dodds, Craig Leavitt and coach Gary Leavitt. (front row) Cody Thompson, Nick Brumbaugh, Ryan Pohlman, Austin Kreal, Steve Turner and Josh Hawkes. Not pictured: Scott Valentine.

WEMA pee wees place 1st in tourney

BUHL - The West End Men's Association pee wee baseball team capped off an undefeated season with a championship in the tournament held June 25-28 at Popplewell Elementary Baseball Diamond.

On its way to the championship the WEMA team beat Riverview 6-1. Leading the hitting for WEMA were Jeff Wagner with a home run and a single, Willie Elm with two doubles and John Naser with a pair of singles.

For Riverview, Willie Bowser, J.R. Kippes, Jeremy Montgomery, Patrick Hoffmeyer, and Kyle Clements all contributed base hits.

In the second round of the tournament WEMA met Riverview again, taking the contest 3-2. WEMA jumped out to a seven-run lead in the first frame and built on that lead to take the victory. WEMA hitters again shined. James Osterkamp hit a home run and two singles, Perry Hamilton hit a home run, one triple, and one single, Willie Elm drilled a home run and a double, Mitch

Quigley and Alex Johnston, each hit a triple and a single and Patrick Osterkamp hit a double and two singles.

K.C. Hulise hit a pair of triples and Shawn Carter picked up a double and a single for Riverview.

In its third outing, WEMA met Seneca and took that contest 19-6, getting three runs in the hull of the first inning, and never trailing. WEMA's hitters included Jeff Wagner with a home run and a double, John Naser with two doubles and a single, James Osterkamp with three singles, Mitch Quigley with two doubles, Perry Hamilton with a triple and a double and Willie Elm with a double and a single.

For Seneca, Drake Strickler hit a triple, double and single, Nick Bughman a double and a single, Brian Thompson garnered a triple and two singles, and Adam May hit a single and a double.

In the championship contest WEMA took a 3-0-6 win over the Kiwanis team. The game was tied 9-9 after two innings, but WEMA



Members of the Seneca pee wee baseball team that placed third in the Buhl tournament are from left: (front row) Jarom Wrey, Jack Peifers, Nick Baughman, Drake Strickler, Alex Wagner and Cory Paulson; (middle row) Adam May, Ty Cooper, Nicholas Wilson, Justin Woodruff, Brian Thompson, Troy Cooper and Tanner Owen. (back row) coaches Bob Wagner and Mike Baughman.

had a big third inning to take the lead and go on for the win.

Patrick Osterkamp and Jason Munn each went 6-for-6 for the game. Osterkamp collected five singles and one double, while Munn had six singles. Jeff Wagner had a pair of doubles and a pair of singles, Perry Hamilton collected a triple, a double and three singles, James Osterkamp had a double and four singles and Willie Elm

had a double and three singles. Mitch Quigley blasted for three doubles and one single.

Austin Laing led all hitters for Kiwanis as he picked up two doubles and two singles. Cody Cunningham and Chris Fields each collected three singles. Brett Twiss contributed two doubles. Travis Wiserna hit for a double and a single, and Seth Hansen had a pair of one baggers.

Twin Falls teams take 1st, 2nd

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Traveling All-Star Nationals baseball team took first place last weekend at the Twin Falls tournament.

The 11- and 12-year-old all-star teams from the Twin Falls Americans, who finished second in the 30-team tournament.

Organizers believe it is the first time since the inception of the tournament in 1959, that two Twin Falls teams placed first and second.

To advance to the championship, the Americans beat the Jerome Nationals, the Eagle Vipers, the Nampa Nationals, South Boise and Caldwell Blue. They also split with Vallivue Gold and drew a bye against the

Nampa Americans.

Top batting averages at the tournament: Steve Turner (.626), Brandon Vance (.611), Pete McMullin (.444), Luke Hawkins (.429), John Nuner (.400), Nick Chapman (.357) and Robert Aho (.304).

Top on-base percentages at the tournament: Steve Turner (.818), Brandon Vance (.677), Pete McMullin (.600), Nick Chapman (.550), Luke Hawkins (.455), A.J. Stone (.462), Ryan Pohlman (.444), Alex Hill (.444), Tim Mealer (.389), Robert Aho (.333) and Kyle Robinette (.300).

Top extra base hitters at the tournament: Robert Aho (1 home run, 1 triple), Nick Chapman (1 home run), John Nuner (1 home

run, 2 triples), A.J. Stone (1 home run, 1 double), Brandon Vance (2 triples, 1 double), Luke Hawkins (1 triple), Tim Mealer (1 triple).

Top single hitters: Luke Hawkins (8), Brandon Vance (8), Steve Turner (7), Robert Aho (5), Nick Chapman (4). Cory Albertson scored a run at the tournament.

Pitchers at the tournament were Luke Hawkins, Steve Turner, Kyle Robinette, Tim Mealer, Pete McMullin, John Nuner and Nick Chapman. Coaches are Curt Mealer and Revis Turner. Batboy is Grayson Stone.

The Americans ended their season with three second-place trophies.



The Americans, one of the Twin Falls Traveling All-Star 11- and 12-year-old baseball teams, captured second place at the Twin Falls All-star tournament last week. Members include from left: (back row) coach Revis Turner, Steve Turner, John Nuner, Pete McMullin, Brandon Vance, Robert Aho, Nick Chapman, Luke Hawkins, coach Curt Mealer, (front row) batboy Grayson Stone, Cory Albertson, Tim Mealer, Alex Hill, Ryan Pohlman, Kyle Robinette and A.J. Stone.

Condie Twisters win Midget League title

TWIN FALLS - Condie Twisters won the Twin Falls City Midget League (sixth grade) championship Tuesday at Harmon Park.

Condie beat the Scofield Seahawks 6-6. Winning pitcher was Steve Turner. Relief pitcher was Scott Dodds.

The Twisters finished the season 11-2 with pitcher Steve Turner posting a 6-1 record and pitched Scott Dodds a 5-1 record.

Top hitters for the season: Kevin Brumbaugh (.512 batting average, 22 hits, 22 RBIs), Steve Turner (.440 batting average, 17 hits, 20 RBIs), Scott Dodds (.438 batting average, 15 hits, 12 RBIs), Craig Leavitt (.406 batting aver-

age, 13 hits, 11 RBIs), Ryan Pohlman (.364 batting average, 12 hits, 12 RBIs).

Other team members are Cody Thompson, who got seven hits during the season; Austin Kreal, with a .652 on-base percentage; Josh Hawkes, with a .525 on-base percentage; Chris Condie, with a .500 on-base percentage and a .500 on-base percentage; and Cory Robertson, with a .368 on-base percentage.

The team batting average for the year was .345. The Twisters scored an average of 8.9 runs per game, while allowing 4.3.

Coaches are Gary Leavitt and Revis Turner. The sponsor is Tom Condie.

Local golfers qualify for Rocky Mountain Sectional playoffs in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

TWIN FALLS - Several local golfers qualified for the Rocky Mountain Sectional playoffs in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Golf professional Brian Condie returned from Blue Lakes Country Club will take amateurs Allan Hwa, Dave Little, Sean Timoney and Jeff Fox to com-

pete in the Oldsmobile Scramble golf tournament with a chance to qualify for the national tournament in Orlando, Fla., in October.

Four of the four amateurs qualified last year to earn a trip to Florida with golf professional Mike Hamblin.

YOUR SCORES AND STANDINGS

BOWLING

AREA SCORES

Here are the scores recorded on the 10-10 bowling games for the week ending:

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Youths take part in Caldwell rodeo

CALDWELL - Magic Valley cowboys and cowgirls participated in the 33rd annual Caldwell Exchange youth rodeo July 5-12.

Brandy Rodriguez of Buhl won the all-around cowboy, receiving the all-around saddle. Brady won the senior cowboy, took fourth in the senior barrel racing and fourth in the senior breakaway.

Levi Perkins of Murtaugh was second in the senior bull riding. Joni Garcia of Fairfield placed second in the senior breakaway and third in the senior goy riding.

TRATHLON

Squadman Triathlon

Here are the results of the 1997 Squadman Triathlon:

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Burglaries close Twin Falls DMV for 2 weeks

TWIN FALLS - Two burglaries in less than four days have closed the driver's license office in Twin Falls for two weeks. Driver's license offices in Buhl, Jerome, Gooding and Burley will handle customers from Twin Falls, the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department said.

The office was broken into over the weekend and again Monday night or Tuesday morning, Twin Falls police records say. Several items were stolen from the office, including a camera, a printer, film, a film cutter, a camera backdrop, laminates and a laminator. County and sheriff's identification cards also were stolen.

Fake IDs could be made with the stolen equipment, and local proprietors will be watching IDs closely in the next few weeks, Twin Falls police detective Bill Hanchey said.

Twin Falls police have several leads, but they haven't released names of any suspects, Hanchey said.

Thunderstorm Wednesday knocks out Wendell power

WENDELL - A thunderstorm blackened the sky over Wendell Wednesday afternoon and knocked out electrical power after a downpour set water running in the streets and irrigation canals.

The power blinked on and off repeatedly before shutting off at 4:45 p.m. and staying off in the northern part of town until 6:13 p.m. Magic Valley Manor had to use its emergency generator and served dinner to residents in a darkened dining room illuminated by light from the front windows.

Power went off in downtown businesses and residential areas before it was restored piecemeal.

The storm, which tore small branches from trees, passed almost as quickly as it arrived. It was followed by brilliant sunshine and a partly cloudy sky, and children played in a running in the curb along Idaho Street and in puddles elsewhere.

Twin Falls band swings with 1940s tunes tonight

TWIN FALLS - Tunes from the 1940s will be featured when the Twin Falls Municipal Band performs a "mostly swingy" big-band concert at 8 p.m. tonight at City Park.

Medleys of Glenn Miller favorites and the Broadway show "Oklahoma!" are included, along with works of Leroy Anderson, Sy Oliver, Joe Garland and Harold Allen. Audience members at the free concert are invited to wear something from the '40s, especially military uniforms.

Semi flips on I-84, closes highway for over 6 hours

TWIN FALLS - A semi-truck carrying metal frames for camping trailers flipped onto its side and closed traffic on a section of Interstate 84 for more than six hours Wednesday morning.

Allan E. Beach, 40, of Tannersville, Pa., was traveling west on I-84 when he fell asleep and drove off the road. Beach's freighter flipped onto its side and slid back onto the road, an Idaho State Police dispatcher said.

Cleanup and investigation closed a section of the interstate about one mile east of the Traveler's Oasis from 4 to 10:10 a.m., the dispatcher said.

Neither Beach nor his co-driver, Daniel J. Williamson, 46, of Florida, was hurt in the accident.

Lightning ignites blaze near Hagerman Tuesday afternoon

HAGERMAN - A brush fire near Sligars Thousand Springs Resort southeast of Hagerman burned about 90 acres Tuesday afternoon.

The fire was ignited by lightning at about 4:15 p.m. and was contained by 6 p.m., said Randy Eardley of the Bureau of Land Management's Boise district.

"It was really near (Sligars), but the structures there were never threatened," Eardley said.

Firefighters and a helicopter from BLM's Shoshone office aided in the fight, he said.

Twin Falls Highway District commissioners meet Friday

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Highway District commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. Friday.

General business is first on the agenda. Discussion includes bids, permits, an EAP report, drug-testing policy, Brown's Bench Road field trip, election, budget, equipment needs and telephone inquiry.

Other discussion will include Gerald Martens of EHM Engineers with the Pole Line Road request, federal funds availability, Salmon Dam state and Falls Avenue East Turn Road, Lynn McMaster of Western States Equipment, and Paulette Jackson and other nearby residents concerning Lily Grade.

Compiled from staff reports

Inmate's mother questions treatment

Medical care for spider bite was delayed for 7 days at Louisiana prison, she says

By Karen E. Nolte
Times-News writer

BURLEY - After Karen Rasmussen's son had been in a Louisiana prison for nearly a month without calling, she started to worry.

Her worries grew when she found out he'd been suffering from an infected spider bite, which he later told her went untreated for seven days. Now Rasmussen wants to know what else is going on at a prison 2,000 miles away.

The prison, the Basile Detention Center in Eunice, La., is taking Idaho prisoners under an \$8 million contract with the Idaho Correction Department. Prisoners recently noted at the prison,



Christopher Hansen for several days, she said he told her, and looked like an open bullet wound.

complainin' of poor conditions. Rasmussen said her son, Christopher Hansen, serving an eight-year sentence for aggravated battery, was bit by a brown recluse spider while in solitary confinement. The bite festered for several days, she said he told her, and looked like an open bullet wound. "After asking to see a nurse for several days, he asked again on Friday with still no response," Rasmussen said. "On

Saturday he was told there was no nurse on duty and to wait until Monday. Luckily a guard took it upon himself to go and look, so Christopher was seen on Sunday." After she complained to the Idaho Corrections Department and the American Civil Liberties Union, her 19-year-old son received medical attention, she said. Even after he saw a doctor, he was left to treat and drain the infected wound himself. Prison officials deny the family's allegations. "He was seen the morning after he reported it and the nurse determined it was not a spider bite," said Louisiana corrections spokesman Floyd Andley.

He said the nurse made sure Hansen received further medical attention. "Apparently it was not healing so we sent him to the hospital out of an abundance of caution," Andley said. Rasmussen said she was told by a Basile nurse, who refused to identify herself, that after Hansen finally saw the prison nurse, he was sent to Eunice Regional Medical Center and was prescribed penicillin by a doctor whose last name was Fontenot. A hospital spokesperson confirmed to The Times-News Wednesday that there is no doctor with a last name of Fontenot at the center. When Rasmussen called Please see TREATMENT, Page C3

Baldy perimeter trail open for hiking, mountain biking

By Julio Casey Lynn
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - The Broadway to Cold Springs portion of the Bald Mountain Perimeter Trail opens Saturday. Mountain bikers with some experience in downhill riding can enjoy the nine-mile route that skirts the southern perimeter of the Bald Mountain ski area.

The River Run and Lookout Express chair lifts have been fitted with hooks to hold bikes and riders to the top of Bald Mountain.

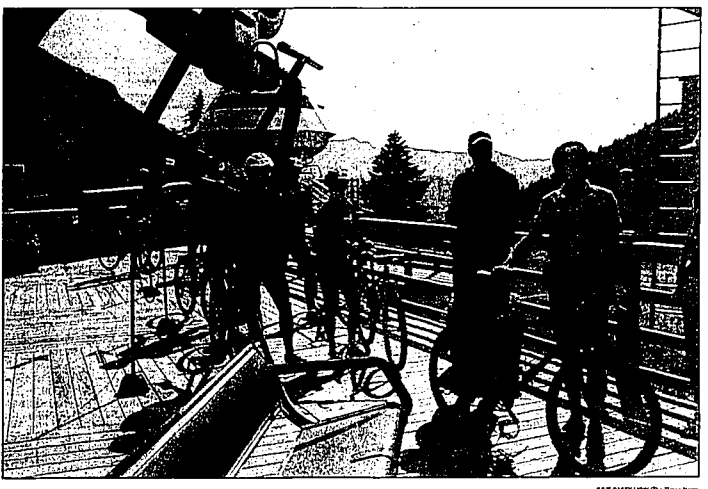
Lift attendants put the bikes on and off the lift. Riders get on the chair behind their bikes for the trip to the top of the 9,450-foot ski mountain. The chair also has access for wheelchair passengers. Trail maps are available at the base of the River Run Express Lift.

The trail is open to the public, and hikers and mountain bikers are welcome to hike or bike without buying a lift ticket. The trail has a 4 to 6 percent grade designed "for everyone to enjoy," said Jack Sibbach, Sun Valley Co. spokesman.

"We're hoping people will take time to enjoy the sights. We built a great overlook perched on a rocky outcropping in the Turkey Gulch area about halfway down," Sibbach said.

Sun Valley Co. is building the Warm Springs section of the trail with hopes of finishing by summer's end. This portion of the trail will skirt the Warm Springs side of Bald Mountain in the Bassett Gulch area.

"You'll be surprised at what we've done," said Hans Muehlegger, head of the new Mountain Bike School. "It'll be a whole new experience for a lot of people. The route is fairly easy except for the length. "People don't realize how beautiful the view is. The wildflowers are just amazing this year," Muehlegger said. "We're trying to make it a whole experience for guests. We'll be there with a lift. He bit instruction when needed. We're also going to build a one-mile trail near the base of River Run for kids and



Mountain bikers try out the newly constructed Broadway to Cold Springs section of the Bald Mountain Perimeter Trail. Ski lift chairs have been fitted with hooks so riders and their mounts can cruise to the top of Bald Mountain. This section of the trail opens to the public Saturday.

first-time riders." Sun Valley Co. will open a bike rental shop and bike school at the River Run Plaza. Lunch is available on top at Lookout Restaurant. Ketchum Forest Ranger Kurt Nelson said his office worked out a partnership with Sun Valley Co., as 99 percent of the new trail is outside the ski area boundary - the trails would be open to the public and maintained by Sun Valley Co. Part of the lift ticket price goes to Please see TRAIL, Page C3

Using the Bald Mountain Perimeter Trail

- ☐ Lifts are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last round trip leaves at 3:15 p.m. Last ride down is at 3:30 p.m.
- ☐ Buy lift tickets at River Run Plaza: \$12 for adults and \$5 for children for round-trip passengers. Lift rides are \$2 for those without bikes and \$3 for those with bikes.
- ☐ Other surface roads - cat tracks - are not open to mountain bikers.
- ☐ Helmets are required.
- ☐ Take a jacket. It can be a lot cooler with the 3,400-foot increase in elevation.
- ☐ Dogs are prohibited on the trail.
- ☐ Carry a water bottle.
- ☐ Remember your sun screen.
- ☐ Baseball caps may fly off your head on the lift.

Railroad rezone rolls toward city council

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Many people spoke, but few had anything good to say at Tuesday's city Planning and Zoning Commission hearing on a request to accommodate a railroad freight yard and industrial park east of town.

Even so, commissioners split 3-3 on the issue - which goes to the City Council with no recommendation. The council is expected to hear the request sometime in early September; three hearings are expected.

Local developers Todd Blass and Joe Russell, doing business as Pinnacle Land & Investments, want to rezone 150 acres Falls County residential land south of Kimberly Road and between Hankins Road and 3300 East, for the railroad yard and heavy industrial use.

If the zoning change is granted, the Eastern Idaho Railroad will ask to close

"I really feel for the people in the area, but if we're going to have a railyard outside of Twin Falls, this is the spot."

- Wayne Bohm, commissioner

3300 East south of Kimberly Road, said city economic development director Dave McAlindin. The Twin Falls Highway District has authority over that decision.

One by one, speakers emerged from the overflow crowd to denounce the proposal, saying it would ruin the tranquility of the area, increase traffic danger and decrease property values. Many said the railroad yard should be built

somewhere else; few speakers supported the proposal. Sandy Bjornson, who bought her home at 3453 N. 3300 E. about six years ago, echoed the remarks of many when she said, "We bought our property as an investment. We knew that area would be growing - hopefully residentially - not as heavy industry."

"I don't know what quality of life (a railroad freight center) will leave me," added Theresa Whitehead, who lives at 3736 N. 3300 E. "Who is going to buy my house?"

Some homeowners sounded resigned to the railroad and other heavy industries elbowing into the neighborhood.

"We moved here for the rural (lifestyle) and the beauty and I know that doesn't count for much when money comes up - but I wish it would," said Tenny Garner, who lives about 1 1/2 miles

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Officials: Expo center could be finished in a year

By N.S. Nokkerved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If a bond issue passes Tuesday, a proposed multipurpose event center could be completed at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds by fair time 1998 at the earliest - weather permitting.

The Twin Falls County Fair Board has proposed building a 93,000-square-foot multipurpose event center at the fairgrounds in Filer. Fair officials estimate the facility could pay for its own operation and maintenance.

Want to learn more?

Public meetings on the Twin Falls County Fair proposed Event Center will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Hollister Elementary School Gymnasium, and Friday at the Kimberly Middle School Library.

Fair Manager John Pitz pitched the proposal to about a dozen people Wednesday evening in Twin Falls.

Mostly people seemed receptive to the idea. "These things do work," said John Conrad of Murtagh, who has been doing horse shows and judging shows for more than 50 years.

The Filer fairgrounds already are

drawing horse shows because of existing facilities. An indoor arena would bring bigger shows. And many horse show folks are interested in winter shows, Conrad said.

"People will come if you have an inside place where you can show the livestock," he said.

Pitz is confident he can fill the arena. Two years ago the fair sold 5,500 tickets at \$15 each for country stars Martina McBride and Tim McGraw.

This year 139 events are booked into the fairgrounds - 119 of them between May 1 and the fair, Pitz said. He would like to spread more events over the rest of the year.

Twin Falls contractor Starr Corp., Please see CENTER, Page C3

South Hills rec area near completion

By Kurt Friedemann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Looking for a place to pitch a tent? The U.S. Forest Service wants to help.

The agency hopes to have Porcupine Springs recreation area, two miles south of the Magic Mountain Ski area, finished by the end of fall.

The existing campsite will be closed while Kelly Walton Construction installs a drinking water system and three group camping sites. District Ranger Pete Peterson said. Walton Construction is slated to begin work in mid-August, he said, but the completion date depends mostly on the weather.

One main reason for the construction is larger groups' increased use of Forest Service campsites.

"This is a really popular and heavily used site," Peterson said. "We want to create a facility that is set up for such heavy use."

The Forest Service plans to update and expand the campsite in five phases, Peterson said. The first two phases call for installing group campsites and a drinking water system, costing \$618,000.

The new design for the 30-acre campsite will accommodate many kinds of users, Peterson said, including those who want to enjoy the Little Fork Trail, which starts near the Porcupine Springs area.

"We want facilities for every kind of Please see HILLS, Page C3

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Glenns Ferry could face long-term water problem

By Laurie Black Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY - As a six-week order to boil domestic water continues to plague Glenns Ferry residents, city officials now face the possibility of long-term contamination seeping into the community's water source.

After the record-high Snake River breached the town's water supply last month, repeated attempts to disinfect and flush contaminants from the system have failed.

"We have tried and tried and have been dismayed when the tests continue to show positive signs (of contamination)," said Glenns Ferry City Clerk David Hahn. "We can no longer kid ourselves into thinking the boil order might be lifted next week."

Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality has listed the springs that feed the town's domestic supply as "Ground Water Under Direct Influence" and mandated the city comply with stiff water-quality standards.

DEQ staff engineer Monty Marchus said Glenns Ferry is only the first of many GWUDI sites the department expects to find along the Snake River due to

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- David Hahn, Glenns Ferry city clerk

Flooding earlier this spring, Glenns Ferry could see future incidents of contamination because of the under-ground basin which catches the source water lies below the river's level, Marchus said. Glenns Ferry has almost completed a six-month testing period, and the DEQ will begin a statistical analysis needed before the department can determine action.

Hahn said the city has been working for the past year to locate a new source of potable water because the present source will not provide for growth. The

City Council is studying a plan to treat water directly from the Snake River for domestic use, as well as filters that could be used in the current system.

"We really don't want to put money into upgrading a system that won't supply future growth and possibly some light industry in Glenns Ferry," Hahn said. Until the town locates a larger water supply, city officials are unable to apply for money available through the state's revolving loan funds and community block grants.

Both DEQ and Glenns Ferry officials are searching for a temporary means to provide clean drinking water to the town. State water officials are trying to set standards of regulation and compliance for all sites throughout Idaho before offering some temporary solutions to contamination in Glenns Ferry. Marchus said the DEQ could issue some recommendations as early as next week.

"Meanwhile, the fate of our water is in the hands of the DEQ," Hahn said.

Times-News correspondent Laurie Black can be reached through Assistant City Editor Virginia S. Garber at 733-0931, Ext. 204.

FATAL FIRE



Astoria, Ore., firefighters battle a fire that claimed the life of Brian McDowell, 16, before dawn Wednesday. Paddy McDowell, the mother, dropped her son, Chad, 8, and daughter, Tara, 6, from the third floor to safety on the ground but was unable to rescue Brian.

Hagerman council approves new councilwoman, police car lease

By Gina Mulder Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - It's in with the new and out with the old at City Hall this week as city officials approved a council appointment and a police car lease.

City Council members Monday approved the appointment of Debra Glauner to replace outgoing councilwoman Connie Brown. Brown resigned her position in local politics July 21 to pursue a career out of state.

Glauner received a vote of confidence from Mayor James Norwood, who said, "I think Debbie was the best qualified of all those I talked to."

As a 17-year resident of Hagerman, Glauner said she has seen

the town's essence shift with a growing population.

"I would like to keep the small-town feeling which will be hard with the growth," Glauner said. "We will grow and change, but we also need to be able to handle the growth."

With little time to prepare for her new political responsibilities, Glauner has been poring over Idaho code books to educate herself on current issues.

"I'm going to have to do a lot of research, there will be a lot of learning with this position," Glauner said.

In other city business, the council approved a lease agreement for a 1995 Crown Victoria police car. The price tag for the new cruiser is \$12,995 with \$431.62

monthly payments.

Norwood said the city will make the payments until October, when it will pay the car off. Council members agreed the older car, a 1990 Chevy with 138,000 miles, was costing the city in repair bills.

"It's in the shop nearly every month, sometimes twice a month," Norwood said. "It's nickle and diming the city to death."

The city plans to maintain the older vehicle to use as a backup car for part-time officers. Norwood also said the older car would be used if the city hires a second officer.

Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder can be reached in Hagerman at 837-6273.

SERVICES

Lola M. Smith, of Twin Falls, 10:30 a.m. today, White Mortuary Chapel, Twin Falls.

Anna Fisher, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Vivian P. Cox, of Kimberly, 11 a.m. today, Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Church, 222 Birch St. S. Concluding service, 1 p.m. Friday, Orangeville, Utah. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

George Manning Koyle, of Rupert, 11 a.m. today, Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Thora Louise (Billie) Critchfield, of Oakley, 11 a.m. today, Payne Memorial Chapel, Burley. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the funeral chapel.

