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## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER



**Today:**  
Mostly  
Sunny this  
morning  
becoming  
cloudy in the afternoon.  
High 83, low 52.

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# Buhl parades traditional theme

By Kent McCleary  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** — Old West Tradition suited Evalena Welch just fine, dressed as she was in a sun bonnet and hiding from the sun in a prairie schooner-style covered wheelchair for the Sagebrush Days parade on Saturday morning.

"This is my first parade in a while," said Welch, a part of the Twin Falls Care Center's parade entry. "Oh, about 1951 or 1952, I was in this Buhl parade. I was dressed as an old lady then."

Welch was among a train of one-person mini-floats that trailed the main entry. The outriders were Ruby Fleetwood, Lowell Faught, and Jon Hinds.

"We were in the Western Days parade in Twin Falls," said Faught, his tall cowboy hat filling up the canopy over his wheelchair. Their float fit the Buhl parade's theme of Old West Tradition, and center residents wanted to participate, said Administrator Buffy Thomas.

"This is my second parade. I was in the last one," said Fleetwood, balancing a basket of candy on her lap. "It's just nice to get out, you know. I like to get out. I always rode horses, and cattle, and done everything ... except top beets. That was too much."

Being a one-person float is a busy affair, so the four needed assistants to help distribute 82 pounds of candy along the parade route.

"Little Tyler here, he's my good buddy," said Hinds, peeking around his sun shade at sidekick Tyler Powell, 5. "He's my side bro. He wants to go."

"Are we gonna go yet?" asked Powell, craning his neck to sight down the row of floats along Buhl's main street.



Above, Tyler Powell, 5, waits impatiently for the Buhl Sagebrush Days parade to begin. He and his brother, Jon Hinds, were part of the Twin Falls Care Center's parade entry. Top, Dennis Aguilar talks with fellow members of the Portuguese Community float before the parade began.

# 2 in 5 irrigators violate pumping permits

## Only 4 percent exceed limits on total volume

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — For decades, groundwater pumpers never had to measure how much water they were sucking out of southern Idaho's huge underground aquifer.

But a new water-measurement program shows about 40 percent are pumping more than their water rights allow — at least some of the time.

"About two out of every five pump at rates exceeding authorized limits," says a recently released report from the Idaho Department of Water Resources, which analyzed the pumping practices of more than 400 groundwater users in parts of Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls and Cassia counties.

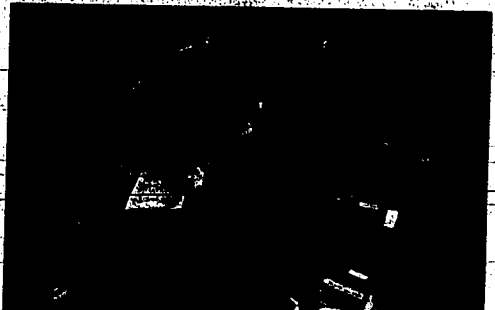
About one in 10 pumpers divert 40 percent more than water rights allow. Some

pumpers diverted up to five times more water than they had rights to, according to the report.

The measurement program is an attempt to determine how much water is being removed from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. Dwindling aquifer levels have led to decades of declining spring flows between Milner Dam and King Hill — and have sparked conflicts between water users across southern and eastern Idaho.

Most of the violations uncovered involved the city of Pocatello.

Dan Nelson, of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, uses ultrasonic equipment to measure groundwater pumped by the city of Eden. The water measurement program also includes hundreds of farmers across southern Idaho.



# Caribbean storm may bring rain needed to douse fires

The Associated Press

**FLAGLER BEACH, Fla.** — With thousands of evacuees spending the Fourth of July in shelters, hotels or even their cars, firefighters in southern Florida got word of potential relief Saturday — a storm that's churning in the Caribbean could bring a quenching rain by midweek.

The wildfires were still raging Saturday, although higher humidity, some brief showers and a cool breeze allowed fire

fighters to control the spread.

**Florida copes** — The conditions had some believing the worst may be over.

"We're turning the tide today and if the weather permits we'll be able to cool these fires down," said Ray Geiger, chief of field operations for the Division of Forestry.

"Then I think we can say we turned the tide."

More than 450,000 acres have burned in nearly 2,000 fires that have fed on bone-dry grass and shrubs since Memorial Day.

About 200 homes have burned and 100 people have been injured, although no deaths have been reported.

The storm hits the region as predicted. It would be the first significant rain to fall in more than a month.

"It's the best news we've had on that in a



Firefighter Greg Melanson, from the Volusia County Fire Dept., sprays a small wildfire along State Road 40 in Ocala, Fla.

month," state meteorologist Andrew DeGaetano said. "The best thing we could have happened right now is to have a tropical system provide copious amounts of rain in central and northeast Florida."

# Peek into Jefferson letter points to church-state separation today

The Virginian-Pilot

**WASHINGTON** — Using high-powered computers, the FBI late last year conducted a little-known, five-month investigation of Thomas Jefferson.

Investigators were trying to unravel what the third president meant in 1802 when he called for a "wall of separation between church and state" in a draft of a famous letter he wrote to Baptists in Danbury, Conn.

The draft had long intrigued historians and socially conservative leaders because Jefferson blurted out several lines of prose surrounding his immortal phrase on religious rights. At the request of the Library of Congress, the FBI agreed to use its technological know-how to peer beneath Jefferson's deletions.

"They discovered that the president had edited his letter to appear slightly less militant in his view that religion and government should be kept apart. For example, he scratched out the word 'eternal' to

become 'the wall of separation.' The changes may sound minor, but the words and actions of Jefferson loom just as important now as they were exactly 222 years ago to the day when he finished writing the Declaration of Independence.

Leaders of the Christian Coalition say the letter represents the latest round of

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# Museum displays Jefferson draft of Declaration

Newsmag

**WASHINGTON** — Thomas Jefferson, as with most writers, usually didn't get it right on the first draft, but thought he did. So early in July 1776, when the Continental Congress was editing his draft of the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson, unhappy with the changes, transcribed five copies of his version of the document for his friends.

"He did not like to be edited," said Cary Sutherland, curator at the Newseum, a journalism museum in Arlington, Va., where the copy is on display for the next three months. Jefferson made the copies to preserve his original ideas.

Jefferson underlined about a third of the text in the two-page, double-sided document to show alterations or deletions. Criticism of England's King George III for introducing slavery into the colonies was struck from the final version. Congress thought it hypocritical since Jefferson and many colonial

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# THE REGION

### Camas Prairie

High: 79 Low: 41  
Mostly sunny in the morning. Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Light winds.

### Treasure Valley

High: 84 Low: 54  
Mostly sunny in the morning. Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Light winds.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 80 Low: 39  
Mostly sunny in the morning. Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Same Monday.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 88 Low: 51  
Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers, storms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Mostly sunny Monday.

### Northern Idaho

High: 77 Low: 51  
Mostly sunny in the morning. Becoming mostly cloudy in the afternoon with scattered showers or thunderstorms.

### Northern Utah

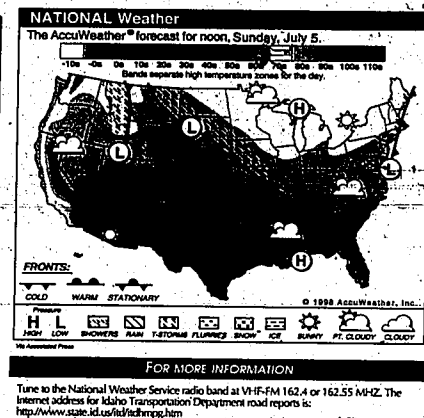
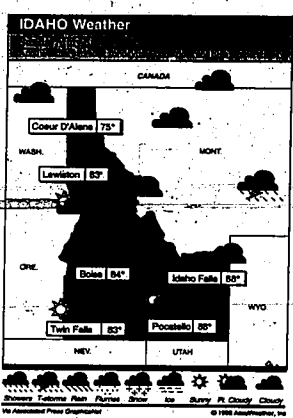
High: 95 Low: 65  
Mostly sunny and breezy with south afternoon winds 15-20 mph. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Monday.

### Northern Nevada

High: 92 Low: 53  
Mostly sunny becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Slight chance of showers tonight.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 83 Low: 52 Mostly sunny in the morning. Cloudy later.	High: 85 Low: 53 Mostly sunny and warmer.	High: 90 Low: 56 Sunny.	High: 90 Low: 50 Mostly sunny. Slight chance of storms.	High: 90 Low: 50 Mostly sunny. Slight chance of storms.



# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

### Twin Falls Precipitation

Yesterday	86	55	Yesterday in Twin Falls	.....
Last year	94	49	Month to date:	.03
Normal	89	52	Normal mo. to date:	.06
			Water year to date:	14.26
			Normal year to date:	9.01

### Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High, 92 degrees at Pocatello, Low, 41 degrees at McCall
Boise	86	54	.06	
Burley	88	55	.....	
Fairfield	81	49	.....	
Hagerman	88	54	.....	
Idaho Falls	88	54	.....	
Jerome	84	53	.....	
Leovision	83	51	.01	
Malad	81	49	.....	
Malta	91	45	.08	
McCall	76	41	.03	
Pocatello	92	56	.....	
Salmon	81	52	.....	
Stanley	71	43	.....	
San Valley	81	51	.....	

### The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	85	64	.....
Atlanta	91	70	.04
Boston	79	69	.....
Chicago	79	69	.....
Dallas	94	79	.01
Denver	89	52	.....
Des Moines	82	67	.....
Detroit	82	67	.....
Honolulu	86	69	.15
Houston	95	77	.....
Indianapolis	88	75	.92
Kansas City	87	75	.....
Las Vegas	102	80	.....
Los Angeles	72	3	.....
Memphis	97	75	.....
Miami Beach	94	80	.09
Minneapolis	94	64	.....
Missoula	77	60	.02
New Orleans	86	74	.....
New York	86	69	.....
Oklahoma City	94	72	.....
Phoenix	105	87	.69
Pittsburgh	70	63	.10
Portland, Ore.	69	59	.....
Portland, Me.	66	57	.25
Reno	88	58	.....
St. Louis	82	52	1.40
Salt Lake City	96	76	.....
San Francisco	70	70	.....
Seattle	67	36	.08
Spokane	79	56	.....
Washington	81	59	.....
Yuma	103	79	.....

# Charity heads see salary increases

**The Washington Post**  
WASHINGTON — The heads of the nation's largest philanthropic foundations saw their salaries increase five times the rate of inflation last year, to an average \$363,000 a year, according to a new survey by the Internal Revenue Service records show. The figure places the chief executives of these influential national charities in the highest 1 percent of American wage earners.  
Six years after the United Way scandal drew public attention to

the issue of philanthropic spending, the national controversy that erupted over William Aramony's \$463,000 annual compensation package seems to have had little direct impact on how much the charitable world pays itself.  
Thomas M. Lofton, who heads the \$12.7 billion Lilly Endowment, is paid \$450,000 plus \$163,648 in benefits for overseeing the nation's largest foundation, which concentrates mostly on charitable works and civic philanthropy in Indiana.  
Ford Foundation president

Susan V. Berresford makes \$440,500 plus \$169,705 in benefits. With offices around the globe, the foundation she heads devotes the largest share of its grants to international peace and social justice.  
Foundations are among the elite institutions of the relatively little understood philanthropic community, and as the government has begun to back away from the social initiatives of the Great Society, they have moved further into the forefront of policy development.

# Jefferson

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proof in their long-held argument that Jefferson and his peers never intended to exclude religion from government.  
The letter is on display this summer at the Library of Congress as part of an exhibition called "The American Republic: The exhibit shows the importance religion played in the lives of many of the founding fathers. It suggests that many of Virginia's patriots were inconsistent when it came to observing the wall of separation between church and state.  
Jefferson, for example, began attending prayer services in the House of Delegates three days after penning his famous letter to the Danbury Baptists.  
George Washington supported

ratification of the Bill of Rights, which established religious freedom and church-state separation as a constitutional right. But a few years earlier, he wrote a friend that he had no problem with an unsuccessful effort in Virginia to levy taxes to support churches.  
Even James Madison, the architect of the First Amendment enshrining freedom of religion and speech, recited a prayer in each of his inaugural inauguration speeches.  
These actions are important today in determining whether it's legal to allow organized prayer in publicly owned facilities or to give tax support to parochial schools.  
That's because divining the "original intent" of the founding fathers remains an important judicial test in interpreting the U.S.

Constitution. To date, the Supreme Court has ruled that the patriots clearly meant to keep church and state separate.  
Christian Coalition leaders have been arguing that the justices have it all wrong. They say the intent of the First Amendment was to keep the government from regulating the affairs of churches. They argue that the founding fathers never meant to discourage churches from participating in government.  
"When you look at how intertwined religious faith was in the life of Colonial America, you can only conclude that the intent of the founding fathers was to guarantee freedom of religion, not freedom from religion," said Arne Owens, a spokesman for the Coalition.  
Liberal groups say the Library of Congress exhibit has turned up

# Crash claims 7

**SALEM, Va. (AP)** — A car crossed the median strip during heavy rain and smashed into a tractor-trailer Saturday, killing seven people.  
The Honda had six people inside; all were killed. The truck driver died as well, according to state police Sgt. Phil Cheek.  
The collision happened shortly after 5 p.m. on Interstate 81 near Buchanan, a few miles outside of Roanoke in southwestern Virginia.  
The truck was hauling diesel fuel and the accident shut down the highway for three hours.

nothing new, and they accuse the coalition of distorting history and law.  
"This whole debate shows just how myopic the Christian Coalition is," said Elliot M. Minicberg, legal director of People for the American Way in Washington. "It's the rights of individuals that are protected by the First Amendment, not the rights of churches to promote views through government."  
Minicberg said a long history of writings by Jefferson, Madison and other founding fathers clearly show they believed in strong separation of church and state. Their occasional contradictions, Minicberg added, are unimportant. "These guys were politicians," he said. "Sometimes, they had to make accommodations."

