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Trade offer could buy land for store



Pete and Amy Springer, with their 2-year-old daughter Erica, say they won't mind moving from their home on Elm Street to a newer apartment. Developers are attempting to acquire area property to expand an Albertson's supermarket in Twin Falls.

Albertson's on Addison could be remodeled

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A proposed land trade could make room for a remodeled Albertson's Food Center on Addison Avenue, a new shopping area and new home for public housing.

Albertson's already announced it would open next summer a second store in the former Ernst building at Elm Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road.

The Boise-based chain purchased the Ernst site three weeks ago from Kwik Kalik Investments for an undisclosed price. Albertson's plans a 4,000-square-foot store in the former Ernst building.

That deal was closed, but plans for the other Albertson's store on Addison Avenue are still open.

The Intermountain Development Group of Salt Lake City proposed a land trade with the Twin Falls Housing Authority, which operates affordable housing projects in town.

The Utah company is interested in the three acres behind the Addison Square Albertson's between Ash Street North and Elm Street where the authority has 20 apartments, said Penny Land, the authority's director. In exchange, the authority would receive 10 new apartments on property near Montague Drive.

No agreement has been signed, Land said. But the City Council, most tenants and a city-appointed advisory board have approved the proposed trade. However, more details are needed before the U.S. Housing and Urban Development agency can approve the deal, she said.

HUD owns the property.

On the surface, the proposed trade has merit because the apartments were built in the 1940s and the authority would get new units, Land said. Given HUD's downsizing, money to modernize has been slow in arriving, she said.

Residents Amy and Pete Springer don't mind the idea of moving to a new apartment.

"I'm hoping for a little bit bigger house," Pete Springer said.

Bernice Richardson said she signed

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More turn lanes in works to speed flow of heavy traffic at Pole Line, Blue Lakes

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — More left turn lanes will be added this spring to ease traffic congestion at Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road.

But even with the work, these traffic problems won't disappear because it's just a busy corner, says Scott Malone, assistant district engineer with the Idaho Transportation Department in Shoshone. "You've got significant commercial development and the fact the Perrine

Bridge is the only way to get through town," he said.

The intersection is near Magic Valley Mall, Target and Costco, and Albertson's last week announced plans to add a 47,000-square-foot supermarket at the former Ernst Home Center building at the intersection.

Between 35,000 and 40,000 vehicles drive through the intersection each day. "What spurred it on is the high volume of left turns," said George Oberle, district traffic engineer.

Drivers were backing up the street and

blocking driveways.

The \$1 million project will add a left turn lane to the existing left turn lanes at the intersection, he said. But the intersection will lose dedicated right turn lanes, where drivers can make only a right turn.

"What we gain in the middle we lose on the outside," he said.

Under the plan, drivers going straight and making right turns will share a lane. The only dedicated right turn that will remain comes off the Perrine Bridge.

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Saturn mission ignites safety debate over plutonium

Paranoia muddles explosive issues

Los Angeles Times

No doubt about it, the element plutonium has a bad name.

It's the stuff of nuclear bombs. It causes cancer. It's named after the god of hell — Pluto.

It was even given the chemical call letters Pu deliberately, "as a joke," said its 1941 discoverer, University of California, Berkeley, Nobel laureate Glenn Seaborg.

Recently, plutonium has gained new

notoriety as NASA prepares to launch the Cassini mission to Saturn, which will carry 72 pounds of plutonium as a power source.

Critics of the mission say that 5 billion people could suffer ill effects if Cassini blows up on the launch pad or crashes into Earth during a planned 1999 fly-by.

Some South Florida residents say they are ready to leave town — or even the country — before the Oct. 13 launch. And some anti-Cassini activists have threatened to send floats or parachutes to Cape Canaveral, Fla., in efforts to stop the launch.

Proponents say the risk carried by Cassini is minimal — less than the normal background radiation that people

receive from natural radioactivity in the atmosphere, rocks and soil. At worst, 120 people could die over 50 years, according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

It is certainly less than people receive routinely from such mundane activities as a travel and mammogram, they say. "Cassini is a glorious mission that justifies whatever small risks there might be," said engineer Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists.

Either way, plutonium is an explosive issue, muddled by a certain amount of paranoia on both sides.

Opponents believe that the Defense Department, in cahoots with NASA, would like to put plutonium reactors on

asteroids and dominate space with plutonium-powered rockets.

Supporters think that anti-Cassini activists want to stop all use of, and research on, plutonium.

Both sides fight.

"It's a complicated matter," said physicist Philip Morrison of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"In general, plutonium's danger is enormously exaggerated. On the other hand, I think it's fair to keep people in NASA and Defense honest and concerned. There is a thinkable catastrophe," he said.

If Cassini weren't a scientifically spectacular mission, he said, NASA shouldn't take the risk.

Father doubts his sons provoked police

Coroner says pistol shot killed Boise officer

The Associated Press

BRUSH VALLEY, Pa. — Idaho held promise for Craig Brodrick.

Three months ago, the college dropout and gun collector — having failed to become a Pennsylvania state trooper or deputy U.S. marshal — leapt from the nest of his parents at 30 years old and landed on the other side of the continent.

Boise had higher mountains to climb, more money to make and just as many target ranges to keep his shooting skills sharp.

A month ago, he persuaded his kid brother, Doug Brodrick, 27 — who also fell short on the state police test — to join him.

"We were devastated when they moved, but they really loved it out there," said Martin Brodrick, father of the men. "They had passed through there in their travels around the country, and Craig really wanted to go back."

But the two brothers and a Boise police officer died early Saturday morning during a protracted shootout on a downtown corner. Officer Mark Stall became the first Boise officer ever to die on the job. A second officer was wounded but is recovering.

Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg said the autopsy showed that Stall suffered one wound from a .5 mm pistol, which the brothers were both using.

The slug entered his right side just under his arm and less than an inch above the top edge of his bullet-proof vest.

Sonnenberg said he died to death.

Specimens of the fingerprints were still being withheld as detectives continued their investigation.

The coroner said Craig Brodrick was shot at least 12 times and possibly as many as 25 while his brother sustained at least seven gunshots. Doug Brodrick was shot twice.

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Martin Brodrick of Brush Valley, Pa., says his sons had no police record worse than a traffic ticket and he wants to know why they were shot and killed early Saturday in a shootout with Boise police.



Doug Brodrick



Craig Brodrick

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 71 Low: 39
Sunny after patchy mists...

Treasure Valley

High: 80 Low: 54
Sunny with light, variable winds...

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 70 Low: 37
Mostly sunny after patchy morning fog...

Eastern Idaho

High: 69 Low: 36
Mostly sunny after patchy morning fog...

Northern Idaho

High: 81 Low: 50
Sunny with light wind today and Wednesday...

Northern Utah

High: 73 Low: 51
Mostly sunny with east winds 15 to 25 mph...

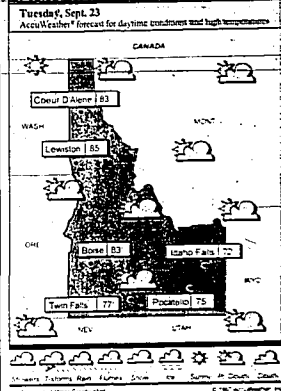
Northern Nevada

High: 74 Low: 37
Sunny early but some patchy clouds with light winds...

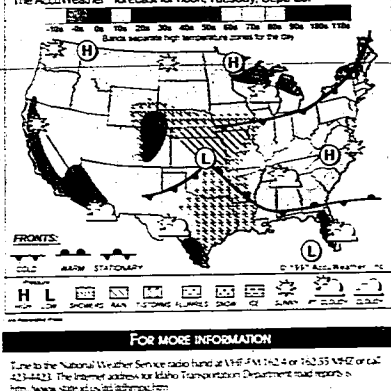
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Today Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
High: 77 Low: 46 High: 80 Low: 48 High: 81 Low: 48 High: 76 Low: 48 High: 73 Low: 44

IDAHO Weather



NATIONAL WEATHER



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with columns: Twin Falls, Precipitation, Yesterday in Twin Falls, Normal mo. to date, Water use to date, Normal year to date.

Highs/Lows

Table with columns: Idaho: High, 83; Degree at Hagerman, Low, 36; Degree at Starline, National High, 103; Degree at Woodrow, Min 1.

Comfort factors

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The Nation

Table with columns: High, Low, Precip. for various cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Phoenix, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa, Washington.

West Point's initial black cadet gets commission

ORANGEBURG, S.C. (AP) — The Army finally commissioned West Point's first black cadet Monday, 123 years after the former slave was expelled for failing an exam despite enduring years of racial harassment from fellow cadets.

Smith, born a slave in Columbia, entered the U.S. Military Academy in 1870, five years after the end of the Civil War. From the start, he was harassed by white cadets...

Sons

Continued from A1 head, heart and liver. Sonnenberg said the combination of so many wounds killed Craig Brodick.

"But the fact is there were a number of officers there," Tibbs said. "There were seven officers present. It is my understanding that six of the seven officers returned fire."

Trade

Continued from A1 papers in June with the Intermountain Development Group for the possible purchase of her property on Ash Street North. She was told the company wanted the land to expand the Albertson's store on Addison Avenue.

Smith said the books were used to clear a path on hikes. Also seized were books on converting a semi-automatic weapon to an assault rifle, a beach-cleaning pamphlet and survival guides.

Turns

Continued from A1 Trucks use the lane frequently. The project will take about two months to complete. Although there will not be major construction, such as widening the roads, the project is expensive because of its complexity, Oberle said.

"The mayor, the sheriff, the state police out there — they all need to be investigated," Brodick said.

Plant shooting claims lives of gunman, woman

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A man walked into an automobile seat plant with a gun and began firing Monday, prompting hundreds of workers to flee. He then shot and killed a woman and himself.

"I'm in deep shock by all of this," he said. "He was an excellent employee here."

Correction

TWIN FALLS — A story in The Times-News Sunday implied that Fox Network programming was available in the area over KTRV-TV in Boise.

Lottery Update

CONGRATULATIONS TO CRAIG WEATHER OF Caldwell. Craig won the last Century Blazer BLAZER BLAZER. He bought his winning ticket on Friday at the Circle K on Montana Street in Caldwell. Craig also won \$100 playing BLAZER BLAZERS.

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Clinton at U.N.: End nuclear testing 'for all time'

President sends global test-ban treaty to Senate

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — President Clinton sent the Senate the long-delayed global test-ban treaty Monday and urged members to "end all nuclear tests for all time" by approving the pact over the objections of some Republicans.

Announcing his action in an address to the United Nations' 52nd General Assembly, Clinton called the treaty "the longest sought, hardest fought prize in the history of arms control." He signed the accord a year ago but pocketed it while White House lobbyists tried to build support.

In a 19-minute speech to U.N. delegates, the president also called for a permanent international court to punish human rights violators.

And he pledged that the United States would pay nearly \$1 billion in post-war U.N. fees to "put the question of debts and dues behind us once and for all."



Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, right, and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, listen to President Clinton speak at the U.N. General Assembly Monday.

U.N. address last year, Clinton said the nations of the world must unite against "21st century predators." He warned, "We're all vulnerable to the reckless acts of

rogue states and to an unwholy axis of terrorists, drug traffickers and international criminals."

including Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, before heading to the Metropolitan Opera's season-opening performance of "Carmen." He was returning to Washington Monday night.

His submission of the test-ban treaty is expected to stir opposition from GOP senators who don't trust arms control agreements or who insist that testing is needed to maintain America's nuclear stockpile.

The debate probably will restore battle lines from the vote on the Clinton-backed chemical weapons treaty, ratified in April after many lawmakers remained undecided until the last minute. The president needs about 22 Republican senators to join Democrats in support of the treaty.

"We intend to win this vote and failure is not an option," said Robert Bell, a senior White House arms control adviser.

During a U.N. visit a year ago, Clinton became the first world leader to approve the historic Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, which prohibits all nuclear test explosions.

The United States has not conducted a nuclear test since 1992. The treaty would take effect

next September. A Senate vote is expected by the spring. The treaty is signed by 115 countries, including Russia and China.

India, which has campaigned for total disarmament, lobbied against the treaty. Economic adversary Pakistan won't endorse it unless India does. After his speech, Clinton was dining with the prime ministers of both nations.

Critics point out that rogue states such as North Korea also have not signed the pact.

Still, the president said the treaty "will help prevent the nuclear powers from developing more advanced and more dangerous weapons. It will limit the possibilities for other states to acquire such devices."

On the separate issue of America's indebtedness to the U.N., Clinton promised to work with Congress to pay more of the

money. Congress is expected to authorize about \$900 million for the United Nations, provided the organization does not expand beyond current levels and agrees to put in a separate fund an additional \$400 million that the United Nations claims it is owed but the United States has contested.

The president also backed changes to the U.N. Security Council. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has already expressed support for giving permanent seats to Germany and Japan. The administration also supports adding three other seats for Latin America, Africa and Asia, with countries in those regions rotating as the council expands to 20 or 21.

Annan opens General Assembly with appeal

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Under pressure from the U.S. Congress, Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged U.N. nations Monday to endorse his reform plan so the organization can better assist the people of the world.

President Clinton joined speakers from Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia in voicing support for reform during the annual U.N. General Assembly debate.

But the remarks at the opening day of the two-week debate underscored the challenge facing the United Nations in restructuring its worldwide operations: reform means different things to different governments, each of which has different interests and ideas regarding the world body.

Brazil's prime minister, Luiz Felipe Lamprea, announced his country's candidacy to represent Latin America on an expanded Security Council proposed by the United States. Italy, Argentina and others oppose the U.S. reform plan.

Danish Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen made a strong pitch for an international treaty banning land mines, which the Clinton administration opposes.

And speakers from Tanzania and Fiji urged the world community not to forget economic development programs. Fijian Prime Minister Sitiveni Ligamamanda Rabuka called for tough, mandatory reductions in "greenhouse gas" emissions, opposed by the United States and other countries.

Traditionally, the secretary-general does not deliver substantive speeches during the General Assembly's annual debate, deferring instead to leaders and foreign ministers of the 185 member nations.

But in a departure, Annan urged members to make this the "reform assembly" by endorsing his plan to streamline U.N. operations, reduce staff and hold down expenses.

Annan also thanked American

billionaire Ted Turner for his "extraordinarily generous" \$1 billion gift last week. Clinton said Turner's donation "highlights the potential for partnership between the U.N. and the private sector" and hoped others would follow the lead.

The General Assembly also will consider proposals to expand and restructure the Security Council, a proposal not included in the Annan plan.

The United States has called for adding Germany, Japan and three developing countries as permanent members. Italy opposed the U.S. plan and has called for adding non-permanent seats to the 15-member body.

Annan was elected last year after the United States vetoed his predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt, for a second term. The United States claimed Boutros-Ghali was sluggish in pursuing reform.

In his speech, Clinton applauded

Annan for "aggressively passing the most far-reaching reform of the United Nations in its history — not to make the U.N. smaller but to make it better. The United States strongly supports his leadership."

Annan said parts of his reform plan that are within his authority will be implemented this year. Others, such as creating a new post of deputy secretary-general, require General Assembly approval.

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NATION

New troubles for Mir, but shuttle launch proceeds

Main computer fails again; leak breaks out

MOSCOW (AP) — Troubles arrived in three Monday at the Mir space station, three days before the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis is to be launched on a visit to the ailing station.

First the Mir's main computer failed for the third time in three weeks. That problem was followed by two new ones: the failure of a carbon dioxide removal system and the appearance of a mysterious leak of brown fluid.

Those on the Mir — two Russians and American astronaut Michael Foale — were not in danger, space officials insisted, and NASA said it was going ahead with preparations to launch the Atlantis on Thursday.

"We would strongly dislike it if the shuttle launch is postponed, because it is to bring a new computer and other spare parts," said Viktor Blagov, deputy Russian Mission Control chief.

However, the docking will be possible if the Mir's capricious computer functions properly throughout the procedure — which is far from certain.

"It functions for one week, and then it gives us a surprise like it did this morning," Blagov said at a briefing. "It's difficult to guess how the computer will behave in the future."

When the computer goes down, so does the gyroscope system that keeps the space station in the right position for the docking. Loss of orientation also means the Mir's solar panels lose the best angle to soak up energy from the sun, which can cause a power shortage.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, who met with visiting Vice President Al Gore for economic talks on Monday, sought to downplay the Mir's woes.



Viktor Blagov, deputy Mission Control chief at Russian Mission control, answers a question at a news conference.

"Nothing prevents us from continuing the joint Russian-American research work on the Mir space station," the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Chernomyrdin as saying. "The shuttle will bring enough spare parts to fix all the problems."

Asked about the computer breakdown, Gore said NASA was "conducting a very intensive and detailed review of the Mir." Monday's breakdown is the fifth time since July that the computer has malfunctioned. The crew, accustomed to the problem, quickly replaced a faulty component, tested it and prepared to restart the computer, said Valery Lyndin, a spokesman for Mission Control.

As during the previous breakdowns, Foale and Russians Anatoly Solovoy and Pavel Vinogradov switched off the station's oxygen generator and most other systems to save power.

In the past, it has taken one to two days to get most systems back up and running. Lyndin said the repairs were going more quickly this time, and the crew was expected to fully restore Mir's oxygen early Tuesday.

Early Monday the crew saw a small brown cloud inside the station. Blagov initially said it appeared to be a leak, perhaps fuel from one of dozens of thrusters on the station or some substance from the ruptured Spektr module, sealed off since a June 25 collision.

"It looks a bit mysterious and we will have to analyze it," he said. Later in the day, the crew watched more of the substance

leak, and said it looked like a spray of oily drops.

Onboard equipment didn't indicate any fuel loss, so the substance may have been from an unsealed engine, Lyndin said.

And finally, the carbon dioxide removal system shut down Monday because of a fan breakdown. Blagov said the failure poses no danger. The station has enough oxygen to last for several days, a large supply of solid-fuel dimmers to generate more, and the carbon dioxide won't reach worrisome levels for 26 days.

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NASA's countdown for Mir mission begins

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An unwavering NASA began the countdown Monday for putting another American on Mir.

Despite more problems on the ramshackle Russian outpost, including a faltering computer that could prevent a docking in space.

Few shuttle missions have been so contested from within.

The shuttle launch team tried to focus on the job at hand — preparing Atlantis and the launch minute lead for a Thursday night liftoff.

"It won't change until the program has asked us to delay the launch," said shuttle test director John Guzik.

NASA senior managers awaited one last safety report, from Gemini and Apollo astronaut Thomas Stafford, before clearing Atlantis for flight and astronaut David Wolf for a four-month stay aboard Mir.

NASA inspector general Robert T. Gross has questioned Mir's safety following a raging fire, crippling collision, computer crashes and noxious leaks over the past seven months.

Even a former Johnson Space Center safety director, Charles Hartan, has said NASA senior managers "should have the guts" to admit enough is enough if the risks continue to mount.

"NASA management has accepted a different standard for human safety for the Phase 1 shuttle-Mir program than it has been willing to accept for either the shuttle or the international space station," Hartan wrote in a June 29 letter to NASA's top safety

official, four days after a cargo ship plowed into Mir.

Leaders of the House Science Committee have urged NASA to call off Wolf's Mir mission. He is supposed to replace Michael Foale, who has been up there since May. Committee leaders have said the shuttle should take up supplies, but no more astronauts to live on Mir.

Monday's rash of trouble merely bolsters their argument.

Mir's patched and repatched main computer went down yet again; the three-man crew quickly replaced a part. What's more, a carbon-dioxide removal system malfunctioned and a mysterious brown cloud appeared outside the space station.

That central computer must be working for Atlantis to dock. It is needed to orient the station in the proper rendezvous position; a last-minute failure like the one on Monday would prevent a safe linkup.

If Atlantis launches on time and the Mir computer holds steady, the shuttle will dock on Saturday and remain coupled for six days. The shuttle would control the 200-plus-ton complex if Mir's computer broke during that time.

Atlantis will deliver a new computer to Mir; it arrived from Moscow on Monday. The shuttle also will carry sealant for holes in Mir's ruptured lab module and a plug for the huge gap that would be created if the smashed solar panel on the station were to be removed, and supply thousands of gallons of urgently needed drinking water.

NATION IN BRIEF

Clinton to nominate Air Force secretary

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida state Sen. Daryl Jones is President Clinton's pick to be the next secretary of the Air Force, U.S. Sen. Bob Graham said Monday.