Ernest Lee Strubhaar, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, Paul LDS Stake Center. Friends may call two hours before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Blanche Louise Case, of Twin

Falls, 4 p.m. today, White Mortuary Chapel, Twin Falls. Committal services will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Fred Sperin, of Gooding, memorial service, 10 a.m. Friday, First Christian Church, Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Ona Nye Gunnell, of Malta, 11

a.m. Friday, Malta LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Payne Mortuary in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Friday at the church.

Stanley D. (Sten) Fish, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Friday, Twin Falls Reformed Church. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Dale R. Nelson

HANSEN - Dale R. Nelson, 79, of Hansen, died Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at his home.

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

Maria Arriaga

GOODING - Maria Arriaga, 60, of Gooding, died Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Raymond Malatara

BURLEY - Raymond Malatara, 74, of Burley, died Tuesday, 29, 1997, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

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

Wesley Roberts

HOMEDALE - Wesley Roberts, 50, of Homedale, died Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at Roe's Country Manor in Homedale.

Arrangements are pending, and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Jennie M. Heuer

JEROME - Jennie M. Heuer, 94, of Jerome, died Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted

Emma Hackett of Twin Falls.

Released

Antonia Pierce of Gooding.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted

Juanita Miranda and Verma Robinson, both of Burley; Maria E. Hernandez and Johnny Olmstead, both of Rupert; and Samuel E. Smith of Malta.

Released

Joe Hodges, Donna Taylor and Jesus Delgado, all

of Burley; Jenny Olmstead of Rupert; Howard Olson of Albion; and Antonio Rodriguez of Declo.

Births

A baby was born to Dan and Jenny Olmstead and Miguel and Maria E. Hernandez, all of Rupert; and Fortunato and Juanita Miranda of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted

William Sparks of Heyburn.

Released

Doris Palmberg, Teresa Tellez and baby girl and Carrie Barbeza and baby girl, all of Rupert.

OBITUARY

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

ALBION

James Edward Owens II James Edward Owens I, 69, of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Albion, died Thursday, July 24, 1997, at his home. He was born June 18, 1928, in Garden City, Kan., the son of

James Edward Owens I and Ethel Owens. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1945-48. He married Dorothy Ann Sallowback on Feb. 19, 1949. He is survived by his loving wife and their six children, Linda (Chuck) Ruppel of Vancouver; James Edward (Tammy) Owens of Albion; Mark Owens of Vancouver;

Carol (Ernest) Christenson of Rupert; Douglas Owens of Albion; and Richard (Janet) Owens of Vancouver; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother and father. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 1997, in Van.

Feds probe civil rights violations in Nampa

NAMPA (AP) - Federal agents have launched an investigation into reports of hate crimes and violations of federal civil rights statutes in Nampa.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was declining to discuss the inquiry, but FBI Special Agent Mike Dillon said the bureau was looking into allegations involving a group of teens described as skinheads.

Dillon denied that the bureau was taking over the investigation of three potential hate crimes in a southeast Nampa neighborhood in the past month, maintaining that the FBI is working with the local police department.

"Our investigation is not narrowly focused, and we are going to attempt to develop as much infor-

mation as we can," Dillon said.

One parent said her Hispanic children are harassed by the group of white teens almost daily, and three incidents involving white teens and two Hispanic girls against a car, knocked to the ground and kicked in his side by two white teen-agers. The teens, ages 17 and 18, were arrested.

On the Fourth of July, an 18-year-old Hispanic man was kicked in the face and ribs in front of his family's home by three white men described by witnesses as skinheads.

The same three men were also

in a group of whites who baited a 16-year-old Hispanic as they walked past the same house on July 18, yelling, throwing beer bottles and challenging him to a fight.

The Hispanic teen stabbed one white teen-ager with a kitchen knife when the white charged at and punched him. As witnesses put the stabbed 18-year-old into an ambulance, he sat up on his stretcher and yelled, "White power!"

No arrests have been made in either incident.

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Democrat offers new ESA bill in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Backed by environmentalists, Rep. George Miller proposed changes to the Endangered Species Act Wednesday to bolster fish and wildlife protections while providing relief for private land owners. The move is expected to spark a new flurry of negotiations between the Clinton administration and Congress over reauthorization of the 1973 law.

Miller, D-Calif. and top Democrat on the House Resources Committee, said he intends to formally introduce the bill by the end of the week to provide tax breaks for land owners who enter into agreements with the federal government to protect habitat for troubled species.

The proposal is an alternative to a measure being drafted by moderate Republicans in the Senate.

Miller said his bill also would expand the goal of eventually removing listed species from threatened or endangered status, and require designation of "survival habitat" needed to keep the species alive at the time they are listed.

"Recovery of species benefits all sides in this dispute," Miller said during a briefing for reporters.

"Species return to their healthy status and are removed from the list, which then frees up lands for uses that had been prohibited while the species were under protection."

Perhaps most controversial is his proposal to change the

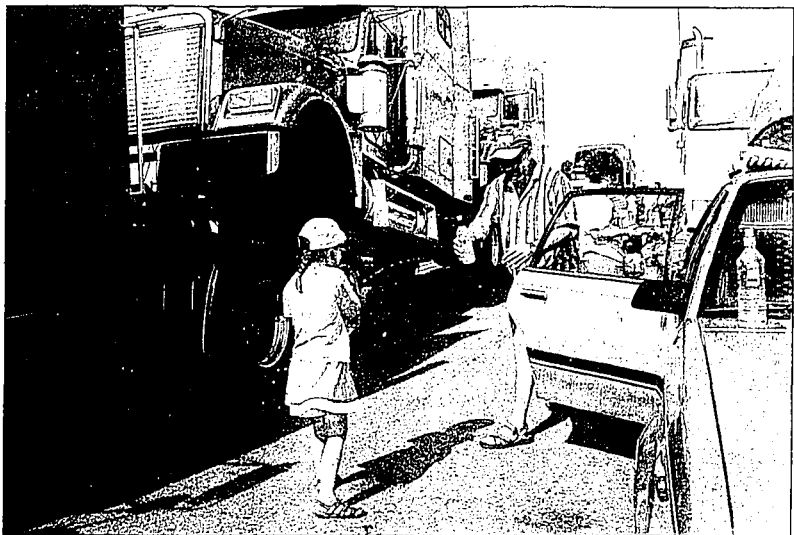
Clinton administration's "No Surprises" policy, which has drawn fire from environmentalists because it promises land owners who agree to certain protection measures they won't be subjected to additional regulation in the future, sometimes 100 years down the road.

Under Clinton's policy, federal taxpayers pick up the tab for any unforeseen protections that are later found necessary to save a species.

Instead, Miller would require the private land owners to secure a bond that would insure them, against future protection requirements. The proposal includes a streamlined process for removals of 5 acres or less — a group currently exempt from the Endangered Species Act under Clinton's policy.

Under the Miller bill, land owners who entered into habitat conservation plans approved by scientists would be eligible for a variety of tax breaks, including tax credits equal to the amount spent on the agreement, a 25 percent deduction for state and local property taxes and deferral of estate taxes on property included in such agreements.

Sens. John Chafee, R-R.I., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, chairman of that panel's subcommittee on fisheries and wildlife, have been drafting the Senate alternative.



Members of the Davs family of Mountain Home amuse themselves and boat the heat Wednesday with a water fight on Interstate 84. The family was headed to Denver that morning, but was stopped in a long line of traffic for 90 minutes, after a pickup pulling a camper jackknifed on the freeway, blocking both eastbound lanes on the bridge over the Snake River near exit 216. No one was injured in the accident, police said.

Center

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hired by the fair board as construction manager for the project. The board also guarantees the project can be built for the proposed \$7 million.

Passing the bond issue Tuesday will require two-thirds approval. The bonds would be paid back over 20 years, and payments would total more than \$11 million.

Property tax payments on the event center bond issue would be \$15.50 annually on a \$100,000 home. That's a little less than the jail bonds that will be paid off this summer — the jail bond issue cost about \$18 million.

The 90,000-square-foot building would have permanent seating for 2,500 to 3,000, with removable seating for another 2,500 to 3,000. Addition floor seating for concerts would bring the total up to

8,000 seats.

The facility would be flexible and could accommodate a variety of events, including professional wrestling, motorcycle and bicycle races, trade shows, livestock shows, rodeos, equipment and auto shows, ice shows, concerts or a three-ring circus.

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

Trail

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the U.S. Forest Service, so those who ride the lift don't pay the forest's user fee.

"We ask those that do not ride the lift to pay," Nelson said. The national forest user fee is \$2 per day or \$5 per year per person, which stays with the ranger district to maintain local trails.

"It's a great experience, riders can access some pretty remote areas. Sun Valley Co. also plans to restore the old fire lookout (on top of the bowls near Seattle Ridge) so people can see what an

old lookout was like," Nelson said.

Worried about electrical storms and riding lifts?

Sun Valley Co. has installed a weather station that can detect electrical activity in surrounding clouds up to 100 miles away.

"Lifts will be shut down if electrical storms come within 25 to 18 miles of Bald Mountain," Nelson said.

Sun Valley Co. will not have any patrols sweeping the mountain at day's end.

"Once you're off the lift and on

the trail, you're on your own just like any other public trail in the national forest. There will be a phone available at the Seattle Ridge Lodge. So if something happens, since you shouldn't be riding alone, one of you can get help. We do have a litter for evacuating people off the mountain," said Heidi Outley, administrative assistant for mountain operations.

Times-News correspondent Julie Casey Lynn can be reached at Ketchum at 726-7894.

Railroad

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south of the proposed railroad.

The dispersed land abuts a heavy industrial zone to the west and is considered ideal for several reasons.

- It already has railroad tracks running through it.
- It is nearly level, essential for rail car switching.
- The site offers easy truck access to Interstate 84 via Kimberly Road and the Hansen Bridge.

"I really feel for the people in the area, but if we're going to have a railroad outside of Twin Falls, this is the spot," said Commissioner Wayne Bohn, the commission's most enthusiastic supporter of the idea.

Commissioners Frank Hogg and Blaine Ream agreed the location was the best spot for a truck-train center.

A suggestion to trim the request to 40 acres was scuttled before the final vote. In the end, "yes" votes

cast by Bohn, Hogg and Ream were countered by "no" votes from commission Chairman Stephanie Crumrine, George Waller and Sherry Olsen-Frank.

Commissioners Gary Wolverton Jr., who owns land in the area, and Jeffrey Warr, a local attorney, did not participate in the decision.

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BEATING THE HEAT

Next 'salmon summit' scheduled for fall

SEATAC, Wash. (AP) — An expanded "salmon summit" with Canadian representation will be scheduled this fall, chief executives of Washington state and Alaska and the Canadian fisheries minister said Wednesday.

Less formal talks among fishermen, processors, Indians and others with a stake in the salmon catch also may resume in the early fall in another effort to end a six-year deadlock over management of the fishery in waters from southeast Alaska to Oregon.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke, Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles and David Anderson, Canadian minister of fisheries and oceans, said they would do as much as possible to help two recently appointed envoys resolve a long-running deadlock over implementation of

the 12-year-old Pacific Salmon Treaty.

"We all suffer without a treaty. Nobody wins in a salmon war," Locke said. "We're encouraged. We do believe that there will be a treaty."

At the same time, after meeting for nearly two hours at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, all three admitted that wide differences remain.

The meeting was proposed by Knowles after he and Locke met with the U.S. envoy, William D. Buckelshaus, during the recent National Governors Association meeting in Las Vegas.

No date has been set for Buckelshaus to meet with his Canadian counterpart, Dr. David W. Strangway, a former president of the University of British Colum-

bia, to seek terms for full treaty implementation next year.

Treaty management terms, regulations and quotas were last fully negotiated in 1992. Since then there have only interim agreements interspersed with loosely coordinated management by each state and Canada.

Canada has accused the United States of an overcatch of about four million fish spawned in Canadian rivers, chiefly in waters off the Alaska panhandle, costing British Columbia's fishing industry about \$45 million.

Last year the governors of Washington, Oregon and Alaska and a representative of Pacific Northwest Indian tribes with treaties that guarantee them a share of the salmon catch, met in Alaska, to formulate a unified U.S. position.

Treatment

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back to tell prison officials there was no such doctor, she was told no one could help her.

"I want to know what's really going on down there and I'm tired of being lied to," Rasmussen said.

Because of overcrowding, Hansen and 300 other Idaho inmates have been sent to the Louisiana detention center. Since the first inmates arrived there almost a month ago, numerous claims of mistreatment have

been made with the Idaho ACLU and the Correction Department, agency spokesman Mark Carmopis said.

The allegations deal with a lack of rehabilitation classes, poor medical treatment; and mail opened before the inmates receive it, Carmopis said.

Idaho Warden Joe Klausner and Mark Gornik, manager of Idaho's Bureau of Offender Programs, are in Louisiana this week to check into the allegations first-

hand, and talk to inmates.

"They've already toured the facilities and reviewed the grounds," Carmopis said. "Today they're looking into programs and talking to the inmates. We're trying to make sure the inmates' constitutional rights are not being violated and that they have access to courts, legal procedures, food and medical treatment."

Times-News writer Karen E. Nakkertved can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Hills

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user," he said. "That includes corals and feed buckets for horses."

Phase three will include construction of a staging area for trail users, including a parking lot and unloading facilities for off-road vehicle users.

In phases four and five, the

Forest Service plans to build about 20 individual campsites and develop a historical site around an old Civilian Conservation Corps site, a federal government work project run during the Depression.

Peterson said the agency has pictures of how the site looked

and diaries from some workers.

"We want to set up a day-use area, with an amphitheater and interpretive stations to show people what it was like," he said.

Times-News staff writer Kurt Friedemann can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Fish & Game commissioners come to director's defense

The Associated Press

The chairman and another member of the Fish and Game Commission are coming to the defense of Director Steve Mealey following his apology for an incident last week in which he said he feigned "mooning" the shoreline of Lake Pond Oreille.

But one of Mealey's leading critics is calling for his head.

Commission Chairman John Burns and member Jeff Siddoway were with Mealey when the incident occurred on a charter boat last Thursday night during a social gathering following two days of meetings.

Siddoway, who found himself at the center of controversy last spring for making comments that offended Hispanics, said he probably encouraged Mealey, and Burns concurred that he should have stepped in before what Mealey called his innocent but indiscreet act.

"I was right next to him, and it's something I should have done or more my fault than his," Siddoway said. "I probably did a lot in egging that reaction on, if you will, so I bear some of the responsibility for that."

A half dozen people were in the bow of the boat as it passed a large, brightly painted metal sculpture on the shoreline about a half mile away, and Siddoway was pressing Mealey for his opinion of the structure in such a bawdy setting.

Burns, who said he did not see any exposed skin, was not personally offended but said he could understand how others might be.

"At the time, there was a lot of lewd going on, so it seemed funny," Burns said. "In hindsight, being chairman, I should have probably said, 'Hey, guys, tone it down a little bit. We're getting too unbecomingly here.'"

The commission and Mealey discussed the incident last Friday morning, and Wednesday Burns called a special meeting of the commission for Thursday morning to discuss possible disciplinary action.

Gov. Phil Batt planned no comment until after he returns from the National Governors Association conference this week in Las Vegas.

Mealey conceded the job he has held for six months could be on the line.

And Don Clower, president of

the Idaho Wildlife Council, called the incident "unprofessional" and suggested that "someone ought to lose their job over this."

"I wonder what Governor Batt would do if the director of the Department of Transportation dropped his pants while on a boat ride at state expense," Clower declared.

He has criticized Mealey and Burns, both former National Forest Service forest supervisors in Idaho, for continuing their compromising attitudes that embrace multiple use of public lands instead of becoming the strident advocates for wildlife and sportsmen Clower believes the commission and department are to be.

Clower seemed more upset by the \$238 cost of the Seagull Charters boat ride. He said it was improper for Fish and Game employees and commissioners to spend money on a pleasure trip when the agency is facing a budget crisis.

"That's just not right," Clower said. "Here they are asking for more money from sportsmen and they're not spending our money partying on the lake."

Late potato blight a costly concern in eastern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Recent humid, unseasonably cool weather has experts concerned that the potato fungus late blight, which has gained a foothold in eastern Idaho, might have a serious impact on area growers.

"This disease could really boom on us," Dave Johnson, agronomy manager for the Bingham Co-op in Blackfoot, said Tuesday. "If we had the normal hot, dry weather, it wouldn't be the concern that it is."

Spore development for late blight requires humidity of at least 90 percent and temperatures below 78 degrees. Such weather is extremely rare in the Upper Snake River Valley, so until two years ago farmers did not even regard the fungus as a threat.

In 1995 and 1996, eastern Idaho producers thought late blight would get no further than the Magic Valley and southwestern Idaho. But earlier this month the disease was found in fields near Fort Hall, leaving some to wonder whether warnings from

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— Bruce Huffaker, publisher

The University of Idaho College of Agriculture were taken seriously enough.

"There has been an attitude on the part of many farmers that conditions here were too dry and too hot, and that late blight was somebody else's problem," said Bruce Huffaker, publisher of the North American Potato Market News.

Late blight can be controlled with fungicides, so the disease that caused the Irish Potato

Famine will not wipe out Idaho's spud crop.

"In most areas, the impact tends to be one of boosting production costs, not reducing yields," Huffaker said. Johnson said farmers have been streaming in to buy fungicides since late blight was reported last week. On Tuesday the University of Idaho said the fungus also had been found in some fields northwest of Shelly.

"It's changed our business, but it's not something we like to see," Johnson said.

It is expensive to treat for late blight, between \$10 and \$20 per acre. Since the chemicals need to be applied once a week, a grower with 2,500 acres of spuds is looking at an average weekly expenditure of \$57,500.

Potato prices have been improving in recent weeks, and some farmers were looking forward to a break-even season after the market for the 1996 crop hit rock bottom.

"Everybody's budget is going to be blown away," Johnson said.

Texas grand jury considers case against Marine in teen-ager's death

MARFA, Texas (AP) — A grand jury began debating Wednesday whether to charge a Marine with the death of a teen-ager in an anti-drug patrol who shot and killed an armed teen-ager near the U.S.-Mexico border.

The prosecuting attorney has drawn criticism about the growing military presence along the border and has prompted officials to begin reviewing the use of troops for anti-drug efforts.

In the meantime, the military has suspended front-line participation in drug missions conducted with civilian law enforcement. Aerial surveillance, communication and some intelligence operations will continue.

The Presidio County grand jury is hearing evidence in the case of Esequiel Hernandez Jr., 18, who was shot May 20 after

crossing paths with a four-man Marine surveillance team. The Marines were on an anti-drug mission near the teen's home in Redford, 200 miles southeast of El Paso.

Military officials contend Hernandez fired twice at the Marines with a .22-caliber rifle and was about to shoot again when Cpl. Clemente Banuelos returned fire.

"This was a tragedy, but not a criminal act," said Banuelos' attorney, Jack Zimmerman.

Civilian authorities say Hernandez may not have seen the camouflaged troops, and an autopsy report indicates he was not facing the soldiers when he was killed.

Hernandez's family says the teen-ager carried the rifle to protect his goat herd from

predators and occasionally for target shooting.

Portagon spokesman Col. Dick Bridges said the suspension of such missions should not be interpreted as a sign the military believes the Marines acted inappropriately in the Texas case.

"Our position still is that the Marines did act in accordance with the rules of engagement, that they did what they were supposed to do under their instructions, within the scope of their employment," Bridges said Wednesday. "It does not make the incident any less tragic and we've already expressed regret that the events occurred."

Seattle company signs deal to buy Schweitzer Mountain Resort

SANDPOINT (AP) — After months of wrangling, a Seattle company has signed a deal to buy Schweitzer Mountain Resort.

Harbor Properties Inc., which operates the Stevens Pass ski area, has signed a nearly \$18 million deal for Schweitzer.

The company expected to take over next month. The sale must be approved by a federal judge before it is final.

Sandpoint's Jim Brown family has owned and operated the resort above town since it opened in 1963. Schweitzer has courted buyers since November, when its \$27 million debt forced the resort into receivership.

Most of the money the resort owes is to U.S. Bank of Washington for an expansion project that never paid off. It built a new day lodge, an 80-room hotel

that has been plagued with roof problems, and a high-speed quad chairlift.

Instead of declaring bankruptcy or having the bank take over the ski hill, the Brown family agreed to try and find a buyer. Problems with the hotel and resort sewage system, along with disagreements among the family, slowed the sale.

Harbor Properties is headed by real estate magnate Stimson B. Hill, who has controlling holdings in Seattle. The company is one of about four buying for Schweitzer.

The Brown family and Pack River Management Co. still own some land surrounding the resort and are said to have retained a small interest in the ski hill.

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IDAHO/WEST

Interim committee plans hearings on charter schools draft legislation

LEWISTON (AP)—State Schools Superintendent Anne Fox could authorize conversion of private schools into publicly funded charter schools under an interim legislative committee's initial proposal.

The panel plans to conduct seven public hearings across the state on the draft bill before developing a final version to present to the Legislature in January.

"We felt because the word 'charter schools' evoked different meanings to different people we should have a draft to allow people to comment," Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder said Tuesday. "The debate is not whether we will have charter schools, it is what type of schools we have to have."

Twenty-nine other states have

created about 700 charter schools across the nation. They are designed to be run by parents and teachers — free of state school regulations — to promote innovation in education.

Schroeder, a Moscow Republican, said the interim legislative committee last week agreed to propose allowing creation of 10 charter schools during each of the first two years of the bill. An unlimited number of schools could be created after that.

An undetermined number of existing public school employees would have to win local school board permission before a charter school could be established within a public school district, Schroeder said. Private schools could apply to either a local school board or Fox

to become a charter school.

Schroeder said each charter school's contract would spell out how it would deliver a "thorough education" — required by the Idaho Constitution — to students.

A year and a half ago Schroeder objected to House Education Chairman Fred Tilman's legislation to allow either local school boards or Fox to authorize creation of charter schools, partly because he feared Fox would authorize home and private schools as charters.

Under the new proposal, Schroeder said decisions about allowing the creation of charter schools could be appealed to the state Board of Education. Charter school contracts would have to be renewed every five years.



With a joy any golfer could relate to, 6-year-old Mac Richards exults in a well-hit three wood while practicing with his two brothers on the driving range at the Walla Walla Country Club in Washington Tuesday afternoon. Predictably, all three claimed to be Tiger Woods.

Idaho Falls considers investing in feasibility review

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — City officials are considering whether to invest up to \$10,000 in studying the feasibility of joining 33 other municipal utilities in operating a hydroelectric project at Dworshak Dam.

The study of the project on the North Fork of the Clearwater River near Orofino will be conducted by Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems. Idaho

Falls is the largest city in the coalition. All the others are in Utah except one in Arizona.

The organization was formed in 1980. Idaho Falls has been a member for only one year.

City Council members on Tuesday gave Electric Division Director Mark Gendron approval to draft a resolution committing the city to the study for at least the next six months at a cost of

no more than \$10,000. The resolution will be considered at the council's Aug. 14 meeting.

Gendron, chairman of the association's committee conducting the study, said the biggest advantage of Idaho Falls extending its reach beyond the hydropower plants it owns on the Snake River is that at Dworshak the dam and penstocks already are in place, dramatically cutting costs.

Officials face off over use of state troopers

LEWISTON (AP) — U.S. Attorney Betty Richardson is defending herself against state Department of Law Enforcement director Robert Sobba's criticism of a federal raid on the Clearwater County flood command center.

In a letter to Richardson dated last Thursday, Sobba said he was notified on July 17 that Federal Emergency Management Agency

officers were in his department's Lewiston office and getting ready to serve a search warrant on the flood command center in Orofino.

Sobba said when he talked to a FEMA agent over the phone he was told Richardson had advised the agent to take Idaho State Police

troopers along on the July 18 raid. Sobba said he was upset because the decision to assign troopers did

not rest with Richardson, and professional courtesy dictated some effort to contact his office.

"This incident, along with the recent situation with the IRS agent in Rupert and the FBI's efforts to impede our DNA program, has greatly strained relationships between the Department of Law Enforcement and federal agencies," he wrote.

IDAHO IN BRIEF

Man must return to Oregon in kidnap case

BOISE — A Washington man was ordered returned to Oregon Wednesday to face federal kidnapping charges involving a 7-year-old girl.

U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams issued the order after a 12-minute hearing in which James William Fry, 32, waived all court proceedings in Idaho.

Williams granted Fry's petition for a public defender to handle the charges of kidnapping and transportation of a minor across state lines. He faces a maximum penalty of life in prison if convicted.

Fry, who was taking home about \$1,100 a month as a mechanic for a Pasco, Wash., car dealership, did not fight his detention but could seek release pending trial after his return to Oregon.

Investigators look into 6 suspicious blazes

COEUR D'ALENE — Fire investigators were looking into six suspicious fires that swept through three structures and three parcels of land in Kootenai County.

At least one fire was confirmed as arson-caused. "Right now, I don't know if they are all related or not. We don't even know what caused them yet," Deputy State Fire Marshal Glenn Lauper said Tuesday. "But we are suspicious; nothing like this has happened around here in quite awhile."

Fire officials in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and Rathdrum were hesitant to call all the fires arson, but all the blazes were considered suspicious.

Dead woman was pushed or fell from car

HYATT LAKE, Ore. — An Idaho woman whose body was found last week on a dirt road near Hyatt Lake died after she fell or was thrown from a moving vehicle, a deputy state medical examiner says.

Sharon Kaye Cheney, 50, of Nampa suffered blunt wounds and scrapes to her palms, feet, knees, neck and head, Dr. James Olson said.

Detectives continued to investigate the death they are calling suspicious. But police said they do not have enough evidence to call it a crime.

Judge enters innocent plea for teen-ager

IDAHO FALLS — The attorney for Christopher Conley Tapp, who is accused of murdering 18-year-old Angie Dodge last year, is challenging the ruling that there is enough evidence to warrant a trial in the case.