# Son breaks father's record at cherry pit spit

**EAU CLAIRE, Mich. (AP)** — Some families eat together, play together or pray together.  
The Kruses spit together.  
Brian Kruse, 20, beat his father's record to take the championship Saturday at the 25th Annual

International Cherry Pit Spit, with a 72-foot, 11-inch spit of pit.  
Rick Krause, 44, of Saunders, Ariz., held the title as North American spit record of 72 feet 1/2 inches since 1988, and was 10-time champion of the event.

# Museum

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leaders also had slaves, according to the display.  
This is on loan from the New York Public Library, a rare event. The library approved the Newsum's request because it was the first museum willing to build a display case that met the current temperature (68 to 70 degrees), low-humidity and low-light levels. In this environment, Sutherland said, the docu-

ment can be preserved for another 200 years.  
The Newsum chronicles the story of journalism and the media and is funded by the Freedom Forum, a non-profit media organization. Sutherland said the document was important to the Newsum as it showed how news travels.  
"Two hundred years ago you didn't have 24-hour news. This document was presented on July 4. The first publication wasn't until July 6

in the Pennsylvania Evening Post," Sutherland said. That's the time it took to get the type on the hand-operated printing press.  
"I didn't know Thomas Jefferson's draft had been changed," said Tucker Christian, 23, of Virginia, a first-time visitor at the museum.  
"It's nice. It fits right in to show the progression of different times of freedom and freedom of expression."

# Ingatrons

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rate of diversion — the amount of water pumped at any given moment — but 4 percent of violations were for diverting too much volume over the course of an entire irrigation season.  
Total volume is the key figure. The rate of diversion is far less meaningful when determining water levels in the aquifer, said Tim Luke, the report's principal author.  
"Personally, I don't get very worked up over the rate of diversion," Luke said. "A lot of these diversions are measured at peak capacity, in July and August, when (farmers) are trying to water all their crops."  
Given that, farmers who exceed their authorized rate of diversion shouldn't be branded as lawbreakers, said Sheri Chapman, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association.  
"Technically, these people are in violation of their water rights," Chapman said, adding, "The Department of Water Resources needs to develop some sort of scenario that recognizes these farm practices."  
It's unfair that farmers sometimes must violate their permits simply to "keep their crops watered," Chapman said.  
"The Department of Water Resources should be able to recognize the need to over-divert, so long as it does not exceed the actual volume of the water right," Chapman said.  
Some of the most vigilant observers of declining aquifer levels are commercial fish farmers in the Buhl and Hagerman area. Most depend on cold, clear — and reliable — spring

flows to raise trout.  
The farm operations manager for America's biggest trout producer, Clear Springs Foods Inc., said he's generally satisfied with the way groundwater pumps operate.  
"I think there are some cases out there that are blatant, with inappropriate and excessive water uses," said Terry Huddleston. "But I don't believe (farmers) will pump one minute more than they need to because pumping costs money and many farms are tightly run operations."  
Extensive diversions are troubling, but water resources always gives pumpers the benefit of the doubt, said department spokesman Dick Larsen.  
"We have taken action in some cases, probably about three dozen over the last couple of years," Larsen said. "Typically, we send them some correspondence and ask them for an explanation."  
If a satisfactory explanation isn't forthcoming, Water Resources occasionally issues a formal "Notice of Violation" — which has a maximum penalty of \$100 per day in fines if the violation continues.  
"The water community has been after our agency for years to make sure people aren't using more water than they're entitled to," Larsen said, "and that's what drove the whole launch of the measurement program."  
"This is an evolutionary process," he said. "We've come a long ways, but we still have a long ways to go."

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### LOTTERY UPDATE

SATURDAY, JULY 8 NUMBERS  
**POWERBALL**  
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POWERBALL NUMBER: 42

SATURDAY, JULY 8 NUMBERS  
**WEST LOTTO**  
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WILD CARD: TWO OF SPACES  
PRIZE: \$10,000  
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Marine Sgt. Jorge Vallejo poses with his wife, Diana, and their 10-month-old daughter, Angelica, in their apartment in Woodbridge, Va., this June.

# Marines, now here this: Military may not be conducive to marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Marines are being warned. Marriage may not be compatible with a life of sudden departures and six-month stints at sea.

The Marine Corps says the message is getting through. During each of the past three years, there's been a decline in the number of first-term Marines who make it to the altar.

"We are trying very, very hard to discourage dependency—at an early age in the Marine Corps," says the sergeant major of the Marine Corps, Lewis G. Lee, the corps' top enlisted man.

"We go to great lengths to educate our Marines... about the responsibility of parenthood and marriage. And that education—without disparaging marriage—that education process is working," said Lee, 48, a 30-year veteran who has been married 10 years.

During basic training, recruits are told that while military life and marriage can be compatible, it might be too much to handle for couples in their teens or early 20s, particularly when mixed with low pay, frequent and lengthy deployments at sea and repeated moves from base to base.

"We show them that it is far more expensive, even with the benefits of additional money and support, to be married and have dependents than it is to be single," said Lee, who advises the Marine Corps commandant, Gen. Charles Krulak, on matters important to enlisted Marines.

Lee said 58 percent of the Marines' enlisted men and women are unmarried with seven of every 10 being 25 years or younger. Nearly 65 percent of the 71,000 Marines with ranks of corporal or below are single.

On the advice of more senior Marines, Sgt. Jorge Vallejo, of Brownsville, Texas, waited almost four years to get married. He didn't deploy overseas on six-month stints, but did travel frequently as a percussionist with the Marine Corps band.

"Being gone six to nine months at a time, that can put people through a lot of stress," said Vallejo, 24, who with wife, Diana, has a 10-month-old daughter, Angelica. "I wouldn't want to put my family in that situation."

Cpl. James King, a cook at the Pentagon, had no choice. He was married when he signed up at age 22. He said his 2½ years in the corps "have been really difficult at times," particularly as he and his wife, Heather, have had two children in that time.

There's a saying in the Marine Corps that the only thing harder than being a Marine is being a Marine's wife, and that's a very true statement," said King, who entered the corps while his wife was pregnant with their first child. Their son, Joshua, was born on the final day of leave after boot camp.

"That was at 1 a.m.," King recalled. "I had to report to duty in California that same day by 11:59 p.m. I had the morning and afternoon with them, hopped a

# Clinton, GOP use Fourth to advance ideas

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a preview of political fights to come before November's elections, Democrats and Republicans used the Fourth of July to push contrasting legislative priorities.

President Clinton wants more money for food safety, while GOP congressional leaders want tax cuts.

Both sides wrapped their arguments in red, white and blue. Clinton slipping in the news that he asked for creation of a joint institute of food safety research to coordinate federal research programs, including those conducted with the private sector and academia.

"The institute is to be established by the Agriculture Department and Department of Health and Human Services."

"I'm doing what I can to protect our families from contaminated food. Congress must also do its part to ensure the safety of America's food supply," the president said in his weekly radio

mittee approved only \$2.6 million. New York Rep. Gerald Solomon countered in the GOP's weekly radio address that taxes were at the core of independence day.

"Yes, on July 4th, 1776, we won the battle of independence from oppressive taxation. And today, 223 years later, the Republican Congress is winning another battle to restore a larger chunk of that freedom from taxation," he said.

Solomon, who chairs the House Rules Committee, gatekeeper for legislation headed to the House floor, vowed to continue efforts to eliminate the marriage penalty atop annual tax code, and to create education savings accounts and federal vouchers for private-school tuition.

As both Republicans and Democrats look to shore up issues for their fall re-election campaigns, Saturday's exchange of radio broadcasts traced the outlines of their conflicting priorities.

# Gore cautiously revs up campaign fund-raising engine at Opryland

WASHINGTON — Vice President Al Gore will rub elbows in Nashville, Tenn., with a few hundred of his closest friends and supporters July 11-12. Officially, the two-day Gorefest at the Opryland Hotel will raise money for the vice president's political action committee. Unofficially, it is the first major gathering of Gore's fund-raising network for his 2000 presidential campaign.

The event is expected to collect \$1.5 million, a senior Gore aide said. But according to several Gore campaign sources, the PAC is a slush fund that can be traced to the 1996 Democratic campaign finance scandal.

The modest pace has nothing to do with the vice president's popularity, his supporters insist. Instead, it stems in part from Gore's reluctance to do anything that overly advances his prospective presidential candidacy, on the theory that the best strategy for him is to be seen doing his job as vice president for as long as possible.

At the same time, though, these backers say Gore is still reeling from the impact of the '96 campaign controversies: He was embarrassed, and his once spotless reputation was marred, by revelations that he participated in a fund-raising event at a Buddhist temple in California and made dozens of fundraising phone calls from his White House office.

Republicans called for a special prosecution, and the Justice Department looked into whether

his actions violated a law against raising campaign money on government property. Attorney General Janet Reno concluded that they did not.

Gore, confident who has pledged to raise \$100,000 for the campaign.

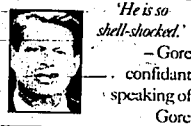
Another veteran Democratic fund-raiser, who promised to raise \$50,000 for Gore, described the vice president as "gun-shy" and said Gore had overreacted to his '96 experiences.

Reflecting the vice president's caution, his PAC has gone to unusual lengths to avoid reviving memories of the campaign

finance scandal. At considerable expense, an outside consultant was hired to screen the background of individual contributors. The idea was to protect Gore from accepting money from any donors who, if generosity might prove embarrassing once it became public.

After paying more than \$50,000 for this "vetting service," the PAC recently dropped the consultant, according to Marla Romash, a spokeswoman for Gore's committee. "It was getting pretty expensive," she said.

Apparently as part of the effort to downplay Gore's personal fund-raising role, the gathering in Nashville has been closed to reporters. And a senior Gore aide said the vice president may hold only one other major fund-raiser for his PAC this year — a New York, away from the Washington-based political news media.



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## NATION

## NEA debates merger on eve of vote

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Backers and opponents of a merger between the nation's largest teacher union and the American Federation of Teachers all claimed Saturday they were speaking for the best interests of children.

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But union focus and power emerged as key issues as delegates to the National Education Association's convention debated for two hours whether to merge with the AFT. The NEA delegates vote Sunday. AFT delegates vote at their convention here later this month.

Backers said that a merger between the 2.4-million-member NEA and 500,000-member AFT would create one voice for public schools and help fight the growing political pressure to use tax dollars to support private schools. They also cited efforts to defuse the political use of union dues.

"Those attacks will not stop, they will get more intense," said Lois Tinson, president of the



NEA delegates and AFT delegates gathered at the St. Louis Convention Center for the National Education Association, the nation's largest teacher union, and the American Federation of Teachers cheer over an anti-merger comment by an NEA member during a debate Saturday at NEA's annual conference in New Orleans.

California Teachers Association. "The next time paycheck protection and vouchers come back — and they will — we must be united. We must stand for unity."

More personality, delegate Yvonne Baicich from Prince

Georges County, Md., said the merger would be like her 25-year marriage. It may seem flawed from the outside, because of different beliefs that annoy, but "our children are our most important business."

Opponents argued the merger would distract focus from schools because the merger also would also join the NEA with the AFT. The NEA was a professional association long before it became a union.

## Revised law on disabled students causes headache

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An 11-year-old boy with a behavioral disorder hugs an apparently less-than-willing girl and is suspended amid charges of sexual harassment.

It's the kind of situation teachers and school administrators are running into more frequently. And often they're uncertain how to respond and what disciplinary action to take, especially if it involves a disability.

Federal regulations that are supposed to clear up ambiguities that often surround these matters have yet to come out although a new law covering children with disabilities is more than a year old.

The revised federal law has caused a headache for the 11-year-old boy five days of school time caused plenty of problems for adults as well. Parents, teachers and school officials spent hours preparing a seven-page blueprint on how the school's special needs should be met.

Because of the boy's behavior problem, local officials weren't sure what was required of them

by the revised federal disabilities law enacted by Congress last year. Educators still are waiting for the Education Department to produce detailed regulations.

So local officials have gone overboard, says Beverly Colombo, a teacher from St. Louis, Mo., who described the incident involving the 11-year-old boy during a forum at the National Education Association's annual convention.

Teachers from around the country said they've faced similar cases requiring hours of paperwork and confusion about discipline.

And the problem is complicated because school officials are

forced to deal with discipline, booting kids who bring aspirin to school or mistakenly bringing the piling knife with lunch.

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## Should he or shouldn't he?

Opinion is divided on whether Clinton will testify to grand jury

The Washington Post

In the weeks after the Monica S. Lewinsky investigation began, George Stephanopoulos cast a skeptical eye on his old boss at the White House, but one thing he was sure about was that President Clinton eventually would testify and tell his story.

"He knows he can't get away with that and not testify," the former presidential adviser turned television commentator said on ABC a couple weeks after the story broke last January. "He knows that he can't avoid testifying in this case because the political damage would be huge."

Stephanopoulos added a month later.

But Clinton, it appears, knows nothing of the sort. Whatever faith he once placed in Stephanopoulos' judgment, the president, apparently has calculated that he



Bill Clinton

can avoid testifying without huge political damage — and so far has. Clinton has rebuffed about a half-dozen invitations from independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr to explain his dealings with Lewinsky under oath, and with the president back from a nine-day trip to China that gave him a respite from the controversy, his advisers seem unified around a strategy of refusing to testify altogether.