"The president has indicated his intention to nominate Daryl Jones as secretary of the Air Force," Graham told reporters. The secretary is the top civilian official in the service. Jones, 42, is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and a reserve jet fighter pilot. He left the Air Force after seven years on active duty as a Phantom pilot to attend law school and was elected to the Florida Legislature in 1990. Jones, considered a leading candidate for the job, declined to comment on Monday. "I'm just honored to be considered," he said. "I don't want to preempt the president of the United States."

Teen escapes using sharpened toothbrush

NEW ULM, Minn. — A 16-year-old boy escaped from a juvenile detention center by holding a sharpened toothbrush to a jailer's throat and attacked a man with a golf club before being recaptured Monday, police say.

The teenager, whose name was not released, had been at the detention center on attempted murder charges for allegedly shooting a police officer at a high school Sept. 11. The officer was grazed in the forehead.

Investigators said the student had apparently gone to the school to kill someone or take hostages.

Lawsuit over crash settled before trial

CHICAGO — Families of 68 people killed three years ago when an American Eagle flight slammed into an Indiana farm field in October 1994, settled their lawsuits Monday with the airline and manufacturers of the airplane.

"We are terribly sorry that this happened," American Airlines attorney Anton Valukas said as the settlement was announced. "We can never compensate you for the loss that you have suffered."

The amount of the settlement was not disclosed immediately. In six cases, the monetary award has not been settled yet. "It was very fair," said Kim Collins, 36, of Pittsburgh. Her sister, Sandi Modaff, was a flight attendant on the plane. "This is a sad day. It brought all that back."

Compiled from wire reports

24-hour training pause begins for Air Force

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force suspended training flights for combat air crews at domestic bases Monday to focus on safety issues arising from a recent string of accidents.

The rest of the Air Force, including transport and tanker units and warplanes based abroad, will suspend training flights for 24 hours on Friday.

The Air Force had planned a service-wide halt of training flights for Friday, but Air Combat Command, which operates all fighters and bombers at domestic bases, decided to move it up to Monday after one of its B-1 bombers crashed in Montana.

"It's important to remind each individual in the Air Force of the importance of what they do," Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall told The Associated Press. "This will allow our people to reflect on their mission."

She said she was confident the one-day halt to normal flying routines, known as a "stand-down," will make Air Force operations safer. Despite the recent crashes, the Air Force's overall safety record for the past year has been one of its best ever.

The Navy, Marine Corps and Army are scheduled to make a similar one-day stand-down before the end of this week. Defense Secretary William Cohen last week ordered a military-wide stand-down for "a period of

reflection on safety."

It is the first-ever suspension of all military pilot training. Cohen's order does not affect operational flights such as those over Iraq and in support of Bosnia peace-keeping.

In a statement issued Sunday from his headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va., Gen. Richard Easley said the one-day pause was needed to "focus intently on what we do and how we do it."

"We need to determine why these accidents happened and how to prevent any more mishaps," said Hawley, who is commander of Air Combat Command. The command has 1,655 aircraft at 28 major installations in the United States and Panama.

The series of air crashes started Sept. 13 when an Air Force C-141 transport crashed off the coast of Africa. The next day, an F-117A stealth fighter broke up in flight on an air show in Maryland. The day after that a Navy F-16 went down in Oman, and a Marine Corps F-18 crashed off North Carolina. Also, two planes from the New Jersey Air National Guard collided off the New Jersey coast last Tuesday.

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Amtrak may settle

WASHINGTON (AP) — A series of 3.5 percent annual salary increases was recommended Monday in an effort to settle a long-running dispute between Amtrak and one of its unions.

The proposal was made by a three-member emergency board appointed by President Clinton on Aug. 21 when he imposed a 60-day cooling off period to block a threatened strike.

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EPA aims to cut pollution in East

MOUNDSVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — Decades ago coal-burning industrial plants filled the air with soot along this stretch of the Ohio River Valley. Now some of the industry is gone, and the air here is clean.

But south of town, at a bend of the river, a smelter nearby as tall as the Empire State Building is suspected of causing problems for people hundreds of miles away. The Environmental Protection Agency, possibly by the end of the week, is expected to demand tougher pollution controls in 25 states east of the Mississippi. The goal is to reduce interstate pollution; the primary target will be the tall stacks of more than 40 coal-burning power plants from Illinois to West Virginia.

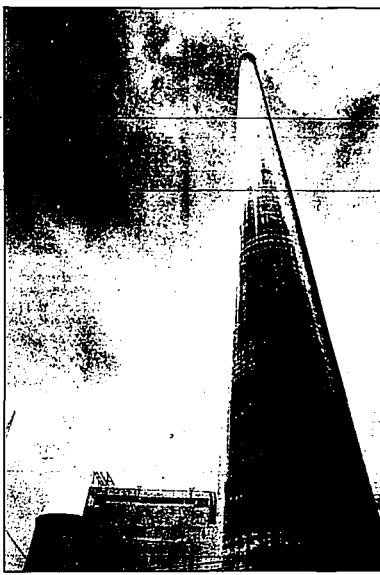
Two plants south of Moundsville and a third 25 miles upriver belong to the Ohio-based American Electric Power Co. Together, last year, they released 91,000 tons of sulfur dioxide, more than the emissions from power plants in all of New England and New Jersey combined.

The stacks were designed specifically to keep from polluting the Ohio River Valley, and on that front they have succeeded. Moundsville resident Gloria Stiles, a server at Bob's Lunch, remembers when local industries created so much pollution she couldn't keep her car clean. Now, with most of the industries gone, the air meets federal standards and she and other local residents don't pay much attention to the power plant.

But others do, saying the wind-borne emissions cause them problems.

"Our air quality is greatly affected by Midwest polluters, something over which we have no control," complains Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, echoing views of governors from Maine to Delaware.

After years of study and interstate squabbling, Vermont and



A smoke stack puffs away at the coal-burning Mitchell Power Plant in Moundsville, W.Va., Wednesday.

seven other Northeast states demanded last month that the EPA take action to curb the pollution from 40 of the largest Midwest coal-burning power plants.

The agency had already indicated it would direct states to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions from the plants by as much as 60 percent beyond what already is required.

Dick Wilson, the EPA's acting director for air quality in Washington, said the goal is to cut total summertime nitrogen oxide releases from 23 million tons to 1 million tons by 2003.

While 25 states may have to make additional emission reductions, the biggest will come in the Midwest. The plants have so far escaped stringent emission controls because generally they are located in areas of good local air quality.

But there is intense debate about the cost of the standards and how much of the blame for smog over northeast cities should be shouldered by the power plants.

"The problem is you've got too many cars in the Northeast," argues John McManus, environmental specialist for AEP, the Ohio-based utility. "Making reductions in the Midwest is not going to help the Northeast. Reductions have to come from the Northeast."

McManus says computer models of air currents that, he says, suggest significant levels of emissions travel no more than 150 miles.

But senior EPA officials and many state leaders from the northeast argue that the emissions that do reach the East Coast keep cities from Washington to Boston and beyond from making their air healthy.

Industries in the Northeast already have spent billions of dollars to reduce pollution from cars, trucks and power plants. The Northeast states have agreed to cut nitrogen oxide levels by as much as 75 percent from power-plants by 1999, compared to 1990 levels, and New Jersey recently increased that commitment to 95 percent.

Last year nitrogen oxide emissions from New York power plants totaled 73,600 tons, and from New Jersey 27,500 tons. By comparison, Ohio's power plants — mainly coal — accounted for almost 560,700 tons, according to EPA figures.

NATION IN BRIEF

Budget deficit may be smallest in 23 years

WASHINGTON — With only one month left to report in the government's fiscal year, the budget deficit is on track to be the smallest in 23 years.

Red ink in August totaled \$34.6 billion, the Treasury Department said Monday. That was a bit less than the \$38 billion predicted by economists and brought the shortfall for the first 11 months of the budget year to \$71.3 billion, 50 percent less than during the same period of fiscal 1996.

With a substantial surplus expected for September from quarterly tax payments, the government should have little trouble recording a deficit for all of fiscal 1997 or for under the \$37 billion projected earlier this month by the Clinton administration, analysts said.

The deficit was \$107.4 billion in fiscal 1996. The administration is projecting it will increase to \$58.3 billion in 1998 and won't decline below the 1997 level until 2001.

Teen appeals 27-year term, gets life instead

MONTICELLO, Fla. — A teenager who appealed a 27-year prison term for a deadly attack on two British tourists won a new sentence Monday: life behind bars.

Aundra Akins, 18, clenched his jaw and stared straight ahead as he heard Judge F.E. Steinhilber read the harsher sentence for attempted first-degree murder.

Judge Steinhilber said Akins deserved the same sentence as another defendant, John "Billy Joe" Crumite, who was sentenced to life in prison for first-degree murder.

Postal Service switches paycheck method

WASHINGTON — The nation's 800,000 postal workers will no longer get paychecks from the Treasury, starting Oct. 3.

Although the Postal Service has been an independent agency since the early 1970s and no longer receives a federal subsidy for operations, the Treasury has been issuing postal worker paychecks with money deposited by the post office.

Now, the Postal Service is taking its business to four major banks across the country, which will issue checks similar to those used by private companies. The commercial banks "provide better payroll processing services than the U.S. Treasury," Postal Chief Financial Officer Michael J. Riley said in a letter to post office workers.

Treasure hunter finds presidential yacht

ASSATEAGA ISLAND, Va. — Salvage operator Ben Benson was searching for sunken Spanish treasure ships in the shallow waters off Assateaga Island when he found a piece of American history.

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Labor convention opens with calls for reform

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The AFL-CIO urged public funding for all federal campaigns, free television time for candidates and new limits on contributions Monday at the opening of the labor federation's annual convention.

"Our political system is awash with dirty money, corporate money and foreign money," federation president John Sweeney said in his keynote speech. "It is corrupting our elected officials and it is corroding the soul of our nation. And it is crowding out the participation and power of workers and their families."

Little mention was made at Monday's sessions of a Senate

inquiry into labor's political activities in 1996 or of the Teamsters election fund-raising controversy which has spread to the labor federation.

"It's a very serious matter and I hope it will be cleared up soon," Sweeney told reporters, adding that he was confident the AFL-CIO had done nothing wrong in regard to the Teamsters election.

A resolution passed by the federation's executive council called for public financing of campaigns, said current regulations on party-building "soft money" contributions were "a mockery," urged limits on the money political parties could accept and said

"bona fide candidates" should receive free TV and radio time as well as reduced postage rates.

But the federation wanted no new limits on the right of groups outside the political parties to wage advertising campaigns to hold candidates accountable on issues important to those groups. Part of a 6-cent per capita dues increase the convention is expected to approve will be dedicated to mobilizing members around labor's issues.

"The AFL-CIO will continue to expand our efforts to inform and educate working families on issues of importance to them, and we will continue to inform our members about how candidates

for public office stand on these issues," the resolution said.

Organized labor spent \$119 million on political activity during the 1996 election cycle, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. Union PACs gave \$49 million directly to federal candidates and an additional \$9.5 million for party activities.

The great majority of labor's contributions went to Democrats. The reinvigorated involvement of unions in elections last year — particularly the ad campaigns — generated criticism from Republicans and discussion in Congress of ways to restrict labor's ability to spend members' dues on politics.

Clinton: I meant to follow law in seeking donations

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton declared Monday that he and Vice President Al Gore intended to be firmly within the letter of the law "while seeking donations in their 1996 re-election campaign."

"I believed then and I believe now that what we did was legal," Clinton told reporters in New York, where he was addressing the United Nations.

A federal law prohibits seeking political donations from a federal office. It is not clear whether that law extends to the president and vice president, or whether Clinton actually made any calls from the White House.

Republicans are calling for an independent counsel to investigate the matter. Attorney General Janet Reno has begun a 30-day review of Clinton's activity, a step already taken for Gore, who has admitted making some calls from the White House.

The New York Times reported Monday that Justice Department investigators have documents showing that Clinton was urged to place as many as 40 calls to wealthy contributors from the White House, and most of the people on a call list made large donations to the Democratic Party.

Clinton would not comment on that report. He said he would cooperate with investigators "however I can to establish the facts," but remained "absolutely certain" that he and Gore did not intend to seek contributions illegally.

"I am absolutely positive that we

intended to be firmly within the letter of the law when we went out there campaigning and raising funds, as we should have been doing," Clinton said. "We had to do that."

The 30-day review is the first step toward seeking an independent counsel. GOP congressional leaders argue that Reno should seek one on the mere possibility that Clinton solicited donations from the White House.

Some Republicans have threatened to initiate impeachment proceedings against Reno if she fails to act.



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WORLD

Gore, Russia discuss Iran nukes

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia is cooperating with the United States to prevent the spread of missile technology to Iran, Vice President Al Gore said Monday, even though Moscow still intends to help build a nuclear plant in the Islamic nation.

Gore, who is holding a series of meetings this week with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, said Iran's alleged attempt to develop nuclear weapons and long-range missiles was a prime topic of discussion.

"We've spent a lot of time talking about Iran," Gore said at a government resort outside Moscow. "We've agreed to continue to share information and work closely to prevent the possibility of Russian missile technology from reaching Iran or any other rogue state."

With Russia's economy ailing, Moscow is eager to export the few items it can market internationally, including weapons and nuclear technology. Weapons exports are growing and Moscow is building or plans to build, nuclear power plants in several countries, including Iran.

The Russians insist that their exports do not include parts or



Vice President Al Gore, left, prepares to begin talks with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin Monday near Moscow.

technology that could be used to build missiles or nuclear weapons. But the Americans fear that Iran could take Russian technology for

the power plant and use it in the construction of nuclear weapons. "We share the view that certain developments would be destabiliz-

ing in the Middle East," Gore said. "Russia has a slightly different perspective, but I think the differences have narrowed considerably."

On a related issue, the two countries plan to convert a Russian plant that makes weapons-grade plutonium into a civilian factory, Gore said, adding that more details on this would be released Tuesday.

Gore and Chernomyrdin have been meeting twice a year since 1993. This week's talks have included discussions on space, energy, ecology and trade.

The Americans want Russia to streamline its complicated tax code, and also say Moscow could do more to improve the climate for Western companies that want to develop Russian oil and gas fields. American oil firms are involved in several disputes in Russia.

The Russians, meanwhile, are looking for additional foreign investment and want to continue their integration into the world economy, Chernomyrdin said.

Overall, U.S.-Russian relations are strong, both sides said, but there are points of friction that are unlikely to be resolved this week.

New Delhi police kill rampaging elephant

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A rebellious elephant trampled its owner to death and destroyed nearly 100 huts in a New Delhi shantytown before being shot and killed by police.

Nearly 30 policemen tried to corral the elephant Saturday as it rampaged along the banks of New Delhi's Yamuna River, the Indian Express newspaper reported Monday. One person was hospitalized with injuries, police said.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Saddam urges Arab unity against foreigners

BAGHDAD, Iraq — President Saddam Hussein has renewed his plea for Arab unity, saying Arabs should otherwise face "dens of poisonous wasps" from abroad promoting the interests of the United States.

The Iraqi media reported Saddam's comments Monday and said they were made in a speech three weeks ago to the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party.

Saddam's plea comes as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia continue to refuse to let Iraq back into Arab councils to punish it for the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait, an occupation ended months later by a U.S.-led coalition in the Persian Gulf War.

Saddam said unifying Arab nations would be a boon to all Arabs, adding "when one feels he is an integral part of a nation of 200 million people, (it) is something different from feeling that he is just a part of people comprising a few millions."

Socialists face runoff in Serb elections

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — For the first time since Slobodan Milosevic took control of Serbia 10 years ago, his Socialists face a runoff in presidential elections — against a candidate more nationalistic than Milosevic himself.

While the Socialist party swept legislative elections in the Serbian republic, which makes up most of Yugoslavia, Milosevic's protégé Zoran Ljilic failed to win the 51 percent of Sunday's vote necessary for a first-round victory.

Ljilic will likely face Radical Party leader Vojislav Seselj in a runoff Oct. 5, according to partial results released Monday by the two parties. The Radicals also closely trailed the Socialists in the race for Serbia's 250-seat parliament.

Seselj, a 42-year-old federal lawmaker and mayor of a town on the outskirts of Belgrade, launched his political career on his success as a paramilitary commander during the wars in Croatia and Bosnia. Virulent in his support for a "greater Serbia," Seselj once declared his men would "take out the eyes of Croats with rusty spoons."

2 Israelis wounded in shooting; assailant hit

AMMAN, Jordan — Two Israeli Embassy security guards traded gunfire with assailants in a car in Jordan's capital on Monday. The Israelis were slightly wounded and one man in the fleeing vehicle was hit.

Jordan's King Hussein condemned the attack as "disgraceful" and visited the two Israelis in the hospital. The attackers would be severely punished, the king promised, and he presented the Israelis with watches.

Hussein telephoned Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to express his regrets for the attack. In a television broadcast, Jordanian officials also offered a "substantial reward" for help in finding the attackers.

The Israelis, Yuakov Levine and Amikam Hadar, were attacked as they drove to work, Israeli Embassy spokesman Royce Gilad said, adding they were "in a good condition and recovering ... from slight gunshot wounds."

Japan steelmaker, Korean families settle

TOKYO — A Japanese steelmaker and the families of 11 Koreans have reached an out-of-court settlement requiring the first payments by a Japanese company for using forced labor during World War II.

Nippon Steel Corp. will pay more than \$163,000 in "condolence money" to the families of 11 Koreans forced to work during the war at the company's mine in Kamaishi, 300 miles northeast of Tokyo, a lawyer representing the families said Monday.

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Utah barber shop reaches out, gives aid to poor in Mexico

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Some sewing machines being used in Mexico and truckloads of food and goods that have found their way to poverty-stricken villages can all be traced to a barber shop here.

For about a year now, Derrell's Barber Shop here has been taking donations.

It all started when barber Al Thacker suggested to owner Derrell Ruddy that the shop get involved in the humanitarian cause. He said, "Let's do it," Thacker recalled. He began by teaching store owners about contributing sewing machines and materials.

Last year, 72 sewing machines, 58 wheelchairs, crutches, 16 tons of clothing and \$7,000 in cash, a 1985 van with a wheelchair lift and various medical supplies were

donated to the shop. Thanks to volunteered trucks and drivers from England Trucking and Pride-Transport, the goods were taken to a warehouse in El Paso, Texas. From there, they were picked up by Ed Whetton and other citizens of Colonia Juarez, a Mormon Church colony in Mexico that dates back to the 1880s.

Whetton started a clinic of sorts for handicapped children some years ago. He took the donated sewing machines and set up a sewing center where mothers of the 320 children being treated in the clinic earn money to pay expenses.

Thacker tells stories of lives he's seen touched in Mexico.

One family of four lived in a house built of cardboard and had for furnishings only a bed and

table with a chair and a box scooped up to it. Two blankets rested on the bed and a pipe led from a half-barrel — the stove — out through the roof.

"The clothing they had was on their backs and we think we're poor," Thacker said.

In another place, a girl of about 5 came up to Thacker and had a candy cane in one hand and an orange in the other. "Her eyes were just sparkling," he remembers.

It was cold outside and the Heber City man remembers that the buttons to the young girl's cotton blouse were missing. He put a coat around her.

"The smile that she gave me was the greatest reward. It was worth every dime I had spent to get there and get the items there," he said.

200-mile chase through Oregon, Idaho ends in arrest

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) — A 200-mile chase on Interstate 84 through eastern Oregon, into Idaho and back again has ended in the arrest of a man suspected of killing his wife.

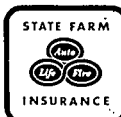
State police used spiked strips to puncture the tires of the suspect's car so they could arrest David William Taylor, 28, of Hermiston. His wife, Terry Lynn Taylor, 39, died of gunshot wounds Saturday night at a duplex apartment the couple shared.

Police began searching for Taylor's car shortly after finding the victim's body late Saturday night. Within 40 minutes, a Umatilla County sheriff's deputy spotted Taylor's car in the east-bound lanes of I-84 near Stanfield.

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Utah teen birth rates fall from '91 high

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The birth rate among Utah teenagers has gradually declined since 1991, when it peaked at 49.1 per 1,000 for young women ages 15 to 19.

In fact, the teen birth rate statewide in 1995, the latest data available, compares to that of 12 years ago, said Lynda Ion, director of community services for Planned Parenthood of Utah.

The 1995 statewide birth rate for teens age 15 to 19 was 44.1 live births per 1,000, or 4,219 births, the Utah Department of Health reported.