Because the motion is still pending, Tapp refused to enter a plea at his arraignment Tuesday. So 7th District Judge Ted Wood entered an innocent plea for Tapp and scheduled a trial to begin Nov. 4.

A pre-trial conference is scheduled Oct. 14. Robert Booker, the Salt Lake City lawyer representing Tapp, wants Wood to review Bonneville County Magistrate L. Mark Riddoch's decision that there is enough evidence against Tapp to justify a trial.

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Missing accounted for in Colorado

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Rescuers who feared they would find more bodies in the wreckage of a neighborhood inundated by a rain-swollen creek received encouraging news Wednesday.

Everyone who had been reported missing was safe.

Three people who had still been listed as missing during the morning were accounted for by midday. The death toll from Monday night's storms, which sent a wall of water through a neighborhood, smashing houses and mobile homes, stood at five.

It didn't end the search, because authorities wanted to make sure some visitor whose absence hadn't been noticed had been swept away. Rescuers used hooks to comb the muddy banks of a swollen creek.

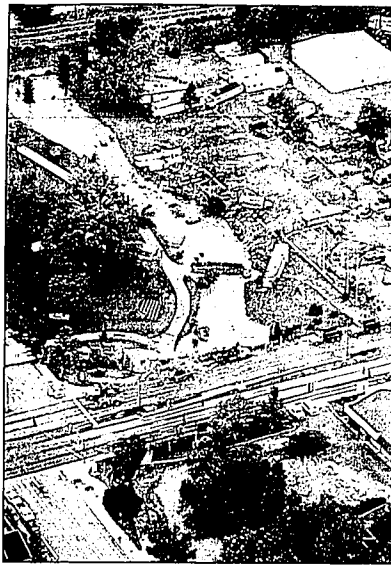
"We don't know who might have been visiting, staying the night or been down here to look," said Glenn Levy, battalion chief with the Poudre Fire Authority.

Poudre Fire Authority Battalion Chief Warren Jones had said earlier that he doubted any survivors were left in the debris of two mobile home parks in this city of 108,000 about 60 miles north of Denver.

Meanwhile, authorities evacuated a small farming community east of Fort Collins after a thunderstorm forced water out of an irrigation canal, leaving a foot of water across the town. Authorities said the evacuation of Waldona was ordered because of health concerns and the potential for area dams to break.

The town of about 120 residents has only a few businesses, a school and a church.

In Fort Collins, slides were overcast Wednesday. The forecast called for more rain by afternoon, and officials couldn't rule out the possibility of more flooding. "It's going to need watching,"



An aerial photo of the South College Trailer Park in Fort Collins, Colo., Tuesday, shows mobile homes scattered from their lots and debris built up against a bridge on South College Avenue after heavy rains turned Spring Creek into a deadly river.

National Weather Service forecaster Todd Dankers said.

Jan Leverette said he watched the water rise around his mobile home, and he and his daughter

were tossed about when their trailer was wrenched from its moorings.

"It wedged up between two trees and tilted sideways," he

said. "It was the scariest thing I've ever experienced."

Leverette and his daughter climbed a window and waited about 90 minutes before being picked up in a boat.

When Christina Wilson-Silerio last saw her aunt, she was being swept down the normally tranquil Spring Creek, which had turned into a 15-foot wide, fast-moving river.

"Where my aunt is, that's all I can think about now," Ms. Wilson-Silerio said softly. "My cousin was holding her and three baby girls. Then she just let go. The current took my aunt away."

Her aunt was later found dead.

More than 8 inches of rain fell on Fort Collins in 12 hours Monday, causing water to pool up to 20 feet deep behind a railroad track bed. When the water began rushing over the top of the track bed, it quickly eroded the earthen embankment, and a wall of water 10 to 20 feet high rushed through two trailer parks. At least 40 people were injured.

"There was no time for warning," said police Lt. Brad Hurst.

Rescuers spent much of the day searching, dragging huge logs through the water and sending divers into the dark creek. Dogs tried to pick up the scent of survivors, and rescuers searched each of 90 trailers that were swamped. They sprayed each what they found on each trailer. Many said "Clear," but one was marked "Live Cat."

Five bodies were found, all women.

Gov. Roy Romer, who lived in the neighborhood when he attended Colorado State University, surveyed the destruction and talked to victims.

"It just catches your breath when you see that amount of damage," Romer said.

1 killed, 3 injured in Utah plant explosion

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) — An explosion Wednesday at a plant that manufactures the main ingredient for rocket motor propellant killed one employee and injured three others, authorities said.

The explosion at the isolated Western Electrochemical Co. plant 10 miles west of here occurred at 10:30 a.m., according to a police dispatcher.

She said one person was killed and a critically injured person was taken to Valley View Medical Center in Ogden City. Hospital spokeswoman Sandy Gillies confirmed one person was killed and three others were injured, one critically.

One of the injured suffered burns over 50 percent of the body, as well as "inhalation injuries," and was being sent by

helicopter ambulance to the Intermountain Burn Unit at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake, Gillies said.

The other two suffered only minor burns and "tear ringing." They were being treated and were expected to be released, she said.

Jim Peveler, president in the company's local offices, would say only that there was an "industrial accident" at WECCO's Cedar City oxidizer plant. He would not confirm it was an explosion.

"We're just not sure how to categorize it right now," he said.

Peveler did confirm, however, the single fatality and injuries. He declined further comment, referring inquiries to the company's public relations firm in Las Vegas, Nev. WECCO is a subsidiary of American Pacific Corp. in Las Vegas, which had no immediate comment.

Iron County Attorney Scott Burns, who went to the plant after the accident, said the explosion and fire were isolated to one building. The back of the structure sustained some damage.

"It was not severe destruction," Burns said.

It was determined, he said, that the explosion was an industrial accident and state investigators were expected to arrive later in the day.

Capt. Neil Gentry of the Cedar City Fire Department said four engines and about 22 firefighters responded. He said a fire had been extinguished, but he declined to discuss damage to the plant.

The Western Electrochemical plant was built to replace a plant at Henderson, Nev., which was destroyed by a series of explosions and fire in May 1988 that killed two people and injured more than 300.

The Cedar City plant manufactures ammonium perchlorate, an ingredient used in virtually all solid propellant rocket motors. It is the ingredient which provides oxygen for combustion of the propellant.

Ammonium perchlorate comprises 70 percent of the 1.1 million pounds of propellant Thiokol Corp. uses in each motor for the space shuttle.

The 1988 explosion blew cars off a highway a half-mile away and sent dozens of factory workers fleeing for their lives. Dozens fled to the plant and surrounding community exceeded \$74 million.

Make use of computers, Gates urges governors

LAS VEGAS (AP) — With a laptop computer and large projection screens, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates led the nation's governors on a quick tour of the Internet Wednesday, urging them to streamline their operations by more fully computerizing.

"Citizens are interested in more information if they can easily reach out and get it," Gates said. "If we do this right they can participate in more forms and on a more regular basis in the democratic process."

Among his suggestions: setting up computer kiosks in public places to allow citizens without computers to get in touch with government and other information sources.

Gates, whose software empire has made him the richest man in

the world, spoke at the concluding session of the annual summit meeting of the National Governors' Association.

From his laptop, Gates pointed and clicked onto two state government Internet sites he held up for praise — those of Wisconsin and Florida.

Both sites offer a host of useful information about the states, ranging from Florida restaurants that failed state health inspections to information on how to do business with the state of Wisconsin and how to send e-mail to state legislators.

"This technology can draw people in," Gates said.

Gates said that, for the most part, federal and state governments were laggards in the technology revolution.

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Pipeline proposal on hold while sharing discussed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — On-and-off plans for a new oil pipeline from Summit County to North Salt Lake have been put on hold while competing pipeline companies attempt to reach agreement on sharing an existing line.

If the negotiations are successful, a new pipeline would be unnecessary, said Mike Sieg, Salt Lake district ranger for the Wasatch National Forest.

"From our standpoint, the project is dead. There's no longer a proposal," Sieg said.

The 10-inch-diameter, 27-mile-long line from Summit County would have gone through Emigration Canyon, across the foothills through Red Butte Garden and University of Utah properties, then into City Creek Canyon.

"The big issue was going through controversial lands," Sieg said. "A lot of influential people live in those areas."

Chevron Pipeline Co., Amoco Pipeline, Frontier Pipeline and Anschutz Ranch East Pipeline have "made significant progress" in working out a joint operating agreement, said Jesse Metcalfe, spokesman for Anschutz, based in Denver.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Volunteer dinner today

TWIN FALLS — The Chamber of Commerce board is hosting a steak and trout fry for Buzz Langdon Visitor Center volunteers at 5:30 p.m. today at Rock Creek Park.

On the agenda will be a "re-presentation" of the Idaho Frontliner of the Year Award that was presented to the volunteers at the Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism in May.

Oregon Trail Day set

TWIN FALLS — Oregon Trail Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center, located near the Perrine Bridge.

Idaho baked potatoes furnished by Lamb Weston, local sweet corn-on-the-cob furnished by Seneca Foods (Green Giant) and Idaho dairy products furnished by the Idaho Dairymen's Association will be served to visitors free until the food runs out.

Local residents will present information about life on the trail and other historical experiences. Displays include a team of oxen and Oregon Trail wagon supplied by Marvin and Nancy Wooten of Glens Ferry, horses and wagons from Vern Miller of Jerome and Lloyd Warr of Burley, mountain man displays by Leigh and Patsy Kelley and Burch Hall of Shoshone, Idaho Civil War volunteers set up by Paul and Sherril George and tepees and a wagon by Dan and Shirley Kelley of Shoshone.

Scheduled presentations will be Mary Inman as Gramma Maudie Miller in

authentic costume and sharing her experiences on the Oregon Trail at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., the story of the Bonneville Flood and other early history by Francis Egbert at 10:30 a.m. and noon, readings from Oregon Trail diaries and paintings done by Gary and Bev Stone (some paintings to be given away, some to be auctioned) at 11 a.m., and Idaho Civil War volunteers telling how the cavalry helped the pioneers at 1:30 p.m.

Admission is free; donations will be accepted and will be given to the owners of the horses and oxen to help defray expenses. The event is sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Buzz Langdon Visitor Center Volunteers to expose visitors and local families to experiences on the Oregon Trail.

Class of '57 reunites

JEROME — The Twin Falls High School Class of 1957 has planned a no-host social gathering for 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

Friends and relatives of 1957 class members are invited.

Swim sessions offered

RUPERT — Open swim sessions at the Rupert Swimming Pool are held from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The final session of Red Cross swimming lessons will be held Monday through Aug. 15; registration is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the pool. The 45-minute classes will be offered mornings starting at 9 a.m. and evenings at 5 and 6 p.m. Cost is \$17.50; private lessons also are available.

*For more information, call 436-6413.

Monument sets events

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument will have two special events this weekend.

A horse quarry foreman will present a slide show and discussion on Dry Mesa at 2 p.m. Saturday at the visitor center, located on Highway 30 across from the Hagerman High School. Dry Mesa is one of the most famous Jurassic dinosaur quarries in North America. Participants should bring questions about fossil excavation and the sciences of geology and paleontology.

A slide presentation and discussion on the history of paleontology in the West and particularly in the Hagerman Valley is planned for 3 p.m. Sunday at the visitor center. Other exhibits and audiovisual programs are available at the center, which is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Books on fossils, geology, flora and fauna, and the Oregon Trail are available for purchase. For more information, call 837-4793.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Sponsors appreciated

On behalf of the board of directors of the Gooding Basque Association Inc., we wish to sincerely thank our sponsor, Magic Valley Distributing, Dick and Sue Burwell, owners, and Steve Askew and crew for their continued support at our 16th annual Basque picnic that was held Sunday, July 20.

We also want to express our sincere thanks to all our members and people

CIVIC

Blue Lakes Rotary Club
Meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls. For more information, call President Andy Barry at 734-4147 or Vice-President Bruce Bacon at 734-9797.

Buhl Rotary Club
Meets at 8 a.m. Thursdays at Melina's Restaurant, downtown Buhl. For more information, call President George Nye at (208) 543-9239 or Secretary Robert E. Bailey at 543-5506.

Burley Lions Club
Meets at noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. For more information, call Secretary Larry Osterhout at (208) 678-3653 or President Sam Yoshida at 678-7992.

Civil Air Patrol
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Burley National Guard Armory. Anyone age 12 and older is invited to join. For more information, call Pete Schultze at (208) 677-2559 or James Fletcher at (208) 436-6861.

Kiwanis Club of Buhl
Meets at noon Wednesday at Melina's Restaurant, 113 Broadway Ave. S. For more information, call President Chuck Geska at (208) 543-4624 or Secretary Tamara Tober at 543-8229.

Kiwanis Club of Filer
Meets at noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church. Lunch is served by the Filer Methodist Women. New members are always welcome. For more information, call President Bob Parish at 733-6126, or Secretary Shirley Guley at (208) 326-530, business hours or home at (208) 326-0551.

Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch. Kiwanis is a service organization for the youth and our community. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Peter Toft, president, at 737-5021 or Marvin Chamberlain, secretary at 734-4244.

Magic Valley Optimist Club of Twin Falls
Meets at 6:15 p.m. Mondays at the Creekside Restaurant, Twin Falls. If you want to join a youth oriented organization and make a difference in your community, call Gene Gilmore at 734-5892, or Archie Goodman at 733-2049. New members are always welcome.

The Shire of Twin Lakes
Meets at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays at Twin Falls City Park. The Society for Creative Anachronism is a non-profit educational organization devoted to the study of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. The Magic Valley group demonstrates new members at any organizations with advance notice. For more information, call Jeff at 326-4425 or Chuck at 736-0651.

Twin Falls Lions Club
Meets at noon Wednesdays at the Mandala House. For more information, call Alan McIntosh, president at 733-7700, or Ray Strober, membership chairman at 734-6664.

Twin Falls Optimist Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Mandarin House. If you are interested in joining a youth oriented civic organization, call Dennis Boywer, membership chairman at 736-2265 or John Head, president, at 735-4900.

Writers Support Group

that volunteer their time and hard work to make these forums possible, which include our cook (Louie Zatic, and crew), kitchen help, set-up and clean-up crews, security and community leaders, the participants, musicians and dancers that allow us to share the beauty of our Basque culture and heritage with our surrounding communities, Basques and non-Basques alike.

We hope that you all had a great weekend! Eskerik Askô (thank you!)
CARMEN PETHCO LUTHER
Secretary/Treasurer
Gooding Basque Association
Gooding

Paint creates new look

I would like to thank the people from Paint Magic and Masonic Lodge No. 45. The people volunteered their time to come in and give my home a much needed paint job. They were all great people and I can't thank them enough for a job well done. They help so many people each year and deserve a big hand.

Thank you all, and God bless you.
N. JEAN BITNER
Buhl

'Unparty' a success

The Filer Class of 1997 says thank you to all businesses, organizations and individuals who gave donations, prizes

CLUB CALENDAR

Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1, (bookstore in Halley) 120 N. Main. For more information, call John at (208) 788-4403.

MUSICAL

Magiclarks Barbershop Chorus
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Methodist Church in the basement, corner of Shoshone and Fourth Street, Twin Falls.

Sweet Adelines Chorus
Meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays for rehearsal night at Valley Lutheran Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. All women age 15 to 70+ are invited to accept six weeks free membership. Come join the fun and come learn about this unique, American Folk Art called Barbershop singing. For more information, call Kelly at 733-6238 or Betsy at 734-1900.

HOBBIES

Duplicate Bridge Club
Meets at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Episcopal Church.

Friends in Recreational Opportunities Group
The group meets to bowl from 1 to 3 p.m. each week at Magic Bowl, 340 Second Ave. E. in Twin Falls. For more information on FROG, call LINC at 733-1712.

Magic Valley Chess Club
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls. Open to the public. \$2 donation. Prizes.

Magic Valley Pinochle Club
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls. For more information, call Barry Escker at 733-6186.

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Meets Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls. Play starts at 6:30 p.m. and there is a 50 cent charge per person. For more information, call Donna Baird at 733-5531.

WEIGHT LOSS

Burley TOPS ID No. 256 (a weight loss support group)
Meets from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, with weigh in at 5:30 p.m. at the Heyburn School lunch room.

Gooding TOPS Chapter No. 251 (a non-profit organization)
Meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. For more information, call (208) 932-3304.

Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Public Library. TOPS is a non-profit organization to support weight loss. For more information, call (208) 324-1240.

Twin Falls TOPS Club ID No. 3
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss organization. For more information, call 733-3304.

Twin Falls TOPS Chapter No. 309 (a non-profit organization support group for weight loss)
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N. For more information, call 734-5132 or 736-3291.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at First Baptist Church on Shoshone Street (go through side doors) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meets at 10 a.m. Saturdays at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. (enter at the ninth avenue entrance) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at First Methodist Church, Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon (for relatives and close friends of problem drinkers)
For more information on meeting times and places, call the Al-Anon Hotline at 736-3555.

Alateen
Meets from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays at Walker Center Outreach, 263 Sandpiper Ave. N. in Twin Falls. The meeting is for young people affected by someone else's drinking. For more information, call Elsa at 734-9664.

Alcoholics Anonymous
For more information, call: 736-8446, 734-0590 or 733-7887.

Angelburg Help Foundation (eating disorders support group)
Meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Health and Welfare Building (next to the Power Light Road). For more information, call 735-1874 or 678-1006.

Christian 12-Step Support Group
For more information, call Suzan at 734-7201.

Madame Anonymous
For more information, call 734-7242.

Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group
For more information, call Cassandra Blakeley at (208) 326-0480 or Sonia Blakeley-Hewer at 733-0824.

Moms in Touch
Meets at various times throughout the week. MIT is a group of two or more moms who meet one hour each week to pray for their children and the school they attend. For more information on meeting times, call Lori at 825-9604.

Narcotics Anonymous
For more information, call: Southern Idaho Region 736-1160 or 1800-328-5257.

Overcomers Outreach Christ-centered 12-Step Support Group (for addictive and compulsive behavior)
Meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley. For information, call Mitch or Rita at (203) 678-3678.

Parents of Down Syndrome Children
For more information, call Danielle Groves at 733-8869, or leave a message.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts (S.A.V.E.)
For more information, call (208) 436-9460.

Get listed

This public service column is designed to publicize Magic Valley clubs and organizations. To have your meeting listed, or to update your meeting information, send notice with name of the organization, day and week of the meeting, and a telephone number and name of a contact person to Bobbi Jo Hall at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403, attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

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Twin Falls

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We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are April Grinch and Joey Bryant. It is our job to fill this page with news about:

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- Celebrations.
- Social events.
- Local achievements.
- Your kids and their activities.

We also want to publicize your photos of special events in the life of the community that are important to our readers.

Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor April Grinch, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 or Joey Bryant, The Times-News, 825 1/2 E. Fifth St. N., Burley, Idaho 83318.

You can also reach us by fax at 677-4543 or 734-8338. You can also email us at community@timesnews.com.

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PEOPLE

My dealer the government: Heroin subsidy praised

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Marco, a soft-spoken 30-year-old, has been hooked on heroin nearly half his life.

Finally, he wants to quit. The courage he needs to try to start over comes from a familiar source: Heroin.

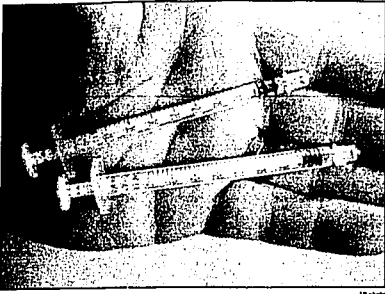
Three times a day, Marco enters a nondescript Zurich office building. He picks up a syringe, needle and swabs and sits in one of five office chairs. He shoots up. As the drug courses into his bloodstream, a medical doctor stands by. Marco's drug supplier is none other than the Swiss government.

Marco is one of about 1,000 junkies in a state-run program that prescribes heroin to hardcore addicts in hopes of guiding them back into mainstream society and encouraging them to kick their deadly habit.

The three-year experiment, while controversial, has rendered impressive results.

Nearly 90 of the addicts have entered programs to help them fully withdraw from the drug, although it's too soon to judge the success of their efforts. What is perhaps even more substantial are the side effects for the junkies: lower rates of AIDS and other infectious diseases and a dramatic drop in crime — saving the taxpayers money.

"It's crime situation is much better, and the program's cheap,"



A man holds two syringes containing special filters that will be distributed to addicts in Zurich, Switzerland.

says Urs Vontobel, director of Crossline, one of 17 drug centers across Switzerland.

"And — above all — it works."

Marco and about 40 other addicts treated by Crossline each pay \$10 for a day's supply of heroin.

The center's clean, if not spartan, atmosphere is unlike the filthy Zurich rail yard that was a notorious junkie crash site until authorities dispersed the users in 1995.

A doctor supervises the users

as they inject themselves. Many of them will chat with other addicts, but the clinic is not a social center.

Alcohol is not allowed inside and no heroin can leave the building. The drug is stored in a safe, behind locked doors. Dealers and other hangers-on are not allowed to gather outside.

The addicts meet with counselors, who help them find housing and odd jobs and guide them toward withdrawal.

A review of the nationwide pro-

gram says that at the outset, more than two-thirds of the addicts lived off illegal activities, like prostitution and drug peddling. By the end of 1996, this fell to 10 percent.

During the first six months of the program, the number of crimes committed by the addicts fell by about 60 percent.

"I don't have to resort to crime and I can get cheap and clean heroin when I need it," says Marco, who agreed to be interviewed on the condition that his last name not be used.

"I now have the time and the will to plan my life ahead."

Marco, a lanky man with wavy dark hair, looks straight into his listener's eyes as he tells his story. He left home at 16 after his mother died; he lost contact with his father. He fell into the drug scene and began selling heroin.

By mid-1995, he was a hardened addict. He'd been hospital-

ized once for an overdose and served four years in prison for dealing. Authorities then made him an offer: He could get cheap heroin as long as he showed up at the center. There were no conditions, other than that he stop dealing.

The basic belief underlying Switzerland's heroin program is that its 30,000 or so addicts are not criminals, but people in need of help.

That liberal approach is opposed by the Association for Youth Without Drugs, which argues that abstinence is the only way to fight drug use. It's sponsoring a national referendum to ban all state-run drug programs, which will go before voters in September.

Vontobel, the Crossline director, says such a course would be an "absolute catastrophe."

"I used to work in abstinence therapy. I know how it can fail, I

know many people just can't do it. I know people who died because of that," he says. "At least our program is a success in the respect in that all these people are still alive."

Switzerland has seen its drug deaths drop from 399 in 1994 to 312 last year.

At least four of Marco's friends have died this year. "One died without emotion.

Marco has managed to keep an apartment and occasionally work — he funds his habit with welfare payments. Now he is focusing on the next step toward withdrawal. In September, he'll enter a two-year therapy course at a farm house in Italy, where he intends to wear himself out of heroin.

"For everyone there comes a time to stop. And now its time for me," he says.

"Otherwise, I'll just die in some gutter somewhere."

Washington insiders say they feel safe on the real Air Force One

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — The real Air Force One may not have actor Harrison Ford on board, a James Bond-like ejection capsule or a thrill-a-minute flight plan.

But the glistening silver, blue and white plane that has carried presidents around the world has a drama all its own and has long been a major attraction wherever it swoops down.

Back to the Oval Office, I think it's the most important symbol of American power in the world," said Marlin Fitzwater, press secretary to former presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

And it's a symbol that goes wherever the president travels.

The new Columbia Pictures movie in which terrorists hijack the jumbo 747 not only has generated the predictable could-it-happen speculation, but also has focused even more attention on what arguably may be the world's most famous aircraft.

The Air Force crews made sure, for instance, that Lyndon Johnson had his Fresca and Texas-style chili (no beans and grease scraped off); that Gerald Ford had A-1 sauce for his cottage cheese; and that Ronald Reagan had macaroni and cheese with his meat loaf.

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Harrison Ford

cial press contingent. In each, there are televisions, which show a choice of movies or, upon landing, pick up the local news.

"It's a wonderful airplane and a true compliment to the Reagans because they designed it with the needs of presidents and the working staff and working press in mind," said White House press secretary Mike McCurry.

Over the years, the plane's stewards have tended to the care and feeding of many presidents. The food, however, is not fancy. Government budgets must be observed. Breakfast burritos are regular fare. McCurry describes the meals as "Air Force, not like traveling on business class, but pretty good."

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cial suggest that the makers of "Air Force One" did a good job of recreating the plane.

They captured the earth tones, the swivel chairs and the clocks that flash Washington, local and destination times. But the plane's configuration is not exact, and literary license apparently produced the movie's huge automatic weapons compartment.

Clinton arranged a tour of Air Force One for Ford (who played the president) and several others associated with the movie. Movie officials, however, said no photos were allowed, and some things were off-limits.

The tour came shortly after a Wyoming dinner party, where Clinton saw Ford ask press Glenn Close to play his vice president.

Despite the recent flap over the use of the president's image in the new movie "Contact," Clinton seems to be a big film fan. He has made several favorable comments about recent films that portray the presidency. He liked "Independence Day" but said it made him wonder whether he should take flying lessons. He particularly liked the way the Secret Service agents turned out in Wesley Snipes' "Murder at 1600."

He has been so fascinated with "Air Force One" that he has viewed it twice, aides said.

There are insider moments in the movie. The president, for example, greets "Danny" the pilot at the plane's front door. That presumably is a reference to Col. Danny Barr, the Texas Aggie who was a longtime pilot for the presidential aircraft before his retirement in 1996.

However, Franklin, the longtime steward, observed that Barr would never have been waiting at the front door but rather upstairs in the cockpit.

Also, without giving away the movie's plot, suffice it to say that no politically correct president would ever say of Air Force One: "Get off MY plane!"

Security procedures shown in the movie for the press differ considerably from those actually practiced. However, Fitzwater said he found the early scenes plausible, before the movie took off on an Indiana Jones-type fantasy. And he noted that history shows various federal law enforcement organizations have had their double agents.

