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Batt declines to seek 2nd term

Governor says age led to his decision

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. Phil Batt, who in 1994 was elected heavily Republican Idaho's first GOP chief executive in 24 years, said Wednesday he will not seek a second term.

He cited his age as the primary reason. "I am 70 years old, and if I were to serve out another term I would be nearly 76," Batt said, his wife, Jacque, and dozens of Republican officials on hand in his office.

"The Lord has devised an excellent system. Those of us who have obtained experience, and thereby a



Daughter Lealle hugs Gov. Phil Batt after he announced Wednesday in Boise he would not seek re-election next year.

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Announcement leaves Gem politicians surprised, scrambling

By Liz Wright Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Local Republicans hope history doesn't repeat itself, now that Gov. Phil Batt has announced he won't seek a second term, but the similarities are striking.

Exactly 20 years ago next election, Democrat John Evans soundly beat Republican Allan Larsen of Blackfoot, the speaker of the House, following a crowded gubernatorial primary that left the Republican party severely fragmented.

Waiting game — C8

The current speaker is Mike Simpson, a Republican from Blackfoot who has been interested in running for governor in the past and is now weighing his options. Democrats are hoping to regain the seat they lost when Batt took office in 1995.

If a strong candidate such as U.S. Rep. Mike Crapo or U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne doesn't run, locals wonder whether the Republican ticket will fill with a

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THE BIG HEAT



Mark Koren, left, and Lynn Walgt spray down a camper parked close to a haystack fire at Northdale Dairy just outside Jerome. The fire consumed 1,500 tons of hay and was expected to burn all night.

Fire burns hay worth \$100,000

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

JEROME — Paul Ciocea of Jerome spent much of the noon Wednesday watching about \$100,000 worth of his property burn.

"That's prime alfalfa from out of the King Hill area," Ciocea said as he stood with friends and neighbors watching firefighters consume a 1,000-ton haystack.

The hay was supposed to feed the 1,500 cows he milks on the North Side Dairy.

But the Jerome Rural Fire Department was called in at about 11 a.m. when the stack caught fire, chief Joe Robinette said.

Two engines from the Jerome City Fire Department were also called to the fire at 200 S. 200 W.

Firefighter Kevin Gellings was quickly overcome by heat exhaustion.

"He was getting nauseous and dizzy, and he was beet red," Robinette said. Gellings was treated by an on-site

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Dieters rush for new obesity drugs

The Associated Press

With two weeks left on his "fen-phen" prescription, Christopher Burns has shed 60 pounds, bringing his weight under 200 for the first time since he was 15.

Burns just hopes to keep the weight off when his prescription runs out.

The 28-year-old Californian was one of more than 200 exasperated patients to call Dr. Dennis Tison within 24 hours after Redux and fenfluramine — the "fen" in fen-phen — were pulled off the market Monday at the request of the Food and Drug Administration because the drugs may cause deadly heart valve defects.

Doctors like Tison and the diet centers that have made a business of prescribing the obesity drugs are scrambling for alternatives in a frenzy of quickly arranged appointments.

As the \$40 billion diet industry re-groups, furious patients feel doubly wounded — first by the news that these



Christopher Burns

drugs may cause fatal ailments, then by the recall of something that has done what diets often couldn't do.

"If the FDA is pulling the drug now, did they not test the drug right the first time? And if that's true, we're going to have to question the approval of other drugs," said Burns, a state legislative aide in Sacramento. "Where were they when these drugs were introduced before?"

Burns was drawn to fen-phen after watching Verna King, who works a few offices away in the California Capitol, go from 235 pounds to 180 on the drugs. After quitting last month, she has gained three pounds and is struggling to hold her current weight.

"This is a combination of drugs that can directly help people who have been yo-yo dieting all of their lives," said Ms. King, 56.

"The easy work is done: I lost the weight. The hard work is ahead of me: keeping it off," she said.

About 3,000 miles away in Lynn, Mass., Keith Van Gasken shares her fear. The 6-foot health care company manager dropped a third of his weight, going from 270 pounds to 180, after 18 months on fen-phen.

"Am I concerned about gaining the weight back? You bet I am," he said.

He was willing to keep taking the drugs even after hearing that fen-phen and Redux were linked to a rare and potentially fatal heart and lung ailment called primary pulmonary hypertension, or PPH.

But he quit last month after hearing the diet combination was linked to damage of patients' heart valves that could dangerously weaken the heart.

Narcotic 'lollipops' could ease cancer pain

The Associated Press

GAITHERSBURG, Md. — A raspberry-flavored lollipop loaded with narcotic pain-killer for treatment of cancer patients was recommended for federal approval Wednesday, despite concerns about accidental poisoning of children.

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel voted unanimously that the benefit to cancer patients from the pain-killing candy far outweighed the risk of young children being harmed.

"Some kid, somewhere, somehow is going to do this (eat the lollipop)," said Suzanna Brown, a Portland, Ore., nurse and a member of the panel. "But do we deny this benefit to cancer patients for that reason?"

FDA approval is required before the lollipop can be sold, but the agency generally follows the recommendations of advisory committees.

The lollipop, called Actiq, is to be manufactured by Anesta Corp. of Salt Lake City and marketed in partnership with Abbott Laboratories.

The drug is actually a sugar-based lozenge on a stick. It is loaded with fentanyl citrate, a narcotic commonly used in other forms to treat cancer pain. The lollipop is an off-white color and the stick bears a large "Rx" mark.

Anesta officials said the product is designed to be unattractive to children and is packaged in a foil pouch that studies showed could not be opened by children up to the age of four.

Along with the packaging, the company said it was lowering the danger of abuse of the drug by limiting and strictly controlling distribution.

Actiq is designed for cancer patients who already are receiving opiates to control chronic pain. The lollipop will be used for quick relief from what is called "breakthrough pain," sudden spasms of pain so severe that they break through the round-the-clock dosage used to control chronic pain.

Steven A. Shoemaker of Anesta said the company recognized the attraction the lollipop might have for children and has designed an extensive program of education, careful distribution and patient instructions to lower the risk of poisoning.

Senators vote to pull plug on air bag tests

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Senate committee Wednesday passed a provision that would in effect encourage automakers to design air bags primarily for people wearing seat belts, not for those who don't buckle up.

At the urging of Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee voted unanimously to pull the plug on a government test that requires air bags to deploy with enough force to protect unbelted adult drivers and passengers.

That test has led to accidental deaths from air bags that must deploy with too much force, Kempthorne argued.

Air bags deploying at up to 200 mph have been blamed for the deaths of 45 children and 36 adults in low-speed accidents they should have survived.

"There are 45 dead children because of that standard," Kempthorne said. "It's a flawed federal standard. I don't want to keep seeing the death count rise."

"I'm not opposed to air bags. Air bags save lives," he said. "But adults should use them in conjunction with seat belts."

The provision would force the government to drop the test requiring automakers to design air bags that will cushion an unbelted male dummy in a 30 mph crash.

The provision is in the Senate's six-year transportation reauthorization bill. It could be blocked when the bill reaches the Senate floor.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., urged her senate colleagues on the committee to remove the provision. But she later withdrew her request.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 60 Low: 34
Scattered showers and possible thunderstorms. Snow level near 7,000 feet, lowering to 6,500 tonight. Partly cloudy Friday.

Treasure Valley

High: 66 Low: 44
Scattered showers and possible thunderstorms. Partly cloudy tonight. Sunny and warmer Friday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 60 Low: 31
Scattered showers and possible thunderstorms. Snow level near 7,000 feet today and 6,500 feet tonight. Chance of showers Friday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 62 Low: 37
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Gusty west wind. Partly cloudy with a chance of showers Friday.

Northern Idaho

High: 62 Low: 37
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Gusts west wind. Partly cloudy with a chance of showers Friday.

Northern Utah

High: 73 Low: 50
Cloudy with a 30 to 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms through tonight. Partly cloudy Friday.

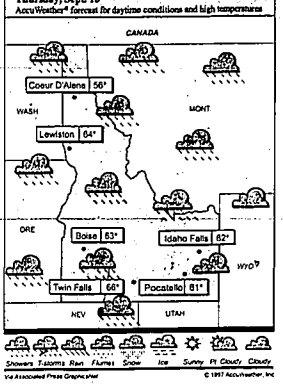
Northern Nevada

High: 66 Low: 34
Partly cloudy, cooler with a chance of showers. Snow level above 9,000 feet lowering to 8,500 tonight. Mostly sunny Friday.

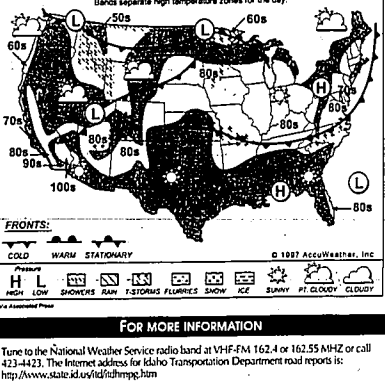
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 66 Low: 44 Irradiated showers, possibly a thunderstorm. Winds 15 to 25 mph.	High: 69 Low: 45 Mostly sunny. Slightly warmer.	High: 68 Low: 35 Mostly sunny and warmer. Clear nights.	High: 72 Low: 39 Mostly sunny and warmer. Clear nights.	High: 76 Low: 43 Mostly sunny and warmer.

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45 minutes

FIRE DANGER

Forest lands: Moderate
Range lands: Moderate

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 7:43 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:22 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Sept. 16; last quarter, Sept. 23; new, Oct. 1; first quarter, Oct. 9.
Visible planets: Morning: Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury. Evening: Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: A Pacific storm system along the Northwest coast brought increased cloudiness to much of the state. Only eastern Idaho had mostly sunny skies. Afternoon temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 30s. The coldest was 38 degrees at Mallat Pass.

Northwest: A strong low pressure system moving inland from the Pacific Ocean spread rain and scattered showers across Washington state and Oregon into northern Idaho. Showers also extended into northern California and the western edge of Montana.

East: Over the eastern half of the country, a broad band of showers and thunderstorms extended along a cold front from Oklahoma across the Tennessee and Ohio valleys all the way to upstate New York. Heavy rain was possible in places along the cold front.

West: A possible twisted damaged homes and barns and uprooted trees around Turner, Ore., in the Willamette Valley. No injuries were reported. The National Weather Service said a second possible tornado touched down elsewhere in the area east of Salem, Ore.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls - Precipitation

Yesterday	Normal	Month to date	Normal
82	41	41	41
50	31	10	10
78	42	15.73	10.08

Idaho - Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High/Low
Boise	72	56	0.0	Boise, Low, 29 at
Burley	85	39	0.0	Staley, Corral
Fairfield	66	29	0.0	Nation's High: 107 at
Gooding	m	m	0.0	Coolidge, Ariz., and
Hagerman	83	40	0.0	Blythe, Calif., Low, 27
Idaho Falls	77	34	0.0	at Jackson, Wyo.
Jorame	80	43	0.0	Comfort factors
Malad	81	34	0.0	Night humidity: 40 at
Malta	m	m	0.0	Night barometer: 30.05
McCall	56	41	0.0	Pollen count: 65
Pocatello	80	34	0.0	(Grade 85%, pollen)
Salmon	73	41	0.0	11%, other: 45%
Staley	66	29	0.0	high, Molds: 392
Sun Valley	63	30	0.0	(classroom), low,

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	82	59	0.0
Atlanta	90	64	0.0
Boston	67	54	0.0
Chicago	65	48	0.0
Dallas	59	79	0.0
Denver	82	54	0.0
Des Moines	82	54	0.0
Detroit	78	66	0.33
Honolulu	85	74	0.0
Houston	94	70	0.0
Indianapolis	81	70	0.14
Kansas City	84	63	0.0
Las Vegas	94	70	0.0
Los Angeles	88	73	0.0
Los Angeles	86	72	0.0
Miami Beach	86	75	1.03
Milwaukee	74	66	1.10
Minneapolis	74	58	0.0
New Orleans	90	72	0.0
New York	76	60	0.0
Philadelphia	78	73	0.0
Omaha	82	51	0.0
Phoenix	103	83	0.0
Pittsburgh	77	57	0.07
Portland, Me.	64	44	0.0
Portland, Ore.	86	57	0.34
Reno	77	40	0.0
St. Louis	81	70	0.96
San Antonio	86	60	0.0
San Francisco	73	60	0.0
Seattle	61	56	1.06
Spokane	68	51	0.0
Washington	86	64	0.0

Canadian Cities

Calgary	60	41	0.0
Montreal	64	42	0.0
Toronto	61	60	0.0
Vancouver	59	53	0.0

Batt

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measure of wisdom, are obligated to share the lessons learned with those who are younger. In time, however, it is in the best interest of society for us to step aside and give the reins to those who are stronger and who have keener vision for the future."

Batt announced his decision after months of speculation, and it surprised politicians in both parties — disappointing many Republicans and encouraging Democrats.

His reticence even prompted House Speaker Michael Simpson recently to abandon consideration of running for governor himself next year, concluding Batt would not wait so long to disclose his intentions unless he planned to be a candidate.

"I believe that the public has been well-served by delaying the campaign season this long," Batt said Wednesday. "However, there's still over eight months until the primary election and 14 months until the general election. That's plenty of time for anyone to mount a credible campaign for this office."

Indeed, Simpson said he was reconsidering his earlier decision after hearing Batt's announcement. U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Rep. Michael Crapo and Lt. Gov. Butch Otter also said they were considering the race for the Republican nomination.

"I intend to take a neutral position in the primary elections," the governor said. "I have made no deal with anyone. There's nothing in it for me to make a deal."

Batt would have been a prohibitive favorite to win re-election.

Having achieved an historic nuclear waste pact with the federal government, weathered a pitched campaign to rescind it and won passage of a landmark bill ending agriculture's 79-year

exemption from the Idaho worker's compensation law, Batt is at the peak of his popularity.

Moreover, surgery earlier this year relieved years of nagging back pain and gave him a new lease on life.

Batt already has achieved or set the state on course toward many of his goals as governor. He has emphasized efforts to make state government more efficient while launching initiatives to reform welfare and Medicaid.

He also has improved relations with Indian tribes and established policies to consider the future of gambling in Idaho and how to handle deregulation of the electric power industry. More recently he outlined a proposal to start reducing prison crowding.

The Wilder owner farmer and former state legislator and lieutenant governor took office in 1995 after Democrats Cecil White and John Evans held it since 1971. Batt defeated Democrat Larry Echoffback, now a law professor at Brigham Young University.

No Democratic gubernatorial candidate for 1998 has stepped forward yet.

"We've discussed a lot of different scenarios," Idaho Democratic Party Chairman A.K. Lienhart-Minnick said. "But everyone with whom we've discussed the possibility of running for governor, running for any office, none of them are wealthy people. So they have to think about positioning themselves financially."

Among the potential Democratic candidates are former state chairman and Boise attorney Conley Ward, former state senator Ron Beitelbacher and even — but not likely — Walt Minnick, the party chairman.

The Boise millionaire failed in his bid to succeed Republican U.S. Sen. Larry Craig last year.

Idaho GOP Chairman Ron McMurray said he was confident whichever Republican gets the

nomination would win the governorship, and he discounted the chances of a divisive primary race.

"We have a real feeling of party unity," McMurray said.

Besides his age, Batt said he also decided not to run again because he was tired of dealing with controversy.

"I've never learned the art of political posturing and positioning which serves as a haven from criticism," he said. "I face problems head-on, then make a decision and live with the consequences. If I make a mistake, I say so and move on. And, although I've enjoyed broad support, I'm not comfortable with the loud cries of protest I occasionally hear. I don't like making people mad."

Mrs. Batt said she enjoys being Idaho's First Lady, and "probably would be more in favor of a second term than he was."

"But I'm not the one that makes all those tough decisions every day and has to be down here early in the morning and work at nighttime," she said.

Batt said he hoped to play more golf and do more fishing, gardening, clarinet playing and song writing after leaving office. He and his wife also have a vacation home in Arizona where he expects to spend more time.

But Batt was emotional about the prospect of leaving a job he loves.

"It'll miss all of it. It's a marvelous job," he said, his voice breaking. "I always feel kind of a sense of wonder when I come down here."

Workers contaminated

IDAHO FALLS, (AP) — The Test Reactor hot cell area at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory was secured for the night Wednesday after seven employees were radioactively contaminated.

They were contaminated with europium and gadolinium while doing maintenance work.

Politicians

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multitude of candidates, again splitting the GOP along regional and philosophical lines.

"I guess political chaos is always a little disconcerting, I was hoping (Batt) would run again," said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

"However, maybe we've learned our lesson," said Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls.

Kempthorne and Crapo are deciding whether to run. Crapo, in an interview with *The Times-News* Wednesday, said it would be a tough decision for him because he would like to return to Idaho to be with his family full-time, but is excited about the progress he is making in Congress and would lose the chance for greater seniority if he leaves Washington, D.C.

"I'm going to very seriously sit down with my wife and kids and talk with close friends and advisers, both in Washington and Idaho and soon hopefully make a decision about what to do," Crapo said.

Batt said he had encouraged Crapo to run again.

has those who have ever considered running for governor, such as Lt. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and Simpson, thinking seriously about it.

Simpson said he was worried that he wouldn't have enough time to cobble together a campaign to run for governor, with only eight months until the primary.

"When I saw the lateness of (Batt's) press conference (Wednesday) I assumed he was going to run again. Oops," Simpson said with a laugh, before quickly adding, "No problem."

Whatever happens, the picture has changed for Democrats, who have been busy finding candidates for all positions, but now will try to win back the governorship they held for 24 years before Batt's election.

"It definitely changed our world today," said Karen White, executive director of the Idaho Democratic Party.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

Wednesday, September 17 Numbers

Darrel Smith of Kimberly was feeling pretty lucky when he won \$8,000 on the Instant LUCKY ROLL game. Darrel purchased his winning ticket at the Depot Gift in Twin Falls.

Is your favorite football team dragging this season? Don't get aggravated because you can still win your own football game. Play the Lottery's instant FIRST AND TEN football game, and you may win up to \$7,000!

If football's not your bag, try fishing for cash with the Instant CASH ATTACK game where you can win up to \$1,500!

Wednesday, September 17 Numbers

POWERBALL
22 26 28 31 34
POWERBALL 18

Wednesday, September 17 Numbers

LOTTO
2 10 17 19 24 31

Wednesday, September 17 Numbers

FAST
3 9 11 14 25

Clinton rejects land mine ban endorsed in Oslo

Plan presents line 'I simply cannot cross'



President Clinton, shown here speaking at the White House Wednesday, refused to accept an immediate ban on anti-personnel mines.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Striving for worldwide peace, President Clinton rejected a ban on land mines that was endorsed Wednesday by 89 countries. He said the accord would jeopardize "the safety and security of our men in uniform."

Bristling at suggestions that the United States was blocking a global ban, the president said he was willing to bless a limited prohibition, but added, "there is a line that I simply cannot cross."

"No one should expect our people to expose our armed forces to unacceptable risks," he said.

Clinton announced his decision shortly after representatives of the 89 nations rejected U.S. demands for changes and accepted the text of a land mine treaty. Representatives of an additional 20 countries were in Oslo, Norway, for the talks as observers, but without voting rights.

The text calls for a total ban on production, export and use of anti-personnel mines. The countries are expected to formally accept the draft text Thursday, and supporters hope the actual treaty will be signed in Ottawa in December.

Land mines kill or maim more than 25,000 people every year. Without U.S. support it will be difficult to incorporate other key countries — such as Russia, China and India — that are not a part of the treaty process.

Scott, said Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy, who endorsed the campaign for a ban, said, "We were not prepared to pay any price" for Washington's approval.

Jan Egeland, deputy Norwegian foreign minister, predicted that Clinton will support the treaty. "I believe internal forces in the United States will be tremendous," he said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., one of the Senate's leading proponents of a land mine ban, criticized Clinton's decision. "U.S. policy on land mines has largely arisen from Congress, not the White House, and we will move forward with our legislation to ban anti-personnel land mines," Leahy said.

Both the Senate and House have passed resolutions urging Clinton to provide more leadership on the land mine issue.

Clinton telephoned allies this week in a failed bid to include a nine-year delay in implementing the convention, exceptions for anti-tank mines and the right for any nation under attack to withdraw from the pact.

Frustrated by his foreign policy critics, Clinton told reporters that a total ban would leave 37,000 U.S. troops in South Korea vulnerable to an attack from the north.

Anti-tank mines — and explosive devices that prevent tampering — protect against an armored

assault; conventional land mines slow down a massive advance of troops, the president said.

"It's very easy if you're not one of those Americans in uniform up there to say, 'Oh, well, this will never happen. They'll never do it.' But you can move a million people into Seoul pretty quickly," the president warned.

U.S. troops on the borders of Iraq and Kuwait also rely on the mines, he said.

Japan, Poland and Australia have supported all or parts of the U.S. view during negotiations, according to the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines.

The push for a total ban on land mines was strengthened by the death of Britain's Princess Diana, who had campaigned for a prohibition.

Clinton was forced to either abandon his long-held position favoring a conditional ban or put the United States in league with countries like China, Russia, North Korea and Libya, which did not take part in the talks.

The president did not like the comparison, "We're not in their company," he said stiffly.

Trying to give himself political cover, he promised to find alternatives to land mines by 2003, redouble efforts to seek a qualified ban in separate negotiations in Geneva and increase by 25 percent U.S. spending on efforts to remove mines worldwide.

President puts tobacco deal on hold; asks for cigarette price hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton consigned the landmark \$368 billion tobacco deal to limbo Wednesday.

He called instead for legislation to raise cigarette prices by up to \$1.50 per pack if tobacco companies continue to hook kids on smoking.

Reducing teen smoking has always been America's bottom line. It must be the industry's bottom line, the president said.

He asked Congress to pass legislation that stipulates targets to cut teen smoking by 30 percent in five years, 50 percent in seven years and 60 percent in a decade. Penalties for missing those targets, including the \$1.50 price hike, which would phase in over a decade, should not be capped or tax-deductible as a business expense, Clinton said.

The federal cigarette tax is now 24 cents a pack; it will rise to 34 cents in 2000 and 39 cents in 2002 under legislation passed in July.

The Clinton proposal pleased Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who said a \$1.50 per pack price increase is "the best and quickest way" to reduce teen smoking. "The smoke signal from the administration is very encouraging," he said.

Under the negotiated deal, industry fines would have been capped at \$2 billion.

Meanwhile, the House voted Wednesday to block tobacco companies from reducing their payments under any national settlement by the \$50 billion a gradual increase in cigarette taxes is expected to raise. That increase was included in the recently enacted tax-cut legislation.

A provision slipped in that bill would have let the industry subtract the cost of the increase from the pending \$368 billion settlement.

Ending three months of divisive internal debate among administration officials, Clinton said he was not out to punish cigarette makers.

"It is not about how much money we can extract from the tobacco industry. It's about fulfilling our duties as parents and responsible adults to protect our children," Clinton said.

Any tobacco pact that would be codified into law must also give the Food and Drug Administration full regulatory power over tobacco, without any "special procedural hurdles or requirements," Clinton said.

He also demanded laws restricting advertising, sales and placement of cigarettes by manufacturers and retailers. And he vaguely called for measures to "protect (tobacco) farmers, their families and their communities from loss of income."

At his right elbow in the Oval Office were former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and former FDA commissioner David Kessler, two outspoken anti-tobacco health advocates whose approval Clinton actively sought throughout his review of the deal.

Absent were any industry representatives.

"I would hope they would be willing to work with us," he said of the tobacco companies. "We cannot have the FDA crippled here and we have to have real and meaningful penalties if the targets for youth smoking are not met."

GOP senators say Clinton trade plan is dead in present form

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after President Clinton finally unveiled his proposal for renewed trade negotiating authority, key Senate Republicans declared the measure dead in its present form.

They said they would never accept Clinton's compromise on labor and environmental issues.

The Senate Finance Committee chairman, Sen. William Roth, R-Del., described the proposal Wednesday as "in

deep trouble." Other Republicans on his committee were even more blunt, telling Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky that it would never pass without changes.

Barshefsky later insisted to reporters that she was not surprised by the GOP objections. But the intensity of their complaints highlighted the challenge facing the administration, which

must rely on Republicans for the bulk of votes needed to pass a measure fervently opposed by labor unions, a core Democratic constituency.

Clinton is seeking authority to negotiate trade agreements with other countries and then submit those agreements to Congress for a yes-or-no vote without amendments. Every president has had that authority since 1974, although the power lapsed in 1994 and Clinton has been

unable to win renewal.

In the version he outlined Tuesday, Clinton gave up insistence that fast-track authority allow him to negotiate protections for worker rights and the environment in the core part of any future free-trade agreements.

Exxon to fulfill deal to air advertisements

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exxon Corp. has begun airing 15-second ads telling consumers that most cars run fine on regular gasoline.

The commercials are the result of an agreement between Exxon and the Federal Trade Commission, the agency said Wednesday. The FTC filed a complaint last fall charging that Exxon had made unsubstantiated advertising claims about the ability of its gas to clean engines and reduce maintenance costs.