A decade ago, the rate was 45.6. Utah's birth rate for teens mirrors a national trend. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta has reported a 12 percent decrease in the teen birth rate between 1991 and 1996 — down from 62.1 births per 1,000 teens to 54.7.

Like the CDC, Planned Parenthood of Utah contends the decrease is due, at least in part, to educational and family planning programs.

"We have no hard evidence of that (in Utah)," Ion said. "But teens are either not having sex, or they're having sex and doing better planning... We would love to think it is partially due to the education, community outreach and services that Planned Parenthood provides."

The agency believes its services to Utah teens have kept pace with substantial growth in that population. While the state experienced a 28 percent increase in the number of 15- to 19-year-old females from 1987 to 1995, Planned Parenthood services to the population increased 28 percent as well, Ion said.

Pregnancies for that age group increased 11 percent during the same period.

However, the number of teen births differs from the rate, which calculates how many young women have babies for every 1,000 females in that age range. That can make rates somewhat misleading in areas with small populations, said Robert Reifs, director of the health department's Office of Public Health Data.

For example, in the Wasatch County health district, the teen birth rate dropped from 69.82 in 1991 to 41.32 in 1995. In terms of actual births, though, the difference was only six babies: 31 in 1991, and 25 in 1995.



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EDITORIAL

Idaho voters have already spoken on gambling

Idaho voters have spoken twice in the past decade on the subject of gambling. Voters said yes to a lottery, no to casinos - a slightly inconsistent pattern, perhaps, but there it is.

Now Lt. Gov. Butch Otter wants a third trip to the polls, to clarify the voters' real wishes. In our view, such a vote is unnecessary - and it won't take Otter and other Idaho officials off the hook for leadership on this issue.

In 1988, voters narrowly (52-48) approved creation of a state lottery. The vote pitted Idaho's reverence for old-fashioned morality against the prospect of winning a big jackpot. (You might say hope nosed out faith in a photo finish.)

Having allowed a lottery, Idaho soon found itself bucking a federal law that required equal gambling opportunities for Indian tribes. The Legislature in 1992 hurriedly wrote a constitutional amendment to ban casinos. Voters strongly approved it, 58-42.

Interpreting these two votes is not terribly complicated. Idahoans like their Lotto tickets, but they don't want to turn their state into a replica of Nevada.

That conclusion may be an oversimplification, but it's a reasonable one. If the state refers the issue to voters yet

again, the answer isn't likely to get much plainer.

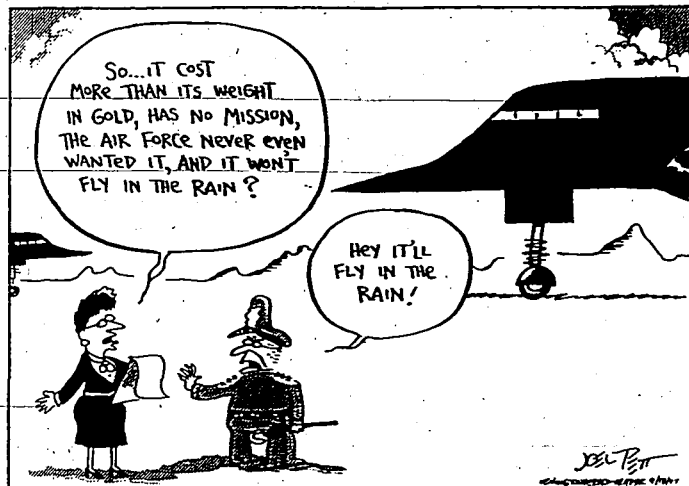
Otter, who heads Gov. Phil Batt's committee on gambling issues, suggests asking three questions in 1998: Do people want to limit gambling to what it was when the lottery was adopted? Do they want to freeze it as it is now? Do they want any type of casino gambling?

That's a complicated ballot measure. Voters may have trouble sorting it out. Even if they understand it perfectly, they'll still provide only a broad outline of their wishes.

Sooner or later, the state's elected politicians must exert real leadership on this issue. They cannot merely ask "What do my constituents want?" They also must ask, "What is good for my state?"

On gambling, the answers to both questions are fairly clear already. Neither public sentiment nor good sense favors expansion of gambling in Idaho. The social and economic costs of gambling (increased crime, gambling addiction, corruption and a degraded moral climate) plainly outweigh whatever financial benefit it may bring to a state.

Otter and other Idaho politicians already know the right thing to do. The just need to do it.



Congress should investigate military crashes

Congressional hearings should be held to determine whether the six military plane crashes since Sept. 13 are the result of massive cutbacks in defense spending and social experimentation by the Clinton administration, which has watered down qualifications for pilots in favor of advancing certain "preferred" groups.

President Clinton says there is nothing unusual about the incidents, and these sorts of things happen because flying military aircraft is a dangerous job. Maybe. But active-duty and recently retired pilots and their families suggest something else. Wives of military pilots have told me on several occasions how concerned they are for their husbands. Because of simply reduced funding, they say their husbands' planes have been grounded because of a lack of fuel.

Pilots tell me they and their friends are retiring early because of low morale brought on by extended tours on boring "peace-keeping" duty and the double standards for women combat pilots, which has damaged unit cohesion. Congress should especially be concerned about pilots with between 11 and 13 years experience who are resigning. While some are lured by far better salaries with the commercial airlines, my conversations with others indicate that they would have stayed if conditions had



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not deteriorated.

Among the federal civilian and military positions lost since the end of fiscal year 1992, more than 59 percent (almost 70,000) have come from the Pentagon, according to Defense Department figures. This year there are 1.5 million fewer defense jobs (including those in the military, the civil service and industry) than in 1992.

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The end of the Cold War offers an opportunity to retool our defense forces and adapt them to a new era. But that retooling should not make the military less potent. It's not just pilots who are in danger. The Aug. 4 issue of Time magazine tells of paratrooper drill sergeants who are making basic training easier. At Fort Leonard Wood, an attack drill was canceled when a "wet-bulb globe-temperature-calculation" tested the air and the sergeants decided it was too hot to attack. "This is more like summer camp"

than basic training, said one recruit. It doesn't sound like the Army basic training I endured in 1965.

The Carter administration brought on many of the problems now confronting the American military. Despite the buildup by the Reagan administration which resulted in the toppling of the Soviet Union, a bill introduced in the House in 1975 by the late Rep. Sam Stratton, D-N.Y., and added to that year's defense appropriation bill, sowed the seeds for the dilemma now confronting the military. That amendment mandated the admission of women to the service academies.

As former Secretary of the Navy James Webb wrote last January in The Weekly Standard: "By focusing the debate on 'simple equality' rather than the effect of injecting females into the already complicated and tension-enhancing environment of the operating military, Stratton and company managed to leave a much larger, more intangible and far more complex issue on the table. And there it has never since." That issue is performance, not gender. The recent crashes may be nothing more than unfortunate coincidences, but in an administration with no love for the military, it behooves Congress to be vigilant and to ask if better pay at the commercial airlines is the real reason so many experienced fliers are bailing out. I suspect it's something else.

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LETTERS

Favorite month shared with gays

Thanks to James Carmichael's letter on Friday, Sept. 19, I am now aware that I share my favorite month of the year, October, with Lesbian and Gay History Month. Yippee! As if I would be impressed by his list of the famously confused.

Thanks for the information, but I'd really rather share my favorite month with Morals and Values Month!

JULIE WHIGHT
Jerome

Young lady showed integrity

In this day and age of dishonesty and boredom by the younger generation, it is like a breath of fresh air to meet someone like Amanda. She works at the Maverick store on Sixth Avenue West in Twin Falls.

While playing for my gas on the Sept. 18, I dropped the folder with my driver's license, fishing license and several dollars folded in between.

As busy as she was, Amanda looked up my phone number and made three calls in the 30 minutes it took for me to return home (Call ID).

Even though she is probably only making minimum wage, Amanda refused a reward, saying she was just glad she found it and not someone else. Well, Amanda, so am I.

You are a very delightful young lady. I thank you for being you!

BEVERLY GALATIN
Twin Falls

Kimberly Road needs grocery store

Tell me, how long do we have to beg for a grocery store on Kimberly Road? Please, we need one here. There are disabled as well as senior citizens in this part of town also. It's mandatory over here!

LUCY AND GERALD ANDERSON
Twin Falls

Let's look at them building it

The Sept. 18 Times-News article on Utah growth (Page A-10) is a multi-party report our own City Council ought to memorize. We have a very active council saying build it, they will come, when "let them come and build it" is a far wiser, productive, economic

course. There is nothing south of the Snake River Canyon that favors or supports a major transportation hub except wrong-headed financial support. A recipe for disaster! An activist council, coupled with a population totally tuned out to what is going on and only storms the council chamber when something totally alarming whizzes by.

Pocatello (the gate city) controlled transportation in all directions until the interstate through Snowville was built and that had consequences that didn't promote Pocatello traffic or growth. A gate is a choke point as well as an opening (as any copkitt will tell you) and Twin Falls has an abundance of choke points with few openings. We should identify our strong points and capitalize on them. The College of Southern Idaho is only going to grow, housing will increase, good climate and place to live, people generally keep up their houses, a shopping center already in place.

Water is our challenge, so why are we building a railway? Any property with water, sewer and power will grow. Old Towne will fill to capacity over time without the chamber of commerce or council.

The chamber invited former President Ford here and he wisely told us taxes shouldn't be cut until the debt was paid, and then they gave him \$25,000 as he flew away. They should have been on the plane with him. If the chamber didn't exist, then the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory would have given \$50,000 to our water department, which is the real key to growth.

The Sawtooth National Recreational Area reports 50 percent recent visitor growth. The Utah report says, "It's alarming. We're paving our garden. Every issue seems to bring economic growth is the gold of the rainbow. But the values we are giving up are tremendous. We should focus on what we are doing to our future heritage."

Every issue transcends community boundaries, as we see at our council meetings. City elections are coming up and we need change there more than growth.

EARL D. OLSON
Twin Falls

Goodnight, Mr. Skelton, and God bless you

Comedian Red Skelton died last week and his death represents a monumental loss to America. Perhaps more than any other comic, he became a stubborn symbol of decency on stage during the decadent years when many comedians turned to profanity to enliven their acts.

Several years ago, Skelton, who was 84, spoke derisively about the use of foul language on stage: "If I rather have people say, 'Boy, he's hokier, isn't he?'" he insisted, "rather than, 'Who was the guy who told all the dirty jokes?'"

The man whose wacky television show lasted 20 years said, "I don't think people should have to pay money at the box office to hear what they can read on restroom walls."

It was his great talent and his way of looking at life that kept audiences faithful to Skelton even after television executives reached the conclusion that younger audiences wouldn't be attracted to his somewhat prudish brand of humor.

To demonstrate how wrong those executives at CBS and NBC were, Skelton took his act to college campuses throughout the country, performing to standing-room-only audiences. Till, in 1971, his show, which usually concluded with the

CLAUDE LEWIS

line "Good night, and God bless," was canceled forever.

Those who recall his television performances will never forget the many characters he played who brought laughter and tears to the faces of millions of Americans.

Skelton's talent not only tested but helped shape America's sense of humor during the '50s and '60s. Many who were addicted to Skelton's comic genius bent in half with laughter during his performances. And he had such a good time performing his skits he would often laugh uncontrollably at himself. Portions of his skits had to be restarted many times, but nobody seemed to mind.

Other comedians would watch his show and attempt to duplicate or copy his style, but few of them ever found success. Richard "Red" Skelton was gifted with a rubbery face, which he twisted simply to the delight of his many fans. His supple body allowed him to stumble comically, and gracefully became a major part of many of his routines.

Eventually, however, the cartilage in his knees gave way, and he was forced to

use a cane and leg braces. But nobody ever stopped laughing while Skelton was on stage.

One reason audiences so appreciated Skelton was they knew that they could count on his humor not to embarrass them in front of their children.

"I can look in the mirror every day and not be ashamed of the man who looks back. That's important to me; it's almost everything. Making people laugh is a great privilege. I would never deliberately abuse that privilege," Skelton said in a radio interview in 1973.

After his television show had been canceled, Skelton admitted, "My heart has been broken." America finally understood last week at the news of his death. Indeed, many of us were heartbroken to learn of the death of this comic genius who made us laugh, who maintained his self-respect and who respected all of us so much.

He was one of a kind, and as long as people have a need to laugh, his memory will endure. Good night, Red, and God bless.

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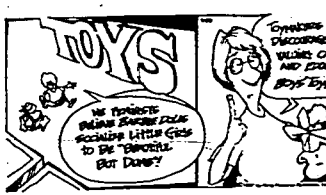
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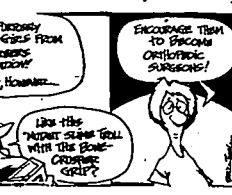
By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Teen-ager arrested in beating death of baby sitter

STANWOOD, Wash. (AP) — A teen-age boy who recently fled from a halfway house was held Monday in the death of a 12-year-old girl savagely beaten while baby-sitting five children at a neighbor's home.

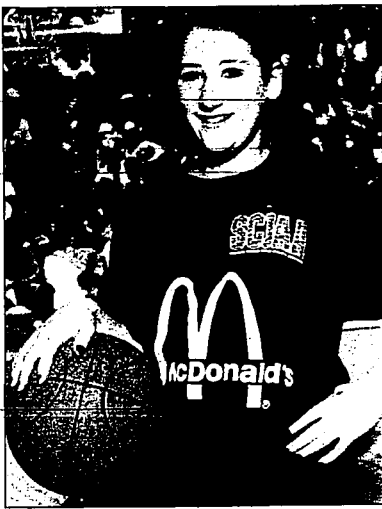
"She was like a flower, and it's like somebody stomped on her," said John Stephen Jones, the girl's father. "This wasn't supposed to happen. She didn't deserve to die."

Ashley Jones was tending the children at a house in her subdivision late Saturday when she was beaten unconscious, apparently during a burglary, Stanwood County sheriff's spokeswoman Jan Jorgensen. The five children were in the house, ranging in age from 2 to 8, were asleep and not harmed.

"David Dodge, 17, of nearby Camano Island, was arrested Sunday night on a fugitive warrant after escaping Friday from a halfway house in Lynnwood, about 30 miles to the south. Police said Dodge, who had been serving time for theft, was arrested at a friend's apartment in Stanwood, about 40 miles north of Seattle.

Dodge, who held as an adult in the county jail for investigation of first-degree murder, appeared Monday before Everett District Court Judge Roger Fisher, who set bail at \$1 million. County Chief Criminal Prosecutor Jim Townsend said he expected to file formal charges Tuesday or Wednesday.

Dodge, dressed in blue jail sweats, did not say anything at the



A 17-year-old boy who had escaped from a halfway house was booked Monday in the death of 12-year-old Ashley Jones, who was brutally beaten while she was baby-sitting for five younger children.

brief hearing.

Jorgensen said Ashley apparently did not know her attacker, and there were no signs of forced entry or theft at the home.

"He walked through an unlocked door," Jorgensen said. "Normally it's kept locked. I don't know what happened."

Police on Sunday combed Stanwood, a rural town of about 2,000, for clues leading to Ashley's killer. Residents of at least 150 homes were interviewed, Jorgensen said.

"We went from having a vague description of a male in white clothing to having enough infor-

mation to identify the youth," she said.

Ashley, a seventh-grader at Stanwood Middle School, had been watching the children, ages 2 to 8, at a neighbor's residence at the east end of town Saturday night, Jorgensen said.

She was found unconscious when the adults returned home about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. The children were asleep and unharmed, but the girl was "very, very brutally beaten," Jorgensen said. It was not immediately clear whether she had been sexually assaulted.

Ashley suffered head injuries and was taken by ambulance to Skagit Valley Hospital before being airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. A nursing supervisor said the girl was on life support from the time she arrived at Harborview and was pronounced dead at 2:37 p.m. Sunday.

The girl was not hurt when she talked to her mother by phone around 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Jorgensen said.

"There appeared to be no problems at that time," she said.

The slaying was the first in Stanwood since the early 1980s, Stanwood police Sgt. Bill Vansand said. Stanwood is in a mostly rural area on a narrow strip of land that connects Camano Island to the mainland, and has become attractive as a bedroom community for workers in the Everett and Seattle areas.

"She was so full of life," her father said in an interview with The Seattle Times. "She was such a good girl."

Relatives and neighbors said Ashley liked sports, especially basketball. She had played basketball for four years and had been looking forward to playing on her seventh-grade team.

Ashley began baby-sitting this summer for some of the families who live in the small, new-old Church Creek Estates housing development in Stanwood. Seattle police said there are no

state laws governing age limits for babysitters.

"It's heart-wrenching to us," Stanwood Mayor Matthews McGuire said. "We know the child. We know the family who lived in the house where it happened."

McGuire called the killing a "real tragedy" for the neighborhood, where garage doors are often left open overnight and the biggest previous crime he could recall was a car prowler.

"It's scary because we all felt really safe," said a neighbor, Judith Fillett.

Reporters were being kept from students at the middle school Monday. Raymond F. Reid, superintendent of the Stanwood School District, said the school's 620 students were devastated by the death of their popular, outgoing classmate.

Reid said he little information about Dodge, other than he was not enrolled in the Stanwood district.

Country or novelty, the Singing Senators strut their stuff in Branson

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — Joe Bonsall of the Oak Ridge Boys didn't know what to make of it.

There he was watching CNN one afternoon when on came a news clip of four United States senators singing, in four-part harmony no less, his group's signature song "Elvira."

The clip seemed to come on every half hour or so, Bonsall recalled, and soon he and the other Oak Ridge Boys were on the phone to one another, saying, in effect, "You gotta see this."

Eventually the Oaks had their representatives on the phone to Washington to learn what was up.

Soon after, they were in Washington themselves, invited by the Singing Senators — Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and fellow Republicans John Ashcroft of Missouri, Larry Craig of Idaho and James Jeffords of Vermont — to tour the Capitol and harmonize with them in the Rotunda.

On Sunday in Branson, Bonsall and fellow Oaks Duane Allen, Richard Sterban and William Lee Golden — he of the distinctive flowing hair and beard — got to return the favor.

The senators, on a fund-raising swing through Ashcroft's home



Larry Craig couldn't get out of here without seeing them.

state, decided to take a day off and visit Branson on the way back to Washington.

"Then, when we heard the Oak Ridge Boys were in town," said Craig, "we knew we could not get out of here without seeing them."

And when the Oak Ridge Boys heard the senators were in town, they made arrangements to bring them on stage for their Sunday matinee at the Charley Pride Theater.

Backstage beforehand, as Senate wives snapped pictures and fellow musicians exchanged bear hugs, it was hard to tell which side was more awed.

"Sterban is my idol," Lott declared at one point. "If I could sing bass like Sterban, I know I could do anything."

A few minutes later, he was standing next to him on stage, and when the two belted out the "ummmh poppa, ummmh poppa, mau, mau" harmony to "Elvira," the audience that filled about two-thirds of the 2,000-seat

theater whooped its appreciation.

"That Trent Lott's got quite a voice," Randy Mestre of Springfield said afterward. "I was totally surprised at him being able to carry that bass part like he did."

For their part, though, the Singing Senators are unflinchingly modest about their abilities. "The good thing is we're not worried if we screw up," Jeffords said.

Looking downright professional in their matching blue work shirts and tan pants, the Senators took the stage halfway into the Oaks' first set and ran through a handful of songs, including "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "This is My Country."

They hit their stride with the gospel tunes "Turn Your Radio On," and "Dig a Little Deeper in the Well," and joined by the Oaks and Charley Pride, brought the audience to its feet with "Elvira" and "God Bless America."

The Senators came together two years ago, after Craig and Lott noticed how well they harmonized together on "Happy Birthday" at a party and decided to put a group together.

Now they perform regularly at Republican fund-raisers and are considering recording an album this winter.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Driver dies when truck rolls into Boise River

ATLANTA - A pickup truck rolled into the Middle Fork of the Boise River Saturday night outside Atlanta, killing its occupant, Elmore County Sheriff's Department reports say.

The Elmore County Sheriff's Department withheld the name of the victim Monday pending notification of next-of-kin.

The victim was backing up the pickup, apparently trying to turn around, and drive off the road, Elmore sheriff's reports say. The truck was on a small trail, not a road, the report said.

The victim was the only one in the pickup, the report said. The accident was about two miles outside of Atlanta, in the remote northeastern corner of Elmore County.

TF Municipal Golf Course reports theft of fencing

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course has reported the theft of \$1,500 worth of fencing.