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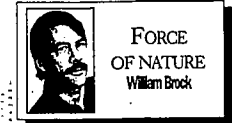
Solitude? Not with jerks on the loose

Notice is hereby given that I intend to purchase the loudest car stereo on earth. This device will, of course, drown out all other sounds and make life unbearable for everyone. A public hearing will be held...

...on second thought, there won't be no stinking old hearing because the public won't be able to hear itself think. I'll bet even the Air Force will beg me to turn down the volume.

I'll feel pretty important then. Oh yes, I'm planning to play Ice-T's immortal classic, "Cop Killer," on a near-continuous basis. I'll try to swing through your neighborhood at about 3 a.m.

During daylight hours, I'm hoping to visit as many public parks as possible; Dierkes Lake is my personal favorite, but I'll go anywhere people are trying to enjoy a moment of peace.



Got a favorite spot where you like to be alone? A place where you can hear the fish jump and the birds sing?

Forget it, pal, because me and my ilk are out to shatter the last remaining solitude in North America. We're making pretty good progress, I might add.

It's a personal quest because I'm tired of being upstaged by people with louder car stereos. While I'm at it, I think I'll modify my truck to be as loud as possible - and I may do the same with my boat.

I'll have a hard time producing the loudest boat in the world because some of those big-bores already are as loud as a Saturn V rocket. Still, modern technology will find a way.

Things are getting louder all the time and there's no shortage of jerks willing to impose their musical "tastes" and exhaust gases on others.

It happens all the time, yet most of us don't even notice anymore:

• You're enjoying a picnic at Rock Creek Park when a diesel pickup pulls up nearby and the driver leaves the engine running. Good-bye the chirp of crickets, farewell the song of finches.

• You're fishing near the mouth of Vinyard Creek when the loudest jet boat this side of Pluto roars past. Farewell the quack of ducks, good-bye the gurgle of the creek.

• You're watching your kids swim at Dierkes Lake when a tiny car with a huge stereo rolls into the lot. Suddenly the air is filled with song, or, thumping bass notes and extended drum solos.

Instead of listening to delighted squeals from your kids, you're now listening to an angst-ridden artist recounting his sexual triumphs, prowess with firearms and contempt for civil society.

Ain't America great?

It's a shame, but courtesy toward one's fellow humans is a dying virtue. Common decency, respect, responsibility and concern for one's good name are swiftly losing their value.

Loud, loutish behavior would never be tolerated in, say, Switzerland - where the concept of disturbing the peace is repellent.

Then again, maybe those Swiss are too upright. Yeah, that's it, and we Americans are more "liberated" and "expressive" - and ruining our neighbors' solitude is a God-given right.

Why should we turn down our stereos? Or muffle the engines on our boats, trucks, and motorcycles? This is America! We paid for them and we'll do what we want with 'em.

Crank up the volume, duddel! What? Can't hear you!

You want to escape the clamor of modern civilization? Go to Antarctica. I'll take us a few years to find you where, but we'll - and then you'll have nowhere to hide.

Face it folks, peace and quiet is a quaint, old fashioned concept whose time has passed. Noise pollution has become the anthem of our Bizarre New World.

Outdoors editor William Brock apologizes to his parents for all the Jimi Hendrix and Cream albums he inflicted on them.



A great blue heron wings it near the Snake River. Mature adults have wingspans of up to 6 feet, but weigh as little as 6 to 8 pounds.

Handsome herons



A black-crowned night heron

Stately birds put the magic in the valley

By Stu Murrell Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Herons along the Snake River make life more interesting for people who take time to appreciate them.

Watching a great blue's stately flight across an azure sky or listening to the loud "wok!" of a black-crowned night heron as it leaves its roost is a pleasant reminder of the Magic Valley's charms. Both are federally protected species.

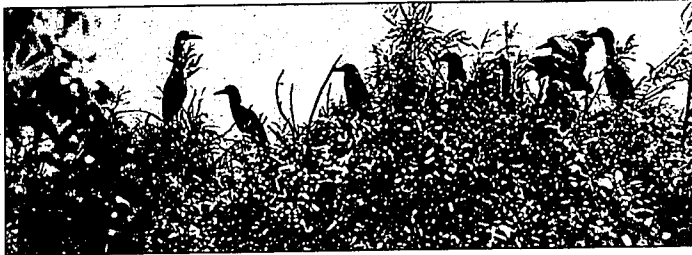
The great blue heron is the largest of the dark herons, standing almost 4 feet tall with a wingspan of 6 feet. It is bluish-gray over most of its body, with its long neck topped by a head that supports a spear-like beak. During the breeding season, the males sport feathery bibs and black plumes that extend from their heads.

Thin as a reed, they weigh only 6 to 8 pounds. Great blues fly with their necks tucked back over their backs and long legs extended to the rear. They are sometimes mistaken for sandhill cranes, which are brown and fly with their necks extended straight out.

Except for the breeding season, they are primarily a solitary bird. Champion anglers, herons will stand perfectly still in shallow water until an unwary fish swims by and, with a lightning jab, the fish is speared for a meal. They are extremely intelligent and wary, rarely letting a person approach within shotgun range while in open areas.

Their predilection for fish has lured many great blues to fish hatcheries along the river.

They can be aggressive near people while snatching trout from commercial hatcheries, said Dave Erickson, techni-



A whole lotta herons hanging out near Hagerman.

cal services director for Clear Springs Foods Inc. To stop the depredation, many hatcheries have installed netting over their raceways.

When alarmed, a great blue heron will emit a series of four hoarse squawks. Some waterfowl hunters successfully exploit the big bird's natural wariness by placing a great blue heron decoy among their duck decoys. Waterfowl evidently consider themselves safe when they see a great blue in the area.

Few predators are effective in catching great blue herons. The only successful attack I have witnessed took place on Clover Creek near Bliss. A golden eagle swooped down and hit a blue heron, resulting in a great cloud of feathers hanging in the air. It was over in a matter of seconds.

Great blues will feed on a variety of foods. In addition to fish, they've been known to eat frogs and even crayfish.

When nesting, they tend to favor tall trees where a bulky nest of sticks is constructed. They are colony nesters, and a number of these rookeries are located on Snake River islands throughout the Magic Valley.

A recent visit to one of these rookeries in the Hagerman Valley revealed a great concentration of great blues and black-crowned night herons, as well as a small colony of snowy egrets and two rare cattle egrets. The noise was deafening as the young birds and adults sounded their feeding and alarm calls. A strong odor permeated the area, and I had to watch carefully to avoid being decimated from above.

The resident herons have a layering system for nesting, with the black-crowns midway up the dense willow stands, the snowy egrets on top of the willows, and great blues in the penthouses atop the big cottonwoods.

The black-crowned night herons

stood around like hunchbacks of Notre Dame, with white fronts and black heads. The newly fledged young looked entirely different in streaked brown and white outfits; they won't obtain their adult coloring until their third year.

As their name implies, black-crowned night herons can feed on fish in the dark. They are colony roosters and a hundred or more can be found in a single stand of trees. They begin their evening flights with their sharp "wok!" cry.

Most herons fly to the coast or more southerly climes as winter sets in, but some hardy souls will stay where spring-fed open water continues to supply feeding areas.

You know you're in special country when you can see great blues sitting along the rocky rim of the Snake River Canyon, catching the rays of the early morning sun.

F & G holds open meeting on waterfowl hunting season

The Times-News

JEROME - Anyone with an opinion on upcoming hunting seasons for waterfowl and sharp-tailed grouse, as well as the Idaho sage grouse plan, is invited to an open-house meeting from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's regional office, 868 E. Main.

The local duck season could be extended two weeks, depending on limits set by Uncle Sam. The duck season is set as long as 107 days, but Fish and Game wants to know what people think about such a long season. Daily bag limits would remain unchanged at seven ducks, but three hen mallards would be allowed - instead of one.

Fish and Game still wants to hear if the duck season should be split in half, or not. Daily bag limits for geese could be changed from two to three, but no firm proposal has emerged. Fish and Game also is interested in what people think of a proposal to extend the sharp-tailed grouse season from 16 days to 30 days. Hunters in the Pocatello region have requested a return to the 30-day sharp-tailed season.

The sage grouse plan sets population goals for different areas and encourages local working groups to produce local solutions to halt the decline of sage grouse populations.

Anyone unable to attend Monday's meeting has until the end of the business day Wednesday to submit written or verbal comments. For more information, call 324-4359.

SAWTOOTH REC REPORT. Several information on activities in the Sawtooth National Forest. 734-6326. The Times-News

OUTDOORS

Things to consider when choosing a boat to fit your needs

The Orlando Sentinel

The popularity of inshore fishing has exploded in the last decade, and that has changed the way people buy boats. Fly-fishermen and light-tackle anglers will tell you that inshore fishing, also known as flats fishing, offers greater fishing opportunities and challenges.

As a result, more people are considering purchases of flats boats or light-tackle skiffs. These boats are simple yet complex, because they have to maneuver in 2-foot shallows as well as 2-foot seas. They must be easy to pole in shallow water, yet stable and dry enough to get you safely home in rough water. There are a variety of boats to choose from, and you should take your time to compare them.

How do you determine the right boat for you? Here are some suggestions from

the experts:

• **The 90-10 rule.** First-time buyers often make the mistake of buying a boat that only meets 10 percent of their needs. To buy the right skiff, consider how you'll be using the boat 90 percent of the time. An angler who poles his boat will want a different hull than someone who is fishing large bays and using a boat with a trolling motor.

• **Length and beam.** Purchase the smallest boat that you can. By sticking to the smallest boat that fits your requirements, you will find trailering, launching, retrieving and poling will be easier and more enjoyable.

Some boat companies insist that a wider boat with more beam is more stable and will handle rougher seas. That's not always correct. Keel design, bow entry and hull design all play a role.

A narrow hull with a steep bow entry

will slice through swells and chop like a knife, while a boat with a wider beam and less bow entry will porpoise, or bounce, in rough conditions. A narrow hull also is easier to pole because it will pivot and turn more quickly. The steeper entry also reduces hull slip, or the sound of waves hitting the hull. That noise can spook fish in shallow water.

A full-length keel also is important. It makes the boat track better under power and keeps the boat from wandering when poling.

• **Dry ride.** Because of the skiffs' low profile and lower freeboard, many buyers wonder how dry these craft are under certain conditions. On a nice day, almost any boat offers a dry, comfortable ride. A well-designed skiff can handle most sea conditions, but the operator's skill makes a difference.

One design feature that can keep bow spray to a minimum in an open skiff is lapstrake construction on the hull. A boat with lapstrake construction features a hull with wrinkles or steps that knock down spray before it can splash into the cockpit. Adding freeboard, or high sides, doesn't ensure a dry ride either. More freeboard greatly affects the influence of wind on the boat when poling and running. Lower freeboard combined with a lapstrake construction on the hull may be a better combination.

• **Fit, finish and material.** One of the best indications of quality in design and construction is the fit and finish of hardware and components.

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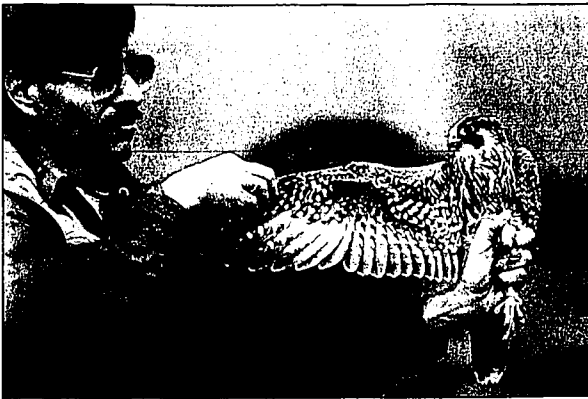
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A peregrine falcon's wing is spread out to show its feathers. One of the most agile and acrobatic creatures on earth, the falcon became almost extinct only two decades ago from the agricultural use of DDT, now banned.

Peregrine falcon ready to swoop off endangered species list — or is it?

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Thousands of feet up, the peregrine circles effortlessly, dipping and gliding, riding thermals, seemingly content with its God's-eye view of the world.

Then suddenly the raven-sized falcon folds its wings and drops, slowly at first, then fast — amazingly fast — until its sleek, streamlined body is screaming through the air like a bullet at speeds approaching 200 mph.

You watch it plummet downward and then you notice what's headed for another bird, a swallow flying exposed over a river between two cliffs.

It appears the peregrine is going to slam into the swallow head first, but at the last minute it pulls up, sticks out its clawed feet — which it has balled up like two fists — and delivers a punch a boxer would be proud of. The concussion knocks the swallow sideways and downward. The peregrine intercepts it before it can reach the ground.

"It's one of the most efficient predators of other birds that has ever existed," says Steve Hoffman, science director with Hawk Watch International, a raptor conservation organization founded in New Mexico and now based in Salt Lake City.

"And its aerial acrobatics are exceptional. You can sit all day and watch them and never be bored," Hoffman added. Back in the 1960s, there weren't too many American peregrine falcons to watch. It had vanished east of the Mississippi and its total population elsewhere in the country had fallen to less than 100 pairs.

The reason for its demise, just as with the bald eagle, was DDT. A boom for farmers in the post-World War II era, the pesticide wreaked havoc with creatures at the top of the food chain.

Every time a peregrine ingested a small bird that had eaten an insect that had absorbed minute amounts of DDT, the falcon was getting a highly concentrated dose of the chemical.

The results were devastating. High mortality among adult birds. Abnormal reproductive behavior. Alterations in calcium metabolism that resulted in thin eggshells that broke during incubation.

A bird that millions of years of evolution had formed into a magnificent and fearsome aerial predator would almost certainly have gone extinct within a matter of decades had not DDT production in the U.S. been banned in 1972.

The federal government's designation of the bird in 1970 as an endangered species — one of the first creatures to receive such protection — also helped. So did captive breeding and release programs that were begun in the 1970s and continue to this day.

The fruits of the recovery effort — estimated to have cost about \$20 million — are being realized. The falcon's population in the lower 48 states has rebounded to about 1,000 pairs.

Everyone agrees the return of the peregrine — like the recovery

of the bald eagle — is a major environmental success story. The question is, when should victory be declared?

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the agency charged with protecting imperiled species, touched off the debate in June 1995 when it made public its intention to take the peregrine off the endangered species list.

Rather than being a cause for those who have fought for the peregrine to come together and congratulate each other, the proposal has instead created divisions.

Twenty-four state wildlife organizations submitted formal responses to the Fish and Wildlife proposal in the summer and fall of 1995. Exactly half came out in support of delisting, while the other half — including the New Mexico Game and Fish Department — expressed opposition.

At the crux of the debate are two different sets of data. Those who believe the bird has recovered to the point that it no longer needs federal protection point to the dramatic increase in the number of breeding pairs.

In the Rocky Mountain and Southwest states, for example, 1994 surveys found 559 pairs — well above the goal of 183 breeding pairs that had been set several years before.

"We believe it's time to take the bird off the list and move on to protecting other species in trouble," said Lloyd Kiff, science director for the Peregrine Fund — an Idaho-based organization that has released 4,000 captive-raised birds into the wild since the early 1970s. Kiff said the organization is so sure the bird is back that it's going to terminate its captive release program at the end of this year.

Those who have a different perspective on the recovery of the peregrine don't dispute the number of breeding pairs has rebounded.

ed. What they're concerned about is breeding success — or rather the lack of it — among certain peregrine populations.

One such population is in New Mexico, where falcon hatchlings have declined 38 percent since 1988. Whether this has anything to do with the fact that peregrines in New Mexico tend to migrate south to Mexico — where DDT is still in use — is unclear.

Hoffman, who also feels Fish and Wildlife is being too hasty, said that instead of delisting the species everywhere, the agency could instead delist the bird in places where it is clearly doing well and hold off on delisting it in areas like New Mexico where its status is uncertain.

Steve Spangle of Fish and Wildlife's southwestern headquarters in Albuquerque said the agency is aware "there are localized areas where production is probably less than desirable."

But he also said various "recovery teams" that have been set up in different regions of the country believe the number of breeding pairs is more important than how many offspring those pairs are producing.

Meanwhile, while the New Mexico peregrine population may be having some reproductive troubles, there are some positive signs. Terrill Johnson, a Los Alamos-based wildlife biologist, said most of the habitat known to have harbored peregrines prior to the use of DDT has been reoccupied.

Hoffman said spring migration counts over the Sandia Mountains in New Mexico this spring recorded 91 peregrines, almost twice as many as have been detected in previous springs. While it's not clear if all of these are Rocky Mountain peregrines — some may be from the arctic — it's clearly a good sign.

Biologists kill elk near freeway

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two bull elk grazing near the 2100 South freeway were shot to death by Division of Wildlife Resources biologists.

"We made numerous attempts to herd them back onto the mountain, but they kept coming back to live between the freeways," said Mike Welch, big game coordinator for DWR. The elk were living between the 2100 South and Interstate 80 freeways.

The group originally consisted of six bulls. Three decided to stay on Quairn Mountain after being driven there; another was killed by a car in early May.

Concerned someone could get seriously injured or killed, Welch and DWR Director John Kimball decided to act, and the two elk were killed about 10 days ago.

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Bond rally lifts Dow 80 points to record

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones Industrial Average and other major U.S. stock markets rallied Tuesday, following one again strength in the bond market amid positive outlook for interest rates. The blue-chip indicator surged 80.75 to 8254.50, its first close above the 8200 level and its third straight day of gains. "It's continuing its near stupefying turn upward," said Robert Stovall, president of money management firm Stovall/Henry Advisors Inc., describing the Dow's impressive gains over the past few weeks. "When you consider how many centennial marks it's hurdled so far, it's truly amazing."

Last week the 30-stock index had first penetrated the 8100 level and two weeks ago broke through the 8000 milestone. "The recent Treasury gain made for the second time this week after an important piece of economic data was released this morning, confirming many players' belief that the Federal Reserve will not raise the rate pace and inflation remains relatively subdued."

Sales of new single-family homes increased 6.1 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.8 million units. Investors cheered the sharp downward revision of May to only 1.0 percent, previously reported as up 7.1 percent.

Stovall said that the stock market could easily erase its gains from a week if the bond market takes a plunge on unexpectedly strong results.

Besides the favorable economic data, the U.S. government plan to hike the deficit has given a very positive tone to stocks, as investors anticipate the planned reduction in the capital gains tax rate.

"You saw all the hoopla surrounding the budget agreement and inflation is really moving down for the second time this week after an important piece of economic data was released this morning, confirming many players' belief that the Federal Reserve will not raise the rate pace and inflation remains relatively subdued."

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Market in brief

Summary table of market performance for various indices like Dow, S&P 500, and NYSE.

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2nd quarter saw healthy growth in PC market

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The personal computer market continued to grow robustly in the second quarter as a new technology and competitive prices drew new business.

Researcher expected demand to increase in the second half of the year. PCs with multimedia-enhancing MMX chips and plummeting prices, along with a new class of \$1,000 machines, should attract buyers of home and small-office buyers, they said.

"There's a product transition ... which is always good news for the market. And you'll see competitive pricing from the top-tier companies, which should continue to drive sales," said John Brown, an IDC analyst in Mountain View.

ICD reported that worldwide PC shipments totaled 18.2 million during the April-June period, up 15 percent from the same period of last year. Shipments in the United States totaled 7.2 million, up 19 percent.

Dataquest said second-quarter global shipments reached 18.9 million, up 17 percent from a year ago and U.S. shipments totaled 7 million, an increase of 21.5 percent.

Both companies said Compaq's worldwide shipments jumped 42 percent in the April-June period, expanding its market share to nearly 12 percent. IBM retained its No. 2 worldwide ranking, seeing shipments rise 20 percent.

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MONEY

Trying to do right thing may cost grocer business

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — Lenza Mosby Jr. stopped selling beer and cigarettes at his store for the good of his customers. Now he is the one who's suffering.

After 35 years of steady business, his customers stopped coming.

"Accolades are fine, but what I need are more sales," the grocer said, sitting behind his faded blue-green counter on a painfully slow July afternoon.

Three months after his decision, his shelves are becoming bare. Fresh meat goes bad before he can sell it. One day this month, five people came by in an hour. Three bought a soda or hot dog. The others left shaking their heads at Mosby's lectures on the evils of smoking and drinking.

"I've gotten cursed out by some people, calling me idiot, stupid," Mosby, 63, said. "One man said, 'You should be committed.'"

Even his son says he is out of his mind. Beer, wine and especially cigarettes accounted for half the sales at Mosby's Grocery Mart, a brown-brick, corner store he has run for 35 years in a mostly poor, black neighborhood.

People came from all over for his smokes, which were cheaper than sold at other stores in this blue-collar town of 35,000.

But then Mosby got stabbed. He survived, but only after three operations — and a change of heart. It happened when a doctor told him that he would not have survived the operations if he had smoked.

"When I came back to the store, I felt guilty when I sold a pack of cigarettes," he said. "I didn't want to be the cause of any more young people starting to smoke."

Mosby said he expected to lose business, but not this much. Sales are down 75 percent. Formerly loyal customers now buy their groceries where they can get smokes and beer. They also go elsewhere for food, video and video games, which he also banished from his store.

"I've got to walk further to get my cigarettes now," said Cheryl Welch, who lives in the neighborhood. "I'd like to like his store."

David Gaines walks three blocks for beer and now pays 50 cents more per six-pack. "For the neighborhood, I think it was a bad decision," he said.

Mosby's son, Lenza 3rd, doesn't like it, either. "I think it's foolish," he said. "It was his largest selling product."



Lenza Mosby and his wife, Carrie, burn their cigarette inventory in Maryland to dramatize their decision to end sales of tobacco and alcohol at their March corner store. Sales are down 75 percent, and the store is in danger of closing.

Unless he plans to go out of business, a businessman needs to make money."

Area churches donated several thousand dollars to help Mosby with expenses. Mosby said he has borrowed from his life insurance to make his \$2,000 monthly mortgage payments. He hopes a state crime victims compensation fund will help cover his more than \$30,000 in medical bills.

The Rev. Philip Hundley, president of the Washington County Ministerial Association, supports Mosby's crusade. He said the store's financial problems reflect Mosby's inability to buy products in bulk at low prices, and the reluctance of white people to shop at this store.

The Rev. Michael Pfeiffer, a Roman Catholic priest in Chicago who has led campaigns against tobacco and alcohol sales in poor black neighborhoods, said business typically falls off. Recovery requires hard work by proprietors and their supporters, he said.

"You've either got to start brand new or you've got to do a hard public relations campaign in your community," Pfeiffer said. "You always have to say 'We're opening a brand new store, alcohol and tobacco-free.'"

Despite the setbacks, Mosby said he won't resume selling booze and cigarettes. "I'm not going to waver in that, no matter what happens," he said. "I've taken that stand, and that's where I'm going to be steadfast."

Tax bill may produce some unintended consequences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turmoil in the stock market.

A surge in college tuition costs. A boom in real-estate sales at the expense of houses.

The guessing is starting on possible unintended consequences of the huge and complex tax bill.

No one's arguing couples would have more children just to take advantage of the \$500 per child credit, or that anyone could postpone death until after the Jan. 1 effective date of the larger estate tax exemption.

But even small changes in tax law can act as powerful levers, altering the way taxpayers conduct their financial lives, from what they buy and sell to when, how and how much they save.

A classic case of unintended consequences, stretching the point only a bit, is the savings and loan crisis. A 1981 tax depreciation rule in the 1981 tax act spurred a boom in commercial real estate.

But the favorable treatment was taken away by the 1986 act. The result was that hundreds of S&Ls that had invested heavily went belly up.

Here are a few areas to watch prospectively.

THE STOCK MARKET — Reducing the top rate on capital gains from 28 percent to 20 percent should make stocks a more attractive investment in the long run. But in the short term, an already high-priced market could be hit by a wave of selling from investors who've wanted to cash in their gains but were waiting to make sure the lower rate was signed into law.

"We have a lot of clients with very large gains that have been putting off big transactions that all

of a sudden will hit the market," said Tom Ochenschlager, a partner with the Grant-Thornton accounting firm.

"There could be so much selling that it would have a negative impact on the market. On the other hand, the money has to go somewhere, so it might go right back into the market," he said.

INVESTMENT CHOICES: Over the long haul, the capital gains cut could help some stocks more than others. Investors likely will prefer fast-growing companies over corporations offering big dividend checks, which will continue to be taxed at a top rate of 39.6 percent.

"It will be bad for utilities that historically have issued preferred stock and it will favor high-tech companies," said Leslie Samuels, a top tax official in Clinton's first term and now a partner at a New York law firm.

New IRA-plus accounts, open to couples earning as much as \$150,000, could reduce the popularity of such existing tax-avored investment vehicles as municipal bonds and variable annuities, he said.

HOUSING: A large exclusion on gains from home sales — \$500,000 for couples and \$250,000 for individuals — will free most home owners to buy and sell without worrying about tax consequences.

Under the old rules, home sellers younger than 55 looking to shelter gains had to buy another house of equal or greater value. That put people who wanted to move to a lower-priced home in a bind.

But now empty-nest couples can sell their condo without paying taxes. Job transfers can move from

high-priced San Francisco to lower-priced Seattle without having to buy a bigger house than they want to avoid taxes.

That will change the dynamics of housing markets, particularly in cities such as Boise, Portland, Ore.; Salt Lake City, and Phoenix, which have seen an influx of Californians.

"It may put some downward pressure on upper tier housing prices. And it could result in increased sales of smaller homes, town homes and condos," said Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

EDUCATION: Generous credits for college tuition credit have the perverse effect of lowering education costs higher. Education inflation already is a problem. It was 5 percent during the 12 months ending in June, more than double the general increase in consumer prices.

"Someone is going to sit there and say, 'Hey, students can weather higher tuition,'" said economist Donald Ratzjenk of Georgia State University.

ACCOUNTANTS AND LAWYERS: Tax attorneys, according to Samuels, will get more high-level work designing complex transactions to turn ordinary income into capital gains.

And clients anxious to take full advantage of the complex new work design stream into accountants' offices.