Publicly, Clinton advisers maintain that no final decision has been made, but privately they have reached a consensus that the public will not erupt in anger if the president declines to talk with

Starr and believe there is little to gain legally in volunteering testimony that could then be used against him.

"The decision is already made, but not set in concrete," said one Clinton ally who declined to be identified. "I can't think of a single reason for him to testify. . . . You don't need to convince your own people and there's not enough you could ever do to convince your doubters."

So far as is publicly known, Starr has simply asked rather than tried to compel the president to answer questions about whether he tried to cover up a sexual relationship with Lewinsky during the since-dismissed Paula Jones case. But with Linda R. Tripp telling her story to the grand jury and Lewinsky negotiating a deal to do the same, Clinton is virtually the only major witness left and a confrontation could be looming.

The standoff between Starr and Clinton raises thorny and unprecedented issues, both political and constitutional. How would the country react to a president of the United States refusing to testify, especially one who once promised to tell "more rather than less, sooner rather than later" about his ties to Lewinsky? Does Starr have the legal authority to subpoena a president who declines to cooperate? If he tried, how would the independent counsel enforce such a subpoena and what could he do if Clinton defied it?

Clinton has testified under oath several times during his presidency — in a deposition in the Jones civil case and as a witness in Starr's Whitewater probe. But no president has been forced against his will to testify in a criminal investigation in which he was the central target.

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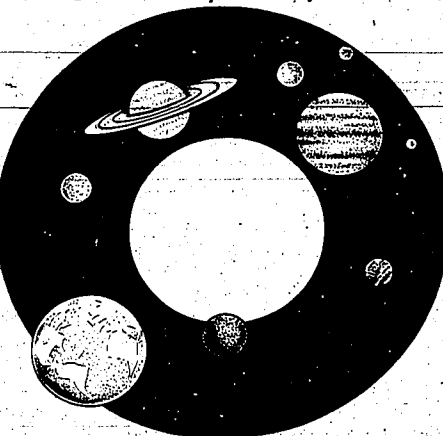
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# Clinton returns, sees improved ties with China

President says powerful forces still resist change

WASHINGTON (AP) — After setting low expectations for his China trip, President Clinton returned home Saturday satisfied that once-sour relations with the world's most populous country at least are getting better, not worse.

Air Force One brought Clinton and his family back to Washington before dawn on Independence Day. The president was quick to deflect criticism while his nine-day visit put U.S. ties with China on more solid footing, there still are powerful forces in the communist government resisting change.

U.S. officials as well as independent China watchers expressed caution about overstating the results of the presidential journey and were reluctant to predict what happens next. It's too soon to tell, the experts agree.

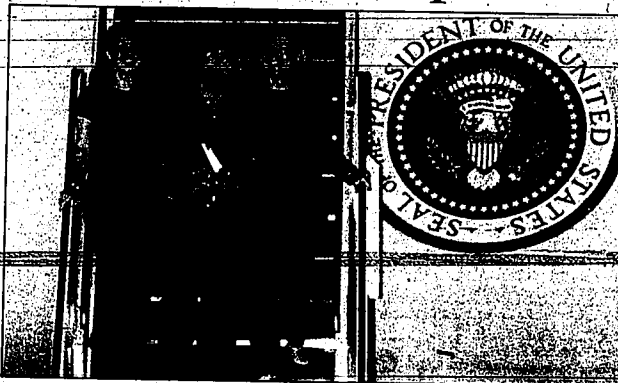
Using a football analogy, they talked about moving the ball forward, not scoring touchdowns.

"I don't think it would be wise to say this opens up a whole new era in China," said Susan Shirk, deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asia and Pacific Affairs. But she and other administration officials said it was significant that Clinton was accorded unprecedented and uncensored media exposure as he spoke about usually taboo issues such as human rights and Tiananmen Square.

Harry Harding, dean of the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University, said, "The accomplishments were more atmospheric than substantive, and atmospheric accomplishments can be ephemeral."

U.S. and Chinese officials worked hard to create a summit that allowed both leaders to claim success before their domestic audiences.

Indeed, Clinton and President Jiang Zemin both asserted success in their show-case agreement, the two leaders announced they would not aim nuclear missiles at each other's country.



The Clinton family steps off Air Force One early Saturday morning at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., after returning from China.

It was hailed as a big symbolic step — competing with the powerful symbolism of Clinton reviewing military troops in Tiananmen Square in a ceremony evoking the horror of the 1989 massacre of pro-democracy advocates who had rallied in the plaza.

Critics at home grudgingly said Clinton hit some of the right themes and sounded good, but they scoffed there were no major breakthroughs.

"I think any change in opinions about China will be short-lived," said Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., sponsor of measures to deny travel visas to Chinese officials involved in religious persecution or forced-abortion policies. "So long as the Chinese government refuses to apologize for Tiananmen and other human rights abuses, it will be very difficult to dispel the image that Americans have of this oppressive regime. I don't think there's any long-term benefit."

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., another tough critic, said the media coverage of the journey "demonstrates just how low the expectations were for this trip. So far all we have seen is

rhetoric, not results," Pelosi said, adding that Clinton "may have redeemed his visit but he certainly hasn't redeemed his policy." China hoped the summit would move relations with the United States beyond Tiananmen, but Beijing's insistence on staging the welcoming ceremony there recalled the painful past.

There were other discordant notes: Police detained at least seven dissidents during Clinton's stay, and the government refused reporters for three Radio Free Asia reporters. Clinton registered his objections but didn't make a big fuss.

"He chose to carry a small stick and talk eloquently, which I guess is his usual combination, and it seemed to work well for him," said Andrew J. Nathan of Columbia University's East Asian Institute.

Even now, there is still a deep measure of distrust and differing national interests between Washington and Beijing about trade, human rights, free expression, religious tolerance, democracy, Tibet and other issues.

"In general, post-Tiananmen, one can say that the Chinese president — whoever he is —

## Jiang emerges from summit clearly as China's leader

Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — For the American president, summits between the United States and other world powers have never been mere matters of foreign policy. How they play at home has been as important as how they play abroad.

For the reigning Chinese president, Jiang Zemin, that axiom was true. The week-long visit to the world's most populous nation, where such showcases of diplomacy seldom have as many domestic political implications as the nine-day tour by President Clinton that ended in Hong Kong on Friday, was no exception.

Out of the summit — the first

visit to China by a United States president since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre — Jiang has emerged more clearly than ever as China's No. 1 leader in the post-Deng Xiaoping era and, in the eyes of many citizens, as a statesman on an equal footing with the leader of the free world.

Cementing Jiang's ascendancy was the summit's most enduring legacy. The president's first public appearance on live TV before potentially hundreds of millions of viewers inside and outside China.

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Ray Anderson, a research geologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, shows a map of Iowa detailing the site of a 26-mile wide crater left by an asteroid (the white circle).

## 'Armageddon' has nothing on Iowa town where meteorite hit

MANSON, Iowa (AP) — As "Armageddon" hits the big screen, it isn't going to make a deep impact among folks here.

After all, they already have their own extraterrestrial claim to fame: a 24-mile wide crater formed some 74 million years ago when a huge meteorite slammed into north-central Iowa and turned the region into a giant killing field. Geologists say it's the second-largest crater in the continental United States and 15th-largest in the world.

"Armageddon," the asteroid-vs.-Earth movie that is in the middle of its debut weekend, has been heavily promoted across the nation. And "Deep Impact" has grossed \$135.8 million since its debut May 8.

But in Manson, a town of 1,254 people that doesn't even have a movie theater, nobody much cares.

"I'm not into that kind of stuff," said Ann Schlaphoff, the librarian at the Manson Community Library. "The real

thing is in our back yard."

Bernadine Zehl, who helped the town kick off its inaugural Crater Days celebration last weekend, agrees: "This was a natural happening. It wasn't anything conjured up by Hollywood — or even Steven Spielberg."

The Manson impact, as geologists call it, was the real, horrible thing.

"Basically, anything alive in the central part of North America would have been killed by the shock wave," said Ray Anderson, a geologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Geological Survey. "The electromagnetic pulse — the heat from the blast that went out — would have basically set everything in the state of Iowa on fire in an instant. ... All the dinosaurs in the central part of the United States would have been killed by that blast."

In the continental United States, only the crater left by a meteorite 35 million years ago

at Chesapeake Bay is larger than the Manson impact, according to Peter Schultz, a geology professor at Brown University.

At Manson, Anderson theorizes the meteorite was traveling at 60,000 mph when it hit. The impact was about 3 1/2 miles deep, and as it bore into the earth, the sides of the crater were lifted 1 1/2 miles high from the earth's surface.

"The force of the blast was more than if you took 10 times all the nuclear weapons on Earth at the height of the Cold War, piled them in one spot and set them off," Anderson said.

Besides the environmental devastation, the blast turned topsoil into the rock formations below the Earth's surface in the Manson area.

Granite and other rocks normally found several thousand feet below ground were brought up to within less than 200 feet of the surface and were discovered after the turn of this century, Anderson said.

## Physical evidence in some UFO sightings deserves study, panel says

The Washington Post

Some supposed UFO sightings have been accompanied by unexplained physical evidence that deserves serious scientific study, an international panel of scientists has concluded.

In the first independent scientific review of the controversial topic in almost 30 years, directed by physicist Peter Sturrock of Stanford University, the panel emphasized it had found no convincing evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence or any violation of natural laws.

But the panel cited cases that included intriguing and inexplicable details, such as burns to witnesses, traces of metallic materials appearing repeatedly in the

skies over certain locales, aberrations in the workings of automobiles, and radiation and other damage found in vegetation.

The 50-page review, released June 23, asserts that the scientific community might learn something worthwhile if it can overcome the fear of ridicule associated with the topic and get some funding for targeted research to try to explain these occurrences.

"It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to science," the report stated, adding that such research could also improve understanding of, and in some cases debunk, supposed UFO events.

For example, Earth science researchers have eventually accepted several phenomena "originally dismissed as folk tales," including meteorites and certain types of lightning, the panel noted.

The findings are from a four-day workshop held in Tarrytown, N.Y., followed by a second three-day meeting in San Francisco, both last fall.

The results are published in the current issue of the Society for Scientific Exploration, which was established by Sturrock.



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## Event recalls Washington's little-known return to duty

MOUNT VERNON, Va. (AP) — On July 4, 1798, George Washington was enjoying retirement, eager to spend his remaining days "ruminating on past scenes and contemplating the future grandeur of this rising empire."

Then, on the 22nd birthday of the nation's independence, Washington, by then 66 years old, got the call to again command the Army.

This little-known footnote to history, triggered by worsening relations with France, was celebrated Saturday at Washington's Mount-Vernon estate on the Potomac River with speeches, a military band and Pentagon dignitaries.

Deputy Defense Secretary John J. Hamre said he was happy to commemorate "the 200th anniversary of a forgotten event in history." He was joined by the vice chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and the Army's chief of staff.

"The nation's small army had fallen into disarray," Hamre related, forcing President John Adams to turn to Washington. "Over the last 17 months of his life," he continued, "Washington developed the plans for the rebuilding of the army to defend the fragile little republic."

So with the 200th anniversary of Washington's recall to duty occurring this year, officials at Mount Vernon knew immediately they had a theme for

Independence Day celebrations.

Word that Washington's services again were needed came to the former president unofficially. A newspaper containing an article about the appointment found its way to Mount Vernon before Adams' formal notification. It's not clear who leaked the story.

France had been interfering with American shipping and the possibility of a French invasion loomed. America's military had dwindled to 3,000 men and Adams on June 22 had requested

Washington on the possibility of returning to command. And Washington was eager to help.

"I see, as you do, that clouds are gathering and that a storm may ensue," he wrote Secretary of War James McHenry. While having no desire "to quit the tranquil walks of retirement and enter the boundless field of responsibility and trouble," Washington said he would find it difficult "to remain an idle spectator under the plea of age or



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David Clevenson, M.D. comes from Bismarck, Maine. He is in family practice with Mary Grube-Lewis, M.D.

From 1911 to 1946, Dr. Clevenson was an emergency physician at Madocost Hospital in Bismarck, Maine. Before then he was a family physician at Madocost Hospital, Bath, Maine, and solo practice at Bowdoin Harbor, Maine.

Prior to arriving in Twin Falls in May 1977, he was the physician at Western Main Mountain Clinic at Sandy River, Maine.

Dr. Clevenson graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1944. He did his internship and residency at Western Reserve Care System in Youngstown, Ohio, from 1944 to 1947.

Dr. Clevenson is involved in most aspects of family medicine, and is able to provide care for all age groups, from infants to the elderly. He has special interest in children and in sports medicine.

He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice and is board certified since 1967. Dr. Clevenson and his wife, Pauli, have two children. He enjoys the outdoors, especially bicycling, canoeing, fishing and skiing.

## Illness toll from raw Texas oysters continues to rise

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of people sickened after eating raw oysters from Galveston Bay has risen to 300, state officials said.

The bulk of the illnesses have been in Texas, but outbreaks have been reported in Tennessee and Florida, said Kirk Wiles, spokesman for the Texas Department of Health's seafood safety division.

Officials have confirmed that 41 of the illnesses were caused by the bacterium *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*. Symptoms of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* include

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## NATION

## America celebrates its freedom

## 'The Tokyo Terror' wins Brooklyn hot dog contest yet again

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of people from all backgrounds celebrated the Fourth of July at Coney Island, where the world champion hot dog eater defended his crown by walloping down 19 dogs in 12 minutes.