About 60 feet of rolled chain-link fence disappeared from the course between Sept. 9 and Sept. 20, Twin Falls police reports say. The fencing may have been stolen at night.

The section was valued at \$1,500, the report said.

Burglars strike Twin Falls

offices of lawyer, investigator

TWIN FALLS - Burglars broke into offices of a lawyer and an investigator Thursday night, police reports say.

The law offices of Attorney John A. Doerr and an office of DTF Investigation Services, at 834 Falls Ave., suite 2100, were broken into, Twin Falls police reports say.

Checks were stolen from the offices, and the investigator reported using an Apple Powerbook 150 laptop computer.

Police seek driver involved

in reported hit and run

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls police are looking for a car that knocked a man off his bicycle Friday.

Warren L. Hinton, 52, of Twin Falls was riding his mountain bike eastbound in the 1500 block of Kimberly Road at 2:24 p.m. Friday when he was knocked from his bicycle by a hit and run driver, Twin Falls police reports say.

A car hit Hinton from behind, knocking him to the ground and running up on a wheel of his bicycle, the report said.

Witnesses said Hinton talked to two women in the car, and asked them to pull into the center turn lane, the report said. The green Toyota Tercel turned into the United Furniture Warehouse parking lot, and the two women inside switched drivers, then left the scene before police arrived, the report said.

Vandals break windows

at motorcycle dealership

TWIN FALLS - Vandals shattered two windows at a Twin Falls motorcycle dealership Friday night.

Rocks were thrown through two big windows at Kawasaki of Twin Falls, 361 4th Ave. W., Friday night at Saturday morning, Twin Falls police reports say. The shattered glass ripped a seat on a snowmobile, the report said.

Halley drug trafficking

suspect pleads innocent

HAILEY - A man charged with felony trafficking pleaded innocent to the charge Monday.

Anthony B. Taylor, 59, a long-time Hailey resident, could face three years in prison if convicted. His trial is tentatively scheduled for November. His attorney, Doug Nelson, told the court he plans on filing a motion Monday for suppression of state evidence.

Nelson's motion is based on the argument that ample evidence to enter Taylor's east Hailey home when they arrested him April 2.

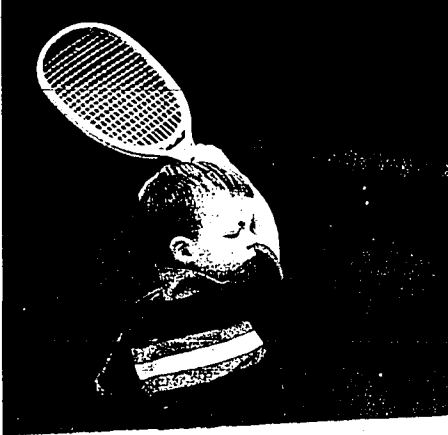
Police testified two weeks ago they obtained the search warrant after observing what appeared to be a six-inch marijuana plant growing in Taylor's south window sill. They determined the plant was marijuana by using a scope.

But when police executed a search warrant later that day, they found a tomato plant, not a marijuana plant.

Police also found 11 pounds of marijuana stored in two blue bins in the garage.

Compiled from staff reports

SWING AND A MISS



Three-year-old Alex Birch of Twin Falls comes up short on a swipe at a tennis ball during his first attempt at the sport. At Frontier Park in Twin Falls Renee Birch armed her sons Alex and Ian with racquetball rackets and let them have at it. After a few swings, the boys caught on and cleared the net frequently.

Legislator leery of deregulation

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A legislative committee doesn't want to free the electricity industry from government regulation - state as well as federal.

"We're hard-pressed to find any element of this process in which deregulation looks good for the citizens of Idaho," Sen.

Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, told about 20 Twin Falls County Democrats Monday evening gathered to discuss the issue.

Noh predicts a high-stakes political battle between the Idaho Legislature, whose constituents would pay higher electricity rates, and large companies that want to lower their power bills.

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Laird Noh

Counties join forces to battle 'economic obsolescence' claims

By Penelope Reedy
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Idaho counties together are fighting claims that rapidly-improving technology has made fully functional equipment obsolete, a move that could dramatically lower the taxes on some highly profitable businesses.

Lawsuits claiming "economic obsolescence" are beginning to plague county tax assessing systems, said Dan

Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties in Boise. Recent lawsuits by the timber industry "have the ability to totally undermine the tax base," he said. Should industries win these suits, he said, the effect would be to raise homeowners' taxes to make up for the loss, or counties would simply lose a significant amount in tax dollars.

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City Council mulls sewer-plant upgrade

By William Brock
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TWIN FALLS - Upgrading the city's sewage-treatment plant was a big topic at Monday's City Council meeting, and an engineering consultant said an adequate solution would involve dollar signs and numbers followed by lots of zeros.

In other business, the council decided not to tinker with a pay raise proposal for city employees and nixed a request for a four-way stop at the intersection of Robbins Avenue and Sparks Street.

The council continues to support a pay-raise proposal that offers a 2 percent cost-of-living raise coupled with a performance-based raise of up to 2 percent. Mayor Jeff Gooding suggested giving city employees a 4 percent raise, but other council members didn't share his enthusiasm.

Traffic studies have shown the intersection at Robbins and Sparks is not busy enough to warrant a four-way stop, said City Engineer Gary Young, who recommended denial of the request. The council agreed on a 5-1 vote, with Councilman Lance Clow on the short end. Councilman Gale Kleinkopf was absent.

The city sewer plant treats about 7.8 million gallons per day during peak months, said Tom Krumsik, of the CH2M-Hill engineering firm. If Krumsik's forecasts for industrial growth prove true, demand could top 14 million gallons per day in the next 20 years - and plant expansion costs could hit \$16 million.

City Manager Tom Courtney questioned some of Krumsik's predictions, adding: "If we make some bad assumptions, especially where we see growth occurring, we can build a lot of cost into this."

The sewer plant's operations are stretched pretty thin, Krumsik said. Even if the city doesn't add more treatment capacity, it still needs more flexibility - "redundancy" - to make repairs without disrupting service, he said.

"At a minimum," he urged city leaders to consider more than \$11 million worth of improvements that would boost treatment capacity to more than 10 million gallons a day.

"You can get along," Krumsik told the council. "You're getting along now, but the goal is to be able to take a unit out of service during peak months."

"You can get by without, but it's short-sighted to keep pushing it," he added.

Young, the city engineer, said capacity falls by 50 percent whenever one of the sewer plant's major treatment units is shut down for repairs.

"The numbers are critical," Young said. Lapsing into terms the average homeowner can understand, he added, "if you only have two light bulbs in the house and you turn one off, things can get pretty dim."

As things stand, sewer plant officials schedule most major repairs around the plant's biggest customer - the Lamb-Weston french fry factory.

Council members soaked in Krumsik's presentation, but did not take any formal action.

In other sewer-plant news, hopes are fading for a plan to spill thrie-treated discharge water onto land near Auger Falls. The plant's treated discharge water now goes straight into the Snake River, thus increasing pollutants in Idaho's No. 1 "workable" river.

The Auger Falls land is unsuited for filtering pollutants out of the sewer plant's discharge water, said Dennis Mengel, a staff biologist with CH2M-Hill.

City officials now are pondering growing poplar trees that soak up the discharge water.

"We're pursuing a pilot project to grow some trees, Young said, noting that a 5-acre site was staked out last week. "The numbers are extremely encouraging about nutrient uptake in these trees."

Times-News staff writer William Brock can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 264.

Man charged with bilking campaign money faces trial

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - A man police say bilked more than \$2,500 from the father of a former Jerome county sheriff is facing felony grand theft charges.

Steven Paul McMullen, 44, Burley, is charged with two counts of grand theft by false promise.

He is free on \$5,000 bond, and is scheduled to go on trial Dec. 3.

Prosecutors say McMullen took nine checks totaling \$2,764.02 - from George Silver Jr. of Jerome between July 1996 and September 1996.

The money was supposed to have been spent on a re-election campaign for Silver's son, then-Jerome County Sheriff George "Foe Wee" Silver III, according to court documents.

McMullen said Monday he thought there may have been inconsistencies in the way money was handled during the campaign, but he said he never stole from Silver.

McMullen has pleaded innocent in the case.

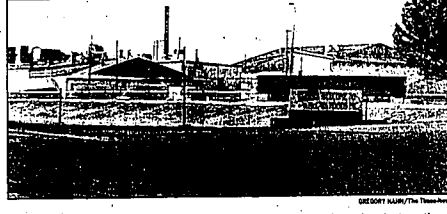
"I fully expect to be exonerated," McMullen said.

McMullen also faces an unrelated misdemeanor petty theft charge in Burley, a Cassia County prosecutor said.

McMullen said he also has pleaded innocent in that case, though a plea change and sentencing hearing is set for Oct. 3.

The older Silver was told the money he gave McMullen would buy campaign advertisements, T-shirts and signs, according to an affidavit prepared by

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SERVICES

Parley P. Platts Sr., of Oakley, 10 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center. Friends may call from 9 to 9:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Laurence H. Lee, of Pocatello, and formerly of Gooding, graveside service, 1:30 p.m. today at the Gooding Cemetery (Henderson-Cornellison Funeral Home in Pocatello).

Cauljibe B. Williams, of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Paul Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Ronald K. Craven, of Gooding, 2:30 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery.

Aimee L. Ramirez, of Rupert, rosary at 6 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St.

Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Burial will follow at the Hansen Mortuary. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, and one hour before the Mass Wednesday (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Vincente C. Celis, of Rupert, rosary at 7 p.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 7 p.m. today at the church, and one hour before Mass Wednesday (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

DEATH NOTICE

Deval Butters
BURLEY - Deval Butters, 77, of Burley, died Monday, Sept. 22, 1997, at the Cassia

Mortuary Rupert Chapel).
Bernice M. Atkins, of Buhl, 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Buhl. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Gladys E. Harral, of Boise, and formerly of Buhl, graveside service 2 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Arless "Papa" Lee, of Murraugh, open house remembrance from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Lee Residence, 2931 N. 4700 E. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls).

Regional Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
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Admitted
Cammy Weaver of Twin Falls.

Released
Staci Nazareth of Twin Falls, and Glenn Gilbert of Jerome.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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Bernus Olenzslager, Marjorie Dayley, John

Hanzel, and Deval Butters, all of Burley; Irma Ramirez of Burley; and Nellie Kidd of Declo.

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MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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HOSPITALS

For obituary rate information, call 733-9331, extension 278

OBITUARIES

TWIN FALLS



Shirley Marvis Osterhout

Shirley Marvis Watson Osterhout, 68, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Sept. 19, 1997, at Stanford University hospital in Palo Alto, Calif., of complications following surgery.

Shirley was born October 23, 1928, to Frank F. Watson and Mabel Hanson Watson in Rupert. She attended both elementary and high school in Rupert and graduated in 1948. She attended Utah State University, and majored in secretarial sciences, thereafter serving as an executive secretary for many corporations, and in the school systems in California and Oregon.

Shirley was a multi-talented woman. She possessed wonderful creative skills, which she used to write and produce various musical and dramatic productions over the years. An accomplished singer and conductor, she was a founding member of the Now Oregon Singers in Portland, Ore., and performed throughout the west and Hawaii. She also was known for her secretarial organizational skills. She was a vivacious, loving, beautiful woman who only wanted what was best for her family and loved the watching her grandchildren sing and play the piano, to performing in high school and college football games.

Shirley was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served faithfully in many positions of responsibility. Shirley worked 25 years with the Young Women of the church. She was an example to them of a woman who could work in the business world, the community, and the church, and still keep a beautiful home. As many have said, she was a "classy lady" and she was always a joy to be around with her positive attitude and her listening ear. She counseled many when they were in need of a friend in whom to confide. She had served in her church for five and one-half years as Relief Society President of the Thirtieth and First Wards of Twin Falls. At the time of her death, she was choir director of the First Ward of Twin Falls, President of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for Twin Falls

County, Captain of the Lo-Em-Bo-Ball Camp and Vice President of the Magic Valley Symphony League.

Shirley is survived by a son, Clark (Jame) Osterhout, of Granito Bay, Calif.; a daughter, Nancy (Paul) Stevens of Pinedale, Wyo.; adored grandchild, Heath; son and Brad Osterhout of Granito Bay, Calif.; Shari, Stefano, Kristi, Melanie, and Valerie Stevens, of Pinedale, Wyo.; her mother, Mabel Watson; sister, Boverly McClellan; and brother, Robert (Joan) Watson, all of Twin Falls. She is also survived by special friend Jack Bille and former husband, Nile Osterhout of Calif.; brothers-in-law, Preston (Tina) Osterhout, (Grand) Osterhout, and Brian (Lynn) Osterhout. She leaves many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles of an extended family. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia, and her father, Frank Watson.

A funeral service for Shirley will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, 1997, at the LDS 1st Ward Chapel, Elizabeth Blvd., with Bishop Randy Hanson conducting. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends and family may gather at 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary.



Robert Lee Greenslate

Robert Lee Greenslate, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 20, 1997, at his home.

He was born May 24, 1914, in Boise. He was educated in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School. After graduating from high school, he served for a time in the armed forces. On July 4, 1937, he was married to LaDorah Gitter in Twin Falls.

All of his working life, Robert worked in sales in the Twin Falls area because of his love of people. He and his wife had a summer cabin in the Kelchum area where they spent many enjoyable days. Robert's hobbies included hunting, fishing, and trap shooting.

Robert was active in the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, Twin Falls Lodge #45 A.F. & M., the El Korah Shrine and Twin Falls Lodge #1183 BPOE.

He is survived by his wife, LaDorah of Twin Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service for Robert Greenslate will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1997, at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, 101 W. James. Fish officiating. Masonic rites will be given by Twin Falls Lodge #45 A.F. & M. Friends may call 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, 101 W. James, or the United Memorial Fund, Fairfax Ave. © Virginia, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103, or First United Methodist Church, 350 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

DIETRICH



Cecil Bowman

Cecil Bowman, 86, of Dietrich, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 1997, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Cecil was born March 9, 1911, in Rockland, Idaho, the daughter of Peter and Estella May Lish Anderson. She graduated from high school in Rockland, and moved to Dietrich shortly afterwards. She married Walter William Bowman on June 16, 1932, in Rockland and the marriage was later sealed in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They farmed near Dietrich.

Cecil was a member of the Dietrich LDS Church, had served as a Primary Teacher, was on the Relief Society, and the Young Women's Program. She also served on the Lincoln County Fair, the Cancer Drive and the March of Dimes Drive.

She is survived by two sons, Gary and Noel Bowman, both of Dietrich; a brother, Burton Anderson of Rockland; a sister, Delma Gage of Shoshone; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, on May 12, 1997; and twin children, Walter, Wray and Myrna May Bowman.

A funeral service will be conducted 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1997, at the Dietrich LDS Church by Bishop Mark Nelson. Burial will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel, and from 2:30 p.m. Wednesday until the service at the church.

Seagal under siege from Montana militia members

ENNIS, Mont. (AP) — Steven Seagal is having some run-ins with the Montana militia in his new movie and filming has yet to start.

Seagal is scheduled to begin filming "The Patriot" here later this week. But the film crew already has called authorities, including the FBI, because of anonymous threats from individuals identifying themselves as militia members.

"The Patriot" is about a doctor-rancher, played by Seagal, who tries to save the town of Ennis from a deadly biochemical toxin. Ennis, which plays itself, was chosen mainly because Seagal's real-life 15,000-acre Sun Ranch is nearby.

In the story, a renegade government lab worker sends the toxin, which somehow falls into the hands of the militia, killing some militia members as well as townspeople.

Early press reports, however, incorrectly said the script has the militia stealing the toxin and deliberately unleashing it on the town. And that has riled up militia supporters.

Casting-audition coordinator Tina Buckingham said she has threats from people saying they belonged to the militia that they will intimidate the film — either as extras or food service workers — so they could sabotage equipment or contaminate the food.

"We can't afford to treat it lightly," Buckingham said. Casting calls were held up while filmmakers beefed up security to scrutinize applicants. "We wouldn't know if someone was a militia member. They could look normal. We don't do brain scans."

Lonie Stimac, head of the state film office, said she was called by the producer about the threats.

"We take anything seriously that affects film production in the state," Stimac said. "We apprise the governor's office when something like this comes up. We don't want that image of Montana and we don't want film production threatened."

A member of a militia-affiliated group in Bozeman denied that anyone in her organization would threaten the filmmaking.

"We might picket the film after it was out if we didn't like it," said Kanna Webb, whose group is known as Citizens for a Free America.

"But anyone can say they belong to the militia and make a threat," Webb said. "The best militia is unorganized. We don't have membership lists or officers. So we can't really say someone would do it. But it's not something we would do."

Meth labs become the hazardous waste sites of the illegal drug trade

PHOENIX (AP) — It's been a few years, but federal agent Duncan Lingle still remembers the smell.

During a raid on a Colorado methamphetamine lab, Lingle grabbed a jar of hydrochloric acid, an outwashed chemical that dissolves flesh in seconds and has a toxic smell amounts can collapse the lungs.

"Even with my mask on, I could smell it right through the mask," said Lingle, now a senior special agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration in Phoenix. "That's how powerful this stuff is."



Later, Lingle suffered a collapsed lung. He's lucky.

"Other agents who were doing these raids are coming down with all kinds of bizarre cancers and liver and kidney ailments," he said.

But if they fumes don't make you sick, they can kill.

Such is the case with the death of 3-year-old Joseph Carnesi, who last week fell asleep on the couch of his mother's Phoenix apartment and never awoke. Police believe he was overcome by fumes from a cooking meth batch in an adjoining room.

"We are yanking kids out these labs daily. And that makes you sick," said Lingle, who oversees a meth lab task force comprised of federal agents and local police.

They (meth makers) are taking their lives in their own hands. They don't have any concept of what the chemicals will do to them."

Meth labs, proliferating across Arizona and the Southwest in recent years, have become the hazardous waste sites of the drug trade.

Clandestine, makeshift laboratories are cranking out meth — a powerful stimulant brewed in bath-tubs or buckets with a nasty, stinky concoction of toxic chemicals purchased on the black market or at local hardware store.

Besides hydrochloric acid, other chemicals include phosphene gas, which is so deadly that one sniff kills. There's red phosphorus, which if mishandled, converts to yellow phosphorus and can spontaneously ignite. Meth makers also use harmful solvents like ether, chloroform and Freon.

Apartments, barns, motel rooms and quaint suburban homes have been turned into mini versions of Superfund sites. Some labs are highly explosive. Some give off cancer-causing fumes. Other labs contaminate the soil, erode plumbing and pollute the water supply.

For instance, a meth lab in the Phoenix area was discovered a few years ago after backyard dumping spread to a neighbor's property, contaminating a child's play area and dissolved part of the neighboring house's foundation.

A room in a Comfort Inn in Phoenix was shut down for more than a week this past spring while cleanup crews paged the inside. The hotel lost money from not being able to rent out the room. Other motel rooms were closed as they have burned to the ground during accidents.

"Ninety-five percent of these gooballs don't have a clue to what they're doing," said Sgt. James Schneider of the Yuma County Sheriff's office. "They picked up some old notes from the Internet or jail or who knows where, and they don't understand the hazards of making certain chemicals together."

But the results of lab mistakes can be even more catastrophic. Two men died in one California lab when they dropped a can of cooking meth, releasing the deadly phosphene gas. One victim had stuffed dirt in his mouth in a futile effort to ease the burning.

Maricopa County Sheriff's officers show residue in a jug found in a home-bath-room methamphetamine lab recently.

Refusing to fall victim to the toxic timebombs, law enforcement agents now attack meth labs as if battling a environmental menace, employing the latest technology from the hazardous materials world.

Meth makers are so dangerous that the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration now mandates training, special suits and breathing equipment for drug agents.

When a meth lab is suspected or known, agents these days wait until it's shut down. Agents are accompanied by a number of non-standard police personnel, including chemists, bomb disposal experts and hazardous materials specialists.

Normally, agents will enter a house or motel room wearing biohazard suits with their own air supplies or gas masks. They'll remove everyone from the house, test the air and then ventilate the house.

Once lab site is secured, a contracted company must come out to perform a pricey cleanup, which runs taxpayers \$3,500 to \$5,000 for an average job.

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VALLEY IN BRIEF

Bike path subject of Wednesday meeting

JEROME — Backers of a proposed bike path between Jerome and Twin Falls will meet at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Recreation Center.