"This will get me into my retirement funds," said Grant-Thornton's Ochenschlager. "For awhile, around the sector cooler, we were actually concerned they were going to simplify the tax code. You don't hear that anymore."

Gold

Continued from E1. Devices Inc. in Kansas City, Kan., maker of testing equipment for the electronics industry.

Electronics companies — the makers of everything from television sets and computers to navigation equipment — are the nation's second-largest buyers of gold after jewelry manufacturers.

"If you want a really good electrical contact, you need gold," Strickland says.

That makes gold prices a big deal to manufacturers who buy \$20 billion worth of electrical connectors annually, he said.

Prices that are high and gold prices were higher and changing more violently, many manufacturers were forced to impose surcharges to cover costs, Schiffman said.

The recent price drop probably won't affect the cost of dental fillings much, however, said Mike Super at Myron's Dental Laboratory Inc. also in Kansas City, Kan.

"That's because gold accounts for a relatively small share of the cost of a filling, which actually may be made of many alloyed metals, he said. Also, many dentists are turning to new ceramics that look more natural.

"About the only way you might notice any difference is going to a dentist who buys from a lab that charges maybe \$50 plus costs," Super said.

So, for now, only investors who think the current price is a bargain are anything avidly.

"Anything made out of gold is hot right now," said John Ryan, who owns American Rare Coin and Jewelry in south Kansas City.

"To a lot of people, gold at today's prices looks a lot like \$35-40 ounce bargains that were available years ago," said Michael J. Kosares, owner of Centennial Precious Metals Inc., a regional dealer in metals.

At current market prices, gold bullion brings less in global trading than the \$320 to \$345 per ounce that it costs to extract from big mines in South Africa, the western United States or Australia, he said.

Gold usage, for jewelry, electronics and other industrial applications and to make those extra coins investors have been snapping up again, has climbed about 75 percent during the past 10 years, to 4,250 metric tons last year.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. SP 97-591
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of M. STEVENS, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims not so filed will be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 27th day of June, 1997.
/s/Edson Lemmon
Clerk of Court
PO Box 1597
Twin Falls, ID 83303-1597
PUBLISHED: July 23, 24 and 31, 1997

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASSIA MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. SP 97-243
NOTICE AND INTEREST FOR HEARING IN THE MATTER OF
Augustine Villagomez, Plaintiff,
vs.
A Child Under Eighteen, Defendant.
A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be heard in an evidentiary hearing on the 2nd of September, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in the Magistrate's Court, Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho.
The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing:
CRYSTAL VILLAGOMEZ, Mother of the Child.
ANGELICA GONZALEZ, Father of the Child.
PRINCESS JANE VILLAGOMEZ, Mother of Crystal Villagomez.
HELEN GONZALEZ, Mother of Augustine Gonzalez.
The above-named individuals who further notified that they are notified to be represented by legal counsel, if they do not financially able to retain an attorney, may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of

counsel.
Said father is further notified that pursuant to 16-1513 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms provided for such purposes from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall mail the completed form to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and it shall be signed and witnessed before a Notary Public. Your failure to so register can result in your losing barred in your maintaining an action to establish paternity of the said child and constitutes a prima facie case of abandonment pursuant to section 16-205 of the Idaho Code. Date 07/10/97
/s/Roy C. Holstway
Magistrate
PUBLISHED: July 24, 31 and August 7, 1997
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. SP 97-500
ORDER, NOTICE, AND INTEREST FOR HEARING IN THE MATTER OF
SEPTEMBER COSPER AND DANIEL COSPER, Plaintiffs,
vs.
BARBARA L. VAUGHN, LAURA L. D'AMATA, JOAN BRAWLEY D.B.A. BRAWLEY REAY, Defendants.
A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on the 15th of September, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in the Magistrate's Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.
The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing:
BILL COSPER, Father of Daniel Cosper
JOHN COSPER, Father of Jonathan Cosper
MARINA ROMERO,

TO: LAURA L. D'AMATA
You are hereby notified that a Crossclaim has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Twin Falls by the following:
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WITNESS My hand and seal of this Court, the 15th day of July, 1997.
/s/Robert S. Fort, Clerk
By Deputy Clerk
PUBLISHED: July 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 1997

Mother of above-named children
The above-named individuals are further notified that they are notified to be represented by legal counsel, if they are financially unable to retain an attorney, they may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.
Said father is further notified that pursuant to 16-1513 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms provided for such purposes from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall mail the completed form to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and it shall be signed and witnessed before a Notary Public. Your failure to so register can result in your losing barred in your maintaining an action to establish paternity of the said child and constitutes a prima facie case of abandonment pursuant to section 16-205 of the Idaho Code. Date 06/27/97
/s/Burleigh Magistrate
PUBLISHED: July 31, August 7 and 14, 1997

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. SP 97-472
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of KATHERINE A. JASPER
Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims not so presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, DATED this 12th day of May, 1997.
/s/Janey E. Wright
629 9th Avenue North
Burley, Idaho 83318
PUBLISHED: July 24, 31 and August 7, 1997

All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
DATED July 22, 1997
/s/David Ross Munn
241 Locust Street
Twin Falls, ID 83301
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Young women will need one fashion denim, one Levi's, and one status denim.



Nicole Wilcox and Jeremy Watson are decked out in fashions provided by The Buckle. Nicole wears a jacket and pants by Lucky and a sweater by Hipwear while Jeremy wears a shirt and pants by Lucky and an outer shirt by Bigfah.



Hall Stovall, 5, will be sporting new overalls by Mickey & Company when she starts school. Clothing provided by The Bon. Below left, Cammie Hartley, 17, wears an ensemble made by Union Bay and provided by The Bon. Below, wide-legged jeans are the ways to go this season.

Forever in blue jeans

Story by Rebecca Tateoka
Photos by Bruce Shields

Back-to-school fashion starts and ends with denim



The good news for Mom and Dad's budget is that Levi's are still a basic essential for back-to-school wardrobes. That may mean one less pair of jeans they'll have to buy.

Young women "will need one fashion denim, one Levi's, and one status denim," said Carol Lorton, manager of the Bon Marche in the Magic Valley Mall. "...And overalls are a must."

Fashion denims can range from "fit 'n flare," a version of hip-buggers and bell-bottoms from the '70s, to wide-leg and baggy pants with a low rise. But before you pull your old hip-buggers out of storage, remember that today's fashion jeans should only look old—not be old.

Lorton conceded that "streaky denim, with a worn look, (some) with frayed bottom or anything that looks vintage" is popular, but there are telltale signs that the pants aren't really old.

"There's a lot of detailing in back," she said. Detailing includes stitching and hardware, like heavy tucks, on the pockets, or criss-crossed belt loops.

The detailing in back is necessary because many of the tops for young women are tight-fitting and cropped. The scooped front on the jeans combined with a ribbed, striped mock turtleneck shirt produces the exposed midriff.

In fact, one brand of fit 'n flare denims advertised on the jeans, "Come on girls! Show us those naval rings!"

Sometimes the hardware shows up on the front of the denims, with lace-up tie fronts, slash pockets with heavy tucks, or exposed zippers. Flare-leg jeans also fit well with the latest fashion in shoes: heavy soles. Steve Avalos, manager of The Buckle in the Magic Valley Mall, had only two pair of wooden-soled stacked clogs, not unlike platform shoes, left in stock.

"They'd (customers) look at these shoes and laugh, but I'd tell them, 'Just try it with those (flare-leg) jeans,' and I sold all these shoes," he said.

Karen Brown, who manages the young men's department at Roper's in downtown Twin Falls, says Doc Marten shoes are continuing their long winning streak with young buyers.

"The Doc Martens are still really strong and they have always been very popular and will continue to be popular," she said.



Donkey photo

When does school start?

A few south-central Idaho school districts had yet to schedule their registration dates as of press time for the Back to School edition. See the Family Life section on Sunday, Aug. 3, for registration and first-day-of-school dates.

The look really goes well with the wider pant leg, Avalos said — sometimes to the point of having the denim swimming around them.

"We're seeing a lot of the wide, painter pants, the utility pants," Avalos said.

Painter pants, you'll recall, had the look between the back pocket and the side seam for a hammer to hang through. Newer versions include huge back pockets and updated stitching and hardware.

What Lorton calls "status denim" is nothing new to the young woman with Guess or Calvin Klein in her drawers, but she noted that it is the hot new trend for young men to be interested in who made the jeans and to have that name obviously showing.

"Tommy Hilfiger is the hottest denim going right now," she said.

Hilfiger (pronounced Hill-Figure) has been a strong label in men's clothing for many years, but is now creating baggy, loose, and just plain relaxed fit jeans for young men.

Tommy-wear is showing up all over T-shirts, along with the other status shirts by Mossimo, Nike or Adidas, worn alone or layered with some other unattached, baggy shirt. The layered look is still a necessity for fashion, no matter what age or gender.

"We're seeing girls shopping the guy's side, big time," said Avalos. "They're getting into the fluff."

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BACK TO SCHOOL

When to reward good work and when to expect it

Knight-Ridder News Service

Rewarding children is an ancient tool to motivate, one every parent and teacher has turned to — as a spontaneous last resort if not a premeditated strategy.

Gold stars for making the bed. Chocolate dessert for eating veggies. Extended curfew for acing the exam. When rewards are accompanied by warm contact — not used by exhausted or preoccupied parents to avoid spending time with kids — the lesson can be positive, especially for younger kids, child-care specialists say.

But in the '90s, as grown-ups grope for ways to control kids, "Do this, earn that" has become a swiping valuable hours in any given day.

Most educators agree — some enthusiastically, other reluctantly — that within reason, incentives

can jump-start lagging students and recognize kids already doing well.

"I think anything we can do that can offer a student some type of incentive — I'm for it at this stage," said Bob Swales, Plantation, Fla., High School's guidance director. And material rewards seem to work best: "When you talk to kids about shopping and buying power, it pushes their buttons."

The theory: It's naive these days not to try offset approaches to motivate kids, and better to reinforce positive steps, however small, than to focus on negative behavior.

"Throughout our society, we have rewards for a job well done," said David Smith, dean of the College of Education at the University of Florida. "The problem comes when rewards are inappropriate in scope or size."

Jon Bailey, a Florida State University psychologist, says his studies have shown that kids' behavior, performance and attitude do significantly improve with rewards.

Bailey is impressed with

Justens Renaissance, a national incentive program started by the Minnesota company that makes high school class rings. The program, which lets students earn store discounts and other perks, is active in 4,000 schools nationwide.

"You can spend 80 percent of your time looking for kids breaking rules," says Renaissance's marketing manager, Mary Lenard. "We're talking about spending 80 percent of your time recognizing kids for their positive choices — higher GPAs, raising SATs, better attendance."

A Renaissance survey of 1,100 schools that use the program found that:

- 95 percent improved GPAs.
- 72 percent improved attendance after dinner.
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- 42 percent cut the dropout rate.

"We encourage the schools to target the students they think need the help," Lenard said. "If kids go from D's to C's, they should be getting some recognition for that."

Rituals can help families cope with onslaught of modern life

The Dallas Morning News

The television blares during dinner. Jobs demand long hours. Computers and other gadgets are siphoning valuable hours in any given day.

Most American families, struggling to define themselves, are jostled in a confusing, fast-paced world, says William Doherty, a family psychologist and author.

"We are in a kind of place where we are sobered by the family changes. We are sobered by how men and women are doing together and how the kids are doing. I think people now are looking at what they can put back into their families (rather than looking at the family as a place to just pursue individual happiness," Doherty said.

To build strong family ties that can withstand the onslaught of contemporary American life, parents need to intentionally create ways to connect together, Doherty said. Without those rituals, he says, families go along aimlessly, eventually drifting apart.

That is why he has written "The Intentional Family" (Addison-Wesley, \$22), which describes rituals families can create to help strengthen their ties. The rituals range from everyday events such as family meals and bedtime routines to celebrating Christmas and other family-oriented holidays. They also include connecting families to the communities where they live.

The rituals, Doherty says, will help families build a center

where members work toward the family's common needs. They also help members share a family identity, build values and have a sense of predictability, things that Doherty says often become tossed aside in the modern world.

While families once constituted a traditional husband and

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—William Doherty, family psychologist

wife and their offspring, families in modern times take many forms and shapes, he says.

"Every generation has had its consequences and its rules about what is a good family and a good marriage," he says. "This is the first time where we don't have that. We have begun to ask where is the core of the family."

When couples first date, Doherty says, their relationship becomes built around rituals. Some may adopt a certain way of saying goodbye at the end of a phone conversation. A couple may have a favorite song, restaurant or activity that connects them.

"People in love have all these rituals they create together," he says. "Then you get married, have a kid and stop doing this." Doherty suggests that couples find a way to connect with each

other each day. For years, he says, he and his wife have had coffee alone together for 15 minutes after dinner.

When it comes to children, he says, rituals can help parents carve out time for each individual child as well as help build pleasant childhood memories.

A bedtime ritual of bath and story time allows a child to expect some time alone with a parent. An expected Thanksgiving gathering of extended family helps the child establish a sense of connection.

Other rituals involve connecting to the community, Doherty says. When families belong to a church or synagogue, they volunteer together or even organize a block party, families instill in children a set of values as well as benefit from the support of others.

In Doherty's own life, routines subtly have turned into rituals. When his two children were younger, the family decided one Saturday to go out for pizza.

Soon the family was heading to the pizza parlor every Saturday. The children looked forward to the day and the parents began to notice a certain relaxed air during family conversations.

But one Saturday at a restaurant, Doherty's then-9-year-old son asked to play video games before the pizza arrived. "We told him, 'No, this is family time,'" Doherty says. "It was then I realized that this had become a ritual. I don't think my son was pleased at first, but he shrugged it off. I think he came to enjoy it as much as we did."

The little boomers

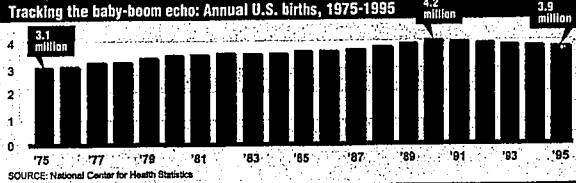
Meet the baby-boom generation's latest effect on society—the parent boom. Boomers postponing raising children until their 30s and 40s have created a generation not seen since the original baby boom. This large influx of children, coupled with baby-boomer materialism, has launched an avalanche of new products and services aimed at the toddler set.

New children's shoes
The Puzzle Place, one of 55 programs for children under 6.

Kids couture
Donna Karan's DKNY Kids line



FamilyValues
Club Med now features clowning and magicians at its 'family villages.'



'Arsenic hour' plays havoc with families' best intentions to become organized

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — It's 5 o'clock at the Valden household. Four-year-old Cristen is chasing 2-year-old Dawn through the house, their squeals drowning out the kitchen radio. Twelve-year-old Brittany is trying to make a salad, but she doesn't remember how to slice the lettuce. Fourteen-year-old April needs a biblical verse for the evening's study group at church.

Their mother, Marie Valden, stands in the center of their Arlington kitchen, pivoting, directing, scolding, turning the frying chicken and scooping out watermelon balls. Every now and then, she glances at the clock. Time is flying. The four girls need to eat. The two little ones need fresh tops and the entire family needs to be strapped safely into the van and on their way to church in less than two hours.

But the children need, want and demand Valden's attention, and she is locked in an odd battle to get it all done.

Some people call it the arsenic hour, that time of day every parent knows and dreads. Whether you've worked all day or tended to your youngsters at home, when the day draws to a close and early evening begins, even the most organized households tend to sputter and collapse.

"You're run around all day and it's not time to go bed," says Valden. "I think everybody's blood sugar is getting low and you're trying to squeeze it all in. Children do not understand this time or

Arsenic-hour tamers

Whether you need to get your kids ready for school, church, or a family dinner, these tips can help you manage the chaos of the evening.
 □ **Establish a routine.** Create a predictable schedule for the evening.
 □ **Use visual aids.** Post a checklist of tasks to be completed.
 □ **Assign responsibilities.** Give each child a specific task.
 □ **Use incentives.** Offer rewards for completing tasks.
 □ **Stay calm.** Avoid reacting to misbehavior.
 □ **Use humor.** Lighten the mood with jokes or games.
 □ **Take breaks.** Step away for a moment if you feel overwhelmed.
 □ **Use music.** Play upbeat music to keep energy high.
 □ **Use timers.** Set a timer for tasks to create a sense of urgency.
 □ **Use positive reinforcement.** Praise children for cooperation.
 □ **Use consequences.** Establish clear rules and consequences.
 □ **Use natural consequences.** Let children experience the results of their actions.
 □ **Use logical consequences.** Consequences that are directly related to the behavior.
 □ **Use restitution.** Encourage children to make amends for their actions.
 □ **Use problem-solving.** Encourage children to think of solutions.
 □ **Use empathy.** Show understanding of the child's perspective.
 □ **Use active listening.** Listen to the child's concerns.
 □ **Use reflection.** Encourage children to reflect on their behavior.
 □ **Use self-talk.** Use positive self-talk to stay calm.
 □ **Use deep breathing.** Take deep breaths to manage stress.
 □ **Use counting.** Count to 10 before reacting.
 □ **Use the "I" statement.** Express your feelings using "I" statements.
 □ **Use the "sandwich" technique.** Sandwich criticism between praise.
 □ **Use the "broken record" technique.** Repeat the same statement calmly.
 □ **Use the "power of the pause."** Take a moment to think before reacting.
 □ **Use the "time-out" technique.** Remove the child from the situation.
 □ **Use the "ignore" technique.** Ignore minor misbehavior.
 □ **Use the "redirect" technique.** Redirect the child's attention to a positive activity.
 □ **Use the "choice" technique.** Offer the child a choice between two options.
 □ **Use the "when-then" technique.** Offer a reward when the child complies.
 □ **Use the "one-and-done" technique.** Give instructions once and clearly.
 □ **Use the "no" technique.** Avoid using the word "no" frequently.
 □ **Use the "yes" technique.** Offer more "yes" than "no."
 □ **Use the "I see, I hear, I feel" technique.** Show empathy and understanding.
 □ **Use the "I am proud of you" technique.** Offer specific praise.
 □ **Use the "I love you" technique.** Express love and affection.
 □ **Use the "I am here for you" technique.** Show support and availability.
 □ **Use the "I am listening" technique.** Show that you are listening to the child.
 □ **Use the "I am understanding" technique.** Show that you understand the child's perspective.
 □ **Use the "I am helpful" technique.** Offer assistance when needed.
 □ **Use the "I am respectful" technique.** Show respect for the child's feelings.
 □ **Use the "I am kind" technique.** Show kindness and compassion.
 □ **Use the "I am honest" technique.** Be honest with the child.
 □ **Use the "I am responsible" technique.** Take responsibility for your actions.
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BACK TO SCHOOL

Holding a child back should be last resort

Boston Globe
If you are among the parents struggling right now with the question of whether to have your child repeat kindergarten or first grade, maybe you can take some comfort in knowing that you are right to be struggling.

There are no easy answers when it comes to the question of repeating a grade. Part of the problem is that the issue is an emotional one for parents, plunging us back to our own childhoods, when anyone who "strayed back" was labeled a dummy.

More important than those emotional entanglements, though, is the controversy that surrounds holding a child back.
Professionals say it is a trend that peaked in the '80s, after research began to show that children who are lagging will do better if they are promoted and, if needed, receive some specialized programming designed just for them. Massachusetts, for instance, issued a policy paper five years ago discouraging schools from holding students back. Nonetheless, in many school systems nationwide, having a child repeat is still a popular solution for teacher when a child hasn't kept up with peers.

The explanation teachers most frequently

Falling behind another year

The final decision to promote or not usually rests with the schools.

Once a decision is made to promote your child, last year's and next year's teachers work together to outline the ways you can do over the summer and during school starts, work hard to form a close partnership with the teacher so if there are any problems, they get spotted quickly.

- **Two good intervention programs**, "Reading Recovery" by Marie Clay, "Writing to Read," by John Martin.
- **Recommended reading**: "Thinking Grades: Research and Policies on Retention," by Lonnie Shepard (Falmer Press); "School Readiness: Assessment and Educational Issues," by Gilbert Greider (Clinical Psychology Publishing Co.)
- **The National Association for the Education of Young Children** has published a book, "Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth through Grade 5," edited by Sue Brodekamp. It's available for \$5 plus \$1.75 shipping. Write NAEYC, 1509 16th St. NW, Washington D.C. 20036. A brochure, "Appropriate Education Practices in the Primary Grades," is available at no charge, with a SASE (one copy per envelope).

offer is that a child needs "a year to grow," that he's "immature," according to school psychologist Gilbert Greider, a professor at the University of South Carolina and one of the leading researchers in the field.
Greider has no patience for this. Neither does development psychologist Susan Hegland, whose area of research is kindergarten curriculum and one of the child's level of development, not necessarily his chronological age.

"Their point is that parents should assume the school is failing, not the child. If the school's job to meet the needs of each child, not the child's job to meet the school's expectations," Hegland said. This gets accomplished when curricula are "developmentally appropriate" — in other words, when material is presented in a way that matches the child's level of development, not necessarily his chronological age.



Covering all the bases in boys' footwear for fall. From left, Converse All Stars "Desire" (\$49.99); top, Canyon River Blues "Maple" hiker (\$42); and a classic boys penny loafer from Mark Jason "Neal" (\$40).

When to keep a child home from school

Knight-Ridder News Service
Johnny's got a bellyache. Should you keep him home?
Pediatricians know that they are up against parents who must get to work, but they and school officials say parents should follow those guidelines for the health of their own children and for everyone at school.
Most schools ask parents to call if their child is out sick and to explain the circumstances, so the teacher will understand the child's absence and be alerted to any communicable infection.
If school officials suspect a health threat to other children, they'll inform state public-health officials, who work with the school to notify the parents, if necessary.

When a child is really sick

If a child has any of these symptoms, it's time to keep him or her home, pediatricians and school officials say:

- **A fever** high enough to make a child feel uncomfortable and unable to concentrate in school.
- **Any rash** — until you know the cause and for as long as it's infectious.
- **Pink eye**. It's contagious.
- **Parasites**, such as worms, scabies or head lice — until treated.
- **Tummy aches** that bring diarrhea or vomiting. The child will be uncomfortable, embarrassed and possibly disruptive.

"We first assess the situation because we don't want to alarm parents needlessly," said Marcia Bynoe, clinical nursing supervisor for Broward County (Fla.) public schools. This is the procedure followed, for instance, in cases of lice, measles or meningitis.
What about keeping home a child who is taking an antibiotic? A child on antibiotics for a strep infection — one of the most common childhood infections — should stay home for the first 24 hours after starting the medicine, said Dr. Arnold L. Tanis, a Hollywood, Fla., pediatrician. That's how long it takes to start wiping out germs that can be coughed all over a classroom.
Ear infections, though, don't spread, so a child who isn't too uncomfortable can go to school, Tanis said. Although colds are infections, kids old enough to hold their hands

over their mouths when they cough generally should be in school too.
"Most kids should go to school with a cold, or else there wouldn't be any kids in school," Tanis said.
Even so, some children may need an extra day of recovery at home after a bout of flu if they still seem weak.
"You're going back to an environment rife with germs," Tanis said.
And how do you deal with a kid who is trying to milk an ailment for an extra day at home? Treat the child as sick, said Dr. Ariene E. Haywood, chief of pediatrics at Plantation, Fla., General Hospital.
"If a child is faking, he doesn't want to be home in bed; he wants to be playing Nintendo, playing with toys, up and about," Haywood said. "If he's treated like he's sick, that's not fun and he won't last long."

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Where to find great science project ideas

Knight-Ridder News Service
Any parent who has ever suffered through a child's school science project can say a mental, "thank you" to L. Pat Kite.
The Newark, Calif.-based writer has just published, "Garden Wizardry for Kids" (Barron's Educational Series, \$8.95). Written for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, the book presents dozens of safe — and inexpensive — science projects.

The illustrations by Yvette Santiago Banek are a perfect match.
"It turned out better than I ever expected," said Kite about her 14th book for kids.
A former garden writer, Kite, 57, went back to her garden roots, so to speak, to create science projects that start with things which grow.
"Inexpensively, too," she said. Most projects rely on seeds that cost \$1 or less.

Kite is a judge for science fairs for primary grades and, she says, that's how the book came about. She found that some kids tried hard but didn't do too well with their projects. The books they were searching were too complex or the experiments required expensive equipment.
"But there are experiments that can be done easily and cheaply," she said. "I designed those using only ordinary seeds that could be purchased at any nursery."

For months, her house was full of jars and plastic foam cups containing seeds in different lighting situations.
She also found that books on the market for kids tend to deal with outdoor gardens.
"Today's child doesn't always live on a farm in Ohio," she said. "Today's child lives in a condo or apartment with limited space for

growing things. So I wanted things that could be grown indoors easily."
"Then, I love mythology and folklore," said Kite, who writes — and publishes — romance novels as a sideline. "I decided to add that to make stories more interesting for the kids because gardening is more than just planting. It is stories and legends and tales that date back to the beginning of history."

The combination is what sets this kids' book apart from similar efforts.
"For the child comparing the number of seeds in apples (a science project), there is also the history of apples, apple folklore and apple games. For the bean seed grower, there are Native American legends, bean crafts and a number of growing experiments. So it's fun and educational," she said.
In the end, Kite came up with 18 indoor plant-growing experiments using food seeds that answer such questions as: How much moisture do bean seeds need to start growing? Do vegetable leaves have the same vein pattern? Does all plain popcorn taste alike?

To encourage kids to think about the answers, each project ask their opinions before and after the tests.
"Other chapters deal with raising earthworms, pill bugs and snails — Kite think that is "an ideal science fair undertaking" — and another chapter deals with growing herbs.
Going beyond science and history, Kite also presents 21 easy flower craft projects, which kids and their parents will adore. Among these are simple-to-follow instructions for making corn-cob dolls, flower balls, seed pictures, pressed flowers, dried leaves and fruit stamp decorations.

