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Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.
Highs near 50, low near 30.

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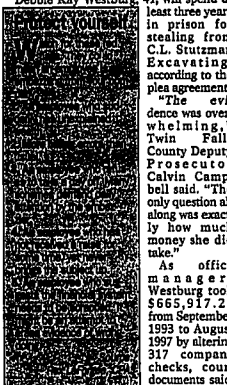
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Woman pleads guilty to taking more than \$665,000

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls woman pleaded guilty Wednesday to embezzling more than \$665,000 from the company she worked for.



Debbie Kay Westburg, 41, will spend at least three years in prison for stealing from C.L. Stutzman Excavating, according to the plea agreement.

"The evidence was overwhelming," Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor Calvin Campbell said. "The only question all along was exactly how much money she did take."

As office manager, Westburg took \$665,917.29 from September 1993 to August 1997 by altering 317 company checks, court documents said.

The money ended up in six accounts under the names of Westburg and her husband, Ward, court documents say.

Under the plea agreement, Westburg faces a three- to 10-year sentence, with

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Study shows false alarms on breast exams are common

Los Angeles Times

A woman who has regular mammograms and clinical breast exams will almost certainly have at least one false alarm during her lifetime that will require stressful, time-consuming and expensive further testing to rule out breast cancer, according to a new study being reported Thursday.

One in five of those false alarms will lead to a breast biopsy in which tissue is removed from the suspected tumor, a team from the University of Washington School of Medicine and Harvard Medical School report in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

According to the study, 50 percent of women who have 10 mammograms will have one so-called false positive result. The high rate is an outgrowth of physicians' efforts to detect every breast tumor possible, said Dr. Joann G. Elmore of the University of Washington.

Although increased efforts should be directed at reducing the number of false positives, she said, the study carries a hopeful message.

"When women receive a positive result on a mammogram or clinical examination," it

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Cash-for-contraception program fuels controversy

Los Angeles Times

ANAHEIM, Calif. — On Feb. 24, 26-year-old Stacey Davis, broke and recovering from an addiction to speed, checked into a Long Beach hospital, where a doctor sterilized her by tying her tubes. The next day, an Orange County organization mailed her a check for \$200.

"I'm not going to lie," said Davis, a mother of three children in foster care. "Although certain she didn't want any more children, she also was attracted by the promise of a reward. 'I mean, I need the money right now. I need to do something for me.'"

Davis is one of eight women who have been sterilized and have taken part in a controversial cash-for-contraception program created by the Anaheim-based CRACK (Children Requiring a Caring Community).

Others who have received money from CRACK after having their tubes tied at area hospitals include a 28-year-old Los

REQUEST DENIED



Defense lawyer Patrick McMillen speaks to a distraught Cynthia Grissom in a Jerome courtroom after the judge denied a motion to reduce her bail.

More charges?

Lincoln County prosecutor plans to add misdemeanors

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

JEROME — A couple charged in the suffocation death of a 5-week-old Jerome boy may also be charged with burying the infant's body illegally near Dietrich.

Lincoln County Prosecutor Britt Groom said he plans before week's end to draw up misdemeanor charges of illegal disposal of a body and conspiracy against Michael



Michael Grissom

Scott Grissom, 37, and Cynthia Grissom, 34. The Grissoms, of Jerome, took the body of Cynthia Grissom's son Canaan Reiga Barnett into Lincoln County on March 28, looking for a place to hide the body, according to an affidavit written by Agent S.M. Robinson of the Idaho Criminal Investigations Bureau.

They parked their car beside a remote road southeast of Dietrich, and Michael Grissom used a tire iron to dig a shallow grave, the affidavit says. He buried Canaan's body under a tree, while Cynthia Grissom waited in the car with another of

her children, a toddler, Robinson wrote. Groom said the grave was on Bureau of Land Management ground, and he plans to ask the agency if the Grissoms also violated BLM regulations.

On Wednesday, Magistrate Judge Thomas Boreesen rejected a motion from Cynthia Grissom's court-appointed lawyer, Patrick McMillen, to have her \$100,000 bond reduced.

McMillen argued that Cynthia Grissom has strong ties to family all over the Magic Valley and promised that he and Cynthia Grissom's family would keep close tabs on her if she were released from jail.

Cynthia Grissom is sorely missed by her three surviving children and needs to see a professional substance-abuse counselor, McMillen said.

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Docs: Medicaid billing system is sick

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — During one week, Dr. Mary Groda-Lewis billed \$12,205 for treatment of Medicaid patients.

She was paid \$68.

Groda-Lewis and other doctors in the Magic Valley and state complain a new electronic billing system has wiped out

information, delayed payments and rejected bills for no good cause.

Groda-Lewis said she won't accept any new Medicaid patients unless it's an emergency because the billing system created cash-flow problems in her office. Medicaid patients make up about 65 percent of her practice.

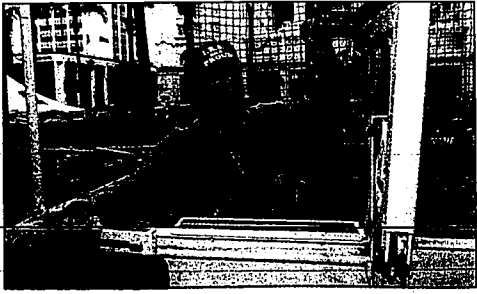
Bob Seehusen, executive director of the Idaho Medical Association, complimented

the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for working hard to solve the snafu. But the billing troubles mean low-income families could have a harder time finding doctors, he said.

"It's very upsetting for me to watch people be neglected by a system helping to support them," Groda-Lewis said.

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DUNKING THE TAX MAN



International Revenue Service agent Brian McArdle hurls onto his back after he pulls himself from the water after being dunked by a taxpayer at the Planet Hollywood in San Diego Wednesday. Taxpayers laid out a dollar for the opportunity to dunk an IRS agent with the proceeds going to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For more on tax day, see page A5.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 45 Low: 17
Mostly cloudy with scattered morning snow showers. Less cloudy by afternoon. Patchy valley fog after midnight.

Treasure Valley

High: 55 Low: 31
Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of morning rain and snow showers. Less cloudy by afternoon.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 46 Low: 15
Mostly cloudy with scattered morning rain and snow showers. Less cloudy by afternoon with possible rain showers.

Eastern Idaho

High: 47 Low: 23
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon rain showers. North winds. Mostly clear night. Partly cloudy Friday.

Northern Idaho

High: 55 Low: 34
Partly cloudy with northwesterly winds up to 10 mph isolated mountain showers. Partly sunny Friday with isolated showers.

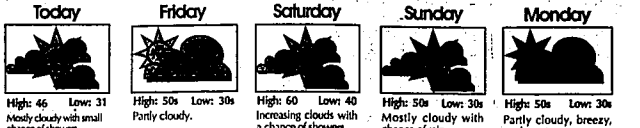
Northern Utah

High: 50 Low: 25-30
Mostly cloudy with scattered morning rain or snow showers. Afternoon thunderstorms possible. More of the same for Friday.

Northern Nevada

High: 50s Low: 20s
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow showers. Warmer on Friday with partly cloudy skies.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

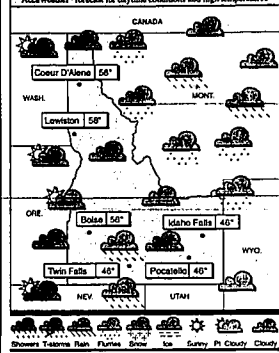


YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with weather data for Twin Falls and Precipitation in Twin Falls, including Yesterday, Monday, Last year, and Normal values.

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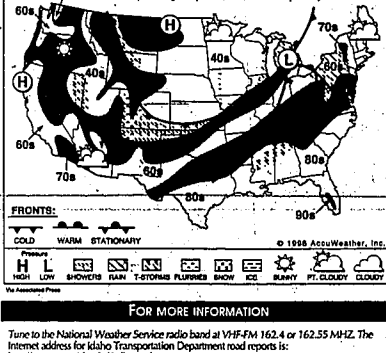
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UV: 4 Forest lands: No report available for today. Burn time: 45 minutes

FIRE DANGER

Forest lands: No report available for today. Range lands: No report available for today.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Sunshine was seen over southern Idaho Wednesday for a more spring-like day. The heaviest snowfall was in Wyoming... Ohio Valley: Showers and thunderstorms were scattered across the central Mississippi Valley and into Indiana and northern Kentucky.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 8:21 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:45 a.m. Lunar phase: First quarter; April 3, full; April 11; last quarter; April 19.

Medicaid

Department officials said there is no evidence Medicaid recipients are not being treated, based on the number of claims. But they are continuing to resolve problems...

Complications

For Groda-Lewis' office, complications started in November when she agreed to participate in a pilot program for the new system. By doing so, the office figured to be ahead of the game...

"We're looking at six to eight months out," Kelly said. Groda-Lewis had to obtain a line of credit and reduce hours of some employees.

Medicaid at a glance

- 83,000 recipients in Idaho
- 41,000 health-care providers, including doctors, hospitals, dentists and hospitals.

Problems elsewhere

Ken Diebert, administrator of the Southern Idaho Medical Group in Twin Falls, had similar success. "When the claim information was dumped, doctors were told to resubmit bills, he said. Apparently some information remained, and resubmitted bills were denied because they were considered duplicates."

'Significant progress'

"The new system wasn't appropriately tested for a long enough period of time to discover the many problems they had in the new system," Seehusen said.

The federal and state governments

do not seem to realize that doctor practices are also small businesses, Seehusen said. "It should be reasonable that within two weeks, three weeks, even 30 days on the outside, you should have reimbursement," he added.

Michael Grissom has been held

on \$1 million bond. Led by guards into Jerome's tiny Magistrate Courthouse early Wednesday, the Grissoms sat a few feet apart and showed little acknowledgment of each other.

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Her mother, Fran Miner of Bliss, has told The Times-News she is caring for Cynthia Grissom's surviving children, ages 18, 13 and 3. But Borresen said he was swayed by Lothspeich's arguments that Cynthia Grissom's surviving children are 18, 13 and 3.

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restoration to be determined at sentencing. Grand they usually carries a minimum sentence of 14 years and a \$50,000 fine. Sentencing will take place in about three weeks, after the presentencing investigation is complete, Campbell said.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 16 NUMBERS

POWERBALL: 8 24 25 39 41. WEDNESDAY APRIL 15 NUMBERS: 8 11 12 19 23 33. WILD CARD: 4 OF HEARTS. WEDNESDAY APRIL 16 NUMBERS: 5 10 17 22 25.

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Elmore said, "Many of all conditions they realize that (false positives) are common, they may be better able to go through the diagnostic process with less anxiety."

Institute that women have

a mammogram every other year, but at their 40s and every year after they reach 50. Elmore and her colleagues studied 2,400 female members of the Oregon Health Care, a health maintenance organization in Boston.

President offers tornado victims sympathy and aid

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Standing amid the rubble and ruin of central Alabama's deadliest tornadoes, President Clinton offered the victims words of encouragement and \$3.2 million in new federal aid.

"We have to give people a way to look forward to tomorrow — a project, work to do, something that can be done to make a difference," Clinton said Wednesday after touring a flattened neighborhood in McDonald Chapel, a subdivision of Birmingham.

Clinton said the Labor Department would make available \$3.2 million in emergency funds to Alabama to create temporary jobs for cleaning up the areas of Jefferson, St. Clair and Tuscaloosa counties hit by tornadoes last Wednesday.

His hands clasped behind his back and head bowed, the president slowly pitted his way around heaps of twisted metal and piles of shattered boards that used to be people's homes. Severed tree trunks stood nearby, grotesque markers of a tornado that killed 33 people, most on the outskirts of Birmingham.

Clinton urged the community to look to the future.

"The process of restoration has begun because the most important thing you have — your spirit — was not destroyed," Clinton said.

Trying to lighten the mood, Clinton said with a chuckle that the owners of the debris-strewn property he was touring were "throwing an open house for us."

Clinton spent the morning at a victims relief center in nearby Pratt City, then visited McDonald Chapel before flying back to Washington. He was making a



President Clinton hugs Gayla Reed outside the remains of her home on Wednesday in Birmingham, Ala., where a force-5 tornado destroyed hundreds of homes and killed 32 people.

quick stop at the White House before heading to Chile for a 34-nation Summit of the Americas.

In Pratt City, a predominantly black suburb of Birmingham, Clinton met with about 40 local residents who told of the tornado's wrath and their efforts to recover.

Standing next to the pile of timber and concrete blocks that had been home to a family of four, Clinton put his arm around the owner and said the tornado's impact was "horrible."

"I'm glad so many people 'lived,' he said. "The important

thing is that we move assistance to them as quickly as we can. The obvious thing is to get focused on tomorrow, on coming back."

Neighbors held aloft a large-lettered sign reading, "Thanks, Mr. President for coming to Pratt City."

The president signed it with his name and the words, "Thanks for hanging in there, God bless you."

In McDonald Chapel, Clinton announced that in addition to the \$3.2 million in Labor Department emergency aid, the federal government would provide crisis counseling for victims.

Strain surrounds balanced budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Politicians pined for years for a balanced budget. Now that the dream appears to be coming true, the question arises: Can they handle it?

Though the roaring economy deserves much credit, President Clinton and congressional Republicans love to boast about the parade of annual budget surpluses that federal and private analysts see beginning this year. But since this is an election year, the extra money is tempting some Democrats to increase spending and some Republicans to cut taxes. Either one could soak up the surplus.

Here are five temptations Congress will face, starting next week when the Easter recess ends.

'Save social security first'

Clinton made that declaration in his State of the Union address in January, saying budget surpluses should be uncoined until Social Security's long-term fiscal ills are cured. He equates this with strengthening Social Security, which it indirectly does

because unspent annual surpluses would reduce the accumulated \$5.5 trillion national debt, fortifying the economy over time.

Personal retirement accounts

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, and Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Dele., favor distributing budget surpluses to Americans to create personal retirement accounts they could invest and control to supplement their Social Security benefits. That in effect would be a tax cut. Florida's issue seems popular with Baby Boomers, who dislike the current system's low yields.

Tax cuts

Most Republicans want them, and some — including Texas Republican Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee — would use at least part of the surplus to pay for them. The 1999 budget the Senate approved April 2 — a non-binding blueprint — maps \$30

billion in tax cuts over the next five years, paid for with various spending cuts and tax-loophole closures.

Highway bill

With construction season beginning, a House-Senate compromise highway measure must be forged soon. Earlier this month, the House approved a six-year, \$217 billion bill that spends \$26 billion more for road and mass transit projects than last year's budget-balancing deal allows. Lawmakers couldn't resist the 1,500 projects crammed in for every state. The Senate-approved version is slightly smaller.

Emergency spending

The two chambers must craft a compromise emergency spending bill for defense and natural disaster costs. The House approved a \$2.9 billion bill March 31, paid for by cutting low-income housing, airport projects, bilingual education and the American's national service program. The Senate approved an even bigger measure, without any cuts to pay for it.

Panel offers alternative for hate crimes

The Baltimore Sun

ELICOTT CITY, Md. — Jacques Fein, 53, whose parents died in the Nazi Holocaust, stood before two teenagers convicted of spray-painting swastikas on Elliott City streets. He tried to explain how one small act could spark a reign of terror.

It was an impassioned confrontation, said organizers of a new panel designed as a sentencing alternative for those convicted of hate-bias crimes. "I told them, whenever they do, good deeds or bad, have an effect on others," said Fein, a Columbia resident. "It's difficult to compare the Holocaust to their actions, but I tried."

The two boys were the first to experience the 90-minute program — held in private because of their age — that experts say is an innovative and unique approach to dealing with such crimes.

Resides Fein, panel members include a lesbian doctor and a black resident who grew up in segregated Washington, speaking of the damage of bias. Designed by Howard County Police Cpl. Paul Steppe, the program is modeled after similar panels that confront convicted drunken drivers with victims of drunken driving, including family members of those killed in fatal accidents.

"This panel is a way to get the community involved in these crimes," Steppe said. "Hate crimes don't just affect one person, they hurt everybody." Said Juvenile Master Bernard Baum, who sentenced the two teen-agers to attend the panel: "This will show what impact these crimes have on society and the victims."

Last summer, after reviewing county statistics for 1996, which showed a 22 percent increase in

hate-bias incidents over the previous year, Steppe began searching for ways to combat the crime.

On the Internet, the corporal found details about Mothers Against Drunk Driving panels and began building his proposal, soliciting help from schools, the county human rights agency, prosecutors and judges.

Without Steppe, panel organizers say, the program never would have materialized.

"Paul has the most ingenuity of any police person I've met," said Robert Johnson, vice chairman of the Howard County Commission on Human Rights, who chaired the panel. "This panel was just outstanding."

Police and the FBI define hate crimes as criminal acts motivated by race, religion, ethnic background, sexual orientation or disability — offenses on the rise in Maryland and nationally, according to statistics.

School shooting wounds custodian

PORTAGE, Wis. (AP) — Four teen-agers were arrested after a shot was fired at a school custodian who refused to hand over his keys. The custodian was only slightly injured because the bullet was deflected by a reinforced glass door.

The teen-agers, two boys and two girls, confronted custodian Ralph Pulver at Pardeeville Elementary School late Monday. Detective Roger Brundner said. A 15-year-old boy brandished a .22-caliber Magnum pistol and demanded Pulver's car keys, the detective testified Tuesday at a juvenile detention hearing. Pulver refused and went back

into the school, and a shot was fired at him through the door glass.

Pulver, 40, was grazed on the head and sprayed with broken glass. He was treated at a hospital and released.

The reinforced glass probably saved Pulver's life, Columbia County Sheriff Steven Rowe said. The teen-agers were in juvenile custody pending hearings.

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NATION

Clinton talks in Chile will focus on trade, drugs, democracy

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — After a two-day state visit, President Clinton will join 33 other leaders at a summit launching formal talks to establish a free-trade area involving every nation in the Americas except Cuba.

Clinton arrives here Thursday morning for meetings with President Eduardo Frei and a speech Friday before a joint session of Congress in the port city of Valparaiso.



For updates on this topic — Visit The Times-Herald Online at <http://www.timesherald.com> and click on The Wire.

Frei said there is no fixed agenda for discussions with Clinton because "relations between our countries are good enough as to allow us to discuss any subjects."

The two between Chile and the United States which boomed to nearly \$7 billion in 1997, has been affected by several disputes that are expected to be discussed by Frei and Clinton.

Clinton will also be heard dumping accusations against Chilean salmon producers and others related to Chile's sales of grapes and wood products.

Economy Minister Alvaro Garcia said Chile and the United States might soon sign an accord establishing a mechanism to settle their trade differences, but it

wasn't known whether the accord would be ready for Clinton's visit.

What is sure to be signed by the presidents, Frei said, is an agreement for cooperation in education, including an exchange of teachers and students from Congress.

Over the weekend, Frei will be host for the second Summit of the Americas where talks will focus on trade, drugs, democracy and education.

Trade is expected to be the dominant topic, including Clinton's failure to get fast-track negotiating authorization from Congress.

That stopped talks for Chile's entry into NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Accord made up of Canada,

Mexico and the United States.

In the first Summit of the Americas in 1994 in Miami, the close NAFTA partners invited Chile to join. But Frei has refused to negotiate unless Clinton get fast-track authorization, which would ensure Congress would either approve or reject, but not amend, trade accords signed with foreign nations.

This week, Frei called the lack of fast-track "an internal problem of the United States. Not our problem."

He said that "we in Latin America will continue to advance" toward a regional free-trade zone.

Frei also said presidents attending the summit will agree to open formal talks for the free-trade zone by June.

He said the presidents must business: "We have the dirt, the sites, the different commissions for the mills, and the members."

The Clinton administration has also argued that even without fast-track authorization, the president remains committed to pushing for the regional free-trade zone by the year 2005.

Navy sticks to plan to recycle napalm

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy says it is determined to recycle 3.3 million gallons of Vietnam-era napalm even though the company in charge of the project says it won't accept the shipment because of political and public opposition.

"We're committed to this project because it is a safe and responsible project," Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jon Smith said Tuesday. "We are examining all of our options."

But Pollution Control Industries in East Chicago, Ind., the company on the receiving end of the delivery, has backed out of its contract, leaving the first 12,000-gallon shipment in limbo. The train was in the Texas-Oklahoma area today.

Smith said the military hasn't yet decided what to do about the current shipment being transported by the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railway.

A military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Navy is looking to store the cargo temporarily and get a private company to dispose of the 12,000 gallons. "The last thing we want is this crisis-crossing the country," the official said today.

Pollution Control Industries says it will not accept the shipment because of pressure from government officials and from the public, who oppose the recycling project.

NATION IN BRIEF

Jury finds FMC defrauded government

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Jurors agreed with a whistleblower's lawsuit and led a \$310 million judgment against FMC Corp. over its production of the troubled Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

Tuesday's unanimous verdict, which came after three weeks of deliberation, was in favor of former FMC engineer Henry Boisvert, who blew the whistle on his former employer and has been hanting the company in court since he filed suit in 1986.

The 20-member jury agreed that FMC was responsible for thousands of violations of the federal False Claims Act, which had been revised in 1986 so whistle-blowers such as Boisvert could sue for fraud on the government's behalf.

Christian network must turn over papers

NORFOLK, Va. — The Christian Broadcasting Network was ordered to turn over documents to federal regulators looking for evidence that the Christian Coalition engaged in partisan politics.

The 38 memos and letters describe business and financial dealings between CBN and the Christian Coalition, including how the two groups shared an airplane, broadcast time and some employees.

U.S. District Judge Jerome R. Friedman upheld a magistrate's January order for CBN to turn over documents to the Federal Election Commission, which is using the coalition. The documents must be handed over by Monday.

McDougal's lawyer hopes to bar Starr

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A lawyer for Susan McDougal has asked a federal judge to bar Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr from investigating whether money from a conservative group was funneled to a key witness.