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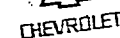
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House endorses Congressional pay raise

WASHINGTON — The House signaled a determination to raise the \$133,600 salary for members of Congress Wednesday, approving legislation that lacked a provision customarily used to block such increases. The legislation was approved on a 231-192 vote after it was brought to the floor in unusual haste, and under a procedure that prohibited any amendment to deny the increase.

Some lawmakers grumbled that their leadership had not provided proper notification that the measure was due on the floor, but no member of either party pushed to slow consideration of the bill. "They're pushing it through so they don't have to talk about" the 2.3 percent cost-of-living increase for lawmakers' salary, Rep. Linda Smith, R-Wash., said of the GOP leaders.

Investment accounts for babies proposed

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bob Kerrey, a potential Democratic presidential contender and a lonely campaigner for overhauling benefit programs, proposed Wednesday that the government set up \$1,000 investment accounts for all new babies.

Held to retirement and commented by other government-encouraged investments, these accounts would guarantee future generations far more than they could expect from the current Social Security system, the Nebraska lawmaker said.

"Tens of millions" of Americans could retire as millionaires, including many with lower income jobs under his plan, Kerrey said in a speech to the National Press Club. He credited "the magic of compound interest" for making such a concept feasible.

Kerrey suggested the approach as he outlined a plan to restructure Social Security and other so-called entitlement programs.

Regulators sue FCC over phone pricing

WASHINGTON — State regulators asked a court Wednesday to stop the government from requiring local Bell telephone companies to open their networks at certain prices as a prerequisite for entering the long-distance business.

The suit against the Federal Communications Commission was filed in a federal appeals court in St. Louis by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and some state regulatory bodies.

In July the same court dealt the FCC a major blow by throwing out a special rate of its regulations aimed at opening the \$100 billion local phone business to competition.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled that individual states — not the FCC — have authority to set prices for would-be rivals to lease pieces of existing local phone networks or buy local service, and resell it to consumers.

Homemade absinthe results in illness

BOSTON — A man suffered seizures and kidney failure after trying to make the banned liqueur absinthe with an ingredient purchased through the Internet.

"Should the medical community brace itself for future cases of Internet-mediated toxic diseases?" Dr. Steven D. Weisbord asked in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Weisbord, a physician at George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, said the patient was a 31-year-old man who was taken to the hospital after being found disoriented and incoherent at home.

He had read about absinthe on the Internet and learned that a primary ingredient is the wormwood plant. He then bought essential oil of wormwood from an Internet supplier of materials used for aromatherapy, a kind of alternative medicine.

Allergy passed on during organ transplant

BOSTON — A man who received a new liver and kidney in an organ transplant also got something he didn't want — an allergy to peanuts.

French doctors described the unusual case, which occurred eight years ago, in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

A 22-year-old man who knew he was allergic to peanuts ate them by mistake. He fell into a coma and died. Doctors gave his liver and right kidney to a 35-year-old man and his pancreas and left kidney to a 27-year-old woman. Neither was told of the cause of the organ donor's death.

Three months later, the man suffered a skin rash and difficulty breathing after eating peanuts. After concluding he had a newly developed allergy, the doctors fed peanuts to the woman under close medical supervision, but she showed no ill effects. The man was told to avoid peanuts, and he is still healthy.

Compiled from wire reports

Red Skelton, TV clown, dies at 84

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Red Skelton, the sentimental clown who delighted TV audiences for 20 years playing Clem Kadiddlehopper, Freddie the Freeloader and the Mean Widdle Kid, died Wednesday. He was 84.

The comic, known for his crushed porkpie hat, unruly hair, crossed eyes and goofy, twisted grin died at a hospital in Rancho Mirage. He had been ill for a long time, but the nature of the illness was not disclosed.



Red Skelton played his 'Freddie-the-Freeloader' character on Bob Hope's 1978 Christmas show.

"I don't want to be called 'the greatest' or 'one of the greatest'; let other guys claim to be the best," Skelton once said. "I just want to be known as a clown because to me that's the height of my profession. It means you can do everything — sing, dance, and above all, make people laugh."

His characters included Clem Kadiddlehopper, a slow-witted hayseed; Freddy the Freeloader, a silent tramp; The Mean Widdle Kid, whose favorite expression was "dot dot it"; punchdrunk boxer Cauliflower McPug; the inebriated Willie Lump-Lump; and the cross-eyed seagulls Gertrude and Heathcliffe.

Each show concluded with his trademark line: "Good night, and God bless."

Skelton was already a leading film comic, starring in a series of MGM comedies, when he began his TV career on NBC in 1951. He moved to Tuesday nights on CBS in 1953, placing among the Top 10 shows eight times, then returned to NBC in 1970.

Each show won his fortune even after his show was dropped by CBS in 1970 and then canceled for good by NBC in 1971. His paintings of clown faces fetched \$80,000 and more, and he once

he had to pitch against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"In all, he appeared in 43 films. Edna remained his chief writer even after the couple divorced in 1943. "She brought me up from \$50 a week to \$7,500," he said.

Arthur Marx, author of a 1979 biography of Skelton, said he expected to tell a "nice little tale about a comedian who said 'God bless' at the end of his show." Instead, he heard stories of a sad and lonely man who trusted no one and felt he had been cheated by some of his associates.

"When anyone hurts us, my wife and I sit in our Japanese sand garden and drink iced tea," Skelton told The New York Times in 1977. "There are five stones in the garden — for sky, wind, fire, water and earth. We sit and think of five of the nicest things we can about the person who hurt us. If

he hurts us a second time, we do the same thing. The third time, we light a candle, and he is, for us, dead."

Skelton continued to perform live well past retirement age, doing 75 or more shows a year. The pain of cancellation was in Skelton's thoughts when he accepted the Governors Award of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at the Emmy Awards show in 1986.

"I want to thank you for sitting down," Skelton told an audience that had given him a standing ovation. "I thought you were pulling a CBS and walking out on me."

Skelton was a major supporter of children's charities, including the Steiner's Orphan's Children's Hospital and the Red Skelton Foundation in his birthplace, Vincennes, Ind., which cares for needy children.

Congress to question safety of Russian space station

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Mir space station careening from one crisis to another, lawmakers in Congress plan to question NASA officials on Monday about why the agency wants to continue putting American astronauts aboard the Russian craft.

Among those set to testify before the House Science Committee is Roberta L. Cross, NASA's inspector general and author of a recent letter critical of Mir's safety that captured the attention of Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the panel.

In her letter, Cross said a recent collision and fire aboard Mir are just some of the "serious problems associated with the Russians' aging space station which pose risks to the Mir crew."

The hearing comes just a week before space shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to carry yet another American astronaut, David Wolf, up to Mir. Wolf, who would become the sixth astronaut to live

on Mir, will replace Michael Foale, who has been on the Russian space station since May.

And it comes just a day after Mir returned to near-normal Wednesday after another crippling computer breakdown on board.

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Pentagon orders 1-day halt to military training flights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jarrred by a rash of military air crashes, Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered the first military-wide halt to training flights Wednesday.

Although officials have stressed no common thread in the five accidents since last weekend, Cohen ordered all the services to ground their training flights for 24 hours. The stand-downs will be staggered over the week starting Friday.

"Perfection is impossible, but that is our Atlantic, the other landed safely. Cohen said in taking the action.

Five U.S. aircraft have crashed recently, including an Air Force F-117A stealth fighter that partially broke up in flight at an air show in Maryland on Sunday. An Air Force C-141 transport went down off the coast of Namibia, a Marine Corps FA-18 crashed off North Carolina, and a Navy F-18 crashed in Oman. In the latest mishap, two Air National Guard F-16s collided Monday off the coast of New Jersey; one crashed into the Atlantic, the other landed safely.

Cohen's grounding affects training but not operational flights. That means such missions as enforcing the "no-fly" zones over Iraq and supporting the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia will continue, officials said. Officials could not provide an



New Jersey Air National Guard Col. Gene Chojnacki, Support Group Commander for the 177th Air National Guard Fighter Wing, stands under the damaged wing of an F16 Falcon C-model.

estimate of the number of training flights that will be missed.

Usually a temporary grounding affects the planes of only one service at a time. This is the first time all the services have been ordered to halt training flights, said Pentagon spokeswoman Army Lt. Col. Nancy Bart.

In remarks to reporters at the Pentagon, Cohen said both the fliers and maintainers of military aircraft will use the day off to focus on safety. He said individual aircraft also will be examined for any possible safety problems. Cohen left it to the service

leaders to decide when they would begin the one-day stand-down. He said they could do it any day in the week starting Friday morning.

While acknowledging that there is not yet any indication of a common thread in the latest spate of accidents, Cohen said he decided a training break was needed — "just to re-emphasize the safety issue."

A stand-down is a routine procedure in the wake of a series of crashes, but usually it is done by one service at a time.

Cohen stressed that military

aviation safety has improved steadily in recent years. Last year was the safest on record, by the Pentagon's own accounting. But, he said, given the recent spate of incidents, "We can do better."

At the White House, President Clinton said he had urged Cohen on Monday to analyze the crashes "to see if there is some pattern that would require some sort of review by the Air Force." But the president left open the possibility that crashes were coincidental. The U.S. military actually has lost fewer aircraft in accidents this year — 54, with less than two weeks remaining in the government's fiscal year — than in any recent year. It lost 67 last year, 69 in 1995 and 86 in 1994, according to Pentagon statistics.

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That ratio was 1.50 last year, the lowest on record and down from 1.62 in 1994 and 2.10 in 1991 when the Gulf War was fought. Burt, the Pentagon spokeswoman, said aviation safety officials estimate that this year's accidents-flight hours ratio, which stood at 1.40 before the latest series of crashes, is now 1.50 —

identical to last year's record low. "We train the way we fight," she said. "It can be a dangerous business."

Congressman visited banned Libya

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Earl Hilliard, D-Ala., made an unannounced visit to Libya two weeks ago, despite a U.S. ban on that country and its designation as a terrorist state.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said Wednesday Hilliard's office notified the department recently that he had traveled to Libya. The official said the trip was not

authorized by the department. "He wasn't on an official mission," the official said.

Later, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said he was unable to discuss the legality of the trip.

Violation or not, he said, "we think it's not a good thing to be giving any assistance to an international terrorist or state."

The United States holds Libya responsible for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland in 1988. The crash killed 270 people, mostly Americans.

Rubin said the trip was made at the end of August. The timing suggested Hilliard was present for the Sept. 1 anniversary celebrations of the coup that brought Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi to power in 1969.

Sheppard's body exhumed; son seeks to clear dad's name

CLEVELAND (AP) — The body of Dr. Sam Sheppard was exhumed and sent for DNA testing Wednesday in an effort by his son to clear Sheppard's name once and for all in the 1954 murder case that inspired TV's "The Fugitive."

Television lights provided the illumination before daybreak as a backhoe began digging up the Columbus gravesite where Sheppard's remains have been buried for 27 years.

The elder Sheppard was convicted of killing his wife and spent 10 years in prison before being acquitted in a retrial in 1966. He was charged with a bushy-haired intruder knocked him out and killed her at their suburban Cleveland home.

Lingering questions about Sheppard's innocence dogged him for the rest of his life, and he died nearly penniless of liver disease at age 46 in 1970.

The younger Sheppard, now 50, also was left unsettled by his father's acquittal; since a verdict of "not guilty" requires only a reasonable doubt, he has sued the state, seeking a declaration that Sheppard was innocent and wrongly imprisoned.

He hopes that DNA samples, which were taken from Sheppard's body five hours after the exhumation, will exclude the doctor as the source of bloodstains at the crime scene. The results are expected for two weeks to two months.

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EDITORIAL

Phil Batt's legacy: A work in progress

The job descriptions of politicians and news reporters require them to have short attention spans. So when Gov. Phil Batt announced his retirement plans, not even an hour of respectful reflection could be spared before all sides plunged into an orgy of speculating, trial-ballooning and side-long glancing at the competition.

Before we join this frantic marketplace into 1998, let's pause a moment to salute a sensible, responsible, responsible governor. Phil Batt has accomplished much good and prevented some harm. We'll be sorry to see him go.

But he is by no means gone yet.

Thirty-seven percent of Batt's term and 25 percent of his legislative sessions will remain as of Oct. 1. Though a lame-duck governor's power may diminish (because other politicians perceive it to), shedding the ballast of a re-election campaign can also be liberating. Batt can, if he chooses, dedicate his final year to projects of conscience.

The governor is 70, an age at which a politician thinks about his legacy. Batt already has created a considerable one in a busy 33 months. It was through his insistent leadership that Idaho finally made worker's compensation mandatory for farm workers. He oversaw reforms of welfare and Medicaid, restructuring of the Health and Welfare Department, wholesale replacement of Idaho's juvenile justice system and a change of direction for Fish and Game.

Batt's nuclear-waste deal with the federal government split the state, but even its critics must admit this much: Batt took bold action and then sold it

to skeptical citizens. Voters ultimately endorsed his plan by defeating last year's "Stop the Shipments" initiative. Such is the essence of real leadership: choosing a course of action that is not yet popular and then popularizing it. Idaho will enjoy the benefits of this leadership for generations.

Perhaps the governor's biggest achievement was proving that voters can trust Republicans with the keys to power - that the GOP can simultaneously steer the Legislature and the governor's office without whooping down the highway on an ideological spree.

The Legislature has fought no crusades over abortion or other pet issues of the religious right during the Batt years, because Batt kept his party focused on sensible stewardship of state government. Whether his successor can do as well will be an interesting, and important, question.

What about Batt's remaining 15 months? Plenty of projects present themselves. The strain that prison growth puts on the state's budget (at the expense of other goals) is a worthy target. And the state's role in electrical deregulation has not yet received sufficient leadership.

Batt also could improve Idaho's future by improving the dialogue between political leaders and the state's Native American and Hispanic populations.

Even if the governor accomplishes nothing at all in his final 15 months in office, he will leave behind a record to be proud of. But don't close the book yet. Batt's opportunities are not all behind him.



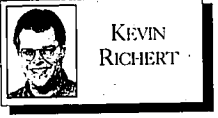
Wood affects death penalty stance

I'll never forget looking into the eyes of James Edward Wood. The hearing itself was forgettable - a procedural post-sentence hearing as featureless as its setting, a makeshift courtroom at the Idaho State Penitentiary.

Wood, a confessed killer, sat quietly through the proceedings. During a recess, he was led in shackles to a locked cell off to the side of the judge's bench. He spent that recess staring without emotion through a small window in the door.

It was like staring into the unblinking eyes of a cobra at a reptile house, shielded only by glass. No amount of small talk in the gallery could chase that uneasy feeling.

Eastern Idaho found itself staring into the cold eyes of James Edward Wood again last week. The Idaho Supreme Court upheld Wood's death sentence in the 1993 slaying of Jeralee Underwood, an 11-year-old Pocatello newspaper carrier.



KEVIN RICHERT

I doubt anyone who was in eastern Idaho at the time will forget the events of the case. Jeralee's disappearance as she collected money on her paper route near the Union Pacific rail yards in Pocatello. A week of intense searches. The ultimate discovery of her dismembered body along the Snake River in Idaho Falls. Wood's repeated well-publicized denials in the case.

All are snapshots of the kind of crime assumed to occur commonplace else. The Jeralee homicide reminded us all that

crime doesn't obey boundaries on a map. For Idaho Falls and Pocatello, the Jeralee homicide was a reckoning - not unlike the kind of realization Minidoka County faced last summer. Crime happens anywhere there is a criminal.

For the rest of us, life resumes, though never quite the same.

You can't expect any town to rebound unchanged from the shock of violent crime. That's unrealistic. It's probably also unwise.

Jeralee Underwood haunts me, four years after her body was found along the Snake River.

I worry about my own kids a lot more. It all goes with the parenting job. I hope my kids don't catch onto my worry.

I also think differently, and not as clearly, about the death penalty.

I've always opposed capital punishment, and not necessarily for the soundbite reasons - the costly appeals process, its dubious deterrent value, the inconsistent way the penalty is sometimes meted out.

I've opposed it, basically, because I don't think death is the job of government. I'm suspicious, but still haunted, by an interview convicted serial killer Ted Bundy gave shortly before his death, in which he said he had made his peace with God. I have my doubts, but it's not my job to be sure. Nor do I think it's the state's job to intervene in the life, or death, of even a killer.

But the Jeralee homicide, so shocking and grisly, also attacks logic, leaving only emotion behind. It's hard to be detached when events come so close. Jeralee was abducted only a few doors down from the apartment I rented in Pocatello in the mid-'80s. Her body was discovered not far upriver from the Snake River greenbelt - a favorite spot of ours when we lived in Idaho Falls, where our children used to enjoy walking and feeding the geese.

Maybe it's the crime or the confessed criminal, or some combination of the two, but I find it harder to be intellectual about the death penalty.

If he is executed, several years of appeals from now, I won't celebrate. And yet, if the state closes the cold eyes of James Edward Wood, I will mourn. And confuse me.

He continues to haunt me.

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LETTERS

Batt strikes out in nuke waste

It's the game of the century, bottom of the 9th, bases loaded, two down, one out. Phil Batt come to bat! "I" for Idaho. Strike one, two, three, you're out! But no Washington keeps pitching. I think the score is nuke-0 to 1. Stay tuned. Details in 40 years. I don't think so.

KARE HERBST
Twin Falls

erated like city sewage facilities are to keep the stench down. But when we complain, when we try to accomplish something at a county level, we get the runaround and no sympathy because "it's what you get when you live in the country." If I only had a dollar for every time I've heard that one. Well excuse me, but that's just not so. These large immigrant dairies are altering the life-style families have enjoyed for 150 and three generations.

Holding breath for dairy law change

I see the other day Twin Falls Planning and Zoning denied a special-use permit in the Bell Rapids area. It was for a 1/2-acre sewage lagoon to be used by a septic tank pumping company. Not exactly an agricultural practice, but similar yet smaller in nature than existing large dairy operations, which are considered to be agricultural but are, in fact, industrial, producing more waste than product, more manure than milk, day in and out.

I found it quite fascinating that there was such a big stink over a couple of acres of sewage. I understand that all three county commissioners, the former county attorney, the building inspector and a whole slew of people viewed the potential site awhile back. Why all the fuss? It's just a couple of acres of sewage lagoons. It won't smell any worse than a small dairy operation.

Our rural areas are dotted all over with lagoons far larger than this. Ten acres, 15 acres, 20-plus acres of cow sewage, raw and untreated, not even

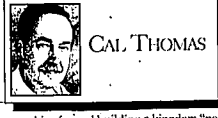
So, the fine people of Bell Rapids won't have to put up with a little stink. Don't get me wrong, I think that's wonderful and I believe the right decision was made. But was it made for the right reasons like poor location, or was it made because a few of the affluent Bell Rapids people spoke out? I suppose we'll never know.

So now, planning and zoning, what about those of us who have large dairies for neighbors? It's too little too late for us unless our counties and state are going to make them be better stewards of the land and better neighbors. We all know that there are measures that can be taken to improve the quality of the air and water surrounding these large facilities. The question is, will planning and zoning, the county commissioners and the state do anything about it? Until it is mandated, with stiff penalties for non-compliance, nothing much will change. I'll be holding my breath, not because I think the county will come up with a solution but because there's something foul in the air.

HERT REDFERN
Buhl

Continue onward, all political soldiers

The Christian Coalition held a convention last weekend in Atlanta during which it honored its retiring executive director, Ralph Reed. Reed did an excellent job articulating moral and ethical issues most politicians are embarrassed to talk about except in generalities. His retirement provides an opportunity to consider whether two decades of political activity by evangelical Christians has been worth it.



CAL THOMAS

When contemporary Christian political activism caught fire in the late '70s, some said that a sleeping giant was stirring and that it was a majority. But one-third of this Christian "majority" voted for President Clinton last November. A majority was said to oppose abortion and, despite the phenomenal growth of crisis pregnancy centers that have helped many women and saved many babies, more than 1 million abortions are performed per year.

When Christian activism emerged from their churches into the political arena, they targeted pornography, offensive television, drugs, the gay rights movement and crumbling families. Pornography is worse than ever, television continues to stink, drugs remain a problem, the gay rights agenda is less than a few soles' and the same. The Christian Coalition takes credit for the \$500-per-child tax credit in the budget bill, heretofore unretrieved as a Christian doctrine.

I would be the last person to suggest that believers embrace apathy. As citizens, they have a duty to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." But Caesar the things that are Caesar's? But conservative evangelicals on the risk of depreciating their ultimate value, that of

speaking for and building a kingdom "not of this world." There is precedent for what happens to the church's primary witness when it becomes overly entangled in the cares of this world. Look at the liberal churches, which long ago gave up preaching salvation (at least through Jesus Christ) and now mainly focus on political themes.

Researcher George Barna wanted to know what non-Christians think of Christians. Their first two thoughts, he learned, were that Christians attend a lot of meetings and they oppose many things. How far they have strayed from their leader's admonition to "love your enemies; pray for those who persecute you; feed the hungry; clothe the naked and visit those in prison."

What would have a greater impact on so-called influencers? Clearly the attempt to organize a minority constituency to influence a majority who do not share their views is not working (otherwise, our culture would not have deviated to the point it has). Suppose the coalition became known for transforming people's lives instead of trying to transform Congress, the White House and the Supreme Court? Might it be argued that their example would be so compelling that millions of Americans would want to follow it? Conservative Christians claim that by

force of numbers alone, which they do not have, they can redeem a culture gone sour. It won't happen through the ballot box, no matter who is elected. It can happen only through the heart.

C.S. Lewis put it bluntly: "If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most in the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles, themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English evangelists who abolished the slave trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth 'thrown in.' Aim at Earth and you will get neither."

Writing in Forbes magazine, University of Maryland professor Robert Nelson says the baby boomers "know instinctively that real values are home grown, derived from families, churches, neighborhoods and communities. They are not imposed from above. One of the great failings of the Progressives rose from their addiction to the use of government power to try to impose one uniform set of national policies and beliefs. By contrast, there is a strong libertarian streak in the baby boomer generation."

Nelson says it will be tougher to clean up the mess than it was to create it. But the Christian Coalition won't do it from the top down. It might succeed if it started at the bottom and worked upward.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles times columnist.

DOONESBURY

By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley

Professor who survived Unabomber hopes to defeat self-pity

David Geletter, professor of computer science, fresh from vacation, sorting through mail in his Yale office, thought the package was someone's dissertation. When he pulled the wrapping cord, smoke billowed with a hiss and a strange smell. Then the package sent by the Unabomber emitted "a terrific flash," and Geletter was blown into a long — it will never end — journey of pain, involving many surgeries, a cornea transplant, therapy, diminished capacities, lost time.

Yet such is this extraordinary man's undamaged mind and strengthened spirit, he also was catapulted into soaring self-discovery and social insight, one result of which is his short, exhilarating book, "Drawing Life: Surviving the Unabomber." Alternately droll and furious, ebullient and acidic, it stands against one of the sins of the age, self-pity.



GEORGE F. WILL

wide raw materials for chest grafts.

In 1997 his reassembled body contains a spirit impatient with a society in which the word "judgmental" has only pejorative connotations — as though a nonjudgmental society could have justice. A student of America on the eve of the Second World War, he cites a 1937 Life magazine story on a fabled bank robbery. "The picture at right shows the two dead bandits lying in the street where the police dropped them," Life called it the "Neatest trap of the year." This was, Geletter says, good news: "For violent criminals this long-ago society bridled with contempt. ... It was judgmental."

America then was, he says, the world's least passive country. Today we even sentence criminals with words tinged with "a certain wistful sadness," the tone of voice of a society uneasy about being judgmental. And a newsmagazine's cover on the capture of the suspected Unabomber carried the head-

line, "Mad Genius." There was no evidence to support either the adjective or the noun, but the idea of madness is, as Geletter says, exculpatory. The phrase, say, "evil fool" would have been judgmental.

A society that is, as Geletter says, "too squeamish to call evil by its right name" is a society in which People magazine anoints the Unabomber one of the most fascinating people of 1996. Which suggests not just how much we have changed, but also why we have changed, since 1936, when the "Londoner's Guide to New York" said "one may walk the streets for years without seeing anything more criminal than the solicitation of alms or the manifestations of inebritation."

Being a target of the Unabomber brought Geletter into contact with the media, which filled him with "disgust and dark amusement." He was stunned by "the assumption in the news industry that a person wants to be addressed and treated as a 'victim.'" The fact that American society's admonition has changed from "count your blessings" to "nurture your grievances" helps explain the passing of the America depicted in Life magazine at the beginning of 1997.

"Americans greeted 1957 with

high-decibel revelry and effortless optimism. The old year that was ticking away had been a very good one. ... The year to come looked just as good or even better."

But in a society looked upon as a victimization machine, individuals are not actors, they are acted upon, and self-pity sicks on their chests like a pile of bricks. Of course people do get acted upon in life — few as shatteringly as Geletter has been — but that is no excuse for thinking of people as passive clay.