While many around the nation were enjoying a lazy Independence Day, Hirofumi Nakajima was feeling the pressure Saturday at Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest.

"I really don't want to enjoy this," the 23-year-old Japanese man said before the contest at a long table outside the famed eatery.

"I feel a little bit of pressure," said the slight, 135-pound Nakajima.

People across the country enjoyed cookouts, citizenship ceremonies and parades to mark America's 222nd birthday, a celebration that even Russia recognized.

Fireworks displays from Florida to New Mexico were canceled or cut back as state officials worried over the fire hazards.

In Brooklyn, the man known as "The Tokyo Terror" held aloft the Mustard Yellow International Bell once again, winning Nathan's hot dog eating

contest for the third consecutive year.

"Charles 'Hungry' Hardy, a 387-pound, 29-year-old Brooklyn corrections officer, came in second with 17 1/2 hot dogs.

Before the contest, organizers played the national anthems of the United States, Britain (one Englishman participated) and Japan as a tribute to the nationalities represented at the table.

"It's fun seeing them shove it in their faces. It's kind of disgusting," said Chris Grady, 13.

Last year, Nakajima ate 24 1/2 dogs in 12 minutes, setting a world record.

For the first time, the contest of the nation, the day brought a welcome opportunity to rest and enjoy the pomp of brass bands, apple pie and all manner of Americana.

Four children tapped the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia as part of a national bell-ringing ceremony, "Let Freedom Ring." The historic bell is too fragile to be rung, so the children tapped it 13

*'On behalf of all Russians as well as myself, I congratulate you and all the people of the United States of America on your Independence Day.'*

— Boris Yeltsin

times as a tribute to the original American colonies.

"It's July Fourth and this is where it all started. We had to stop in," said Misty Ellison, who visited Independence Hall with

Bells were also rung at the Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, the National Cathedral in Washington, the Old North Church in Boston, and on 334 commissioned Navy ships.

Former Sen. George Mitchell, architect of the peace process in Northern Ireland, was awarded the Liberty Medal in Philadelphia for his efforts to

quell sectarian violence.

In what used to be New York, New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman raised a state flag over Ellis Island, where so many immigrants first stepped on American soil. The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that much of the island lies within New Jersey's borders.

At George Washington's estate in Mount Vernon, Va., festivities honored a little-known footnote in history. Washington was recalled to active duty 200 years ago on July 4, 1798, when the nation's leaders feared an invasion from England during a time of detente.

Even Russian President Boris Yeltsin was moved to send along his birthday greetings.

"On behalf of all Russians as well as myself, I congratulate you and all the people of the United States of America on your Independence Day," he said. "I wish our friends, the American people, prosperity and success."



At left, Madelyn Carlson, 2, waits for the start of the Kids Parade Saturday in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The annual event drew hundreds of children and wound its way through the streets of downtown.

## Vietnam POWs have fared remarkably well

New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — Like 700,000 other Americans, Mike Benge spent much of Saturday on the Mall. But he wasn't there for the Fourth of July fireworks or the concerts.

Instead, Benge celebrated the holiday cooped up in a 6-by-8-foot bamboo cage, clad in black pajamas like those he wore as a prisoner of war three decades ago.

An Agency for International Development civilian staffer then and now, Benge, 62, relived his five years of privation and torture to honor G.I.s still missing in Southeast Asia.

But he also wanted to educate a new generation about a small band of heroes for whom duty, honor and country is more than a patriotic slogan — the Vietnam POWs.

Many young people who come here know about the dead whose names are on the (Vietnam Veterans Memorial) wall," he says. "But they don't know anything about us."

Benge and his compatriots came home 25 years ago, battered and broken by an average four years of incarceration. A quarter-century later, most of the elite aviators and enlisted grunts alike are faring remarkably well.

"Our divorce rate is higher, and there are more physical problems

than the average American," says Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who spent five years in Hanoi captivity. "But spiritually, I think we're in fine fettle."

The youngest ex-POW is 47 now, the oldest 76. They live in 45 states and three foreign countries: China, Germany and Italy. Two-thirds resumed their careers, and 22 became generals or admirals. A handful — four or five, it's estimated — still are on active duty.

While some were grounded for medical reasons, many aviators climbed back into cockpits. Several now fly jumbo jets for five commercial airlines.

Everett Alvarez, the first pilot shot down in 1964, was deputy director of the Peace Corps and the Veterans Administration.

Two became U.S. senators — McCain and former Sen. Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala. — and two were elected to the House.

Indiana Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan is an ex-POW. So is the chairman of the United Way of Chicago and Federal Trade Commissioner Orson Swindle.

Retired Vice Adm. James Stockdale, a Medal of Honor winner for leading the resistance at the "Hanoi Hilton" camp, was president of the Citadel and has written two books. He's best known as Ross Perot's ill-fated running mate in the 1992 presidential election.

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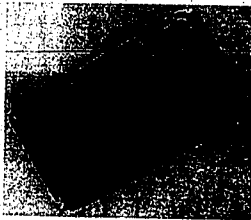
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Hong Kong says in with the new and functional

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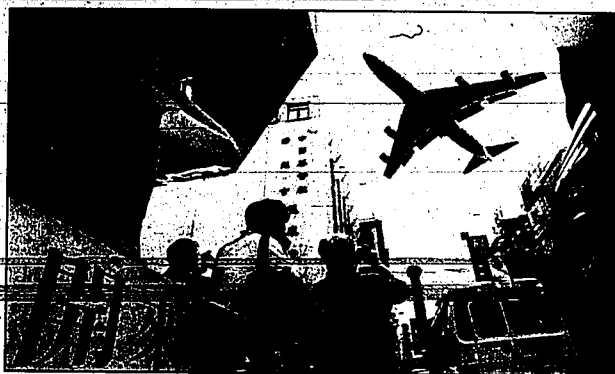
When the wheels of Cathay Pacific Flight 251 bound for London leave a runway that pokes out into Kowloon Bay on Sunday night, downtown Kai Tak airport will be history.

During the night, workers will load tons of airport equipment on trucks and barges and haul it 20 miles to the edge of an outlying island. Seven hours later, gleaming new Kai Tak opens for business.

It's a bittersweet time for Hong Kong, which has grown to love Kai Tak over its 73 years, despite its noise and roof-skimming approaches over Hong Kong. Chek Lap Kok, dedicated by Chinese President Jiang Zemin on Thursday and used by President Clinton for his visit last week, just won't be the same.

Chek Lap Kok's eight-level passenger terminal, one of the largest enclosed spaces in the world, features a metal wing-like roof designed by British architect Norman Foster. The \$20 billion airport was built by dewatering two islets and reclaiming land.

The glass-walled terminal gives a sweeping view of mountains, a glimpse of the ocean and plenty of sunshine — unlike the cramped, windowless Kai Tak. At driverless



People take photographs in a residential area as a jetliner makes its approach for landing at Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport on Saturday.

shuttle train carries passengers under the central concourse.

The timing, however, couldn't be much worse. Asia's financial turmoil has thrown Hong Kong into recession, and tourist arrivals are down nearly 25 percent.

Visits to Kai Tak have been soaring — at least by residents looking for a final thrill.

Chan Shuk-man, a chubby-cheeked 57-year-old, nestled in her father's arms on top of an airport garage and watched a Qantas

jumbo jet arrive. The plane glided over apartment buildings that crowd rows of congested streets.

The child had a typical reaction to the typical Kai Tak landing.

"It's coming toward us," she said. "No! It's turning! Look! It's touching the rooftop. Dad, it's not going to make it. Wa..." She covered her eyes.

Landings like that provided Kai Tak's unique appeal, and ultimately doomed it. The International Federation of

Airline Pilots' Association recently rated it "critically deficient," and many have complained of the gut-wrenching approach.

Chek Lap Kok couldn't be more different. Its 6-million-square-foot terminal is nine times bigger. Unlike Kai Tak, which is closed at night because of the noise over residential areas, the new one will run around the clock because of its more distant location.

Ultimately, it is designed to take 87 million passengers annually.

# Gunmen kill prominent politician in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen killed a prominent politician Saturday, prompting Pakistan to give sweeping powers to its paramilitary troops to quell the relentless violence that has terrorized Karachi.

Zuhair Akram Nadeem, a former provincial and federal legislator, was alone in his vehicle when two men on a motorcycle rode up beside him and opened fire with automatic rifles, police said.

No one claimed responsibility for the killing in this southern city, but police blamed members of the Muttahida Qami Movement, a militant ethnic group that has seized three housing factories. Nadeem was a strong supporter of a 1996 police clampdown on the movement's more mili-

tant members. Hundreds of MQM members either were arrested or killed.

Despite objections from the provincial Sindh government, of which Karachi is the capital, the federal government announced sweeping powers for the paramilitary Rangers.

Until now, the Rangers have been assisting police who had the power of arrest and search. Now the government has given the same powers to the Rangers. They also will be able to search the homes of suspected militants.

Since June 1, more than 200 people have been killed in Karachi and several neighborhoods have been plagued by gunbattles. But so far, attempts have failed to quell the violence.

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# Party puts high presidential hopes in Mexico's state elections

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (AP) — History was made here in 1992 when an opposition party defeated Mexico's long-ruling and seemingly omnipotent Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Now this northern Mexican state may be the harbinger of yet another major change in Mexican politics — this time inside the ruling party itself, known by its Spanish initials as the PRI.

A PRI candidate chosen in an unprecedented open primary has a strong chance Sunday to regain the governorship for the party, renowned for the hermetic process of selecting its nominees.

"It is an election that is important not only for Chihuahua, but for the country," said Guillermo Lujan Pena of the opposition National Action Party.

Chihuahua, a sun-scorched sprawl of desert and mountains south of the Texas border, is one of three northern states whose elections Sunday could affect the race for Mexico's president in 2000.

The PRI has held power in Mexico since 1929, but until 15 years ago, "elections were really a formality," said Chihuahua PRI leader Jorge Esteban Sandoval.

The party's grip on power has never been shakier. Chihuahua was the second of six state governorships won by National Action, a center-right party that is Mexico's second largest, over the past decade. Last year, the PRI lost its majority in the lower house of Congress and was thrashed in the Mexico City mayoral race.

Yet most polls show it holds a narrow lead in this state, one that has been a longtime base for the National Action.

It would be the first time the PRI had recaptured a lost governorship, and its only chance to do so before the 2000 presidential elections.

In a dramatic break from the traditional practice of having party leaders choose candidates, the PRI held a primary election in March that was open to all voters.

More than 233,000 people — roughly 13 percent of the electorate — took part, choosing former Chihuahua Mayor Patricio Martinez over a man favored by local party brokers.

Even National Action leaders admit the primary gave a boost to the PRI.

# Death toll rises to 4 as Japan's heat wave continues

TOKYO (AP) — Oppressive summer heat gripped Japan for the second straight day Saturday, killing two people and giving scores of others sunstroke as temperatures rose more than 20 degrees above normal.

In Tokyo, where temperatures hit 97 degrees, a 39-year-old man collapsed in the street and later died of heat exhaustion, the fire department said.

Another man, believed to be in his fifties, was found dead in a park in the western city of Osaka, killed by sunstroke, police said.

The fatalities brought the two-day death toll from the heat wave to four. On Friday a 58-year-old man and a 90-year-old woman died.

About 160 people have been treated for sunstroke over the

two days of high temperatures, national broadcaster NHK reported.

Four people, including a 10-year-old schoolboy, were hospitalized Saturday for heat exhaustion, Kyodo News reported.

Haruna, 65 miles north of Tokyo, registered 104 degrees,

the highest ever recorded in the city.

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## WORLD

## Thousands will flock to pay Diana tribute

Some 150,000 visitors expected at the Spencer-family estate this summer

Knight Ridder News Service

ALTHORP ESTATE, England — Gazing toward Princess Diana's final resting place at her family's ancestral Althorp estate last week, visitors found themselves playing a ghoulish guessing game. Was Diana's body interred secretly in the center of the little island surrounded by a moatlike pond? Or was her grave at one end or the other, north or south?

"Do you really think she's there?" asked 20-year-old Karen Wainwright, a student at the university across the small stretch of shallow pond at a green island so small that it probably could hold no more than about 20 parked cars. Seen from the bank, the island has several large trees, several flowering bushes, one white memorial urn and not a single clue as to where the mortal remains of the Princess of Wales are actually buried.

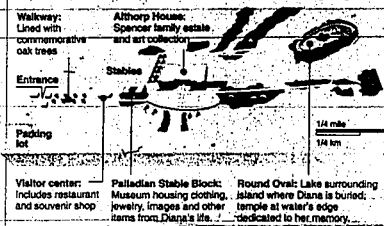
As an estimated 150,000 visitors descend on the Spencer family estate between tour opening day July 1 — which would have been Diana's 37th birthday — and closing day Aug. 30 — the day before the first anniversary of her death — the precise location of her grave is not the only question unanswered.

Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, who owns Althorp, is still bedeviled by questions about his plans for the money he takes in from estate tours and gift shop sales, despite his insistence that all profits after expenses will go to charity.

Civic leaders in the adjacent and populous 300 villages of Little Brington and Great Brington are questioning the wisdom of luring hordes of cars, taxis and buses to their narrow country roads. Without waiting for an

## Tribute to a Princess

Althorp, Diana, Princess of Wales' ancestral home, opened to the public Wednesday, on what would have been her 37th birthday. Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, opened the family estate in rural Northamptonshire, through Aug. 30.