Starr said Tuesday he and his staff hadn't decided whether they would look into alleged payments to David Hale or whether they would ask the Justice Department to appoint a special investigator.

The same day, McDougal attorney Mark Geragos of Los Angeles wrote to U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Eisele asking the judge to prohibit Starr from pursuing such an investigation, which Geragos called a "clear conflict of interest."

Rain-slick highway causes 30-vehicle wreck

O'FALLON, Mo. — A section of eastbound Interstate 70 was shut down this morning by a pileup involving about 30 vehicles on rain-slick pavement. About 40 people were injured, four seriously.

Two hours after the accident, cars remained piled in crumpled heaps, some spilling over the top of the roadway's concrete median divider.

About a half-inch of rain had fallen on the area during the night, but police said the cause of the wreck was not immediately determined.

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NATION



House Majority Leader Dick Armey, center right, and Rep. Billy Tauke, left center, look at a water cooler containing the current federal tax code into the Boston Harbor Wednesday as they mark the day with a mock Boston Tea Party. Both men say the current tax code is too complicated and want it thrown out.

Tax filing deadline highlights lobbying push for new code

WASHINGTON (AP) — As tonight's filing deadline approaches, politicians and activists debated, rallied and even conducted a mock funeral to spread their message that the current tax system has got to go.

People catching the issue's political hoopla for the first time may not realize these events are part of a multimillion-dollar lobbying campaign by these groups to push their vision of a tax overhaul.

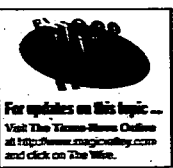
One of the best financed among them, Americans for Fair Taxation, conducted a funeral procession in front of the Internal Revenue Service's Baltimore office. A coffin and musicians playing a dirge that symbolized their push to bury the federal tax code.

The group plans to spend \$10 million by the end of the year to promote replacing the current federal income tax and Social Security payroll taxes with a 23 percent national sales tax on "all final sales of new goods and services."

"To offset the regressive nature of such a tax, the group would send to all taxpayers a monthly rebate check to cover basic living expenses and purchase necessities. It contrasts a national sales tax would make Americans more aware of their federal tax burden on a daily basis, not just on April 15."

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Turn on the radio in Atlanta or Jackson, Miss., today and you may hear new ads sponsored by the Christian Coalition that call for elimination of the so-called marriage tax penalty. The ads, to be aired in seven home cities of congressional leaders, are part of a \$300,000 campaign to pressure Congress to pass legislation so newlyweds won't pay higher taxes than when they were single and filing separate tax returns.

"We shouldn't punish people in America for getting married. It's unfair," said Randy Tate, Christian Coalition executive director.

The IRS won't be sitting on the sidelines either. IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti, testifying before the House Oversight subcommittee today, described how he plans to remind the IRS so it's responsive to taxpayer's needs.

IRS agents will receive conflict resolution training to help them more courteously handle tax collections. Ultimately, IRS workers' performance evaluations will measure the quality of service provided to taxpayers.

McDonald's workers sign Teamsters cards

MACEDONIA, Ohio (AP) — Striking teen-age McDonald's workers signed Teamsters cards on the picket line Wednesday.

The workers say they don't like the way managers treat them.

About 15 pickets — employees joined by a few friends on spring break — ate fried chicken from a KFC, yelled as cars drove by and used markers to color in picket signs. The restaurant, which has about 45 employees, remained open.

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Astronauts young in years, but old at heart in orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The thirty- and forty-somethings who will take off aboard space shuttle Columbia today for two weeks of medical tests will be young in years but old at heart — at least in orbit.

"In two weeks of spaceflight, we can induce changes in blood pressure regulation that might approximate 20 or 40 years of aging and then we can return back to a normal state. It's just a phenomenal research model," said Jim Pawelczyk, a Pennsylvania State University physiologist assigned to the flight.

Columbia's NeuroLab mission promises to be the most in-depth study ever of the brain and nervous system in space. It's intended to shed light on aging and other health problems in orbit and on Earth, and perhaps make it easier

for astronauts one day to camp on the moon or travel to Mars.

Besides seven humans, the shuttle will carry more than 2,000 animals. The furry, scaly and scaly-crowded includes prairie dog mice, crabs, snails, fish and crickets. They were loaded into Columbia on Wednesday.

Despite the focus on aging, the 76-year-old John Glenn was never considered for this mission, said Dr. Armand Nicolson, NASA's top medical man. Glenn is scheduled to fly a nine-day shuttle mission this fall.

Columbia's crew has been training intensively for the past few years, and so there wasn't time to add Glenn to the mission, Nicolson said. Besides, he said, it's important to know how and why younger bodies mimic aging in weightlessness before sending Glenn into space.

Mom refuses new baby after mixup

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A new mother who was sent home with the wrong baby is refusing to pick up the newborn the hospital insists is her real child, saying she isn't convinced the mixup has been straightened out.

The Regional Medical Center said Wednesday it has correctly matched the baby boys to their mothers. But LaDonna Harris is not buying it.

"I just can't understand how they can give me the wrong baby. I know that's my baby," she told WMBM-TV on Tuesday.

Ms. Harris, 23, a single mother, gave birth on Friday. The other baby, whose mother's identity was withheld by the hospital, was born Saturday.

On Saturday the babies were apparently placed in the wrong bassinets following circumcisions and given to the wrong mothers.

Pentagon expects production delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon expects to delay for a year final approval for production of F-22 fighters, but a top Defense official expects confidence Wednesday in development of the radar-evading plane.

"This is not a troubled program," said Jacques Gansler, undersecretary of defense for acquisition and technology. "And there is no cost growth on this program."

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, last month criticized the \$62.1 billion program, saying F-22 production should be delayed for a year because of engineering problems and a lack of flight testing.

The GAO recommendation, Gansler complained, would disrupt development and add an estimated \$4 billion to total production costs, leading to the possibility that have killed many plane projects in the past and that could threaten the F-22 program.

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EDITORIAL

Can anything stem the tide of unwanted pets?

Three times each week, employees of the Twin Falls pound make a grim journey, hauling the bodies of other people's unwanted dogs and cats to the county landfill.

The trip is unwellcome duty for people who love animals, as Laurie Simonds and her helpers do. They have little choice. Whatever the weather may do elsewhere, it always rains cats and dogs at the animal shelter.

The number of animals brought to the shelter is growing 10 percent a year, according to Simonds. The latest count for a 12-month period was 1,700 dogs and an uncounted number of cats.

Some of the animals are strays. Others come from owners who find they can't manage pets after all. Rural residents, about 55 percent of the whole, bestow on them by city dwellers who apparently thought a litter of kittens or puppies would be a fine surprise for a country household.

The pound staff finds homes for some of these animals. But most of them — about 85 percent — end their lives at the pound.

Not surprisingly, Simonds would like to slow the flow of limp little bodies. She has offered the City Council a proposal that she hopes will help.

Unfortunately, we're not sure that it will.

Dogs and cats are in perpetual surplus because pet owners — either by choice or by negligence — let them

breed indiscriminately. At various times the Humane Society has offered coupons for reduced-price spaying and neutering. But Simonds says many pet owners see no reason to curb their pets' sex lives. They don't see the connection between their own decisions — and what we're doing in here," she says.

Having tried carrots, Simonds proposes a stick. She wants to apply increased economic sanctions to reduce the flow of homeless pups.

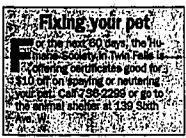
For instance, an "unaltered" dog caught running loose would cost its owner a \$30 fine. If a dog is captured at large three times in one year, the owner would be required to pay for spaying or neutering.

It's debatable whether these sanctions — or any such — will work. Lots of people see pets as a

throwaway commodity, cheaply replaced and therefore not worth bailing out of the pound.

We'd like to suggest an alternative for the county to consider. In cooperation with local vets, start a city program of subsidized spaying and neutering. Promote it with a campaign of education and publicity, aimed at teaching people the value of fixing their pets.

Would this idea work better than fixing? Maybe, maybe not. Changing people's behavior isn't easy. Just cutting back to two dump runs per week would be a big achievement.



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Privacy evaporates in a tell-all world

LOS ANGELES — A lot of dismal anniversaries have come around lately — Martin Luther King's assassination first among them — but one that should not be allowed to riptoe past unnoticed is the 20th anniversary of that best-selling guspiller "Mommie Dearest."

It is author, Christina Crawford (out of Joan, by adoption), splashed down recently from northern Idaho to the City of Prophets and Profits, here to begin a speaking tour on her book's big anniversary, and to dangle before us another manuscript, a "Mommie" sequel. (Dear God, there's more?)

"Mommie" was one of the first boulders to cut loose in the descending, tell-all avalanche that has obliterated the median between private life and public confession.

To the good, the avalanche demanded that we take such conduct seriously; that children are beaten and tormented even in the "best" of families, and that being a drunk makes you a menace, not a droll New Yorker cartoon. Private abuses are now legitimately a public concern.

To the bad, it set a benchmark for pique-and-peephole publishing, titillation packaged as therapy. And that beast, the one we've been feeding on pain and despair — he's all appetite, he's huge, and he's still hungry. Running low on Aesop morality tales, we've taken to feeding him tabloid titillate.

Instead of horns, the postmodern devil has a producer's headset. Faust wears a lavaliere microphone and yawns for Oprah. People seem willing to deliver up anything of themselves to public scrutiny, as long as it gets them on TV. We wear our inner lives, such as they are, inside out, like underwear put on in the dark.

FFA remains a great program

I just spent three great days at the 67th Annual Future Farmers of America State Convention. There were more than 1,200 young people in attendance. They participated in career development events (horse judging, parliamentary procedure, public speaking and farm business management, to name a few). They had set goals and worked hard to prepare as individuals and as teams. There were winners, and those who fell short took their "defeats" in gracious stride.

Individuals stood with poise and confidence to declare themselves as candidates for state office. A group of their peers, representing chapters throughout the state, worked hard screening the candidates to find those who they felt could do the job. When winners were announced, once again, those who lost congratulated the winners graciously — and with a show of maturity.

PATT MORRISON

In the 20 years post-"Mommie," reticence has become unfashionable, even suspiciously un-American. "No comment" now sounds like taking the Fifth. A French TV news producer I once knew said he was appalled — professionally gratified but personally shocked — that he could walk up to an American on the street and, with that camera as an icebreaker, ask intimate questions about anything — sex, money — and get forthright answers.

So short is the journey now from therapist's couch or lover's sanctum to the paperback rags that we might as well skip the middlemen, save a few trees and just slide a tape recorder under the bed and hook it up to the mall loudspeakers.

It took another species of mammal to outlast us during "Mommie" anniversary week.

J.J., the gray whale rescued as a newborn and raised in captivity, was tumbled back into the Pacific, restored to health and deep water, and bearing two transmitter packs bolted to her blubber. With these, researchers intended to track her for 18 months. Within 48 hours she had shed them both.

"Fallen off" was the official explanation. "I don't have had her every twelfth month for 14 months, J.J. Invented Justice Louis Brandeis' right to be left alone.

J.J.'s dumping her electronic paparazzi is a reminder that serious intrusion into privacy comes in many guises, but also a microphone. It didn't take a subpoena from Kenneth Starr to know

Monica Lewinsky's bookstore purchases: They're already on someone's computerized list. We're all on a list.

Many people pay to have unlisted phone numbers, and yet by writing a check or using a credit card, you unwittingly reveal more about yourself than you ever could in 15 minutes in the Warhol spotlight. What you read and eat, what you wear and sleep on, are tracked like troop movements by some marketing firm that stands to make money by using or peddling that data. Even my mother, a most blameless woman, bought a shredder, to keep out of other hands the strings of numbers that, to a microchip, sum up a human life.

Clerks have asked for my ZIP Code even when I'm paying cash, and I'm tempted to sabotage their demographics — as pre-Industrial Revolution workers threw their wooden sabots into new-fangled machines to clog up the works — by giving them the ZIP Code of perhaps the saddest, poorest place in the country, Fine Ridge, S.D., or the saddest and richest, Capitol Hill.

Just a virtuous consumer dragging her feet on the forced march that is taking us from citizenship to consumerism. If this is a basic citizenship test, I've failed. I don't want to know — and I don't want to list. I don't care which way the presidential penis tilts. I don't need the intimate details of Joan Crawford's toilette; I think I'd find J.J.'s more engrossing anyway. If that talk show bookie devil ever gives up on Faust, he'll find that my only remotely religious terror is that he'll be a library stocked with nothing but People magazines.

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LETTERS

Open hunting season on criminals

I have an idea of combining Fish and Game and the judicial system. Consistently on the loose local citizens who got to participate. Unfortunately, this is something of a snaffle from those of us who didn't. Take heart, fellow "cuss-ups," here are some useful excuses — use when the casting director from the next movie asks, "Why weren't you in 'Breakfast of Champions'?"

I was in the wrong bar at the wrong time. (For a conservative and religious-oriented town, we make a lot of decisions in those places.)

The horse I needed was inconveniently out of town.

My red cowboy boots were too shiny.

I lost my 8-by-10-inch glossy of the beauty pageant or wedding contest I won.

I had to go on a trip to Mexico. (In all seriousness, thanks to The Times-News for the trip; my son and I had a ball.)

I was too busy working while my boss was in the movie.

My truck was the wrong color. (What do you mean blue and rust isn't a two-tone paint job?)

I missed the casting call because I got lost on the detour around the 3093 interchange.

All kidding and sniffling aside, an honest thanks to Mr. Willis and his production company. They gave us a boost in our civic pride. Who knows? Look what a movie did for Puerto Vallarta.

FORREST LAMPE
Twin Falls

Make punishment fit the crime

On Feb. 17, at 11:30 in the morning, my husband was sentenced by Judge Charles Brumback to spend 90 days in jail, pay a \$400 fine plus court costs, have his driving privileges suspended for a year and two years' probation for a misdemeanor traffic violation.

On the very same day, before the same judge, a young man was charged with domestic violence, which I believe is a felony in the state of Idaho, and he received no jail time or fine. All he had to pay was court costs.

Do you, as law-abiding citizens of Twin Falls County, feel that this fair punishment for a traffic violation vs. felony? In my opinion, it seems that it is OK to go out and hurt someone or deal drugs and not be punished by the judicial system, but it is not OK to commit a minor traffic violation. Where is the justice in this situation. Shouldn't the punishment fit the crime.

RIETA STIMPSON
Twin Falls

LETTERS

I saw strong work ethics, personal integrity, dependability, accountability, teamwork and leadership at the convention. And I understand similar conventions went on in other parts of the state for other vocational programs.

As parents, community members, School Board members and educators, we are being asked to consider changes to make education more efficient, effective and relevant. I agree changes are needed. I would hope in our enthusiasm, wisdom would prevail. We need to protect those programs which, though they have been around "forever" still continue to offer valuable outcomes for our students to learn skills, enabling them to be effective in the workplace and leaders in our communities. Just because we no longer ride horses at school does not make horse judges obsolete!

CAROL A. FERRON
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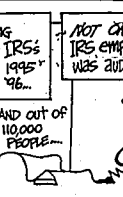
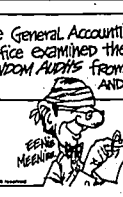
9-year-olds project may be biased

Regarding the article titled "9-year-old girl's science project casts doubt on therapeutic touch," I'm certainly congratulating a young and budding scientist, but perhaps a key to calling therapeutic touch "bunk" would be the attitude and belief system, not only of the young scientist conducting the experiment, but also her mother, a registered nurse who acknowledged she is a "longtime skeptic" of healing touch.

For anyone sincerely interested in the subject, may I refer you to a book titled "Therapeutic Touch," by Dolores Krieger, Ph.D. RN. Dolores Krieger presents actual case studies that help to understand what happens during the four different stages of touching.

Another reference, Colorado Center for Healing Touch Inc., 198 Union Blvd., Suite 204, Lakewood, Colo. 80228.
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WORLD

Titanic hero's town not appeased by apology

DALBEATIE, Scotland (AP) — Not everyone in this Scottish town was placated by Wednesday's personal apology from the makers of "Titanic" for implying the town's first officer, a local hero, was a cowardly murderer.

Some locals said the apology and a \$6,000 contribution to a fund commemorating William Murdoch weren't enough: They want 20th Century Fox to amend

the credits to reflect the truth when the video version of the Oscar-winning film is issued.

The movie shows Murdoch accepting bribes and killing two passengers who are fighting to get on to a lifeboat as the ship is sinking. He then puts a gun in his mouth and takes his own life.

But official records show that Murdoch, the bridge officer when the iceberg struck, acted promptly

to deal with the emergency and then acted selflessly to help passengers onto lifeboats. The 47-year-old first officer went down with the ship.

At a ceremony Wednesday, on the 66th anniversary of the Titanic's sinking, Scott Neeson, executive vice president of 20th Century Fox, insisted the movie "was never intended to portray him as a coward."

"I believe he was portrayed as a hero in the film," said the Scots-born movie executive, who lives near Dalbeattie. "In the film and in real life, he is saving an enormous number of lives."

Apologizing for causing Dalbeattie and Murdoch's family "so much distress," Neeson gave the school a check and an inscribed silver tray.

He dashed hopes, however, by saying the company would not change the "Titanic" video.

Havel's condition good after surgery in Austria

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — President Vaclav Havel was reported in good condition in an hospital Wednesday, a day after doctors removed part of his large intestine in emergency surgery.

Doctors said the president's health was "extraordinarily good" considering the crisis he'd gone through.

LDS scholar offers tours to Book of Mormon lands

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French aid workers report cannibalism

BEIJING (AP) — Some North Koreans are resorting to cannibalism in a desperate bid to survive their nation's famine, according to a report by French aid workers.

Representatives from Doctors Without Borders compiled a report from interviews they conducted along the Chinese border with North Korea.

However, Catherine Bertini, executive director of the World Food Program who spent four days last week in North Korea, said she saw no evidence of cannibalism.

According to the Doctors Without Borders report, a 23-year-old North Korean refugee interviewed in China told his neighbors eating their daughter. It also said a Chinese-Korean who crosses the border for food brought her essentially one woman after her 2-year-old child.

An 18-year-old North Korean refugee also reportedly told the director of an orphanage in the Chinese border town of Yanji that her neighbor killed, salted and ate an uncaared-for orphan.

There have been other persistent but unconfirmed reports of cannibalism in famine-stricken North Korea, which has seen severe food shortages from economic mismanagement and natural disasters.

Marcus Rex, a French aid worker who spent more than a week interviewing people, said reports of cannibalism could not be proven because North Korea's communist government hides the truth.

Officials release prisoner held without trial

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — A leader of a radical PLO faction held by Israel for nearly six years without charge or trial was released Wednesday after a year-long campaign to free him.

Ahmed Qatameh, 46, was the longest-held prisoner in what Israel calls "administrative detention," which allows prisoners to be held indefinitely without trial. Thousands of Palestinians were detained this way during the 1987-1993 Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation.


Qatameh, a writer and leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical PLO faction, said after his release that he would "continue to incite against the (Israeli) occupation."

U.S. pushes control

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The United States is trying to draw India into nuclear weapons control programs but will not let the issue sour relations, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said Wednesday.

"We don't just have a one-issue agenda," said Bill Richardson, the first high-level U.S. official to meet the new Indian government in less than a month ago.

"We have had differences in the past, and it is important that some of these issues be dealt with," Richardson said, wrapping up a two-day visit. "The new Indian government has acted with restraint and been very responsible."



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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“But while (Ryan) Leaf could be another Dan Marino, (Peyton) Manning will probably become Bernie Kosar.”

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—Armando Salguero of the Miami Herald on the quarterbacks in the upcoming NFL draft

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball**
 Minon JV at Jerome, 2:30 p.m.
 Wendell at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.
 Buhl at American Falls, 3:30 p.m.
- High school softball**
 Wendell at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.
- High school golf**
 Minon, Buhl, Jerome, Burley and Declo at Rupert CC, 2 p.m.

High school track & field
 Buhl, Jerome at J-Chub Invitational at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
 Rafi River, Shoshone, Hansen, Kimberly, Burley at Carey, 2 p.m.
 Wendell, Declo, ISDB, Glens Ferry, Murtaugh, Hagerman, Filer, Castleford, Valley at Farmers National at Gooding, 3 p.m.

High school tennis
 Burley at Pocatello, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Annual Buhl mid-season tourney starts Friday

BUHL — Buhl will hold its annual baseball tournament on Friday and Saturday. Games will start at 11 a.m. on Friday, and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Games will be played at Buhl and at Harmon Park in Twin Falls.

There will be eight teams divided into two groups. Group one includes Buhl, Glens Ferry, Bear Lake, and Shelley. Group two will include Marsh Valley, South Fremont, Filer, and Spring Creek.

District 6 Rodeo group hosts qualifying event

GOODING — The 6th District High School Rodeo Association will host the second qualifying rodeo of the season this Friday and Saturday at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

Performance starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Baseball skills development clinic set for April 18, 25

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Baseball Traveling All-stars Board of Directors is sponsoring a Baseball Skills Development Clinic Saturday and April 25 at Frontier Field.

The clinic is for boys and girls ages 9 to 12 who are interested in improving their baseball skills. The 9- and 10-year-old clinic is set for 10 a.m. to noon both days. The 11- and 12-year-old clinic is set for 1 to 3 p.m. both days. Arrive early to check in and warm up. Registrants will receive free T-shirts while they last.

The cost is \$25 for both sessions. Bring your own glove and a jacket or sweatshirt in case of cool weather. Baseballs and bats will be furnished.

The clinic will feature instruction by All-Star coaches, along with former Major League Baseball players Logan Ashley (pitcher, Pittsburgh Pirates) and Andy Pierce (pitcher, Cleveland Indians).

For more information, call Laird Stone at 733-2721 or Gary Cook at 733-1604.

Filer Wildcats set 1998 softball tournament

FILER — The Filer Wildcats will hold their 1998 softball tournament Saturday.