Part of Geletter's therapy has been immersion in the spirit of prewar America, in which the guidebook for the 1938 World's Fair said: "The pedestrian finds it pleasant to stroll at the Fair, where the walks are of bituminous asphalt." Geletter marvels: "Asphalt, the rubbery-hot smell and black sheen of it when you lay the stuff down: progress, the triumphant vanquishing of discouragement and mud."

He believes America's intellectuals are merchants of discouragement, teachers of passivity, justifiers of self-pity.

However, his experience has left him, on balance, confident about the mass of Americans: "If you insert into this weird slot machine of modern life one evil act, a thousand acts of kindness

tumble out." Echoing the psalmist, he says, "Life is a stubborn return from sorrow again and again." This is the voice of an

angry, happy man.
George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.



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Go in deep: Mark McGwire became the first since Maris and Mauer to hit 53 homers in one season.

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Section B

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SPORTSQUOTE

Now that Coors sponsors the Heisman Trophy will there be a separate Heisman Light for small schools?

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—Greg Cook of the Miami Herald

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school volleyball
Carson County, Mackay at Carey, 5 p.m.
Bullitt/Shepherd at Gooding, 5 p.m.
Wendell at Carson Ferry, 5:15 p.m.
Oxley at Castleton, 6 p.m.
Diernoch at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Pocahontas at Ninkovic, 6 p.m.
Nimrod at Pleasant, 6 p.m.
Butler at Richmond, 6 p.m.
Kamela at Elletts, 7 p.m.
Ketchikan at Richland, 7 p.m.
Rat River at Hazelman, 7 p.m.

High school football
Highlands at Phoenixes at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.

High school soccer
Bullitt/Wood River, 5 p.m.
ESD at Ninkovic, 5 p.m.
Wendell at Ketchikan, 5 p.m.
Nimrod at Butler, 5:30 p.m.

Weather: Partly cloudy, some rain for tomorrow evening. Winds: 10 to 20 mph in gusts.

SCOREBOARD

Pro baseball

Boston	4	Atlanta	3
N.Y. Yankees	6	Detroit	2
Milwaukee	3	St. Louis	3
Cleveland	7	Minnesota	6
Chicago	9	Kansas City	4
Texas	5	Seattle	4
Arizona	3	Oakland	1
St. Louis	12	Chicago Cubs	9
Philadelphia	5	Florida	2
Florida	5	Philadelphia	2
Illinois	4	Pittsburgh	4
Minnesota	4	Cincinnati	1
Atlanta	10	N.Y. Mets	2
San Diego	5	California	4
San Francisco	2	Los Angeles	1

IN BRIEF

CSU women No. 1, men 6th in national rankings

WINN, FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho women's cross-country team is ranked No. 1 in the nation this week, one spot ahead of defending national champions.

CSU, which the Vikings in the teams' first meeting of the season last week, Region 2B for the South Idaho is ranked third, and Utah Valley is No. 10.

The CSU men are sixth in the national rankings, with Butler County, Kan., No. 1. Falls is fifth, after beating CSU in Twin Falls last week.

Self-tournament honors elite BSU football coach

BOISE—The inaugural Pekey Allen Memorial Golf Tournament tees off at 1 p.m. Oct. 4 at Plantation Golf Club in Boise.

The event, with 128 golfers, will raise money for cancer research and local cancer-related programs and services. The entry fee of \$20 includes the green fee, cart, lunch and prizes. For more information, call 353-4469.

Allan, former coach of the Boise State University football team, died of cancer earlier this year in Montana.

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Runners take to the hills

First meet at Magic Mountain leaves athletes breathless

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

MAGIC MOUNTAIN—The temptation to simply lie down and roll must have been nearly irresistible. After almost two and a half miles of relentless climbing, followed by a descent and another climb, cross-country runners from more than a dozen Magic Valley high schools finished Wednesday's meet at Magic Mountain with a plummeting finish that required more agility than speed.

"The thing was just to keep your balance on that last hill," Rat River runner Aaron Edwards said between breaths. His arms flailed but his legs kept pounding, at least well enough to sew up second place, behind Gooding's Nathanael Castle.

Running results

Boys
Team scores: 1. Deca, 41; 2. Gooding, 56; 3. Kimberly, 75; 4. Wood River, 106.

Individual results:
1. Nathanael Castle, Good., 2:17:27; 2. Aaron Edwards, RR, 17:44; 3. Jackson Esselman, WR, 18:46; 4. Sam Wood, Deca, 5; Robert Diaz, Deca, 6; Tyler Tolford, Deca, 7; Wes Hopwood, Kim, 8; Daniel Gil, Deca, 9; Tyler Howard, Deca, 10; Chris Patterson, Good., JV winner; Deca, 25

Girls
Team scores: 1. Wood River, 46; 2. Deca, Gooding, 84.

Individual results: 1. Holly Hobson, WR, 20:52; 2. Leah Moore, B.M., 22:12; 3. Jenna Nelson, Good., 22:20; 4. Erin Lyons, WR, 5; Jeannie Rada, Horsec, 6; Rachel Hunt, Kim, 7; Amber Whelan, Deca, 8; Josie Bradford, WR, 9; Kara Steiner, Good., 10; Cindy Soltner, Valley.

Rock Creek Road and over to Pettit Campground. From there, the runners went uphill again, over the sagebrush-covered hill at the base of Pike Mountain.

A few dozen spectators watched from the parking lot as the runners emerged, one-by-one, from the aspens and dropped into that final, thigh-pounding stretch.

"Actually it feels a lot better. On the climb, your legs just start burning," said Jenni Nelson of Gooding, who finished third, behind Wood River freshman Holly Hobson and Leah Moore of Buhl. Hobson said running in the Wood River Valley helped her prepare for this

meet. Still, she said she was surprised at the gap between her and the two nearest rivals as she crested the final hill.

She won easily, in 20:53, while Moore finally won a nip-and-tuck battle with Nelson in the final meters to finish in 22:12.

Right, Leah Moore, of Buhl, and Jenni Nelson, of Gooding, duel for second place. Moore came from behind to beat Nelson by just eight seconds in the first high school cross country meet held at Magic Mountain Ski Resort. Below, Nathanael Castle, of Gooding, catches his breath at the finish line while Aaron Edwards, of Rat River, takes second place.



"It's much easier to ski, and meet last Dave Emerson, looking at the final grassy patch.

The runners left from the parking lot of the Magic Mountain ski lodge and funneled onto a narrow trail used for cross-country skiing in the winter.

The course's toughest climb came there before the trail descended back to

Buhl volleyball team takes Twin Falls down the line

By Karen Baumer
Times-News writer

BUHL—Both teams played well enough to win Wednesday night's volleyball match between Buhl and Twin Falls.

But the difference on Wednesday was Buhl's ability to hit the ball down the line as the Indians' took the non-conference victory, 15-10, 12-15, 15-9.

When the two teams met earlier this season, Buhl dominated the opening game, then watched the Bruins come from behind for the 3-game win.

On Wednesday, the Indians again held Twin Falls at bay in game one, taking it 15-10 after holding a lead of 14-6.

But the Bruins battled back from a 12-10 deficit in game two before falling 15-9 in the third game.

"The matches where we've lost, we played good in the first set. We played a decent second set but Twin Falls came back," said Buhl coach Roger Shigler. "I can't explain the loss of intensity. We quit making plays and hoped the other team wouldn't make any."

Still, when the deciding game three was on the line, that's where the Indians went and Twin Falls couldn't adjust.

Erin Scott and Carrie Williamson combined for 28 kills on the night for Buhl and none were as important as the

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Worm's contract offer makes NBA squirm

The Associated Press

CHICAGO—Basketball had by Dennis Rodman made the Chicago Bulls an offer that sounded too good to be true: They could pay him nothing for any games he might miss for kicking a cameraman, head-butting a referee or any other inappropriate antics.

But Rodman's agent said the NBA won't allow the deal. That leaves the gangly forward known as "The Worm" still trying to wriggle into another season with Michael Jordan and the rest of the team that has won five NBA championships in the '90s.

The Bulls want Rodman, 36, and his multicolored hair because he is a tenacious defender who has led the league in rebounding for six straight seasons. The problem is that Rodman, as he loves to tell everyone, is at times uncon-



Dennis Rodman

troubling. Like Bizarro, Superman's evil double, Rodman can be the opposite of the all-American Jordan, whose clean-cut mien and grace has given the Bulls an enormous worldwide following.

Rodman was suspended for 14 games last season for kicking a court-side cameraman, using an explosive in a live postgame television interview and striking Milwaukee's Joe Wolf in the groin.

The year before, he was suspended for six games for head-butting a referee. While the bullsweers in Salt Lake City for the NBA Finals in June, Rodman Please see RODMAN, Page B2.

The full Monty: Will Britain's Colin join U.S. tour?

The Associated Press

The European Ryder Cup team enters next week's competition against the United States faced with the prospect that several key players—including Colin Montgomerie—will be unable to play full time on the U.S. tour next year.

"Honestly, I have not made my mind up at this stage," Montgomerie said Wednesday as he prepared to play the British Masters in England.

Montgomerie, leading money winner on the PGA European Tour the last four years, has long said he would not move to the United States because his family preferred living in Britain.

But his waffling comments at the British Masters came two weeks after he threatened to walk out of a tournament in Switzerland to protest the conditions of the greens.

Poor course conditions, inferior practice facilities and tougher competition were among the reasons cited by Nick Faldo, Ernie Els and Jesper Parnevik in recent years when they left the European tour to play in the United States.

"Every course that does not come up to scratch I think about it (going to America),"

Montgomerie said. The fact that three of the four major championships are played in the United States also has been a factor in getting players to switch.

Montgomerie, who has yet to win a major title, has played his best in the U.S. Open and the PGA Championship and might fare even better if he spent longer stretches in the United States before those events.

And then there is money. Purses on the U.S. tour will more than double over the course of a new four-year TV contract that takes effect in 1999.

Anyone in the top 125 on the PGA Tour money list at the end of the season is eligible to join the tour. Montgomerie is currently 33rd in only nine events and will easily finish in the top 125.

"I'm weighing up all sorts of factors," Montgomerie said. "No. 1 is my family and we'll take it from there. It's obviously a big decision and not one to be taken lightly."

Montgomerie, who has a 4-year-old daughter and another 20 months old, stressed that he would not give up his PGA European Tour membership. But under restrictions relaxed this year, he need play only seven European events outside the four majors next year to keep his playing card.



Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, a member of the 1997 European Ryder Cup team, could play full time on the PGA Tour next year. Several other team members could follow his lead.

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SPORTS

Volleyball

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final points of game three.
The Bruins returned 12-5 when Teresa Thompson went to the service line and Kelsey Kleinkopf heated up in the middle.
Three kills by Kleinkopf, one by Phillipson and a hitting error by Buhl moved the Bruins within 12-9.
But a Twin Falls passing error returned the ball to Buhl for good.
Scott crushed the ball down the line for the Indians' next point, before a setting error by Twin Falls took Buhl to match point.
Scott nailed another one to the empty floor for the winner.
They knew they were supposed to be there," said Twin Falls coach Mike Rizzo about the Bruins players covering the line. "We just didn't get over. We're used to spitting the block. We adjusted the defense but the girls just weren't used to getting over."

Sill Federico was pleased with his player's intensity compared with Tuesday night's win over Jerome.
"Id rather lose and compete," Federico said.
Twin Falls drops to 3-3 overall, while Buhl improves to 9-5 on the year.
Sports writer Karen Baumert can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

Woman sues after losing bid for Duke kicker

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Duke coach Fred Goldsmith has a new problem to go with the longest losing streak in major college football: a sex-discrimination suit filed by a kicker who wanted to be the first woman to play in Division I.
"I have no response," Goldsmith said Wednesday. "At the proper time any response will come from the attorneys at Duke University. That's it. I'm a football coach, I'm going to stick to answering questions about football."
Heather Sue Mercer filed a lawsuit in federal court in Greensboro on Tuesday. She contends she was treated fairly by Duke coaches after Goldsmith initially welcomed her to try out as a kicker in 1995.
Since denying Mercer a place on the team, Goldsmith has kept kickers whose skills were

no better than Mercer's, the lawsuit said.
"I've seen a lot worse on a lot of Division I teams," said former Washington Redskins kicker Mark Moseley, who ran summer kicking camps that Mercer attended in 1995 and 1996.
"I know Heather Sue has worked extremely hard," said Moseley, the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 1982. "From 40 yards in she was pretty deadly."
The senior economics major's telephone number is not listed. She did not respond to interview requests made through her lawyer.
Duke attorneys referred inquiries to a university vice president, who did not immediately return a call.
Mercer, a freshman walk-on from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., made the winning 28-yard field

goal in the team's spring scrimmage in 1995. Goldsmith said after that scrimmage that Mercer had made the team. But she was left off the team once Goldsmith trimmed his roster that summer.
"I shouldn't have said it," Goldsmith said after changing his mind during summer preseason training that year. "I was carried away at the time."
Mercer said then she was neither the best nor the strongest kicker but still deserved a spot on the team.
A third-team all-state kicker in high school, Mercer was allowed to practice with Duke's other five kickers. But she was never issued the protective padding or a uniform, her lawsuit said. As late as this year, Mercer participated in the team's endurance training in her effort to win a roster spot.

Rodman

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made derogatory comments about Mormont. That drew a \$50,000 fine — the largest in NBA history.
On the court, he dresses in drag and says he fantasizes about playing his final NBA game naked. He's titled his two books "Bad As I Wanna Be" and "Walk on the Wild Side." He was Hulk Hogan's tag-team partner in a professional wrestling match this summer.
Last summer, Rodman signed a one-year contract with the Bulls for

around \$9 million. Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said he would resign Rodman only if it's clear that his behavior won't be tolerated.
So Rodman suggested that the team pay him nothing up front, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Wednesday. Instead, he said, the Bulls should set up a sort of deferred account system with \$10 million in an escrow account. When it came time to pay Rodman at the end of the season, the team could deduct a pro-rated amount for each game he was suspended.

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Laurie Flachmeier Corbelli remembers the many times she called home crying after yet another long, grueling day of training for the 1980 U.S. volleyball team.
She and her teammates had left behind families, friends and their educations, all for a chance at an Olympic medal. But in April 1980, President Carter announced the United States was boycotting the Moscow Games.
Corbelli and her teammates' dreams of a medal were gone, but the bond they'd developed during

those long months of training wasn't. This weekend, Corbelli and three of her 1980 teammates will be on the floor together again, this time as coaches.
"It's something that since we became Division I coaches, we've always talked about it and kidded about it," said Debbie Landreth Brown, Notre Dame's coach and coach of the 1980 team.
"I finally told the other coaches, 'OK, here's a date that I can host it, do you guys want to do it?'"
The Tournament of Champions, which begins Friday, features Notre Dame; Corbelli's Texas

A&M squad; New Mexico, which is coached by Laurel Brassey Iversen; and California, coached by Sue Woodruff. It will be held every other year, rotating among the four schools. Cal will hold the tournament in 1999.
"We all know on a given night we can all beat each other," Brassey Iversen said. "But if I'm going to lose, I'd rather lose to one of these guys."
Boycotting the Olympics had a profound effect on the team of 14, which was favored to win a medal. Seven, including Brown and Brassey Iversen, retired, deciding

it was time to go back to school and get on with their lives.
The rest remained on the national team, and Corbelli and Woodruff were the only players that won a silver medal at the 1984 Olympics.
"None of the most conflicting and difficult times to be on any 1980 teammates on the side and not on the playing court," Woodruff said of the 1984 Olympics. "That experience in '84 will not only be a great experience, it was an extremely difficult experience."
Corbelli agreed.

SCORES AND STATS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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Box score for Braves vs Mets game.

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Box score for Marlins vs Phillies game.

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Box score for Cardinals vs Cubs game.



TRANSACTIONS

AL: Kansas City traded pitcher...
NL: Montreal traded pitcher...
Transactions list player movements between teams.

Strong-arm McGwire blasts No. 53

CHICAGO (AP) — Mark McGwire hit his 53rd home run of the season Wednesday as the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Chicago Cubs 12-9.

McGwire, who signed a three-year, \$28.5 million contract with the Cardinals on Tuesday, homered leading off the third inning.

The 53 homers tops his previous best of 52, which he hit last season with Oakland. It's the most homers since 1961, when Roger Maris hit a record 61 and New York Yankees teammate Mickey Vernon had 54.

Royce Clayton hit a two-run homer in a five-run first, Gary Gaetti added a three-run double in the seventh, and Mike Delfino had a two-run homer in the ninth for the Cardinals.

Braves 10, Mets 2

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves became the first major-league team to clinch six straight postseason appearances and also set a record with their 12th straight first inning to cruise past the New York Mets.

Ryan Klesko hit the slam, Jeff Blauser added a three-run homer and Greg Maddux picked up his 19th victory for the Braves, who have been in the playoffs every completed season since 1991 and are assured at least a wild-card berth in the National League.

The Braves reduced their magic number to six over Florida for winning a sixth straight division title. Atlanta holds a six-game lead in the NL East over the Marlins, who split a doubleheader with Philadelphia.

Atlanta equaled its season high for runs in an inning, scoring nine for the third time after New York jumped to a 1-0 lead against Maddux (19-4). Mets starter Bobby Jones (14-9) failed to get an out



St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits his 53rd home run of the season in the third inning Wednesday against the Cubs in Chicago.

Expos 4, Reds 1

CINCINNATI — Rondell White hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning as Montreal snapped a four-game losing streak. White homered off Stan Belinda (1-4) with two outs as the Expos avoided matching their longest losing streak of the season. Montreal has lost seven of its last 11 games.

Jim Bullinger (7-12) relieved and got Jon Nunnally to ground out with the bases loaded in the seventh, preserving a 1-1 tie set up by a run-scoring wild pitch

and was removed after walking four of the eight batters he faced.

Gators snapping for Tennessee showdown

By Richard Rosenblatt
The Associated Press

Leave it to Florida to strike a nerve before a big game.

Earlier this week, Gators offensive tackle Mo Collins called Peyton Manning "highly overrated" and running back Fred Taylor said the Vols "know they can't beat us."

Must be time for No. 4 Tennessee to get back on top.

Florida, it seems, has a way of getting under the skin of its opponents.

In the weeks leading to the Sugar Bowl, chief Gator baiter Steve Spurrier complained to Florida State's late hits on Danny Wuerffel after a regular-season loss at Tallahassee.

Before the '96 game against Tennessee, defensive end Tim Beachamp said Manning gets easily rattled in the pocket.

Both times, Florida won, beating Florida State 22-10 in its first national title after taking out Tennessee 35-20 last September.

Manning's reply? "For one thing, Florida has the play to talk. They're defending champions. He said, 'We don't have the right or the room to talk. We're in second place.'"

Florida (2-0) has beaten Tennessee (2-0) the past four years, and even though the Gators have a new quarterback in Doug Johnson, their defense may give them an edge.

Both teams had last week off. Two weeks ago, Florida set a modern-day school scoring mark in an 82-6 win over Central Michigan, while Tennessee hung on for a 30-24 victory over LSU.

So far, Manning has thrown for 651 yards and seven touchdowns, while Johnson has thrown for 541 yards and nine touchdowns.

Arizona State, 19-0. Alvin Green, the Huskers' I-back, said his team was bothered by the crowd noise at Sun Devil Stadium in '96, and wants to avoid a similar problem at Husky Stadium.

Nebraska, which had a tough time against Central Florida last week, will have other problems, such as trying to stop quarterback Brock Huard and running back Rashawn Shuebe.

The picks:

No. 1 Penn State (minus 21) at No. 12 Michigan

Lions turn thoroughbred Curtis Enis loose against Cardinals. ... PENN STATE 41-17.

No. 7 Nebraska (plus 3) at No. 3 Washington

Huskers' defense has hands full dealing with Huard & Co. ... WASH- ington 27-17.

No. 4 Tennessee (plus 4) at No. 3 Florida

Peyton Manning can't beat Gators by himself. ... FLORIDA 33-27.

No. 5 Florida State (minus 20) at No. 16 Clemson

Tigers almost caught napping last week will give Seminoles a text. ... FLORIDA STATE 31-20.

No. 6 North Carolina (minus 23) at No. 1 Maryland

Tar Heels defend all over Terps. ... NORTH CAROLINA 31-10.

Bayler (plus 25 1/2) at No. 8 Michigan

With Brian Griese at the controls, Wolverines prep for Notre Dame next week. ... MICHIGAN 41-13.

Arizona (plus 17) at No. 9 Ohio State

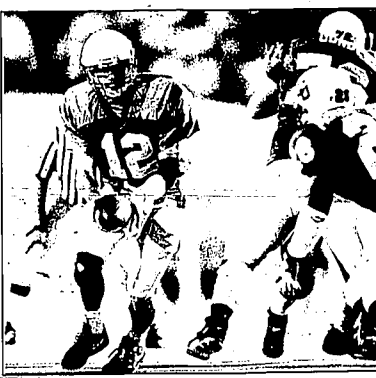
Buckeyes QB Stanley Jackson 130 as a starter. ... OHIO STATE 28-20.

No. 12 Auburn (plus 5 1/2) at No. 10 LSU

Game could turn on play of QBs — Auburn's Dwayne Crig vs. LSU's Herb Tyler. ... LSU 21-14.

Arkansas (plus 17 1/2) at No. 15 Alabama

Hogs may not even get a chance to score TD this week. ... ALABAMA 44-6.



University of Oregon back-up quarterback Jason Maas looks to hand off to tailback Saladin McCullough during their night game against Arizona in Eugene, Ore. Sept. 4. Maas will likely start Saturday against Fresno State in Eugene.

Iowa State had Troy Davis, Iowa has Tavian Banks' (517 yards in two games). ... IOWA 45-10.

Brigham Young (plus 8) at No. 14 Arizona State

BYU last won in Tempe in 1965. ... ARIZONA STATE 34-24.

MICHIGAN STATE (plus 2) 12) at Notre Dame

Can Irish be as bad as they looked in first two games? ... MICHIGAN STATE 31-24.

No. 18 Virginia Tech (minus 23 1/2) at Temple

Hokies' Ken Orendine runs all over outnumbered OUs. ... VIRGINIA TECH 35-10.

No. 19 Washington State (minus 9 1/2) at Illinois

Illini's new coach Ron Turner still looking for win No. 1. ... WASHINGTON STATE 35-21.

and a bases-loaded walk. Ugueth Urbina got the last three outs for his 27th save in 32 chances.

Phillies 5, Marlins 2,

1st game

Marlins 5, Phillies 2,

2nd game

MIAMI — Rookie Tony Saunders earned his first victory since July 31 to help the Florida Marlins salvage a split of their doubleheader with Philadelphia.

Saunders (4-6), winless in his past seven starts, allowed four hits and one run in six innings. He entered the game 3-0 against the Atlanta Braves but 0-6 against the rest of the National League.

Rookie Garrett Stephenson and closer Ricky Bottalico combined on a six-hitter for Philadelphia in the opener.

The Marlins reduced the magic number for clinching their first playoff berth to seven.

Astros 8, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH — The Houston Astros took a big step toward winning their first division title since 1966, backing Shane Reynolds' eight-hit pitching with three homers to beat Pittsburgh.

The Astros have won their last two games by a combined score of 23-7 to open a 4 1/2-game lead in the NL Central over the upstart Pirates, who had edged back into the race by winning two in a row.

Houston's magic number is seven. Reynolds (9-10) pitched 8 1/3 innings before being chased by pinch-hitter Dale Svam's two-run homer in the ninth. He allowed four runs, walked one and struck out five.

Luis Gonzalez, rookie Richard Hidalgo and Jeff Bagwell led off innings with homers for Houston, which was working on its third shutout in five games in this Pittsburgh this season until Al Martin hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Texas scores 3 in 9th to beat the Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Lee Stevens hit Norm Charlton's first pitch off the wall for a two-out, two-run double that capped a three-run ninth inning rally, lifting Texas past Seattle, 5-4.

Charlton blew his 10th save of the season for the Mariners, who remained six games ahead of Anaheim in the AL West.

McGwire the home run race, but had two hits and his major league-leading 140th RBI.

McGwire hit his 53rd homer Wednesday in St. Louis' victory at Chicago.

Danny Patterson (10-6) pitched a perfect ninth for the victory. Seattle reliever Heathcliff Slocumb (0-9) took the loss.

Yankees 6, Tigers 2

NEW YORK — Jorge Posada homered and drove in a four-run home run as the New York Yankees cut Baltimore's lead to four games with a 6-2 victory over Detroit on Wednesday night.

The Yankees also reduced their magic number to qualify for the postseason to two, pending the outcome of Anaheim's late game with Oakland.

Posada went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer as the Yankees matched a season-high with their fifth straight victory. Chad Curtis went 4-for-4 and scored three runs and Paul O'Neill was 3-for-4.

Brewers 8, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE — Jeremy Burnitz had three hits and three RBIs as Milwaukee routed Scott Erickson and slumping Baltimore.