How to take a test

A few simple tips can help students

Gazette Telegraph
Multiple choice. True-false. Matching. Fill in the blanks. Essay. So many kinds of tests.
What is the best way to approach them? There are techniques unique to each.
First, here's what you need to know about multiple-choice tests, the kind most frequently given:
• Read the directions carefully. Can there be more than one correct answer per question? Be sure to find out.
• Work quickly. Skip over the questions you're unsure of, marking them with a symbol so you'll remember to come back to them later.
• In answering each, first study the stem or the question. Circle the usually, words such as "seldom," "qualifier," "always," "only" and "never." Be especially careful when answering questions that contain words of this type.
• Always guess the answer before reading the choices. Then, read all the choices before making your decision. Eliminate obvious wrong answers.
• Watch for grammatical clues. For example, if the last word of the stem is an "an," you know the answer will begin with a vowel.
• If you're still stuck, try reading the stem separately with each possible answer.
• Check your work. Have a very good reason for changing anything because your first response is usually correct. Be sure to answer the questions you had skipped over, too.

Making the grade

Pointers for true-false tests:

- **Carefully read the directions.** Are there a certain number of true and false answers? Be sure to check. If not, remember that there are usually more true answers than false, simply because they are easier to write. So if you must guess, your odds are better of choosing true.
- **Watch out for qualifying words** — "seldom," "usually," "always," "only," "never," "all" or "none."
- **Mark with a pencil any question you need to come back to.** Letter-D answer each one, though because any answer is better than nothing, as long as there is no penalty for guessing.
- **Stick to your first answer.** Unless you are sure about why you should change it.
- **If you are still confused, reread** the question and see if this helps.
- **Eliminate** (remember that of pairs of opposites, one of a true-false question must be true before it can be false).

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MUIRHEAD-ODOM
TWIN FALLS — Rick and Cindy Odom of Kimberly and John Muirhead of Buhl, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kalis J. Muirhead, to John I. Odom, son of Robert and Marlene Odom of Twin Falls.
They both are employed at O-K Paving Inc. in Twin Falls.
The wedding is planned for Aug. 16 at the Olander home.
After a honeymoon trip to southern California, the couple will reside in Twin Falls.



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Should teens be working?

The Washington Post

Basketball practice. Piano recitals. Debate competitions. Chores around the house. And homework, homework, homework. Do teenagers today have the time or energy to get a job too?

Nationwide, approximately 44 percent of teenagers aged 16 to 19 are working, but experts say the value of the work experience can vary widely. Among other things that parents and teenagers should consider in deciding whether a teen should take a job is what kind of opportunity to learning the job provides, they said.

"In the postmodern world, young people are working mainly in fast-food places, and a lot of time is spent in repetitive, boring jobs," said David Elkind, a professor in the Department of Child Study at Tufts University and the author of "The Hurried Child."

In the past, jobs might mean an opportunity to work with a mentor and to acquire skills that a youngster could build on, he said, but many jobs today don't "really teach the things that work once taught kids," he said.

In addition to the type of work involved, other variables that can make a difference, according to researchers and specialists in adolescence, are whether working is a necessity and what the money will be used for. Parents should also evaluate the impact that work will have on a teen's schoolwork and whether it adds too much to an already demanding life.

For most students, work during

"If it is genuine need, it can be a positive thing for young people because they contribute and are important to the family."

-David Elkind, professor of child study

the school year should take up no more than 15 to 20 hours a week, many experts suggested.

"If it is genuine need, it can be a positive thing for young people because they contribute and are important to the family," Elkind said. "Otherwise, it is sort of a lark and kids may not be as responsible as they otherwise would be because it is their own money and they can spend it for whatever they want."

If a child does work, Elkind said, "I think it's important that parents insist that some of the money be put away for savings for education."

The point is not so much that teenagers should be expected to finance their higher education as it is that they should learn how to save, he said.

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, a pediatrician and best-selling author, said it's important to stark teaching children about work and responsibility long before they enter their teens. "I would start in early childhood giving them the concept of contributing to the family, starting when they're 3 or 45 years old with jobs like setting the table," he said.

FAST LANE



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How to find out what's going on

Knight-Ridder News Service

Parent: "How was school today?"
Child: "Fine."
End of conversation.

To keep that from happening in your family, people who work with kids have lots of advice. It's worth heeding because studies have shown that having parents involved in a student's life is the No. 1 way to improve student achievement.

First-grade teacher Carol Hubert suggests trying to bring out the positive things that happen — by asking whether the child was a good helper or whether a new friend was made.

That doesn't mean you ignore problems. But if you can surround a problem was positive things, the problem doesn't seem as bad, the teacher at Congdon Park Elementary School in Duluth, Minn., said.

With younger children, you can check their backpack for clues of what they did in school. Use worksheets, drawings and notes from the teacher to start a conversation.

Sue Bombich said she asks her child's teacher for a copy of her lesson plan for the coming week. That way, her questions can be more specific, said Bombich, a counselor at Cooper Elementary School in Superior, Wis.

Look for times when your child is responsive to talking. It might be while you are driving to soccer practice, cooking dinner or right before bedtime. Dinner can be a good time for the whole family to share what happened in their day.

Like many parents who are exhausted at the end of a day's work, kids may be worn out when they come home from school. If you bombard them with questions then, they might clam up.

The start of the school year can also be overwhelming, said

4 questions for Junior:
You are more likely to get a response from your child when you ask questions that require specific but less open-ended responses say experts say.

Some good examples are:

- Tell me one thing you learned today.
- What did you enjoy in school today?
- What was your best friend doing today?

Bonnie Shea, an elementary school counselor in Lowell Music Magnet School in Duluth, Minn. Kids may need some time to digest what's going on, she said.

It's important not to come across as an interrogator to your child, said David Taylor, a chemical health specialist with the Duluth School District.

When you ask to see their homework, don't act as if you only concern yourself with the grade. Show that you are interested in what they are learning, he said.

Taylor points out that the conversation should be two-way. A parent should talk about his day and some challenges he is facing. Otherwise, the child may feel as if he is being pumped for information and is the only one who is giving.

Teenagers are at a time in their lives when they want to be more independent of their parents. Some parents may feel their interest in their teen's school life isn't welcome.

It can be a fine line between letting the teen have some independence and still showing their care, said Ed Crawford, a guidance counselor at Duluth East High School.

"My advice is to back off a little bit — but not back out. Continue to show some interest by inquiring," Crawford said.

Introspection makes for better parenting

Gazette Telegraph

There is a lot of instinctively good parenting going on out there. But even a parent with great intentions can make an occasional wrong call. Here is some food for thought.

Parents want to make children's lives hassle-free. They don't want them to struggle — so they hover, cushioning their every move. In their attempt to mow down obstacles, they encourage our children to be dependent.

Intervene on your child's behalf only when necessary. This helps him to develop problem-solving strategies and learn to anticipate problems before they occur.

Resist the urge to put your kids on the spot. Avoid disciplining them in front of others. Many kids, especially adolescents, suffer from low self-esteem from pressures at school and in their personal lives.

Your kids are probably much more aware of their flaws than you realize.

Don't pressure your child just for good grades. Encourage him to perform to the best of his ability, and try to help him see the value in homework.

Kids resent when parents

invade their privacy, and rightly so. It stifles their ability to cultivate independence. Unless you suspect a major problem, resist the urge to read their notes or go through their drawers, backpacks or closets. And never listen in on phone conversations. It's not worth losing their trust.

Be consistent, and only set rules you intend to enforce. Punishment should never be more extreme because you're angry, nor should it be more relaxed or ignored because you're too tired to deal with it or feel sorry for the kid.

Just because you always did your homework right after dinner at your desk with strong overhead lighting doesn't mean this is the best way for your children to do theirs. Their learning styles might be very different from yours. Have them explain to you how they study best, and then make a real effort to honor their preferences.

Above all, remember that one of the most effective ways to help your children become happy, well-adjusted adults is to create a warm and supportive environment at home. Ask yourself honestly if you are spending enough time with your kids.

Penmanship lives: Enter handwriting contest

North American Precis Syndicate

E-mail may be the fastest way to communicate, but to 100,000-plus students who entered the 1997 National Handwriting Contest, good old-fashioned penmanship is also important.

Even in the age of e-mail, student interest in handwriting is growing. The 100,000-plus entries expected in 1997 represent a 150 percent increase over 1995.

Record 1997 entries show that, when it comes to correspondence, kids know legible handwriting is as valuable as e-mail and other high-tech tools," said Richard Nordrup, vice president of marketing for textbook publisher Zaner-Bloser. The National Handwriting Contest is sponsored by Zaner-Bloser and Parker Pen.

Teachers agree good handwriting is a key to student success.

Zaner-Bloser/Parker Pen research shows 70 percent of teachers surveyed feel student handwriting is not what it should be, and 50 percent believe poor handwriting reduces student self-esteem.

While e-mail is quick, handwriting is vital to academic and business success.

E-mail is great for researching, completing assignments and participating in group projects," said Vicki Hearing, Parker Pen's manager for public relations and marketing communications. "The National Handwriting Contest shows, however, that kids still like the personal touch and good looks of nice handwriting."

National Handwriting Contest winners will be named later this year. Up to 300 state-level champions, six national grade level champions and one national grand champion will be named.

ENGAGEMENTS

WILLARD-DUGGAN



FILER — Cal and Linda Willard of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Leah Willard, to Kristopher Glen Duggan, son of Glen and Joy Duggan of Filer.

Willard is a graduate of Christian Liberty Academy in Boise. She is employed at Albertson's in Boise.

Duggan is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Boise State University, majoring in elementary education. He is employed by the Idaho State Child Support Enforcement Services in Boise.

The wedding is planned for

Kristopher Duggan and Melissa Willard Aug. 9 in Boise. An open house will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 10 at the home of Glen and Joy Duggan, 2240 E. and 4100 N. in Filer. Everyone is welcome.

RUBLAITUS-REED



TWIN FALLS — Douglas and Patricia Rublaitus of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Lyn Rublaitus, to Glynn Alan Reed, son of Harold and Barbara Reed of Gooding.

Rublaitus is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho as a sophomore in the ADN Program. She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Reed is a graduate of Gooding High School and Boise State University. He is employed by

Kristi Rublaitus and Glynn Reed MVRMC as a respiratory therapist. The wedding is planned for Aug. 9.

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Hollywood's schoolyard: Is '187' reality or sensationalism?

NEW YORK (AP) — Production notes for the Warner Bros. movie "187" warn that schools across America "have been transformed into war zones, where the pursuit of education is trivialized by a more desperate battle just to stay alive."

The movie "follows the lengths to which one man goes to fight back in a world where fear and intimidation reign," the press release gushes about the film's protagonist, Trevor Garfield (Samuel L. Jackson).

Irma Hill, a special-education teacher in Los Angeles high schools for 12 years, just might agree with Warner's press material. She describes "187" as a "wake-up call, not only for Los Angeles, but for the nation ... because it makes you conscious of the environment we're creating or that we could create."

"I think it's one of those movies that's a must-see, because I really think it deals with a lot of real-life stuff," said Hill, one of about 30 Los Angeles teachers invited by Warner Bros. to screen the movie before its July 30 release.

But Jim Cash, a special-education teacher at Ulysses S. Grant High School in Los Angeles, says the movie certainly exercises Hollywood license in its portrayal of the classroom.

"Obviously, I think they slipped a lot of bad apples into one group, whereas usually you'll have one or two in one classroom," he said.

Still, Cash, a friend and former colleague of Scott Yagman, wrote the screenplay for "187," said he preferred the movie's denouement over that of films like "Dangerous Minds" which revert to "the same old thing: teachers turning a bad class into a group of geniuses."

"Things don't always turn out so rosy," he said. "My particular kind of bad. But I do have them in or out of jail."

Cash also sees Garfield as a "hero in a lot of ways because he sticks it out and a lot of teachers don't. Before you can eat a decent meal, you have to clean up the kitchen," he said. "He became more of a warrior than an educator, a person that had to clean up the town."

Sandra Feldman, president of the American Federation of Teachers, did not see "187" but is familiar with its plot. She agrees with the movie's assertion that public schools still have a discipline problem and that teachers too often are left battling classroom troubles with little support



Actors Clifton Gonzalez, Samuel L. Jackson and Kelly Rowan crowd around before the industry screening of "187" in Los Angeles Tuesday.

from administrators. The AFT, a national union affiliated with the AFL-CIO, advocates "Zero Tolerance," which would require the automatic expulsion of students for drugs, weapons and violence on school grounds.

But Feldman says portraying schools as "war zones" is overdramatic and outdated.

"I think we did go through a period when the drug scene and the gang fights were out of control," she said in an interview from AFT's headquarters in Washington, D.C. "The schools were affected by that ... but a lot of that is over."

"Crime is going down across the country. And even when it wasn't, schools continued to be oases for kids. ... The overwhelming majority of adolescents and teenagers in our city schools all over the country are wonderful kids."

Feldman says it is inexcusable when teachers act out inappropriately, as Garfield does in "187," but she insists that's not the norm. Movies like "Dangerous Minds" ring truer to her because they reflect the reality that teachers "do reach the kids," she said.

Let's one thing if "187" is just good Hollywood entertainment, Feldman says. "But if it's going to be taken seriously as a commentary on what schools are really like, it sounds like it's dead wrong."

Cash said the reactions of the teachers who screened the movie were mixed, "very powerful."

Some people think it was horrible," he said. "I think the movie's going to get a very angry reaction because it's really got an edge to it, and it's not a pretty

way to the hardware store, go over the ideas that, "I wanted you to stay with me and not pick things up."

During tantrums, get down on the child's level. Sit side by side. Don't tease or make jokes at the child's expense.

• Don't walk away that tells the child she isn't important and that the parent won't be there to help with the big upsets in life. Rub a toddler's back, starting at the base. Grasping her hands and rubbing with your thumbs can be soothing.

• Parents should select a firm bedtime and stick to it. Caretakers should take turns preparing the child for bed so bedtime is a constant. Toddlers and preschoolers need at least 10 hours sleep a night.

Freedom, guidance mix well

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Parents often seek the right mix of guidance and freedom. Try these suggestions:

• With toddlers, avoid language that can be confusing. Express things in the positive. "Don't kick the furniture" sounds like "Kick the furniture."

• Try instead, "Keep your feet off the furniture."

• Don't use sentences with more words than the child's age. For a 3-year-old kicking a dog, say, "Stop kicking now!"

• If you say you're going to do something, do it. If you say, "Pick up your toy or I'll take it away," be prepared to hold the toy for a week, and preschoolers need at least 10 naps ahead of time. On the

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Dorm room decorating 101

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With a little study, a college student's dorm room can go from dull and dismal to actually attractive. A creative touch can bring the bare necessities to life and give these temporary homes a dose of instant personality and comfort.

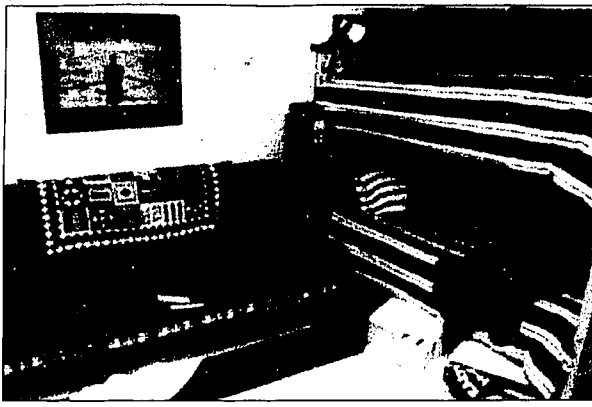
"College students strapped for cash can convert their dorm rooms into campus castles," interior designer Jody Anger said. A recently graduate herself, Anger, 24, was hired by Kmart to decorate a 12- by 18-foot dorm room at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich. Combining her creativity with great products, the room offers book-smart organization and the comforts of home. EMU's admissions office is now showcasing the room during campus tours as the epitome of dorm living.

Anger suggests that coeds accept the old dishes and worn-out couch from the basement of their parents' house. "Stash your cash for those just-gone-to-have-it items that will make you follow dorm rats envious," Anger said.

Below are some decorating tips based on Anger's work in the dorm room at EMU:

- Buy space-saving containers to conveniently store your most prized possessions. Examples are Rubbermaid Keepers snap cases or stacking drawing and Rubbermaid's 10-gallon storage totes.

- Invest in a multi-use cart with storage bins. Anger chose one equipped with wheels so that it could easily be moved around the room. She placed the microwave on the top of the cart and stored food and supplies in the bin.



When picking out furnishings and decorations for a dorm room, one should think of durability as well as versatility. Consider your budget, perhaps rather restraining, then let your imagination go wild.

- Coordinate a student's work area with a desk organizer lamp that has compartments to hold desk supplies such as pencils, pens and Post-It notes.

- Consider a futon, which serves as a couch by day and bed by night. Kmart stocks a steel-frame futon with a reversible mattress in solid black or plaid with a bonus storage drawer that is perfect to keeping extra linens or bulky sweaters.
- Use the colors of your com-

forters as a starting point to color-coordinate your room. Pillow, bed rests, area rugs, picture frames and framed art can all share the same color scheme.

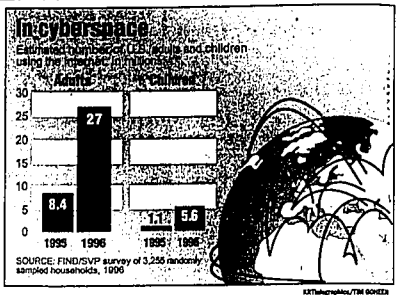
- A dome-top lamp with three-way lighting feature sheds just the right amount of light, especially when one student burns the midnight oil where rooms sleep.

- Transition a dorm room decoratively with an area rug and accent rugs. Anger chose a neu-

tral natural Berber-style rug and jewel tone Berber-style accent runner rug from Kmart.

- Change the curtains supplied by the housing office, but be careful not to break housing codes. Anger used a black-finish decorator rod and hook-shaped finials as fixtures for the new curtains. She hung panel curtains in hunter green from the fixture.

- When it comes to appliances and electronics, pool your resources. "College students definitely appreciate a bargain," Anger said. "And they rightfully expect quality with every purchase."



Good teachers can be had without being pushy

The Orlando Sentinel

Anyone who has been to school knows the thrill of having a good teacher, and the agony of having a bad one.

That's especially true in elementary school, where students are blessed or stuck with one classroom teacher for the entire school year.

All of which raises some inevitable questions for parents: How do I get my child into a good teacher's class? How do I get my child out of a bad teacher's class? And how do I find out who are the good and bad teachers? Penny Wright, a Fine Hills Fla., mother of eight — four of whom are in elementary school — has found answers to all these questions. By visiting school often, talking to teachers and comparing notes with other parents, she knows who the good teachers are.

"If you're visible (at school), you can request a particular teacher for your child by name. I did it and it worked."

That doesn't mean it will work for every parent, but when the end of the school year approaches, you can go to the principal and request a particular teacher for the following school year.

Jim Grant, principal of Groveland Elementary School in Lake County, Fla., estimated that each spring about one in five Groveland parents request teachers by name for their children.

"Probably 90 percent or more

of the requests are honored. I don't, we discuss it with them."

Gant doesn't view this as doling out "good" teachers to the squeaky wheels. He thinks all of his teachers are good, but he recognizes they have different teaching styles.

The message here to parents is clear: You're better off talking about matching a teaching style to your child's learning needs than naming teachers you like and don't like.

For example, talk about how your Susie responds better to a gentle, nurturing teacher than a tough disciplinarian. Or vice versa, as the case may be. It's a tougher problem to get your child reassigned from a teacher you consider bad, meaning those teaching style isn't suited to your child. It can be done with patient and persistence.

Just remember: If you don't at least try to resolve the problem with the "bad" teacher. But you won't get anywhere when you ask the principal to move Johnnie or Janie into another classroom.

If you've talked to the teacher, made a reasonable attempt to work things out and are still unhappy, the principal is your next step.

"If there doesn't seem to be a solution, it might be an option to consider making a change of teacher assignment," Grant said. "That happens very infrequently."

Texas town copes with pulling MTV's plug

The Dallas Morning News

ALBANY, Texas — Joyce Knight doesn't think that MTV is evil or Satanic, and maybe not even the worst thing that cable television pipes into this West Texas town of 1,900.

But she looks around at a society of declining morals, foul language and wretched families. She worries about what kids in Albany are seeing and hearing without their parents' supervision. She even sees her 8-year-old grandson getting sassier and more rebellious after sneaking peeks at "Beavis and Butt-head."

"The kids here are good kids, but they won't be good kids for long if we keep filling their minds with that trash," says Knight, a clerical worker. "Maybe there's a lot worse than MTV, but you do have to start somewhere."

"When I prayed about it, God told me to get a petition going."

That petition asked TCI, which provides Albany's cable system, to drop MTV and replace it with Trinity Broadcasting Network, a Christian-oriented channel. Nearly 650 people signed, persuading TCI to make the switch beginning Sept. 1.

But beyond a simple programming change seems to be a West Texas version of "The Real World," the show where MTV stops the music and presents true-life drama. Its characters are grappling with questions of responsibility and choice, of sheltering young people whether the teens like it or not, of keeping big-city influences out of small-town America.

"I don't know why this is such big news," Knight says. "They did the same thing in Brockbridge (25 miles up the road) a couple of years ago and nobody said a thing."

Still, when Albany awoke earlier this month to the prospect of an MTV-less future, the result was raucous as a Marilyn Manson video:

"Many kids are incensed and plotting a counterattack. More adults than you might think agree with them."

"I'm going to fight this," says Bea Hare, a 31-year-old bar-

Loss of MTV leaves young people with even less to do in small town

The Dallas Morning News

ALBANY, Texas — Terra Wade is a varsity cheerleader. But on this Saturday night, perched on the edge of a truck bed in the First Baptist Church parking lot, she's not very upbeat.

"We should all paint our trucks and protest," she says, as a dozen of her fellow teenagers surround her, hanging out with little to do except chat, gossip and flirt. On Sept. 1, their West Texas town is losing its MTV — dumped from the local cable system after a petition demanded that the rock music channel be replaced by the Trinity Broadcasting Network, a Christian-oriented station.

Wade, 17, is helping to organize a counterpetition to overturn the decision announced earlier this month. But it's not just about MTV, she says. It's about respect.

"I'm not saying that MTV doesn't have anything on it that's not bad," she says. "But I'm not going to do something stupid because I watch Beavis and Butt-head." Adults, she adds, are going to keep cutting us off more and more until we sit around waiting to leave this place."

While parents here say they want to keep their town safe and their kids out of trouble, many teens say the efforts have gone too far, and that losing MTV is the last straw. They argue that adults keep taking away activities they enjoy without offering alternatives.

Especially during the summer, when there's far less to keep young people occupied. The closest movie theater is 30 miles away in Abilene. Albany doesn't have its own mall. Albus's Convenience Store is the only store that's open all night. There are no pool halls, arcades, bowling alleys or fast-food restaurants,

tender who says she and two friends have collected 400 signatures on a petition to keep MTV, which she lets her 6- and 10-year-

old sons watch.

"Don't tell me what's good for my family on TV," she says. "What about soap operas and

talk shows and wrestling? Wile E. Coyote gets his butt blown up by the Roadrunner every day. It's just that anything these kids like, they try to take it away. Kids need to get a little taste of life and make their own decisions. Instead, they just try to sweep these kids under the rug, like they're afraid they'll give the town a bad name."

"—Churches are digging in to fight for family values. Some of MTV is just pornography set to music," says the Rev. J. J. Jannell, pastor of First Baptist Church. "It's not good for kids. I feel like the family is under attack. We have to stand up for what's good and against what's bad."

—And in the buzz around town, MTV seems to be a trip wire for bigger issues: Is there enough for kids to do in a small town? Does TV make us do bad things? Should a majority impose its taste on everyone? Do parents need to make unpopular decisions for their children's own good?

"I think there's going to be a big blowup over this," says Zena Churchill, a 37-year-old mother of four who's against the ban. "I'm kind of curious how this is going to come out."

If you think all these little dots on the West Texas map are pretty much alike, Albany might surprise you. The rich, friendly town 120 miles west of Fort Worth on U.S. Highway 180 has ridden out the booms and busts in oil and ranching better than most, blessed by a century of involvement by wealthy families in the area.

There's an art museum with Picasso, Modigliani and Henry Moore in the collection. Texas Monthly recently rated one of Albany's restaurants among the state's best. An annual musical pageant celebrating Shackelford County's pioneer heritage draws thousands of visitors.

"I'd hate for this to come off as a hick town banning everything," says Melanie McCarthy, who moved here from Philadelphia two years ago. "This isn't 'Footloose' — the 1984 film about a small-minded community where dancing was banned."

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Time to notice the difference

Help, don't push

Some parents have a hard time recognizing the difference between themselves and their children.

They don't know the difference between helping a child and pushing her or him, said Margaret Shapiro, a social worker with the Pennsylvania Council for Relationships.

The flip side of the pushy-parent coin receives little attention, but can be just as damaging.

Shapiro asks for balance and for parents to ask themselves some frank questions:

- Are you pushing your child to make him or her meet your own unfulfilled dreams?
- What price are you asking the child to pay emotionally, socially and intellectually? Does your child want to pay it?

And for the parent who has a hard time accepting a talented child's ability, here are some questions:

- Do you feel as if you're in competition with the child?

Does it bother you that your child is receiving attention you consider undue attention?

- Does it annoy you that your child may have talents and abilities you don't have yourself?

Parents in both situations say they are acting in the best interest of the child when they actually are acting in their own interest," Shapiro said.

"It's hard to develop a one-size-fits-all standard for a good parent," Shapiro said. "Hopefully, all parents do think that their job is to help and support their children as they grow."

And above all, it's perfectly fine to be proud of a child's accomplishments, large and small.

"A child needs to know that his parents are proud of him," Shapiro said. "There's nothing wrong with a parent who shouts 'bravo' at a school recital."

"But be careful if you decide your third-grader should be taken out of school and enrolled in professional acting class, especially if the child doesn't seem excited about the prospect."