Wood River, Filer, Fruitland and West Side will participate in the tournament. The schedule includes six games: Wood River vs. Filer at 10 a.m., Fruitland vs. West Side at 11:30 a.m., Filer vs. West Side at 1 p.m., Fruitland vs. Wood River at 2:30 p.m., West Side vs. Wood River at 4 p.m., and Filer vs. Fruitland at 5:30 p.m.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

ONE THAT GOT AWAY



Bruin shortstop Angela Turley bobbles a ground ball in the first game of a doubleheader against the Elko Indians Wednesday. The Indians broke open the first game with a 10-run fourth inning.

Wild comeback saves Bruins

TWIN FALLS — Embarrassed by a 17-2 thrashing in the first game of a doubleheader Wednesday, the Twin Falls softball team staged an incredible rally in the second and stole a 10-9 extra-inning win over the visiting Elko Indians.

Amber Bickler, who was part of an error-plagued Bruin outfield that struggled throughout the first game, made an over-the-shoulder catch to rob Elko's Amanda Bassnes in the seventh inning of Game 2, then hit the game-winning double in the eighth.

“We preach that all the time,” said Bruin coach Ted Larsen. “Errors are going to happen. You just have to bounce back, play hard, and do the best you can.”

Twin Falls 10, Elko 9

The Bruins were down to their last out, down 8-4 with the bases empty in the bottom of the seventh. Amanda Bickler drew a walk, and back-to-back singles by Kelsie Hill and Summer Hayes loaded the bases for Stacy Coffman.

Indian left fielder Ana Ortiz mis-

Extra-inning win avoids Elko sweep

The Indians topped the score to 5-0 when Twin Falls committed four errors in the fourth inning, but Hayes' inside-the-park home run tied the night field line on the lead to three.

Another Bruin error brought in Elko's sixth run in the next inning, and the home squad answered once again with runs by Edwards and Jensen to make the score 5-4.

The Indians still had yet to get an earned run off of Twin Falls' Kieran Heideman, who pitched all eight innings, struck out eight, scattered 11 hits and allowed no walks.

Elko's first earned run of the game came in the seventh, when Sara Gallages and Dawn Gorman led off with singles and scored on a fielder's choice and pinch-hit single for the 8-4 advantage.

With the win, Twin Falls moved to 7-3 on the season.

Elko opened the scoring with three unearned runs with two outs in the second inning. Twin Falls immediately got one back after Hill walked and scored on Mandi Edwards' single.

Things slightly askew as teams share Shea stadium

NEW YORK — Everything seemed slightly off of place.

The Yankees walked off their buses into Shea Stadium fully dressed in their stripes.

The Anaheim Angels occupied the Mets' dugout.

George Steinbrenner sat in orange box seats, instead of a luxury suite.

The sonorous voice of the Yankees, Bob Sheppard, competed with the roar of jets soaring in and out of LaGuardia airport.

When the New York Yankees and their fans finally found their way from the Bronx to Queens for the first game of an unprecedented doubleheader Wednesday, things were familiar — but not quite right.

“Two teams from two leagues that never meet anything in the same ballpark by the same airport,” said Yankees manager Joe Torre, who once was skipper of the Mets. “It's strange. It's just weird what's going on.”

The Yankees were forced to borrow Shea for a day while Yankee Stadium was closed to the public after a 500-pound steel joint fell from the upper deck Monday. In the foreign surroundings, New York beat Anaheim, 6-3 in 2 hours, 53 minutes, just the third time

Former coach defends record of Marshall standout

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Randy Moss' troubled past, as well documented as his dashes into the end zone. Yet his coach believes questions about the Marshall wide receiver's character are unfair.

Moss is the enigma of the NFL draft, a very talented athlete with a dubious past. Coaches and executives have said they don't know if spending a high draft pick on Moss is worth the risk.

“Randy has not had a problem since he's been at Marshall,” Thundering Herd coach Bob Pruitt said. “I don't think it's fair to keep chasing someone for as far back as high school. He's being chastised only because he's a gifted athlete. If he wasn't, people wouldn't care about this.”

Without the questions, Moss probably would be drafted in the top five. Now, he probably won't go that high and some people think that if he doesn't go to New Orleans with the seventh pick Saturday, he could tumble all the way to 20 or lower.

Randy's little question about his talent — the one rap on him is that he will catch balls over the middle — is a prerequisite for a top NFL receiver.

But at 6-foot-5, he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds, and can leap over some of the best 29 touchdowns in leading Marshall to the 1996 Division I-AA title. Last season, the school's first in Division I-A, he caught 96 passes for a 1-A record 25 touchdowns and

Elko 17, Twin Falls 2

The first game was a canny display of games for the Bruin squad, and the Indians finally ended the game via the mercy rule.

Randy Moss

Randy Moss has personal problems making him a gamble, just like Warren Sapp and Lawrence Phillips. Two highly touted players with personal problems who still show in the draft.

Sapp, taken by Tampa Bay sixth pick in this year's draft in 1995, has become a Pro Bowl player and has caused an off-season dilemma. Phillips, taken sixth overall in 1996 by St. Louis, lasted 2½ years with the Rams and now is with Miami.

Moss had a scholarship revoked by Notre Dame after being charged three years ago with beating up a high school classmate. He went to Florida State, where he rekindled his freshman season, but coach Bobby Bowden kicked Moss off the team for violating protocol by contacting Miami.

And during his first season at Marshall, Moss and the majority of his teammates were arrested on misdemeanor domestic charges. The woman's family said she was not physically harmed and the charges were dropped after both agreed to attend counseling, said Moss' attorney, Tim D'Elia.

Personnel director Bobby Gasser at Marshall said this week the draft's name Moss because of his past problems. Rams coach Dick Verbeke has put the same

Grand slam leads Cats over Indians

BURLINGAME — Shawn Seaman's grand slam home run led Burley to a comeback win over Pocatello in game one of a Region 4 girls softball doubleheader Wednesday afternoon.

The Bruins used the big rally to take the first game 13-11, then easily won a three-inning fourth game in the second game 12-5.

The win improves Burley's record to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in conference. The Indians fall to 2-9 and 1-3 in league play.

“It felt really good; I was just hoping one would catch in,” said Seaman, a junior who had a grand slam Tuesday when she hit one out during practice. “It was surprised; I didn't watch it but when I got to second they told me it was over the fence.”

The first game started as a defensive battle with the teams combining for just a handful of hits and walks while the pitchers were in control.

“We all changed in the fifth as the third game opened. Pocatello scored four in the top half with three hits. Hailey Jensen hit a two-run single to lead the Indians. Pocatello increased the lead to 11-2 in the top of the sixth with the help of a pair of errors by the Bobcats. It looked like though this one might be out of reach for Burley.”

The improbable rally started with four straight singles that scored just a single error, a RBI single by Jenny Taylor. Jensen Williams walked to load the bases for Seaman who smacked the ball over the left field fence to cut the deficit to just one pair of runs with no outs.

After a pair of Bobcats grounded out, Burley came right back in the top of the sixth. The final one, a two-run triple by Jennifer Robinson gave the Bobcats a 13-11 lead going into the final inning.

Tiffany Robinson, Kari Hadden and Robinson each had a pair of hits in the inning and scored twice for Burley.

Tasha Hulse tied the mound in the seventh inning to record the save. She sent the Indians to the dugout with two strikeouts and a pop fly to center field.

“The pressure didn't bother me, only one comes up next,” said Rice, who also pitched the final inning in the second game.

Pocatello charged on the lead with three walks and a two-run double by Lindsey Ghary to open game two. The Bruins came right back in their half of the inning to make the lead for good. Kari Smith hit a RBI single while Rice, Kari Hadden and Jessica Beales all scored on passed balls.

Pocatello tied at 5-5 in the top of the fourth, but Burley again responded, scoring seven runs.

Seaman caught hit and nearly had her seventh strikeout in the final out of the field for an RBI double. Kim Hadden, Morgan Small and Murali Bowers each had RBI singles for the Bobcats as the game was called at the end of the inning after a walk.

“I told the girls that they had dug a hole and it was time to see what they had in them,” said Burley coach Leonard Hulse. “We have not come back physically a head this big before. The home run was the turning point; it got all the girls excited.”

Jerome, Hailey split in tennis

DEERWAIN — The Tigers and the Wolfpack failed it even as they split the Class 5-2 tennis match Wednesday.

Tigers Matt Eppinger, D.J. Perry, and Kelly Eppinger had all got victories in boys' singles competition. Perry shut out his opponent 6-0-0.

“I thought we played pretty well,” said Eppinger coach Ken Wright. “Wood River played well too, they put our a lot of stress.”

In the girls' singles competition, Wood River took home all three victories. Kelly-Sarah Eppinger was victorious in the first round in three matches.

“I was pleased with our performance,” said Wood River coach Nancy Gschler. “This is only my second match of the season and I think we did pretty well.”

Both the boys' doubles games went three matches, with the Tigers and the Wolfpack getting the split.

The Wood River team of Scott Hadden and Matt Eppinger lost the first match to the Jerome team of Aaron Wright and Nathan Prescott, but

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SPORTS

Georgia Tech stings Salt Lake Buzz with suit

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Tech and a Utah minor league baseball team have filed stinging lawsuits over the use of a trademark bearing buzz.

obtained trademarks in 1987 and 1988 for the national and international use of the word Buzz as it relates to sporting events and clothing.

chazzis has confused the public. To say anybody outside of Atlanta or Georgia has never heard of Georgia Tech's Buzz would be inaccurate," she said Wednesday.

Wood River softball sweeps Buhl

The Times-News
HAILEY — The Wood River Wolverines defeated the visiting Buhl Indians in a softball doubleheader Wednesday, winning by scores of 10-9 and 14-11.

Buhl's Jamie Manges went 3-for-4 and scored three runs in the first game. In the second game, Buhl's Debbie Rubbel was 2-for-4 with three runs and Rebecca Engle drove in two runs with a triple.

Box scores unavailable.
Filer 15, Jerome 5
Filer 17, Jerome 2
No report

Tennis

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Brazner and Mestner came back on Friday a month closer, getting the best of the first set, 6-4.

play so we will improve," said Brazner. "We have a great bunch of kids and it's a lot of fun."

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The Yankees began the day by reporting to Yankee Stadium, dressing for the game, and journeying over the Triborough Bridge in three buses with police escorts.

Stadium

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This season they've played in under three hours. Less than an hour after the game ended, the Mets were in their night gear against the Chicago Cubs. It marked the first time this season two regular season games involving four teams were played in one stadium on the same day.

where freshly pressed Cubs uniformers hung in front of the lockers. The Angels used the Mets' dugout, but Shea's landlors didn't want anyone in their locker room. That forced Anaheim to use the old dressing room once occupied by Joe Namath and the New York Jets.

beyond the center field fence. Suddenly, it stopped moving when the operator apparently remembered it has a Mets logo on it — and it was a Yankee home run.

Bruins

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Fans arriving by subway had to change their plans, too. Many rode the unfamiliar No. 7 train to downtown, rather than the uptown D train to the Bronx.

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It was a homecoming of sorts, for several Yankees. Torre, pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre, third base coach Willie Randolph, pitcher David Cone and outfielder Darryl Strawberry all spent time with the Mets earlier in their careers.

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"You hear these airplanes and it's either Shea's team or the U.S. Open," Torre said, thinking about the National Tennis Center across the street.

Continued from B1
If they were looking for converts, it seemed a futile pursuit. Few moved into the parking lot, and many Yankees left and shirts. One Mets fan tossed the visitors, shouting, "Don't worry, Shea isn't falling down like your pitcher."

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Table with columns for team names and game results. Includes teams like Atlanta Braves, Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, etc.

ML STANDINGS

Table showing Major League Standings for National League and American League.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



ON THE AIR

Table listing television and radio broadcasts for various sports events.

HOKEY

Table listing hockey games and results.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing player transactions, trades, and signings.

ROYALS 7, BLUE JAYS 2

Box score for Royals vs Blue Jays.

GIANTS 12, PADRES 2

Box score for Giants vs Padres.

ANGELS 10, MARINERS 4

Box score for Angels vs Mariners.

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Home again: Strawberry turns hot at Shea

NEW YORK (AP) — On an unprecedented day when the Yankees and Mets shared Shea, Darryl Strawberry felt right at home.

Playing a home game outside of their faded Bronx ballpark for the first time in 23 years, the Yankees stretched their winning streak to six Wednesday, beating the Anaheim Angels 6-3 as Strawberry had three hits including a home run.

The first-ever AL-NL double header was created when Yankee Stadium was declared unsafe Monday — just five days before its 75th anniversary. The Yankees, who used Shea Stadium in 1974 and 1975 when their own ballpark was remodeled, postponed the first two games of their series against the Angels and moved the finale across town to home of the Mets, who beat the Chicago Cubs 2-1 at night.

Never before had there been AL and NL games on the same day in the same park.

Strawberry, who became a star in this ballpark while playing for the Mets, homered off Omar Olivares in the fifth inning. The crowd of 40,743 — compared to 16,012 later for the Mets game to bring out Strawberry for a curtain call.

David Wells (2-1) gave up four hits and left in the ninth inning after a leadoff home run by Gary Disarcina and a walk. Darrin Eason and Kevin also homered for the Angels.

Jeff Nelson got three outs for his first save. Ken Hill (2-1) took the loss.

Mariners 5, Indians 3

CLEVELAND — Randy Johnson's ejection produced an unexpected result for the Seattle Mariners: a comeback against their other team's bullpen.

David Segui doubled in the go-ahead run off Paul Assenmacher in the eighth as the Mariners avoided the worst start in franchise history with a victory over Cleveland.

After Paul Spoljaric (1-0) issued a leadoff walk to Greg Gales in the ninth, Bobby Ayala got three outs for Seattle's first save of the season in five chances.

Johnson, Kenny Lofton and Sandy Alomar were ejected in the third after Johnson threw at Lofton's head on consecutive pitches, causing both benches to clear.

Giles, who replaced Lofton in center field, hit a two-run homer off reliever Bob Wells in the sixth to make it 3-0 and split a rare strong outing by a Seattle reliever.

The tense game included an incident involving home plate umpires of three All-Stars, two injured pitchers and malfunctioning bullpen phones.

Paul Assenmacher (1-1) was the loser.

Royals 7, Blue Jays 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Hal Morris had a single, double and triple and two RBIs, sending the Kansas City Royals past the Toronto Blue Jays.

Tim Lincecum, who hit his eighth straight multi-hit game, scored the go-ahead run after tripling off Woody Williams (1-1) in the fifth, and drove in Kansas City's fourth run with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Chris Haney (2-0) fell behind 2-0 in the second but wound up holding the Blue Jays to just four hits over seven innings. He gave up two walks and had five strikeouts.

Rangers 7, Tigers 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Tom Goodwin's triple keyed a five-run rally in the sixth inning and the Texas Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers for a three-game sweep and their fourth straight win.

Rick Helling (3-0) got relief help from John Kirtz and the seventh as Texas sent Detroit to its fifth consecutive loss.

Tim Lincecum (1-2) gave up five hits in a row to start the sixth as Texas overcame a 2-1 deficit.

White Sox 7, Orioles 6

BALTIMORE — Rafael Palmeiro grounded out to end the game as the Chicago White Sox held on to beat former teammate Doug Drabek and Baltimore in the eighth.

Chicago ended a three-game losing streak by withstanding

Baltimore's rally. Down 7-5, the Orioles pulled with a run by Brady Anderson's RBI groundout. But Matt Karchner retired Palmeiro for his third save.

Rafael Ventura also Mike Caruso homered as Chicago scored six runs against Drabek. Albert Belle ended the 2-for-33 skid with two hits, and Greg Norton had two RBIs for the White Sox, who built a 6-1 lead after three innings.

B.J. Surhoff and Roberto Alomar homered for the Orioles, whose three-game winning streak ended. Chicago starter James Baldwin (2-1) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Red Sox 4, Athletics 3

BOSTON — Troy O'Leary gave Boston its fourth victory in its last at-bat in six games, singling in the deciding run against Oakland.

The Red Sox are 6-0 on the road in their last 10 games, with 10 for 20 with two doubles and three homers in that span.

O'Leary gave Boston a 1-0 lead with his third home run of the season in the second inning.

Oakland lost its sixth game in a row and fell to 2-10, the worst start since the Athletics moved from Kansas City in 1968.

Dennis Eckersley (1-0) pitched a perfect ninth for Boston.

T.J. Mathews (0-2) got the first two batters out in the bottom of the ninth. John Valentin hit a ground-rule double to right field, and Mo Vaughn was walked intentionally, and O'Leary singled cleanly to right.

into a lead beat Brett Tomko (2-1) a 1-1 lead in the eighth inning off Curt Schilling, rallying Florida past Philadelphia.

Rookie Brian Meadows (1-2) came in to pitch in the seventh as the Marlins became the first team this season to solve Schilling (2-1).

Meadows did not allow an earned run, and gave up just two hits in seven innings. Felix Heredia struck out the side in the ninth for his first career save and Florida's first of the season.

Schilling, who began the game with a 0-35 tie in three starts and 34 strikeouts in 26 innings, gave up three runs on only four hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and walked six.

Derek Lee hit his fifth homer, a solo shot off Schilling in the second.

Reds 4, Astros 1

CINCINNATI — Willie Greene and Chris Snyers homered as Cincinnati beat Houston for its fourth victory in three games.

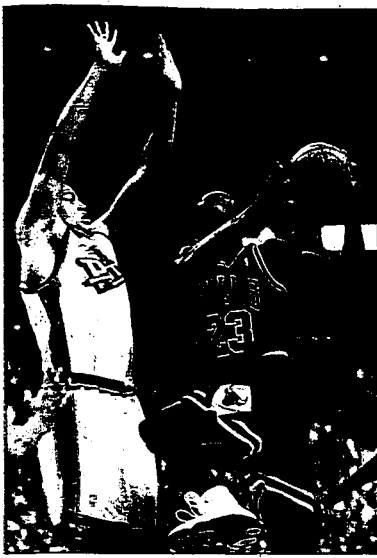
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Chicago Bull Michael Jordan (23) goes to the basket against Detroit's Brian Williams in the first quarter of Wednesday's game in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Bulls turn cold, fall to Detroit

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Brian Williams had 25 points and 17 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons beat Chicago 87-79 Wednesday night, giving the Bulls their first two-game losing streak since early December.

The Bulls played without Scottie Pippen, who stayed behind in Chicago because of kidney stones. Scottie Burrell scored in his place and scored 15 points.

The Bulls, led in a battle since the Bulls had the best overall record and home court advantage throughout the playoffs, scored the first basket but never led again.

Chicago's record dropped to 50-29, leaving the Bulls a half-game behind Utah and tied with Seattle.

Wizards 101, Cavs 93

WASHINGTON — Facing playoff elimination once again, the Wizards led a 26-point lead through to four before holding on for a victory over Cleveland.

Tony Mincey scored 23 of his 25 points in the first half as Washington broke a four-game home losing streak. One night earlier, Mincey had 27 points in a 104-102 victory at New York in which the Wizards nearly blew a 17-point second-half lead.

To avoid missing the playoffs for the ninth time in 10 years, the Wizards need to win their remaining two games — at Miami on Friday and home against Boston on Saturday — and hope that either the Knicks or New Jersey Nets lose all of their remaining games.

Backs 117, Celtics 109

BOSTON — Terrell Brandon scored 22 points and Ray Allen added 19 to lead Milwaukee over Boston.

Melvinvan sank 14 consecutive free throws in the first four minutes to put the game out of the Celtics' reach.

It was the fourth loss in five games for Boston.

Milwaukee had six players finish in double figures, including Michael Curry (20), Jerald

Honeycutt (17), Armon Gilliam (10) and Elliot Perry (11). Boston was led by Antoine Walker's 24 points.

Hornets 109, Nets 103

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Charlotte moved within one game of clinching homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs, scoring 12 of the final 17 points for a victory over New Jersey.

David Wesley stripped the ball from Keith Van Horn with 44 seconds left and the Hornets up by one, and the Hornets preserved the victory by making three of four foul shots in the last 20 seconds.

The victory, combined with Atlanta's loss to Indiana, cut Charlotte's magic number to one to beat out the Hawks for the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference.

The Nets must win one of their final two games to clinch a play-off spot.

Magic 99, Heat 87

MIAMI — Nick Anderson scored 24 points as Orlando avoided a season sweep by its intrastate rival.

Horan Grace added 17 points, including 13 in the second half, and pulled down 15 rebounds as the Magic snapped the Heat's eight-game home winning streak.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Dan Majerle pulled the Heat to 89-82 with 6:03 left to play, but Mark Price hit a jumper and Horan Grace followed with another for a 93-82 lead.

Pacers 82, Hawks 70

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana held Atlanta without a field goal for more than 10 minutes of the second half and gained homecourt advantage for the second round of the playoffs.

Reggie Miller scored 22 points and Jalen Rose had 10 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter. Antonio Davis also scored 13 for the Pacers, while Mark Jackson contributed 12 assists and Dale Davis grabbed 13 rebounds.

Elizabeth Regan (76-76) tied for second, each with an 8-over-par 152.

Sara Thompson (78-76) finished tied for sixth place while Trishia Einspahr (81-80) and Darci Ritz (78-73) each tied for 12th. After shooting a blistering 76 in the first round, Rhonda Jacqueline Huff shot an 87 Tuesday, but still tied for 16th.

The vandals conclude their season at the Big West Championships April 20-21 at Bridalwood Golf Course at Flower Mound, Texas.

ATLANTA (AP) — Greg Maddux pitched a sixtetter for his first shutout since last July, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 7-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Wednesday night.

The four-time NL Cy Young Award winner, who had improved to 14-13 against the Pirates, pitched him a winning record against every National League team. He was 24 career shutouts.

Maddux (1-1) struck out five, did not walk a batter, and retired 13 batters on ground balls. He has allowed only two earned runs in 32 innings this season for a 0.56 ERA, and has given up five earned runs in his last 61 innings pitched.