Jeff D'Amico (9-6) got his third victory in three starts this season against Baltimore, allowing two runs in five innings. It was his fourth start since a six-week stint on the disabled

list and first win since July 18. Roberto Alomar and Lenny Weber were moved for the Orioles, who have lost six of nine and 13 of 20. Erickson (16-7) allowed six runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Indians 7, Twins 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Manny Ramirez hit a two-run double in a four-run fifth inning as Cleveland beat Minnesota to move closer to the AL Central title.

Jaret Wright (8-3), who has won five of his last six starts, gave up seven hits and three runs in six innings for the Indians, who reduced their magic number for clinching the division to seven over Milwaukee.

Man Lawson homered twice and drove in a career-high five runs for Minnesota, including a three-run shot with one out in the ninth. Jose Mesa got the final two outs for his 10th save. Travis Miller (0-4) took the loss.

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 3

BOSTON — Mo Vaughn responded to the boss of the crowd with a two-run home run in the eighth inning to lead Boston past Toronto.

Vaughn, who made it 4-2 with the homer off Dan Plesac, was bowed during introductions and during his first three at-bats in response to his comments Monday that he did not want to return to the Red Sox next season.

Boston's Ron Mahoy (3-0) retired the only two batters he faced to pick up the victory, while Paul Quantrill (6-7) took the loss. Tom Gordon, who allowed Jose Curtis' RBI single in the ninth, finished for his ninth save.

White Sox 8, Royals 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Frank Thomas had a two-run, two-out single in the eighth inning as Chicago beat Kansas City.

James Baldwin (12-14) worked seven innings for the victory. He gave up four runs and five hits in the first three innings, but only two hits in the last four. Keith Foulke finished for his second save.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Alabama star cut for contact with agents

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Star defensive lineman Michael Myers was dropped from the Alabama team Wednesday after an intern told reporters he had made improper contact with sports agents.



Michael Myers

Marie Robbins, who oversees the university's compliance with NCAA rules, said her two-week investigation concluded that Myers had accepted hotel expenses from an agent during a trip to California and cash benefits from a second agent.

"Due to the serious nature of these violations, the university will not seek restoration of Mr. Myers' eligibility," Robbins said.

Kemp, McDyess on block for NBA meetings

ORLANDO, Fla. — The NBA league meetings are set to begin, and trademarked general managers are eyeing Shawn Kemp of Seattle and Antonio McDyess of Denver as the two top prizes.

The 3 1/2-day meetings are expected to draw every coach and general manager from the league's 29 teams. It is the first time since the 1995 season was canceled because of the lockout.

Among the arrivals Wednesday was Seattle general manager Wally Walker, who will be one of the major players in trade talks before everybody heads home Sunday to get ready for the start of training camp Oct. 3.

Seattle teams are trying to swing a trade for Kemp—the Sonics' disgruntled All-Star forward.

Foreman withdraws from Rahman fight

Former heavyweight champion George Foreman has pulled out of his scheduled fight with unbeaten Hasim Rahman of Baltimore at Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, Conn., Nov. 22. HBO vice president Lou DiBella said Wednesday.

This was to have been a breakthrough fight for Rahman (23-0), who was elevated to No. 7 in the International Boxing Federation rankings after stopping Jeff Woodson in July to claim the USA title.

Money woes force cancellation of game

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Grumbling State football coach Eddie Robinson may never return to the Rose Bowl.

Cuban, U.S. women advance to finals

CAGUAS, Puerto Rico — The United States beat the Dominican Republic and Cuba beat Canada on Wednesday to advance to the finals of the women's competition in the North and Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Championships.

Magic assistant coach arrested on wiretap

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando Magic assistant coach Wayne "Tree" Rollins was charged Wednesday with wiretapping his estranged wife's house and forging her name on an application for a home equity loan.

Rollins, who is in the process of divorcing his wife, Kathy, was charged with felony wiretapping by Orlando police and forged and attempted grand theft by Orange County sheriff's deputies.

Spurned by Wilcox, Wilcox turns to wrestling

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Deaded Duck? The Querulous Quacker? How about Wilcox the Warrior?

Spurned by Wilcox, Wilcox turns to wrestling

None. Alex Wilcox's colorful former tight end embarks on his career in pro wrestling, he will be "just Josh Wilcox."

Compiled from wire reports

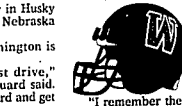
Nebraska expects lots of noise at Washington

SEATTLE (AP) — It will be noisy in Husky Stadium on Saturday when No. 7 Nebraska visits No. 2 Washington.

Nebraska is expecting it. Washington is counting on it.

"We have to score on our first drive," Washington quarterback Brock Huard said. "We've got to put points on the board and get our crowd in the game."

Nebraska has piped in taped crowd noise during practice to get ready for the expected 72,500 on Saturday.



"I remember the stadium perfectly," Frost said. "It's a fun stadium to play in, but the crowd's definitely going to be into it."

"This is college football," Frost said. "If you lose a game, you're dropping a long way and you might not have a chance to get back up where you want to be."

Nebraska is considered the underdog, but the unfamiliar label doesn't appear to bother the Cornhuskers.

"We always feel in our minds that we're the better team," Taylor said.

"Nationally, if we win this game it's going to be great for us," Taylor said. "If we want to be the national championship team, we have to win this game and we have to win it big."

Huard is the nation's top-rated quarterback, and averages 300 passing yards per game.

"I think Washington's a big-play team," Peter said. "He can throw the long ball, but it's not like he's just sitting back there like a telephone pole. He can run, too. We're going to have to be careful."

YOURSPORTS

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After a long wait, the bass tourney results are in

BURLEY - The Milner Open bass tournament, sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Bassers Association, was held at the Snake River in July.

The tournament had been rescheduled after flooding conditions prevented the original date.

Marty Tasso and Kevin Nelwert took first and Kenny Peterson and Reed Payne placed second. The "Big Fish" award went to Byron Hager.

The recent flooding has had little impact on the bass fishing, weed beds are not as thick and there are a lot of little bass in the river. The organization wants to thank all of the sponsors who help support bass fishing. The group hopes to stock more bass in the river this month with funds raised at the Milner Open.

Far right, first-place winners of the recent Mini-Cassia Bassers Association Milner Open tournament were Marty Tasso, left, and Kevin Nelwert. The team placed first in the last two competitions and Nelwert won the "Big Fish" at a recent Anderson Ranch tournament. Right, the winner of the "Big Fish" at the recent Milner Open Mini-Cassia Bassers Association tournament was Byron Hager, 15, who landed a 3-pound 6 1/2-ounce bass.



Kenny Peterson, left, and Reed Payne placed second in the Mini-Cassia Bassers Association Milner Open tournament and Payne won the "Big Fish" contest.



Burley Ironmen showed stamina in Canada

BURLEY - Local competitors joined athletes from 34 countries, approximately 900 United States triathletes, to test their stamina and determination at the Subaru Ironman Canada Triathlon Championship Aug. 24, in Pentecost, British Columbia, Canada.

The race included a 2.4-mile lake swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run and a total of 1,651 people finished the competition in the allotted time.

David Hunter, Brent Lee, Thomas Masino and David Ward traveled with family members to Canada where they trained, marched in a pre-competition parade and competed.

"According to Lee, 'Burley has more Ironman finishers than any city in the United States per capita.'"

Want more?

For more YourScore stories and photos, please see Friday's Sports section in The Times-News.

Following is a list of area triathletes with number of Ironman competitions:

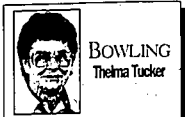
- 1: Wayne Blauer, 2: Kerry Clark, 1: Dave Hunter, 1: Brent Lee, 7: Tom Masino, 2: Ron Ploger, 1: Randy Stone, 1: and Dave Ward, 2.



Mini-Cassia Ironman competitors are pictured preparing to train before the Subaru Ironman Canada Triathlon at Pentecost, British Columbia, Canada. Pictured from left are David Hunter, Brent Lee, Thomas Masino and David Ward.

Filer's Cedar Lanes heralds great scoring

Since 1994 Tracy and Juliet Ridgeway have been the proud owners of Cedar Lanes bowling alley in Filer. Cedar Lanes was built in 1978 by Dallis and Margaret Brown and it was the first center in the area to have automatic scoring.



BOWLING
Thelma Tucker

When Dallis and Margaret retired from the bowling business, Tracy and Juliet took over. Tracy was born and raised in Twin Falls, graduated from Twin Falls High School and spent one year at College Southern Idaho, majoring in engineering.

Juliet was born in Twin Falls and spent her early childhood in Castelford. When she was 12, she started school in Twin Falls and put in a year of studying accounting at CSI.

In 1991, Tracy was Juliet's manager at Albertson's. They married Dec. 26, 1992 and have three children - 5-month-old Tyler, 2-year-old Nicholas and A.J., who is nine.

Tracy has a 716 series and a 265 game recorded as his bowling high while Juliet has a 600 series and 267 game. Tracy's highest average was this past season at 192 and Juliet's 178 was also bowled this past season.

How do these two feel about the future of bowling? Tracy says "bowling is a great sport for all ages, but has a lot of competition. It takes a lot of work and new ideas to keep people interested."

And Juliet said she thinks "it will get harder to involve people in leagues. We will have to find more exciting ways to bowl like cosmic bowling to attract new people."

Last season at Cedar Lanes, Tracy Harr carried the high series for men at 794.

For the ladies, Jonna Kingston led with a 654, Derrick Brinkman and Brian McGregor both rolled 300 games and Kingston rolled a 258 for the ladies high.

McGregor carried the high men's average at 210 and Juliet

Ridgeway's 178 was high on the ladies' side.

Jeremy Miller rolled a 723 for the high junior boys' series and Sundee Compton at 564 for the girls. Ian DeVries rolled the high game, 264, and carried the high average of 197 for the junior boys. Rachel Sparrow's Compton's average of 139 led the girls.

Monday night's ladies league night at Cedar Lanes. The league is four-person teams and bowls for 33 weeks. Tuesday and Thursday nights are for the guys. The Tuesday league rolls a 33-week schedule. The Thursday league is a shorter week season and doesn't start until Nov. 6.

Mixed leagues are on Friday and Saturday nights. Friday has a short season starting on Nov. 7 and Saturday is a 27-week league and is a NON SMOKING League.

All next week YABA (Junior) bowlers will be signing up for leagues. Starting Oct. 25, a Saturday night, there will be a "Snow Bowl" from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Cost will be \$8 per person.

There are still openings on some of the leagues and anyone interested or having any questions regarding leagues or "Spectro Bowling" may call 326-5902.

They say the first years are the toughest and now that they are behind you, good luck in your future, Tracy and Juliet.

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

Rainier takes women's golf championship

GOODING - Linda Rainier fired an 85 to take the Gooding Country Club women's club championship Sept. 30.

Louis Smith placed second with an 87. Bonnie Coats and Janet Billiard tied for first-place net honors at 65.

In the first flight, Helen Blakeslee won first gross with a 107 and Edna Burton took second with a 110.

First net went to Julie Coffman at 72. Bev Heuston took second with a 76.

TF ladies lead league

RUPERT - The sixth match of the Magic Valley Inter-City Ladies Golf Association was held at Rupert Country Club Wednesday.

For the season, the Twin Falls Ladies, who collected 135 points Wednesday, lead the league with 70 points. Jerome stands in second at 59.5. Canyon Springs is in third at 57 followed by Clear Lake 56; Burley 52.5; Rupert and Blue Lakes 49.5 and Gooding 39. The final match is Tuesday at Canyon Springs.

Medalist for the day was Canyon Springs' Lynn Morgan with an 81. Twin Falls Virginia Underjorn was second with an 84. Oleta Roberts of Clear Lake took third at 87.

Net honors went to Twin Falls' Ilene Carey with a 66. Rupert's Lenore Kasworm was second at 68 and teammate Connie Blase was third at 69.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Bullet struck Twin Falls school bus, police say

TWIN FALLS - A school bus apparently was hit by a bullet Tuesday morning. The bus, owned by Western States Bus Services, had a bullet hole in the frame of a mirror on the right side, a Twin Falls police report said.

The driver reported hearing a very loud pop at about 11 a.m. after dropping a child off at a day care in the 1200 block of Addison Avenue, the report said. The driver and an aide aboard the bus could not find any damage and weren't sure where the pop came from, but the driver noticed the broken mirror while on afternoon routes.

Twin Falls woman faces domestic battery charges

TWIN FALLS - A woman who police say tried to set her boyfriend's hair on fire faces domestic battery charges. Twin Falls police were called to the apartment of Julie Ann Boyer, 26, at 6:11 p.m. Tuesday on a report of a domestic dispute, a police report said.

Boyer's boyfriend, Lex Lowman, said they had been arguing, and, when he walked down the stairs to leave, Boyer began hitting him, the report said. Lowman said he lay down on the steps and covered his face with his arms, then heard a clicking noise and realized Boyer was trying to burn his hair with a cigarette lighter, the report said.

Boyer said Lowman had head-butted her three times, the report said. Boyer was arrested and arraigned in Twin Falls County magistrate court Wednesday on charges of domestic violence.

Long-range school planning to be discussed in Kimberly

KIMBERLY - A public hearing regarding the long-range planning report for the Kimberly School District will be held at 8:30 p.m. today in the high school library.

The hearing is in conjunction with the regular school board meeting. All patrons are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come listen and comment on the plans for the school district for the next two to 20 or more years.

Chamber to host high school ribbon-cutting ceremony

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Monday at Magic Valley High School, a regional alternative school.

The ceremony will dedicate the high school's new home at 512 Main Ave. N. in downtown Twin Falls. The public is invited. An open house for students and parents will be held at 6 p.m.

Blasting on Highway 93 near Shoshone has begun

SHOSHONE - Blasting to remove an old section of U.S. Highway 93 no longer in use south of Shoshone has begun, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

A new, realigned section has been built to the west of the old road. Blasting will be done several days this week, usually between 4 and 7 p.m., and motorists can expect short delays.

The two-year project to build a new, flatter and straighter seven-mile section of U.S. 93 south of Shoshone, 100 feet to the east of the old road, will eliminate sight obstructions and allow motorists to pass more safely, the IDOT said. Once construction at the north end of the project is completed within the next few weeks, traffic will move to the new section. Several weeks of blasting and construction still will be necessary. The entire project should be finished in late fall.

This second stage of reconstruction and realignment was advanced two years on the construction schedule by the Idaho Transportation Board. Nelson Construction Co. of Boise is the contractor for the \$2.9 million Stage II of reconstruction. The initial stage in 1995 cost \$2.45 million.

Zoning amendments top Ketchum planning agenda

KETCHUM - The Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall. The public is welcome.

Public comment is first on the agenda. Following is a public hearing on proposed zoning amendments to add to the ordinance on residential or plural uses by a nonprofit organization on city-owned property.

Design review discussion includes requests for a second-story addition to an existing residence adjacent to the Blasting Wood River in the Northwest Subdivision at 491 Northwood Way, and for a new one-story office building at 111 Rivers St.

Compiled from staff reports

The changing faces of a granary

From oil tank to grain bin to arts center

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Only the voice of an occasional stranger echoes inside the immense empty granary on Shoshone Street.

But it's easy to imagine the days when its steel belly held 450,000 bushels of yellow corn, or when wheat moved like an amber river into waiting rail cars. Fifty-four feet at its peak, the granary once was considered state-of-the-art and may become a center of the arts. The Magic Valley Arts Council, an umbrella organization for different groups, has commissioned a feasibility study to determine how to transform the emptiness into usefulness.

When the granary operated it was a sight to behold, says Earl Reed, whose family will donate the property for the project. Its company in 1984 purchased the granary and nearby 120-foot-high concrete silos. Built in the early 1900s, the concrete towers could hold more than 50,000 bushels.

"That's a lot of grain," Reed said. "We had it full." Because of the need for more storage, the steel bin was added in the mid-1950s by prior owners. Half-inch-thick steel plates once used to store oil were transported, probably from Texas, and welded together piece by piece, he said.

The granary's spine of almost 120 feet amazed Seattle architect Ron Jelenc, who is conducting the feasibility study. "You get inside, you can see it's big enough for a rodeo," he said. The architect also admires the hand welding of metal panels which each would take several people to stand.

"We just couldn't conceive today of that much work," he said. "It just represents work."

When the granary and silos were up and running, arriving grain was carried to the top of the concrete silos by an elevator belt with metal cups to hold grain. The corn or wheat was conveyed over to the steel bin and poured in.

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Hall of Fame to induct Pound, Street

By Susan Bailey Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Erzn Pound - poet and supporter of other writers - receives acclaim this weekend in the state of his birth as an inductee into the Idaho Hall of Fame.

Pound was born in Hailey in 1885 when it was a mining boom town, although he established a literary reputation while living in Europe, helping other writers such as Ernest Hemingway, James Joyce and T.S. Eliot perfect their craft.

Pound and about a dozen others, including renowned ski racer Picabo Street of Hailey, will be honored in a ceremony Saturday at the University of Idaho in Moscow for their role in bringing international attention to the state. The late poet's recognition by the Idaho Hall of Fame follows a poetry Theatre given by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, a Beat poet heavily influenced by Pound.

It also comes on the heels of efforts by the Erzn Pound Association to buy the house where Pound wrote his work.

"This couldn't be better," association President Florence Blanchard said. "We are thrilled to have Pound's home



Earl Reed said he has had offers to buy the landmark grain bin in downtown Twin Falls but prefers it be used to enhance the city.

Backers, opponents of rail yard file petitions

By William Brock Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The opponents have one, so now backers plan to create a railroad switching yard and industrial park east of town have their own petition - bearing hundreds of names.

Both petitions were submitted to the City Council during a hearing on the idea this week.

Supporters of the rezoning application collected 204 signatures, but at least one person - Erin Kearney - liked it so much she signed twice.

"The supporters' petition reads: 'We, the undersigned, agree with the need to relocate the Eastern Idaho Railroad switching yard out of 'Old Town' and request that you approve the rezoning application submitted by Pinnacle Land and Investment.'"

The list of supporters is long on real estate agents, which is no surprise as it was the brainchild of J. Francis Florence, who works with Magic Valley Realty.

"We deal in land, so we have some economic interest in this," Florence said, "but I also have the best interests of the community at heart."

Though he's not one of the developers, Florence said he suggested the petition idea because, "I thought it might be helpful for their cause."

The opponents' petition contains 1,722 names, said Terry Whitehead, who submitted it to the council.

It reads: "We, the undersigned citizens of Twin Falls County, do hereby protest the relocation of the Twin Falls railroad switching yard and the intermodal project to the proposed location between 3200 E. and 3300 E. roads and

the rezoning of adjacent property from rural residential to heavy industrial.

"This location would place unnecessary burdens on the city and county infrastructure, use taxpayer dollars to finance projects that are not proven to be in the city's best economic interests, nor does it successfully address the long-term need to ease traffic congestion on Twin Falls roads and direct truck traffic toward the interstates. Furthermore, it creates numerous problems for neighboring communities."

Through the petition claims signers are citizens of Twin Falls County, at least seven signatories were from Jerome County residents.

Florence conceded that opponents' signatures vastly outnumbered supporters' signatures, but added that "it's a more

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allowed Pound - despised by some for his fascist stand in World War II and his indictment on treason charges - to make the rolls. Most scheduled to be inducted into the hall of fame are less-controversial figures.

Among the dozen being inducted Saturday night is Carey's Mary Thomas, the first woman to direct the U.S. Mint. Brooks is the mother of former state Sen. John Peavey, a sheep rancher on the famous homestead in Carey.

Two other athletes join Street in being inducted, Olympic decathlete Dan O'Brien and eight-time world champion rodeo calf roper Dean Oliver.

Roger Madsen, director of the Idaho Department of Labor and one of the guest speakers at the induction ceremony, finds the list of Idaho's famous connections impressive.

"It's interesting," he said. "For a small state, we have the world's greatest athlete in O'Brien, and Picabo Street in my opinion is the greatest skier in the world, regardless of gender, and we have the world's greatest cowboy."

In Klenc's research, she uncovered the stories of Philo Farnsworth, who

The organization's stand, and Pound's role in the world of literature,

Roadside attraction calls travelers to 'Black Magic'

By Kerma M. Fitzgerald Times-News correspondent

WEST MAGIC - They call it 'Black Magic' - the miracle of Mother Nature that cuts paths through layers upon layers of lava rock.

Now, Idaho Highway 75 travelers can get a closer look at the black rocks of Lincoln County's Sculptured Canyon.

It's hard to see the canyon in all its glory this time of year. Water fills the Big Wood River channel, hiding the site's true essence.

But now, thanks to a cooperative effort of state, federal and local governments here, visitors can get an educated glimpse.

The Black Magic Canyon Wayside Exhibit was unveiled Wednesday. The off-road pullover features an information kiosk, a short trail system and picnic tables. When the water is gone, usu-

ally in late fall through early spring, visitors will be able to walk along the riverbed to see the gallery of sculptures left behind, scientists say, after millions of years of moving water and erosion.

"We are not partisan or denominational," said Mary Sharp of the Bureau of Land Management. "It's very unique when a river of this size cuts through a lava bed like this."

Sharp estimates glacier flows created the canyon - although it's hard to pre- dict a day. The oldest of the lava flows in this area started 17 million years ago. The newest are just 2,000 years old.

Many people, even those who live in the area, are unaware the canyon exists. But it was a Shoshone resident who got the ball rolling to create the roadside attraction.

In September 1994, Judy Brossy wrote a letter to the BLM encouraging its staff to take steps not only to protect the site,

but to let the world know about it.

"Judy got things going," Sharp said. Brossy and Sharp, with help from a myriad of other state, federal and county supporters, applied for grants and built enthusiasm for the project.

They ended up with \$42,000 to create the project with the Idaho Transportation Department.

The site is just off Highway 75 on the road to West Magic.

West Magic residents say they're happy to have the tourist attraction in their driveway.

"I think it will be welcome," said Joe Ellinger, a board member for West Magic's "Darn Fools Club." "They can come in here and then they can easily come on down and see us."

Times-News correspondent Kerma M. Fitzgerald can be reached in Shoshone at 886-7068.

2 teen-agers sentenced in car thefts

By Kent McCreary Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls teenager charged with stealing more than a dozen cars has been sentenced to a state juvenile facility.

Meanwhile, one of his accomplices has been sentenced to three years of probation, while another accomplice awaits sentencing in Boise.

Justin Livingston, 16, Twin Falls, and Toby LaPray, 15, Buhl, pleaded guilty to stealing a string of cars in Twin Falls and Buhl.

Charges for the spree against Josh Grill, 16, have been moved to Boise, where Grill is living.

The three stole at least 12 cars from inside Twin Falls, three more from within Buhl and several more in the county within two weeks in May and June, according to police reports. Most were pickups, and all cars with the keys left inside.

Many of the vehicles were destroyed or badly damaged, police say.

Police captured the three teen-agers after a 13-minute, high-speed chase June 12 through Twin Falls and toward Kimberly. Livingston was driving the other two in a pickup stolen from a dairy near Buhl when Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies spotted them.

Magistrate Judge John Vrain sentenced Livingston and LaPray in juvenile court Aug. 26. Many of their victims attended the hearing.

Livingston, who police say was the ringleader in the thefts, admitted to 11 charges: six counts of grand theft, three counts of joyriding, one count of petty theft, and one count of misdemeanor malicious injury to property.

Livingston was committed to the state Department of Juvenile Corrections, and is in custody at the Juvenile Corrections Center in St. Anthony, juvenile court records say.

St. Anthony's correctional program is open-ended, so Livingston will stay

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MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Paul Richard Neumann, of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. today at the White Mortuary Chapel with Masonic rites to follow.

Chris Jay Hadlock, of Leli, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, 11 a.m. today at the Highland West LDS Social Center, 535 W. 1300 N. in Highland, Utah (Wing Mortuary of Leli, Utah).

Raquel Hinz, of Burley, 11 a.m. today at the Payne Mortuary Chapel, 221 W. Main St.

Darrell Eldon Rasmussen, of Elko, Nev., 3 p.m. today at the Rupert Elks Lodge (Burns Funeral Chapel of Elko, Nev.).

W.D. "Marty" Martindale, of Bellevue, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Halley LDS chapel (Wood River Mortuary).

Chapel of Hallett). Arliss "Papa" Lee, of Murtaugh, open house remem-

DEATH NOTICES

Hazel V. Weatherbee

TWIN FALLS - Hazel V. Weatherbee, 97, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1997, at the Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Garth Gates

BOISE - Garth Gates, 58, of Boise, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1997, at home of complications with cancer. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Southminster Presbyterian Church. Inurnment will be held at the Terrace Lawn Cemetery at a later date. Cremation is under the direction of the Alden-Weatherbe Chapel.

brance from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Lee residence, 2931 N. 47th E. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls).

Norma J. Anderson

OKALEY - Norma Jean Anderson, 58, of Okaley, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1997, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Released

Patricia Carl of Buhl, Beasley Larson of Burley, and Mary Houder and Ann Pannell, both of Twin Falls.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted

Norman Asher, Lisa Findlay, Bonnie Hill, Verna Price, Margarita Rios, Charles Skaggs Sr. and Elizabeth Torrez, all of Burley; Ashley Amen and Venetta Williams, both of Rupert; and Shannon Fairchild and Jack May, both of Heyburn.