The meeting of the Jerome Area Path System Committee is expected to last until about 5 p.m.

The committee will hear progress reports and discuss possible path routes.

Project Manager Mike Pepper will give an update of his efforts to gather support for the path from property owners along the proposed routes.

The committee is focusing on building the first section of the path, which might run north of 100 South and west of 100 East in Jerome.

The path system committee recently received a \$264,000 state grant to help pay for the first section.

Craig assistant to meet with public today

BELLEVUE — U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's assistant will be in Bellevue today to visit with the public.

Mike Mathews, Craig's regional director in Twin Falls, will be at Bellevue City Hall, 115 E. Poplar Ave., from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information or to schedule a meeting, call Mathews at 734-6780.

Panels plan to discuss affordable housing

KETCHUM — The Ketchum City Council and Ketchum Housing Commission will meet together from noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday at Ketchum City Hall council chambers.

On the agenda is a 15-minute slide show of affordable housing in Telluride, Colo., Aspen, Colo., and Santa Cruz, Calif., and a five-minute question-and-answer session.

Also planned is a session about developing an incentive-based housing system, and discussion of ensuring lasting housing affordability.

Compiled from staff reports

Defense spending: Cassia County looks at ways to reduce public defender costs

By Kurt Friedemann
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Lawyers spend much of their lives rooting out the truth or tailoring it to fit a client's needs.

But occasionally, one client points a finger at another, trying to place the blame anywhere but on his or her own shoulders.

That creates a conflict of interest for public defenders, Cassia County Prosecutor Stephen Bywater said, and counties can end up spending more money on public defense than expected.

This is why Cassia County commissioners authorized Bywater Monday to begin constructing a contract that would solve the problem.

"Many times public defenders will find

their own client has become a victim," he said. "They can't defend their client and the person that assaulted him at the same time."

The defender's office will notify the court of the conflict and the judge will appoint another attorney to defend the unruly client, Bywater said.

Often, Bywater said, the additional attorney will worry less about the best action for his or her client's case, and more about the additional money to be made.

"Last year the county budgeted \$20,000 for conflicts," he said. "They spent \$30,000."

To help rectify the problem, commissioners asked Bywater to look into contracting a specific attorney to handle overloads created by conflicts in the defenders' office.

"I think this is something we need," Commissioner Paul Christensen said. "We

should start a dialog with local attorneys."

Bywater said such a practice would lend more control and consistency to counties in similar situations.

"Usually counties would end up paying staggering attorney's fees," he said. "With a fixed contract they could count on a specific amount of money and be able to budget for it."

There is still a possibility that a conflict could arise involving three or four defendants, but that is very rare, he said.

Bywater said his first action in researching the county practice would be to talk to other counties and attorneys already involved in such a process.

Times-News staff writer Kurt Friedemann can be reached in Burley at 677-4072.

Group fears bridge will harm trout

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Utah Department of Transportation plans to replace a highway bridge in Logan Canyon this fall, but the project could endanger trout spawning down river, an environmental group claims.

The Logan Canyon Coalition has asked BioWest Inc. of Logan, UDOT's environmental advisers for the project, for written replies to their concerns about how the project would affect the brown trout spawning season in October and November.

The coalition says plans to blast out Lower Twin Bridge on U.S. Highway 89 halfway through the canyon could hurt fishing if done during fall months.

"The weight of the bridge will require, we suspect, cutting the bridge up into pieces after it has fallen into the river, including highly toxic cement slurry into the river," the coalition said in a Sept. 8 letter to BioWest.

The coalition wants to know how much sediment would go into the river and how it would affect brown trout.

"These issues should be resolved before any decision is made to continue highway construction during spawning season," the letter said.

The coalition pointed out that in state and federal permits, UDOT agreed to cease construction at the beginning of the October spawning season.

Completion of the Lower Twin Bridge has been delayed because of design problems, and UDOT says one option is to work through December to complete the project.

20-26 west of Boise when it drifted across the center line and slammed into a truck driven by Richard Walker, 39, of Eagle. Walker, his wife, Terri, 39, and their 3-year-old son were all hospitalized.

Reported in fair to good condition on Monday.

SWINGING OUT THE SEASON



The warmth of summer hasn't left Idaho yet. A Burley girl finds a safe spot between park sprinklers Monday and enjoys the afternoon sunshine, before autumn's arrival around 6 p.m.

CLEANING UP



Two-year-old Isabel Heubner helps keep Malta streets clean recently. She and grandmother Gloria have been picking up cans all summer for recycling, earning Idaho around \$15 so far.

Driver in fatal collision was legally drunk

BOISE (AP) — Ada County Coroner Edwin Sonnenberg says the driver of the car that hit another head-on last weekend, killing himself and two passengers, had a blood-alcohol content over three times the legal limit.

On Luis A. Morais said the autopsy on Sonnenberg said the autopsy

of Caldwell was 0.27. The legal limit in Idaho is 0.08.

Also killed in the crash Sunday afternoon was Gerardo Sanchez-Esquivel, 24, and Gonzalo Huiron-Martinez, 26. Both men were also from Caldwell.

Authorities said DeLarosa was eastbound on Idaho U.S.

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Jerome police detective James Baker and filed with court documents.

But Silver began to question the deal as Election Day drew near and the publicity McMullen promised didn't materialize, the affidavit says.

Silver told police McMullen agreed on Nov. 1, 1996 to refund his money, court documents say.

Silver received the cashed and canceled checks, but didn't get his money back, according to court documents.

Silver also told police that in September 1996, a Twin Falls auto dealer faxed him a message saying McMullen told the dealer Silver had agreed to pay \$6,550 for a vehicle McMullen wanted to purchase, according to Baker's affidavit.

Silver said Monday he didn't have to pay for the vehicle, but declined to comment on other aspects of the case.

McMullen said he told the dealer to send him information about purchasing the vehicle through Silver's fax line. But Silver was never asked to pay for the vehicle, he said.

In Burley, McMullen was originally charged with felony grand theft. Prosecutors said he convinced the owners of a local furniture store to give him a television set he claimed would be auctioned off for charity, Cassia County Deputy Prosecutor Howard Smyser said.

The charge was later reduced to misdemeanor petty theft and remanded back to Magistrate Court, Smyser said.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

Caldwell man gets 37 years for bombing

BOISE (AP) — A Caldwell man has been sentenced to 37 years in federal prison for making the bomb that ultimately injured two Boise police officers.

Lance LeRoy Clelland, 35, will serve the entire sentence since the federal government has abolished parole. He could have received up to 130 years.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Winmill imposed the lengthy prison term on Monday for the explosion that injured officers David Pogue and Kristopher Ware on Thanksgiving Day last year.

Judge dismisses suit by ex-planetarium head

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed the civil-rights lawsuit brought by former Hansen Planetarium director Charles Gibbs against Salt Lake County Attorney Doug Short.

But Short wasn't pleased by Friday's ruling from U.S. District Judge David Sam, who dismissed the case without prejudice, which means Gibbs could refile the complaint.

Short called the dismissal a "scare tactic" with his sole purpose to keep him from further investigating Gibbs.

"They want to keep this thing hanging over my head," Short said. "The judge is saying this thing is resolved — (but) it's not resolved."

The suit arose from Short's August

1996 raid on Gibbs' office, where the attorney changed the locks, impounded Gibbs' computer, files and other belongings. Short said he was acting on planetarium employees' allegations of mismanagement.

However, District Attorney Neal Gunnarson cleared Gibbs, who then sued Short and the county for invasion of privacy and unlawful search and seizure.

The county settled for \$107,500 and Gibbs moved to dismiss his suit without prejudice.

But Short unsuccessfully argued against the motion, failing to convince Sam that the case never should have been filed, which would have prevented Gibbs' from refile if Short continued his probe.

Noh

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Already California and Montana are deregulating, and Congress seems willing to stall the issue for one or two years but perhaps not forever, Noh said.

Deregulation would allow electric utilities to compete for business, the theory being that competition would lower rates for residents and others. But many, including Noh, predict rates would increase in Idaho because of the state already has some of the cheapest hydropower in the country.

"We've got a real bad hand here where we may have to play, even through we don't like the hand," Noh said.

Noh has suggested the legislative committee recommend a law preventing Idaho's ratepayers from paying for any "stranded costs."

Stranded costs are investments that utilities wouldn't be able to recover under a deregulated system because they would need to lower their rates to be competitive.

Such costs could amount to billions of dollars. Noh likened the

potential bailout of electrical companies to the taxpayer bailout of the savings and loan industry in the 1980s. No utility in Idaho has yet reported its expected stranded costs.

But few people were interested in his legislation, Noh said.

Noh said if Idaho decides not to do, some companies may leave Idaho seeking better rates.

"Those are very real, very serious considerations we have to look at," Noh said.

One idea is for the Pacific Northwest to join in a deregulated system to keep cheap hydropower in the region, perhaps by buying the federal government's control over the Columbia and Snake rivers, Noh said.

The battle over deregulation is shaping up to be "a political economic struggle, in essence, to find out how you divide up the wealth," Noh said.

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Obsolescence

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makes expensive equipment obsolete shortly after it's installed; companies claim their tax evaluations should be lowered as a result regardless of profits.

Ten suits are being pursued in Gem, Valley, Boise, Payette, Ada, Bonner and Kootenai counties. The potential exists for less of \$250,000 in one county, Chadwick said.

Four years ago, Cassia County faced such a suit by Ore-Ida Foods Inc., which was represented by attorneys from Portland and Seattle.

Cassia County had appraised the Ore-Ida plant at \$35 million; Ore-Ida claimed it was worth

only \$12 million to \$15 million.

"They were using functional and economic obsolescence to determine the worth, while we finally got them with an income approach," county Prosecutor Stephen Bywater said.

Minidoka County Clerk Duane Smith, who was sworn in as president of the IAC last week, is serving on that organization's Economic Obsolescence Committee.

"Duane's position is good for the county," Commissioner John Rensberg said Monday during the commissioner's regular meeting. "It puts him in the catbird seat on important issues."

And economic obsolescence is high on the list of important issues.

At the meeting last week, the IAC set up a litigation fund to deal with challenges to valuations of industrial properties. The goal is to raise \$1 million. IAC expects to collect one quarter of that this year.

Fighting these claims requires the use of experienced attorneys and experts to testify in the courts' behalf. Cassia County spent \$60,000 on experts to prove the county's case against the Ore-Ida claim, Bywater said.

Cassia County commissioners Monday decided to send \$5,000 to the IAC litigation fund.

"We've got to let them know we're serious about fighting this," said Bywater, "and not let them pick us off county by county."

The IAC committee also is seeking ways to prevent precedents that would make it difficult or impossible for the counties to fight back.

Minidoka County Prosecutor Rick Bolter said economic obsolescence is "a term of art coined by accountants, and there is a genuine fear that corporations will take on counties one by one."

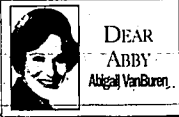
"There's no way Minidoka County could afford to come up in a court battle against the financial resources of a Simplot," Rensberg said.

Times-News staff writer Penelope Reedy can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

FAMILY LIFE

Home-schooling gets good grade

DEAR ABBY: I'm 11 and in sixth grade. I'd rather be home-schooled than stuck in a classroom with a bunch of misbehaving kids. When I mention the fact that I'm home-schooled to kids who go to a public school, they tell me how lucky I am.



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

I read on an adult level and enjoy it very much. Cooking is another thing I enjoy. I have a collection of cookbooks. Recently I became interested in writing stories and poems. I entered one of my poems in a contest for adults and got an honorable mention.

Home-schooling may not be perfect, but as far as I'm concerned, it's more perfect than anything else. These are my own words, Abby. Nothing I have written was ever suggested by my parents.

— RAQUEL MITTON, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

DEAR RAQUEL: Thank you for sharing your opinion. It echoes the vast majority of sentient letters I received from friends of home-schoolers and former home-schoolers nationwide. I was impressed with their level of literacy, and regret that space does not permit me to print more. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a high school junior who has been home-schooled since first grade. I have many friends that I met in the neighborhood, at church and on sports teams.

The success of home-schooling isn't in the location, it's the spirit of the instructor. If my parents were abusive and kept me isolated, I would probably hate home-schooling, too.

Being home-schooled has taught me it's OK to look to my parents and authorities for guidance instead of my peers, who are often just as ignorant as I am. Home-schooling, though, is not a magic pill. I know home-schoolers who are one step from reform school (sometimes they've been expelled from school), and I know plenty of conventional school students who are responsible, intelligent and well-behaved. I'm proud of being home-schooled.

Please don't judge me on what you've heard about home-schooling. Judge me for myself. Thank you, Abby, for the chance to express my opinion. It's something I've wanted to do for a long time.

— REGINA BURGESS, FORT BRAGG, N.C.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in ninth grade. My 3 1/2 years as a home-schooled student have been great. We start at 9:30 a.m. and finish around noon. The decreased time is due to the lack of distraction. At public school, if I finished early, I would have to wait for the rest of the class. Now, whenever I finish, I can just move on.

I'm definitely not isolated. We take more field trips because of the flexible schedule. There are also home-school organizations where I've made friends. Home-schooling has been great for me, but it's not for everybody. I know of families that do isolate their children, and others that don't even "do" school.

I hope my opinion on home-schooling is what the majority of home-schoolers think.

— SCOTT CLEMENT, MESQUITE, TEXAS

DEAR SCOTT: It definitely is!

Courtship makes a comeback

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Pamela Miner remembers clearly the moment her 12-year-old daughter, Terra, stunned the family with news that she would never, ever date a man.

Instead, Terra planned to join the growing number of women who demand to be courted. Yes, courted. That quaint, discovered practice in which a man declares his intent to marry, a female acquaintance, then sets about wooing her father for permission.

In a society where nostalgia works in mysterious ways, courtship is making a comeback.

"When she said 'courtship,' I remember thinking, 'Has she lost her mind?'" says Pamela Miner. "Then I thought, 'How are you going to meet any boys?'"

Four years later, Terra is still waiting for that first suitor — as is her 12-year-old sister, Michelle. But it's clear the two teenagers are committed. Any boy who wants their attention is going to have to commit to marriage upfront, and get to know Dad a ke better.

"To me, courtship is getting to know a member of the opposite

sex in a family setting," says Terra, who is 16. "I see no reason in marrying someone if they don't love my family."

It's a stark approach to marriage that critics claim is everything from unrealistic to sexist in its assumption that women need

protection. The movement is growing, thanks to books and seminars that paint it as a way to cut the nation's high divorce and teenage pregnancy rates, as well as slowing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

California-based author Reb Bradley, a leading courtship proponent, present such seminars.

There's no way to tell how many American teens are courting, he says, but up to 10,000 people attend his seminars each year. He guesses near as many attend seminars given by a dozen peers on the courtship lecture circuit.

"My goal is twofold: first to convince parents that dating is dangerous; and secondly to convince them that courtship is wise," says Bradley, author of the book "Dating Is It Worth the Risk?"

"Courtship is the cultivation of a relationship in preparation for marriage. Dating is for them to stir each other's hormones. A young man's goal, even if it's not to seduce her, is to get her to like him. He charms her heart. Her hormones are stirred. His are stirred. You don't think clearly when your hormones are flying."

MOVIES - Sept 22/23/24

THE ORPHEUM
14th Street - 7th St - Twin Falls
Theatrical Shows - The Cinema 00 7:00-9:30

Jerome Cinema 4
19th Street - 1st St - 324-0075
The Down Below (R) 7:15-9:15
Goodbye (PG) 7:30
Picture Perfect (13) 7:15-9:15
In and Out (13) 7:00-9:00

Twin Cinema 12
16th Street - 1st St - 734-2601
G.I. Jane (R) 6:45-8:15
Ali Force One (R) 6:55-8:15
Event Horizon (R) 7:15-9:30
A Simple Plan (R) 7:15-9:30
Man in Black (13) 7:15-9:30
Cocoon Remake (13) 7:15-9:30
The Down Below (R) 7:15-9:30
Conspiracy Theory (13) 6:45-8:15
In and Out (13) 7:15-9:30
Waterworld (R) 7:15-9:30
White Collar (R) 6:45-8:15
WENTZ PIZZERIA RESTAURANT
16th Street & 1st St - 734-2601
The Jungle (PG) 6:45

ENGAGEMENT

WOODWARD-CHRISTENSEN

BURLEY - Rodger and Ruth Woodward of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Christensen, son of LaReta Christensen of Layton, Utah, and the late Jay Christensen.

Woodward is a graduate of Minico High School and Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She is employed as a sales manager at Yarrow Hotel in Park City, Utah.

Christensen graduated from Layton High School in Layton, Utah. He is employed as district appointment manager for Olan Mills Photography in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Rolynne Woodward and Stewart Christensen

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception in their honor will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Sweetheart Manor, Overland Avenue and 42nd Street in Burley.

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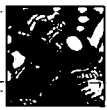
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The Bay Is back: After a brutal season start, the 49er offense appears to be back in stride.

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MORNING LINE

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We're not real good in special teams, we're not real good on offense, we're not real good on defense.

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— Notre Dame football coach Bob Davie, after Saturday's 23-7 loss to Michigan State

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school volleyball

Minoror Twin Falls
Buley at Bohl
Wood River at Jenome
Gardiner at Kimberly
Valley at DeLo
Filer, Shoshone at Wendell
Glenn Ferry at Rimnuck
Hagenman, Carey at Mounaing
Castelfield at Hansen
MVC Sa (Raf River) JV
Oskley at Rafi River
Richfield at Bliss
Camus Cooney at Dierick

Outdoors

Rddy Hill Climh

High school soccer

TFC Va at Bohl, 4:30 p.m.
Minoror Weppell, 5 p.m.
Buley girls at Wood River, 5:30 p.m.

Minoror varsity volleyball matches begin at 6 p.m. each the varsity following. Tri matches typically start at 5 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

Pro football
Jacksonville 30 . . . Pittsburgh 21

Pro baseball

NY Yankees 8 . . . Toronto 4
Detroit 5 . . . Baltimore 4
Minnesota 5 . . . Milwaukee 2
Houston 6 . . . Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 3 . . . St. Louis 1
NY Mets 10 . . . Florida 3
Atlanta 3 . . . Montreal 2 (4-11)
San Francisco 11 . . . San Diego 5
Seattle 4 . . . Oakland 2
Cleveland at Kansas City, ppnl, rain

IN BRIEF

Register for youth basketball in Rupert

RUPERT - Rupert Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for youth basketball programs, associated with the Utah Junior Jazz program, at the recreation office, 624 F St.

Registration fees are \$21 for city residents and \$26 for non-residents and there will not be a set night for league games this year.

Registration for girls basketball and boys junior high, 7th and 8th grades, will be taken until October 3 and games will start in October and go to Christmas.

Boys basketball games for novice, 3rd and 4th grades; intermediate, 5th and 6th grades; junior high, 7th and 8th grades; and high school league for 9th through 12th grades.

Girls basketball games for novice, 3rd and 4th grades; intermediate, 5th and 6th grades; junior high, 7th and 8th grades; and senior, 11th and 12th grades, will start play in January. Participants can register now or between November 17 and December 12.

For more information, phone 436-3531.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

SPORTS LINE
NO COLLEGE - HIGH SCHOOL SCORES

For the latest scores, call **734-6326** and follow the simple instructions.
The Times-News

Jaguars claw past Steelers

Blocked field goal results in touchdown in final seconds

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - This time it was the Pittsburgh Steelers who botched the game-winning field goal attempt and the Jacksonville Jaguars who benefited.

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The Jaguars beat the Steelers 30-21 Monday night when Jim Swenney's snap was low and Norm Johnson's kick was blocked. Chris Hudson returned it 58 yards for a touchdown.

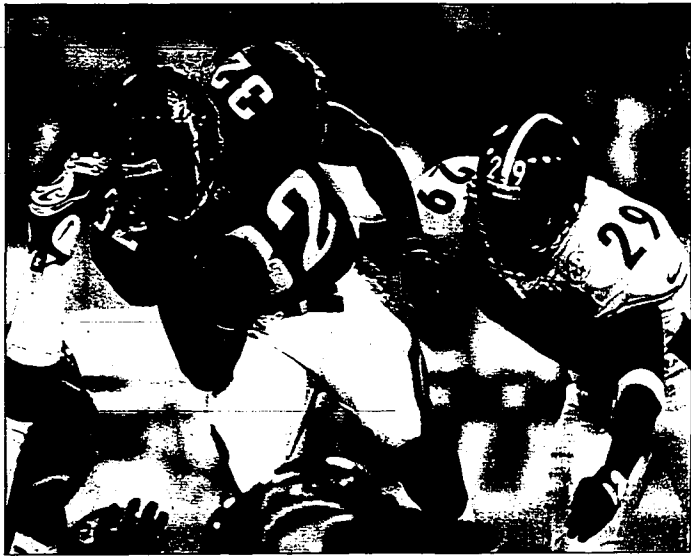
It was the second Monday night in a row that it happened - last week, the Philadelphia Eagles botched a snap and were unable to get off a game-winning field goal attempt in Dallas.