Walt Weiss and Chipper Jones each had three hits for the Braves, and Maddux and Eddie Perez added two-hit performances.

Marlins 3, Phillies 2

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NEW YORK — Rick Reed pitched seven scoreless innings and hit a two-run homer as New York beat Chicago, completing another day of baseball at Shea Stadium.

Earlier, the New York Yankees beat Anaheim 6-3 in a game moved to Shea because of structural problems at Yankee Stadium. The Yankees game had an attendance of 40,745, while the Mets drew a crowd of 16,012.

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TF sweeps Highland

POCATELLO — The Twin Falls Golf team swept a tournament at the Highland Golf Club Wednesday.

The Twin Falls boys won by a single stroke for the second time in less than a week. Twin Falls scored a 528 to Highland's 529. The girls' team shot a 373, outdistancing second-place Minico, which shot a 403.

Nick Lynch of Barley was the MVP for the boys, shooting a 76. Jasmine Stinger of Minico took top honors for the girls with a 82.

The tournament was delayed for nearly an hour at the start because of rain.

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YOURSCORES AND STATS

Firemen fill the house at memorial tournament

Normally when a house is full of firemen, no one is very ecstatic. But last Saturday it was a pleasure to see Twin Falls, Jerome City, Wendell and Jerome Rural Fire Departments converge on the Bowldrome. This was not a drill-or-any-kind-of-an-emergency. It was their annual Fred Webb Memorial Bowling Tournament.



BOWLING
Thelma Tucker

About 32 teams competed to have their names placed on the plaque and have that plaque displayed in their headquarters for the next year. Jerome City was the winner. This year thanks to Ron Hendricks and Ed Harmon who captured the tournament with a handicap score of 1,520. Harmon came through with scratch games of 208/223/205 for 636 and Hendricks rolled 232/229/254 for 716.

After rolling the first set, re-entry was permitted. Hendricks on his first set rolled 288/256/206 for a 750 series. This was his day on the lanes. Other high games rolled in this time pin an up format were: Bob Stefan 265, Dan Daniels 232, Joe Robinette 252, Lynn Winn 224, Ron Lancaster 288, LeAnn Hendricks 227, Dawnie Tucker 229, Kevin 241 and Joe 221.

It was great having you out bowling. My your visits always under the same circumstances. Thanks for what you do. We may not always let you know how much you are appreciated.

It's hard to believe, but the 1997-98 season is in the wind down stages.

City Mixed was one of the first to announce its league championships. "Are We Go Again" with Ethel Lewis, J. Mitchell, Cathy McGowan and Sam Wormsbaker closed top spot. Second place went to the "Pinheads", Mary DeWitt, Bill Smith, Tensia Culver and Jim Baker. Third place was the "Survivors", Kris and Mike McClure and Debbie and Lloyd Cirincio.

The "Futcher Muckers", Kip and Sunny McKelvie, Jennifer Cameron and Maury Miller Jr., took the Championship on the Pintners League. High scratch game winners were Mary Miller 279 and Carol Knack 254. Game



Members of the Twin Falls/CSI Judo Club fared well at the 60th annual Boise Valley Judo Tournament. They are from left to right: (bottom row), Chris Hunt, Krista Gambrel, Jayme Harmon, Josh Hunt, Kara Gambrel, Joe Miller, (top row) Instructor Bryan Hammon, Randy Hamilton, Sibylle Zumstein, Lynn Miller, Will Watkins, Kaid Gambrel, Baptiste Pfeiffer, Instructor Brian Hammon.

Area judo club members compete at Caldwell tourney

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Rupert golf association holds 'Ladies Day'.

RUPERT - The Rupert Ladies Golf Association held a "Ladies Day" on April 14 but due to weather conditions had a low turnout for golf.

The play of the day was "Least Futs" and the winners were Clarice Groesbeck, first place;

Connie Blase, second place; Karen Arritt, third place; and Carol Blase, fourth place.

A work that with lunch and a scramble will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday.



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The Ladies' Club of Twin Falls sponsors a tournament of state champions in April. The winners of the 1991-92 season are: ...

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Storm doesn't dampen success of wrestling school

The Tim and T.W. Parker/Chad Bedell World Champion Steer Wrestling School was a tremendous success despite the spring snow storm that hit the area on Sunday.

Twenty-four aspiring contestants from five different states worked on improving their skills under the supervision of former World Champion, Chad Bedell, high school and collegiate champion, T.W. Parker, and their coach and trainer, Tim Parker.

The school consisted of ground work, horseshooting skills, videos, and work finalized on Sunday with the final pin and all-gate championship.



The champion team of the Racqueteers Health Club Girls' Jazzball tournament was coached by Arnold Peterson. Team members are pictured left to right: (front row) Krista Pedersen, Liz Hogan, Lynnette Hogan, Kristal Adams and Lindsay Hynes; (back row) Casey Tanner, Tiffany Wade, Patterson, Lisa Patterson, Britta Matthews and Rebecca Plotts.



Third-place members in the 'Jazzball Girls' tournament at the Racqueteers Club tournament are from left to right: (front row) Jana Chatterba, Whitney Martin and Arlyce Peterson; (back row) Lindsay Egbert, Jayme Allen, Chelsea Hodges, Maribeth Brice and Coach Randee Martin. Not pictured: Tisha Crick, Shylene Montgomery and Tiffany Brown.



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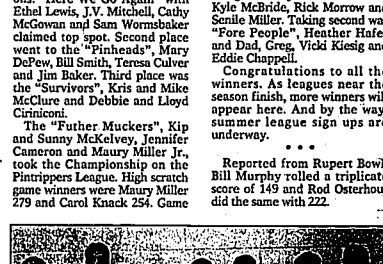
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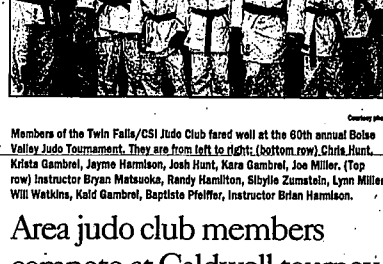
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Idaho economic data goes on the Internet

BOISE - Idaho's economic picture is on the Internet. The Idaho Outlook report is a monthly publication by the Idaho Division of Financial Management. To deliver the information more efficiently, and less expensively, the division said it will e-mail the report's availability on the Internet the day it goes to print. E-mail subscribers can have access to the economic news instantly. Subscribers also can be notified of the availability of the division's Idaho Economic Forecast report on the Internet. The report is about 80 pages and has a subscription fee of \$10.

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New 911 center director might be officially named today

JEROME - Jeff Rodeman could be officially named today as the new director for the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center. Rodeman, also SIRCOMM's mapping director, was in February appointed to a six-month stint as the center's interim director. Director Al Sandner resigned in December 1997. SIRCOMM's operations board recently recommended promoting Rodeman permanently, without waiting out the rest of the interim period, and without seeking other applicants for the director's job. The operations board also recommended appointing SIRCOMM's Joint Powers Board secretary, Veronica Lennan, as the center's part-time administrative assistant. The board did not recommend hiring another mapping director to replace Rodeman. The joint powers board - SIRCOMM's top governing body - will meet today at noon in the communications center meeting room in Jerome to consider the operations board's recommendations.

Breakfast will launch business development campaign

TWIN FALLS - The \$1.5 million Business Plus II fund-raising effort fired up in January, but is really getting down to business with a kickoff breakfast April 22. The event will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is hoping to raise \$1.5 million to fund Business Plus II, a five-year economic development effort. Some of its goals include creating 1,000 new jobs from recruited and existing businesses and work force operation programs. Since January, the group's work has consisted of setting up a campaign organization, preparing a brochure, putting together a volunteer team to help with fund-raising and soliciting large contributors, said Mark Bergephon with National Community Development Services. The Georgia firm has been hired by the chamber to do Business Plus II fund-raising. The best is to get the word out about the solicitation of several hundred smaller businesses to contribute, he said. The amount of money pledged so far will be announced at the breakfast. "We're off to a good start," Bergephon said.

Cause of woman's death remains undetermined

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County coroner cannot determine what killed Donna-Bee McCall, whose body was found inside her burned home in March, coroner Gene Turley said. "That means a jury might be convened to decide what killed that 51-year-old nurse, he said. Turley said he has talked recently with Twin Falls police about a possible inquest, and he expects a request to come soon. Firefighters found McCall dead inside her burning home around 4:30 a.m. March 4. Toxicologists concluded that smoke inhalation killed McCall. Compiled from staff reports

Plant turns out its first plastic spoons

The Times-News TWIN FALLS - The new Clear Shield National Inc. plant has started producing plastic spoons. Foras and straws are next. "We've got one machine functioning rather well," plant manager Ken Becker said. The product is "as good as I've seen." The \$13 million, 140,000-square-foot plant at 7501 Eastland Drive E. was completed earlier this month. Inside are four units that will produce plastic flat-

New Clear Shield plant starts production

ware and straws for some of the nation's largest restaurant chains. The remaining machines are in various stages of being prepared to produce products for customers, Becker said. Crews have been working on the mold for forks. Three units will make straws and one will produce flatware. Depending on business, company executives said there is room for more machines.

A grand opening of the plant, which was called state-of-the-art, will be held April 23 at an invitation-only event. By that time, Becker-hopes to have at least three of the machines going, he said. Since April 1997, Clear Shield National Inc. had been using a leased warehouse on Russel Street in Twin Falls to distribute products made in its plants elsewhere in the nation. That

warehouse operation has moved to the new structure. "It's definitely good to have everything under one roof," Becker said. More than 30 people are working for Clear Shield in Twin Falls, and the number is expected to grow to 150 in three years. The Twin Falls plant is the company's fifth. Clear Shield National, based in Wheeling, Ill., selected Twin Falls after an 18-month search. As an incentive, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce gave land to the company for the plant.

Sign may light up Planet Hollywood

Billboard will find new home in Old Towne's coming Lamphouse

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The neon sign that temporarily transformed Gary's Westland Motors into Dwayne Hoover's Exit 11 Motor Village could glow again at a Planet Hollywood.



The sign was one of many created by Lytle Sign & Neon of Twin Falls for the movie, "Breakfast of Champions," which recently finished filming in town. In the movie, Bruce Willis plays Dwayne Hoover, an over-the-edge car dealer. Producer David Willis wanted the sign for a Planet Hollywood, said Rex Lytle, company owner. Bruce Willis is a founder of the international restaurant chain.

"We were not disappointed it was going to a Planet Hollywood," Lytle said. He didn't know which restaurant, however. Representatives of Bruce Willis' Valley Entertainment Group in Haley couldn't be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, a billboard featuring Hoover's car lot will show up at the Lamphouse Theatre, still under construction in Old Towne. Theater owner and movie fan David Woodhead bought the sign for \$600 as well as other memorabilia of the first movie ever filmed in town.

"I think having the stuff will draw people," he said. He's not quite sure where he will display the billboard. But he would have regretted letting the sign "slip through my fingers," Woodhead said.

A flashing "Exit Now" sign near the billboard was sold separately, but Lytle said it will "pop up" somewhere in the area. The large image of Willis' face was purchased by the movie people, but Lytle doesn't know where it's going. "It's not very often you can sell a sign twice," he said.

Robert Bobler loses a top panel while David Woodhead locates screws to take out of the "Dwayne Hoover" billboard Woodhead bought a "Breakfast of Champions" memorabilia auction. Woodhead plans to attach the sign to the ceiling of his theater in Twin Falls' Old Towne.

Times-News staff writer Pat Marcantonio can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

Gooding outlaws growing weed used for depression

St. John's wort may be deadly to cattle

By Sharon Metcalf Times-News correspondent

GOODING - By declaring St. John's wort a noxious weed, Gooding County commissioners recently made sure that the only sunburned animals in the county would be snowbirds returning from Arizona. The ban is to ensure that the weed will not be grown here. "It's not prevalent down here at all. We don't want them to grow it here either," Gooding County Noxious Weed Superintendent Terry Ruby said.

Cattle and sheep exposed to the plant have been reported to develop secondary photosensitization, a condition in which proteins in the herb react with oxygen and sunlight to destroy red blood cells. A review by Christopher Hobbs published for the American Botanical Council and Herb Research Foundation reports that cattle appear more sensitive to the herb than sheep. There have been occasional fatalities. Although the plant does grow in the Pacific Northwest, where it is known as Mammoth weed, the Pure Seed Law of Washington and Washington excludes its presence in any certified seed. Ruby says transplants have contravened the seed law. "It is illegal to allow the growth of cer-

tain non-native, highly aggressive weeds, which counties or the state categorize as "noxious." St. John's wort, however, is said to have medicinal value. Used in Europe for medicinal purposes for more than 2,000 years, St. John's wort is becoming increasingly popular in the United States. Brenda Akins, manager of the General Nutrition Stores in Twin Falls, sells the herb at her Magic Valley Mall location. Last month's 40 bottles were fewer than normally sold in a month. Akins said GNC manufactures the products it sells, but does not manufacture the oilment, which is reported to be a superior treatment for burns. In Germany, St. John's wort is used in ointments and commonly prescribed for depression. In Europe herbs are subject to standardization and control, while the United States classifies herbal preparations as food. Without regulation, herbal preparations sold in the United States are not held to a standard. St. John's wort, or Hypericum perforatum, often is adulterated with other Hypericum species, and strength may vary. Anyone who decides to use the herb should be alert for confusion, difficulty speaking, fever, muscle contractions, severe headache, rise in blood pressure or unwarranted sweating. Times-News correspondent Sharon Metcalf can be reached in Gooding at 934-5252.

O'Leary jazz players hit big time in Boise

Group opens for Grammy winner at jazz festival

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Jazz band students at O'Leary Junior High School can brag about opening a concert for a seven-time Grammy winner. The 19-member band opened for saxophonist Michael Brecker at the Gene Harris Jazz Festival last week in Boise.

The band had competed that day against 16 small bands from junior and senior high schools during the festival at Boise State University, said Sherry Squires, a BSU spokeswoman. O'Leary and Vallivue High School tied for the "judged" choice award, and each played a number to open the evening concert. The O'Leary students performed "Groove Maker" by Jeff Taylor. "People did not believe they were a junior high band. They were just outstanding," Squires said. The junior high students performed at the Bank of America Centre. The concert reported it sold more than 3,000 tickets for the Brecker concert. Other jazz artists to perform with Brecker were trombonist Slide Hampton and trumpeter player Marcus Printup. O'Leary also sax player Holly Key said she was nervous for the big performance. She played a solo. "I was just amazed I was up there

Clerks spot phony \$50s in Jerome

The Times-News

JEROME - Cashiers in two Jerome stores Tuesday gave similar descriptions of a man who they said tried to pass counterfeit \$50 bills, according to a Jerome Police Department report.

A cashier at Paul's Food Town told police that a man came in between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., a manager at the store tried to buy dog food and Easter cakes with a bill that did not look or feel right, the cashier report says. A manager examined the bill, and decided it was fake after marking an "X" on the bill with a counterfeit-detection pen, the report says. Detection pen marks are clear or yellow on legitimate bills, but dark brown or black on fake bills, Detective Patty Ward said. The man trying to pass the bill at Paul's was described as white and about 30 years old, 5-foot-9, 180 pounds with short blond hair and an unshaven face, the report says.

Minutes after police were called to Paul's, a cashier at the Jerome Stinker's Station convenience store reported rejecting what was thought to be a fake \$50 bill from a "scruffy-looking" young blonde man, the report says. The Stinker cashier said she didn't see a "Tommy Lee" on the suspected counterfeit bill the man tried to give her, Ward said.

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O'Leary jazz players hit big time in Boise

Group opens for Grammy winner at jazz festival

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Jazz band students at O'Leary Junior High School can brag about opening a concert for a seven-time Grammy winner. The 19-member band opened for saxophonist Michael Brecker at the Gene Harris Jazz Festival last week in Boise.

The band had competed that day against 16 small bands from junior and senior high schools during the festival at Boise State University, said Sherry Squires, a BSU spokeswoman. O'Leary and Vallivue High School tied for the "judged" choice award, and each played a number to open the evening concert. The O'Leary students performed "Groove Maker" by Jeff Taylor. "People did not believe they were a junior high band. They were just outstanding," Squires said. The junior high students performed at the Bank of America Centre. The concert reported it sold more than 3,000 tickets for the Brecker concert. Other jazz artists to perform with Brecker were trombonist Slide Hampton and trumpeter player Marcus Printup. O'Leary also sax player Holly Key said she was nervous for the big performance. She played a solo. "I was just amazed I was up there playing in front of 2,000 people," Key said. "I was too scared to even play a solo." Dan Smith, a ninth-grade guitarist at O'Leary, said it was exciting. His nerves calmed once he started playing. Both students say they want to become professional musicians. Their director, Dennis Bortz, said it was an incredible experience for the students, who also won a top band award in a festival at the College of Southern Idaho this winter. Key attributed the band's success in part to students' enthusiasm for their music. Other bands look bored when they play, she said. Practice is another factor, Smith said. The festival is held in honor of Gene Harris, a jazz pianist who lives in Boise. Times-News staff writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Haley officials deny developer's request to drop townhouse prices

By Kristan Kennedy Times-News correspondent

HALLEY - City officials rejected a developer's offer to drop prices on his affordable townhouse project below \$100,000 if the city lowered impact fees.

Developer Chuck Grubb said before the council Monday night for preliminary plat approval for a 10-unit townhouse plan on Woodside Boulevard.

Councilman Scott Basolo applied Grubb's offer against such action, claiming the subdivision ordinance's clear lines on fees weren't negotiable.

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Grubb's approval comes on the heels of recent city approval of the valley's first controlled affordable housing project.

Two weeks ago, developer Dave Manookian received preliminary approval for six townhouse units.

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Huntley proposes tax revision to deal with school construction needs

SHREVE (AP) - The likely Democratic nominee for governor is calling for a dramatic reform in the state sales tax to generate the cash needed to deal with mounting public school facilities and increased state's only north-south highway.

"You can make the sales tax flatter, and you can reduce the burden on property taxes," Robert Huntley, the former state Supreme Court justice and legislator, said.

The proposal, while not fleshed out in detail, involves lowering the overall tax rate and eliminating exemptions.

It draws a clear line between Huntley and Republican Dirk Kempthorne, the popular U.S. senator who faces only token primary opposition in his bid to succeed outgoing GOP Gov. Phil Batt.

Kempthorne has ruled out state financial assistance to deal with a backlog of new school construction and existing facility upgrades that some believe is approaching \$1 billion statewide.

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Murtaugh finalizes Friendship Day plans

By Nicole Gilbert Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH - The city of Murtaugh is beginning to finalize plans for Friendship Day this year.

"Our event will be June 20 starting with a parade at 11 a.m. Other events will include children's activities, a horseshoe tournament and a barbecue.

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Chenoweth holds cash edge over challenger

BOISE (AP) - Republican Rep. Helen Chenoweth held off two remaining third-party debits this week and began April with just over \$16,000 to finance her third and self-proclaimed final campaign for Congress.

But campaign finance disclosure reports filed with the secretary of state on Wednesday showed she supports four self-funded interest-pollution action committees dropped on its lowest level since Chenoweth emerged from a touring GOP primary in 1994 as the party's nominee in the 1st District.

Chenoweth reported raising just over \$124,000 during the January-March period with only \$12,200 coming from the two interest committees.

That was less than 10 percent of the total from a funding source that since mid-1994 has accounted for 30 percent of the more than \$2 million she has raised.

By contrast, Democrat Dan Williams, who is mounting a repeat of the 1996 race, lost by 6,500 votes, got \$54,000 from special-interest committees.

Three of them from organized labor. It was hundreds of thousands of dollars in independent expenditures against Chenoweth by labor two years ago that some strategists believe backfired and hurt Williams in the end.

Overall Williams raised nearly \$109,000 this winter, and by keeping expenses low since he has no primary opposition, he began April with nearly \$75,000 in the bank.

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TWIN FALLS

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AG may see lewd, lascivious case

County ponders future of sex case

By Penelope Roedy
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Lewd and lascivious charges that yielded a hung jury on April 3 may be referred to the Idaho attorney general's office, said Cassia County Prosecutor Stephen Bywater.

"We haven't made any decisions yet, or decided on further charges," Bywater said, "and we don't know if the AG's office will accept the case."

Bywater made these comments Wednesday about the case of Manuel Ramirez Curiel. His office hopes to make these decisions within a week, "when we

can have a clear path in front of us."

Questions about possibly charging Curiel with perjury came up after the trial. He had pleaded guilty to the charges in a plea agreement made with Special Prosecutor Richard Bevan. After the agreement was rescinded, he took the witness stand during the trial and denied committing the offenses.

Bevan had asked the court to negate the plea agreement after he discovered Curiel had not admitted to having a prior felony conviction for statutory rape in California in 1980.

Curiel, 37, was charged in April 1996 with two counts of molesting two grade-school-age girls. The events allegedly occurred between April 27, 1993, and Feb. 6, 1994.

Bevan said Wednesday he's aware Judge George Gamma Jr. has set a new trial date in Cassia County for Curiel in June. Bevan said he's willing to hear if the court will refer the case to the attorney general's office or ask him to continue the case.

Bevan, a former Twin Falls County prosecutor now in private practice, had been working on the case on what he called a "contingent basis" and was being paid by Twin Falls County.

"The county feels they've contributed enough," he said.

Curiel's attorney, Kent Jensen, said Wednesday he has no comments to make about the case at this time.

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

STAYING IN SHAPE



Underneath the Burley City Pool, Scott Smith helps tear out an old vacuum system used to keep the pool clean. Smith, Steve Admie and Del Prince were busy Wednesday afternoon taking the obsolete system out piece by piece in an effort to update the 46-year-old pool.

Burley students head to national vocational competition in Midwest

By Kurt Friedmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Tom Chavez got into electronics listening to rap star Warren G.