Source: The Official Althorp Web site, AP Research

answer, they have inhospiably blocked off two village entrance roads running behind Althorp. The roads will stay blocked for 24 hours a day until the last Diana grave site visitor is gone.

It is not clear what will happen next summer, when the house and grounds are scheduled to be opened to the public again.

Spencer's new Althorp museum, dedicated to the memory of his sister, has raised a few curious eyebrows as well. Mystery surrounds the fact that while visitors see a wealth of memorabilia from Diana's life — her little girl ballet slippers and spewit, her wedding dress, photos of her and Prince Charles — there isn't a single photo in the display of her sons, the Princes Harry and William, Charles Spencer's nephews.

A lavish Althorp tour guide book sold to visitors (for \$5.95) does have three pictures of Diana with the boys. Oddly, though, they are not named.

(It is just a question of sensitivity, said a spokeswoman for Althorp, Shelley-Anne Claircourt, on Friday, and "our sensitivities are very much with her children.")

Questions aside, though, the Diana tour at Althorp — dubbed Dianaville by a cynical British press — is nothing if not stylish and tasteful.

Visitors, perhaps to their disappointment, are finding nothing tacky or tacky here. There are no Diana T-shirts or coffee mugs

to buy. In fact, not a single gift shop item stamped either with Diana's picture or name. The Earl "just didn't want to be selling her image," Claircourt explained. The gift shop choices range from \$9.35 keychains to \$119 special-edition crystal tumblers, both etched with the name "Althorp" instead.

The tour, in fact, is as much about Althorp as Diana. Dating to 1508 and looking from the outside like a grim reform school built out of gray bricks, the Spencer family homestead opens its doors to reveal a warm, if humorous, interior filled with comfortable sofas and burning fireplaces and bottles of liquor and soda water set out for the Spencers and their guests, not tourists.

In contrast to Diana's upper femininity, the mood of Althorp is male. Wall upon wall is covered with portraits of the Spencers

(including all nine Earls of Spencer), and one room is completely decorated with oil paintings of Althorp's prize bulls. But there is also a large oil painting of a sad-looking Diana in a gauzy blouse, and a black-and-white photo of the strikingly beautiful Lady Cynthia Hamilton — Diana's look-alike late grandmother.

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## Attempts to trademark Diana's image meet obstacles, paper says

LONDON (AP) — Efforts by the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund to trademark the late princess's image have run into problems at Britain's Patent Office. The Times reported Saturday.

A copyright examiner from the government agency objected to fund's application because the image was not distinctly linked to products on which it might be used, as British law requires, the newspaper reported.

The application indicated the image may be used to market a huge variety of goods — from kitchen utensils to Christmas tree decorations.

The newspaper did not give a source for its story, but it said the fund understood the objection "was part of the normal legal procedure."

The fund's trustees have until the end of next month to overcome the objections. They said the application was not being withdrawn, the newspaper reported.

A spokesman for the Patent Office, speaking on terms of customary anonymity, confirmed

the agency had raised "a number of objections," but was "happy to look at any new proposals to meet those concerns."



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WORLD

# Proposal to lift Wagner ban in Israel opens old wounds

The Baltimore Sun

**JERUSALEM** — As a doctoral student in New York, Yehudit Etzion fell captive to the music of Richard Wagner, a favorite of Adolf Hitler. Seduced by the 19th-century German composer's harmonic language, his symphonic writing, she attended every performance she could of his operas.

Today, Etzion is a musicology professor in Israel. She teaches Wagner in her classes, explaining his influence on this century's great composers. But Etzion knows that

Wagner's music evokes haunting memories for many of her fellow Israelis, the survivors of the Nazi death camps. For this reason, she opposes bringing his works to the Jewish state, a question being debated once again here.

"I would not stage Wagner as long as it can offend people," said Etzion, a professor at Bar Ilan University near Tel Aviv. "It's a little premature to stage Wagner in Israel now."

Etzion's feelings reflect the conundrum facing the stewards of Israel's opera company. Recently, the music director of the New Israeli Opera proposed lifting the country's self-imposed performance ban on Wagner's works. As in the past, the suggestion provoked strong feelings and emotional outbursts.

"Leave us Holocaust survivors alone with this playing of Wagner," Shevach Weiss, an Israeli lawmaker who lived as a child in Nazi-occupied Poland, said during a legislative hearing on the issue. "Let us go to our world and die, and then you can play Wagner as much as you want."

The debate goes beyond the issues of artistic expression and cultural sensitivity. It speaks to the nature of Israeli society, its roots and aspirations. Israel annually remembers the Holocaust victims in a national day of mourning. As many of the country's Holocaust survivors near the end of their lives, Israel's once-strained relationship with Germany has evolved

into one of allied nations. Today, the modern Jewish state trades regularly with Germany, its citizens vacation there, and Israeli taxi drivers prefer Mercedes.

For decades, performing Wagner's music in Israel has been taboo because of its association with the Third Reich. Wagner wrote several anti-Semitic tracts years before Hitler was born. But it was the composer's epic, lavish operas that Hitler and his followers publicly embraced. Wagner was played often at Nazi party events and, along with other composers, in the concentration camps.

During a June 6 panel discussion on Wagner, sponsored by the New Israeli Opera Company, the audience shouted down the moderator when told a visiting baritone would sing a selection from "The Flying Dutchman." "Rape!" cried one participant. The performance was scrapped.

Wagner in Israel's concert halls met a similar fate.

It has been a dream of conductor Asher Fisch to stage a Wagner opera in his native Israel. When Fisch assumed the music directorship of the Israel opera last year, he proposed including Wagner in the opera's repertoire to the 11-member board.

"Wagner belongs mostly in an opera house," Fisch said in a telephone interview from his home in Vienna, Austria. "It was my personal interest to break the boycott. To just let it live on without dealing with it was wrong. I personally feel the boycott is not based on knowledge anymore, and it's not based on real feelings. It's based on ignorance."

Most Israelis, Fisch contends, don't know much about Wagner's life or his music. Some of his writings are blatantly anti-Semitic, but many of his contemporaries held similar views. Richard Strauss was associated with the Nazis; his music is played here. The directors of the opera's board supported Fisch's proposal, but they installed a telephone line to hear subscribers' views. The calls split almost evenly, for and against. The board will make the final decision. If it chooses to stage a Wagner opera, it won't be for another year. The coming season's program is already set.

"The boycott is against music, freedom of music and the importance of music," said Fisch, a Jew of German descent. "Wagner is so important in the history of music and opera. Nothing that came after Wagner was as influential as Wagner. It was so important to music as Mozart and Beethoven."

## Aftershocks terrify Turks, injure more than 1,000

**ADANA, Turkey (AP)** — Two strong aftershocks rumbled through southern Turkey on Saturday, one week after a deadly earthquake struck the same area. Authorities said more than 1,000 people were injured. The strongest aftershock struck

at dawn, and registered a magnitude of 5.1, according to Istanbul's Kandilli observatory. It was the largest of more than 70 aftershocks that have followed a 6.3-magnitude quake on June 27 that killed 144 people. There were no fatalities

Saturday and only one building collapsed, without hurting anyone, authorities said. The building apparently had been weakened by the earlier quake. Most of the injured suffered fractures and cuts, said Adana's Deputy Gov. Bulent Egriboz.



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## EDITORIAL

### Senator was right to block federal money for grizzlies

Grizzly bears generated a fair amount of news noise in the past several days, most of it bad.

In Montana's Glacier National Park, rangers killed three grizzlies that had exhibited bold behavior toward humans. This boldness—a remarkable understatement!—included killing and eating one human, 26-year-old park worker Craig Dahl.

About the same time, officials of

Idaho's Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, the area surely will be used by fewer humans. Women and families with children will be especially reluctant to go there. The area thus becomes a de facto wildlife preserve, visited by only the most daring outdoor adventurers.

Rural Westerners understand the implications of injecting grizzly bears into territory that has long been

*If federal wildlife officials move grizzly bears into the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, fewer humans will use the area.*

many rural Westerners oppose federal recovery efforts.

One piece of encouraging news was Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's success last week in blocking federal spending on

Idaho grizzly transplants. Craig, with Montana's Sen. Conrad Burns, persuaded the Senate Appropriations committee to chop funds for moving grizzlies into Idaho during the next budget year.

A spokesman for a leading environmental group complained that the decision "undermines the endangered species process." Yes, if the "process" requires depositing bears where Idahoans don't want them, then Craig and Burns are undermining the "process."

Fine. North America's grizzly population is surviving without a Selway-Bitterroot colony. The bears don't need central Idaho, and Idaho does not need them.

These two incidents illustrate a two-pronged attack on the public's use of Western wild lands. Tax-supported bear boosters directly reduce public access to the public's property through restrictions such as road closures. Meanwhile, they indirectly reduce public access by promoting fear—Craig rarely kill people—Craig Dahl notwithstanding. Still, the prospect of meeting a grizzly in the wild is sufficiently alarming to prevent many people from hiking in known bear habitat.

If federal wildlife officials succeed

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### Race to be first, built-in biases result in unethical journalism

Those with a conservative worldview will not be shocked at the recent reports of lying by some elements of the mainstream press. For years conservatives have complained about the declining quality and one-sidedness of much that passes for modern journalism. Now, in addition to perceived political bias, comes an outbreak of gross factual errors that have been avoided had traditional journalistic norms been observed.

A joint CNN-Time magazine effort about U.S.-Soviet relations—American defectors in Laos appears to have been concocted to serve the political and career objectives of its creators. On Thursday retractions of the story and take back responsibility for the broadcast and print versions of the story. A Boston Globe columnist is fired for fabricating stories and quotes. The New Republic terminates a "hot young writer" for similarly making up parts of 27 articles. The Cincinnati Enquirer dismisses a reporter who wrote a story about the company that sells Chiquita bananas, saying it practiced "deceitful, unethical and unlawful conduct." The newspaper agrees to pay the company \$10 million and publishes a front-page apology.

There have been several explanations for these and other press shortcomings. Among them is the desire to be first and to get noticed in the increasingly noisy and diverse media field. On that score, I recall something former NBC White House correspondent Ray Scherer once said to me: "I try to be first with the story, but not at the expense of being wrong." It appears that this principle no longer applies.

Today, anybody with a pretty face (and some whose faces are not so pretty but who can generate ratings) can go on the air and read what someone else has written. Newspapers compete for their share of a dwindling audience and



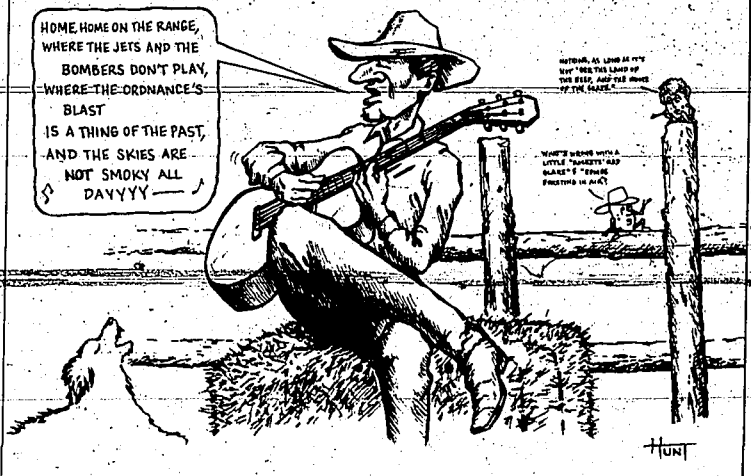
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sometimes exhibit the bad character traits of their electronic cousins. In television, field reporters now take with them producers and other staff who mostly put stories together. At NBC in the 1960s, reporters had to write and produce their own stuff. Then, journalism was thought of as a craft. Now, it's a profession or, worse, a business.

There's another reason for these recent outrages. Most of the big media subscribe to certain prejudices. They include, but are not limited to, biases about big corporations (they are evil), white people (they are racist until proved otherwise), males (they are sexist), Republicans (they are shills for big business and insensitive to the poor), the seriously religious (they are ignorant) and America (a bad country that does bad things to innocent people). One finds traces of these prejudices in much mainstream reporting and in several of the recent stories about unethical behavior by journalists.

When the media speak of "diversity," they are not talking about diversity of opinion, only different faces and genders delivering the same one-sided viewpoint. Whenever the big media face charges of bias or other shortcomings, they are quick to absolve themselves of wrongdoing. There are many ways to lie or "shade the truth" in the news business. The most extreme cases can get you fired. The less extreme can win you an award.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.



### Rancher, family just hope to break even

As the so-called "Prominent Rogerson area Rancher" who was buying influence with Republicans as reported first in an editorial written by Marty Trillhouse with the Post Register in Idaho Falls and, later by The Times-News, I think it is probably time I responded to the revelations.

For the benefit of those who have not been closely involved in this issue for the past decade, my position has been clear and consistent in opposition to the expansion. Anyone who has been involved, including many of my environmental friends, know that if I could be granted one wish, it would be that they would just go away, leave us alone and not come back. From the start, the most that my family could hope for is to stay about even; that is, continue to operate in the future on a somewhat comparable basis to the present.

As far as this being the first time a rancher may be compensated for lost

#### READER COMMENT Bert Brackett

grazing, that is simply not true. The fact is that the military, including Air Force, has compensated ranchers many times in the past because they are required by law to do so. BLM officials should know better; or they have been misquoted or misrepresented on this issue. Fortunately, some of the more responsible newspapers in the state are now making the distinction between BLM making adjustments and the Air Force making compensation for lost grazing.