How to beat lunch-time boredom

North American Press Syndicate

Getting a child to eat what's packed for lunch is a universal challenge for parents. Combined with a healthy breakfast, a nutritious lunch can help fuel a youngster's energy and concentration throughout the afternoon.

To help insure that lunches aren't traded or tossed away, get kids involved in the planning and packing of their lunch.

"If sit down with the children and plan out the different lunches for the week," said Jodie Shield, a registered dietitian and mother of three. "The kids select the grains, vegetables, fruits, proteins and dairy they like and will eat."

• Keep foods safe. Pack the lunch in an insulated bag and provide a cooling source that will keep the other foods cool and your child will have a delicious and nutritious slushy beverage by lunchtime.

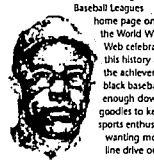
• Make lunch fun. Kids love colors and shapes, so take five minutes to jazz up a regular lunch. Cookie cutters make sandwich cutouts. A fire truck or a puppy dog Peanut butter sandwich is much more fun for children than a regular peanut butter-and-jelly. And finger foods are king, too. Consider packing two sandwiches made on mini-bagels or slicing a sandwich into quarters.

• New tastes. Temporarily swap your child's taste buds with fun fruit flavors such as kiwi, mango and melon in juices, gelatin and yogurts.

• Something special. Don't forget a few lower-fat cookies such as oatmeal cracker.

Remember that it's important that kids look forward to lunch, so provide them with a variety of foods and they won't get bored with or trade away their lunches.

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Get kids involved in household chores

Orange County Register

Giving children chores to do at home sounds like an old-fashioned notion in an era spoiled with convenience appliances, maid-to-order housekeepers and, well, attitude.

But having kids pitch in around the house is a sound notion, say parents and parenting experts, who soon by.

Not only are children giving something of themselves when they help around home, they are learning life skills.

That said, tricky questions follow: For starters: How to do it? How to coax children into work instead of play.

And then: Should they be paid. What age to start. What to assign.

The lack of sure-fire answers might disappoint: There are no hard-and-fast rules. Each family is different: different values, different needs, different backgrounds. Parents have to make their own choices.

One approach is to involve children in decision-making.

Jan Hittelman, a Laguna Hills, Calif., psychologist who works with children, suggest sitting down and calmly going over what needs to be done around the house, who's going to do what and what the consequences are for slacking.

Negotiate, he said. Consider the children's suggestions.

"If they understand and negotiate, it's more difficult to project the blame on somebody else when they don't follow through and suffer consequences," Hittelman said. "As long as they can project blame on somebody else, another child or an adult, that frees them from feeling responsible."

He also recommends putting extra family member's duties in writing, so there's no confusion, no "I didn't-know-it-was-my turn excuses."

But should money be the sole incentive in doing chores?

No, said Tere Wilshin, an Orange County, Calif., parenting consultant.

"If you say, 'You do this chore

Tasks should be age appropriate

Parenting experts suggest age-appropriate household tasks:

- Preschool kids (2-4): Bring in the newspaper from outside. Empty smaller waste baskets into larger ones. Pick up and put away toys. Help set the table. Some watering.
- School-age kids (5-11): Set and clean up the table. Wash windows. Make their beds. Care for pets. Sweep and dust. Answer the door and the telephone.
- Adolescents and teenagers (12-18): Cook. Vacuum. Wash the car. Take out the trash. Simple sewing. Yard work. General householdwork.

and I will pay you for what you do, you're giving them a chance not to do it," she explained. "They can say, 'I don't care. I don't get paid.'"

Hittelman prefers time and attention as rewards: Family outings and activities on to work end work well with the pre-adolescent set. But for some teenagers, spending time with the folks is more like punishment.

Using the car and being with friends motivates teenagers, Hittelman said.

"There's a million ways to manipulate that."

One key to cooperation is getting kids into the habit of helping around the house as a young age. Even a 2-year-old can begin by putting away toys.

As a rule of thumb, kids 5 and older generally are ready to handle responsibilities, Hittelman said.

Avoiding conflict when getting kids to help around the house can become a chore itself. Parenting experts offer tips:

- Start kids at a young age when they enjoy helping out.
- Give them cooperation if you have fun, such as jumping in the leaves when raking or dressing in a bathing suit to wash to car.
- Rotate tasks, and include yourself in the rotation.
- Set reasonable standards.

Thumbs down on computers, TV

Day care is less clear

A few thoughts on computers, day care and television that came to mind on a serene spring afternoon as I sat watching clouds do impressions of various animals, some species of which have yet to be identified.

On a recent broadcast of his CNN talk show, Jesse Jackson took every possible opportunity to equate equal educational opportunity with having "every school in America connected to the Internet."

President Clinton has called for computers in every classroom and Internet access for every student. In California, where taxpayer dollars have forced the downsizing of public education, computers and Internet connections are being funded by private initiatives. The question no one seems willing to confront is: Is there evidence that children with computers score higher on measures of achievement than children without computers?

The answer is: There is no such evidence. The very great possibility is that the rush to judgment concerning computers and Internet access may create classrooms that are high in technology and low on educational substance. If there's one thing America's kids don't need, it's to be used as guinea pigs in the yet another education fad.

The Great Day Care Debate —



John Rosemond

whether day care is good or bad overall — probably never will be resolved. One study says this, another says that, which allows the "experts" to adopt whatever positions suit their fancy.

Yours truly, for example, is convinced it is generally better for children below age 3 to be in parent-care. Then again, I know of a lot of kids who've been in day care since infancy and who seem to be doing just fine. Therefore, I am quick to add, but better doesn't mean a child in day care from early on is going to have significant problems of any kind."

It's most likely that there are advantages and disadvantages inherent to every single child-care category. None is perfect, none is disastrous. Day care does, however, have one unarguable advantage over parent-care. Given that television is on some seven hours a day in the average household, as opposed to hardly at all in a licensed day-care facility, putting a child in a licensed day-care center means his exposure to the mind numbing effects

of the boob tube are cut by probably more than half.

Given recent evidence to the effect that a responsive social environment is the single most critical variable in "successful" brain development, this advantage is probably highly significant. In other words, if you're going to stay home with your children, make it worth their while by keeping the television off.

A major player in the computer industry recently told me the following: "Take two children born today. Give one a computer at age 3 and as he grows, always keep him supplied with the latest technology. Don't allow the second child access to a computer until a month before he enters college — August, 2015. On the day these two youngsters begin college, they will be equally computer-literate. Furthermore, if the first knows programming, it won't take long for the second to catch up in that area, either. What my friend didn't say is that by age 18, the second child is going to be far and away the more enthusiastic concerning computers and their possibilities.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist in West Carolina. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at P.O. Box 4124, Gastonia, N.C. 28054 or at <http://www.rosemond.com/parenting-on-the-inter.net/worldwide>

Start now getting child ready to learn

Valley News

Wood suggested assuring the child that Mom or Dad will be there at the end of the day, reinforcing that someone will either pick them up from school or be waiting when he gets off the bus.

Wood and LaRoche both agree that, if possible, children should visit the school before the first day. Many schools offer a kindergarten orientation tour a day or so before school opens.

"This gives the child an opportunity to see what a classroom situation is like and what to expect," Wood said.

"It's important for your child to see you with the teacher, indicating that it's OK to trust this person."

Because things can make the step to school easier, LaRoche said, suggests the incoming kindergarten teachers know their col-

ors, numbers, shapes and how to cut with scissors.

Make sure the child is dressed, comfortable and practical remembering that zippers, ties and ribbons are difficult for a child to manage on what could be his or her first solo trip to the bathroom outside the home.

Discourage children from taking toys to school, where they could be lost or broken.

Be sure your child knows his full, correct name, not just his nickname, as well as his parents' names and address and phone number.

Also, if your child rides the school bus, know the schedule and make sure he's comfortable with it. But most importantly, LaRoche believe that best preparation for school is a sense of responsibility.

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- **Make exercise a social event.** Hold children's birthday parties at a skating rink, water park, bowling alley or other sports center.

Helping kids stay fit

Children who exercise often grow up to be adults who value fitness programs. Here are some tips for parents:

- **Choose gifts and rewards that encourage activity.** Sporting equipment, a pool or a membership to a sports center.
- **Limit television, video and computer games.** Encourage children to play outdoors.



- **Support your child's interests.** Find classes you can afford and arrange for transportation. Provide appropriate clothing and transportation. Altering games and performances.
- **Match your child to an appropriate sport.** Dance, swimming, tennis, horseback riding or team sports are good examples.

- **Be positive.** Talk about the fun you do together. Encourage participation, not just winning. Try to make fitness fun.

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Encourage sedentary children to play

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Encourage your children to flex their muscles. Only one American child in four gets 20 minutes of vigorous activity each day, fueling a trend

toward sedentary children and overweight adults, a new survey reports.

The survey conducted by the non-profit International Life Sciences Institute indicated that involvement by parents

was an important influence in helping children to get enough exercise. Especially since the survey found that about a quarter of American children get no physical education in school.

Land of the zombies: Videotopia chronicles rise of computer games

Allentown Morning Call

PHILADELPHIA — It's fact. Indisputable, insists Keith Feinstein.

Without video games, personal computers would not be whirling away in more than a third of homes in the United States. Without video games, the Internet wouldn't be a hangout for schoolchildren. Without video games, there might not be an Internet at all.

Video games — those fighting, racing and mind-bending electronic fantasy lands — are what made us comfortable enough with digital technology to welcome it into our homes, then affordable enough to become a part of our everyday lives.

"They're responsible for the entire computer revolution that we're undergoing right now," declares Feinstein, a 29-year-old Murray Hill, N.J., man who has written "Videotopia," an exhibition exploring the history of video games now on display at the Franklin Institute.

The revolution Feinstein is talking about began 25 years ago, with PONG. PONG was invented by Alan Alcorn, the first engineer of the Atari Corp., which was founded June 27, 1972. The simple game of electronic tennis, named after the noises that it made, debuted in a bar in Sunnyvale, Calif., where Atari founders were trying to interest pinball makers in manufacturing the game.

As the story goes, the bar manager called to complain that the PONG machine was broken. When Alcorn went to investigate, he found it jammed with quarters. Atari saw a hit on its hands and decided to make the game itself.

But PONG was not the first video game. A year earlier, Nolan Bushnell, a recent college graduate working at an electronics company, had created Computer Space, a racket battle game in a metallic green fiberglass cabinet. He convinced a pinball-game manufacturer to make the game, but it flopped because it was strange-looking and complicated to play.

Bushnell left the company and founded Atari. The rest, as they say, is history. It's a history that Feinstein wants the public to know, an underappreciated history Feinstein believes the public ought to know given the dramatic impact video games have had on society.

That brings us to "Videotopia," which the Franklin Institute is presenting for the summer under the name "The Ultimate Arcade."

Arcade video game timeline

- **PONG, Atari, 1972:** The simple game of electronic table tennis was Atari's first entry and the first commercially successful arcade video game.
- **Space Invaders, Taito/Atari/Midway, 1978:** The first video game to reach a mainstream audience was played not just in arcades and bars, but in restaurants and local businesses.
- **Pac-Man, Bally/Midway, 1980:** The most successful arcade video game of all time. Pac-Man was created as a nonviolent alternative to "shoot-'em-up" fare.
- **Duress King, Nintendo, 1982:** Created to solve a game called Radarscope: the huge hit Double Kong was the first game with a storyline, a strange one about a little man who had to rescue his girlfriend from a loveless ape.
- **1, Robot, Atari, 1983:** The first game to feature 3-D polygon graphics, it allowed players to doodle with its polygon objects. It is the direct ancestor of today's most sophisticated polygon-rendering and fighting games.
- **Alpha Basic, Hudson, 1996:** Produced by the company that created Pac-Man, Alpha Basic uses a 32MB processor and a 50-inch projection display to make players feel like they're sliding a mountain.

— Source: The Electronics Conservancy

Video game facts come to light

Allentown Morning Call

Designed by Ralph Baer and a military electronics firm, the first home video game system, the Magnavox Odyssey, used 40 transistors and 40 diodes because microchips were so expensive. Unveiled in 1972, its on-screen effects were limited, so it was packaged with plastic overlays to simulate complex graphics.

Friends Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak began to think about creating a personal computer when Jobs, a young Atari employee, was designing Breakout in the mid-1970s. Their Apple I computer was built with Breakout parts.

Space Invaders, a shooting game with animated targets, was so popular when released in Japan in 1978 that it caused a shortage of 100-yen coins. In the United States, the game attracted so many new players that people thought it was the first video game.

Designed in 1979, Missile Command reflected America's fear of nuclear conflict. Originally to be called Armageddon, the goal was to defend U.S. cities from an onslaught of Soviet bombers. Players could not win and each game would end with a big explosion and the words "The End."

The Army was so impressed by the 3-D in 1980's Battlezone that it commissioned Atari to build modified versions for use in tank training. The Pac-Man character came to life in 1980 after its designer gazed at a pizza with a single slice removed. Pac-Man became a hit character as well as a game, appearing on the covers of both Time and Mad magazines in 1980. The song "Pac-Man Fever"

reached the Billboard Top 10. Last year, a virtual reality arcade Pac-Man game was released.

Nintendo's "Mario" mascot first appeared in Donkey Kong in 1981, the same year IBM launched its personal computer. His original name was Jumpman, but he was renamed in honor of the leasing manager in charge of Nintendo's warehouse, a short man with a dark mustache. A 1990 survey revealed more American children recognized Mario than Mickey Mouse.

The arcade video game industry crashed in 1984 when Atari fell to pieces due to mismanagement. New games were poor and people began checking out personal computers. The revolution in home gaming began soon after with the release of Nintendo's NES system. By 1989, one in four American homes had the NES system and Nintendo was making more money than all three TV networks combined.

The Sony Playstation began as a CD attachment for the Nintendo Super NES. When Sony and Nintendo disagreed on the way the device would be marketed, Sony developed it into a game machine of its own.

The newly released Tokyo Wars is a remake of Tank, which, in 1974, was the first video game to use ROM (Read Only Memory) chips to store graphic data. The chips allowed Tank's on-screen characters to be more detailed, rather than simple blocks like Pong. The games place players in downtown Tokyo to play out a game of "tag" in battle tanks.

— Source: The Electronic Conservancy

Home alone?

Make sure your child is equipped to handle it

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — More than half of American children spend at least some time before or after school at home without adult supervision.

That's scary for parents, but if a child is mature enough to handle self care and if Mom and Dad take steps to make it work, it doesn't have to be a detrimental experience.

The most important thing is to continually assure your child that someone cares and is "there," even when he is physically alone.

Here are some tips from the National Education Association:

- Set appropriate house rules to provide your child with continuity and discipline.

- Structure the time your child is alone so that those hours are productive. Children should spend their time doing homework, chores, playing games or doing other activities. Don't let your child regularly park his body in front of the TV until you get home.

- Take time to share experiences and feelings with your child to strengthen bonds.

- Teach your child to answer the phone without letting a stranger know he is alone. Your child should also know who and what number to call if there's a problem.

- Have your child call you as soon as he gets home.

- Check back later with your child even if it's just to say hello.

- Leave messages for your child to find. Reveal where an after-school snack can be found, remind him to change out of school clothes, say when you'll be home or just, "Hi! I'm thinking about you."

A key word around the neck often means a child is going home to an empty house. The key should be pinned inside a pocket or purse, out of sight.

- Instruct your child to keep the door locked and not to admit anyone unless you've given prior permission. Teach your child not to go anywhere without getting your permission first.

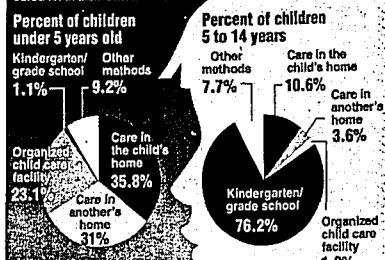
- Teach your kid to recognize emergencies and how to handle them. Your child should know how to deal with fires, break-ins, traffic accidents, broken bones and bleeding that won't stop.

- Provide your child with an emergency kit and show him how to use it. Include flashlight and batteries, a portable radio, Band-Aids, gauze, calamine lotion, small scissors, adhesive tape, non-stinging antiseptic spray (children are more apt to use it) and elastic bandage.

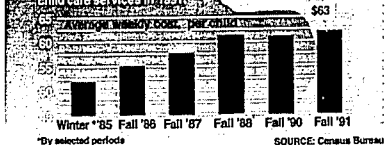
- Your child should know enough first-aid to deal with

Who's minding the kids?

Working mothers are finding alternatives to facilities. In 1991, 2.3 million children of working mothers were cared for in their own homes.



The most of child care arrangements employed mothers report on child care services in 1991



The street-smart child

Here are some guidelines from the Idaho Education Association:

- Your child should know his name, address and phone number.
- He should know how to dial 911 and ask for help. If 911 is not in use in your area, your child should know the number to call in an emergency arises.
- Define to your child exactly what a "stranger" is.
- Give him instructions on how to say no to adults.
- Develop a secret code word with your child to assure safety.
- Tell your child to stick to the main roads and not use shortcuts.
- Make sure he knows to trust his instincts, and if something suspicious happens he should act on them — run to a crowded place and shout for help.
- Dress your child in bright, easily seen clothing. Don't let him wear clothes with his name on them; strangers can gain a child's trust by using his name.
- Equip your child with a backpack or a bag so he isn't endangered recovering dropped items. In cold weather, make sure kids are dressed warmly, but without obstruction to vision.
- If there are black homes on your child's route to school, make sure he knows what the blackhome sign means.
- Make sure your child has enough time to reach his school destination — the buses stop at school. A running child is headless of traffic.
- Teach your kid to walk safely, instruct him to stay on the sidewalks, or if there are none, to walk on the left-hand side of the road facing oncoming traffic. Your child should cross streets only at intersections or crossroads, and always look both directions several times to make sure no cars are coming. If possible, have him walk with a friend.

animal bites, burns, broken bones, cuts and scrapes, insect bites, nosebleeds and poisoning.

- Your kid should also know how to call you, the neighbors,

the police and the fire departments, the family doctor and the poison-control center. Post these emergency numbers next to the phone along with your address and phone number.

ENGAGEMENT

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SMART LOOK



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When things fall apart: Learning to count to 10

Teaching teens self-control

The Boston Globe

As he roams the halls of East Middle School in Braintree, Mass., Principal Mike Connelly is on the lookout for fights that have not yet erupted.

Fights are more frequent this time of year, he explains, as kids try to settle back into school routines, and fights at the middle-school level can get nasty.

Connelly prides himself not just on intervening before things get out of hand, but also on talking to the kids afterwards, about why they wanted to fight in the first place. Almost always, their explanation is the same: "I didn't really want to fight. It just kinda happened."

Connelly believes "it just kinda happened" is how a lot of pre-teens and adolescents get into trouble. "They don't have the self-control to stop themselves, to say, 'Wait a minute, this might have a bad ending.' They let events take control of them instead of taking control of events," Connelly says.

This mindset has frightening consequences for kids, according to psychologist John Dacey. While what "just kinda happens" to an 11- or 12-year old may not be too serious, the same somewhat attitude is a 14-, 15 or 16-year old can lead to pregnancy, dropping out of school, addictions and violence, all potentially with lifelong implications.

"I've not yet met a teen-ager who made a conscious decision to get pregnant or get addicted. They slide into these events with a whole bunch of little things," said Dacey, who is professor of

The Boston Globe

child accountable for his actions is one way to get him to think things through.

• **Formulate a plan.** A typical pre-teen goes with the first idea that comes into her head, which rarely is the best. It takes discipline to think of alternatives, or what Garber calls "easy outs. Help your child by letting him hear you think out loud. "Now if I do this, then this will happen. But if I do this, then maybe that would be better. Or no, maybe I should do this. Hmm. I need to think about these."

• **Carry out a plan.** Dacey said many pre-teens never get to the point of putting a plan into action because they quickly lose faith in it. His theory is that many kids can today have had unreliable life experiences — a non-custodial father who doesn't call or show up when he is supposed to, for example — that leads them to assume that something will go wrong, although it's not necessarily something they can specify. Once a child has a few successes, this won't be a problem, Dacey said, but in the meantime, she may need behavior modification. He recommends wearing a rubber band on the wrist that she can snap every time she starts to tell herself the plan won't work.

• **Visualize consequences.** Most kids don't stop to think what the result of an action will be. "They can't visualize what it means to be pregnant at 15 or handicapped for life from a fight," Dacey said. Holding your

human development at Boston College and author of "The Nurturing Parent" (Simon & Schuster, 1993).

Luckily, parents and teachers can stop this drift into trouble.

Contrary to common belief, self-control is a learned skill, not a personality trait that a child does or doesn't have, says psychologist Stephen Garber. Unfortunately, most kids today

aren't learning it, he says. Garber is director of the Behavioral Institute of Atlanta and co-author of "Good Behavior" (St. Martin's Press, 1991).

In the middle-school years, this is particularly troublesome because kids are innately impulsive, according to child psychiatrist Stanley Turecki, author of "The Emotional Problems of 'Normal Children'" (Bantam, 1994).

"It's not a stage that is characterized by pausing and thinking things through," he said.

In fact, says Garber, a typical 12-year-old is most likely to think, "If I want it, it must be good," or even "If my friends say it's OK, it must be." Peer pressure, he says, is most intense at this age and probably more powerful with our children's generation than any generation before.

Teaching self-control begins in the preschool years when we start to teach right from wrong. Dacey explains the connection: "When you get in a tight situation, if you have a set of values, you know what you don't want to do."

But it's a mistake to think that a solid moral and ethical grounding is all a child needs, says Dacey. Impulsively, anger and peer-group pressure are likely to get in the way.

"A kid can be very committed to not drinking, but if everyone else at a party is doing it, he may be too scared to think straight. It's not enough to have the values; he needs to know what to do with them. He needs to be able to come up with solutions on the spot."

Shopping rules for school time

North American Precels Syndicate

The rule for school shopping is comfort.

Comfort means buying clothes you can feel relaxed in and buying them at prices that you can afford.

Whether parents are selecting a child's back-to-school wardrobe or a young adult is venturing out with summer earnings, you're the main objective is the same-fashionable quality merchandise at a

smart price.

Here are some tips on how to find it:

- **Start early.** Smart shoppers begin stowing away items for fall during warm weather.
- **Make a list.** With a list prepared and a goal in mind, shopping for back-to-school merchandise will be less stressful and shopping smart won't tug on your purse strings.
- **The teen look.** This year, it's military inspired jackets and pants, cropped tops with button

and zipper detailing, low-riding hip-hugging pants, ski-inspired looks, polyester skirts, dresses and pants, and shirt jackets in corduroy, flannel and denim.

• **Elementary school styles.** Look for American-themed clothes, sweaters and jackets, quilted outerwear, flannel and knit jackets, band-collar shirts, fleece and denim pants with zip closures, '70s retro dresses, Elvis looks in sweaters with ribs and one-quarter zips.

Solving the puzzle of teen-age acne

North American Precels Syndicate

Acne is usually thought of as a teen-ager's problem. But it can happen to folks in their 50s, too.

Fortunately, those unsightly spots are treatable. No one knows for sure what causes acne, but we do know that increased levels of hormones known as androgens are associated with the disorder.

We also know that the tendency to develop acne is inherited. Fortunately, there are effective treatments available.

Acne begins below the skin's surface with excess sebum, the oil that normally flows freely through ducts in the skin surface where it lubricates the skin. In acne-prone skin, those ducts become clogged with excessive skin cells and sebum so that bacteria can grow and cause inflammation.

Plugged ducts that remain just under the skin's surface are called whiteheads. Once exposed to air, clogged follicles darken to form blackheads.

The dirt color is not dirt. A pimple forms from a ruptured duct below the skin that spills sebum and bacteria into the surrounding tissue.

As common as acne is, most of those who suffer from it feel as if other people notice every blemish, especially if pimples appear just before a special event such as a date or job interview. Some experts think that excitement and stress may play a part.

Contrary to popular belief,

Tips on minimizing acne

- **Maintain good skin hygiene** by washing your face once or twice a day with a mild soap and water. Rinse well and gently pat dry. Don't overdo it. Excessive washing, or overuse of medicated soaps, causes irritation and dry skin.
- **Don't pick or squeeze blemishes,** which can lead to infection and increase the risk of scarring. In general, the more you can avoid touching your face, the better.
- **If you use makeup,** avoid oil-based products, especially those containing mineral oil or lanolin.
- **Use sunscreen.** SPF 15 or higher, that contains no oil.
- **Do not overuse benzoyl peroxide.** It's an effective, nonprescription medication that can reduce bacteria in the skin. But overuse can cause adverse skin reactions.
- **Chocolate and fatty foods** may be bad for the diet, but they do not contribute to acne development. The only type of food that has been shown to promote acne in some people is food high in iodine. But even high-iodine foods, such as seafood, have to be eaten in huge quantities to cause problems for the skin.

—The Orlando Sentinel

greasy foods and sexual activity are not the culprits behind acne. Although a proper diet may contribute

to healthier skin, it cannot cure the problem of acne.

Even in severe cases, proper care and medical treatment can control acne until it disappears.

Your family doctor or a dermatologist can determine which treatment may be best for you.

Your physician may prescribe a topical antibiotic that delivers its medication to the site of the acne. Alcohol-free gels, moisturizing lotions and handy medicated skin care products can also help.

Remember: Acne is a common medical condition in teenagers. Getting the right information and an effective treatment from a physician may be the best way to clear it up.

FAMILY NEWS YOU CAN USE

Combined wire reports

The biological clock

If you're trying to start a family, time — and time of year — are truly of the essence. Citing the latest edition of "Contraceptive Technology," Self magazine says that from July through September, 90 percent of women ovulate between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. From March through June, ovulation occurs more evenly around the clock.

Pet project

Also from Self magazine, a report that the IAMS pet food company is sponsoring a network

of Pet Loss Support Hotlines. They're staffed by veterinary students who offer sympathy as well as information about caring for a sick family pet and euthanasia. For a hotline near you, call 888-332-7738.