He was attending high school in Virginia. A friend was in a college electronics class sponsored by the high school, so Chavez decided to join the class, mostly just to get out of school.

But the first day changed his attitude.

His friend had a small tape player torn apart and hooked up to an oscilloscope, which measures electronic activity.

The little music box was still running and playing "Regulators," a song performed by Warren G.

"Every time you heard his voice you could see it on the scope," Chavez said. "I thought that was really awesome."

That introduction and subsequent classes in electronics finally led Chavez to a gold medal at the Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America State Conference in Boise a few weeks ago. He competed in electronic technology and tested from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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to grasp gold.

Chavez is a Burley High School senior and newly elected state president of VICA. He has earned Dean Baker's electronics class since he was a sophomore.

Electronics is a three-year program at Burley High, Baker said.

"The kids learn everything from A/C DC circuits to repairing computers," he said. "We want to give them an entry-level skill."

That skill could help them get jobs or make college entry easier.

"The kids will have earned 13 credits through (the College of Southern Idaho) when they finish the program," he said. "It opens a few doors that wouldn't have been open otherwise."

Chavez and another of Baker's students, Ben Peterson, are going on to the national competition in Kansas City in June.

Peterson also competed in the electronic technology but got his gold medal for a prepared speech on "Quality at Work — Achieve New Heights."

Giving a prepared speech wasn't Peterson's first pick, but he had his anyway.

"I thought I would do it for the experience," he said from the Burley Public Library where he was studying.

But he said Chavez was nervous about the national competition.

"It's going to be real tough for them," Baker said. "But we are looking forward to it."

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Small town postmaster uses schedule to help with taxes

NEW MEADOWS (AP) — Residents of rural Idaho communities do not usually have all the benefits those living in bigger cities like Boise or Coeur d'Alene have.

But when it comes to tax time on April 15th, the 500 residents of New Meadows have something their big-city cousins don't — a few extra lines to file their state and federal income tax returns.

Since the only mail pickup at the New Meadows Post Office is 2:45 every afternoon but Sunday, Postmaster David Holm makes

sure any returns left at the Post Office before 8 a.m. on April 16 are postmarked the 15th.

"I don't stay around here till midnight so if they keep bringing them in after that we usually change the date because that's when the mail goes out," Holm said.

"I don't even know if its proper procedure," he said. "It's just a service to the community. It would be pretty hard on people if we started to give the 16th postmark after quarter to three today. Some don't get their returns back from

their accountants until late."

Postal Service spokesman Al DeSarro said taxpayers are still urged to get their returns in on the 15th, but he acknowledged that Holm's policy is common practice throughout much of rural America.

A couple dozen taxpayers take advantage of the extra time each year although Holm said he expected even more this year since the radio station in the old county community of McCall 10 miles west was talking about it all day.

Electrical power will be off today near Hollister

The Times-News

HOLLISTER — Electrical power will be shut off for a few hours this afternoon as Idaho Power Co. crews replace a critical switch that regulates electrical distribution in the area.

Electricity is expected to be off from 1 to 4 p.m. in an area between 1800 East to 3100 East and 1500 North to 2800 North. For more information, call 1-800-488-6151.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Bellevue bridge work nears completion
BELLEVUE — All but the paving is done on two new bridges southwest of Bellevue.

The new bridges across the Bypass Canal and Big Wood River are wider and are built to accommodate high water better than the ones they replaced. New guardrails also will be added.

Paving is expected to be completed later this month on an in-city May. Most of the money for the \$1.04 million project came from the federal government. Blaine County paid \$157,000 of the cost.

Filer City Council plans to fill police vacancy
FILER — The Filer City Council will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in City Hall.

After an executive session on personnel, the council plans to fill a vacancy in the police department.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Gooding survey shows work ethics rate more important than other skills

By Laura T. Savage
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Gooding School Board members were surprised by the results of Susan Westendorf's employer survey, in which work ethics ranked high and thinking skills scored lower in importance.

The survey's first goal was to collect the views of local employers about the workplace strengths and weaknesses of Gooding students.

The second goal was to identify the skills and knowledge local employers want in employees. In addition, the survey was to answer which skills might be taught or reinforced in Gooding schools to better prepare students for employment.

The 25 Gooding employers contacted to participate employ 180 workers.

The survey results placed high emphasis on interpersonal skills such as ability to get along with co-workers, customer service and teamwork, and on personal skills such as dependability, punctuality and time management, appearance and enthusiasm for the job.

Learning and thinking skills such as mathematical ability did not rank as high, although the ability to write was very important to Gooding employers.

Listening and business communication was another category that was important to employers surveyed, as well as technical skills involving computer literacy and trouble-shooting.

Westendorf said lack of work ethics in an employee was employers' greatest concern.

With that in mind she made the following recommendations:

- School culture: The school should expand rewards for its employees that model good work ethics.

- Student evaluation: Schools should continue to reinforce good work and study habits and evaluate those characteristics.

- Broaden learning experiences: The school should expand learning experiences to help every student develop the broader set of workplace skills which employers expect.

- Also before the Gooding School Board this week, David Hocklander, coordinator for the Albertson's Idaho Management for Change, spoke on a survey he is working on.

This survey's purpose is to identify areas in the curriculum that parents want Gooding students to have upon graduating. This is a self-selecting sample compiled from people who attended a community forum.

Hocklander said he is not ready to make recommendations to the School Board.

Parent representative Mark Shaw requested parents be given a chance to provide input to the schools.

He said counting off didn't bother him a bit, but some people felt uncomfortable by the method and did not feel they could speak freely at the forum. He asked that a meeting be held April 30, and the board agreed.

"We have a lot of issues to talk about; now we need to start zeroing in on the issues," Superintendent Henry Kilmer said.

In other Gooding schools business:

- Elementary Principal Teresa Bennett said grade-school enrollment is now 571 students. Seven new students enrolled after spring break, and two more enrolled Monday.

- The board agreed to let

teacher Sara Fitzgerald return after a leave of absence and teach half-time. Bennett will advertise to find a teacher who could team-teach with her.

- The second-grade class is getting larger, Bennett said. Because of its size, there will be five third-grade classes next school year.

- The grade school is debating whether to teach the Dameleone style of handwriting or Manuscript. There are advocates of both styles at the grade school.

- Special Services Director Rose Ann Celaya said the board she is concerned with the growing number of students who are diagnosed as severely emotionally disturbed. She has contacted the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Children's Mental Health to get additional services for the students. Social skills is one area of concern.

- Kilmer said lunch supervisor Darla Harley has requested permission for a summer hot-lunch program to run four days a week and serve 50 middle school and migrant students. All students would qualify regardless of income.

- Board Chairwoman Claire Major worried whether it would be possible to serve the students breakfast in addition to lunch.

- Celaya said she would look into that possibility.

- The board approved part-time teaching requests for Heather Williams and Sara Fitzgerald, and approved the resignation of teacher Katie Faulkner.

- The board approved a resolution supporting tearing down the old tuberculosis hospital because of student safety.

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CRIME WATCH

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BUHL - The Buhl Crime Watch report for April 6-12 includes:

- Arrests and citations: Ray T. Dumas, 59, Buhl, driving under the influence. Forrest C. Weaver, 77, Buhl, FTP warrant.
- Pauline T. Anderson, 43, Jerome, disturbing the peace. Brock T. Tvrdy, 18, Buhl, stop-sign violation.
- Female, 16, Buhl, runaway. Reports taken: Burglary - 426 N. 11th; Brown

- Drive and Burley. Battery - 505 N. Eighth; 650 Clear Lakes. Vandalism - 900 Millner; 101 Juniper; graffiti, 222 N. Ninth; broken window, Western Auto, 1029 Main; broken window, Idaho Youth Ranch, 1118 Main; broken window, Pioneer Floors, 917 Main.
- Auto theft - 328 N. 13th. Petit theft - gas, Circle K, 229 N. Broadway.
- Reported traffic accidents: Broadway and Locust; 1000 block of Burley Avenue. City code enforcement:

Fire code violation, Ramona, 113 S. Broadway; dog bite, 720 Sawtooth No. 15; dog at large, 300 block of Burley Avenue. Buhl Police Department message: The railroad tracks on Broadway Avenue are beginning to become a traffic hazard. Please use caution when crossing this section of tracks by slowing down and watching for other vehicles making wide swings.

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Hearing will determine how Kimberly street is zoned

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - Residents on Kimberly's West Center Street soon may find their properties with a different zoning classification.

In the city's zoning revision last year, West Center was rezoned from residential to commercial-professional. This reclassification has given some homeowners on the

street problems when they tried to refinance home loans to take advantage of low interest rates.

The council this week voted to hold a public hearing to rezone the street to residential/professional soon.

In other Kimberly business: J-U-B Engineers' Rex Hardy spoke to the council about an environmental survey recently made on the city's property north of town.

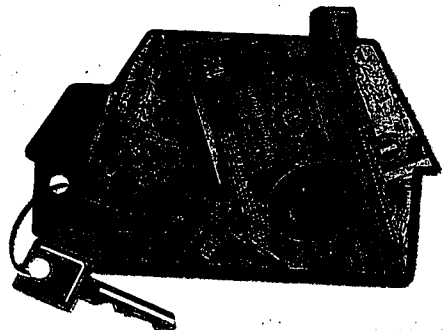
- The council approved final plot plans for Tim Coiner's Harrison View Estates on East Addison.

- Randy Hansen spoke about his plans for running for Legislature.

- Molly Murray spoke to the council about hiring an animal control officer to control dogs in certain areas of town.

- The council discussed properties which need to be cleaned up.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Murtaugh High School receives national honor for ag department

By Nicole Gilbert
Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH - Murtaugh High School received the Local Premium award from the U.S. Department of Education in honor of its outstanding agricultural department.

The award comes as a prelude to the upcoming national soils competition.

Agriculture teacher Stacey Winn and his soils team have been busy raising money to attend nationals in Oklahoma City May 2-9. His team qualified for the competition by placing second in the state.

"This is one of our best teams ever," Winn said.

The award and upcoming competition are part of a legacy of agricultural excellence at

Murtaugh High. Winn said this will be his fifth team going to nationals. Last year the school came its closest to winning by placing fourth.

The team has been working to raise the \$4,000 it needs to take six people to Oklahoma City. It fell only \$800 short; the School Board has agreed to help with the final amount.

The trip is an opportunity for students to see other parts of the country, Winn said. In fact, the team will leave a few days early, land in Dallas and drive to Oklahoma City in order to squeeze in extra sightseeing.

In the past, students have been so fascinated by mudslides on the side of the road they've tried to bring them home as souvenirs, Winn said.

During the competition, the soils

team will examine types of soil to assign them classifications, then recommend how to improve the soil.

In other Murtaugh School Board business: A new valedictorian/ salutatorian policy was adopted. College courses no longer will be weighted for graduate status, said High School Principal Gary Birch. They will be measured by the same 4.0 scale as regular classes.

The new policy will not affect current students but will go into effect the year 2000.

The board is considering a new policy that would create a library materials selection committee.

The new committee - of teachers, librarians, and community members - would be responsible for materials purchased by the library.

Planning board hears proposal for Ketchum's first urban housing unit

By Susan Bailey
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The first commercial proposal to take advantage of increased height allowances for new buildings that provide an urban housing unit came before the planning and zoning commission Monday.

Planning Chairman Randy Hall said a commercial development adding either an underground parking garage or a housing unit for rent to a Blaine County resident receives an additional 5 feet in building height.

"So far, no one's really applied for this," planning board member Susan Scovell told applicant Terry Reid.

Reid and his wife, Sharon Davies-Reid, applied for pre-application design review of a three-story structure at 131 First Ave. N., beside the Galena

Building housing a number of dental offices.

The Davies-Reid Tribal Arts Building features stone arches from the late 1800s incorporated into the design, along with teak railings and other architectural features from other eras.

The building is going to look old," Reid said. "We want to create a beautiful, old-looking building. We want people to wonder when it was built."

The structure is planned to replace an existing single-family home zoned commercial. The existing lot is 9,100 square feet.

Reid said the rental unit provided the plans is 650 square feet. He also said he and his wife plan to live in the building and operate their business in the same location.

Planning department head Lisa Majidk said the urban dwelling units are deed-restricted for use by

a long-term Blaine County resident.

In directing Reid to the design review process, planning board members said the Santa Barbara look of a tile roof didn't match Ketchum's overall architecture, and they would like to see public amenities such as bike racks or benches along the sidewalk.

The planning board also saw drawings for a new 20,000-square-foot commercial building at 100 and 120 Leaville Ave. S. The Higdon Office Building is planned as a replacement for the house operating as Patio Pleasers, a retail business.

Planners asked architect Jim McLaughlin to remove a three-story facade in order to reduce the structure's bulk, and told him the building must be set back 5 feet from the property line.

The Higdon Office Building comes before the planning board again April 27.

CRIME WATCH

The Times-News

FILER - The Filer crime report for March 16 to April 12 includes the following incidents:

Teddy Horst, 40, Filer, driving without privileges.

Jaime Robertson, 20, Twin Falls, driving without privileges.

Tim Emery, 23, Blaine, driving under the influence.

Rick Prather, 24, Twin Falls, driving without privileges.

Thomas Atkinson, 36, Filer, driving without privileges, driving under the influence of alcohol.

John Stedman, 20, Twin Falls, driving under the influence of alcohol.

Karri Ruffing, 19, Buhl, possession of a controlled substance.

David Roland, 21, Buhl, possession of a controlled substance.

Dale Dvorak, 37, Filer, driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to notify of change of address.

Cathy Pena, 42, Ogden, Utah, possession of drug paraphernalia, open container of liquor in vehicle.

Scott Haycock, 41, Buhl, inattentive driving.

Jesus Flores, 45, Ogden, Utah, failure to purchase driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia, fictitious display of license plates.

Misdemeanor citations: Allison Seaton, 35, Filer, resist-

ing and obstructing an officer, driving on an invalid driver's license.

Patricia Hyde, 39, Filer, failure to purchase a driver's license.

Timothy Deuel, 24, Meridian, contribute alcohol to minors.

Rodolfo Senn, 35, Filer, driving without privileges, failure to register vehicle.

Richard Curtis, 23, Filer, dog at large.

Starlette Stralberg, 19, Buhl, failure to purchase driver's license.

The Filer crime report is provided by the Filer Police Department and published by The Times-News as a public service.

Hansen receives water association's award

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - The city of Hansen received the only award presented by the Idaho Rural Water Association.

Water/wastewater plant manager Jim Etherington this week declined the plaque the city received for meeting Environmental Protection Agency and Division of Environmental Quality requirements for protection of city water supplies.

Etherington had realized the need for an area survey to identify and correct any threats to the city's water supply before the state mandated such a project, he said.

Mayor Joe Ratto said he appreciated Etherington's ability to sense the approach of a new regulation before the city was under the gun.

In other Hansen business:

Fire Chief John Hinton spoke to the council about city trucks for Igniter Run Day, the first Saturday in May. Residents should clean their homes and yards in preparation for trucks which will pick any items except wire, tree limbs and 50-gallon barrels - unless they're flattened. Refrigerators will be picked up if they are inspected before pickup day.

The night before, residents should put out material to be picked up, as the trucks will travel the streets only once.

Hinton said he would order \$1,600 worth of fireworks for the city's July celebration. Businesses and residents can donate to the display at the clerk's office. Hinton said he hoped the city would be able to order more elaborate displays than last year's.

Ratto said many dogs still are without current license tags. The tags cost \$4; however, if the dog is impounded the owner could face \$50 to \$100 in fines and fees.

The council gave Hinton permission to sound the fire siren at noon. He said he had many inquiries about a noon whistle.

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Three Creek continues search for teacher's home

By Leandra Reuble
Times-News correspondent

THREE CREEK - Three Creek is still without a teacher for next year, but it is looking into the possibility of getting a new house for its teacher.

At a School Board meeting last week, the board and residents discussed the need for new housing and acknowledged they need to do some investigating, said School Board member Cheri Brackett.

The right house is a little more than 40 years old and in need of repairs, as well as being too small to accommodate a family. Because Three Creek is relatively new housing available, the School Board traditionally has provided living quarters for the teacher.

The board still is interviewing for a teacher to handle the K-12

school for next year; it tries to hire a new teacher every couple of years to expose students to a variety of teaching styles and specializations.

The lack of adequate housing is a definite drawback for some prospective teachers, Brackett said. At last week's meeting, officials formed a committee made

up of residents and Brackett to investigate prices for manufacturing homes.

Brackett said they are looking for something about 1,200 square feet that is reasonably priced.

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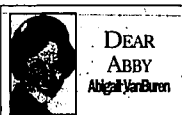
FAMILY LIFE

In one-bedroom apartment, any company makes a crowd

DEAR ABBY: I am a single, 40-year-old woman who has recently moved to California. I am looking forward to family and friends coming to visit me, but I live in a one-bedroom apartment.

As I seek it, I'm one person, and a couple is two, so I should sleep on the sofa. However, I spent two years as a student on a very tight budget sleeping on a futon in a tiny studio apartment, and I'm fed up to here with sleeping anywhere other than in a bed.

I want my guests to be comfortable and feel welcome, but how do I handle the sleeping arrangements?



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

believing that this dangerous drug does not apply to them. A more apt name for it might be an "amnesia" drug, because that is what the drug does to anyone.

My pal, Charles, dined alone one evening in a restaurant while on vacation in Mexico. Evidently, someone doctored his drink, because he ended up on the side of a road several miles away. All his personal belongings were missing - including his belt and shoes. Luckily, he survived with only bruises and cuts, but he suffered a complete memory loss of more than 10 hours.

Abby, please warn your readers this drug has that effect on everyone, and they could be in extreme danger while under its influence.

—J.L. IN S.F.

DEAR CAREN: You need not give up your own bed, and I'm sure your guests wouldn't expect you to.

You have several options. You could make reservations for you and your guests in a nearby hotel or motel. You could buy a sofa-sleeper (hide-a-bed). Or, you could rent a foldaway bed for the duration of the visits. Sweet dreams, Caren!

DEAR ABBY: The recent letter in your column from the teenager who tried "ruffles" prompts this letter. Robynopol, a "date rape" drug might lead males into

too careful these days.

DEAR ABBY: My mother did a poor job of raising my brother and me. Now, at 32, I have a duty-based relationship with her. I have three children under 4, and I want to have a much better relationship with them. From my mother's example, I know what not to do; however, I don't have the role model to show me the right things to do. I have read parenting books, but there are so many different viewpoints that I don't know which would work for me.

I know there are many wonderful mothers out there, and I want to be one of them. What do great moms do that makes them great? I'd love to hear how women have excelled in this most important of jobs.

—MOM IN DENVER

DEAR MOM: Motherhood is two parts instinct to one part "book learning." Your instinctive desire to have a good relationship with your children will guide you in most situations. Look around you for women you consider to be good mothers and question them. Their experience is worth volumes, and they are usually happy to share their wisdom. That's part of what makes them good mothers.

Cancel that guilt trip: Day care may be good for kids after all

Los Angeles Times

As a working mother who chose group day care for her kids, Luann Cadby has known the arched eyebrow of disapproval. "They say, 'I can't believe you'd put your kid in day care and not have them somebody come live in your home,'" she says. The Long Beach, Calif., saleswoman said.

But after trying one nanny who was unreliable and a small family day-care center whose operators didn't notice when her toddler left the house and walked home, Cadby placed her 2-year-old son, Mitchell, in the Montessori school his 7-year-old sister, Adeline, attended.

Cadby believes her son will be better off there. "I want my child to learn enough to be advanced when he gets to kindergarten. When they're at home, they just play with toys and are in front of the TV a lot more," Cadby said. "And I like my child to be around other children. I find that kids who stay at home with a nanny are not as outgoing as kids in day care."

Recent findings from a national child-care survey confirm Cadby's observation that day care is not only OK, but actually better for children than nanny care or small family day care.

According to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's ongoing study of early child care, children in groups of three or more, particularly in high-quality centers, score higher than other children on language and cognitive tests and are also better behaved.

"If you're in a setting with more kids, you have to have more rules to keep the kids managed, so the kids learn to go along with the rules," said Alison Clarke-Stewart, a University of California, Irvine, professor and a principle investigator of the study, which is following children from birth in 1,300 families nationwide.

"Nannies are usually housekeepers. They're not mind-teachers. They may do wonderful things for the children's emotional well being ... but their main goal is not teaching skills that you would use when you go to school. Nor is it teaching kids rules about being compliant and cooperative," she said.

For years, many working par-

ents have sought out nannies or small family day-care homes to care for their children out of fear invoked not only by the McMartin preschool controversy over children's safety, but also by studies associating center-based care with more aggressive behaviors.

Now, largely as a result of high-profile cases, many parents are more afraid of nannies than of centers. Cadby said many of her friends have hidden cameras in their homes to make sure the nannies are not misbehaving.

The continuing national study is the largest so far to measure the effects of child care on children. The children are tested at 6 months, 15 months, 2 years and 3 years at home and in child-care settings.

At ages 2 and 3, children in groups of three or more were more compliant and scored lower on a checklist of problem behaviors, such as temper tantrums, than children cared for alone or with one other child. By age 3, kids cared for in centers also know their numbers and colors better - even better than children who stay at home with their mothers, Clarke-Stewart said.

For parents agonizing over child-care choices, she said the emerging pattern means that "you don't have to be unduly worried that you're putting your child at risk by putting them in child care. They're not so different from those at home with Mom."

On the other hand, the children exposed to others in day-care centers pay a price by catching more colds and ear

infections, she said.

Most important, she added, the impact of child care overall in a child's development pales in comparison to socioeconomic factors, such as the parents' income and parenting skills.

Currently, 98 percent of U.S. children experience some form of day care. Of an estimated 13 million children under age 5 in day care, 30 percent are in centers, 30 percent are in child-care homes, 12 percent are with nannies, 11 percent are in child-care centers and 15 percent are with fathers.