The \$3,000 reported to have been contributed is probably right. Obviously, someone has done a lot of digging to come up with that figure, but it sounds about right so I will accept it. However, I would point out that it is not completely

correct because several weeks ago I sent News Ginchir \$25 for his re-elect House Republicans telephone campaign. So to be accurate it is \$3,025, not \$3,000. I think we can all agree that what a reporter writes and a newspaper prints should be accurate and responsible.

Including 1990, this represents five election cycles and, therefore, covers about 10 political years. That figures out to about \$300 per year. So you have uncovered a "fat cat" spending about \$300 per year "buying influence." Frankly, I am a little embarrassed to have this exposed. I have been labeled a "fat cat," but by almost any measure, I am at best a chintzy cat.

It is not a matter of hitting the jackpot or winning the lottery. It is a matter of trying to put our lives back together, putting our operation back together and working toward the future for ourselves and our children.

Bert Brackett is a Rogerson rancher.

## LETTERS

to feed them. My cats are indoor cats because of the horror stories I've read about animal cruelty. They don't have any desire to venture out. They have food, toys, and much love and in return, they give me purrs, headbutts, love nips and a great deal of affection. I believe all domestic animals should be so pampered.

Cats and dogs and other animals have an abundance of love and affection to offer us, asking so little in return. We must speak up for them!  
TERESA CASELLA  
Idaho Falls

#### Quit complaining about Brew Fest

Quit complaining about beer sales at public events already! You people that have to complain—Are you American? I sure hope you don't ever set foot in Centennial Park or send your children to public schools because guess who pays for a good share of that privilege—taxes. Many of our kids' sports activities are in jeopardy due to lack of funds, so why not let the sales of beer support a good cause?

We live in a free country; you are free to go to these functions or stay home. There is no law against alcohol that I am aware of, just prejudiced people. Not all people who drink alcohol are horrible drunks. Parents should teach their young adult children how to have self-control in all things, alcohol consumption included.

Let freedom ring!  
SUSAN BROWN  
Twin Falls

#### Obvious conflict of interest exists

Big surprise! What does one expect from Peyton Place, Idaho?

What I'm referring specifically to in this forum are the media announcements of the new executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. Joan Aldridge is the new executive director. She is also the significant other

to chamber board member Gary Asson. Yet the chamber's president, Norm Rayburn, sees no conflict of interest, according to a quote in The Times-News. Asson has served on committees with the chamber of commerce, again according to media reports, that Asson was not involved in the selection process. That's supposed to make it right?

I probably won't say anything at all about this, however, I know one of the other applicants who was not even interviewed or given even one tidbit of consideration for the job. That, coupled with information in the South Idaho Press that the chamber president and board seemed to be very evasive and reluctant to discuss anything about the position publicly until confronted by an SIP reporter. I can't help but wonder if the board was needing more time to cover its own assets.

The applicant I personally know has years of media experience, plus ample business experience. I know this gentleman has served on committees with the chamber of commerce, including the Organization of Rupert Businesses and Burley Area Merchants Association, and also served on the Region IV Travel Committee, and he was not even interviewed for this job. According to the South Idaho Press, one board member said that all nine or so applicants were less qualified than Ms. Aldridge. I personally find that hard to believe.

I fail to see what qualifications made Ms. Aldridge stand out so brightly that one or more applicants weren't even interviewed. I think the business community—which makes up the membership of the chamber of commerce as well as trusts the board to make the best decisions on their behalf—deserves some clarification.

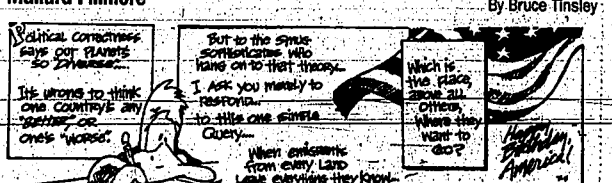
I think this episode illustrates the worst that the old boy network in this area is to offer. And I believe any people in this community with any gumption ought to be upset as well. But then, what the heck. This is Peyton Place, Idaho.  
KIM ANDERSON  
Burley

#### Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

#### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

# Low voter turnout in November will pose problems for both parties

Members of Congress are home celebrating American independence, the male members by spilling mustard on their red neckties (do they wear them even at picnics? probably) and getting their wingtips close to the grass roots. Members of both parties must be nervously wondering who is going to vote Nov. 3.

To regain control of the House, Democrats need to gain only 11 seats, but that would be the gain for a party holding the presidency since the emergence of the two-party system. In 1852, and since then the party with the White House has lost House seats in every off-year election except 1934, when F.D.R.'s Democrats gained nine.

Even so, as turnout declines, the potential for volatility increases, because the decline may not be symmetrical — may not be evenly distributed among Republicans and Democrats. And according to the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, the decline of turnout continues.

In 1992, record sums were spent by parties, candidates and interest groups to excite an electorate swollen by a net increase of 5 million registered voters. (That's the point of the "motor voter" law which enables people to register when they get their driver's licenses. What next



GEORGE F. WILL

— "pizza voter," whereby the guy who delivers your pizza will register you? The electorate remained unstimulated.

The 1996 decline of turnout — the continuation of a 36-year trend that was interrupted only by a small uptick in 1992 — produced the lowest turnout since the enfranchisement of women in 1924. This year there was a surge in voting in June in California, where about one in nine American voters lives, because of that state's new open primary and contests for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, the Republican Senate nomination and several controversial initiatives. Nevertheless, CSAE reports that, nationwide, participation in statewide primaries held through the middle of June indicates that when all primaries have been held, participation will have been the lowest ever, and November may see a record low turnout.

November may be largely an "election of the bases," dominated by the motivated, ideological bases of the parties. Each party will have its own problem. The Democrats is that in off-year elections turnout drops

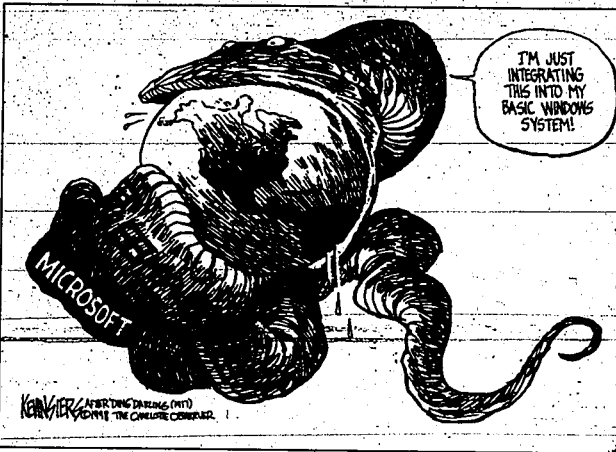
sharpest among low-income and minority voters. The task of making an ideological appeal to such groups is complicated by the fact of the country's conservative mood.

The Republicans' problem is twofold. First, in the last off-year elections, Republicans triumphed by promising that, given a congressional majority, they would transform Washington. Two years ago they did end two large entitlement programs dating from the 1930s — agricultural price supports and Aid to Families with Dependent Children. But perhaps their emblematic transformation — renunciation of their own transformation, going native) has been of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which now has a swollen membership of 75 — about one-sixth of the House.

This year it produced the sinking highway bill — an entitlement that can be called Aid to Politicians with Dependent Construction Contractors.

If few voters show up at the polls in November, it may be because, as Jonathan Rauch says, "What do you do when your car is up to its windshield in mud? You get out and walk. That's what many Americans are doing now in response to government's inability to get them where they want to go."

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.



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## LETTERS

### 'Corridor Plan' offers hope

Eight businesses have closed in Hagerman in the past year; at least six in Buhl. Filer and Castleford are hurting. A friend suggested that I read the "Corridor Plan." What an eye-opener! Why would anyone be against the "scenic byway"? Backed by the state and three counties, the counties should answer the incorrect information of Lori Osborne of April 14. She needs to be challenged in print.

With the plan was an article saying that the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce "supports business development and retention" and that "they" are very active. They are, but at what? What retention? The same question can be asked of the city councils and mayors since Merle Owsley passed on.

We need progressive people who will pursue tourism as their No. 1 goal. Hagerman Valley has excellent attractions and tourism benefits us all. It's a lean industry; tourists rent space, buy things, leave lots of money and go home. These monies become wages and taxes. Wages for local kids' jobs and taxes used for our benefit. What a deal!

Grants for programs like the "Corridor Plan" are our monies put aside for us in programs that we must qualify for. What's wrong with competing for monies already designated to state, county and city programs? It's our money coming home is all.

Congratulations to the National Park Service on its 10 years as a good neighbor in Hagerman Valley.

For what it's worth, I was chairman of commerce president in Hagerman Valley for five years, ditto as tourism chairman and 11 years with the Idaho Travel Council. I owned the Rock Lodge and RV Park for 11 years and had an axe to grind, so I volunteered.

Let's get behind this "Corridor Plan" and pull our

towns out of the doldrums. It won't be easy.

ILL "BURT" HOLMES  
Hagerman

### Laws don't stop public prayer

I have to agree with the woman from Rupert regarding religious intolerance. Probably the most disturbing trend in this country, aside from the increasing violence and the increasing disparity between rich and poor, is the increasing militance of the religious right. Two things strike me about their movement right off the top.

No. 1 is that they often equate laws with rights. I don't recall ever being forced to stop praying if I wanted to stop in the hall and pray. I remember praying before athletic events. I remember being able to discuss religion openly without a problem and this was just four short years ago.

The landscape surely hasn't changed much in that time. So why is it necessary to pass a law mandating school prayer?

Never mind the fact that these same people are often the ones refusing to pay taxes and trying to opt out of their civic responsibilities. I guess government is only good when it is forcing its views down other people's throats.

Government's primary function should be to protect us and to offer basic services that a civil

ized society requires. It's in need of many changes, but passing unconstitutional laws to restrict your civil liberties is not one of them.

No. 2 is that they often align themselves with the Republican Party. This is the most humorous one. Put a rich chief executive officer making \$22 million a year next to a farmer trying to raise five kids and I couldn't really tell you what they had in common. Well, the one thing they have in common is they hate liberals. Other than that, the CEO could care less if the farmer lived or died just as long as his pockets get fatter. Not exactly a holy alliance.

As citizens of this free nation, we all agree that in return for our freedom of expression and freedom of religion we allow the same rights to others. This is what makes America work. Laws that compromise this are not only unconstitutional but they are exactly what our forefathers died to defend.

Consider this when you try to push your religion on someone else or when you attempt to use the legal system to legitimize discrimination. Heading down this slippery slope you could one day find your civil liberties stomped out, and then you'd know what it feels like to be a liberal in the Magic Valley.

FRANKLIN CRAWFORD  
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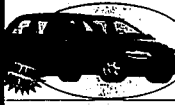
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## We'd better come to our centises, and soon

On a rock outcrop not far from the observation platform at Shoshone Falls, there's a ledge covered with pennies.

The copper in them has long since corroded into a rainbow of green hues and they'll be there forever. But they're worth something, and a limb to salvage \$1.14 that you can't spend in the pop machine.

It's that way everywhere these days: People are dumping pennies like they're radioactive — in fountains, in parking lots, in tips left for bad service. We as a society seem to be above common cents, and I fear we're tempting economic collapse, pestilence and the return of disco as a result.



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Steve Crump

That's because the penny is the currency of small mercies, the coin of petty indulgences from Providence. Think of it as the fiduciary equivalent of a sunbeam breaking through the clouds, a smile from a stranger, or a parking place next to the front door.

If we've grown too grand for all that, God must be reasoning, then maybe it's time for compensation. That's what caused the Great Depression, you know. John D. Rockefeller was handing out dimes to strangers one day in 1929, and when he ran out he tried to foist a handful of pennies on a smart-mouthed little street urchin.

The little punk just couldn't be bothered with pennies. So the Lord dumped all of his Standard Oil stock the very next day.

Similar thing happened to Pharaoh. He and Moses were chatting down to Luxor one day when Moses had to stop a 7-Eleven and make a call. Lacking a checkbook for the pay phone, he offered to trade the king a pocketful of cents for the correct change.

Pharaoh scornfully turned him down, and Moses had to make his call collect. Cheesed him off so much he gave his notice the very next day. When Pharaoh refused to grant him time off, Moses called down the anthrax and the grasshoppers. Cairo hasn't been the same since. It could happen here too, you know.

My widowed grandmother, who raised eight kids during the Depression, could have told you that. When she died at the age of 81, the family found \$312.30 worth of pennies in her basement. Unlabeled.

She never threw a cent away because she was just sure that a person's attitude toward pennies reflected his or her state of grace.

The righteous save pennies in clear boxes, coin purses, manila envelopes. It's evidence of frugality and it serves two other very useful purposes.

First off, it's a down payment on redemption. And second, it's a sure-ante that you'll never have to sleep on a park bench and eat the soles of your shoes.

For to be a pennywiser is to be a peckster, storing up not only spiritual capital but also everything you could possibly need to survive in case the nation's monetary system collapses.

Those who hoard pennies also can peaches, save rolled-up newspapers, preserve wax. Japan could declare bankruptcy tomorrow, plunging the economy into the darkest of recessions, and the pennywiser would still be able to meet his house payment, keep the wood stove burning and buy a hard Times\* by flicking a candlelight.

Those are skills that escape most of us. Too bad, because a penny spared is the moral equivalent of one more cent invested in the Bank of Folly.

The Romans learned that the hard way. The Visigoths, a surly bunch of German tourists, were passing through Rome one day during the Third Century and stopped at a Jack-in-the-Box lunch.

The chief picked up the check, but he didn't have anything smaller than a 100-ducat bill on him.

Try as they might, his Roman hosts couldn't scrape together enough change. They'd pitched all their pennies.