It was the third home win in three tries over Pittsburgh for Jacksonville (3-0), which joined Denver, New England and Tampa Bay (all 4-0) as the NFL's only unbeaten teams.

Mark Brunell, who watched as Rob Johnson and Steve Matthews won the Jaguars' first two games, threw for 306 yards and a touchdown as Jacksonville lost a 17-7 halftime lead, then rallied to go ahead 23-21 before the final play.

Jerome Bettis rallied the Steelers (1-2), rushing for 114 yards, 97 in the second half as the Steelers took a 21-20 lead.

With the help of a 15-yard razzle-dazzle call on Pittsburgh's Nolan Harrison, Brunell brought the Jaguars back. Mike Hollis' 27-yard field goal with 4:14 left accounted for the winning points.



Pittsburgh Steeler defensive back Randy Fuller (29) tries to grab Jacksonville Jaguar running back Mike Logan (32) during the opening minutes of the first quarter Monday night in Jacksonville.



Tennis player Katrina Nimmers practices in a park in the South Central area of Los Angeles.

Will another Venus rise from South Central L.A.?

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Venus Williams may soon have some familiar company on the tennis tour, a 17-year-old friend from the same hard courts where gunfire crackles in the distance.

Williams and Katrina Nimmers have known each other most of their lives, growing up together in South Central Los Angeles.

Now there is the possibility of the two players forming what would be one of the most attractive rivalries in tennis. Of course, much has to happen before that comes to pass.

But Williams certainly showed what she could do when she reached this month's U.S. Open finals. And Nimmers, for now, has the look of a winner, relishing a chance to join Williams.

"We're close friends," Nimmers said. "We know there's going to come a time when we're going to have to play. On the court, you take care of business."

Business begins today when Nimmers makes her professional debut against

Elizabeth Cameron in prequalifying for the \$50,000 Citibank USTA Challenger, a circuit tournament in Santa Clara.

"My goal in tennis is to become No. 1," Nimmers said. "I don't have any doubts in myself. My more immediate goal is to become a role model for young black kids."

Wimbledon in England and Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York are a long way from the Green Meadows Recreation

Park's tennis courts at 88th and Avalon, where Nimmers learned the game.

"One time my practice partner and I saw a car coming, we were going from the courts to the car, sure enough, he shot," Nimmers recalled. "We hit the ground, it was very close."

"I think I've seen it all. I think it just makes you stronger, it puts your goals clearer. I'm not going to be fearful. Where I'm from, not too much else is going to scare me."

The Williams family moved to Florida

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Greece's forgotten Olympics feature unknown athletes

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - Amid all the hype and jubilation of Athens being awarded the 2004 Olympic Games, the vast majority of Greeks remain unaware that the Olympics are not the only games they will be hosting this year.

The Paralympic Games, the Olympics for disabled athletes, will open in Athens roughly 10 days after the end of the main games.

Not even members of the Athens 2004 bid committee and the Greek Olympic Committee reacted with amazement when told that the Paralympic Games will be held in Athens. "The Paralympics? What's that?" was the most common response.

"The enthusiasm and support of the people of Athens are sure to make the Paralympics a memorable experience

for all," the city's bid file says in its brief reference to the games.

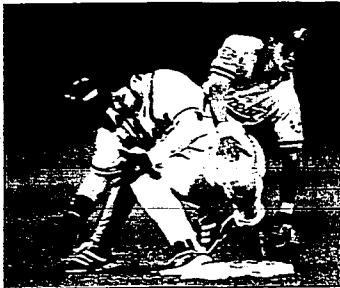
"No separate bid file was prepared for the 12th Paralympiad, and the games were awarded to Athens automatically when it won the Olympics. They have a separate budget of about \$200 million.

In stark contrast to the exhaustive media coverage provided for the 2004 Olympics, the Paralympics have received no publicity at all.

With narrow, uneven sidewalks often used to park cars, an abundance of steps and a chronic lack of ramps, Athens can be a very unfriendly city for the disabled.

"Our disabled feel cut off from the rest of society," said Panagiotis Papakonstantopoulos, member of the National Sports Federation for the Disabled.

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Atlanta Braves base runner Ryan Klesko rolls into Montreal Expos second baseman Orlando Cabrera after being forced out on a Jany Lopez ground ball during third-inning action in Atlanta Monday, Lopez was safe at first.

Braves win East again

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Another year, another division title for the Braves.

Atlanta became the first team to win six straight division championships, clinching the NL East when Florida lost to the New York Mets prior to the Braves' 3-2 victory over the Montreal Expos in 11 innings Monday night.

Steven Kline threw a nine-inning wild pitch to Mike Mordecai with the bases loaded, allowing Danny Bautista to trot home with the winning run. By then, the division title already was Atlanta's.

Ward of New York's 193 victory over the Marlins reached former Fenway Field after Greg Maddux escaped a one-out, bases-loaded jam in the eighth. The crowd of 41,268 cheered throughout the break while the scoreboard flashed "1997 NL East Division - Champions."

In the bottom of the inning, the Braves had a chance to break a 2-2 tie and give Maddux his 20th victory when they

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loaded the bases with one out. But Danny Bautista struck out and Andruw Jones popped weakly to short.

Mike Cather (1-4) picked up his first major league win and Shayne Bennett (0-1) took the loss, the first decision of his career.

The Braves eclipsed the division-title record of the Oakland Athletics, who won five consecutive AL West championships from 1971-75. Atlanta moved eight games ahead of the Marlins, who failed to end the Braves' dominating run in the 1990s despite an offseason spending spree.

The teams could meet again in the NL Championship Series. Florida needs only one victory to clinch the wild card.

It's a great feeling everytime we do this," third baseman Chipper Jones said in a champagne-filled clubhouse. "I've done it a few times, but we want to do it a few more times this year."

SPORTS

Shoshone sweeps tri-match; new-look Valley beats Pilots

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - The hometown Indian volleyball squad swept a volleyball tri-match with Dietrich and Hansen Monday night.

Shoshone took both opponents in two games, beating the Elise Devils 15-3, 16-14 and handing Hansen 15-8, 15-4. In the third game, Dietrich beat Hansen 14-16, 15-7, 15-12.

"I thought in both the Hansen and Dietrich games, the story was the blocking of Danielle Ross and the serving of Anna Cox."

Assistant Dietrich, Cox had 16 service points for Shoshone, which travels to Wendell today for a tri-match with the Trojans and Filer Wildcats.

The Indian junior varsity was equally constructive, defeating both the Hansen and Dietrich squads.

Valley def. Glens Ferry 15-8, 15-9

HAZELTON - The Vikings switched their offense around for Monday's conference game with Glens Ferry, and the result was a two-game win for Valley volleyball coach Juan Escobedo.

"We tried something new and it kind of worked for us, so I think I'll stick with it," Escobedo said, after moving setter Jamie Ruby to outside hitter and bringing 5-foot-8 junior Bekkie Romer inside to take advantage of her height.

Ruby and Romer finished with eight kills apiece.

High school sports

and Valerie Mills scored six straight points off her serve in the second game for Valley (125, 4-2 in conference).

Saturday Jackpot def. Ereka 15-8, 15-9

BACKPOT - Jennifer Tiffany had another solid game with seven kills and four digs and Darne Jack had five kills and two aces as Jackpot (4-2, 2-2 in league) defeated Ereka in volleyball action this weekend.

"We are starting to play very aggressive volleyball," said Jaguar coach Roger Wallock.

Jess Bauer and Stacy Garcia each had six assists and Maricela Gonzalez was 12-of-12 at the serving line.

The Jaguars play another non-league match Friday against Oakley and face Austin and Owyhee next week.

Soccer Mimico 7, Bliss 0 No report

Rise

Continued from C1 several years ago, thinking such an environment would be better for the tennis future of Venus and her 15-year-old sister Serena, also a top prospect.

The Nimmers family has remained in South Central, close to Watts - site of rioting in 1965 - and not far from Florence and Normandy, the flashpoint of the 1992 riots after the King verdicts. Phil Hendrie, the assistant director of the Newcombe academy, says Nimmers has the potential to be a top professional.

"She's a great athlete, she's extremely quick on the court," Hendrie said. "She definitely plays a game that will be successful in the 1990s, and that's aggressive and hard-hitting."

Mike Nimmers said he and Richard Williams, the father of Venus and Serena, played tennis together before their daughters were born.

"Make no doubt that Richard's girls were destined to play professional tennis before they were born," Mike Nimmers said. "I enrolled Katrina in modeling school. I had no idea."

Katrina began playing tennis at age 5. "The girls are going to win Grand Slam events, no doubt about that," Mike Nimmers said, including Serena in that prediction.

"I think it's realistic," Katrina said. "I think I'm going to win all of them."

Paralympics

Continued from C1 Many fear this will be reflected in the Paralympics.

"Access is essential," said Aristides Pananos, secretary general of the federation. "This is what we've been fighting for a long time, regardless of the Olympics. We have no right to exclude a whole section of the population."

There are no statistics for the number of disabled people in Greece, though it is estimated that about 10 percent of the country's 10.2 million people have some form of physical or mental disability.

Even one of the capital's largest ongoing infrastructure projects, the Athens subway, was originally designed without wheelchair access, Papakonstantopoulos said. It wasn't until organization for the disabled began campaigning that elevators were installed in the stations, he said.

One of the main reasons cited for Athens' successful Olympic bid was that more than 75 percent of sports facilities needed that for the Olympics have already been constructed. The same facilities will be used for the Paralympics.

The newer installations have been built with access for the disabled in mind, and work will be carried out on the older stadium and sports halls in order to facilitate the Paralympic athletes, said Spyros Kapralios, member of the Athens 2004 bid committee.

With seven years to go until the 12th Paralympiad, Greece's disabled community hopes officials will take note of their concerns in organizing both the Olympics and the Paralympics. "We were not optimistic with the situation at present," Papakonstantopoulos says. "But there, is still time."

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

All scores

TOP SCORES

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Includes entries like Seattle 10, Toronto 10, etc.

AL STANDINGS

All Times MDT East Coast

Table with 2 columns: Team, Record. Lists teams like Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox, etc.

NL STANDINGS

All Times MDT East Coast

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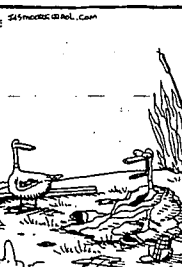
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TRANSACTIONS

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Marlins' bid doesn't end in bang; Yanks stomp Jays

MIAMI (AP) — The fireworks malfunctioned, the crowd boomed, and the Florida Marlins' bid to clinch a playoff berth in their final home game ended with a dismal defeat.

Carlos Baerga hit a three-run homer and Bobby Jones pitched eight strong innings Monday night to help the New York Mets win their third in a row against the uncharacteristically sloppy Marlins, 10-3.

Florida pitchers walked eight, including three with the bases loaded. Rookie Livan Hernandez (9-3) lasted just 2 1/3 innings, his shortest outing this year. And third baseman Bobby Bonilla's error led to two unearned runs in a six-run third inning.

Nothing went right for the Marlins. Gary Sheffield's ground-rule double set off scores of fireworks normally reserved for home runs.

Otherwise, the fireworks came from the Mets.

Florida still needs one victory or one loss by Los Angeles to secure a wild-card spot. The Marlins play their final six games on the road, beginning Tuesday at Montreal.

New York remained one loss from elimination for the third consecutive day.

A crowd of 29,234 was eager to see the Marlins clinch the first postseason berth in the team's five-year history. But fans were boozing by the third inning, and they cheered in derision when the inning finally ended.

Astros 6, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Jeff Bagwell moved Houston's lead to 3-0 over the Astros and reduced their clinching number to three Monday by rallying for a 6-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The NL Central leaders scored four runs in the eighth inning to



Cincinnati Red Poley Reese (3) is safe at home as the ball bounces past the feet of Houston Astro catcher Tony Pena in the seventh inning Monday in Cincinnati. Third baseman Sean Bery was charged with an error on the throw.

move a step closer to their first division title since 1955. Pittsburgh, which beat St. Louis 3-1 Monday night, trails the Astros

by 3 1/2 games. Reds closer Jeff Shaw, who leads the NL with 40 saves, took Bob Abreu's liner off his left

kneecap and was carried off the field in the eighth inning. X-rays found no fracture, and the injury was diagnosed as a bone bruise.

The Reds said he might be able to pitch again next week. Bagwell doubled twice, walked three times, stole two bases and extended his hitting streak to nine games. Bagwell, who has a club-record 12 homers, doubled again on a run in the first inning and stole third for No. 30. He's the first full-time first baseman to steal 30 bases and hit 30 homers in a season.

Pirates 3, Cardinals 1

PITTSBURGH — Jason Schmidt limited St. Louis to four hits over seven innings and started Pittsburgh's two-run fifth inning with a double.

Mark McGwire, who leads the majors with 54 homers, was 0-for-4 with two strikeouts and finished the series 1-for-15. He is 0-for-12 since homering in the fifth inning Friday night.

He must hit seven homers in the Cardinals' final six games to match Roger Maris' record of 61 homers in 1961.

The Astros outscored the Cardinals 27-4 to win the final three games of the four-game series. Schmidt (10-8) became the fourth Pirates' pitcher to win at least 10 games.

Yankees 8, Blue Jays 1

NEW YORK — David Wells, trying to secure a spot in the Yankees' postseason rotation, won for the first time in nearly six weeks, pitching New York past the Toronto Blue Jays 8-1 Monday night.

Bernie Williams' two-run triple highlighted a four-run fifth inning against Pat Hentgen (15-10). Hentgen gave up five runs and seven hits in five innings.

Wells (15-10) had been 0-5 in six starts since his previous victory on Aug. 14. The left-hander pitched eight innings and allowed seven hits, striking out seven and walking one.

Tigers 5, Orioles 4

BALTIMORE — Bob Hamelin hit a two-run homer to cap a four-run

eightth inning that carried the Detroit Tigers past the struggling Baltimore Orioles.

Rafael Palmeiro hit his team-high 37th homer for the Orioles, who have lost nine of 14 and 11 of 17 Baltimore games since coming on the road after a 5-9 homestand that included three losses in four games against Detroit.

The Orioles were 7-3 when taking a lead into the eighth inning. The Tigers had won only six of 69 games since trailing after seven.

Twins 5, Brewers 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Damian Miller hit his first career grand slam and Travis Miller earned his first win of the season as the Minnesota Twins beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-2 Monday night in their final home game of 1997.

The loss left the Brewers on the brink of being eliminated from the AL Central race. They will be knocked out with either one more defeat or one win by first-place Cleveland.

Damian Miller, a rookie whose only previous home came Aug. 19 at Detroit, lined the first pitch he saw from Jeff D'Amico over the left-field fence for a 4-0 lead in the second inning.

Kevin Toldy Walker, who spent most of the summer at Triple-A Salt Lake after a horrendous April with the Twins, added a solo homer in the fifth.

Griffey hits 55th homer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 54th and 55th homers of the season, overtaking St. Louis' Mark McGwire for the major league lead, in the Seattle Mariners' game late Monday night against the Oakland Athletics.

Griffey now has the seventh-highest homer total in major league history, trailing only Roger Maris (61 in 1961), Babe Ruth (60 in 1927), Ruth (59 in 1921), Jimmie Fox (58 in 1932), Hank Greenberg (58 in 1938) and Huck Wilson (56 in 1930).

Lawyer: Albert told woman, 'You've been a bad girl'

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Mary Albert scolded "You've been a bad girl" and severely bit a woman in a hotel room for not bringing another man into bed with them, a prosecutor told the jury Monday as the charges against her went on trial on charges of sodomy and assault.

Albert's attorney, Roy Black, countered: "Everything that happened that night was consensual. It was the same thing that had happened every other night when Mary and (the woman) got together."

Black portrayed Albert's accuser as a troubled, vengeful woman who "collects" celebrities and would "bring about the celebrities she has had relationships with, people like Peter Jennings."

Albert, 53, is accused of biting the woman on the back of her neck to force her to perform oral sex. The NBC sportscaster pleaded innocent earlier Monday, repeating the words "Not guilty" in his deep, play-by-play voice. The woman spoke at a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Commonwealth's Attorney Richard Trodden said the Feb. 12 evening began with the couple watching a pornographic movie at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Alexandria and ended with Albert angrily grabbing her arms, throwing her on the bed and telling her: "You've been a



NBC sportscaster Mary Albert and his fiancée Heather Faulkner leave court in Arlington, Va., Monday after the first day of his trial on sexual assault charges.

bad girl, you didn't bring anybody.

Trodden said Albert pinched the woman's cheeks to force her to perform oral sex. Albert ignored the woman's pleas of "Stop, you're hurting me," and mocked her, saying, "You know you like this," the prosecutor told the jury of seven women and five men in his opening statement.

Albert's accuser, 42, was not in the courtroom. Witnesses in a criminal case are not allowed in until they are called to testify.

The prosecutor said the two met in 1986 when the accuser was a telephone operator at the Miami Airport Hilton hotel, and "it was a sexual relationship from almost the very beginning."

Trodden said the couple had several three-way dates before, including trysts in Los Angeles and once in Miami, the last occurring in 1990 or 1991.

Because Albert's job prevented the couple from seeing each other for months at a time, Trodden said they engaged in

lots of fantasy sex on the phone, and Albert's end of the conversation generally centered "on participating a threesome with another male."

Trodden said that during their sexual encounters, Albert would "sometimes ask her to bring ladies' underwear for him to wear."

When it was the defense's turn to address the jury, Black argued that the woman was lashing back at Albert because her life was unraveling: She had lost her job and Albert had recently told him he was thinking of getting married to another woman.

Black also noted that the woman had been released from a stay in a mental hospital just six weeks before the alleged attack. He said the woman asked to be bitten and suggested oral sex because she did not have birth control with her.

Jennings, through a spokesman in New York, said, "I am unaware of even having met the woman referred to in the Mary Albert trial." In his nightly ABC newscast, Jennings did a brief voice-over about the trial and did not mention that his name came up.

Earlier in the trial, the jury was seated in less than an hour and a half after its members gave assurances they could handle graphic testimony about violent sex. The trial is expected to last about a week.

Nerves, what nerves? says Seve Ballesteros

SOTOGRADE, Spain (AP) — Seve Ballesteros lifted a glass to show that his hand was not shaking.

"When people are nervous it normally means they don't have confidence," he said Monday. "This is not my case. Everything is under control, and I have tremendous confidence not just in myself, but in the team as well."

The European Ryder Cup captain spoke as his players began arriving to begin practice for golf's most pressure-packed event. The three-day competition against the United States begins Friday at the Valderrama Golf Club.

The U.S. team, which includes Tiger Woods, is seeking to regain the cup it lost to the Europeans at Oak Hill in Rochester, N.Y., in 1995.

The event is being held in Spain for the first time, a tribute to Ballesteros' part in expanding the prestige and popularity of the Ryder Cup.

Ballesteros, who had played in every Ryder Cup except one since



1976, said the reality of his new role as captain was sinking in fast. "It was a strange feeling when I went in the locker room," he said. "It's a dream of every player to play in the Ryder Cup, but to be captain is very special, a great honor. I feel very lucky." Ballesteros was pleased to see

that Nick Faldo, the Englishman who will be playing in his 11th Ryder Cup, traveled ahead of the rest of the European team to get an early start on practice.

Ballesteros singled out Faldo, one of his two captain's picks, as the man he would most trust playing the last hole.

Jimmie Orb-Palms, left, president of the Valderrama golf course, hold the Ryder Cup trophy beside Scottish golfer Colin Montgomerie.

"Nick has shown dedication over many years, and it's nice to see he is still so keen," the Spaniard said. "He wants to play very badly, and I am sure he will make a tremendous contribution."

"The whole team is very solid," he added. "Seven experienced players and the new energy of five new ones. Everything is very positive. I couldn't have a better team."