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Children's book publisher seeks out stories other publishers won't touch

NEW YORK (AP) — Madeline Kane didn't think twice before taking on a delicate subject. Her publisher's company loves doing that sort of thing.

But when the children's book publisher acquired the U.S. rights for a Japanese story called "Everyone Poops," she ordered 100 copies of the book. U.S. audiences weren't ready for rabbits, snakes and bears showing off what comes naturally.

"Turns out Americans may not like it about bodily functions, but their kids sure want to read about them. The book has sold some 500,000 copies.

"We enjoy making people a little uncomfortable," said Kane's brother and co-publisher, Sandy Miller.

Quirky as it is, the book meant to ease toddlers through potty training is rather typical of the lack of conformity that Kane/Miller Book Publishers takes on in its titles. Started 13 years ago, the siblings set out to publish children's stories from abroad that emulated the culture where the books originated.

So, unlike publishers seeking universal appeal, Kane and Miller sought characters that wouldn't be Americanized in translation. If they didn't become sellers, too bad.

So, Sala, the hero of the Spanish children's tale "Brush," doesn't become "Sam" in the American version. Drawings don't change, either. In "Grandpa's Town" by Takaaki Nomura, the main characters go to a neighborhood bathhouse and shed their clothes. The fleshy drawings are deftly modest. But Kane says, "For an American kid, it must be mind boggling."

"People live very interesting lives in different ways than the American way," Kane said. "Children growing up need to be exposed to that."

"Everyone Poops" reflects a culture where people don't get sensitive about talking about,

Assisted by a parade of the fury, the feathered and the finned, 'Everyone Poops' points out that humans and animals all eat and the consequences that follow.

say, bad breath. Author Taro Gomi found it unusual that the book had sold about the same number of copies in Japan as it had in the United States.

"I don't know why my books are so popular in America," Gomi said. "But it appears to be very few books of the type I write available there."

Kids find it fascinating when adults read to them about subjects they explore with each other, said Edward Christophersen, a Kansas City, Mo., child psychologist. It's strange to them that adults become a little uncomfortable talking on these subjects in public company.

Parents should take note. "People talk about how much money they make and orgasms," he said. "For God's sake, talk about bowel movements."

Assisted by a parade of the fury, the feathered and the finned, "Everyone Poops" points out that humans and animals all eat and the consequences that follow. Hippo stop. Deer do it on the run. Humans take a seat. You get the idea.

Parents like the book because it helps them explain a sensitive subject. Some educators say only the subject of death makes American parents more squeamish.

"I thought it was a real hoot," said Sue Evans, a Middlesex, Vt., mother whose son brought the book home from school. Book reviewers weren't as amused. Publishers Weekly said, "OK, so everyone does it. Does everyone have to talk about it?"

Some school libraries banned it. One outraged exhibitor attacked Kane at a booksellers conference.

The book's success since coming out in 1993 doesn't yet match such classic tales as Pippi Longstocking, which has sold 2 million copies since being published in the 1950s. Yet it has allowed Kane and Miller to worry less about paying the rent on their offices in the New York City borough of Brooklyn and La Jolla, Calif., and focus on staying true to their mission: selling good bedtime stories that double as cultural travelogs.

"We wanted to explore this foreignness of other books," Miller said. "We wanted something that was really distinctive, that gave a sense of where the book came from."

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Small town parade marks Vasco da Gama's arrival 500 years ago

MALINDI, Kenya (AP) — It was the typical small town parade. Late start, some organizational panic. But when Umash Patel climbed onto the float dressed as Vasco da Gama, and the band struck up a march of the kind that carries Patel and Wednesday children fall in behind and spectators tapped their feet.

It's not every day that Malindi marks the 500th anniversary of the arrival of the Portuguese. But many watching the parade in this hill-back town on the Indian Ocean were not quite sure what was being celebrated.

The parade consisted of the local, traditional "kibungu" choir, a group of Boy Scouts, the band and the Zoro Zoro choir. A group of men carrying Patel and a group of the same pillar led by the Portuguese, bicycle riders and horsemen. It wound through town, past the Sultan's palace and the Zoro Zoro shop, alongside the Dutch-converted mosque and the Muslim cemetery.

Who's that guy up there with the crown? The British called him Vasco da Gama, as

he trod alongside the float.

Patel had dressed carefully for the part of the nobleman chosen by King Manuel I to lead the Portuguese expedition with the goal of finding an all-water route to India.

Fadi Kahale said he got into his role as the Sultan of Malindi in a re-enactment of the historic day after studying this year about the arrival of three Portuguese ships off Malindi on April 15, 1498.

The Sultan received the Portuguese with open arms, 75 miles south, who sent ships to accompany the Portuguese.

And although da Gama never left his flagship at Malindi — he had vowed he would not walk on land until he reached India — he was pleased with the reception and the offer of a pilot to show his crew the way to India. They arrived May 22, 1498, in what was then Calicut on the western Malabar Coast.

Organizer Ann Robertson said

the week-long commemoration aimed to send the message of the town that had been a thriving tourism center until the late few years.

There is not a simple answer to what happened to tourism in Malindi. Some blame the Italians, who arrived by the hundreds in the mid-1980s, bought land, built hotels, got too close to corrupt politicians.

British settlers in Kenya Colony started spending holidays in the sleepy town in the 1940s. Package tours from Germany and Switzerland began arriving in the mid-1960s, following Kenyan independence in 1963.

Last August, attacks on Kenyans not to tourism in Malindi. Some blame the attacks area caused widespread panic and flight and about 100 deaths.

Although there has been no official explanation, the attacks are widely believed to have been encouraged by those who wanted to make sure the area favored President Daniel arap Moi's Kenya African National Union party in last December's general elections.

Trial of apartheid leader proceeds

GEORGE, South Africa (AP) — Former President P. W. Botha went on trial today for refusing to appear before a commission examining apartheid-era abuses.

The case underlines South Africa's lingering racial tensions, pitting Botha — the last hard-line apartheid leader — against President Nelson Mandela's South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The panel was set up to uncover apartheid-era crimes and promote reconciliation.

Botha's appearance came after talks collapsed on a deal to block the court case. Conservative whites have re-

lived around Botha, while blacks view Botha's trial before black Magistrate Victor Mngiso as a sign of real change after the nation's first all-race election in 1994 ended apartheid.

Botha, 62 is on trial for ignoring a subpoena to testify about his role in a campaign against anti-apartheid groups while he was president of South Africa in the 1980's. He faces up to two years in prison and an unspecified fine if convicted.

He appeared jovial as he entered the courtroom today, giving a mock salute to prosecutor Bruce Morrison and shaking hands with commission chairman

Deon Booysse. Botha's attorney said he would not testify. "I consider that to be correct," he said. "I received a subpoena from the commission. The spirit in Africa was the language of the Dutch-descended white settlers of South Africa."

The trial was supposed to begin Tuesday, but Botha's lawyers asked for a postponement to say to work out a deal in which the former president would testify before the commission in exchange for dismissal of the charges.

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Red Cross tries to win release of kidnap victims

MALINDI, Kenya (AP) — Ten aid workers including an American were kidnapped at gunpoint in the Somali capital Mogadishu, prompting Somali leaders to demand the Red Cross immediately launch negotiations for their release.

The aid workers were taken away by unidentified gunmen after their airplane landed in north Mogadishu, Red Cross spokeswoman Inge Aasen said.

Witnesses said the plane was fired on by Somali fighters.

Diplomats and U.S. officials accused the abductors were linked to an intra-clan power struggle, and were not a kidnapping for ransom.

The Red Cross identified the kidnapped Americans as Dr. Bruce Almond, who is of Somali origin. The other victims included a German, a Belgian, a Frenchman, a Norwegian, two Swedes and a Somali. Two others, a Kenyan and a South African, were also kidnapped.

U.S. officials, diplomats and Somalia's support the abductors were carried out by emergency members of the Algal militia,

which controls north Mogadishu. Unconfirmed reports suggest abductees may look to use the kidnappings as a bargaining chip during the ongoing talks to determine who will be Mogadishu's first post-war governor. Several groups within Abgal are vying for the post.

The Red Cross workers were coming to help with the group's hospital and water supply projects.

"We know that contact has been established with a sub-clan in Mogadishu. We know who has them, and that there is contact with their elders," Red Cross spokeswoman Magne Barth said.

Somali leaders were apparently taken by surprise by the abductions, which came the same day they appealed to international donors to help finance Somalia's fragile peace process.

"We will not accept the division of Somalia. Peace process is on track," Ali Mahdi Mohamed, a Somali warlord whose forces control north Mogadishu, told reporters. He said he was surprised by the kidnapping.

Tehran mayor goes free on bail

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The mayor of Tehran was freed on bail today, drawing an escalating showdown between hard-line and moderate factions in Iran's government.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, intervened to release jailed Mayor Mohammad Karubi, officials say.

Karubi's release from the capital's Evin Prison, where he was held since his April 4, comes one day after riot police broke up a demonstration by thousands of supporters calling for his release.

the state-run Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The mayor had become the focus of a power struggle between moderates and hard-liners inside Iran's Islamic government.

The timing of his release, a day before an important Shiite Muslim feast, is believed to be deliberate.

The holiday and the Friday weekend — when newspapers and parliament, where hard-liners are in the majority, will be closed — will provide time for both factions to cool down.

Indonesian students protest government

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Thousands of chanting student protesters gathered in Jakarta, joined with several police, and defied the military Wednesday in the largest show of unity yet against the government's handling of Indonesia's economic crisis.

Protesters called were held on at least 25 campuses around the Indonesian capital and other cities, with students carrying banners accusing the government of corruption and calling for the resignation of

President Suharto and his Cabinet.

Suharto, step down" some protesters chanted. Others called for the whole Cabinet to quit and rejected a government offer to raise their grievances in talks with the military.

Police said there were no arrests, even though some demonstrators marched onto a main thoroughfare in Jakarta and briefly sat down, snarling traffic as they defied a military warning to rally only on campus.



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American, Japanese finance leaders discuss currency exchange rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top finance officials of the United States and Japan met up on the money issue of currency exchange rates today as representatives of the world's seven richest countries prepared to search for ways to prevent future Asian-style financial crises.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, meeting with Japanese Finance Minister Ichiro Mitsuhashi, said the two would discuss exchange rates as well as Japan's efforts to jump-start its domestic economy after the state of emergency that would be declared on the two issues are not linked.

"We'll be discussing Japan's economy and the importance of reestablishing domestic demand-led growth in Japan," he said. "We'll also be discussing the fact that we're both discussing the possibility of what would be the best discussion takes place about exchange rates."

Japan intervened in U.S. currency markets to prop up the falling yen last week. Analysts speculated that the United States did not buy yen also because Clinton administration officials were disappointed with the lack of detail in Japan's recently announced \$75 billion plan to stimulate its economy with tax cuts and government spending.

A Japanese newspaper, the Mainichi Shinbun, reported that the Group of Seven ministers were considering issuing a joint statement at the end of today's meetings expressing "deep concern" about the state of the Japanese economy and hinting at the possibility that the nations jointly would intervene in foreign currency markets to prop up the yen.

Rubin did not rule out the possibility of joint intervention.



International Monetary Fund Managing Director Michel Camdessus talks about the world economy outlook during an address at IMF headquarters in Washington Tuesday.

"We're going to have a discussion of foreign exchange. I don't know what the discussion will be. We haven't had it yet," he said.

The administration, in a speech Tuesday by U.S. Trade Representative Charles Barshefsky, stepped up pressure on Japan to play a bigger role in restoring economic health in Asia.

Separately Tuesday, Rubin produced a package of reforms to overhaul the architecture of the international financial system. The reforms seek to increase the amount of information about a nation's financial health made public by the International Monetary Fund. They also look to strengthen weak banking regulations and ensure that investors and

banks pay for any poor decisions they make.

Rubin said the issues were enormously complex and likely to be resolved "in pieces over an extended period of time." But he said it was critical that progress be made during a series of meetings this week.

Finance ministers and central bank governors of the world's seven richest industrial countries—the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada—were starting discussions today. Following their talks will be a session Thursday with ministers from 22 rich and developing countries hosted by Rubin and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Tech stocks lead market to new highs after reports

NEW YORK (AP) — Technology stocks led the market to record highs Wednesday after Intel and Compaq Computer posted another first-quarter profits that squeaked past Wall Street's deflated expectations.

The Dow Jones industrial average twice surrendered gains of more than 30 points, but turned higher over the final hour, finishing up \$2.67 at 9,162.27 for its second straight record close.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite marched to a new high, but most broad-market indicators struggled much of the day before turning higher near the close.

Holding true to their warnings in early March, Intel and Compaq Computer stepped forward late Tuesday and early Wednesday, respectively, with analytic results for the first three months of the year. Wall Street analysts, however, had slashed their forecasts so much over the past month that the final tally for both companies topped most estimates.

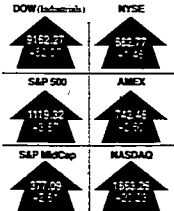
Intel, which supplemented its report with a plan to slash costs by cutting 3,000 jobs, traded higher most of the day before finishing 1 1/8 lower at 74 7/8 as the most active Nasdaq issue. Compaq rose 9/16 to 26 5/8 as the most active issue on the New York Stock Exchange.

But elsewhere in the technology group, IBM fell 3 1/2 to 109 3/4 and Hewlett-Packard rose 2 1/16 to 63 3/4 as two of the Dow's biggest gainers, while Microsoft rose 2 1/16 to 91 3/8 and Cisco Systems rose 3 to 70 1/16 to lead the Nasdaq advance.

"People were nervous with the Intel numbers. The conference call (with anal-

Market in brief

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NYSE Daily

Advances	1,576	New High	2
Declines	1,431	7/5	
Unchanged	547	New Low	0
Total Issues	3,554	17	

Composite volume: 623,583,800

1997 avg. Comp. vol.: 628,215,259

ysts) was cautious, but it wasn't a disaster," said Bill Barker, chief investment strategist at Dain Rauscher in Dallas. "Companies have done a good job of reducing analyst expectations," he said, calling Wednesday's gains "a sigh of relief."

The flow of first quarter profit reports also remained fairly encouraging outside the technology group on Wednesday.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Stock	High	Low	Close	Change
IBM	110 1/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	-3 1/2
Microsoft	91 3/4	91 1/8	91 3/8	+2 1/16
Intel	74 7/8	74 1/8	74 7/8	-1 1/8
Compaq	26 7/8	26 5/8	26 5/8	+9/16
HP	63 3/4	63 1/4	63 3/4	+2 1/16
Amazon.com	17 1/2	17 1/8	17 1/8	+1/16
Yahoo	29 3/4	29 1/4	29 3/4	+2 1/4
Oracle	51 1/2	51 1/8	51 1/8	+1/8
SAP	73 1/2	73 1/8	73 1/8	+5/16
SAP500	245.80	245.50	245.50	+0.30
SPY	117 1/2	117 1/8	117 1/8	+5/16

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE					AMEX					NASDAQ				
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Microsoft	91 3/4	91 1/8	91 3/8	+2 1/16	S&P 500	1,115.32	1,115.00	1,115.32	+5.25	Compaq	26 7/8	26 5/8	26 5/8	+9/16
Intel	74 7/8	74 1/8	74 7/8	-1 1/8	NYSE	515.73	515.50	515.73	+1.18	HP	63 3/4	63 1/4	63 3/4	+2 1/16
Compaq	26 7/8	26 5/8	26 5/8	+9/16	AMEX	742.45	742.00	742.45	+0.75	Amazon.com	17 1/2	17 1/8	17 1/8	+1/16
HP	63 3/4	63 1/4	63 3/4	+2 1/16	NASDAQ	1,652.52	1,652.00	1,652.52	+23.75	Yahoo	29 3/4	29 1/4	29 3/4	+2 1/4
Amazon.com	17 1/2	17 1/8	17 1/8	+1/16	Daily	1,576	1,576	1,576		Oracle	51 1/2	51 1/8	51 1/8	+1/8
Yahoo	29 3/4	29 1/4	29 3/4	+2 1/4	Volume	623,583,800	623,583,800	623,583,800		SAP	73 1/2	73 1/8	73 1/8	+5/16
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INDEXES

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S&P 500	1,115.32	1,115.00	1,115.32	+5.25
NYSE	515.73	515.50	515.73	+1.18
AMEX	742.45	742.00	742.45	+0.75
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Stock	Div	PE	Last	YTD
Albermar	.68	24	50 1/4	+16
AmGen	1.12	11	53 1/8	+7.5
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BioCr	.60	30	19 1/2	+1.2
Biogen	1.80	22	119 1/4	+12
Boehringer	.83	21	20 1/4	+10.2
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Do-Not-Call list can help rid evenings of pesky telemarketers

WASHINGTON — Normally, telemarketing calls don't bother Todd Rich. "I hang up and go about my business," he says, "and they don't call me back."

But for two weeks in mid-January, Rich's telephone rang about 7:30 every weekday. The voice on the other end always was different but from the same company — IntelliQuest, a reputable technology research firm based in Austin, Texas.

She hung up on them. She asked them not to call back. The calls continued. "It was reaching the end of my rope," says Rich, a Washington resident who works for a data association.

Rich found out the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates telemarketing, and its "Do-Not-Call Rule."

When IntelliQuest called again, Rich asked that she add him to its Do-Not-Call list. The calls stopped for a while, then started again. She spoke to a supervisor who told her IntelliQuest is a company that's not regulated because it is a survey firm conducting a survey, not a telemarketer selling something.

Her position seems to be that they are entitled to call me as often as they wish, for as long as they wish," says Rich, who now has to complain with the FCC and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). She got yet another call last week. "Can this be legal?"

FCC spokesperson Rosemary Kimbal confirms that the federal telemarketing regulation does not restrict telephone survey companies. "It's really unacceptable," says IntelliQuest CEO. "We're not a telemarketer. We're a survey firm. And don't reply with a 'soft rebuttal' such as 'I don't have the time right now.' Survey callers don't take that as a 'no' response."

'Fax Pal' can be a best friend for a PC, printer

AC outlet for power and to your PC through the serial port. The FaxPal is a software program works with just about any Windows PC, even a creaky old 386 model with a paltry 4 megabytes of random-access memory.

Like an answering machine, the FaxPal automatically receives incoming faxes. As a fax tone is detected, the FaxPal collects and stores the incoming fax in its electronic memory until you sit down at the PC and ask to see any new faxes. If you get one of the FaxPal models that shares a phone line, the device receives nonfax calls, passing them along to a phone or voice answering machine.

For more information, call InfoLinking Inc. (800) 966-1140 or go to the company's World Wide Web site (www.infolinking.com). The FaxPal can be hard to find in stores, so check with InfoLinking before you start shopping.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Fund Name, Assets, and other financial metrics.

COMICS

Parrots By Charles M. Schulz

Oh!art By Scott Adams

B.C. By Johnny Hart

Garfield By Jim Davis

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

The Bare Necessities By Art Sansom & Chip

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Pickles By Brian Crane

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

Women try harder at romance

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Under Missouri law, your hunting license can be suspended, too, if you write out three on the lease you shoot somebody.

One thing you can say about France, hail the people who speak French live there.

Coins must not be too pretty. MIT officials for the United States and the United Kingdom have learned that much. Overly exquisite coins too quickly drop out of circulation. They wind up on charm bracelets and the like.

A dolphin's sonar signals go out through its forehead. Its jaw clicks up the echoes.

The American writer, Elizabeth Marbury said, "The richer your friends, the more they will cost you. It's a love affair begins to die, who tries the harder to save it, the man or the woman? Our Love and War man's files suggest the woman usually works the more diligently to resurrect the romance. But none other than those longtime author-

ies, Masters and Johnson, wrote that it's the man who ordinarily tries to hang on longer.

If you're nearsighted, you see the color red most clearly. If farsighted, you see blue more sharply. Or so say the experts.

Q. What were Abraham Lincoln's last words to his wife?
A. Scated in Ford's Theatre, he took Mrs. Lincoln's hand, and he said, "What would people think? He said, "They won't think anything about it."

Many think the raccoon always washes its hands before it eats. But an authority on the animal says it's just wetting its paw pads so better to feel things. Its pads when wet are about as sensitive as its nose, but they go numb when dry as crust.

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- Shades
- Walk-on part
- Court action
- In the midst of
- "I Am Woman" singer
- Chavez or Romero
- Nicks of
- Applehead Mac
- Absconded to many
- Turkey's capital
- Urgent
- Singer Tillis
- Short
- Make right
- Ring bells
- Enrichment
- Slacks
- Star
- Fruit drinks
- Drama
- Shades
- Bad actor
- Joel-Gladish separator
- Brooch
- Neighbor of West Virginia
- Part of a yo-yo
- Small stream
- Hobby horse
- Wet bit
- Russ
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Horoscope

IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

You possess extraordinary perception, are surrounded by aura of mystery, intrigue, glamour. Pique, Virgo means play outstanding roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names - G, F, Z. Current cycle relates to revelation concerning direction, motivation, marriage. You'll be asked to invest time, possibly money in connection with food processing, restaurant management. June your most exciting, romantic month.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Thursday night out Excellent for entertainment, for socializing, for mix-ups with food processing, restaurant management. June your most exciting, romantic month.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Discuss a legal account come up suddenly - maintain equilibrium, turn on charm. Facts, figures are part of arrangement for sale, purchase. Scorpio and another Taurus play role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can talk your little and out of anything. Focus on legal arrangements, public relations, marital status. Clearance should be made.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Family reunion, sort of - Libran wants entire party. Be diplomatic, remember that music can control moods. Financial arrangement could be up in the air.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wait, listen, observe - stability individual will show hand. Culprit caught - it becomes known you stand up for your rights. Love relationship creates blend of passion, frustration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emphasis on responsibility, timing, recognition of deadline. Property value assessed, income tax requires added attention. Short won't do so, respect accordingly. Capricorn plays role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be misled by superficial approval, communicate with overseas representative. Let go of burden you should not have carried in first place. Arise, another Libran figure in scenario.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Finally you have creative control. Inprint style - don't follow others, highlight independent and proceed accordingly. Financial shows marked improvement. Leo will play dramatic role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What was lost will be recovered - Cancer native proves instrumental in settlement. Financial approval, communication better than originally anticipated. Time to evaluate priorities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Delicate situation amicably settled as result of backstage activities. Private meeting is crucial, address your long desired results. Accorred social activity - Sponsorship, social events.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Apparent gain in light but not quite to your liking. Don't compromise long-term. Verify costs, potential profit. Ultimately you get your way, so know it and proceed accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You obtain release from obligation that would create stress, embitterment. Emphasize perceptiveness, charm, intelligence. What began as flirtation is getting serious.