Released

William Clawson, Margarita Guadarrama and

Births

Babies were born to Deborah Torres, Margarita Rios and John and Lisa Findlay, all of Burley; Shannon Fairchild of Heyburn; and Dean and Venetta Williams (twins) of Rupert.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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Admitted

Tiffany Nichols and Beth Berg, both of Rupert.

Released

Joni Bruno of Burley.

Jerome business owner opposes parking plan; council undecided

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - City officials still haven't decided whether to vacate 75 feet of alley to make room for parking in downtown Jerome - and a businessman this week told them they shouldn't.

Lonnon Blom, owner of Rosebud's Florist in the 100 block of South Lincoln, and Frank Hunter, owner of Jerome Hydraulic and Industrial Supply in the 100 block of West Avenue A, requested in August the City Council vacate the north-south alley in that block to give the two businesses parking.

The alley runs between the back of Rosebud's and the side of Jerome Hydraulic Supply. It opens onto West Avenue A and an east-west alley in the 100 block of West Avenue A.

An ordinance to allow for that vacation, by retaining city access to the utility pipes and emergency vehicles' right of way through the

alley, was read for the first time at the council meeting Tuesday evening.

Darryl Backman, owner of Jerome Floral at 107 West Main, opposed the vacation.

The back of Jerome Floral is on the east-west alley in the same block. Backman said the east-west alley is very busy with both cars and pedestrians. Area business people have to use the north-south alley to get out when the east-west alley is blocked by delivery trucks. In winter when snow gets deep, the alley is hazardous with packed snow, cars, deliveries and pedestrians.

Backman said he felt there was just too much traffic in that area to let the north-south alley be blocked with parking.

He asked the City Council to "hold off until we see what the LED will do for parking by giving city property away for parking. We may have the needed parking in another year."

The LED - or local improvement

district - is a recently adopted downtown improvement project which will widen streets, install traffic training lanes and improve landscaping and work on the parking problem. Construction is to begin next year.

City Public Works Director Bob Calver agreed the city has a problem with snow removal through the alley in winter.

"There is a city in the center of the alley and it is hard to get all of the snow out," he said. "This results in ruts where the snow gets packed."

Mayor Gerald Oiler said the ordinance would get two more readings, giving the city a chance to examine problems and make changes if necessary.

Councilman Elva Hall said Oct. 21 will be the ordinance's third reading, the measure "may be passed if it may be turned down."

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3570.

Jerome water tank project begins

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Construction on the new water storage tank, to be built in the park at the 600 block of East Avenue A, began this week.

The tank made of blue steel, will hold 94,000 gallons of water. It will measure 100 feet in diameter and 16 feet high.

Neighborhood residents will help with the tank project by advising on the surrounding landscape and choosing the tank color. The tank will be painted this fall or next spring, said Larry Evans of Foreign Engineers in Boise.

Councilman Ralph Peters asked about the irrigation job and manhole covers which sit in the park.

"I requested these be moved so the park could be used for a ball field," he said. "They are still there."

Evans said one manhole can be

moved, but not the one in the middle of the park.

"We're pretty well stuck with it," he said.

Evans suggested the city look into alternate materials for manhole covers and make the offending manhole cover project to make it less intrusive.

"Before the next irrigation season starts that box will be moved," said Bob Calver, the city's public works director. "It's a real pain."

"We couldn't disrupt the irrigation water during the irrigation season."

A copy of the blueprints for the water tank project can be viewed in the city administrator's office at City Hall.

In other business: The third reading of a landscaping ordinance was postponed until the Oct. 5 council meeting.

The proposal sets standards for landscaping and setbacks for the four approaches into the city.

Fire Chief Jim Andaire said the city fire department was required to fire kitchen fires in the past two weeks.

"People need to be aware of fire hazards in the kitchen," he said.

For information about fire prevention call the fire department at 324-5129.

City building inspector Robert Williams said Burger King is scheduling a fire safety inspection.

He also said he has had complaints about people using recreational vehicles as dwellings within city limits. He will be contacting the city about the problem.

Calver reported that the water line on 100 South is live and fully charged. The public works department will do a flow test on it by Friday.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3570.

House measure raises grazing fees 36%

WASHINGTON (AP) - Ranchers would pay one-third more to access public lands on Sept. 24, 1998, but would gain new, long-term assurances of access to millions of acres under a House bill proposed Wednesday.

The legislation would remove the administrative whim of bureaucrats from determining uses of Western rangeland by setting the policy in law, said Rep. Bob Smith, R-Ore., the House Agriculture Committee chairman.

"Ranchers would pay higher grazing fees, but would have the security of knowing that the rangeland is not jerked out from underneath them."

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The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Recent civil court activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

Child support cases: State of Idaho, Bureau of Child Support Services vs. Edward G. Alama. Seeking declaration of paternity, \$145 attorney's fees and costs. \$275 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Bureau of Child Support Services vs. John R. Camacho. Seeking declaration of paternity, \$275 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Bureau of Child Support Services vs. Robert R. Ommie. Seeking declaration of paternity, \$140 attorney's fees and costs. \$275 attorney's fees and costs.

Other Filings

C.C. Bates vs. Ann Paul, Justin Shoen, Robert Leonard, James Lauer, Rockford Marston, Michael Hedger. Seeking \$15 for fees by costs and damages award. Plaintiff claims defendant used his residence during court proceedings.

Tom Mikolajew vs. Craig E. Maloney. The Roy K. Walker Transportation Trust, seeking declaratory judgment, \$145 attorney's fees and costs. \$275 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Bureau of Child Support Services vs. Robert R. Ommie. Seeking declaration of paternity, \$140 attorney's fees and costs. \$275 attorney's fees and costs.

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Divorces

Madeline Diane Platt vs. Jeffrey William Platt. Rebecca Darvish vs. Courtney Deed. Doreen.

William C. Floyd vs. Kenneth R. Floyd Jr. Mary Jane Dancy vs. John Sherman Dancy.

Stephanie Michelle Freeman vs. Scott Lee Freeman. The Estate of James H. Hefner vs. Adam Scott Hefner.

Alan T. Eker vs. Janice Marie Eker. Lena Marie Berry vs. Lance Edward Hertz.

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JEROME



Sandra Diane Kemp Nelson

Sandra Diane Kemp Nelson, 58, passed away Monday, Sept. 15, 1997, of natural causes. She was born Aug. 2, 1947, to John and Ruth Kemp in Wheeling, W. Va. She moved with her family to Jerome when she was 13 and has lived in the Magic Valley for most of her life since that time. The last several years were spent in Jerome with her husband and best friend, Karen Diane Kemp. Sandra and Karen were married April 1, 1987, in Eiko, Nev. At the time of her death, Diane was employed by Elm's in Twin Falls. She also has worked at the Cozco Cafe in Bliss and Canyon Springs in Twin Falls. She was a wonderful waitress and enjoyed developing friendships with many of her customers. Diane was a singer and will be missed by all who knew her. She brought a strength and energy to our family that could never be replaced.

Survivors include her husband, Karen E. Nelson of Jerome, her former, Paul Cole of Bliss, daughters, Tracy (Ray) Tompkinson of Warde, and Tiffany (Dave) Zornan of Jerome, and a son, Luke (Tanner) Nelson of Warde. She has five sisters, including Colleen and Jim Riddle of Jerome, Pamela and Gail Koskovic of Caldwell, and Jani Kempe of Coalm, and a son, Steve, who has three brothers, seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Diane was preceded in death by her father, John Kemp, and her mother, Ruth Ann, and a son, Darrell.

The service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the big memorial Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E. in conjunction with the Rev. Jim Davis conducting interment will follow at the Chapman Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Arrangements will be under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

TWIN FALLS

B. Franklin Robinson

B. Franklin Robinson, 83, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1997, at the Twin Falls Care Center. He was born Feb. 16, 1914, in Rure. He was reared in Bozeman, Mont., and graduated from Utah State University in 1934. He was married to Mary Jo Ford in 1942; she died in 1990. He served for a brief time during World War II with the federal government before becoming a lifetime career in agriculture with Agrow and later with Green Giant. On March 10, 1991, he was married to Geneva S. Fuller. He served as a volunteer for the Boy Scouts, the First Baptist Church, Meals on Wheels and the senior citizen center. He was active in a number of community organizations, including Toastmasters, Elks and Monarch Lions Club. His lifetime loves were fishing, hiking, camping, photography and his family.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva, of Twin Falls; children, John (Sarah) Robinson of Baltimore, Md., Howard (Vicki) Robinson of Potomac, Md., Sue (Bob) Blumenthal of Silver Spring, Md., and stepdaughter Kay (Bruce) Wahren of Stoughton, Ore.; four grandchildren, two sons and one grandniece; and one brother, Gardner, of Bozeman, Mont.

The funeral for Frank will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 1997, at White Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Toevs officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to any of the following charities: Idaho Youth Ranch, Salvation Army or the Twin Falls First Baptist Church. Memorials may be given to the funeral directors at the service or mailed to White Mortuary, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

RUPERT

Harvey C. Mong

Harvey, Carlyle Mong, 75-year-old Rupert resident, passed away on Sept. 16, 1997, at his home in Rupert.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1922, in Fairbury, Neb. to Alvin and Mary Mong. He attended schools in Nebraska and later moved with his family to Rupert, where he has since resided. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army. He served in the Battle of the Bulge. He was employed by Assistant-Grand Sugar until his retirement. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Eileen Mong of Rupert, the families of Los Mong, Tim Mong and Tom Mong, three several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 1997, at the Rupert Cemetery. Pastor Jerry Schneider will officiate. Services

MORELAND

Jean S. Hansen

Jean Strickland Hansen, 69, of Moreland, died on her birthday, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1997, at the Columbia Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center from complications of surgery.

She was born Sept. 16, 1928, in Preston, the daughter of Loren Kye and Orthoia Virginia Andersen. She lived her early years in Preston and, at the age of 10, her family moved to Wendon. She graduated from Wendon High School, where she played on the women's basketball team and was a cheerleader. She married Melvin Keith Strickland on Nov. 3, 1947, in the Logan LDS Temple. He preceded her in death on Sept. 24, 1980. She was a homemaker and helped on the family farm. She also worked in nursing for home health for a time. She loved to read, garden, play cards and especially, quilting. She is survived by family members:

She is survived by her husband, Thomas of Moreland, two sons, Thomas Keith (Jeanne) Strickland of Moreland and Michael Scott (Karen) Strickland of Richland, Wash.; two daughters, Kathryn Jean (Lore) Lambson and Karen Ann (Jeff) Baker, all of Moreland; stepsons, Sherry (Brenda) Hansen of Waynes, Pa., Mark (Regina) Hansen of Tacoma, Wash., Michael (Norma) Hansen of Bountiful, Utah, and David Hansen of Provo, Utah; brothers, Lorin (Joyce) Stephenson and Garth (Mary) Stephenson, both of Salt Lake City, Utah; David (Nancy) Stephenson of Bountiful, Utah; and Lynn (Linda) Stephenson of Lindrick, Md.; sisters, Patricia (Kevin) Williams of Rockford, Carol (Lynn) Oye of Union and Joyce (Gary) Cox, who is serving a mission in Mongolia; 22 grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Melvin Rex Strickland, and a granddaughter, Nicole.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, 1997, at the Moreland and West LDS chapel, 740 W. 173 W., with Bishop Thomas Strickland conducting. The family will meet with friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Hill, Hawker, Sandberg Funeral Home, 214 S. University in Blackfoot, and at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Cemetery.

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Citizens debate pedestrian malls for downtown Ketchum

By Susan Bailey
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - A consultant Wednesday presented his concept of closing 250 feet of Leadville Avenue between Sun Valley Road and Fourth Street to create a pedestrian mall complete with vendors, a stage, trees, a kiosk, public art and an outdoor cafe.

The idea to revitalize Ketchum's downtown came in the form of a letter from downtown business owners, as an audience of 30 people took a look at the idea Wednesday night.

Using the idea of enhancing existing "energy centers" instead of trying to create new ones, consultant Lee Nellis proposed planning for a busy future by making

downtown more attractive. "We know these things work, if you have the courage and faith to pursue them," Nellis said.

While some audience members said no streets should be closed, even for a sitting area, others supported pedestrian malls.

"What struck me about your slide presentation was how ugly Ketchum is," said Chip Fisher, a businessman and Ketchum resident for more than 25 years.

The community library and Giacobbi Square sit on Fourth Street. Nellis said trees should be planted there, benches should be installed, and some parking spaces should be taken out.

Overall, his plan would eliminate roughly 9 percent of the current parking spaces to create a

more appealing street life. Parking would be eliminated on Main Street by the Sun Valley Road traffic light, and sidewalks would be widened.

Ketchum City Council member Sue Noel said the Idaho Transportation Department would jealously guard any move to use part of Idaho Highway 75 for any purpose other than creating another lane in the highway running through Ketchum.

Nellis said he hopes to hear from more citizens about future planning, but he wants to see the city keep most of its "small, funky houses" and not gravitate toward large commercial buildings.

About 250 buildings are in the city core.

Rupert adjusts city's 'after hours'

By Penelope Reedy
Times-News writer

RUPERT - If Rupert residents want their water or power connection or disconnected without paying additional charges, they must put the request in before 4 p.m. on a weekday.

The City Council voted this week to clarify what constitutes as after hours.

"If people request this service after 4 p.m., then our city employees must work overtime," Mayor Dovesicle Alford said.

The resolution allows the city to charge an additional \$20 for water connection or disconnection and \$25 for electrical services after hours.

The council also renewed Fiesta

Mexico's quarterly beer license. Police Chief Kendall Warr told the council that the business had complied with city requests for providing their own security and have been notifying local police in advance of their activities.

"Any problems they've had have been taken care of before our officers arrive," Warr said.

In other council business:

• City Administrator Bryan Montgomery asked the council to make a couple of minor adjustments in his contract before the upcoming election. He wants the city to be entitled to only 30 days notice if he should decide to quit, instead of the six months the present agreement requires. If the city should terminate him, however, he wants six months

notice to remain.

The council will consider this change.

Gar Loosli and Rick Bollard said their visit with the City Library Board went well. They both say the relationship with the council has improved and expect Vaughn Wood, library board chairman, will attend future meetings.

Alford said he expects the council to familiarize themselves with how the library fits into the city's scheme of things. For instance, neither he nor the council had been aware the city owned the library building.

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After 8 years, Albion mayor won't seek re-election

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

ALBION - Everyone in this small town knows that in 1951, everything changed.

That was the year the state closed the Albion Normal School, which for more than half a century had been the town's major employer, the city's center and the heart of the community.

When its doors closed, Albion was sent into what local Rep. Jim Kempton calls a "decay spiral," and the town has only recently begun to recover.

But few of the town's 300 or so residents probably realize what else happened that year, or how it connected, more than 30 years later, to Albion's reawakening.

In 1951, as the last classes were being held on the old brick campus, a young Don Danner joined the Marines, leaving his hometown to see the world.

He spent time overseas, lived on both coasts, and finished his career as a civilian employee at the Marine Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. After retiring, he returned home to Albion in 1988, and has spent the last eight years as mayor.

He will step aside at the end of his current term, which ends in January 1998.

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—Don Danner, mayor

"During Don's tenure as mayor here, he's turned Albion around completely," Kempton said.

Under Danner's guidance, Albion rebuilt its water and sewer systems, revamped its electrical service and repaired its roads. The city has created a comprehensive plan for growth and development. It might also be closer than ever to finding a beneficial use for the old school buildings, a boarded-up symbol of what Albion was in the past, and what it could be in the future.

"You can't do much more than that," Kempton said.

But Danner announced recently it's time for someone else to take over, to lead Albion into the next century.

"I think eight years is enough," he said Wednesday. "Other people

need the opportunity to serve. It's our way of doing things out in this country; local folks get into politics, but don't make a career out of it. It brings a diversity of thinking and ideas and actions. I think that's healthy."

Although Kempton credits Danner with a lion's share of the town's resurgence, Danner looks at his achievements as simply the product of his responsibility and commitment to Albion.

"We were just doing things in the community that needed to be done," he said.

So far, no one has announced his or her intentions to replace Danner, but the mayor is confident someone will step up for the task, which he expects to be formidable—dealing with tougher regulations, increasing development and the everyday controversies that fill a small town mayor's days.

"There will be some challenging times in the next five to 10 years," he said. "I think whoever comes in will find plenty to do."

As for Danner himself, he plans to finally enjoy his retirement, although he expects he'll stay involved. "You can't just sit on the porch and rock," he said.

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Granary

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While grain came in from the top, it left through the bottom, namely through a series of about 10 square-foot holes. The grain dropped into augers in an 8-foot-tall tunnel running the granary's length where it was carried outside the bin, lifted

and sent to trucks or rail cars. Empting a full bin, where the grain level was 39 feet up against the eaves, took about 80 hours. As near to the 1960s, grain could wear next door to the flour mill.

"You could move grain all over, juggle it, and sometimes you had to if you had problems," Reed said.

Reed-grain temperature was monitored and controlled by air from fans and ventilators at the top of the bin. Thermometer cables still hang from the roof.

"At harvest time when grain comes in, it comes in at 60-plus degrees," Reed said, his voice echoing. Too much heat and condensation could spur insect problems. Explosions and fires also were a concern from the grain's heat.

During his family's ownership, the bin held only grain stored by a federal program, and the family was paid 2 1/2 cents per bushel per month. None came directly from local fields at harvest.

In 1990, the federal program wound down but the tracks alongside were removed by Union Pacific Railroad, rendering the storage bins isolated from rail, Reed said. "It wasn't convenient to bring grain in here."

Vandals also stripped copper wiring from the structures, and the cost to rewire was prohibitive, he said. So, the granary and silos no longer were used.

Reminders of early activity are everywhere. An old rail car scale lies under wood and weeds. The concrete silos look tired but formidable, and a staircase inside spirals in rusty gray.

"It used to be the hub of everything," said Steve Soran, owner of the Depot Gift next door. The mill rolled along, Down Shoshone Street, the Twin Falls Feed & Ice Building,

which later burned down, dispensed the only ice in town. Or residents boarded the train at the old depot. "This was pretty much the center of town."

Reed's family members liked the idea of donating the granary to a community that has been good to them. Reed's grandmother, Wanda, arrived by covered wagon in 1906 and started the first hotel in town, The Waverley, he said.

"My family ties here are very deep here," he said. "It was a nice opportunity to give something back to the area. I'm real positive about it, it will have another many years of use."

There are no plans for the concrete silos, but Jelaco hopes they are kept standing, perhaps incorporated into new structures. The silos, along with a revitalized granary, would be a tribute to early agriculture.

"It's an amazing building just standing here," he said.

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Fame

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invented the television while driving a tractor in his father's Rupert fields, and Carrol Metershanks, an Idaho native who founded Prudential Life Insurance and made the cover of Time magazine. An AT&T president hailed from Hailey, where he operated the first telephone in the area from an office on Main Street.

"It just thrilled me to find out all these people," Klenck said.

Klenck hopes to see an actual Idaho Hall of Fame constructed on eight acres in Pocatello, but

until that happens, the organization honors inductees with plaques of native Idaho wood. The dinner for award candidates features only Idaho fruit, vegetables, meat and wine.

"The message we want to give is you can come from a small town, and you can apply yourself and get somewhere," Klenck said. Once a facility in Pocatello houses the Idaho Hall of Fame, she wants it to provide exhibits—no doubt Pound's "Cantos" will find their way into the materials.

The Idaho Hall of Fame Saturday also will honor Vernon

Baker, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in World War II; Terrell Bell, former secretary of education; Earl Tarr Benson, president of the LDS church and former secretary of agriculture; Vard Chaburn, Idaho's longest continually serving legislator; George Gittins, famous pioneer of southeastern Idaho; Jack Lemley, the engineer who designed the tunnel under the English Channel to France; and Norma Zimmer, lead singer on "The Lawrence Walk Show."

Zimmer, 73, is known as the

Champagne Lady. Klenck said Zimmer plans to attend the ceremonies, as do Oliver, Benson and O'Brien.

Five corporations will be inducted for their roles in Idaho: Potlatch, Boise Cascade, Basic American Foods, Union Pacific Railroad and Morrison-Knudsen. The award banquet will be at 7 p.m. at the Best Western Inn, Moscow.

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Sentenced

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there until he has completed the program, said Twin Falls County juvenile prosecutor Julie Sturgill said. If he doesn't complete the program, Livingston could remain in state custody until he is 21.

When Livingston completes his program at St. Anthony, he will begin three years of probation.

Varin added up the maximum detention time for Livingston's crimes—180 days each for the six felonies, and 90 days for each of five misdemeanors. The total, 1,530 days, hangs over Livingston if he violates probation.

Livingston's probation requires restitution and a letter of apology to all victims, even

though he only pleaded to 11 charges, Sturgill said.

LaPray admitted to eight charges, including one count of grand theft by possession of stolen property, four counts of joyriding, two counts of petit theft, and one count of aiding and abetting joyriding.

LaPray was sentenced to two years probation and 80 hours of community service. He must pay restitution to the victims and write letters of apology. LaPray can't miss school, and must maintain a C average.

LaPray must attend family counseling, has a 9 p.m. curfew and must submit to urinalysis tests at the request of the probation officer, and at his expense.

If LaPray violates probation, he faces 810 days' detention.

One of the unique aspects of the juvenile system is cases can be transferred to a defendant's home county, to make administering probation easier, Varin said. Gril lives with his father in Boise, court records say.

Other charges against Livingston and LaPray were dropped in a plea agreement, Sturgill said.

Livingston told the Times-News before his sentence he was involved in the thefts because he was bored.

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Petitions

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Paleontologist uncovers what may be largest T-rex fossil

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — What may be the largest Tyrannosaurus rex fossil ever found has been unearthed in northeastern Montana, but federal agents had to intervene at the dig over the weekend to prevent bones from being taken.

Notre Dame University paleontologist Keith Rigby said identification of the fossil is not yet complete, but if it is not a T-rex it may be a completely new variety of dinosaur and the largest carnivore ever found on earth.

He said he revealed the find only because someone, apparently claiming ownership of the land, attempted to dig up the site with heavy equipment. Federal agents stopped them.

Glasgow lawyer James Rector, who has been helping Rigby develop the site, said he watched two sons of the former landowner and other relatives excavating the site Sunday with farm equipment.

He said he alerted Rigby, and an FBI agent and a representative of the Farm Service Agency halted the excavation work that evening.

Rector said at least two of the relatives at the site had worked as volunteers on Rigby's crew last year.

"It wasn't like this was any clandestine operation," Rector said. "The tractor was in plain sight. It was like a beacon out there."

Rigby said he began work at the site more than a year ago with permission of people who claimed to own the land, but later became suspicious. He said he did a title search and found that FSA took ownership of the land several years ago.



Notre Dame University paleontologist Keith Rigby measures a fossil bone at an excavation site in northeastern Montana.

"So the sons of the purported owners now, as far as I understand the situation, have no legal standing whatever," Rigby said from his office at Notre Dame.

Earthwatch, a nonprofit organization in Waterbury, Mass., that underwrites Rigby's research, said the Montana fossil appears to be bigger than any other measured skeleton of T-rex.

However, the femurs, or thigh bones, which paleontologists normally use to estimate the size of dinosaurs, are still in the site, Earthwatch said in a news release. The fossil deposit where the T-

rex was found contains the bones of numerous other dinosaurs, Rigby said.

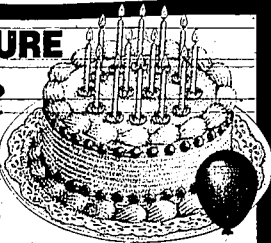
"It may encompass 15 acres," he said. "If that is true, and if the diversity and number of bones continue in the abundance we've seen so far, it'll be the largest and most diverse Late Cretaceous dinosaur locality in the world."

The Late Cretaceous period was about 65 million years ago.

Rigby has said he will donate all fossils from the site to a proposed museum at Fort Peck that is slated to open in 2005.

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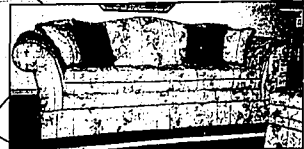
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8 dead in building collapse, 18 still trapped.

BOMBAY, India — Using cranes to lift broken concrete slabs, rescuers searched Wednesday for at least 18 people believed trapped in the rubble of a collapsed office building.

At least eight people were killed and 31 others injured Tuesday when the eight-story building collapsed in Bombay.

Rescue officials did not say Wednesday if any of the 18 confirmed missing were alive — and added that the number of missing could rise because it was not known how many visitors were in the building at the time.

Rescue workers sifted through the rubble with their hands overnight. Municipal workers brought in mechanized cranes Wednesday to lift concrete blocks and mangled metal rods.

Typhoon Oliva leaves 7 dead; David forms

TOKYO — Typhoon Oliva, which slammed into Japan's southern coast, left seven people dead and ten fishermen missing before being downgraded Wednesday to a tropical storm.