Going undercover

Sunscreen alone does not provide enough protection for your children. Yet many parents believe it does, and so do not dress their children appropriately for sun protection, says St. Christopher's Hospital for Children pediatrician Charles R. Reed. He cited a recent American Academy of Pediatrics study of 831 children that found

that only 20 percent were wearing shirts and only 3 percent were wearing hats — items experts highly recommend to prevent skin cancer.

Laundry labels

Speaking of clothing, U.S. garments will begin carrying new laundry care symbols. Resembling those used in Europe, the symbols — including a circle to indicate dry cleaning, a bucket with water for machine wash, an iron for ironing and a triangle for bleach — also carry dots and lines, indicating temperatures for clothing care and other information.

Repetition is part of being a kid

Los Angeles Times

A Los Angeles father said he knew his kid's obsessions were too much when he couldn't get Raffi songs out of his head.

It got so bad that I would be mindlessly humming "Baby Beluga," and people would wonder, "What is your problem?"

Books were worse. He estimated he has read a book about a ladybug "5,000 times" to his daughter.

"It starts off with a fly going by, and a frog tries to catch the fly and a dog tries to catch the frog and it goes on and on. It got to the point where I've blocked the rest out of my gray matter, it was so horrific."

Likewise, he said, "We went through a couple copies of 'Good Dog, Carl!' The pages were starting to decompose."

It's the parents who have the problem, said Jim Trelease, author of "The New Read Aloud Handbook" (Penguin, 1989) and other anthologies for children. "There are dozens of reasons why a child might want to read the same thing, over and over," he said. "(Child psychologist) Bruno Bettelheim used to say, we should not be asking ourselves why do they want it over and over; we should be asking ourselves, what is this story that is pulling this child back to it again and again?"

The story could provide reassurance, like a night light. Or it could be a trail leading to a clearer understanding of a troubling situation.

But Trelease's theory is that repetition is a way for children to make sense of the world of information tossed into brains that haven't developed the ability to discriminate, and edit out the non-essential.

In an experiment 15 years ago, a group of children and a group of adults were both shown portions of a basketball game in which, at one point, a man with an umbrella cut across a corner of the court to find his seat.

White none of the adults noticed the man, a large number

of children did.

"They weren't editing," Trelease said. "In the course of a movie, it's almost impossible for their memories to absorb it all, so things will be missed. They may be focusing on the wrong thing."

Most children stop needing repetition by 5 or 6, he said, although some sensitive kids may continue through adolescence, he said. Some fourth- and fifth-grade children return to books they loved as toddlers as a security blanket.

Unfortunately, rather than the award-winning one said, which they often pick are "the trashiest thing you bought for 69 cents at Wal-Mart."

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Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

A PIRATE SHIP! I SEE A PIRATE SHIP!
HERE'S BLACKBEAGLE, THE WORLD FAMOUS PIRATE, LEADING HIS SCURVY BAND ASHORE...
SOMEBODY TELL CONRAD HE'S ONLY SUPPOSED TO WEAR ONE EYE PATCH...
BONK!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

DUO TO SPACE CONSTRAINTS, SOME PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO SHARE CUBICLES.
ACCORDING TO THE LIST, YOUR NEW ROOMMATE WILL BE... THE COPY MACHINE.
IS IT CLAUSTROPHOBIC IN HERE OR IS IT JUST ME?

B.C. By Johnny Hart

refuse
WHAT TO DO WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT

Garfield By Jim Davis

STUDIES PROVE THAT CATS DON'T ALWAYS LAND ON THEIR FEET
HOW'S THAT LHM, JON?
KEEP AWAY FROM ME
I LAND ON OTHER PEOPLE'S FEET!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

IT'S TOO HOT!
I WISH IT WOULD SNOW!
LAST WINTER YOU BOTH SAID YOU COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL SUMMER
THE TEMPERATURE IS ALWAYS MILD ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEASON!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HOW GOES IT, SMITHY?
IT'S READY, SIR... WOULD YOU LIKE ONE SHARD OF INSURANCE?
IF IT BREAKS... YOU FIX IT FOR FREE?
...IF IT BREAKS, WE BURY YOU

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?
I WAS JUST TRYING TO DECIDE IF I COULD DESCRIBE YOU IN TWENTY-FIVE WORDS OR LESS

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

THESE JOKES ARE PRETTY OLD!
THEY SAY THERE ARE ONLY SEVEN BASIC JOKES IN THE WORLD
EIGHT

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

COMEDY CLUB
THAT COMEDIAN WAS VERY ENVIRONMENTALLY CORRECT.
I COULD TELL HE WAS USING ALL RECYCLED MATERIAL.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

CHAMPAGNE, THORNAPPLE?
JUST A LITTLE CELEBRATION, CHIEF...
IT'S THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MY LAST RAISE!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

NOW YOU KNOW THIS ISN'T THE BEST TV. WELL, SO WE'LL GO DOWN TO THE MAKE UP OF SPRING...
MY EXAMINER IS GORGEOUS... SHE'S GOTTA BE ABOUT 45... HE HAS SENSATIONAL... EYES!
WELL, I'LL PICK UP THE CLUES ON THE RIGHT...
I'VE EXERCISED A LOT... HE'S NOT WEARING A RING!
I NOT DID LETS TRY GET FINGER RINGS AGAIN!
REMEMBER THE MOST IMPORTANT THING HERE IS TO BE OBSERVANT...
AND HE'S DEPRESSED FROM QUEBEC!

Blood By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WOULD YOU PLEASE HOLD OUR MAIL NEXT WEEK?
NO PLACE... THEN WHY DO YOU WE'RE STAYING WANT YOUR MAIL...
WELL, WHAT KIND OF VACATION WOULD IT BE WITH BILL...
I'VE GOT TO GO TO WORK EVERY DAY!

Pickles By Brian Crane

OH...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I FELL AGAIN AND BURNED MY STOMACH
AH... NOT ROAST.

Denzils the Menace By Hank Ketcham
The Family Circus By Bill Keane

"WE'RE IN REALLY COOL SHOES."
I turned the TV of while I went to the bathroom, but planned to stop and wall!

U.S.S.R. banned Sherlock

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

Q. Why were Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" once banned in the old Soviet Union?
A. Because of references therein to occultism and spiritualism.
Q. How much do hockey pucks cost?
A. Anywhere from \$40 to \$100.
Q. History records that Napoleon played his live to audiences. In chambers with the doors locked. To keep the listeners inside.
A. Twenty-eight percent of the Northerners refer to their mothers as "Momma" or "Mama." Only nine percent of the Northerners, New Englanders, Westerners do likewise. So report the demographers.
Q. First kitchen utensil invented is said to be the ladle. What was the second kitchen utensil invented?
A. The apple corer, according to some highly educated guessers. Early specimens made from animal bones date far back. Questionable speculation is such instruments were needed by the prehistoric age who'd lost their teeth.
Q. What were the names of the national magazines published by Barbara Bush's father, Marvin Pierce?
A. "McCall's" and "Redbook."
Q. What was the first TV situation comedy?
A. "Mary Kay and Johnny." Don't recall it? It was on the Dumont Network? Don't recall it, either. In black and white. Don't even recall that? Let's move on.
Q. Near Tokyo is a prison wherein serve none but Japan's traffic offenders -- and at any given time about a third of them are DWIs.
A. England's Charles Munkie invented a wrench named after him -- here it's called a monkey wrench.

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

IF JULY 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:
You create your own tradition, were separated psychologically or literally from one or both parents at relatively early age. Fate often takes hand where your life decisions are concerned. You play leading roles, and many remain memorable. Current cycle highlights new directions, independence, originality, making room for new love. During August you hear from person residing in distant city, foreign land.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
Spotlight revolves around dining habits, security, family, decision relating to marriage. Focus on where you postpone high art and high ambition. Cancer native involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
Forces scatter in connected with planned trip to visit relative. Best to wait until air clears. Social activities accelerate, people's calls to you about fashion trends. Sagittarius involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Ripe for the picking. Seeds planted long past-carer blossoms, love relationship fruitful. Cycle high, designate where you hear from person in on trade secret.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Cyclical forces change, travel, variety, writing and publishing. You are especially attractive, exuding sense of sensuality, magnet style, do not follow others. Wear bright colors, speak up, make meaningful crystal clear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Venus keynote emphasizes beauty, flowers, music, romance. Lunar position spotlights mystery, intrigue, sex appeal. Surprise due from star-struck Cancer native. Express appreciation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
See beyond the immediate -- predict your own future, and make most of it. Lunar position highlights ability to win friends and influence people among those who produce and achieve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
Obtain hint from Virgo message. You will be comfortable among the successful, the high, and the mighty. Moon position emphasizes career, promotion, more prestige and higher earnings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Those who thought you were difficult to get along with will be subject to change of heart. Stress universal appeal, overcome distance, language barriers. Aries plays top role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):
You get what you ask for -- includes financial, packing, romance, passion, magnet style, do not follow others. Wear bright colors, speak up, make meaningful crystal clear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):
Soften approach, let others know you are willing to make intelligent concessions. Family member declares, "You never have and never will lose our love." The native involved in love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Focus on fitness, area of profit, invention that appears minor at first but could lead to an into profitable enterprise. Sagittarian opens doors previously shut. Winsting circled.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Lunar aspect coincides with children, education, the stirring of creative juices. It will be as if completing course in sensitivity training. Scorpio plays major role.

ACROSS

- Canvas cover, briefly
- Wholly uninterested
- Reckless
- Childs and favor
- Make happy
- Resentful
- Enruler
- Dejected
- Son of Zeus
- Talented
- Quinct
- Sole
- Harvest
- Clayman
- Hurred
- Sl.
- Dud
- French river
- Egypt's river
- French makeup
- Go by car
- Metal pins
- Movement in fashion
- Clump of earth
- Cluck right
- Picks up, as an option
- Walking speed
- Enriled
- Farm building
- Invent
- One chosen
- Dissect map
- Transfer picture
- Scarlett's home
- Staccato
- Oblique
- Biblical prophet
- Cluck right
- Identical
- Who's left

DOWN

- Culture medium
- Action meant to mislead
- Flower leaves
- Trainee
- Shade of green
- Good review
- Summer: Fr.
- Says it isn't so
- Come into view again
- Land measure
- Stockings
- Implement
- Small rug
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Most kids are more interested in being accepted than educated

Los Angeles Times

It's no secret that today's students know less than students did 25 years ago. Scholastic Assessment Test scores have declined among all groups. Many colleges have been forced to institute remedial programs for incoming freshmen.

A new study — humbling, frustrating and alarming in its implications — tells us that the reason for the decline is that kids have become less interested in being educated.

School reformers will be fighting a losing battle, the study concludes, unless they focus on the out-of-school influences on students' attitudes — disengaged parents and an increasingly influential peer culture that demands having fun.

The power of friends is so great that even parents who have stressed academic achievement can have their lessons undone if their children are not associating with like-minded friends.

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In the 10-year project that focused on out-of-school influences on academic achievement.

The researchers interviewed 20,000 students in nine high schools in California and Wisconsin.

The schools were average or above average, the students from all walks of life.

One-third said they got through the school day primarily by "going off with their friends."

They spend an average of four hours a week on homework, compared with four hours a day spent by kids in other industrialized countries. Fewer than one in five said their friends think it is important to get good grades in school.

Choosing from among the strictly defined social cliques in high school, one-third said they wanted to be "partners," one-sixth "druggies" and only one in 10 wanted to be known as "brains."

Several studies have shown that peer pressure is greatest from seventh to ninth grade and has even more importance for minority children.

Contrary to much popular advice, parents can indeed "manage" their children's social relationships and the earlier the better, Steinberg said.

They can indirectly steer their kids toward "good" friends and away from "bad" friends by involving them in organized sports, youth groups or academic programs.

How to tell if your child is using drugs

Knight-Ridder News Service

"How can I tell if my child is using drugs?" This is one of the most frightening questions a parent ever has to ask.

One of the things that makes this such a difficult question to answer is that very few kids will volunteer the information that they are using drugs.

It's also extremely difficult to distinguish typical adolescent behavior from drug-induced behavior. That's because symptomatic behavior is usually the only sign or clue we have, and, during normal adolescence, the teen's psychological, social and physical realities are rapidly and radically changing. Many of the warning signs of drug abuse can be explained by changes typical of adolescence.

But here is a non-exhaustive list of warning signs. A teen may be in the early stages of experimentation and abuse if he or she is:

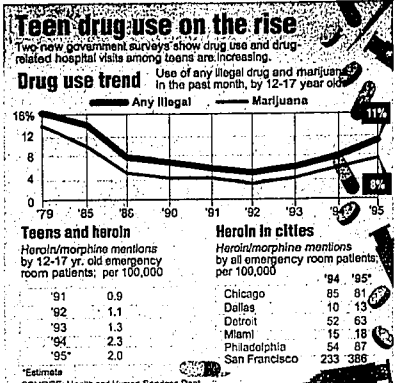
- Acting more irritable, less affectionate, more secretive and unpredictable.
- Feeling more and more depressed.
- Having angry outbursts, crying fits or fits of laughter.
- Overreacting to criticism and frustration.
- Increasingly manipulative when he or she doesn't get his or her own way.
- Lying to cover up.

For example, here are two common lies that are almost never to be believed:

- "This is not my (pot, beer, etc.), I'm holding it for a friend."
- "I know you caught me, but it's only the first time I've tried it."

Other beginning signs include:

- Acting less responsible and/or declining in school or job performance.
- Forgetfulness, muddled thinking and confusion.
- Changes in friends, hygiene, dress, language, hair style.
- Increased barriers to communication.
- Extreme rebelliousness to authority.



If you're thinking these are signs of typical adolescence, you're right — in part. What a parent has to pay attention to are changes that are abrupt, dramatic and/or chronic.

As a teen gets more and more involved in drugs, another very

everyone else looks. The problem is the feeling doesn't last, and they wind up feeling worse than before they started.

As their thinking, emotions and lives become more and more organized around the druggie lifestyle, more obvious druggie behavior will show up:

- Refusal to abide by any parents' wishes.
- Demanding to drink or smoke at home.
- Becoming verbally and/or physically abusive.
- Refusing to go to school.
- Becoming careless about drug use, leaving obvious signs for parents to find.
- Stealing from family, shoplifting.
- Not coming home for a day or more at a time.

What can trap kids into continuing with drugs is that, when they are high, they get to feel like everyone else looks. The problem is the feeling doesn't last, and they wind up feeling worse than before they started.

seductive hook develops. Most teens struggle with self-esteem at some point. And it's no wonder — the standard of perfection held out to them by TV, movies and music can leave anyone feeling inadequate.

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Opt for extracurricular activities that build your children's skills

The Orlando Sentinel

Say you're like most '90s parents, meaning you've absorbed your share of psychobabble from magazines, books and television regarding your child's developmental needs.

Confidence. Coordination. Cooperation. You know that a blue-chip adult needs these traits so you figure involving your kid in kind of activity will go a long way toward getting him or her cruising at a good clip along the developmental road.

But which one? Ballet? T-ball? Pottery? Any of these, or other activities, can be great skill-builders, but what's peachy for one child may not be for another. Parents should exercise some foresight, experts say, and take cues from their children to match them with activities that will help, not hinder.

"Children's activities should be designed to that children can explore different aspects of themselves," said Dr. Edward Shein, chairman of the committee on early childhood, adoption and dependent care of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "Their (the parents') choices of activities ought to be guided by their child's physical and mental

A playing style

Here are some guidelines for parents pondering the perfect activity to set their child's development:

- Pay attention to your child's current play patterns. Does the child watch TV all the time? Does he or she have a balanced pattern between the tube and outdoor activities? Based on those assessments and observations with the child, try to determine if he or she is simply a TV junkie or if he or she has an affinity to television is a symptom of shyness.
- If the child is shy, consider activity that will get him or her involved socially without "overwhelm." Something such as pottery or swimming.
- Tune in to your kid's interests. Bounce ideas off your child to gauge interests. Don't force the kid into abilities, their child's personalities and their child's own interests."

After engaging your child in an activity, go back and make an assessment. Ask yourself whether the child is having fun. It is also important to make sure the child is not getting bogged down with too many activities. "Someone once suggested

we're raising this generation of children in the back seat of our cars" as parents constantly shuffle their kids to various activities, said Shor, an associate professor of pediatrics at the New England Medical Center in Boston.

"Many children are overscheduled, and many children would prefer to have more time with their parents than they do."

Youngsters learn language skills when their parents talk to them

Knight-Ridder News Service

Talking to your children is the most important thing you can do to improve your child's speech and language skills.

Speech-language pathologists suggest the following ways to incorporate a little extra talking into your daily routine:

- Set aside time just to talk with your child.
- Tell your child what you are doing. Explain steps and procedures while you are doing them.
- When you're in the grocery store, talk about what you're putting the shopping cart.
- Name body parts when bathing and dressing your child.

- Keep vocabulary at your child's level.
- Don't correct your child's speech and articulation errors. Instead, model the correct pronunciation yourself.
- Play imitation games, such as peek-a-boo, pat-a-cake and itsy-bitsy spider.
- Introduce your child to sounds that animals make.

'After a long day at work, the last thing parents want to do is talk to their child. But it's so essential to their development. Talk with them and try to listen patiently when they talk to you, rather than appearing like you're in a hurry. Let your child know he has your full attention.'

—Lynn Chisolm, clinic faculty coordinator

"This is a busy world we live in, and after a long day at work, the last thing parents want to do is talk to their child," Chisolm said.

"But it's so essential to their development. Talk with them and try to listen patiently when they talk to you, rather than appearing like you're in a hurry. Let your child know he has your full attention."

Children's attitudes about school are formed before the 1st class

Gazette Telegraph

If your child is starting kindergarten this year, prepare him or her to have a good first experience with school.

The best thing you can do is help him develop a positive attitude about school.

- Here's how:
- Share with him your own happy memories about school — favorite teachers, good friends, interesting things you learned, etc.
 - Start working on routines that will support going to school. Initiate an earlier bedtime and a regular quiet time for reading every day. This will help pave the

way for homework later on.

• Shop for school supplies together. Your son's school probably has sent home a list. Picking out his new pencils, crayons and scissors will help build the excitement for the first big day.

• Start a regular habit of visiting the library. Library help develop good attitudes about books and reading. Check out the children's story hour. Your son will enjoy these sessions with children his age.

• Your son's school may be intimidating, with its long hallways and enormous classrooms. Visit the school before the first day. Tour it from one end to the

other, and help him adjust to the size and location of his classroom. If at all possible, introduce him to his teacher.

• Set aside a place for him to put his school stuff. This will establish a pattern for later when he'll have a backpack, gym clothes, lunch money and musical instruments to carry to school.

• Find a special place, such as the refrigerator, to display his drawings and writings. This will help instill pride in his work.

If you soon will be going to day care, discuss with his day-care provider about nurturing the good vibes about school you are working to develop.

So much time, so little to do. Check out WeekEnd to fill your plans. Fridays in The Times-News.

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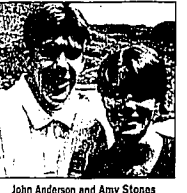
Kristin Foote and Kelly Mower
FOOTE-MOWER

JEROME - John and Nancy Foote of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Marie Foote, to Kelly Jay Mower, son of Lynden Mower and Kay-Lyn Mitchell of Jerome. Foote is a graduate of Jerome High School and is currently enrolled at Boise State University. Mower is also a graduate of Jerome High School. He is employed at Micron Technologies in Boise. The wedding is planned for Aug. 22 in the Boise LDS Temple.



Sara Horsley and Ryan Higley
HORSLEY-HIGLEY

TWIN FALLS - Gary and Terry Horsley of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Michele Horsley, to Ryan Michael Higley, son of Mike and Connie Higley of Jerome. Horsley is a graduate of Filer High School. She is employed at First Federal Savings Bank in Twin Falls. Higley is a graduate of Jerome High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by Elite Appraisal in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Aug. 23.



John Anderson and Amy Stones
STONES-ANDERSON

TWIN FALLS - Carl and Clea Stones of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Stones, to John L. Anderson, son of Steve Anderson and Elaine Claiborne, also of Twin Falls. Both are 1997 graduates of Twin Falls High School. They plan to reside in Twin Falls and attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall. The wedding is planned for Aug. 9 at the White House in Twin Falls.



Angie Stults and Michael Willess
STULTS-WILESS

FILER - Richard and Barbara Brady of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Angie (Brady) Stults, to Michael Willess, son of Charles and Elaine Cramer of Twin Falls and Eddie Willess of Rto Linda, Calif. Stults is a graduate of Magic Valley Alternative High School. She is employed at Kings in Twin Falls. Willess is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed by Ridley's Food & Drug in Jerome. The wedding is planned for Aug. 22.

AUFDERHEIDE-VOLKERS

JEROME - Dr. and Mrs. James Luckeck of Jerome and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aufderheide of Filer, announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Kay Aufderheide, to Clay Volklers, son of Carolyn Volklers of Twin Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Volklers of Jerome. Aufderheide is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho EHD program and attended CSI. She is employed at Volvo's in Twin Falls. Volklers is a graduate of Jerome High School and attend-



Angela Aufderheide and Clay Volklers
AUFDERHEIDE-VOLKERS

HARROLD-SCHROEDER

BUHL - Max and Carolyn Harrold of Nampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Maxine Myra Chaire Harrold, to James Michael Schroeder, son of Gary and Maxine Schroeder of Buhl. Harrold is a graduate of the University of Idaho. She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Schroeder is a graduate of the University of Colorado Medical School in Denver. He is employed



James Schroeder and Maxine Harrold
HARROLD-SCHROEDER

LEVINE-FAGER

GOODING - Dean and Holly Strakbein of Kingman, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Annjanette Levine, to Bryan S. Fager, son of Ron and Cyndi Fager of Gooding. Levine is a graduate of Kingman High School and Hamilton Business College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She is employed at C&R Sanitation in Gooding. Fager is a graduate of Gooding High School and attended Idaho State University in Pocatello. He is employed by 110 Enterprises



Annjanette Levine and Bryan Fager
LEVINE-FAGER

ROBERTS-HEVARD

RUPERT - Lewis and Harriet Roberts of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Leigh Roberts, to Jeremy Vaughn Hevard, son of Ron and Pam Hevard of Heyburn. Roberts is a graduate of Minico High School in Rupert and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Warentam in Twin Falls. Hevard is also a graduate of Minico High School. He is employed by Schubach Jewelers in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for



Jeremy Hevard and Leigh Roberts
ROBERTS-HEVARD

TEUSHER-LARSEN

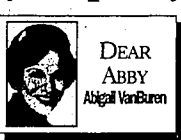
BURLEY - Reed and Judy Teuscher of Eagle announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Ann Teuscher, to W. Cody Larsen, son of W. Brent and Holly Larsen of Burley. Teuscher attended Centennial High School and Boise State University and is employed at Blue Shield of Idaho in Boise. Larsen graduated from Burley High School and attends BSU. He is employed by Valley Glass in Boise. The wedding is planned for Friday in the Boise Idaho LDS Temple. Receptions in their



Cody Larsen and Sally Ann Teuscher
TEUSHER-LARSEN

Children kept a safe distance from family of party animals

DEAR ABBY: My sister calls me a "party pooper" because I seldom attend our family's social gatherings, of which there are many. If a fly dies, they throw a party. My family think of themselves as "fun people," but the truth is, they'll use any excuse to drink. This is their choice, but it's not mine. I don't enjoy Mom and Dad's slurred attempts at conversation during these get-togethers. Nor do I like watching Aunt Millie trip over herself on the dance floor, Uncle Jim telling off-color jokes or his wife laughing like a hyena. It was bad enough when I had to observe this behavior when I was growing up, but I have drawn the line at having my children witness this disgraceful conduct. Am I wrong in trying to protect my children from these scenes?



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

on the money. I am a mother who stayed in an abusive marriage "for the sake of the children." Finally, after 23 years, I left that marriage when I realized that my life was at stake. I left

My daughter is afraid she will marry someone like her father. She has no faith in her ability to judge people; she doesn't stand up for herself and tends to minimize abusive behavior. She will do anything to keep the peace. Her low self-esteem is due to the abuse she received from her father and brother while she was growing up. Living in an abusive marriage is also very lonely. My definition of loneliness is being in the company of someone, yet feeling entirely alone because no intimacy exists. I have now built a new life, and although it is filled with peace, tranquility, honesty and happiness, I'm sad to say it is without my son and the financial advantages I once had. We make our own quality of life when we leave an abusive situation. Perhaps it's not as comfortable financially, but it's far more gratifying, and definitely more peaceful.

Evidence has shown that children raised in an environment of tension, conflict and abuse often repeat these behaviors in adulthood, or become withdrawn and depressed and take on the role of victim.

-Abigail VanBuren

EMBARRASSED IN OKLAHOMA
DEAR EMBARRASSED: No. Not only are you protecting your children, you are also sparing your relatives from embarrassing themselves in front of the children, with whom they may wish to have a relationship in the future. Should any of them sober up someday, they may thank you. **DEAR ABBY:** The letter written by "Been There in Florida," the mother who was concerned that her son might inherit his father's abusiveness, was right

when the children went off to college, and I started over with no financial help from my husband. I was still too emotionally involved to see the damage it had done to the children. I now realize staying in the abusive marriage did not benefit my children. My son has spent time in prison for his aggressive behavior toward his girlfriend and now must attend anger management counseling for three years. My son and former husband are master manipulators. Both father and son can be charming, and then on a moment's notice and without any provocation turn into angry, aggressive, abusive monsters.

L.P. IN WRIGHTWOOD, CALIF.
DEAR L.P.: Congratulations on having built a new life. Children benefit from living in an emotionally nourishing environment. It's easy to say that children need a two-parent household in order to become healthy adults; however, evidence has shown that children raised in an environment of tension, conflict and abuse often repeat these behaviors in adulthood, or become withdrawn and depressed and take on the role of victim.

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