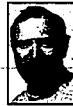
Deep silence down in the Grand Canyon

I'd come to the Grand Canyon in search of "The Great Hum," silence so profound it throbs in visitors' ears. I was in the midst of a solitary 600-mile hike, but something had caught my eye.

I was watching a green rattle snake that was trying to understand me with little flicks of its black tongue. The canyon's snakes, curiously color-adapted to their home, were an infrequent treat for me. High in the rim of the canyon, they blend with the green pinyons and junipers; deep in the red rocks near the river, they are pink, with a surprising mellowness of temper.

In places where old volcanoes spurted lava, they are camouflage black.

Reassured that I meant no harm, the snake stopped buzzing. The silence of the canyon expanded and as the snake muscled away, I could easily hear the rasp of its scales on the sandy rock - the only sound in a broad amphitheater of bare stone.



SANDSTONE AND SUNSETS
Tom Miller

Much later, at dusk, I made camp at a pair of sandstone overhangs. It wasn't much of a camp, just a light down bag on an inflatable pad and a one-quart pot atop a tiny butane stove. Dinner wasn't much, either, just boiling water over a freeze-dried fennel primavera.

Without the little stove's roar, the quiet came back, the time broken by the winged flap and rattle of bats diving on evening insects. By starlight, I wandered to another overhang and switched on a lamp. Painted figures loomed from the darkness: men with hollow-eyed heads, boldly hunched rams and deer, and other, intricate designs in white, red, green, black and ochre.

The pictograph gallery stretched for many yards, across a stain of mineral varnish and features on 5 summits.

I'd done the typical canyon run before, down the Colorado River by kayak - with the froth of a hundred rapids, yells of soaked rafters, evening philosophizing by the fire, and ceaseless white noise from the river at night. They were treasured memories, but they were confined by cliffs, group dynamics and the ticking clock of Park Service permits.

So in 1996, I ventured beyond the known, hiking nearly 600 miles on the canyon's upper benches, snugly looking down on a noisy river crowded by bottom-feeding rafters and kayakers. In 46 days, I didn't see what I could only guess at when hustling down the river.

It was a solitary journey of discovery. On the sunny Esplanade, I hiked remote plateaus. One day, I peered into a suite of huge, rounded caves at the edge of a nameless canyon. The largest was easily 120 feet deep; half full, it held hundreds of gallons of water, enough for a group of men and their horses for weeks.

On another, I moved into a huge daisy overhang, where neat piles of rusty picks, shovels, chisels, axes, muleshoes, nails, plates, cups, knives and forks - all waiting for their owners to return. Later, I stumbled on a rock wall of red copper minerals exposed on naked rock - azurite and malachite - and nearby, an old mine adit and shaft dug into the vein.

The mine seemed a satisfying explanation for the cached equipment, and I hurried back to my camp, hungry for freeze-dried lasagna.

My last night was the darkest, and the sky was brilliant with stars. An hour after sunset, I finally heard the low rumble - at the strained lower edge of hearing, but still distinguishable from the blood rushing through my ears.

It was almost mechanical in its deepness: The Great Hum. I understood what people in Roswell, N.M., mean when they speak of odd lights and strange visitors. They speak of "The Great Hum" with distrust, as proof that Big Government is building an ominous machine in the desert - no matter how emphatically it is denied.

I knew what the Roswell folks thought, but I also knew their error.

This sound was not a machine. Perhaps it was the rattle of a putrid, distilled silence, or perhaps a river of many small echoes that ran together in a great powerful tone, or the sound of an infinite number of wind carresses on bare rock.

On my final night in the great canyon, it was enough to imagine it was the wind, fine-tuning of the walls to a harmonic pitch - a rare composition almost impossible to hear unless one travels distantly and privately.

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HAND OVER FIST

Desert climbers flock to Utah for sandstone 'jamfest'

MOAB - I was about 60 feet off the deck when it hit me: "This is a bad spot for trouble."

The rope, dangling from my harness to the ground, offered no more support than a strand of cooked spaghetti. Overhead, the crack I was climbing appeared to vanish into blue sky. It was the only flaw on an otherwise smooth wall of golden brown sandstone.

My heart raced. Reaching up with my right hand, I slotted it deep into the three-inch gap. Then I tensed my muscles and expanded my hand inside the crack. Pulling with my arms and tanning my elbows inward, I twisted my wrist and locked my hand in the crack in a technique known as "jamming."

The purchase was amazingly secure.

I pulled my foot from the crack and tipped my knee outward, then re-extended my toes higher into the crack. I twisted my knee back upright and stood up - on my jammed foot.

The entire sequence took seconds to accomplish, and it flowed smoothly in a rhythm of uninterupted moves up the vertical wall.

I was in the "Super Crack," a legendary desert climb that's known around the world. It splits a smooth sandstone wall and rises, straight as an arrow, with virtually parallel sides.

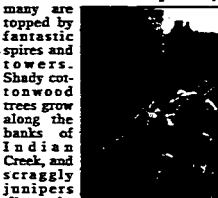
The first ascent of the Super Crack came in November, 1976, when Earl Wiggins, Ed Webster and Bryan Becker boldly climbed where no one had gone before.

Climbing equipment in those days was a far cry from the high-tech, modern gear of today. Thus, their protection from a long - possibly fatal - fall was dubious, at best. Earl Wiggins knew that, but he insisted that climbing the Super Crack was worth dying for.

The Super Crack ascends the walls of Indian Creek Canyon in southeastern Utah. It is the most famous line on Indian Creek, but there are scores of other outstanding routes to choose from.

Indian Creek is located near the eastern entrance to Canyonlands National Park, approximately 50 miles south of Moab. The canyon cuts deeply into the desert plateau and a labyrinth of smaller, finger canyons stretch out in all directions from the main channel.

The spectacle is amazing, with brilliant sandstone walls looming hundreds of feet above the canyon floor.



A typical rack of desert climbing hardware. These high-tech climbing devices are prohibitively expensive, so bring your Vias, Macbratland and American Express card.

Delicate wildflowers and spiny cacti dot the sandy bottomlands.

The canyon is aptly named because hundreds of ancient petroglyphs are etched into the golden stone. Images of coyotes, deer, medicine men, hunters and mystic symbols are everywhere. Even a few rock shelters remain, more testimony to a society that vanished more than 600 years ago.

The surroundings are contemplative, but climbing in Indian Creek Canyon is demanding.

Much of the region's sandstone is rotten and crumbly, but the walls of Indian Creek Canyon are composed of sturdy Wingate sandstone. In



The Super Crack in Indian Creek, Utah is a route that captures the essence of rock climbing. Here, a veteran desert rat scuttles up the 6.10 line with a minimum of protective hardware.

Photos and story by Mark Weber

addition to its quality rock, Indian Creek's cliffs are riddled with cracks are often parallel for their entire length.

Combine that with an almost-total lack of horizontal edges and you've got the recipe for difficult, sustained crack climbing. Without good edges, there's no alternative to jamming.

At first, the technique is a little disconcerting because you're not holding onto anything. Instead, climbers simply slot their hands and

feet into the crack, then tense their muscles and twist.

The idea is to make your hands and feet "big" so they'll slot into the crack. Think of it as slipping

ping a limp balloon into a tight spot, then inflating it.

Needless to say, jamming can be incredibly painful - but it offers some of the most secure holds imaginable. The downside is that even the smoothest rock can feel like 200 grit sandpaper, so climbers can literally wear the skin off their hands, fingers and arms; seasoned desert climbers often wrap their hands and fingers with athletic tape for protection.

Another crucial form of protection is the proper hardware to safeguard lead climbers in the event of a fall. Indian Creek's parallel-sided cracks offer few natural constrictions

hold standard "chockstone" devices, so modern climbers generally rely on spring loaded camming equipment.

These high-tech gadgets have opposing cam lobes that retract when triggered, then expand when placed in a crack. Some of Indian Creek's climbs require more than a dozen of these devices, which typically cost \$50 to \$100 apiece.

The upshot is that climbers in the same party generally pool their gear

- or run the risk of a long fall. Such concerns are never far from climbers' minds, but there are bigger things to think about at Indian Creek.

Down there, in the falling light of late afternoon, the canyon's walls often glow like burnished bronze. Heat rises from the desert floor, causing the landscape to shimmer.

The air is still and the desert's deep silence speaks volumes - if you take the time to listen.



Twin Falls climber Greg Moore locks and loads with a technique known as "jamming" on route to the top of Split Pillar, a 5.9 climb in Indian Creek, Utah. Note the athletic tape protecting his hands.

OUTDOORS

Survival class fosters confidence

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — A fine mist has rolled into Fuller's Meadow on the Parrie Haynes Ranch. Every so often it threatens to turn into rain and, for a few minutes, drops spatter thickly on the ground.

There is the sound of a stream feeding a pond at the meadow's edge. And something else.

From a clump of cedars a chorus of confused voices can be heard.

"OK, you pull the running knot through the loop ..."

"I'm still lost."

"... have to pinch ..."

"But I don't know where to pinch."

Among the trees, three women are making a lean-to shelter from rope and a tarp as part of an outdoors survival class. This is a Phase II weekend for participants in the Backcountry and Outdoors-Women (BOW) program.

The national program, implemented in Texas by the Parks and Wildlife Department, is about opportunities. Traditionally it has been brothers, fathers and husbands who have baited hooks and pitched tents. Now it's the women's turn.

They came to learn, and they won't be deterred by the weather. It may be cold and damp, but it's worth the camaraderie and empowerment they take away.

Among the men, Connie Burdette, 35, doesn't wait for the others. As soon as she's had breakfast at the dining hall she and another camper head out to Fuller's Meadow. Wearing hiking boots and a red jacket she quickly pitches her nylon tent and waits for the other campers to arrive.

Her decision to try outdoors activities on her own was spurred by a diagnosis of breast cancer two years ago.

"Once you have cancer it can always come back and you don't know when it's going to come back," she says. "So you might as well start enjoying your life while you want to enjoy it and not wait ... you don't want to be sitting around."

Before she discovered the BOW program, Burdette camped and fished with her husband. But she says she left most of the responsibilities to him. "He would take the fish off and I would let him do those things, or he wouldn't really show me how to do stuff," she says.

"So this is where I get to learn how to do it, without him going 'no, no, no, no, that's not right,' or 'here, just let me do that,'" she says. "This is a very non-threatening environment. No one is going to make fun of you if you make a mistake."

She agrees with other women is satisfying, too, she says. "You don't have your microwave. You don't have your comfy bed. You have to find other ways to enter-

Women learn outdoors basics

tain yourself other than TV. You have to talk to other people. Being with nature ... it's an experience that comes together."

This morning she and Jean Robison, 50, enjoy each other's company. The two met at a BOW workshop last year, and now they attend some outdoor functions together.

"My grandfather hunted," says Robison, "but it just wasn't one of those things where you took the girls. That's just the way they did it."

Before participating in the BOW program, Robison wouldn't have thought "I wouldn't have thought that would appeal to me," she says laughing. "Put it on a horse, let them carry it."

But a taste of the outdoors led to a hunger for more.

"I'd like to go to a self-confidence seminar," she says. "I'd like to go to a self-confidence seminar."

Robison. She has her own kayak, and her husband gave her a shotgun for Christmas last year. "You try something in a controlled environment, you're more confident to try it on your own. It makes you more willing to try new things."

She and her husband recently visited a friend in Oregon, where they took a guided river raft trip. "I don't think it's something we would have done had I not gotten involved in this," she says.

The survival skills she's working on today have a broad application, she says.

"It makes you a little more aware of what I get in my truck in case I get stuck somewhere and nobody comes along. Do I have a blanket? It doesn't have to be real involved," Robison says. "Think of all the people that have gotten lost skiing, snowboarding ..."

Robison and Burdette spend the morning making temporary shelters and collecting firewood. They are wearing colorful shirts and colorful pants in the mist.

After they've collected enough wood, they meet under a blue tarp strapped between oak trees.

"This is to camp, where survival skills instructor Steve Sellers will show them how to build a fire — in the damp conditions. Sellers has been teaching survival skills for over 28 years, mostly with the Air Force."

"It doesn't matter to me

whether it's men, women, kids," he says, "as long as they get the information and they go out and enjoy the outdoors, that's it. It's safety. That's all that counts."

While the campers work in Fuller's Meadow, Kevin Hutchinson, 35, and five women gather at a class pond on another part of the ranch. Hutchinson is teaching them the basics of fly fishing. Like the meadow, the pond is land with fish.

The women line up along the pond edges and practice. Except for the 24-year-old of their rank, it's quiet. Hutchinson's line is a graceful orange arc among the reeds.

Unlike Sellers, he couldn't teach BOW workshop excepting to dislike it. But Hutchinson says, "That changed."

After the workshop, women were talking about what they would like to do next.

One participant said, "I'd like to go to a self-confidence seminar."

—Connie Burdette, breast cancer survivor

he says "was probably 50 years old," told everybody that when she was a child her father took her brothers hunting on a regular basis. Although she wanted to go, she was never allowed. She cried every time, says Hutchinson.

During the workshop, the woman got to use a shotgun for the first time in her life. Hutchinson says by the time she finished her story, people were crying. "Because it was obvious that she had been chased 40 years ago on something that she really wanted to do, and it was simply because she was a woman," says Hutchinson.

Now he enjoys teaching women. "With men, you get 30 men in a room and 15 of them think they're better than you," he says. "Women are there because they want to learn. They just want you to teach them and get out of their way."

The best part of it, he says, is when former students send photos of themselves and their fish. "It makes him proud," he says, even if "their smile's bigger than the fish. If at every workshop I just impart one lesson like that, it's totally worth it."

Glenda Byrd, 61, has stayed on the pond on the bank. She is a study in understated elegance as she casts her line. Her hair is neatly coiffed, and even out here, she wears braided pants.

"We're from Corpus, and we used to do some serious fly fishing, but we've been in Dallas like

25 years and haven't fished any," Byrd says. "I wanted to go fishing in Dallas, and I just couldn't find anybody that would take me. You know, you just can't ask somebody else's husband to take you fishing."

Three years ago she found a BOW ad in a magazine. She signed up. Since then she has attended several of the Phase II fishing workshops.

As Byrd stands on the bank, the sky opens up. The rain is fine, but steady. Nearby, Deborah Sings criss a beautiful green line into the pond. "Old that was so pretty," says Byrd. "That was wonderful."

Sings, 50, laughs delightedly. "I improved a lot," she says. "It's a real sense of accomplishment. I think you feel better about yourself in general. Like you can tackle anything."

But catching a fish isn't her main goal. "I have no desire to catch it and eat it. I'll get it off the hook and let it go right quick." Mostly, she says she wants "to look good if I'm going to go somewhere in public where other people might see me."

Byrd says her husband's death December last year led her to pursue fly fishing. She remembers her line from a word that she snagged it. "I just want to fish, but I sure would like to catch something."

But before she can hook something, the weather breaks the anglers back to the bunkhouse. No one has caught a thing.

The evening smells at the meadow's base camp are enticing. Tin candles — some roset and vegetables wrapped in foil — sit directly on the coals. Someone has even heated apple slices and raisins with a little sugar.

Burdette says she doesn't know why, but when it comes to outdoor cooking, "I'm always hungry and it's always worse here. It's somehow more satisfying."

Now she adds that could be because food takes longer to cook.

She says the best part of the day has been learning to build a fire. "I always had a guy around me who'd say, 'Now I feel confident doing it.'"

The evening camp is topped off with a visit from shotgun instructor Billy Gans, 47. Supplied with eggs, flour, butter and sugar, he makes chicken. In little more than an hour the campers are serving themselves peach cobbler and burnt cake from Dutch ovens.

The campers eat with signs of warmth, sweet smiles and sighs of pleasure. After this, sleeping outside will be easy.

The last thing the campers hear before drifting off to sleep is the sound of rain pelting the fabric of their tents.



Properly padded against the cool weather and rock-hard ground, fisherman Don Burgess catches a giant pike as he allows the line and pole to do the work on the Columbia River near Bonerville, Ore., Tuesday.

Relieved wildlife officials find no pike in reservoir

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — State wildlife officials with electric probes tapped a remote stretch of Lake Oroville to look for the aggressive northern pike Wednesday. If any big anglers, they caught none.

"It's an ambush predator, and he's at the top of the food chain," said state biologist Eric See. "We've never had a confirmed catch of a pike here."

A flat-bottomed boat carrying two electrified probes drifted through the shallows near the rocky inlet where an angler recently reported catching a 29-inch pike. The fisherman ate the fish, but later showed officials photos.

The probes were placed about six feet apart in the water in front of the boat. Technicians then sent seven-amp, 600-volt bursts into the water, stunning all fish in the immediate area and forcing them to float to the surface, where they were netted and released.

Biologist Patrick O'Brien said the fish were stunned for only a few minutes and recovered quickly.

There were no pike, if fierce, toothy game fish that state officials fear may enter California rivers or tributaries and devastate the native salmon and trout. The pike are native to the upper Midwest.

"Just bass and carp," shrouded one technician to a media file boat that shadowed the electro-fishing crew.

Last fall, the state poisoned Lake Davis, about 100 miles to the northeast in Plumas County and upstream along Feather River tributaries to eradicate pike that had been discovered there.

The chemicals have not completely dissipated, Lake Davis

'He's an ambush predator, and he's at the top of the food chain.'

—Eric See, state biologist, on northern pike

remains off limits and the state's promised restocking of trout there has not yet occurred.

Portola, which used Lake Davis as its primary supply of drinking water before the poisoning, filed a claim this week against the state to recover lost tourism dollars and finance the digging of new wells to provide an alternative water supply.

See said authorities have no confirmed catch of a pike in California outside of Lake Davis and nearby Frenchman's Lake near a decade ago.

Lake Oroville, a sprawling State Water Project reservoir with 167 miles of shoreline, is an inhospitable environment for the northern pike, O'Brien said.

The deep, chilly lake is ringed by steep cliffs. Pike, which hide among reeds to strike at their prey, prefer shallow shore areas such as those at Lake Davis.

Experts say the pike are vicious hunters. At Lake Davis, many pike were found with large trout in their stomachs.

"He's a very strange, fierce-looking fish," See said.

F&G schedules 'wildlife parts' auction

JEROME — Anyone handling by fur horns, hides, hoofs or sundry other wildlife parts should head for the Magic Valley office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game on Saturday.

Items seized from around the state will be available. Prospective buyers can inspect the goodies at 9 a.m. and the bidding kicks off at 11 a.m. The Fish and Game office is located at 868 E. Main St.

In addition to wildlife parts, there may be a few antlers, and reels, and other sporting equipment. Some items were seized in fish and wildlife violations, while others were simply abandoned or some accidentally killed critters also may be available.

Only cash and personal checks will be accepted. For more information, call 324-4359.

Tonight's slide show to highlight canyon

TWIN FALLS — If the idea of a 46-day, 600-mile backpacking

OUTDOORS IN BRIEF

trip — alone — through the Grand Canyon appeals to you, then you might want to attend a free slide show tonight.

Tom Miller, who made the journey in 1996, will show slides and tell tales starting at 7 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble bookstore. Miller is a senior water quality adviser with the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls.

The Grand Canyon is an amazing place, with the silence, at times, is so profound that visitors can hear snakes slithering over sandstone. Of course, the silence is shattered hundreds of times daily by commercial airplane flights, but there is still some magic left inside the Grand Canyon.

Fish disease expert speaks to club tonight

TWIN FALLS — What to do about whitebait disease is the topic, is so profound that visitors can hear snakes slithering over sandstone. Of course, the silence is shattered hundreds of times daily by commercial airplane flights, but there is still some magic left inside the Grand Canyon.

Each team will consist of two anglers and the entry fee is \$33 per person.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places, as well as top individual and big fish of

Steve Elle, from Fish and Game's Nampa Research Center, will speak at 7 p.m. at the Rock Inn Restaurant, 200 Anderson Ave. W.

His talk will highlight the monthly meeting of the Magic Valley Flyfishers, non-members and anglers.

Elle's research has focused on wild trout in Silver Creek, the South Fork of the Boise River, the Big Lost River and other streams around the state. The Rainbow, brook and cutthroat trout have been studied.

Bass touney set for reservoir

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Bassmasters will host a bass-fishing tournament Saturday on Anderson Ranch Reservoir.

The launch will be at the Canyon boat ramp, just after daybreak.

Each team will consist of two anglers and the entry fee is \$33 per person.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places, as well as top individual and big fish of

the day.

All boats must have life vests for everyone on board, and a fire extinguisher on each boat. Angers must use artificial lures; live bait is prohibited.

Rod, gun club slates Sunday shotgun event

JEROME — The Jerome County Rod and Gun Club will hold a sporting days and trap shoot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at its range, northeast of Jerome.

Cost is \$7 for sporting days and \$3 for trap.

Shooters need to bring their own guns and ammo. Non-members are welcome.

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Survival depends on correct decisions

Clear thinking is key when life hangs in balance

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — The difference between surviving an unexpected night in the wilderness and not is what's between your ears.

"Surviving is a decision-making process," says survival expert Peter Kummerfeldt. "If you make good decisions, you'll survive. Make bad decisions and you may be an obituary."