Ballesteros refused to discuss the one issue that has clouded his build-up to the defense of the trophy — the Miguel Angel Martin affair.

Martin qualified for the European team in 10th and last place, but was dropped from the team after he asked for more time to prove he had fully recovered from wrist surgery. Replaced by Jose Maria Olazabal, he has returned to take legal action.

"I am here only to talk about the team and nothing else," Ballesteros said. "There are no comments on that. We talk about the team and that's it."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Former Vandal given interim basketball job

TEMPE, Ariz. — Former Idaho Vandal and Sacramento State coach Don Newman, hired in May to help Bill Frieder recruit players for Arizona State, replaced his former boss as head coach Monday.

Athletic director Kevin White gave Newman the interim job after falling short in attempts to hire a big-name coach after Frieder resigned Sept. 10 following point-shaving allegations involving 1994 road games.

Newman, 39, inherits a team that went 10-20 last season. He coached Sacramento State to a 20-114 record during five years when the program moved up from NCAA Division II to Division I. Before that, he was an assistant to Sampson at Washington State for five years, finishing as recruiting coordinator.

He played football and basketball in college. He began at Louisiana State and transferred to Idaho, where he earned all-Big Sky Conference basketball recognition and was drafted by the Boston Celtics in the third round in 1980.

But he wound up in football, playing for Saskatchewan, Edmonton and Hamilton of the Canadian Football League from 1981-86. Newman coached at two Idaho high schools before joining Washington State in 1988.

Bradley, Brewer advance at Senior Amateur

BRIDGEHAMPTON, N.Y. — Bud Bradley, who won the British Senior Amateur last month, defeated Jerry Jackson of Kokomo, Ind., 3 and 1, in the opening round of the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship Monday.

O. Gordon Brewer of Huntington Valley, Pa., also advanced into the second round at the par 72, 6,501-yard Atlantic City Club with a 5 and 4 triumph over John Jambor of Northville, Mich.

British players split Toulouse matches

TOULOUSE, France — British players split their opening matches at the \$400,000 Toulouse Open tennis tournament Monday.

Second-seeded Tim Henman downed Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, while Marzia Martelli of Italy beat Chris Wilkinson, 6-2, 7-6 (10-8).

UCLA may appeal ruling on Schemm Cotton

LOS ANGELES — There was no announcement from UCLA on Monday as to whether the school will pursue an appeal to the NCAA concerning the ruling that basketball standout Schemm Cotton is ineligible to play for the Bruins.

The school confirmed over the weekend that Cotton, a would-be incoming freshman, was declared ineligible by the NCAA. Assistant sports information director Bill Bennett said the ruling might be appealed.

Quoting Cotton's parents and UCLA sources, the Los Angeles Times reported that the NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse invalidated Cotton's third SAT test result in which he received a qualifying score of 900 because he incorrectly received "special circumstances" from the testing service.

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COMICS

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

1. WEE-SIR-MY-DOG... NEEDS A NEW SUPPER DISH...
2. HE WEARS THEM OUT VERY FAST...
3. NO-I-ONLY-FEED HIM ONCE A DAY...
4. PLEASE! JUST PAY HIM, AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE...

Dibbert By Scott Adams

1. DO YOU REALIZE THIS IS OUR THIRD DATE?
2. WERE NOT DATING, I'M A VENDOR AND YOU'RE MY CLIENT.
3. YOU ALWAYS SAY THE ONLY TIME WE CAN MEET IS DURING LUNCH. THAT WAY I'M OBLIGATED TO PAY FOR IT.
4. YOU'RE FEISTY. I'D BETTER GET THE OYSTERS.
5. MAKE SAIL FIRST, THEN KILL CLIENT.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

1. WHAT CLUB SHOULD I USE OFF THE TEE ON NUMBER SEVENTEEN?
2. THERE'S A FEEL SHORT, PAR 3 HOLE. USE YOUR NUBICK.
3. THANKS. WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST FOR THE NINETEENTH HOLE?
4. A DESIGNATED DRIVER.

Garfield By Jim Davis

1. THIS IS A LITTLE GAME I CALL "BOO-WHACK"
2. BOO! EEEK!
3. WHACK

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

1. HOW COME YOU NEVER BUY ANY LOTTERY TICKETS?
2. I DON'T KNOW, I'M HAPPY NOW. I'M AFRAID IF I WON A HUGE SUM OF MONEY LIKE THAT IT MIGHT RUN MY LIFE.
3. I'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE IF I WIN.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

1. BRASSIE
2. SLAP
3. MASHIE
4. I HATE CADDING FOR SIRBENS WILKINS!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

1. I THINK HELGA IS SCOLDING THOSE DUCKLINGS!
2. WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
3. NOW SHE'S MAKING THEM LITTLE INDIVIDUAL DIAPERS!

Beetle Bailey By Mont Walter

1. COME ON, SARGE, LET'S GO GET A BEER
2. I'M WORKING ON A SIX-PACK HERE
3. I'M BUYING
4. I'M COMING!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

1. CITY WATER DEPT.
2. CITY POWER DEPT.
3. CITY CABLE TV COMPANY

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Ulp

1. WHO SAYS IT'S NO FUN AROUND THE HOUSE WITH THE KIDS BACK IN SCHOOL!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

1. AM E-MAIL FROM MICHELLE? I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T USE THIS THING
2. DAD'S FIGURED IT OUT. I KNOW HOW TO USE IT. I MEAN, COMPUTER SAVVY, RIGHT NOW, I'M WORKING ON IT
3. LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO ACCESS
4. I DON'T HAVE TIME NOW. I'M GOING TO WORK ON MY WEBSITE. JUST TELL ME HOW TO USE IT. I'M SAYS

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Grobe

1. THE DOCTOR SAYS THAT JULIUS CAN GO HOME NOW BUT HE DOESN'T WANT TO
2. I CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT
3. NOW... HOW'S IT GOING? I'M RUNNING THINGS AT THE OFFICE BUNGSTEAD WAY!
4. WHERE ARE MY PANTS??

Pickles By Brian Crane

1. THE THING THAT SEPARATES CATS FROM PEOPLE IS THAT CATS HAVE NO CONCEPT OF HUMOR
2. KIND OF LIKE MR. SPOCK
3. YOU KNOW... SPOCK. THAT GUY ON STAR TREK
4. OH, YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. THEY BOTH HAVE POINTY EARS, TOO.

Demis the Menace By Hank Ketcham
The Family Circus By Bill Keane

1. "BAD NEWS TRAVELS FAST. SEE? HERE HE COMES AGAIN."
2. "I wish I may, I wish I might, blow these candles out tonight!"

Brain waves have 4 lengths

People who wear bifocals have a tough time in supermarkets. Shelf labels tend to be too far for the near lens and too close for the far lens. But your computer glasses, if any, will do well there.

Pontius Pilate, it's believed, was born in what's now Forthingill, Scotland.

Q. Why can't you buy a bass in the fish market?
A. A 1926 federal law prohibits such sale of that gamefish.

Q. Did you ever find out why heavy beer drinkers hardly ever get diarrhea?
A. Bacteria causes most diarrhea. Beer stimulates stomach acid. It kills bacteria.

Somebody killed a villager with a rice sickle. This, according to the historical footnotes on the China of 1235, "The chief authority in town called all the field men together and ordered them to lay down their sickles. These appeared clean. But they landed on one, only one. The owner

acknowledged. Popular Science editors call it the first recorded crime solved with the help of insects.

A peppercorn remains flavorless for more than a century.

A Hugenote named Bernard Palissy expressed the opinion in 1589 that fossils were the remains of living creatures. Those who didn't agree burned him at the stake.

Where the age of legal majority is 21, a person is considered by law to have reached that legal majority on the day before that worthy's 21st birthday.

Our brain waves come in four lengths: 1. Delta, when we sleep. 2. Theta, when we come up with bright ideas. 3. Beta, when we puzzle over problems. And 4. Alpha, when we let ourselves get into a state of a lot of anxiety. Our beta gets a lot of

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IF SEPTEMBER 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are inquisitive, have powerful instincts for news, some of you are quixotic, willing to travel at drop of hat. There must, however, be purpose for travel or intonations are declined. You are analytical, revel in clash of ideas, have ability to write you may stay in and out of anything. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons play leading roles in your life. During November attention revolves around domestic issues, where you live, decision regarding marriage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Decision reached in connection with travel, real-estate, romantic interest. Face facts, figures concerning income potential. Virgo, Libra.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Attention revolves around ways of getting most for money. Questions answered regarding marital status - Libra individual encourages, "Stay with it!" Another partner also advised.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Financial picture brightens - you should assert needs, highlight personality, timing. Get rid of superfluous material, streamline procedures. Consult Pacer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are on right track. Events transpire to bring you closer to fulfillment. Take charge of your life, circumstances are rapidly in your favor. Focus also on legal affairs, partnership, marriage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Reach beyond the immediate, open lines of communication, be in touch with you in distant city who has your best interests at heart. Aries, Libra persons figure in scenario.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Shake off emotional lethargy. Stress innovativeness, willingness to take risks to achieve ultimate goal. Scenario features love, creativity, style, adventure. Leo represented.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could be too busy to ask. Late September emphasizes publicity, added recognition, decisions relating to property, marriage. Cancer natives, holidays open doors previously shut tight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Burden lifted. You are able to take charge of activities associated with politics, charity. Approval soon received concerning journey. Sagittarius is in picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check Libra, Scorpio messages for wisdom. When appears to fall apart at seams will be repaired soon - including relationship. Be positive concerning legal rights.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Individual whose ideas are opposite your own will do about face - you'll win any dispute regarding legal conditions. Spotlight on public relations, special occasion, marriage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be diplomatic without watering down principles. Co-worker reveals problems at home. Propaganda without becoming seriously involved. Libra plays intricate role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Play waiting game. Impulsive move related to romance could prove costly. Be analytical, check claims, be positive concerning financial status. Another Pisces figures in scenario.

Finally, AFC looks A-OK

Is this finally the year the AFC ends its 13-year drought at the Super Bowl?

It's much too early to make an assessment after four weeks of a 17-week regular season. Who knows what week might befall the teams that look so good now?

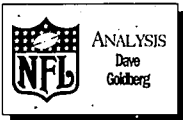
But so far the AFC is stronger at the top than it has been in years, perhaps since the Raiders gave the conference its last NFL title after the 1983 season.

Start with New England and Denver — the AFC champion and the team that should have been. Both are 4-0 and neither has really been challenged. The Broncos' 38-20 win over the Bengals on Sunday was close for three quarters, the tightest game Denver has played this year.

Add Jacksonville, which made it to the title game last year as the third team at the top. And look at some upstarts, notably Kansas City, which went to Charlotte on Sunday and trounced Carolina, an NFC finalist last year, 35-14. One measure of the Chiefs' their only loss was 19-3 on opening day in Denver.

Other than Tampa Bay (4-0), the teams at the top of the AFC are flawed. Green Bay is a shaky 3-1 and could be 1-3. Dallas and San Francisco, the aging dinosaurs, are dangerous but not invincible.

"It was a lesson," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said after Green Bay squandered a 31-7 halftime lead and held on to



beat the Vikings 38-32.

— But how many lessons can a team learn? Holmgren insists the year after winning a championship is always the hardest — the offseason is shorter, the team is a target and good luck can turn to bad.

So even while the Packers have more depth than most teams in the salary cap era, the injuries are showing (good luck turning to bad).

Ronney Levens is carrying the running back load without Edgar Bennett, and even this early complains about wearing down. Craig Newsome, like Bennett gone for the season, is missed at cornerback — the Vikings picked on Tyrone Williams and Roderick Mullen at will in the second half on Sunday.

It looks as if the Buccaneers are serious challengers to the Packers in the NFC Central. We'll know more after they visit Green Bay in two weeks. When Warrick Dunn can't beat your running (11 carries for 17 yards Sunday night in the 31-21 win over Miami), he'll beat you catching (six for 106 yards) and Mike Alstott will run (18 car-

ries for 95 yards). And the defense, even without Warren Sapp, is solid.

"We're not as bad as we were tonight," Tony Dungy said by way of apology, even though two of Miami's three touchdowns came after the Dolphins trailed 24-7 in the third quarter.

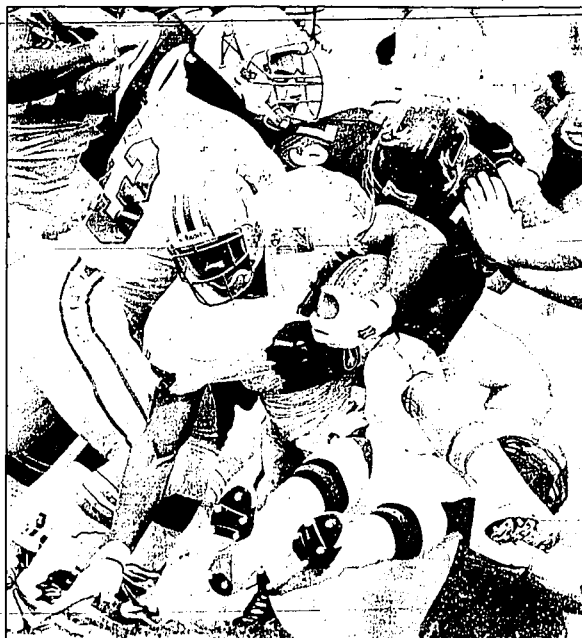
Beyond the Packers and Bucs? — The Cowboys are an enigma — great against Pittsburgh, awful the next two — and rumors that Jerry Jones wants to coach only add to the continuing chaos.

San Francisco is 3-1 because it plays in a division with New Orleans and Atlanta, two of the NFL's worst, plus St. Louis, a young team not ready to challenge. Without Jerry Rice in the playoffs, trouble looms. Then again, Rice says he'll be back in time.

Right now, the Broncos and the Patriots, who meet in two weeks on a Monday night in Mile High Stadium, are the class of the league. They are averaging more than 30 points a game and allowing precious few (13 a game by Denver, 10 a game by New England).

Yes, the schedule gets harder, particularly for the Patriots following their week off. But look at it another way. If the winners of the Green Bay-Tampa Bay and New England-Denver games were fast-forwarded to the Super Bowl, the AFC team probably would be favored.

Dave Goldberg covers football for the Associated Press.



Tennessee's Heisman Trophy-winning running back Eddie George gained just 40 yards in Sunday's loss to Baltimore, but more noticeable than George's struggles was the low turnout for the game in the Liberty Bowl in Memphis.

Tennessee Oilers struggle on field and in stands

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Oilers thought that by moving to Tennessee their silent Sundays were over. Two games in the Liberty Bowl in Memphis have proved them wrong.

Quarterback Steve McNair called the atmosphere on Sunday downright "weird." The Oilers, playing in their temporary home, lost to the Baltimore Ravens 36-10 before a crowd of just 17,737.

"It's not embarrassing," McNair said Monday. "It's something we don't enjoy. But we've got to go out on the field and concentrate on what we have to do."

Players could hear fans talking among themselves in the stadium, which seats 62,366. On a sunny day with temperatures in the mid-70s, 60,617 chose the Mid-South Fair over the NFL game next door.

An exhibit featuring items from the Titanic attracted 5,631 some 10 miles away, while 3,000 filed through Elvis Presley's former

home at nearby Graceland.

Coach Jeff Fisher joked that he's now 0-1 after state fairs. But the low turnout in the city the Oilers are calling home on Sundays until 1999 prompted a news conference Monday with the man in charge of the Oilers' business operations.

"We're not happy about the attendance," said Don MacLachlan, executive vice president of ticketing, broadcasting and marketing.

"We're trying to do some things. I owe it to the coaching staff and the players to do the best job I can do with the group I work with to improve the attendance."

The game on Sunday drew the second-lowest crowd for an Oilers home game since the 1960s. It was just ahead of the 15,171 who watched their final game in Houston last season.

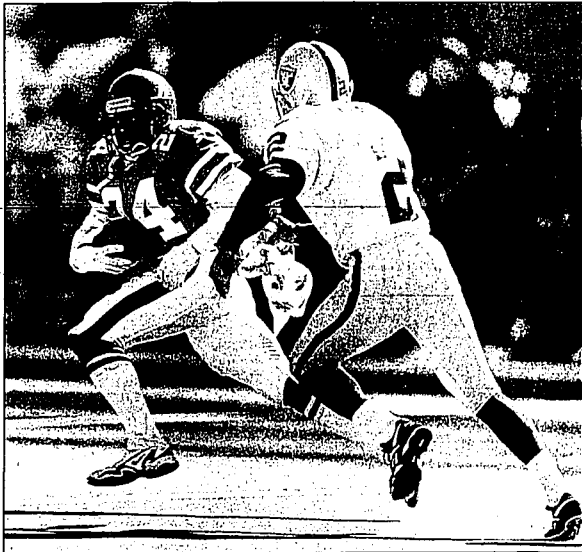
The biggest problem are the folks in Memphis. They are

rejecting the NFL for repeatedly retying their city for 25 years, and Memphis' feud with Nashville 200 miles away has only aggravated the situation.

MacLachlan said the team just hasn't had enough time since moving from Texas in July to soothe those angry feelings. He cited team surveys showing enough football fans live within 120 miles of Memphis to fill the Liberty Bowl.

Plus, he said the Oilers have a two-year contract with Memphis' sports authority with no provisions for an early escape to Nashville and Vanderbilt University's Dudley Field.

"We're not gauging the whole year based on the attendance for just the Raiders (30,171) and the Ravens' game," MacLachlan said. "We're hoping we can continue to build a bigger fan base and that the crowds will improve in the future."



New York Jet Jay Mickens (24) runs for a 72-yard touchdown as Oakland Raider holder Leo Araguz (2) gives chase after the Jets blocked a field goal attempt during the fourth quarter of their game Sunday. First-year Jets coach Bill Parcells put an emphasis on special teams.

Jets prove Coach Parcells' theories on special teams

HEMSTAD, N.Y. (AP) — Bill Parcells didn't seize the opportunity to gloat, even though he's earned the right.

Since taking over the New York Jets, Parcells has insisted that putting together strong special teams was as important as building a good offense or defense. On Sunday, he didn't have a productive offense or defense for most of the game with Oakland, so the special teams beat the Raiders 23-22.

Of course, the Raiders helped plenty by missing four field goals and an extra point and getting beaten for 26 yards on a fake punt. They also had a field goal blocked that Jay Mickens returned 72 yards for the winning touchdown. Their kicking game was anything but special.

Parcells has wanted from the outset that he was returning a strong special teams unit.

"That has not been too easy, in all honesty," he said Monday. "We had some problems with that. We've had some erratic play from guys we expected more from, and then we had some consistently pretty good play from a couple players."

"This past week was the first I thought, by and large, we got more guys involved in the proper way."

The key guy was Corvin Brown,

"Bill knows special teams help you win. You can be like a lot of other guys who don't want to do that and just want to be a starter. But not everyone can start, so you do what you can to help your team win."

—Corvin Brown

whom Parcells signed in the pre-season after he was cut by New England. When Parcells coached the Patriots, Brown was a major factor on special teams.

He repaid the coach's faith against Oakland, catching punter Brian Hansen's pass for a 26-yard gain to set up a third-quarter field goal, then blocking Cole Ford's 35-yard field goal try that Mickens grabbed and ran off with.

"I don't want you writing all those things about me," Brown said with a smile as he assessed the role of the kids teams in lifting New York to a 22 record. "For a team to win, you can't get a kick blocked or have a fake punt work. It's like a turnover. That negates

some other stuff."

"Bill knows special teams help you win. You can be like a lot of other guys who don't want to do that and just want to be a starter. But not everyone can start, so you do what you can to help your team win. My job is special teams and leadership to help this team win and I'm going to do that."

So is Mickens, whose touchdown on the blocked field goal was the Jets' first since George Rudachowsky did it for 78 yards at Miami in 1989. He isn't thrilled with being a role player, but he's willing to do it because, he says, the team needs it.

"I'm happy doing it because I am contributing," he admitted, "but I could be happier. My goal always is and always has been to be a starter. I think some people settle for being a backup and doing other things, but that is not me."

"My goal is to start, or I would not be the player I could be."

Parcells has a reputation for gambling on fourth down and, at times, with innovative maneuvers in the kicking game. His biggest contribution to special teams has nothing to do with strategy, Brown says.

"He makes you believe how important what you're doing is," Brown said, "and a game like this proves it."

Niners' offense regains form after shaky start to season

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — After a brutal start, the San Francisco 49ers are showing signs of regaining their lofty offensive form.