The seven people were killed Tuesday on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu, where the storm flooded 1,000 homes and destroyed dozens more.

A South Korean crabbing ship with 10 crewmen disappeared off Japan's south coast Tuesday while fleeing Oliva, police said. Twenty-eight ships were sunk or wrecked by strong winds and high waves.

As darkness fell, the storm was moving northeast along the Sea of Japan coast and was expected to bring heavy rains to the northern island of Hokkaido early Thursday.

Lights, oxygen system, more power comes

MOSCOW — After a crippling computer breakdown and a near-miss with a satellite, the embattled Mir space station returned to near-normal Wednesday as lights, oxygen and more power came back on line.

The Russian-American crew, which had to burn oxygen "candles" for three days to save power, turned the main oxygen supply system back on Wednesday. Also, the space station's orientation system returned on line, keeping the station pointed toward the sun and recharging solar batteries drained during the computer mishap, Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin said.

Six of 10 gyroscopes that orient the station were working by evening, and the rest were to be put into operation overnight, Lyndin said.

American astronaut Michael Foale worked on his "greenhouse" experiment and packed equipment he'll take home on the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis, set to blast off Sept. 25 carrying supplies, a backup computer and Foale's replacement, David Wolf.

Chinese official discloses assassinations

BEIJING — Seven pro-Chinese clerics in northwestern China were assassinated last year during a bloody campaign by Muslim separatists, a Chinese official said Wednesday.

The comments by Wang Lequan, secretary-general of the Communist Party in Xinjiang, were the first official word of the April 1996 attacks by rebels accused of arson, murder and bombing public buses in the far northwestern province 1,600 miles west of Beijing.

The indigenous Muslim minority resents Chinese rule in Xinjiang, which had its own independent republic from 1944 to 1949. Little independent information is available about the violence in the remote, sparsely populated region of deserts and rugged mountains.

Communist Party selects Vietnam's leader

HANOI, Vietnam — The Communist Party has identified Vietnam's new leadership, passing over a top military general in favor of a relative unknown for the country's presidency.

Tran Duc Luong, 60, a vice prime minister elected to the all-powerful Politburo last year, was selected to become president, a senior party official confirmed today. Luong is a mining engineer from the central Vietnamese province of Quang Ngai.

In the secretive selection process, the party's Central Committee also nominated Vice Prime Minister Phan Van Khai, 64, to take over as the new premier. Khai, 64, is from southern Vietnam and represents interests in continued economic reform, analysts say. He spent five years during the 1960s studying economics in the Soviet Union.

The leadership change will be ratified by the National Assembly when it begins meeting Saturday — a formality that is little more than rubber-stamp approval by the legislature.

Compiled from wire reports

5 Americans die in helicopter crash

German envoy, 6 others also killed in crash

PROKOSKO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A U.N. helicopter slammed into a fog-shrouded mountain in central Bosnia and burst into flames Wednesday, killing a top international envoy, five Americans and six others.

It was the worst accident to hit the peacekeeping effort in Bosnia.

Those killed included German envoy Gerd Wagner, a deputy to top peace mediator Carlus Westendorp, and British diplomat Charles Morpeth. The others who died were not named pending notification of next of kin.

Four Ukrainian crew members of the U.N. helicopter — an Mi8 leased from Ukraine — survived the crash, two of them with slight injuries, German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said.

The crew managed to escape through the shattered glass nose of the craft but was hindered from helping passengers because of fire and thick smoke.

Wagner and his delegation, which included members from Westendorp's office as well as U.N. employees believed to be police monitors, left Sarajevo for Bugojno (pronounced BOO-goy-no) this morning, said Alexander Ranko, a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo.

According to one Ukrainian crew member, the weather was fine when they left Sarajevo, but they encountered "dense fog" west of Fojnica, 20 miles east of Bugojno, said U.N. spokesman Liam McDowall. When the pilot attempted to gain altitude, the helicopter crashed into the mountain and burst into flames.



Two Ukrainian U.N. soldiers, survivors of the U.N. helicopter crash in central Bosnia, Yeugani Sifkin, right, and Anatoli Grlpas, left, are transported from a civilian hospital to a NATO military hospital in Sarajevo Wednesday.

McDowall said.

Fog play is not suspected in the crash but an investigation was underway.

Westendorp spoke sadly of the "the death of such dedicated and selfless servants of the peace process."

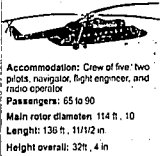
Wagner, 55, was responsible for easing the return of refugees to their prewar homes — one of the make-or-break elements of

the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace accord, signed in December 1995.

In place only since June, Wagner helped smooth the contentious relations between the Muslims and Croats who are supposed to cooperate in governing their half of Bosnia, Bosnian Serbs control the other half.

Wagner's first posting after joining the German Foreign Ministry in 1971 was in Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, now made

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up of Serbia and Montenegro. It was flown in Serbia-Croatia.

After a spell in Beirut, Lebanon, he turned to nuclear arms and NATO affairs. He had two postings at the German Embassy in Washington, from 1984-87 and from January 1994 until this summer. He was married with three children.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan was "shocked and deeply saddened" by the crash, said his spokesman, Fred Eckhard.

In Washington, President Clinton called the crash "a terrible thing."

In Sarajevo, Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim member of Bosnia's tripartite presidency, paid tribute to the "brave people, performing the responsible and noble task of strengthening peace in our country."

Police seeking owner of possible 2nd car in crash

PARIS (AP) — Investigators are seeking the owner of a small Fiat that may have been bumped by Princess Diana's Mercedes before the luxury car slammed into a concrete pillar in a Paris tunnel, a police source said Wednesday.

The revelation came after tests on pieces of a tail light and car paint traces found at the scene showed they didn't come from the Mercedes, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Now being tested in a police laboratory, the evidence is leading investigators to consider the possibility that a second car was involved in the Aug. 31 accident that killed Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul.

Investigators have been focusing on Paul, who was legally drunk and on anti-depressants at the time of the crash. He also was believed to have been driving

nearly 120 mph.

Still, investigators have yet to find a clear cause for the crash that occurred as the car was tailed by paparazzi.

Investigators hope by Friday to question the lone survivor of the crash, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, who is now fully conscious. His parents said Wednesday he walked for the first time since the accident.

"He can now sit out of bed for a few hours a day and has taken his first steps," they said in a statement issued by the British Embassy in Paris. "He can communicate with us and we have begun to share with him the many letters and cards that have been flooding in from all over the world."

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Couple dies when car rolls into Hayden Lake

HAYDEN LAKE — Two Sparks, Wash., residents drowned trying to escape from their submerged car off Himesyuckle Beach. The Kootenai County Sheriff's Dive Rescue Team found Pedro Celestino Garcia-Ramos, 31, in the driver's seat of the car. Catalupe Pacheco, 26, was in the passenger seat. Sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene at about 11:30 p.m. Monday. Two girls reportedly spotted the car's headlights and taillights in the water and called police. Officers had to break the back window to retrieve the bodies, sheriff's Capt. Ben Wolfinger said. An investigation continued Wednesday.

Agency will likely ask for more money

IDAHO FALLS — The growth-in-the-number-of-young-sex-offenders will likely prompt the state Department of Juvenile Corrections to ask the Legislature for more money to meet this year's budget, Director Brent Reinke says. Speaking to the Idaho Association of Commissioners and Clerks meeting, Reinke said the agency will be about \$4.5 million over this year's budget. "We now have 483 juveniles, but we're only funded for 390," he said.

That means the department, for the second consecutive year, will ask lawmakers for a supplemental appropriation. Last year, it asked for and received \$3.6 million. It seeks about a \$4 million increase in its general fund budget, said Brian Haderick, acting fiscal director.

Reinke is a former Twin Falls County commissioner.

District can't find replacement trustee

SANDPOINT — The Bonner County School District is desperately seeking a school board member that has been in turmoil for the often thankless job in a district that has nobody in turmoil for

"We can still function with a vacancy, but that is not the way to do it," trustee Jerry Owens said. "When you stop to think about it, it's really pathetic."

The vacancy was announced last month after newly elected trustee Tom Fuhrman decided to take a job in Boise. Since then, no one has come forward to be appointed to the post.

Board Chairman Ann Souza made a plea to voters in a letter to a local newspaper, and teachers have even tried to recruit friends and neighbors.

Boise man gets jail term for killing chinook

CASCADE — A Boise man has been sentenced to five days in jail and fined \$845 for illegally spawning a chinook salmon on its spawning bed in the South Fork of the Salmon River.

Valley County Magistrate Darla Williamson also ordered Jason D. Rawlins on Tuesday to pay a \$100 civil penalty for restitution. Rawlins killed the hatchery-raised female salmon Sept. 4 with a sea-biting spear in the Poverty Flat area, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game said.

His brother, James Rawlins of Boise, was fined \$300 plus \$63.50 for court costs for obstructing and delaying an officer by giving false statements when questioned by Fish and Game conservation officer George Fischer. Both brothers pleaded guilty.

Legislator: Professor shouldn't sue state

LEWISTON — The chairman of a legislative budget-writing committee is irked by an Idaho State University professor's suit over the state Board of Education's refusal to fund his study of gay communities in the Northwest.

Sen. Atwell Parry, R-Melba, head of the Senate Finance Committee, Tuesday said he does not believe it is proper for someone to sue the government because it decided against awarding him money.

"It's that's what they are going to do, let's not have a HERC," he said, referring to the Board of Higher Education Council. "Let's give it to everybody."

Idaho State history professor Peter Boag has every right to sue the board, Parry said. "But morally I don't think he should," he said. "If we are going to have these bodies to make these decisions, I think people should abide with them."

In the suit against the board, Boag asked a federal judge to order the regents to approve a \$30,000 grant and award him unspecified compensation.

Compiled from wire reports

What will Kempthorne, Crapo do?

Gubernatorial race suddenly turns exciting



Michael Crapo and Dirk Kempthorne

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt's decision not to run for a second term started a waiting game for almost everybody else.

The next move belongs to U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne. Batt's announcement Wednesday that he would not run for reelection turned a 1998 campaign that figured to be one of the most boring in years into one with a number of wide-open races.

The governor also may have unintentionally given the down-trodden Idaho Democratic Party a glimmer of hope.

"We have talked to several very outstanding Idahoans who are interested in this job, and I think that there will be a few added to the list now that the announcement is public," Idaho Democratic Party executive director Karen Wiley said.

If Batt had run against an overwhelming favorite, Democrats would have had little incentive to devote time and money to a long-shot attempt to beat him. But his decision to leave the job at the end of next year opens up not only the governor's office but potentially Kempthorne's Senate seat and maybe even U.S. Rep. Michael Crapo's House seat.

Kempthorne, Crapo and other prospects all said immediately

after Batt's announcement they would wait a while before deciding what to do. But the wait is really for Kempthorne, who probably can have the nomination if he wants it.

"If Dirk gets in it, it doesn't matter who gets in or how many — he will win," said Skip Smysor, a Republican activist and former state legislator.

Decisions likely will not take long. There are only eight months until the May 26 primary election, and it takes a long time to develop a campaign staff and financing for a major election, even in Idaho.

That gives Kempthorne a huge advantage over everybody. He already has several hundred thousand dollars in the bank for a Senate campaign and could use that money to run for governor.

In the 2nd Congressional District, Crapo has not been seriously challenged in the last two elections and would be virtually unbeatable if he ran for reelection in 1998. Like Kempthorne, he said he enjoys what he's doing in Congress and it would be difficult to leave.

But Kempthorne's decision clearly will influence his own

"I'm very torn about it," Crapo said. "If he chooses to run for governor, I would very seriously look at the Senate race."

And if Kempthorne stays put, Crapo said he would consider trying to succeed Batt.

"I believe the opportunity to serve as governor would be a tremendous opportunity, not to be foregone lightly," he said.

Family considerations also might push Crapo toward a bid for governor. His wife, Susan, and four of their five children still live in Idaho Falls. Crapo tries to get back to the 2nd District every week.

Boise businessman Larry Eastland was one of the GOP's three opponents for the GOP nomination in 1994. He's busy now developing the Sweetwater Junction recreation-business project outside Nampa, and says his first obligation is to that. But Eastland, whose support comes primarily from the GOP's more conservative wing, said he has been getting a lot of calls urging him to run.

"The basic organization that supported me before is still in place," he said. "I'm not saying no, and I'm not saying yes, either."

House Speaker Michael Simpson of Blackfoot declared a couple of weeks ago he would not run, even if Batt opted out, because it was too late to build a credible gubernatorial campaign. Now he's

having second thoughts. "It opens up a great deal of possibilities for a number of people. I'm going to sit and see how the decisions fall before I make a decision on what I am going to do," Simpson said.

All the players agree most of next year's campaigns depend on what Kempthorne decides to do. He reportedly is under some family pressure to remain in Idaho, but tries to stay in the U.S. Senate for a second term.

Kempthorne, who ran for a failed 1982 campaign for governor and went on to become mayor of Boise, is not a wealthy man. To qualify for an lucrative full congressional pension, he has to serve eight years in the Senate.

That would give him a guaranteed income for life. Full medical benefits for his family — and free him to do whatever he wants at the end of a second term. And he would be only \$3 an hour poorer.

Everything was triggered by Batt's decision not to run. And the governor, someone of a political junkie himself, said he looks forward to seeing what happens. He refused to answer a successor, but Batt knows who has the advantage. "If Dirk Kempthorne doesn't run, there is no race runner," he said, "so it could get interesting."

Convicted murderer will get to ask for new trial

SANDPOINT (AP) — One of two brothers convicted of murdering a U.S. Forest Service agent has won a day in court to ask for a new trial.

Three days, in fact. Joseph Earl Pratt, 36, who is serving a minimum 30-year prison term for his role in a botched home robbery, will be heard in a special proceeding beginning Nov. 24.

Pratt and his brother, James, 38, were convicted by a Kootenai County jury in June 1989 of killing Brent "Jake" Jacobson during a shootout with lawmen. The brothers later surrendered after James was shot in the leg. Jacobson was a former resident of Twin Falls.

James Pratt was originally sentenced to death, but the Idaho Supreme Court later reduced it to a life term.

In his motion for a new trial, Joseph Pratt claimed his constitutional rights were violated because of inadequate defense.

Sandpoint lawyer Bruce Greene was appointed the younger Pratt's

public defender, while Jonathan Cottrell was James Pratt's attorney.

In the filing, Joseph Pratt's new public defender, Monica Flood, claims her client was denied effective counsel.

Prosecutor Phil Robinson convinced the jury the Pratts fired first; the brothers continued to maintain they were shooting back at lawmen who fired on them.

The claim also alleges that a bailiff at the trial, Lou Boyles, told the sequestered jury the brothers had been involved in bank robberies nationwide.

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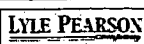
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Hiker survives high water at The Narrows in Utah park

SPRINGDALE, Utah (AP) — When David Butler walked out after being trapped by high water in The Narrows at Zion National Park, he was met by his girlfriend, who had heeded rangers' warnings and refused to make the hike.

"She said, 'Oh my God,' about 15 times," said Butler. "Then she said 'You idiot' a bunch of times. Then she said 'You stupid idiot.'"

The Phoenix man hiked into Upper Zion Canyon Sunday afternoon to take pictures of the rising water, which trapped him in a rocky alcove.

He spent the next 30 hours periodically doing jumping jacks to keep warm.

The river was red and thick with mud, and boulders pounded against one another in the current.

He feared he would have to enter the

river or die of hypothermia.

"I was thinking my life depends on whatever decision I make," Butler said by telephone from his motel room in Springdale. "It felt like a test. Face to face."

He had come up to Zion National Park for a weekend visit with his girlfriend, Katie Curran, a fellow undergraduate at Northern Arizona University whom he has been dating for two years.

On Sunday, they decided to go for a day hike in Upper Zion Canyon, which leads to The Narrows, where hikers must wade through water as the 16-mile trail winds through deep sandstone canyons between 25 and 40 feet wide and up to 1,000 feet deep.

The water in the north fork of the Virgin River already was running high, and the clouds were dark. Curran decided

not to go after hearing a ranger's warning about flash floods.

Butler, a journalism and geology major, was determined to take pictures of the rising floodwaters. He went up alone, and had just slugged in the knee-deep water past Orderville Canyon, when "All of a sudden I felt this breeze coming from upstream. I took that as a warning sign, and then I saw this big wall of water and debris coming around the corner. I sprinted as fast as I could."

Butler tripped and dropped his camera in the water. There was a platform of boulders at the mouth of a narrow side canyon and Butler scrambled up to safety.

The side canyon led nowhere. Butler was trapped, two miles from the trail head, wearing a T-shirt, shorts, hiking boots and a rain jacket. He also had a

small first-aid kit and a small bag of rice.

Sleep was impossible. He jumped up and down, sang to himself, thought of vacations he had taken and scenes from movies. He thought of his faith in God and he thought of Kane.

"She was the one who kept me going, couldn't make a mistake that would keep me from seeing her again."

By about 5 p.m., the river had subsided about 18 inches and he decided to swim for it. The water came up to his neck and he let the current push him along, trying to avoid banging his legs against the rocks.

He floated about a mile before he was spotted by three men and a woman from Zion Adventure Company, a Springdale outfitter shop, who were looking for him.

as was a helicopter.

They had waded a mile up the North Fork, aided by their gear and advanced river-banking skills, said owner Jonathan Zambella.

Butler walked out of the canyon at 6:30 p.m., and was greeted by Kane.

Park rangers warn people about the risks of hiking in slot canyons during the rainy season, but do not prevent them from entering.

"We've been told that people don't want us to remove the backcountry experience," Davies said. "So we try to drill into everybody's mind that there are inherent dangers. A trip into The Narrows is not a walk in the park. We as a society tend to underestimate the power of nature and overestimate our ability to deal with it."



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Small-company shares reach new heights

NEW YORK (AP) - Smaller-company stocks rose to record highs again on Wednesday, but blue-chip shares edged lower as investors secured some of Tuesday's big gains. The Dow Jones industrial average initially added 35 points to Tuesday's 175-point rally, but quickly lost its momentum, ultimately falling 9.48 to 8,864.4.

Market in brief. Summary table showing index changes for Dow Jones, S&P 500, AMEX, NYSE, and NASDAQ.

Several other popular stock indicators also pulled back slightly, but the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose to its fourth straight closing high and its 13th record in 15 sessions. If not for another strong day in the bond market, where interest rates fell for the fourth consecutive session, the profit-taking on Tuesday's blue-chip advance might have been more pronounced.

"The market is showing momentum, especially on the back of yesterday's strong gains," said Arthur Hogan, senior trader at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. The blue-chips "put on quite an impressive move on Tuesday. Basically, they had a one week yesterday."

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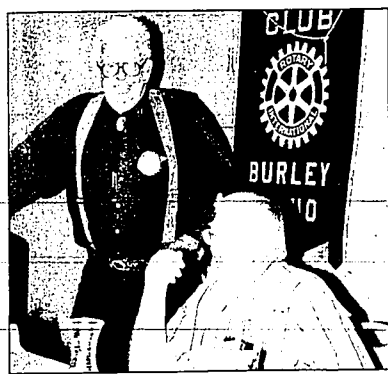
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WHAT'S TO TALK ABOUT



Carl Austin, left, of the Double Diamond Ranch, south of Oakley, and John Adams, Cassia county commissioner, were on hand Tuesday at the Burley Rotary Club meeting to present information on the Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. Information on the study is available at the Forest Service Bureau of Land Management offices and public comment will be accepted until Jan. 6.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Assisted living support group meets

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Assisted Living Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. today in the Great Room at Bridgeview Estates. Debbie Fritz will be the featured speaker.

The meetings provide information, interaction and support. They benefit residential care administrators and staff in the Magic Valley and surrounding areas by offering credit education hour requirements sanctioned by the state of Idaho through affiliation of the Idaho Residential and Assisted Living Association.

Non-members are invited. Credit education certificates are \$5 for first-time non-members. For more information, call Chris Schwamb at 734-6062.

St. Vincent DePaul store erases debt

TWIN FALLS - The St. Vincent De Paul store has retired its mortgage debt and

will be celebrating the event Friday at the store, 244 Main Ave. S. Everyone is invited to stop by for a visit.

Soroptomists work potato bar at fest

RUPERT - The Soroptomists International of Minico Club is sponsoring a "Potato Bar" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the "1997 Love Rupert Potato Fest" on the Rupert Square.

Hot chocolate, coffee and cinnamon rolls will be available to start the mornings, and the potato bar will have baked potatoes with toppings including chili, nacho cheese, broccoli-and-cheese, butter and sour cream. Baked potatoes will be served with one drink for \$3. Advance tickets are available from any Soroptomist member.

All proceeds go to fund community service and scholarship opportunities.

Women's breakfast set for Saturday

BUHL - The Buhl United Methodist Church Women's Breakfast will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Saturday in the follow-

ship hall at Ninth and Maple streets.

Judy Anderson will present a program highlighting the mission field. Freewill offerings will be accepted.

Club schedules hunter's breakfast

SHOSHONE - The West Magic Lake Recreation Club has planned its annual Hunter's Breakfast for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The club house, located at the West Magic Resort, weather permitting.

Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$5. For more information, call Jonny Bubb at (208) 487-2037.

Valley Vista Village celebrates 15th

TWIN FALLS - Valley Vista Village is celebrating its 15th anniversary with an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the community building, 653 Rose St.

Entertainment and refreshments will be available, and an apartment will be open for interested people to see. Valley Vista Village is a Housing and Urban Development-assisted housing complex for very low-income people. All apartments are one and older mobility-impaired people. For more information, call 733-4500.

Roundup addresses various art topics

DEULO - Robert Moore will present a Fall Art Roundup this month.

Two five-day sessions are planned for Monday through Sept. 26 and Sept. 29 through Oct. 3. Instruction includes slide lectures, daily assignments and personal critiques. Students will be painting still life and landscapes outside, weather permitting. Cost is \$300 for a single session or \$550 to attend both weeks. Demonstration evenings are set for 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday and Sept. 30. Cost is \$20 for those able to attend only the demonstration program. Class is limited to 20 artists on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 654-2381.

Harvestfest dinner raises benefit funds

TWIN FALLS - The second annual Harvestfest: Benefit Dinner and Auction is planned for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Turf Club. A no-host bar and dinner starts at 7 p.m. An auction done by Henry's

Auction Service, special drawings and door prizes are featured. Jan Olsen's Jazz Band will perform. Cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Two chances for the special drawings are included in the dinner ticket. More chances will be available for purchase at the door. Ticket outlets are Everybody's Business, Magic Valley Staffing Inc., Idaho Home Health and Old Towne Gallery, all in Twin Falls; Magic Valley Staffing Inc. and Idaho Home Health, both in Rupert; Idaho Home Health in Buhl; and Black Swan Interiors in Burley. Jerome and Elsie Baker Rotary Club members also have tickets.

For more information, call 734-0450 or 1-800-303-0502.

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are April Crutch and Jerry Bryant. It is our job to fill this page with news about:

- Community meetings
- Celebrations
- Social events
- Submissions
- Your kids and their activities

We also want to publicize your photos of special events in the Magic Valley community that are important to our readers.

Please send your photos to:

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CLUB CALENDAR

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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 noon Thursdays at Melina's Restaurant, downtown Buhl. For more information, call President George Nye at (208) 643-9239 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.

Burley Rotary Club
Meets at noon Tuesdays at Burley Senior Center. For more information, call President Dave Westfall at (208) 678-0666 or Secretary Jon Anderson at 678-0332.

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 Schultz at (208) 677-2559 or James Fletcher at (208) 436-6861.

Gooding Rotary Club
Meets at 12:05 p.m. Fridays at the Lincoln Inn, downtown Gooding. For more information, call President Jim Schwinger at 934-4851 or Secretary Claude Scoulton at 934-4585.

Gooding Lions Club
Meets at 6 p.m. Monday at the Lincoln Inn. For more information, contact Pat Bishop at 934-8318.

Kiwanis Club of Buhl
Meets at noon Wednesdays at Melina's Restaurant, 113 Broadway Ave. S. For more information, call President Jim Schwinger at (208) 543-6424 or Secretary Tamara Tolber at 543-8229.

Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls
Meets at noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church. For more information, call President Bob Parish at 733-6126, or Secretary Shirley Gailley at (208) 732-4530, business phone or home at (208) 326-4051.

Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch. 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. For more information, call George Gilmore at 734-5892, or Archie Goodman at 733-2049.

Syringa Rebekah Lodge #110
Meets at 8 p.m. Monday at 132 E. Ave. B in Jerome. For more information, contact Peg Roberson, home grand, at 324-3604.

Twin Falls Lions Club
Meets at noon Wednesdays at the Mandarin House. For more information, call Alan McInosh, president, at 733-7700, or Ray Ströberg, membership chairman at 734-6644.

Twin Falls Monarch Lions Club
Meets at noon today at George's restaurant in Twin Falls.
Twin Falls Optimist Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Mandarin House. For more information, call Dennis Boyer, membership chairman at 736-2265 or John Head, president at 733-4900.
Writers Support Group
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1, (bookstore in Hailey) 120 N. Main. For more information, call John at (208) 788-4403.