Kummerfeldt, 52, spent most of his 30 years in the U.S. Air Force as a survival instructor, the last 12 of which he was the survival training director at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

When he retired from the Air Force in 1995, his Survival Consultant Group, which had been a hobby for several years, became a full-time job. He spends about seven months a year traveling from his Colorado Springs home and presenting seminars on such subjects as outdoors emergencies, equipment and rescues.

Kummerfeldt was in Portland recently, addressing a group of big game hunters.

"You should expect to spend a night out — so you should plan for it," he told the group, noting that any number of circumstances — such as stormy weather, injury or illness could result in an unexpected overnight stay.

"You can't necessarily anticipate an incident, but you can anticipate the potential of something happening," Kummerfeldt said. "In anticipating the possibilities of what can happen out there, there are a number of areas that thought can be given to in advance."

At the top of the list, according to Kummerfeldt, is clothing. The objective in selecting clothes and footwear is to stay warm and dry no matter what the weather might offer.

"We dress to arrive, not to survive," Kummerfeldt said. "That ought to be reversed. Try to get the best clothing you can afford which will get you through the worst-case scenario."

There are skills which can be developed in a backyard to help a person prepare for a night out. Those skills include building a shelter and a fire in all conditions.

"If you have good clothing, you may not need shelter or fire, but an inability to build a shelter or fire may result in an unhappy ending," Kummerfeldt said. "You need to have a fool-proof reliable way to get a fire going."

He recommended storm proof, wind proof matches, lighters and a meter match which can produce a spark no matter what the weather. Then

CSI program offers kayak skills course

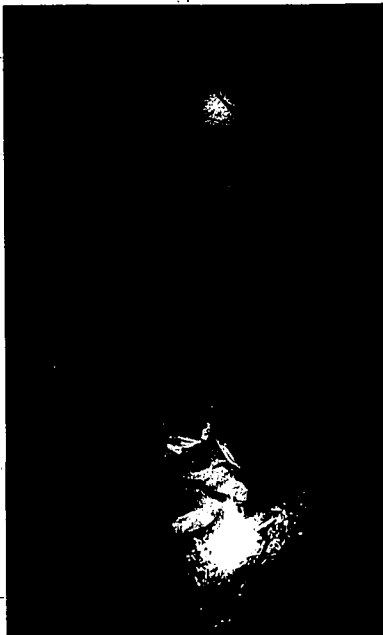
The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — An all-day workshop for beginning kayakers will be offered Sunday by the College of Southern Idaho's Outdoor Program.

The workshop will cover basic boating skills, including paddle strokes, ferrying, eddy turns and the Eskimo roll. How to interpret moving water also will be covered.

The cost is \$20, which includes lunch and transportation. Some equipment will be provided, anyone who does not have equipment should contact Bill Studebaker at 733-9554, ext. 2142.

To register, call 733-9554, ext. 2288.



Survival expert Peter Kummerfeldt recommends that people venturing into the outdoors carry a plastic orange sack similar to that shown in this photo because it's highly visible and completely covers a person.

he recommended practice.

"Start off in your backyard on a sunny day, then go to your backyard on a bad weather day," Kummerfeldt said. "Really work to get a feel for your equipment. Fire-making skills should be at the top of your list."

As far as food and nutrition, Kummerfeldt carries a quart of water, an iodine solution which kills bacteria in water, and sev-

eral high-energy bars.

Kummerfeldt also recommends being familiar with maps and compasses, which can prevent an unplanned night out by "staying found."

"You may not be as lost as you think you are," he said. "One of the basic rules is to know what to do with a map and compass."

But at the point a person decides to spend a night out,

Kummerfeldt stressed the STOP scenario — Stop, Think, Observe, Plan.

"You absolutely cannot function in a panicky mode," he said.

"You need to consider 'What do I need, what do I have?' Don't throw away anything.

"When in a state of panic, all you want to do is move and probably at a high rate of speed. That drastically increases the risk of injury and increases dehydrating yourself."

"Dehydration is the No. 1 medical problem in the outdoors," Kummerfeldt said. "Many accidents in the outdoors can be traced back to dehydration. When there's not enough water in individual cells, they begin to break down, the body breaks down, the brain's ability to function is impaired and mistakes are made."

"The act of taking a drink of water has a tremendous calming effect. Dehydration and hypothermia are reasons for senseless deaths."

Kummerfeldt said it's also important to talk out loud.

"When you talk out loud, you talk positively," he said. "This is an event I can cope with. I can do it." When you talk silently to yourself, it's usually negative."

When lost, experts say the best bet for survival is to sit tight and let rescuers come to you. While waiting, blowing a whistle, using a signal mirror and using color as a ground marker increase the chances of being found.

"As difficult as that may be because of boredom and loneliness, staying put is best," Kummerfeldt said. "If you move, you may move into an area that's already been searched."

"People tend to underestimate distance and overestimate their ability to travel."

Kummerfeldt said many unexpected or unplanned nights out resolve themselves the next day when light dissolves the darkness or a storm eases. People are then able to orient themselves and walk out.

Whitewater safety seminar set at CSI

TWIN FALLS — A free whitewater safety seminar will be offered Friday night at the College of Southern Idaho.

The free program kicks off at 7 p.m. in room 118 of the Shields Building.

Noted rafter and river-rescue expert Brock Loveland will be the featured speaker. Loveland's philosophy is centered on the tenet that all whitewater boaters — even passengers on a raft — must be responsible for their own safety.

The safety seminar is a joint presentation of the Shoshone Falls chapter of the Idaho Whitewater Association and the CSI Outdoor Program. For more information, call Rusty Bowman at 734-5930.

Used whitewater gear sale set for Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Anyone with an interest in buying, selling, or simply admiring whitewater boating equipment should plan to attend a public sale Saturday.

Kayaks, rafts, paddles, life vests and other boating gear will be for sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Quality 1 Photo, at 708 Blue Lakes Blvd N.

Check-in time is 9 a.m. for anyone with items to sell. Clothes hangers and tables will be available for display on a first-come, first served basis.

The event is sponsored by the Shoshone Falls chapter of the Idaho Whitewater Association; donations to the chapter will gladly be accepted. Quality 1 Photo is offering a 50 percent discount to new IWA members on processing for their first roll of whitewater film.

For more information, call Rusty Bowman at 734-5930.

'Milner Mile' section to be dangerous in May

MURTAUGH — Bad news for expert whitewater boaters. Snake River flows in the

extremely difficult 1 1/2-mile gorge immediately downstream of Milner Dam are unlikely to exceed minimum thresholds for safety during May, the Idaho Power Co. has announced.

Specifically, river flows along the "Milner Mile" are unlikely to exceed 10,000 cubic feet per second; one cfs equals 449 gallons per minute. Though it doesn't get any easier at higher flows, the maelstrom becomes safer because higher water washes out dangerous hydraulic features that exist at lower flows.

All is not lost, however, because the Murtaugh stretch — a few miles downstream is ideally suited for whitewater boating at flows of less than 10,000 cfs. The Murtaugh stretch runs from the bridge at Murtaugh to the Twin Falls Reservoir, a distance of about 13 miles, and it is considered one of the premier big-water challenges in Idaho.

Kayak roll clinic to take place at YFCA

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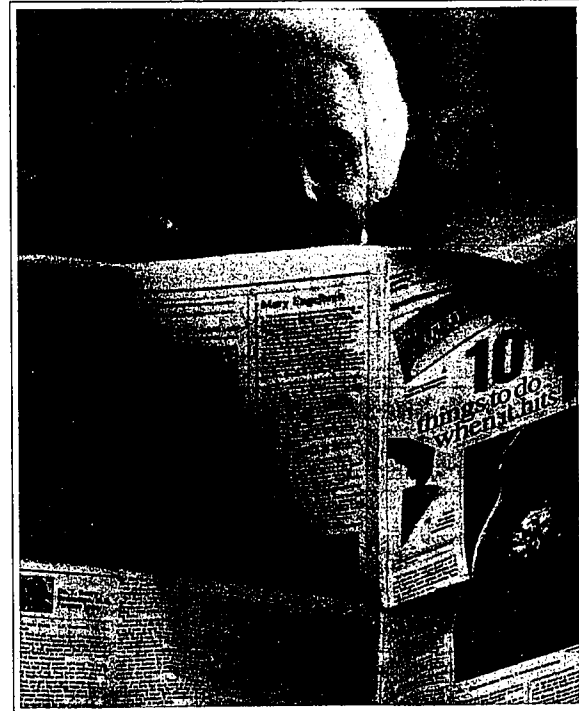
The clinic will run from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday in the YFCA pool, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. Some equipment will be available, but students are encouraged to bring their own.

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OUTDOORS

Wildlife teems at Rhode Island management area.

Providence Journal-Bulletin

PROVIDENCE — Sometimes it takes an outsider to help us appreciate things we take for granted.

During the last 80 years or so, Sam Garigliano has hunted and fished in many places. He has raised deer in his kitchen and pioneered the breeding of ring-neck pheasants. He has handled some of the top dogs at the Westminster Kennel Club Show in New York, and trained some of the finest bird dogs in the Northeast for the Hammonasset Club outside New Haven.

Last weekend, Garigliano visited the Arcadia Management Area, where the Ocean State Bird Dog Club was conducting a field trial for pointing dogs. Walking behind a big-running pointer and a little Brittany, Garigliano asked a Rhode Islander who owned Arcadia.

"We all do," was the reply. "The club?" "No, the state, the taxpayers, I mean," said the Rhode Islander. "And the people who buy fishing and hunting licenses. This is a dog-training area, and you need a hunting license to work your dog here."

The Brittany came to a strip of corn, fallen and stripped by deer, wild turkeys and other critters living on the edges of Arcadia's field.

"What a beautiful strip," Garigliano said. "Who plants it and does the cutting; the clubs?" He was told, "The clubs and the wild-turkey federation do some of the work, but the state does most of it."

"You're very lucky to have all this," Garigliano said.

Two days later, state wildlife biologist Brian Tefft was in the field with a crew of farmers and firefighters. Tefft was directing

the burning of small patches of brush and the plying of feed strips to restore even more wildlife habitat.

Running his new English setter pup all alone, the Rhode Islander remembered Garigliano say, "This is a beautiful place. Take care of it."

Arcadia covers about 14,000 acres in four towns. Dozens of trails wind through the area like ribbons for hikers, equestrians, bikers and others. There are three ponds open to everyone, with bass, trout and a variety of panfish. Frosty Hollow Pond receives a large stocking

of trout each spring, and its fishing is for children only. The state's premier trout stream, the Wood River, flows through the land.

In the spring, hunters pursue wild turkeys in Arcadia, and in the fall, they hunt deer, gamebirds, rabbits and squirrels there.

The state Department of

Environmental Management publishes free maps of the area.

There also are some wonderful Arcadia hikes described in Ken Weber's two books, Walks & Rambles in Rhode Island and More Walks & Rambles in Rhode Island, and in Bird Walks in Rhode Island by Adam J. Fry.

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OUTDOORS

Boat enthusiasts immerse themselves in 'virtual sailing'

Knit Rider News Service

MIAMI — Before she stumbles out of her waterbed for coffee, before she hits the bathroom, before she opens her newspaper, Steffi Schiffer of Fort Lauderdale climbs into her sailboat, WOTFAM, and navigates the sea.

She does this on her cordless computer keyboard.

"Oh, look! They threw a broken wheel on me at 1:30 a.m. March 28. I didn't even realize I lost 30 minutes because of that," said Schiffer, grinning. "Last leg I broke a rudder and lost 12 hours."

Virtual racing, free to all users ... allows armchair sailors to become skippers and navigators of their own mythical Whitbread-60boat.

Schiffer is one of 6,000 people from all over the world — many in South America — who have immersed themselves in the Whitbread Round the World Race by being "virtual racers" through the Whitbread's Internet web site.

The site — www.whitbread.org — is a colorful, complex potpourri of sights, sounds and information related to the nine-leg, 31,600-mile race which is now stopped at Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. Leg 7, from Fort Lauderdale to Boston, departs the Whitbread Volvo Race Village at 1 p.m. next Sunday, the same time all 6,000 virtual racers will restart their journey.

Quokka Sports is the San Francisco-based media company that produces on-line coverage of the Whitbread. Quokka, which helped the International Olympic Committee develop its web page, has a mission of "total sports immersion," said Elissa Schreck, a Quokka marketing manager in Fort Lauderdale for the sixth stop. More than 12 million users have visited the site since the race began in September.

"It's very cool. The virtual race makes people digital participants in the Whitbread adventure," Schreck said. "They can read e-mail, see footage, experience the race through the sailors' eyes."

"You can't imagine how much e-mail we get from virtual racers saying, 'What are we going to do when the Whitbread is over?'"

Virtual racing, free to all users (although only about 1,000 spend more for Leg 7), allows armchair sailors to become skippers and navigators of their own mythical Whitbread-60 boat. Participants click on the "Start" area of their screen and follow directions.

How it works

It looks pretty complicated, but, basically, here's how it works: In the program, virtual sailors are given the same weather information provided to the real sailors on the nine computer Whitbread boats. They choose their sails, between each leg — heavy, light or medium — and whether they want a boat that favors upwind, downwind or all-around conditions.

their paths by clicking on an exact spot of the current race leg's navigational chart. Depending on the predicted weather patterns (and, as in real life, these aren't always accurate), the computer shows the virtual racer how his boat would proceed. That gives racers an opportunity to change their minds and select another route before locking it in. The web site allows sailors to select their way-points (navigational path) up to four times a day, at six-hour intervals.

Each sailor can select up to 15 boats to appear on their chart at one time, including, if they choose, the real Whitbread-60s. The chart shows the sailors how they are progressing with exact latitudes and longitudes and a personal race log that lists mechanical problems and time lost because of them.

"I virtual sail every chance I get," said Schiffer, a real-life competitive sailor who manages an office building in Fort Lauderdale and strip center in Coral Springs. "There aren't enough races to keep me happy, and I don't own my own boat. So this is my sailing fix off the water. It keeps me out of the bars at night."

3 a.m. Let's race!

Indeed, Righter Kunkel, a 24-year-old senior software engineer from Fort Lauderdale, has been known to wake up at 3 a.m. to check the position of Wind Runner, his virtual boat. When Kunkel was selected by Quokka Sports for a test run of the competition before the Whitbread began, he placed first of the 150-person sample. In the virtual race he has placed as well as 43rd in the fifth leg from Auckland, New Zealand, to Sao Sebastiao, Brazil; and as low as 1,471st in the third leg from Fremantle to Sydney, Australia.

"I do not own a boat," said Kunkel, who crews on a 35-foot Beneteau in real life and said he would do the Whitbread "in a heartbeat" if given the chance. "Some of it is luck, and some of it is being able to do your own weather research. You feel what it's like for the real navigators. While you're wondering whether to go left or right at a certain point, they're looking at the exact same thing and making the exact same decisions."

During Leg 5, 22 of the 6,000 virtual racers detoured to real boats. In Leg 6 from Fort Lauderdale, 34 did the same.

One Fort Lauderdale racer, Joel Auerbach, didn't go far enough south to hit the 33rd leg. Auerbach and lost 2,000 places overnight.

"I want to sleep in 1,100th place and woke up 3,300," said Auerbach, 49, a travel industry sales rep for a sailor who organizes bus tours across the nation. "You look at your computer screen a little in disbelief, then change your course to get back in the race."



Ted Flato, of Longview, Wash., left, and Roger Sisco, of Rainier, Ore., camp the sand for signs of racers claus-gathered in low tide along the Long Beach Peninsula early Wednesday morning, during a one-day claim season in Long Beach, Wash. Sisco said the weather favored claim-gathering, "if you don't get any boats, you're not looking", or you don't know what you're doing," he said.

Snowboarding: Not just for grandkids anymore

By D. James Romero
Los Angeles Times

If snowboarding gets any more rebellious, it's going to have to be outlawed.

The sport is a punk-rocking, pot-smoking, board-a-palooza of bad-boy rebellion. In short, it's a youth quake. At least that's what the mainstream media feed us: Snowboarders are supposed to be the antithesis of Old Guard skiers, who prefer designer outerwear, French-made skis and a glass of chablis next to the fire after an afternoon of gliding down the slopes.

But something funny happened on the way to that stereotype.

Baby boomers began driving to the slopes with snowboards on board. And many who have surfed the snow have never gone back to their dueling skis, according to statistics. Some experts, in fact, are looking at these mature, cross-over skiers as one of the hottest segments of growth in the snow sports industry.

According to the Leisure Trends Group of Boulder, Colo., 40 percent of adult snowboarders are 35 or older. And that percentage is growing. The average age of an adult snowboarder is 27 and climbing. And the average age of those adults who ski and snowboard is 34.

"There's a lot of snowboarders with children and mortgages, the average age of the snowboarder keeps moving up, and the distinction and battle between snowboarding and skiing is diminishing," says Jeff Harbaugh, a 47-year-old snowboarder who is a business consultant and analyst for the snow, surf and skateboard industries.

The phenomenon unfolds daily in California's San Gabriel Mountains during this unusually healthy snow season, where big-name ski resorts are full with teenagers and twentysomethings in celebration of the 8-foot snow pack.

Richard Doherty, a 37-year-old from Venice, Calif., switched

from skis to snowboards three years ago and never looked back because, he says, snowboarding is easier on his body.

"Whenever I fell on my skis, I felt a twinge in my knees that lasted the rest of the day," he says during a break between runs at the Mountain High Resort near Wrightwood, Calif.

Likewise for Steve Birker, a 34-year-old from Orlando, Fla., who also crossed over for good. "With skiing, there's too many things to think about — two skis, two poles," he says.

"Snowboarding is just you and the board."

Indeed, many baby boomers who compare snowboarding with skiing agree that the knees and the coordinating of two skis are problems. They also say the board sport is easier to learn and gives them a second wind on the slopes if they've grown bored with skiing. Some boomers are even being lured toward boards because their children are learning the sport.

Eric Nathan, a 42-year-old snowboarder from Manchester, Vt., began snowboarding five years ago at the behest of his teen-ager. "I took inspiration from my oldest son — and I haven't had a pair of downhill skis since."

Many boomers are finding that snowboarding revives a sense of fun-loving freedom.

"Skiing became a real stuffy sport — it started being perceived as a rich person's pastime," Nathan says. "It's true that snowboarding had this radical, rebellious image, but once you do it, it's really not about image. It's an exhilarating experience."

Snowboarding is experiencing 30 percent annual growth that is represented in every facet, from women to teen-agers to dads, industry figures show.

"Snowboarding growing up?" asks John Stouffer, editor of TransWorld Snowboarding Business, an industry trade magazine.

"No, it's growing out. The hardcore kids are still going to be hardcore kids. There's more kids than ever. But teen-agers who are bored with their sport are saying, 'Don't beat 'em, join 'em.'"

There is evidence that snowboarding is taking up the slope slack of skiing's slow growth. With as many as 10 million people on the nation's slopes each season, Joy Spring of Leisure Trends estimates that as many as 3 million of those are on snowboards, while experts in the snow-sports industry say snowboarders will be in the majority by 2005.

This boomlet in snowboarding boomers has encouraged ski companies to continue entering what was once considered a hostile market.

"Certainly the stereotypical snowboarding culture grew out of Southern California more than anywhere else, because it came of surfers and skaters," says Stouffer. "But when you look at it, it's really an Alpine culture. We're not that different from skiers."

"This whole cultural identity was manufactured by mass media more than anything else."

Snowboard technology has made the sport much more inviting to boomers skiers and beginners alike. For one thing, snowboarding is usually done with soft, hike-style boots that are a godsend to skiers sick of stiff, stifling "hard boots."

Also, there are "step-in" bindings. For most of snowboarding history, riders have had to strap

into cumbersome-bindings-to become one with their boards.

The step-in bindings are a huge influence in getting boomers on boards," says Stacy Gardner, spokesman for the National Ski Areas Association. "It used to be that you had to sit on your butt and strap in. Now you can click in and go."

At the advanced end of snowboarding lies a genre known as carving — a cross between freeriding, which is simply cruising, and slalom, which is a racing style. It's often compared to surfing.

and involves long, stiff, slalom-like boards and, often, hard boots. And for some crossovers, it feels similar to downhill skiing.

In typical boomer fashion, Cordell Beasel, a 36-year-old San Diego surfer with a successful career as an attorney, gave up his day job to start a snowboard company, Pure Carve, with a pair of cross-over, 35-year-old Beasel's a profitless first year in the saturated snowboard market, he went back to lawyering, but he still has a foot in Pure Carve, for purely financial reasons. The 35-year-old company is putting out a highly technical carving model that requires hard boots.

"Kids are into freestyle snowboarding, which is skateboarding-inspired moves," Beasel says. "The appeal of carving is to an older person. But the adults get as stoked as the kids — they're just big kids."

Another boomer who bet on snowboarding — two decades ago — is Jake Burton, owner and president of Burton Snowboards, which now commands nearly half the U.S. snowboard market.

After starting his own company in 1977 — Burton quit a lucrative job as a corporate trader on Park Avenue — he proceeded to put snowboarding on the map.

"Skiing went awry and got caught up in stunts," Burton says. "Early on, I was laughed at by friends — good friends. Now they all snowboard."

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Dated this 8th day of April, 1998
By: Sharon Bryson, City Clerk, Twin Falls, Idaho

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DATED this 31st day of March, 1998.

By: DATED this 31st day of March, 1998.
C/O Jeff Skorko
P.O. Box 1579
Twin Falls, ID 83303-1597.

PUBLISHED: April 9, 16 and 23, 1998

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

FALLS MAGISTRATE COURT
Case No. SP 98-267
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Case No. CV 88-295
CHRISTINE FLORES, Plaintiff,
vs.
ARTURO FLORES, Defendant.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SERUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED.

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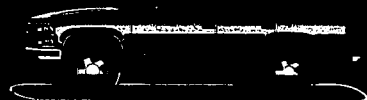


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