"I'm glad we've been through this all by mid-September. We've faced the bear and it could have gone either way," Steve Young said following San Francisco's most dynamic offensive showing of the season Sunday in a 34-7 victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

"We're finally upright and running," said Young, whose 336 passing yards in just over two quarters of play Sunday was his highest total in a victory in nearly two years. "It's a good feeling. We were bent over and spasming there for a while."

The season began grimly with the loss of Jerry Rice to a knee injury that's expected to sideline him for the rest of the regular season. Young also suffered a concussion in the opening loss at Tampa Bay, and San Francisco's offensive line appeared in disarray, giving up 14 sacks in the first three games.

The subsequent offensive slide was dramatic. Ranked no lower than sixth in the past 15 seasons, San Francisco plunged to last after two games. But over the last two games, the 49ers climbed 10 spots, reaching No. 20 following their sixth consecutive home win against Atlanta.

"I've always had confidence in our offense. It was just a matter of when we would kick it in," 49ers coach Steve Mariucci said. "We've got room to improve. We missed a few throws that we should have made. We want to run the ball better. We're not satisfied with any part of our game."

"The 49ers have stabilized their offensive line, which despite allowing three sacks Sunday provided Young ample time to throw."

Center Chris Dalman returned to the lineup for the first time since spraining his left knee in an Aug. 9 preseason game. Derrick Deese, a converted guard making his first career start at left tackle in place of an ineffective Tim Hanshaw, had a solid outing, shutting out Falcons pass-rushing end Chuck Smith.

"The offensive line play was key," said Young, who didn't scramble once while completing 17 of 24 throws. "I think we've got to keep it up next week (against Carolina). Protection is going to be vital." "The 49ers' renewed big-play ability returned Sunday, including touchdown catches by wideouts



San Francisco 49er Steve Young hugs wide receiver Terrell Owens after Owens' touchdown in the second quarter against the Atlanta Falcons Sunday.

J.J. Stokes and Rice's replacement Terrell Owens. Owens' 56-yard touchdown pass was Young's longest scoring pass since he hit Ricky Watters with a 65-yarder against Denver on Dec. 17, 1994.

Sirkes, who had a 10-yard scoring catch, set up one of two Terry Kirby touchdown runs with a 36-yard reception to the 1. The starting backfield of Garrison Hearst and William Floyd registered career highs for receiving yardage in a game. Hearst had two receptions for 83 yards, including a 69-yarder and Floyd had a team-high seven catches for 85 yards.

Still, tight end Brent Jones said the 49ers can't be satisfied, especially with the upcoming meeting against Carolina, which swept the 49ers last year to break San Francisco's four-year hold on the NFC West title.

"It's nice to be making strides but I don't think we have been tested like we're going to be," Jones said.

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1 4 4NT 4 All pass
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COMING EVENTS

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•The annual vision and hearing screening in Minidoka County Schools will be at held today at Paul Elementary School Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Heyburn Elementary School and Friday at St. Nicholas Elementary School. Parents will be notified of any vision failures and hearing discrepancies.

•Habitat for Humanity of South Central Idaho is now taking applications from families interested in qualifying for a Habitat house. Completed applications should be returned to Habitat for Humanity of South Central Idaho, 525 E. 16th, Jerome, ID, 83338.

•Sunshine Valley Elementary School has planned an open house for 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday and 9:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at the school, 800 S. 1935 E. For more information, call 678-4625.

•The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Board of Directors will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Church of the Brethren, 461 Filor Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

•The Lincoln Elementary School Parent Teachers Association is offering three evenings of a "Developing Capable People" workshop. Classes are planned for 6 to 9 p.m. this Wednesday and on Oct. 8 and 15 in the music room at Lincoln School in Twin Falls.

•The Twin Falls High School student body officers are sponsoring a pre-game chiliaste party beginning at 6 p.m. Friday on the west side of the main parking lot at the high school.

•The Twin Falls High School Bruin Booster Club has planned a pre-game tailgate party for Friday on the back parking lot between the school and the stadium. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m.

•El Korah's Magic Valley Shrine Council is sponsoring a free screening clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls. For more information call 543-6147, 324-5757, 536-2120, 326-4934, 487-2395, 678-7607, 733-2721 or 934-5496.

•The Twin Falls Christian Academy has planned its annual Harvest Fair for 4:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the school, 798 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-1452.

•JCPenney has designated Sept. 29 as "Support Our Schools Day." Customers can purchase 55 tickets from participating schools before the special sale day and at the JCPenney store the day of the sale. Advance tickets are available at Hagerman School District, Clover Trinity Lutheran School in Buhl, the Bliss School and at O'Leary Junior High and Immanuel Lutheran School, both in Twin Falls. Each ticket includes a 25 percent off coupon and \$5 off a purchase of \$50 or more. All proceeds from ticket sales go to the participating schools.

For more information, call Jim Trinch at 734-9004.



Teddae Hansen barbecues hot dogs and hamburgers for almost 70 people attending a block party in Jerome.

RA WESSEL/The Times-News

A beautiful day in the neighborhood

By H.R. Welzel
Times-News Correspondent

JEROME - Getting to know the neighbors was a goal accomplished in southeast Jerome as families gathered for a block party that spilled over into yards, the streets and homes.

"I moved here in January and wanted to get acquainted with my neighbors, so I went to every house in a three block area and invited everybody to come," said party organizer Melanee Olsen.

She enlisted the help of neighbors Pat McKay and Teddae Hansen to invite people and plan the event.

When the eventful day arrived, Sept. 9, about 60 adults and children brought their lawn chairs, tables were set up and everybody spent some time learning who everybody was.

"I always wondered who some of my neighbors were," Jean Duffek, Jerome's Citizen of the Year, said.

The street was blocked off between Cleveland and Davis, courtesy of the City Council. The city police department showed up to tell everybody how to organize a Neighborhood Watch.

"My little son, Tyrel, will be walking to kindergarten and I want to know somebody will be looking out for him," said Olsen.

School Resource Officer Kelly Baugarter and Patrolwoman Kristy Lewis explained the Neighborhood Watch program to the crowd sitting in the shade of a grove of trees. The city fire department brought a fire engine with firefighter Larry Gary giving the children a boost up onto the truck for a thrill and to entertain thoughts of being a fireman when they grow up.

In the middle of the street, two barbecue grills were filled with hot dogs and hamburgers, purchased with donations from the neighbors. Teddae Hansen and Vicki Leimeinger were the chefs. Sides and desserts were brought and enjoyed by everyone.

The highlight of the day was when Melanee Olsen made homemade root beer. She borrowed a metal 10-gallon can, put in 8 gallons of water, two bottles of root beer extract, 8 pounds of sugar and stirred it all up. Then she dropped in 10 pounds of chunked dry ice, slapped the lid on and sat on it.

"If I hadn't sat on it, the lid would have blown off from the fizz," she said. "My neighbor Charlotte Jacobson, city councilwoman, nearly fell over she laughed so hard," Olsen said.

After the meal, the children played relay games and decorated star cookies made by Olsen and Hansen, in honor of the police officers.

"We're going to try another party for Christmas, but my next project is to start after school care for latch-key kids. I'll need a little funds for snacks and a place to have it," Olsen said.

Anyone who can assist or for more information, call Olsen at 324-8891.

Foster grandparents spread magic through the valley

By Heather Able
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Richard Snow, a grandparent, shows up at Poppewell Elementary School in Buhl on a daily basis. He's not a teacher, a janitor, or an office aide - he's a foster grandparent and an integral part of the school.

Snow reads stories to younger children and tells stories to the older ones. The storytelling is about the origin of Buhl and the history of the Magic Valley.

"This area really is a 'magic' valley when you consider what we've grown from," Snow said.

Snow was active in the foster grandparent program when his wife died about six years ago. He says it helps to fill the void. Those who know him say he is quite devoted to his work and loved by all the children whose lives he touches.

"It's been a real joy for me," said Snow, who is greeted in the hallways with smiles and hugs.

Snow also writes poems and stories, and a copy of his work is available in the school library. Works include a poem about his granddaughter, the expressions of a child's face, and a story entitled, "Gray Hawk and the Enchanted Pony."

Jesus Montes is also a part of the foster grandparent program, at the Westend Head Start in Buhl. In May 1997, he received the National Head Start Association award as Humanitarian of the Year.

Montes, who has battled colon cancer, has become a certified nurse's

aide, obtained certification as a developmental disabilities aide and has been active in his community and church.

"Although every foster grandparent is a hero to the children they serve, the facilities they serve, and in the communities where they live, Jesus is a man who sets the standards for volunteering," said Marcia L. Donner, Foster Grandparents Program director.

The program offers people age 60 and older opportunities to serve as mentors, tutors and caregivers for children with special needs. They serve in schools, hospitals and day-care centers in their communities.

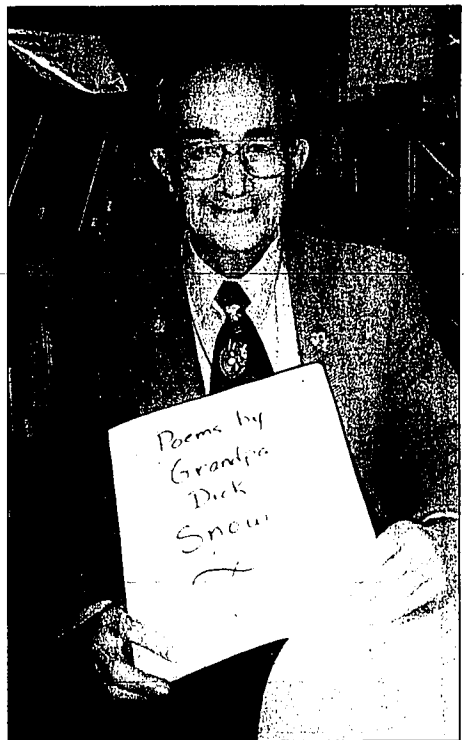
"So many grandparents just have that special touch with the kids," said Teresa Hellickson, projects director for the Foster Grandparents Program. "They have the time and the patience to give them one-on-one attention."

"They're just phenomenal people," said Angelle Snyder, Westend Coordinator for the Foster Grandparents Program.

In support of the Foster Grandparent Program, Fleischmann's Yeast is sponsoring a "Bake A Difference" program. From Sept. 14 through Oct. 18, 5 cents from every strip of Fleischmann's RapidRise or Active Dry Yeast will be donated to the Foster Grandparent Program. At the end of the promotion, Fleischmann's Yeast will donate a minimum of \$100,000 to the Foster Grandparent Program.

Many of us learned some of our most important lessons from grandparents, things as simple as baiting a fishing hook or baking a loaf of bread," said Paul Fugener, product manager for Fleischmann's Yeast. "Through the 'Bake A Difference' program, Fleischmann's Yeast hopes to bring these people simple but significant experiences to children who need them most. We strongly believe in the Foster Grandparent's mission to build bridges in our communities by helping raise healthier, happier children and creating stronger relationships between the younger and older generations."

Locally, a bake sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Payless Drug in Twin Falls and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot in Burley. Proceeds will support the Foster Grandparent Program.



HEATHER ABLE/The Times-News

Richard Snow displays his book of writings at the Poppewell Elementary School library.

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are April Crnich and Joey Bryant. It is our job to fill this page with news about:

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COMMUNITY

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Caregivers meet in new office space

TWIN FALLS - The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Board of Directors will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday in the office space recently donated to the group at the Church of the Brethren, 461 Filer Ave. W.

Items on the agenda include current status reports by team chairs, the Rev. Jim Frisbie for development and finance; Anne-Martin for public relations; Keith Davis for program planning and policy and personnel. Current goals and strategies will be discussed. President Tom Mahan will chair the meeting.

Lions discuss eye donations at meeting

TWIN FALLS - Joy Lugo will be the guest speaker when the Lions Club meets at noon Wednesday at the Mandarin House on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

Lugo will be discussing the Idaho Lions Eye Bank. Conditions to remember regarding eye donations are that a previous eye exam is not necessary, wearing eye glasses does not affect the ability to donate eyes, age is not a factor as donations are acceptable from infant to elderly, death from cancer is not necessarily a contraindication to donation, eyes must be removed within six hours of the time of death, to be considered for donation, donor and recipient families remain unknown to each other, eyes are priceless and will never be bought or sold, eye donations are endorsed by all major religions, eye donations do not interfere with open casket funerals and a signed donor card and donor designation on the driver's license are indications of intent (a signed consent from the legal next of kin is required to please let your family know of your desire to be an eye, tissue or organ donor).

Workshop offers skill development

TWIN FALLS - The Lincoln Elementary School Parent Teachers Association is offering three evenings of a "Developing Capable People" workshop.

Classes are planned for 6 to 9 p.m. this Wednesday and on Oct. 8 and 9 in the music room at Lincoln School. Rebecca Hom, a Lincoln School parent and DCP leader, will facilitate the workshops. Participants may register at the Twin Falls School District Office, 211 Main Ave. W., at the Lincoln School office or at the first night of the workshop. Cost is \$25, which provides the DCP workbook and the books, "Raising Self-Reliant Children in a Self-Indulgent World" by Stephen Glenn and "Positive Discipline" by Jane Nelsen. Sack dinners are welcome.

DCP is an extensive workshop that offers three perceptions and four skills necessary for dealing with life. The compacted version in three sessions is geared specifically to parents and other educators. Members who want to strengthen communication and improve relationships in their families and schools. Session 1 is titled "Helping People See Themselves

The bridge to success

TWIN FALLS - Donald and Ruth Rahe of Twin Falls recently earned one of the highest ranks available to tournament bridge players through the American Contract Bridge League, the Life Master award.

Life Master status is attained in bridge competition at various levels. Players must earn 300 masterpoints in tournaments as well as at bridge clubs. ACBL's top tournament levels are regional and national. Some of the new Life Master's points must be earned at one of these two levels.

When the Rahe's received the news of the award, the immediately called their four children.

"It was pretty exciting," Ruth said.

The Rahe's, who have been playing bridge for 25 years say they usually play once a week. They have competed at various tournaments in Great Falls, Mont., San Francisco, Las Vegas, Boise and Salt Lake City, Utah.

As for future tournaments, the Rahe's say they will continue playing as long as they usually do.

"We're just enjoying the glow of it right now," they said.



Ruth, left, and Donald Rahe recently earned Life Master status in bridge competition through the American Contract Bridge League.

as Capable". Session 2 is "Helping People See Themselves as Significant" and Session 3 is "Developing Responsibility." "Developing Responsibility" and strictness, natural consequences and personal responsibility.

Tailgate party planned for Friday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School student body officers are sponsoring a pre-game tailgate party beginning at 6 p.m. Friday on the west side of the main parking lot at the high school.

"Sometimes it will provide live music on the practice field. All students are invited.

Booster club schedules party

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Brute Booster Club has planned a pre-game tailgate party for Friday on the back parking lot between the school and the stadium.

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. All family members and fans are invited.

Free clinic offered by Shrine council

TWIN FALLS - El Korah's Magic Valley Shrine Council is sponsoring a free screening clinic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd.

The screening is offered to determine if children in the area are eligible for treatment at the Shrine's Hospital and Outpatient Clinics. Parents of children from birth to age 18 are invited to bring them to the screening to check for scoliosis, dislocated hips, club feet, cerebral palsy with orthopedic problems; hand, leg or back problems; an absent arm or leg; myelodysplasia; short legs; rickets; leg perthes disease; burn scars;

FAIR RESULTS

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County Fair results are as follows.

Handicrafts Quilting
Janet Hurley, champion
Knitting Phase 1
Apsen Montgomery, champion.
Leathercraft Phase 2
Jacque Newton, champion.
Leathercraft Phase 3
Megan Froestere, champion.
Leathercraft Phase 6
Lisa Skinner, champion.
ABC of Art, Unit 1
Shirley Myers, champion.
Photography Unit 1
Megan Smith, champion.
Photography Unit 2
Megan Smith, champion.
Ceramics Unit 1
Laura Wells, champion.
Ceramics Unit 2
Melissa Webb, champion; Matthew Welch, champion; Jessica Williams, champion; Katherine Wenderlich, champion.
Ceramics Unit 3
Ryanne Vance, champion.
Ceramics Unit 4
Bethany Scott, champion.
The Infant
Tiffany Taylor, champion; Hailee Vance, champion.
Cake Decorating Unit 3
Fayre Vance, champion.
Cake Decorating Unit 4
Kelsida Biggers, champion.
The Infant
Molly Smith, champion.
Clay Modeling, Set, Set
Lauren Kolajickicko, champion; Diana Garza, champion.
Scents So Easy
Sylvia Hernandez, champion.
Clothing Expressions
Angela Miller, champion.
Cotton Western Wear
Jana Davidson, champion.
Looking Your Best
Bethany Korman, champion.
The Total Look
Kim Lanning, champion.
Abstract Memory Unit 1
Deanna McClmonds, champion.
Designs in Nature
Co Hanner, champion.
Wildlife Unit 4
Jennifer Robinson, champion.
Shooting Sports Archery
Brandon Bourne, champion.
Shooting Sports Rifle
Scott Clark, champion.

Harvest Fair set for Saturday at school

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Christian Academy has planned its annual Harvest Fair for 4:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the school, 798 Eastland Drive N.

Festivities include an auction at 6 p.m. of merchandise donated by local businesses, an array of craft items, food booths and a country store.

Admission is free. For more information, call 733-1452.

Shoppers' dollars make a difference

TWIN FALLS - JCPenney has designated Sept. 29 as "Support Our Schools Day" to show its concern and commitment to the support of education. The store at the Magic Valley Mall is joining other JCPenney stores in hosting the event to raise funds for local schools.

Customers can purchase \$5 tickets from participating schools before the special sale day and at the JCPenney store the day of the sale. Advance tickets are available at Hagerman School District, Clover Trinity Lutheran School in Buhl, the Bliss School and at the Junior High and Immanuel Lutheran School, both in Twin Falls. Each ticket includes a 25 percent off coupon and \$5 off a purchase of \$50 or more. All proceeds from ticket sales go to the participating schools.

For more information, call Jim Trench at 734-0804.

CLUB PROFILE



Members of the Cancer Support Group are, back row from left, Sharon Hall, Denise Hays, Phyllis Johnson, Jack Watts, Suzanne Gaunt and Leonard Vaak. In the front are Mary Emory, Jean Watts, Naomi Samarais, Doris Brown and Henry Hays.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Purpose: To provide a setting in which people with cancer and their family and friends can discuss issues of personal importance.

Meets: 7 to 8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center reception area.

Dues: none

For more information, contact:

Leonard Vaak at 736-2455; Mary Emory at 737-2518 or the Cancer Center at 737-2441.

Profile your club

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. If you have information about your group, please send your name, address, phone number, and a brief description of your group to: Community Editor, P.O. Box 2400, Twin Falls, ID 83401.

- Shooting Sports Shotgun
Branden Bourne, champion.
Shooting Sports Muzzle
Payson Gebler, champion.
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Stan Moore, champion.
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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. The cost is \$3.50 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Today: Chef's salad
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Smorgasbord
Friday: Pork chops
Monday: Meat loaf or liver

Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Today: Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.
Wednesday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Friday: Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.
Foot clinic
Saturday: Super bingo
Sunday: Dance from 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.
Wednesday: Meat loaf
Friday: Sausage
Monday: Cheery tuna wrap

Thrift shop open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The center is selling raffling tickets for \$1 per ticket for a quilt made and donated by Patty Scholl.

Activities
Today: Trip to Shoshone for lunch.
Ceramics at 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Blood pressure checks.
Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Club
1010 Main St., Buhl
All meals at noon, Monday through Thursday, 1 p.m. on Sunday. Thrift shop open every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Today: Hot beef sandwich
Wednesday: Fried beef sandwich
Thursday: Pork chops

Friday: Pork chops
Saturday: Beef ribs
Sunday: Roast beef
Monday: Hamburgers

Activities
Today: Quilting at the center.
Wednesday: Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting at the center.
Bingo after meal
Evening lunch at 5:30 p.m. and cards.
Friday: Exercise at 10 a.m.
Saturday: Exercise at 10 a.m.
Dance from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Cliff Hank & Last Resorts.
Monday: Exercise at 10 a.m.
Evening lunch at 5:30 p.m. and cards.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St. N., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals for all other days each meal time.
Today: Stuffed peppers
Thursday: Fried chicken
Friday: Vegetable-beef soup

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Saturday	8:30-9:30 p.m.
Sunday	11:30-1:00 p.m.

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