Rupert Lions Club
Meets at 8 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Elks Lodge.
Rupert Lions Club
Meets at 8 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Methodist Church.
Ni Alpha Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi
Meets at 7:30 p.m. today. For more information, contact Debbie at 734-1665 or Judy at 734-1367.

Buttons and Bows Square/Round Dance Club
The club will hold a "Plus Dance" at Anderson Campground Wednesday. There will be no pre-dances and dancing will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Willard Allison and Geordie Hurst will be the callers and Gid Hart and Clare Gill will be the emcees. Bring finger foods. For more information, contact June Custer at 733-9235.

Burley TOPS ID No. 256 (a weight loss support group)
Meets from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, with weight 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) 934-4638.

Jerome TOPS Chapter No. 48
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 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays at Valley Vista Village, 663 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, 663 Rose St. N. For more information, call 734-5132 or 736-3291.

Overcomers 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.

Overcomers 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.

Overcomers Anonymous
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at First Methodist Church, Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinocchio Club
Meets on 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 cents charge per person. For more information, call Donna Birk at 733-5531.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club
Will meet for the polka 15th Anniversary Dance at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. Those who can help decorate are asked to meet at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Duane at 733-9250 or Mary at 334-8893.

Weldon Medical Center at the Cassin Regional Medical Center, 1501 Main St. in Burley. For more information, call 436-3240 or 436-6076.
Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group
For more information, call Cassandra Blakey at (208) 326-4080 or Sania Blakley-Heuer at 733-0824.

Mini-Cassia Cancer Support Group
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday at 418 Oneida in Rupert. For more information, contact E. Mai at 678-1539 or J. Simpson at 654-2214.

Mini-Cassia Singles
The group will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at 1501 W. St. in Heyburn for a roundtable discussion. The group will also meet at 7:15 p.m. Saturday at carpool to a dance at the Spaulsauer Barn in Jerome. On Sept. 25 the group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at a movie night. Both events depart from 1901 W. St. in Heyburn. For more information, call (208) 436-9435 or (208) 678-5407.

Mothers 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.

Mothers of Young Children
Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Recovery Center, 1631 Grandview Dr. N. Free child care is available. For more information, contact Sandy Nordquist at 324-7035.

Recovery Inc. (a self-help mental health group)
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. in Burley. The recovery program uses techniques to help depression, anxiety, stress, panic disorder, fears, anger and nervous symptoms. For more information, call Rhonda at 678-8180.

Narcotics Anonymous
For more information, call: Southern Idaho Region 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.

Overcomers Outreach Christ-centered 12-Step Support Group (for addictive and compulsive behaviors)
Meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave. Burley. For information, call Mich or Rita at (208) 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.

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(s), and time of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person to Bobbi-Jane Hall at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403, Attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

Alcoholics Anonymous
For more information, call 736-8446, 734-0590 or 733-7897.
Christian 12-Step Support Group
For more information, call Susan at 734-7201.
Cocaine Anonymous
For more information, call 734-7242.
Coaling Disorders Support Group
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The pleasures and the pains of loving pets

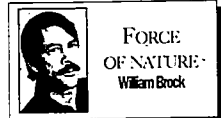
As some readers may recall, last week's column was a fond farewell to a funny old cat I'd known for years. Not many people knew Suki and it seemed self-indulgent to mourn her passing, but I did so anyway.

That column must have touched a deep nerve because it generated more response than anything I've ever written. People called, others stopped me on the street—all saying how sorry they were. Many added that something similar had happened, or was about to happen, to them.

The lesson I've learned is that pets cast an amazing spell over their owners and transform the most jaded people into softies.

One crusty chap, who has seen it all during a long and varied career, told me his cat was on its last legs. This is a guy who makes sandpaper look cuddly, yet I swear I saw his eyes puddle up as he spoke.

Another gruff character, a single fellow with an old black Lab, told me his dog is the most important thing in his life. An otherwise poised and articulate doctor, he turns into a babbling 3-year-old when he greets his critter after a hard day at work.



There's a powerful sense of connection between people and pets, and it happens whenever we welcome animals into our lives.

Let's face it, pets are a remarkable outlet for stress—allowing us to spend a few minutes "out-of-the-box" in a sometimes depressingly boxed-in world. It's easy to recognize, if you have eyes that know how to see.

I was at the vet's office a few days ago, waiting to collect Suki's body for burial. There were a few people ahead of me and I watched them closely.

The first was a well-dressed professional woman—a lawyer perhaps, or an accountant—and she was holding a jar of dog urine. She told the receptionist that she'd collected it at 2:30 that morning.

Frankly, she looked like someone with better things to do than collect dog urine in the, er, wee hours of the morning, but she made it sound like a perfectly normal thing.

She loved the dog, the vet said a urine sample was needed, and she collected it. It was an act of devotion that one would expect for a child, not an animal, but she did it without complaint.

Next in line at the vet's office was an older couple. The receptionist spoke with them briefly, then summoned the veterinarian. The vet emerged from a side door and broke the news in a low voice that I couldn't hear.

I didn't need to hear because the woman's body language said it all. She stomped heavily against the wall. Her eyes were wild with shock and thick with tears. It was heart-wrenching anguish for an old friend who was gone for good.

I'd felt that frantic sense of bewilderment a few days earlier and her grief stabbed me like a knife.

A few days can seem like an eternity in a quiet house and I'd already turned the corner on my sorrow. Though I was waiting to pick up Suki's body, I also was cuddling a new, 5-month-old kitten.

Murtaugh, as she's known at my house, is a refugee from the local animal shelter. Having her sexually neutered was part of the adoption agreement, so my visit to the vet had a two-fold purpose.

My cats, one from Suki and the other woman as a kiss, crossed paths in the waiting room. Later, as the little one was giving up her right to reproduce, the big one—covered in roses—was going into the ground where, in better days, she loved to prow and hunt from my perspective, it was a changing of the guard.

Suki is gone, but Murtaugh is alive and well—tearing around the house, battling with toy mice, investigating open cupboards and trying to upgrade to human food. She doesn't do all of the endearing things that Suki did, but she's doing other things that the old cat never did.

And life goes on.

William Brock is outdoors editor of The Times-News.

It's just a short drive to...

Nevada's unknown wilderness



A short hike up the Fall Creek drainage, not far from the confluence of Slide Creek and the East Fork of the Jarbidge River, provides a stunning view of the 10,000-foot Matterhorn.

Spectacular Jarbidge area is just 2 hours from town

THREE CREEK—If you're looking for solitude, you'll be hard pressed to find a more spectacular, or lonelier, place than the Jarbidge Wilderness Area.

Located in northern Nevada, just two hours from Twin Falls, it has more 113,000 acres of tremendously varied terrain. There are wild high-desert canyons, alpine meadows bursting with wildflowers, pine and mahogany-covered talus slopes, sparkling streams and majestic peaks.

So how isolated is the Jarbidge Wilderness Area? Not only is it America's least-visited wilderness area, but a recent foray along one of the area's most popular trails revealed monstrous bucks, a pronghorn antelope, a host of birds—including a couple golden eagles—but no other people.

The Jarbidge Wilderness Area has more than 100 miles of hiking trails, and there's plenty more in the nearby Humboldt National Forest. One of the easiest to reach is a trail that starts near Slide Creek.

It begins in a dusty, overgrazed area, but Slide Creek springs to life shortly after hikers hit the trail. The path winds beneath aspens and is hemmed with lupine, Indian paintbrush, larkspur and fireweed.

It follows the shallow, gurgling creek as it winds down the drainage. For the first six miles, the trail is almost completely downhill. It's easy walking and the trail's ambience is broken only by a fast and furious afternoon rainstorm.

Thunder booms through the craggy valleys and lightning blitzes the heavens, but wily hikers can stay dry by crouching under the low branches of fir trees. Afternoon storms are common in the Jarbidge Wilderness area, but they're usually more of an adventure than a nuisance.

Afternoon rains cleanse the air, rid the trail of dust, nourish the vegetation and knock a few degrees off the heat. The Jarbidge Wilderness Area is renowned for its stellar air quality and was one of 20 places designated by Congress to set the standard.

For hikers on a three-day trip, the confluence of Slide Creek and the East Fork of the Jarbidge River is an ideal place to camp on the first night. The site affords spectacular views of rocky

canyon walls and the East Fork of the Jarbidge is an excellent place for fly-fishing.

Competent anglers in the right spot can land 9- to 13-inch rainbow trout almost at will.

Day Two is a hard five-mile trek along the Jarbidge River. The canyon widens downstream of the confluence with Slide Creek and hikers spend their first hour strolling through aspen forests and lush vegetation.

Then the trail begins to climb. After a couple of switchbacks, hikers find themselves 100 feet above the river—picking their way along a narrow, rocky trail hewn from the steep hillside. Views of the Jarbidge River, sinuously threading its way through the canyon, are nothing short of breathtaking.

Prime campsites are as plentiful as ants at a picnic near the confluence of Robinson Creek and the Jarbidge River, so it's a logical place to pass the second night.

Walking through wild-country for two days is exhilarating, but the third day is pure ambrosia.

Old jeep trails climb along Robinson Creek, eventually turning into larger, more distinct roads. Following these roads would return hikers to a spot near the trailhead.

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but adventurous souls can opt to scramble up the talus slopes between Robinson Creek and Slide Creek.

Hikers must navigate loose, shifting rocks and thick stands of mountain mahogany, but views from the ridge separating Robinson Creek and Slide Creek are well worth the effort.

Up there, hikers can behold a series of peaks that poke holes in the sky. At one point on the gradually rising ridge, a whole slew of 10,000-footers—including the snaggle-toothed Matterhorn—dominates the skyline.

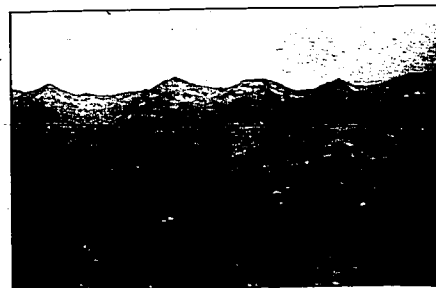
If majestic scenery and splendid isolation is what you're looking for, then put the rat race in your rearview mirror and head for the Jarbidge Wilderness Area.



Oddly shaped towers, such as this, are common fare in the Jarbidge Wilderness Area.



Joel Ruprecht, 10, enjoys some early-morning fishing on the East Fork of the Jarbidge River.



With five 10,000-foot peaks in the distance (from left, Cargo Peak, Matterhorn, Square Top, Jumbo Peak and Jarbidge Peak) and Slide Creek far below, a family group hikes along a ridge that leads them back to the trailhead.

Story by John Ruprecht
 Photos by Karl Ruprecht

SAWTOOTH REC REPORT
 Seasonal information on activities in the Sawtooth National Forest.
 For recreation updates call 734-6326 and follow the simple instructions.
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OUTDOORS

Hunters give new meaning to the words 'big bucks'

Sportsmen spending boosts state's economy

RENO, Nev. (AP) — As summer fades, many hunters' thoughts turn to stocking the freezer with game and fowl. But the hunting season adds up to more in Nevada than just camouflaged stalkers tramping the landscape.

A study published a decade ago by the Nevada Division of Wildlife showed big game hunters in 1986 spent an estimated \$13.7 million in pursuit of their sport and bounty.

A similar study the following year estimated the net economic value of hunting upland game and waterfowl at \$5.2 million.

While those studies have not been updated, there is no question that hunters pump millions of dollars into the economy, hunters and wildlife officials said.

"It's a big deal," said Chris Healy of the Nevada Division of Wildlife. "It obviously is a bigger deal when we issue more tags."

Many hunters camp, but even those who do often stay in a motel either before they reach their destination or on their way home.

Brad Bowen, who operates the Burger Barn in Wells, said hunting season always brings added business.

"It isn't a great big increase, but it is very noticeable," he said. "We've always served as a kind of information area, and we have a restaurant. We also sell maps of the area, and generally try to point people in the right direction."

Those who stop to ask for directions or advice often end up buying something,



Nevada's big game, like this elk herd captured on film in the eastern portion of the state, are a big draw to hunters, who pump millions of dollars into Nevada's economy.

Because Wells is near game areas in northeastern Nevada, many hunters opt to lodge in town, he said.

"Quite a few will stay in Wells," Bowen said. "You get to stay in a nice warm bed, eat a hot meal. You don't have to rough it."

Buying supplies begins weeks, even months before the season opens, as hunters prepare for their excursions. Many businesses are based around hunters

in general," said Todd Piccini, manager of Max Fore and Strike sporting goods in Reno.

He estimated hunting season equates to a 30 percent to 40 percent increase in business.

And it's not just supplies like guns, practice targets, ammunition, gear, and clothing that hunters buy.

"There's always new goodies," said Bob Rudnick of Gardnerville, who like many hunters, eagerly awaits the arrival of specialty catalogs that cater to outdoor and hunting enthusiasts.

"Each year, you have to go through the Cabela's catalog to find out what you absolutely can't live without."

Big game hunting in Nevada generally begins in late August and runs through mid-December. The seasons vary depending on the specific area and the type of game — antelope, bighorn sheep, marten, and upland game bird season generally conclude at the end of January.

But if you think hunting is a way to provide food cheaply, think again.

"You certainly can't do it because it's economical," Rudnick said, adding that after one hunting trip, he once figured the price of a chukar at \$39 per pound.

In Nevada, resident tags cost \$20 for deer, \$30 for antelope and \$100 for bighorn sheep, elk and mountain goat. Nonresidents pay \$150-\$300 for a deer tag, \$250 for antelope, \$300 for elk and \$800 for bighorn sheep.

Tag fees, which are refunded if an applicant is unsuccessful in the tag draw, are separate from application and licensing costs.

Nevada issued 22,837 tags this year, for which 75,567 applications were received.

Colorado peak satisfying alternative to counterparts

By Scott Smith The Gazette

Threshed—seventy-four feet. Not that far, really. A smidgeon less than the length of a football field, end zones included.

But in the unofficial sport of Colorado peak-hugging, that distance can mean the difference between a win and a loss. You know the mentality: Hey, if it ain't a fourteen-er, throw it back. Too small.

Such is the plight of West Spanish Peak, elevation 13,626 feet. A paltry 13,626 feet. It's a rugged, marvelous mountain, the taller of the two Spanish Peaks that tower Teton-esque above the plains southeast of Valsenburg. It's not a member of the 14,000-foot club—and because it's relatively isolated (about two hours south of Colorado Springs)—the peak tends to be largely overlooked and under-visited.

That's OK. Let the rest of the Front Range's weekend mountaineers lumber elbow-to-elbow up Longs, Evans, Bross, Elbert, Quandary, Pikes and all the other rugged, 14,000-foot peaks with easy driving distance of Denver.

West Spanish Peak offers a satisfying alternative to anyone tired of playing the same game. And if nothing else, an ascent of the peak is a reminder of what Colorado was like before the rest of the world moved here. It's serene, wild, gorgeous—and a little lonely.

"It's a pretty good mountain," says Dave Crumley, operations manager of the—San Carlos Ranger District in the San Isabel National Forest. "It's a unique piece of country—and it has a special feeling."

The Spanish Peaks are swaddled in history, legend and unique geology.

The Indians called the mountains "wahatoya" (also known as "huajattolla" or "juajattoya"), which means "breasts of the world," and believed the twin peaks suckled the earth.

According to legend, no one sleeping in the peaks' shadows would die and their dreams would come true.

The peaks in the eastern most of the Rocky Mountains also were prominent landmarks for gold-seeking explorers and pioneers traveling on the Santa Fe Trail.

The mountains are volcanic in origin and surrounded by hundreds of dikes; large, pink-like igneous rock outcroppings that radiate outward from the peaks' basaltic spines in a wagon wheel.

The dikes are especially interesting when viewed from West Spanish Peak's summit; they stretch in every direction, arterial tendrils of cooled magma that emanated from the planet's interior.

So how hard is it to climb West Spanish Peak, anyway?

For starters, don't believe the numbers. Sure, it's only 13,626 feet. Sure, the trailhead is at 11,000 feet. Sure, it's only 2.7,

miles one way. Sure, the first mile is one of the easiest—and most pleasant (forest, meadows, little pine trees)—stretches of trail you'll ever tread.

Then why does it take two hours to reach the top?

Rocks. A bazillion rocks. Charcoal rocks. Maroon rocks. Pink rocks. Brown rocks. Ochre rocks. Sharp rocks, smooth rocks. Big rocks, little rocks. Rocks that sometimes obscure the trail. Rocks that sometimes are the trail.

Most of all, loose rocks on a steep mountainside amid oxygen-depleted air—a combination that makes for slow going during ascent and descent. This is not a hike for those prone to wobbly-knees or fear of heights. The path from timberline to the top is not well-worn—it's more now-you-see-it, now-you-don't—and it goes straight up in places. However, there are no sections that require technical climbing skills—just good balance, boots and lungs.

The trail, which gains 1,800 feet in a dizzying mile, is marked by intermittent cairns that show the way through the massive rock field that forms the peak's western shoulder.

"The first time I climbed it, I kept looking down during that steep part, and I got kind of scared. I said a lot of prayers," says Charles Coco, a 62-year-old Valsenburg resident who has climbed the mountain four times since moving here from California three years ago.

"Now it comes easier to me. It's easier to find which way to go up, but there are still a lot of times when you can't find the trail and you have to crawl over the rocks until you find it again."

Still, there's a lot to like about this trail—even the pain in the rear vertical section. Unless you're part mountain goat, you have to go slowly—and the benefit is that you're likely to see things that might have gone unnoticed if you had been charging full-throttle to the top.

You might have missed those two pikas, their mouths crumpled full of tundra grass, frolicking amid the boulders.

Or the golden-brown spider that placidly shared a sunny, stony seat with you during a breath-replenishing stop.

And, always, there's the view. Each step upward unveils a little more of a vista that becomes a spectacular, top-of-the-world panorama on the peak's pinhead.

The big picture, looking clockwise from the south: the distant mountains of New Mexico, Mount Culebra (a rarely climbed Colorado fourteen-er), the Mount Blanca massif, the Crestone massif, the West Elk Mountains (with Pike's Peak hugging the horizon like a puff of blue haze behind Greenhorn Mountain), the village of La Veta, the eastern and south-eastern plains (and maybe Kansas and Oklahoma on a clear day). Very nice—and definitely worth the hike.

Nighthawks' flight, sound signal summer's end

By Ken Weber Providence Journal-Bulletin

PROVIDENCE — They come out of the gathering dusk, grayish birds with bent wings, but they're not particularly noteworthy except for a white bar on each wing. But these birds, nighthawks, are special to us. They are a sign of the season.

When the nighthawk flies over, we know that summer is winding down and autumn is almost upon us.

They're not the first birds to begin migration—a some shorebirds and a few others, such as bobolinks, are already gone—but nighthawks make it easy for us to notice their departure.

Bobolinks slip away; one day they're here, the next they're vanished.

Nighthawks, for some reason, fly directly over our house each year. We look forward to the flights; they've become a ritual that signifies the ending of summer.

Often, we don't see a single nighthawk all year until these flights begin. That may be why we start looking for them too early. When August comes, my wife and I begin talking about the nighthawks, looking and listening for them, and wondering if they're late this year. We linger in the yard at dusk, or sit on the deck, or take one last look at the sky before darkness closes in. We want to see the nighthawks.

People who know far more about birds than we do insist the nighthawks are misnamed; they say the birds are as active in daylight as at dusk and night, but we seldom see them at any time other than evening.

There's no question about the hawk part of their name being wrong; they're insect-eaters, nearly as agile in flight as swallows. They are first cousins—city

cousins, we call them—of the whippoorwill, another night bird known for its insistent calls in early summer. While whippoorwill prefers living in open woodlands and hunting over pastures and meadows, many nighthawks

or seven or eight a little later. They appear just above a ridge of trees to our north and pass out of sight into the looming darkness above the village to the south in a matter of moments.

Like the geese, they do call as they fly, but the nighthawk's voice is not particularly strong or far-reaching. Occasionally, Bertie, with her sharp sense of hearing, will find a flock from a few notes coming out of the sky. Me I can watch nighthawks crossing above and still not hear them at

all. I have no idea why nighthawks choose to fly over this suburban area each year. As far as I can tell, no other birds use this area as a flyway. There is no major river flowing through here; the birds are not following mountain ridges or valleys. But something draws dozens of them here year after year, probably something that goes back hundreds or thousands of years. Perhaps, back then, there were landmarks or feeding grounds here, something that the nighthawks found useful in migration. Whatever it was, whatever it be, we're delighted they come our way.

Seeing them each August and September is like greeting old friends. These old friends may only call hello and wave as they pass, but that's enough. Just seeing them again brings a warm, satisfying feeling.

Maybe, for some people, there is a melancholy to the fraying of summer and the imminent arrival of autumn, but for me

The largest passage of nighthawks I've ever seen was perhaps a hundred birds, most often, the flight in string groups, but a few here, another seen or eight a little later.

So, after dinner on these end-of-summer evenings, particularly on cool evenings that carry a hint of fall's approach, we go out and glance at the sky, hoping to see nighthawks. Sometimes, it takes a bit of looking to find them. Nighthawks don't cross with the dramatic announcement of Canada geese, nor do they assemble in immense flocks like, say, the tree swallows.

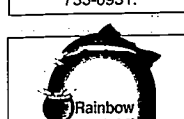
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SAVORING THE OUTDOORS



Cheyenne, Wyo. pizza magnate Scott S. Close savors the twin delights of a fine cigar and Green River Lakes during a recent excursion into the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming. Round Top, one of the most famed peaks in the Wind River Range, looms in the distance.



With the river too narrow for paddling, Close resorts to pulling on streamside plants on a voyage to the headwaters of the Green River.

Mountain bikers look no farther than Michigan for excellent trails

By Eric Sharp
Knight-Ridder News Service

MUNISING, Mich. — If our wives caught us doing this, none of us would be allowed out of the house for a month. But it's too much fun to pass up, the wives are hundreds of miles away, and broken bones heal — usually.

"Branches," Randy Blankenship yelled, then ducked his head to butt through some greenery hanging over the trail on Grand Island, where he was ripping down a section of twisting single-track at about 25 m.p.h.

On our right, not six feet away, was the wooded edge of a 200-foot sandstone cliff that gave us a fantastic view over the island's numerous rocky coves and the startlingly clear, cold waters of Lake Superior.

"As we stripped for a water break at the bottom of the hill, Darwin Gilbert said, "Most people have no idea there are places like this in Michigan. I once paid for some times and cliffs and sent it to my son in California. When he put it up on the wall of his office, other people were asking, 'Where's that? The Oregon coast?' When he told them it was Michigan, they wouldn't believe him."

People who head west or south for adventure mountain biking trips are missing some of the finest riding in the country just north of the Mackinac Bridge, and all about the same distance (400 miles) from Detroit as mountain biking meccas in West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

What's hard to understand is why the Upper Peninsula, with its beautiful summers, limitless hills and woodlands, famous fall color and thousands of miles of public trails, hasn't tried to draw the state's many riders who spend their time and money in other places.

This Upper Peninsula trip was organized by Dennis Hansen, 49, a state employee from Lansing who also publishes the "Trail Atlas of Michigan," which lists more than 600 trails and is essential for any serious hiker, mountain biker or cross-country skier.

Hansen wanted to look at some new trails that will be included in the next volume and recruit others to check for changes. Along for the ride were Blankenship, 45, of Lansing, who is also an expert hobbyist bike mechanic, and Gilbert, 45, a retired auto mechanic and a good rider who lives in Munster and can ride the legs off most men half his age.

Gilbert is a good example of cycling as a life-time sport. He makes several trips each year to ride mountain and road bikes in such places as Colorado, Hawaii and New Zealand.

"This really is remarkable," Gilbert said during a ride around Bruno's Run near Munising. The ride had a lot of places, and the UP is about as good as it gets.

"But what really amazes me is how few people take advantage of it. This is a beautiful fall Saturday, and we're the only riders here. If this was near Detroit, there would be thousands."

"If anyone who wants a wonderful weekend adventure, here are some excellent Upper Peninsula rides within an eight-hour drive of Detroit."

Drummond Island

Most mountain bikers would look at Drummond and think "flat terrain plus gravel roads equals too dull." But then they've never had Dan Sarine, manager of Woodmoor Lodge and a good rider himself, show them the maze of technically challenging single-track lacing this big, wild playground.

Beginners probably should stay to the gravel roads and hard-packed old rail grade that forms the spine of the mountain bike network being developed near Woodmoor.

The longer and tougher single-

track found throughout the island has a lot of exposed rock outcrops, ledges that are wickedly slippery when wet and plenty of loose rocks that will dump the rider.

The island's soil coating is only inches deep in most places on the Mackinac Plains the glaciers scraped the soil away 10,000 years ago, leaving a surface so fine and smooth that most people have trouble believing it's not an old man-made road.