Offended, the barbarians plundered the Eternal City, and then they got mad. They installed a 4-percent sales tax, put in vending machines for wine and erected an exact change-only tollbooth on the Appian Way.

Rome, which had lasted for a thousand years, ran out of time. And nobody had change for the meter.

# Miners seek desert gold

By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Gold claims covering about 30 square miles have been filed in northwestern Lincoln and southern Camas counties.

A California mining company thinks it may have found gold in the Bennett Hills west and north of Black Butte, west of state Highway 75. Based on earlier tests, the company's spokesman said, the company is going to do more testing this summer.

"We think it's going to be good," company spokesman Marcus Johnson said.

But it is too early to say whether the company will start mining.

Intergold owns 331 claims in a project known as Blackhawk

## Mining claims staked in Lincoln County



and 439 earlier claims in conjunction with Goldstate Corp. in Blackhawk II. Just to the north in Camas County, Vega-Atlantic Corp. owns another 173 claims in similar formations of lava rock.

Intergold drilled 10 test holes last year, and it plans to do more

extensive drilling this year. The company has filed a notice of intent with the Bureau of Land Management in Shoshone to drill 38 additional holes to take 500-foot core samples.

The core testing will help determine the extent of the ore and the most efficient recovery method, Johnson said. The earlier results showed that gold deposits started at the surface and continued to the bottom of the deepest hole — 507 feet.

If that holds true for the major mineralized area, it has huge implications, he said. Mining companies usually spend a lot of money finding gold and uncovering it.

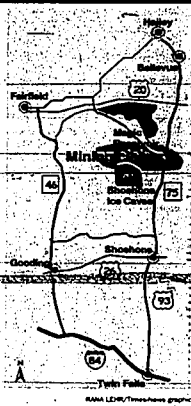
In this instance, gold may be

recovered from the first rock dug up, Johnson said.

Company experts estimate that the claims average 14 ounces of gold per ton of ore — that means seven tons of ore contain about one ounce of gold, according to a company news release.

But the amount of gold actually recovered would vary depending on recovery methods used. State geologist Earl Bennett in Moscow was skeptical, saying he would like to see the results of the test holes.

Denver-based Bateman Engineering Inc., a mining consulting firm that has done some work on the Intergold claims, Please see **GOLD**, Page B3



Almo resident Scott Erickson prepares to conk a softball during a Fourth of July game Saturday in Almo. A match-up with neighboring Elba failed to materialize, but Almo residents split up and played anyway — fulfilling a traditional part of the town's Fourth celebration.

## Tale of 2 towns

Almo-Elba derby  
takes community  
pride to extra innings

By Kent McClary  
Times-News writer

**ALMO** — The softball dropped out of the blue sky, through the green backdrop of the valley hills, and toward home plate in Almo's city park.

Batter Scott Erickson, an Almo rancher, shifted his cowboy boots in the sand, eyeing the ball. He'd passed up the previous two offerings, but this one looked fat.

Pitcher Johnny Erickson had Please see **GAME**, Page B3

# Piece of past lives for present in Almo

Over 100 years old,  
Tracy's is more  
than a general store

By Anthony A. Gefos  
Times-News correspondent

**ALMO** — A piece of history stands at the center of town.

Its weathered, home-baked bricks are a stark contrast to the surrounding fields and modern ranch houses. Peeling paint on Tracy's General Store modestly announces "Est. 1884."

Campers staying at the nearby City of Rocks National Reserve go there to buy toilet paper, post cards and gum. The woman behind the counter rings up sales on a bulky, 100-year-old cash register.

Residents claim Tracy's General Store is the oldest family-run establishment in Idaho.

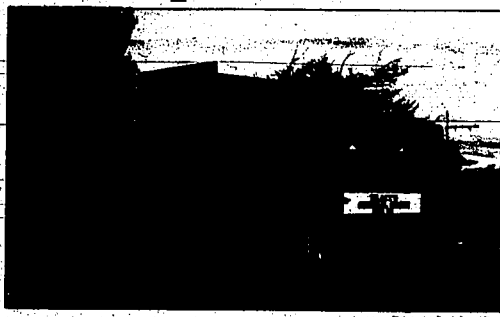
Owned and operated by Phyllis

Tracy, 65, and her husband, William, 68, the landmark retail outlet preserves the past while serving the needs of present-day customers. Phyllis Tracy candidly calls it "Almo's 7-Eleven," but she knows it is much more.

"Everything that is there has always been here," she said. "We want to preserve (the store) and our children do, too, very much."

Travelers who open the shop's creaky front door will discover a treasury of antiques, dating back to Almo's first settlers. With a collection of old leather shoes and straw hats, Norman Rockwell-esque advertisements for soda pop, and an original post office box tucked away in one corner, Tracy's is the best museum in town.

Built by William Tracy's grandfather, William Eames, the store has undergone minimal reconstruction since the turn of the century. The original log cabin frame occupies the back half of the store while the front section,



Tracy's General Store is the best museum in Almo, the gateway to the City of Rocks National Reserve. The store has been family-owned for more than 100 years.

last updated around 1900, is primarily composed of brick.

Eames settled in Almo when he stopped in the area during a hunt-

ing trip, Phyllis Tracy said. The family's journals say that Eames, a marshal of Almo and a reporter for the Oakley Herald, helped

build the town.

"All of the wood work they did Please see **TRACY'S**, Page B3

# Rupert shop owners on watch for better business

By Penelope Reedy  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — It's a waiting game.

Most people agree that improvements on the city square will enhance its charm, but shop owners remain skeptical about when it will improve business.

In an effort to boost the local economy, the City Council — spearheaded by Mayor Dwinnelle Alfred and City Administrator Bryan Montgomery — sought grants and formed local improvement district to repair streets, replace curbs and gutters, and improve downtown lighting.

"This wonderful changes make us more motivated to do things," said Merna Looney, owner of The Flaming Torch.

Looney, a member of the Rupert Renaissance Arts and Crafts Committee, said that she'd like to see regular events held at the square — such as a monthly farmers' market or a monthly flea market.

Montgomery said he believes Rupert is the only town in Idaho with a centrally located town square. Rupert should capitalize on its unique quality.

At one time, the square was the hub of the Rupert business district and its businesses flourished.

Audrey McMillon, a regular customer of Looney's salon, said she remembered the days "before TV" when she took her children to weekly band concerts on the square. She'd like to see the tradition return.

"But we've got to keep the roughnecks out — no beer drinking," she said.

Superstores in north Burley and Twin Falls have lured shoppers away from the square. Roper's department store, which had been a landmark on the square, was the most recent shop to shut down.

"I don't come-to-town much any more because there's nothing here," McMillon said. "I can drive to Twin as quick as I can come up here."

Renaissance committees are searching for ways to bring people downtown to shop at surviving businesses, as well as attract new businesses to the area.

"I love the changes," said Sally Gibbons, owner of The Book Store. "Our business has stayed strong. The end result is exactly what we've been looking for."

Denise Buckley, who runs Town Square Floral, was a bit

ing. "We've got to keep the roughnecks out — no beer drinking," she said. Superstores in north Burley and Twin Falls have lured shoppers away from the square. Roper's department store, which had been a landmark on the square, was the most recent shop to shut down.



Merna Looney takes a break at her Rupert Square business, The Flaming Torch. Looney, a member of the Renaissance Arts and Crafts Committee, hopes to see monthly events on the square.

## MAGIC VALLEY WEST

## Jewish group seeks cancellation of Aryan Nations' 100-man march

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A militant Jewish group is waging a call-in campaign to demand cancellation of a parade permit for the white-supremacist Aryan Nations and is threatening a tourist boycott.

A statement faxed Friday to The Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash., by the Jewish Defense Organization of New York said there would be trouble unless Mayor Steve Judy revokes a permit for the Aryan 100-man march on July 18.

"A message on the group's hot line calls the campaign 'Operation Nazi-Kick' and threatens to 'expose anyone that supports the Aryan Nations' and gives the City Hall phone number," it said.

"Names and addresses of those who come to support the march

will be posted on the organization's Web site within 72 hours of the parade, and messages advocating a boycott will be spread among other Jewish Web sites," said Lawrence Siegel, a member of the group.

Judy said he was told of the campaign Thursday but would not change his decision because of several legal opinions, including one from the state attorney general's office, indicated the permit request met municipal requirements.

"It's not going to change the First Amendment right to free speech we have to uphold in our community," he said.

Judy and his office, Washington County, said they had asked area residents to join human rights rallies, marches

and an interfaith religious service July 18-19 rather than confront the paraders.

In addition, the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations is lining up sponsors to pledge money for each minute of the march, hoping for a combined total of \$1,000 a minute.

Siegel said members of his group would not attend the march because it is scheduled on a Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath.

"However, that does not mean we can't create confrontational situations before the rally," he said.

Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler said earlier this week he would take place in the march, "Butler said. 'That would be surrendering.'"

## Board of regents will act on proposed 3.5 percent raises for college presidents

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Each of the state's college presidents will earn at least \$100,000 a year under a proposed 3.5 percent pay raise.

The Utah Board of Regents is expected to act on the proposed salaries during their monthly meeting July 10 in Cedar City.

"In each case, in comparison with their peers across the country, each (president) is making less than his or her peers. In some cases, we have been attempting to do some catch up," said board Chairman Charlie Johnson.

Snow College President Gerald J. Day, Dixie College President Robert C. Huleston and College of Eastern Utah President Grace S. Jones would each see their salaries increase from \$99,000 to \$102,554.

University of Utah President J. Bernard Machen, who started in January, is poised to receive \$209,844 — about \$11,300 more than his beginning salary at \$198,544.

He earned as provost of the

University of Michigan. Machen, Utah State University President George H. Emert and Utah Valley State College President Kerry D. Romsburg would each receive base adjustments in addition to the proposed 3.5 percent raise.

Utah Commissioner of Higher Education, Cecilia H. Foxley, also is in the process of a 3.5 percent pay increase, which would bring her pay for the 1999 fiscal year to \$147,456, up from \$142,470.

Except for SLCC and UVSC, the presidents' proposed salaries are below the national median, according to the annual survey of the College and University Personnel Association.

The proposed salary schedule reflects size, type and complexity of the institution. In the case of the U, health sciences and University Hospital factor into the equation.

Indeed, the rationale for Machen's base adjustment of \$40,000 is "the distance from the national median and health sci-

ences factor." Likewise, Emert's \$2,500 adjustment in addition to the 3.5 percent increase is because of the distance from the national median. Romsburg would receive an additional adjustment to bring his pay in line with that of Salt Lake Community College President Frank W. Budd.

Under the proposal, Emert's \$153,182 salary would be \$161,131, Weber State University President Paul H. Thompson's pay would go up from \$128,544 to \$132,480, Steven D. Bennion of Southern Utah University would see his pay rise from \$120,000 to \$124,200, Romsburg's \$113,189 salary would be \$118,630 and Budd would receive the same amount, up from \$114,618.

In addition to salaries, the presidents live in state-owned and maintained homes.

Foxley's pay is based on an average of salaries for chief executive officers of governing boards in states with Research I institutions. Utah has two such schools, the U of U and USU.

## Erosion takes toll on California beaches

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — In Malibu, Las Tunas State Beach has virtually disappeared. Even at low tide the waves wash over what little sand is left and break on a rocky shoreline.

At the other end of Los Angeles County, Cabrillo Beach near San Pedro is disappearing.

In between, at Redondo Beach, the sea sometimes laps at pilings supporting a bathroom on the Strand. Only a sliver of sand is left in front.

Waves of change are hammering away at Los Angeles-area beaches; the signature of the Southern California lifestyle. Erosion, relentless and insistent, is exacting a dramatic toll — in sand. And, unlike years gone by, there's no more sand readily at hand to replace what the wind and sea keep washing away from the county's 31 miles of sandy shore.

Almost all those miles — from

Pacific Palisades south are either man-made, as in the case of Cabrillo, or artificial, enhanced with tons of sand scooped from massive ocean-side construction projects that date to the 1930s — primarily from improvements to a sewage treatment facility in nearby El Segundo and secondarily from the construction of Marina del Rey, the largest man-made small-craft harbor in the world.

The supply of sand from those sources and others has finally run out, according to state and local officials, as well as environmentalists and others who monitor conditions along the coast.

There is no money in the county budget to "nourish" the beaches — that is, to dredge sand from underwater or bring it in from somewhere else on the shore.

The federal government, meanwhile, has shown little if any interest in doing anything about Los Angeles' beaches.

So as the first signs of real trouble manifest themselves on the

area's beaches, the question looms: What, if anything, is going to be done about it?

Asks Reinhard E. Flick, a Scripps Institute researcher and oceanographer for the state Department of Boating and Waterways: "How do we assemble the political and social will — and, as importantly, the money — to continue to be able to supply those beaches with sand?"

Among planners nationwide, a new school of thought is slowly emerging, one with significant policy implications: state beaches not as play toys but as infrastructure akin to highways, bridges, ports and airports.

The basic story, said Gregory Woodell, the Los Angeles-based president of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, "is that if society wants to have beaches any more, we have to budget and renourish them periodically."

Building consensus, however, promises to be challenging.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Marjorie B. Hone**  
TWIN FALLS — Marjorie B. Hone, 68, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 4, 1998 at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

**George Oswald**  
HAGERMAN — George Oswald, 74, of Hagerman, died Saturday, July 4, 1998 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

**Betty L. Webb**  
BURLY — Betty L. Webb, a 62-year-old Burly resident, died Thursday, July 2, 1998, at D.S. Hospital in Salt Lake City. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Dan Lovelace officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

**Donna Clough of Twin Falls**  
10:30 a.m. Monday at the Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Kory Helix of Pocatello**  
grave-site service at 1 p.m. Monday at the cemetery in Ashton.