The mossy puddles that form on the exposed bedrock after rainstorms tend to stay for a while. How long? Well, in one there were tadpoles that had developed legs.

There are miles of gravel roads ideal for hybrid bikes, and there is some vehicle traffic. People who don't enjoy technical trail riding would have a great time here combining rides on the gravel with hikes to some of the island's scenic views, like the cliffs at Mashedale.

Drummond Island has motel lodging and campgrounds and several restaurants. The ferry across the St. Marys River

from De Tour village is \$8 per car (\$2 for additional passengers). It runs hourly from 5:10:12:10 a.m. and less frequently in the small hours.

Seney National Wildlife Refuge

We were pedaling quickly, enjoying the fast and easy riding, when something in a pond caught our eye. It was a family of seven otters, swimming in a pack so tight they looked like one animal with multiple heads, and we spent 10 minutes watching them as they watched us.

Seney isn't the place for people seeking a challenging ride, but it is nice for riders who want to see wildlife. In 20 miles, we also saw muskrats, bald eagles, ospreys, sandhill cranes, loons, blue herons and numerous water fowl species.

Seney is about 40 miles east of Munising on Michigan route 28. The broad, hard-packed dirt roads and trails of the 80,000-acre refuge offer 50 miles of easy riding around and across ponds managed to harbor waterfowl.

State mulls dropping barbless hook rules

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — If Idaho anglers speak up, the Fish and Game Department might drop its barbless hook regulations statewide.

The department says a number of studies nationwide conclude the regulations are meaningless; there's no difference in fish mortality using barbed or barbless hooks.

Dan Schill, Fish and Game research biologist, said hooking mortality depends more on where a fish is hooked, not the style of hook. He said if fish are hooked in the mouth, they likely will survive. If they are hooked in the gills or deep in the throat, the potential of death increases greatly.

Oregon recently dropped its

barbless hook regulations and wants neighboring Idaho and Washington to change their regulations on the Snake and Columbia rivers to avoid conflicts.

Idaho Fish and Game mailed a survey to 2,300 anglers asking them if they wanted to drop barbless hook rules. Anglers must use barbless hooks on all special regulation waters such as the Henry's Fork in Harrison State Park.

Barbless hooks also are required while pursuing salmon, steelhead and sturgeon.

Response from people who fish will be presented at the Oct. 23 Fish and Game Commission meeting. Regulations for the 1998-99 seasons will be adopted

then.

Bill Hutchinson, state hatcheries manager for Fish and Game, said the potential change is up to anglers.

"This is a social issue, not a biological issue," he said. "If the public says they want to keep barbless restrictions, we will keep them."

Hutchinson said it's been a sore point with some anglers, who point out it makes little sense to be ticketed for something that has no biological implications.

"Here is a situation where a restrictive regulation that has no biological implications could be eliminated. Some people say our regulations are too complicated. This is one way to simplify," he said.

Elk hunting topic of Fish and Game open house

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If you care about elk hunting, then you might want to attend an open-house meeting sponsored by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The meeting will run from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday in the state Health and Welfare building in Twin Falls, at 601 Pole Line Rd.

Changes in statewide elk man-

agement are significant and perhaps the most radical departure from tradition since Fish and Game went to "balls only" general elk hunting in 1976.

Under the proposed system, hunters would first select their hunting zone — a combination of several hunting units — then choose an "A," or "B" tag. Some existing controlled hunts would continue as controlled hunts.

Hunters would be required to hunt in the zone of their choice, allowing managers to monitor hunter distribution and predict hunting pressures on elk populations.

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OUTDOORS

River runs wild: Kazan offers canoeing in path of Inuit

By Chris Niskanen Knight-Ridder News Service

ON THE KAZAN RIVER, Northwest Territories - Even on a rare windless morning, the odor of a caribou in the air is carried across this treeless arctic landscape. On our third full day of canoeing the Kazan River, the smell was enough for us to pause curiously in the middle of the river, just a few hundred yards from where we camped the night before. We had found old caribou bones and antlered fragments or bleached ivory by the sun at scattered around our campsite, along with fresh wolf tracks snarling along the beach.

ground for arctic wolves. In the lingering current, our group of two canoes and four canoeists - Franke, her husband Kirk Lantz and myself - dived together to marvel at caribou kill and the white wolf, an animal none of us ever imagined seeing, much less from 30 yards away. You don't get much closer to wildlife than that," I said, stating the obvious. It was wilderness such as that that drew us to this mesmerizing river nearly 3,000 miles north of the Twin Cities. The Kazan River rises near Inuit and arctic grazing and a rich but tragic history of Inuit occupation.

Wilderness seem tame by comparison. By most estimates, the Kazan River gets more than 20 inches of annual snow, and most of those tackle the full length of the river, taking six weeks or more to go from Kasba Lake to the Inuit village of Baker Lake (population 3,000). Our group took a less ambitious trip: 15 days to paddle 260 miles from Ennadai Lake to Yathkeday Lake. Our trip was the equivalent of canoeing from the Twin Cities to International Falls, through a corridor that was unpopulated a hundred miles in most every direction of the compass. At least it seemed that way. For more than two weeks, we never encountered another person and saw few signs of other people. Several of us worried if the river had been canoed by this season.

Delaware Beaver floatplane, pilot Craig Church took a small canoe on his bucket. "I'll write down here that on Thursday, Aug. 15, I'll pick you up on the island on Yathkeday Lake, Church said. "Expect me between 10 o'clock and noon." He agreed to fly over the river on his return trip in the event we ran into trouble. It was 3 o'clock, just eight hours since we left the Twin Cities. We pushed our two Old Town Discovery canoes off the beach and headed across the lake to the Kazan River, which would take us into some of the most remote regions. North America still has to offer. My first diary entry that evening reads: "The sun never really fully sets on this land. It looks like dusk all the way up to 11 p.m. The horizon has a golden band, grading into pink and then into blue. We saw caribou almost immediately today, bulls and cows. I can't seem to get a handle on the landscape. There was a full 180 degrees of sky makes you restless, even during our lingering twilight."

Rapids, animals enliven trip's end

As we reach the crest of the hill, the "Strongest" in springtime spread out before us. The treeless tundra is breathtaking enough, except something large and black has caught my eye. Then many black objects emerge. "Musks!" I whisper excitedly to my three companions. "A whole herd of musk oxen." They are bedded down on a hillside with their heads tucked in among their calves nestled against their parents. A lone guard bull grazes along the shoreline. Their shaggy black coats, touched with a shade of purple, make the musks contrast starkly with the green sedges and willows. They are serious but peaceful-looking animals, like bison, though related genetically to the Rocky Mountain goat and the Tibetan takin. We scramble down the hill and

paddle around the rapids to a hill on the musk oxen's side of the river. Downwind, we are now 100 yards away. Several animals rise to their feet when they spot our brightly colored life jackets. They regard us with marked ambivalence. We move closer, knowing that eventually we will canoe within 30 yards of the herd to negotiate the rapids. Musk oxen are perfectly adapted to the tundra, using both their stout bulk of horns and defensive herd formations to defend against predators. When alarmed, musk oxen press together in a line or semicircle, drawing the calves in between the adults. The closer the danger, the tighter the animals wedge together with the dominant bulls in the front. As we draw nearer, snapping pictures, the adult musk oxen gradually rose to their feet, the youngsters close to their flanks. The lead bull stood steadfast, shaking his head and bawling. "One gathered, the musk oxen finally trotted across the tundra, flank to flank, stopping often to check our progress. We apparently by didn't warrant a full-fledged defense formation, just a few insolent stares. "We are incredibly lucky to have seen this," said Pat Sweney, my canoeing partner from St. Paul, Minn. That the musk oxen regarded us only slightly, perhaps as inconvenience rather than danger, was oddly familiar. During 15 days and 160 miles of canoeing the Kazan River, which lies 1,300 miles north of the Twin Cities in the arctic wildlands known as the Barrens, our position in evolution may hardly be put in doubt. We were interlopers on the tundra, uninvited as year-round inhabitants, vulnerable. Even insignificant.

It was on his hunches about 20 years ago that the carcasses, ears erect and twitching, the wolf observed our canoes with the same fascination we had for the animal. After a few moments, it turned and fled to the bank, then sat down again as if to contemplate whether we posed a serious threat to its life. Finally, it ducked into the willows and disappeared. The musks were added quickly: old bones, the narrowing river, a fresh kill or here was one of hundreds of birds used by migrating members of the bird community. Our herd had more than 320,000 musks, representing one of the largest movements of land mammals in the world to cross the Kazan River, one of the largest rivers in Canada's Northwest Territories. The ford was no doubt a killing

It is a river known for its combination of whitewater rapids and enormous lakes, an untouched fishery of lake trout and arctic grayling and a rich but tragic history of Inuit occupation. The river flows through an area known as the Barren Lands - a rugged and rocky expanse of tundra that lies between the Arctic and "of little sticks," in Barrens are sometimes called, the tallest vegetation is the waist-high tundra willow. Overhead, the sky is clear and blue. The mountains in the distance are places such as Montana and Wyoming feel claustrophobic. Even at the river's headwaters, the nearest road is a few hundred miles away. The summer in the Barrens is barely eight weeks long in July and August or but the mosquitoes and black flies can make those in Boundary Waters Canoe Area

the beauty of such trip is that direct air service to the river is available from the Twin Cities. Kasba Lake provides a regional jet service (which lands on the lodge's dirt runway) to shuttle anglers to and from the lake every four days from the Hubert H. Humphrey Terminal. From there, the lodge will supply floatplane service or along with canoes, paddles and life jackets to canoeists who want to venture farther north. The trip to the river: the Kazan, the Thelon, the Dubawnt and the Back. This would be an unguided trip; we supplied our own food, camping gear and maps. Thus, at the end of July, we were at an abandoned government weather station on Ennadai Lake, 84 air miles from the lodge. After unloading our canoe from specially designed rack on his

the Kazan River has always been unpopulated. The Caribou Inuit culture. Up until the 1950s, inland bands of Inuit had settled the river, and the neighboring Thelon River, subsisting on the Caribou Inuit. Tyrell in 1894, found at least 500 Inuit living along the river. According to historians, the Caribou Inuit's work was altered by white trappers and market economies. The Inuit became more dependent upon the fur trade than caribou hunting, which proved disastrous when the world fur market collapsed after World War I. Starving and reduced to a few dozen members, the remaining Kazan River Inuit were moved to Ennadai Bay by the Canadian government in the 1950s.

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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, IDAHO. DIVISION CASE NO. CV-97-582 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of BILLY HENDERSON BROWN, Plaintiff. PUBLISH: September 18, 1997

LEGAL NOTICE

SENDS GREETINGS to the above-named DEFENDANT. You are hereby notified that a COMPLAINT has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fourth ADA by the above-named PLAINTIFF, and you are hereby directed to file a WRITTEN ANSWER or WRITTEN MOTION in defense to said COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days of the service of this SUMMONS, and you are further notified that unless you do so within the time herein specified, the PLAINTIFF will take judgment against you as proved in said COMPLAINT. The nature of the claim against you is for divorce on the grounds of irreconcilable differences. WITNESS my hand and the seal of said District Court this 7th day of August, 1997. /s/Janice Elwood Deputy Clerk PUBLISH: September 11, 18, 25 and October 1, 1997

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1998, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at the office of Michael L. Schindelo, Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in full payment of the indebtedness of said party, all payables at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 9 of GLENDALE SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls, Idaho, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 8 of Page 24, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of any particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with the Code, Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee is hereby informed that the driver of 1249 Desert View Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401 may sometimes be associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of attorney executed in the Deed of Trust executed by PAUL NIELSON and KAREN NIELSON, as Grantor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, Michael L. Schindelo, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and use of FIRST SEEDBANK, INC., a Beneficiary, said Deed of Trust dated October 16, 1993 and recorded in Volume 8 of Page 24, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of any particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee is hereby informed that the street address of 1799 Glendale Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, is the address associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of attorney executed in the Deed of Trust executed by THOMAS R. COX and DELOREAN COX, husband and wife, Grantors, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF NAMPA, recorded September 16, 1991, an instrument in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, and assigned to the Housing Agency by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded in Volume 8 of Page 24, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, 1991, as Instrument No. 9100852. Mortgage recorded in Volume 8 of Page 24, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE TRUST INTEREST. All

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Pay Schedule - All Ads Must Be Prepaid. 1-3 days... \$3.09 per line. 4-7 days... \$4.76 per line. 8-15 days... \$7.95 per line. 16-30 days... \$14.40 per line. Name, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone Number. Mail your order form & payment to: The Times-News, CUSTOMER SERVICE, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403.

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ORDINANCE NO 161 AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANSEN, IDAHO, LEVYING AN VALUABLE TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1997, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998, UPON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HANSEN, IDAHO, TO PROVIDE REVENUE TO PAY (A) THE CITY GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSES AND (B) LIABILITY INSURANCE EXPENSE AND PROVIDING THAT THE CITY CLERK SHALL FILE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND STATE TAX COMMISSION FORM LC-2 WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO AND FILE A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANSEN, IDAHO, THAT: SECTION 1. That the sum of \$388,075.00 be, and, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses and liabilities of the City of Hansen, Twin Falls County, Idaho, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997.

SECTION 2. The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes GENERAL FUND, REVENUE SHARING FUND, SUMMER IRRIGATION FUND, REVENUE FUND, STREET FUND, and SPECIAL FUND.

REVENUE SHARING FUND: Senior Citizens \$ 1,000.00, Police Department \$ 15,000.00, Other \$ 2,600.00. TOTAL REVENUE SHARING FUND \$ 18,600.00

SUMMER IRRIGATION FUND: Twin Falls Canal Company \$ 2,500.00, Maintenance & Repairs \$ 2,500.00. TOTAL SUMMER IRRIGATION FUND \$ 5,000.00

REVENUE FUND: Salaries \$ 22,000.00, Payroll Taxes \$ 1,690.00, FICA Payment \$ 1,700.00, Water Expense \$ 8,245.00, Testing - Sewer \$ 4,000.00, Group Insurance \$ 2,100.00, Life Fees \$ 2,000.00, Vehicle Expense \$ 1,000.00, Insurance \$ 1,300.00, Office Supplies \$ 500.00, Miscellaneous \$ 500.00, Excess Funds \$ 154,800.00. TOTAL REVENUE FUND \$ 164,000.00

STREET FUND: Salaries \$ 19,000.00, Street Lighting \$ 1,450.00, Street Taxes \$ 6,400.00, Maintenance & Repair \$ 4,000.00, Insurance \$ 2,400.00, Public Works \$ 2,000.00, Vehicle Expense \$ 1,000.00, Miscellaneous \$ 38,000.00. TOTAL STREET FUND \$ 66,850.00

SECTION 3. That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Hansen be levied in an amount sufficient by law for the general purposes of said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997, in the amount of \$80,240.00 for general fund purposes, and in the amount of \$100.00 for all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, and in full force of the Times-News, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Hansen, and the official newspaper of the City of Hansen.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk of the City of Hansen, Idaho, is hereby authorized and directed to file with the County Commissioners, Clerk and Auditor of Twin Falls County, Idaho, a certified copy of this ordinance after its passage, approval and publication, with the duly executed Certificate of Public Request to the Board of County Commissioners, and a file a copy of this Ordinance with the Secretary of State.

PASSED upon suspension of rules upon which a roll call vote was taken and duly enacted an Ordinance of the City of Hansen, Twin Falls County, Idaho, at the biennial meeting of the City of Hansen City Council held on the 15th day of September, 1997.

Attest: Darlene Miller, City Clerk

PUBLISH: September 18, 1997

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS HAS AID A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET BY THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, SAID HEARING TO BE HELD AT CITY HALL, CHAMBERLAIN ROOM AT 6:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1997.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES: Airport Construction Fund \$ 227,282.00, Truck Parking Lot \$ 920.00, Total Airport Construction Fund \$ 228,202.00, Proposed Expenditures \$ 114,205.00

Golf Fund \$ 9,803.00, Greens Range Improvement \$ 9,803.00, Total Golf Fund Proposed Expenditures \$ 19,606.00

Parking Fund \$ 7,017.00, Tree Project \$ 7,017.00, Total Parking Fund Proposed Expenditures \$ 14,034.00

PROPOSED REVENUES: Airport Construction Fund \$ 11,166,941.00, FAA Grant \$ 11,166,941.00, Total Airport Construction Fund \$ 22,333,882.00

Golf Fund \$ 10,000.00, Greens Fees \$ 10,000.00, Total Golf Fund \$ 20,000.00

Parking Fund \$ 3,812.00, Parking Leases \$ 3,272.00, Total Parking Fund \$ 7,084.00

Dated this 15th day of September 1997. Gary E. Evans, City Clerk

PUBLISH: September 18 and 25, 1997

DUPLICATE OFFICE REMODELING The Times-News Classifieds Will have the following deadlines for classified ads: SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 11 AM FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 2 PM FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 3 PM FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 4 PM FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 CLOSED SATURDAY, SEPT. 20



PLEASE CHECK YOUR AD FOR CORRECTIONS ON THE LAST DAY THAT IT RUNS, AS THE TIMES-NEWS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRECTIONS AFTER THAT TIME.

104 PERSONALS: South Park Avenue West in the City of Twin Falls. The City Council will have its next meeting on this matter on the 19th day of September, 1997.

104 PERSONALS: Federal law allows you to control your credit record for free. For more information about credit repair services, write to: Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

104 PERSONALS: Are you sick & tired of being sick & tired? You've been invited to compare the Shaklee difference. We are people helping people.

104 PERSONALS: WORKERS FOR HIRE: 24 hrs a day. We're looking to earn money for a tip to you. National. Working weeks available. 326-1200.

110 HOME/HEALTH CARE SERVICES: Elderly care in your home. 24 hrs a day. 326-4935 of 734-079.

113 CHILD CARE SERVICES: 15 yrs. exp. 3 FT openings. Perrine District. Don-Fin. 326-731-0660.

LOVING HOME CHILD CARE: M.F. Meals provided. M.F. 7am-6pm. 733-0992.

FORGET PHEN-FEN TRY: The all natural alternative. Free 3 Day Sample. 1-878-4320 or Toll Free 1-878-205-0284.

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WHEATRYOOL: Helping you lose weight. Free 3 Day Sample. 1-878-4320 or Toll Free 1-878-205-0284.

TO Arizona John Doe for retribution please send check book registered in the name of John Doe for retribution please send check book registered in the name of John Doe.

106 SPECIAL NOTICES: ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. 373-8300.

101 LOST & FOUND: FOUND - Small female dog in Twin Falls. Call 734-6077.

FOUND big black dog. Black collar with white tags. Call 734-2222.

FOUND male Retriever on 6th & Elm avar. Ret. call 737-9344.

LOST - 919/379 walk at Fred Meyer or Stone Mill or concert. Call 734-6542.

LOST - Small black, white and grey puppy, Kimberly area. Call 731-6621.

LOST - \$100 REWARD: Berries Mitt. 402-130. Call 734-6077.

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AMERICAN STAFFING: Office workers, all skill levels needed to fill open positions. NEVERA Fee! 734-6452-1400/733-7828. Serving the Entire Magic Valley Since 1981

CLERICAL: Richfield School District #316 is accepting applications for the position District Clerk. Candidates must have experience with data entry, computer procedures, governmental finance and fund accounting.

DRIVER: Dump truck driver w/OKP. Apply in person at 408 Highland Ave. Twin Falls, Idaho.

DRIVER: Exp. Class B CDL truck driver. Serving the Entire Magic Valley Since 1981.

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DRIVERS: Harvest truck drivers and tractor drivers needed. 422-5388

DRIVERS: Ready Mix Drivers, exper. preferred. CDL required. No phone calls. Apply in person. 543-5531

DRIVERS: 10 wheeler potato harvest. Please call 208-324-5813.

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ELECTRICIAN: JOURNEYMAN: Sparks Manufacturing is seeking applications for a Journeyman Electrician. Must have 3 to 5 years experience in residential, commercial, industrial, life insurance, vacation, pool holidays, and 401k.

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MACHINIST: Minimum 2 years machine tooling experience required. Must be proficient in mill and lathe work. Good tooling skills. 1225 S. Main St. Boise, ID 83702

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PVC pipe fittings, 1/2" to 4" 400 pieces \$300 or best offer. Call 208-324-0551.

706 FARM SEED & FERTILIZER
ALFALFA Seed, Family ground, Wheat straw, Wrangler plus a fruit/leg. \$1.45 up. 208-329-4735

708 HAY, GRAIN
ALFALFA - Small bales, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, 10 tons. Psa straw, \$1.25 bale. 734-4381 or 731-4381.

809 COMPUTERS
IBM compatible, (2) computers, \$250 & \$150. Fax, printer & software. Call 734-7580.

810 FIREWOOD
FIREWOOD - cords of, on farm. Cheapp!

811 FURNITURE & CARPET
BED Brand new Sealy full sized bed, mattress, box springs & frame. \$250. 324-4284.

802 APPLIANCES
DRYER, Kenmore, large capacity, gas, \$150/offer. 208-324-0551.

803 CRAFTS & BAKED GOODS
BAZAR AT KUMC, 205 Madison E., Kimberly, Sept. 20th, 10am-5pm.

804 BUILDING MATERIALS
CABINETS - quality kitchen or bath. Vanting, 2nd model, Jenn-Aire stove. top, fan, 500-7895.

805 COLLECTIBLES
2nd TIME Around new books, 1760 American St. N. Open 10-5 Mon-Fri. 734-6008.

806 MERCHANDISE
CANDLEWICK - Imperial glassware, vases, condiment and serving pieces. \$45-200.

807 ROLL TOP DESK
ROLL TOP DESK antique, oak, good condition. \$900. Call 734-7659.

808 APPLIANCES
FLEXER, upright, leads & runs good. \$150. Call 733-5930.

809 APPLIANCES
MICROWAVE - Amana w/turntable, 1000watt, white. Like new! Please call 733-5277.

810 APPLIANCES
MISC. Moving, must sell, almond refrigerator, \$550. Almond black glass range, \$550. 730-8713 message.

811 FURNITURE
FURNITURE - Moving out of the country! House full of furniture. Complete barroom set, etc. Call 324-4284.

812 FURNITURE
FURNITURE - 1stc back chair; Sherwood stereo speakers; power treadmill; \$122 carpet; beige electric range; 10" color TV; queen bed, complete, listing books. 733-7651.

813 FURNITURE
LOVESAT & recliner - 3rd model, red/black/white leather. Now \$1400, 5000 each. 736-7235. Extra floor mats, 200-324-2224 or 208-678-4133.

814 FURNITURE
MATTRESSES - Full size for 589, hotel rooms. Call 734-8881.

815 FURNITURE
MATTRESSES - King size. Hotel rooms. \$100 set. 734-8881.

816 FURNITURE
MATTRESSES - Queen size. Hotel rooms. \$130. Call 734-8881.

817 FURNITURE
MATTRESSES - King size. 2 new oak and 1stc metal rolling chair, 150. CD stand, \$25. Call 735-1028.

818 FURNITURE
CEMENT MIXER - \$250. Call 733-3058.

819 FURNITURE
COUCH - blue, like new \$275/offer. Microvener, Sears, 734-6716. Call 324-2037.

820 FURNITURE
DESK & Chair, steel, \$100. Cardo Gio, \$100. Stove, wood or coal, air tight, w/irrigate wall, pipe & fittings, catalytic converter, 200-324-2224.

821 FURNITURE
DESK - 15 inch, office, \$75. (2) wooden storm doors, \$350/each. Call 733-6286.

822 FURNITURE
CEMENT MIXER - \$250. Call 733-3058.

823 FURNITURE
COUCH - blue, like new \$275/offer. Microvener, Sears, 734-6716. Call 324-2037.

824 FURNITURE
DESK & Chair, steel, \$100. Cardo Gio, \$100. Stove, wood or coal, air tight, w/irrigate wall, pipe & fittings, catalytic converter, 200-324-2224.

825 FURNITURE
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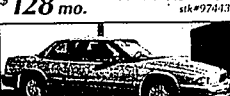
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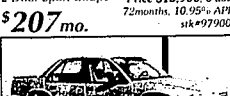
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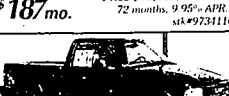
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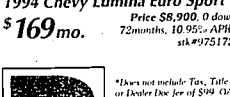
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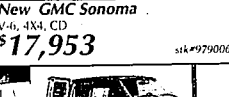
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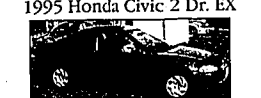
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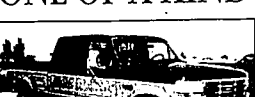


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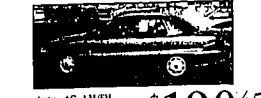
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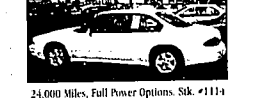


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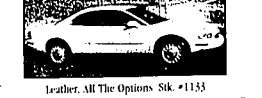
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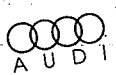
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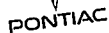
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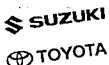
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