**Michael Hunter of Hansen**  
memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at EMC Park, 10811 W. Rio Vista Rd. Pocatello.

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## Grass fire continues in Tooele

TOOELE, Utah (AP) — A 1,500-acre blaze burning in Tooele County on Saturday had moved into rugged canyon terrain, but fire officials said crews were making progress.

The fire was about 50 percent contained, with full containment expected Sunday evening. Crews planned to have the fire under control by Monday, said Kathy Jo Pollock, a spokeswoman with the Interagency Fire Center in Salt Lake.

Firefighters had hoped to have the fire contained Saturday, Pollock said. But the steep terrain hindered efforts.

"Work is going a little slower than expected," Pollock said.

About 150 firefighters were working on the fire, which exploded through dry sheet grass and sage on Bureau of Land Management land Friday afternoon.

A smaller, 150-acre fire also was burning in Beaver County. The blaze forced sheriff's officials to evacuate people from the northwest side of Minersville Reservoir. The fire started about 2:30 p.m. Saturday, said Anna Stanworth spokeswoman for the Bureau of Land Management Cedar City District.

Crews were building lines to keep that fire from nearing the small community of Adamsville. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The Faust Fire in Tooele County started near Five Mile Pass and grew from two dozen acres to more than 800 in the first two hours, sending an anvil plume of black smoke into the summer sky.

Authorities have determined the fire was caused by humans. Pollock said crews suspected all-terrain vehicles may have sparked tinder-dry grass. She cautioned ATV owners to stay on trails.

Fire officials also were warning residents on Saturday not to take fireworks on public lands over the Fourth of July weekend and to make sure all camp fires were extinguished before leaving.

## Bull kills Utah boy during rodeo

TABLONA, Utah (AP) — A 14-year-old Heber City boy was trampled to death by a bull while competing in a Fourth of July rodeo here.

The teen, whose name was not released, was participating in the bull-riding competition at the Tablona Rodeo Grounds on Friday.

Duchesne County sheriff's officials said the boy was thrown from the animal and then trampled.

About 400 people attended the rodeo at Tablona, which is about 67 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

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# Fun on the square

By David Lee  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Everyone was on time for Saturday's Fourth of July parade.

People parked wherever they could and made their way to town square, where 25 floats and more than a hundred entries joined the Rupert parade.

The motorcade got rolling at 11 a.m. and it passed by crowds that were five rows deep in some parts of the square. People arrived more than an hour ahead of time to claim the coveted curbside seats.

Ed Hernandez and his nephew Albert arrived at 9:30 a.m., they said. After establishing their seats for the parade, they walked around until it began.

"I like the jets that fly over and the cars," said Albert Hernandez. Shortly after, two jets soared over the square — and the roar of their engines signaled the start of the parade.

Kent and Tonya Stallings continued a tradition of buying matching patriotic clothes for themselves and four of their children. This year, they sported shirts decorated with Old Glory.

11-year-old fifth and oldest child, 11-year-old Tiffany, didn't have to wear one, Kent Stallings said. That's because she was in the parade.

The Stallings boys — 4-year-old Austin, 7-year-old Josh and 3-year-old Tanner — all said they liked the jets and clowns; meanwhile, 6-year-old Madison cuddled up in



A girl prepares to shake hands with a clown as her friends and family watch during Rupert's Fourth of July parade on Saturday.

her brand new flag shirt.

This year was special for the Stallings family.

"We wanna watch Tiffany!" Austin Stallings blurted out.

The fire engines and police cars blew their horns and the floats drew cheers from the crowd. Parade organizer Jean Linard said it was a proper way to christen the newly renovated Rupert town square.

"I think it went really well," Linard said. "The float was the best I've ever seen."

A minor mishap marred the end of the parade. Two cars in the motorcade bumped into each

other at the intersection of F and 6th streets, each suffering minor damage.

"It's the first time I've seen it happen," said Juan Martinez of the Rupert police, who was directing traffic during the parade.

"I'm treating it the same way as any other accident," he said, as police taped off the accident scene to conduct an investigation. After the parade, people commended police for their treatment of the incident.

"It gave A.J. Palazzolo, 8, a favorite memory of the parade."

"I personally like that, the little crash," he said.

## Tracy's

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with their primitive tools is amazing to me," she said. "I go into some of these buildings, and I am just amazed at some of the carvings and carpentry that went into them."

Phyllis Tracy nostalgically recalled when Eames would hold dances in the shop's attic, bringing the entire community together for a festive evening. She said Eames was full of home-town pride, and he wrote letters to every local soldier who was overseas during World War II.

"But the times, they are a-changin'."

Phyllis Tracy confirmed that business has been slow in recent years. She attributed the decline to the advent of larger one-stop supermarkets.

"The local people just don't support the store," she said. "There are a few that do, but most don't. It's hard for little mom and pop stores to stay in business," she said. "If you're a conglomerate, then you can lose money at the store, turn around and make a profit somewhere else."

Sherril Spencer, a City of the Rocks employee and mother of

three, said she encourages tourists to visit Tracy's because of its historic value, but she seldom purchases items there. Spencer said she frequented Tracy's while growing up in Almo, but now the trek from her Yost residence is a burden.

"By the time I get to the highway, I might as well go into town (Burley)," Spencer said. "I won't drive a 30-mile round trip for one thing. I'll go to my neighbors and borrow it."

Phyllis Tracy said the store's prices are competitive — penny candy is still in stock, but its utility services are what draw rock climbers from the City of Rocks. The store boasts a gas pump and showers.

"The climbers are my best customers, because when they come in they buy everything, including groceries," she said. "I've had a lot of the climbers say our prices are very fair. Most of them are just happy that we're here."

Climbers and other outdoor enthusiasts are treated with small-town hospitality. Customers find personal attention, plus a line of credit without interest.

Oriol Sole, a native of

Argentina who teaches high school in White Salmon, Wash., said he was treated like a member of the community at Tracy's. On a recent climbing trip, Sole, 47, said he was grateful that store employees did not pass judgment on an out-of-stater.

"(Tracy's) seems like it's run by really nice people," Sole said. "It's got a lot of character. It was a lot more fun being in that store than any other store I've been in. I don't know how many years."

Tracy's credit ledger holds plenty of unpaid customer accounts. Phyllis Tracy said she tries to maintain the store's original helping-hand philosophy, using the honor system as a basis for credit. A man who was drafted during World War II returned to the shop last year to pay off his 55-year-old debt.

"Things like that touch your heart," she said. "It's those kinds of things that make you believe in people."

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## Square

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more skeptical.

"The lighting is really nice at night," she said. "But I don't know if the down time that hurt businesses was worth it."

"She said she'd have to wait and see if the improvements helped her business."

Gloria Fox, who runs the Team Support Club, a thrift store on the square, said she's glad repairs are finished.

"We lost a lot of customers while they were doing it," she

said, "but it looks nice."

Montgomery said he believes beautification projects could tip the odds in Rupert's favor for businesses mulling relocation in the Mini-Cassia area.

Not all activities on the square are "all business."

People wander to the gazebo or ankle-deep shade to listen to a break from their daily routines.

Tom Petty, 19, and Shawn Martinez, 16, enjoyed eating lunch in the shade during the Renaissance celebrations.

Both young men said they'd like to see the telephone booths on the square be "more old-fashioned" to match the new lights.

Martinez said another telephone booth inside the square would be handy, too.

"It was time for a change," Petty said. "I've lived here most of my life, and this is the first time I've ever seen it change."

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

# War against hepatitis moves to jails

SPOKANE (AP) — To help stem an epidemic of hepatitis A, health officials are extending their vaccination program to the Spokane County Jail and the county's Geiger Corrections Center.

"We need to target illicit drug users," said Kim Thorburn, health officer for the Spokane Regional Health District.

Health district nurses recently gave about 300 people at the jail and 500 at Geiger their first shots of vaccine.

Medical staff at the lockups will now take over the program, giving the shots to inmates who volunteer for them.

Because of staff shortages, "it's certainly not going to be easy for us," jail nurse supervisor Margy

"We need to target illicit drug users."

— Kim Thorburn, health officer

Triplet said. But, "it's important. That's the gist of it. If there's something important medically, we do find a way."

The vaccine is supposed to be a series of two shots. It may be difficult to find some inmates for their second shots, since they may be back in the community or someplace else. However, the second shots will be provided free if inmates come back for them.

The health district also is collecting blood from inmates who volunteer, to study whether the jail population is at high risk for hepatitis A, as officials believe.

Since the epidemic hit Spokane County last year, more than one in 1,000 people has caught hepatitis A.

At least 282 people have been diagnosed with the virus so far this year, compared with 45 at this time last year and four at this time in 1996.

Hepatitis A is a highly contagious disease spread by fecal-oral contact, through personal contact, contaminated food and contaminated water.

Symptoms include fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and jaundice.

## Game

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laid it into strike territory and Erickson obligingly smacked the ball into center field.

Erickson had to put a hand to his cowboy hat as he streaked to second base, but he made it easily as the ball was thrown in from back near the swings.

The softball game is a traditional part of the Fourth of July celebration in the hamlets of Almo and Elba, just as much as the parade and quilt raffle.

The two southern Cassia County towns alternate as hosts from year to year.

This year, with Almo hosting, Elba was supposed to bring a team for the contest. But the game failed to materialize, because a team from Elba failed to materialize.

"It looks like we're gonna have to pick teams," said Rob Jones of Almo, sounding slightly disappointed.

The Almo brigade — including residents and relatives — split ranks and generated two slightly-larger-than-full teams.

One side had an extra outfielder or two. On the other team, Dave Ogren was sometimes

joined in right field duty by his 4-year-old grandson, Jacob Bennett, both were cowboy-hatted, and white shirts with red, white, and blue "USA" logos.

The group was a bit smaller, than usual, Jones said, because many local teens had gone to Grand Creek, Utah for a rodeo.

"The kids don't do this kind of stuff any more. It's a community thing, a fun thing."

— Sherril Erickson.

Almo fan

The game featured some long hits, a few good defensive stops, and a cow dog rolling merrily in the grass of shallow centerfield. Later innings were punctuated by the candy cannon being touched off beyond left-center field, creating a rain of candy for scrambling children.

Fielders' gloves were in short supply Saturday, so the two teams traded off when the other came up to bat. The glove exchange underscored the

friendly nature of the game.

A key umpire decision arose midway through the contest. When a ball was smacked into right field and rolled all the way into the building where pie was being sold. Was it a home run or ground-rule double?

The fielding side argued the ground-rule, which would send the runner back to second base.

"You've got to call that before the game — this ain't Decio!" cracked Larry Henson, captain of the batting team.

The annual Almo-Elba game isn't as competitive as games played elsewhere, but it's played with a lot of heart.

"They don't take time to do things like this in the city. People go to the fireworks, and that's about it," said Valry Boehme, who has attended many of the games over the years. She and her family came from Smithfield, Utah, to visit her parents and come to the event.

"The kids don't do this kind of stuff any more," said Sherril Erickson of Almo. "It's a community thing, a fun thing."

## Gold

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could not confirm the number cited in the company's news release.

Earlier work by Bateman showed that a 25 percent recovery rate yielded .023 to .035 ounces of gold per ton of ore. One sample yielded .003 ounce but when retested showed .024 ounces.

The company's own tests, independent of Bateman, improved recovery to 60 percent, the release said.

The recovery rate and the cost of recovery would depend on the process used to remove minute gold deposits from the ore.

The company wants to avoid the cyanide leaching method and its environmental risks, and it is looking at two other processes, Johnson said.

"It has to be done right," Johnson said.

Another southern Idaho mining project recently ended at Black Pine Mountain in southern Cassia County.

Recovery at Pegasus Gold's Black Pine Mine ranged from .018 to .035 ounces of gold per ton — meaning it took 28 to 55 tons of ore to make one ounce of gold.

When the mine opened in the early 1990s, operation cost about \$3.00 per ton of ore, or about \$202

per ounce of gold recovered. At the time gold was selling for about \$340 per ounce.

Gold now sells for just under

\$300 per ounce.

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## MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## Dried flowers make fine art

Shoshone woman turns interior design training into business

By Willa Carraway  
Times-News correspondent

**SHOSHONE**—Artists are just like everyone else. Maybe so, but only an artist can put paint on canvas in a pleasing manner, create useful and pretty objects of clay, or dry flowers and arrange them in a gorgeous display.

Susan Antisdell is such a person.

A visit to her shop—Susan Lynn Designs—is a journey into the arts.

The process Antisdell uses is a large freeze-drying machine that removes the water from flowers, but leaves them looking exactly like they were when fresh.

The freeze-drying process is simple.

The machine is cooled to 30 degrees, then its cargo area is filled with 2500 to 3500 flowers. It is only when the vacuum pump is started that it becomes a freeze-drying machine.

The process takes approximately eight days for the flowers to be completely dried. Every day, it is adjusted to a warmer setting until the contents are completely free of moisture.

Once the machine is switched off, it takes 30-45 minutes for the vacuum to release the door. Antisdell leaves the door open for about an hour so the dried blossoms can absorb enough moisture to prevent them from crumbling.

After freeze-drying, the flowers are stored in clear plastic boxes until they are arranged by Antisdell.

She arranges some in glass domes of varying sizes. She arranges others in triple-matted shadow boxes that are strikingly gorgeous. The domes also protect the fragile blossoms from dust and spider webs.

In creating her shadow boxes, Antisdell cuts her own moldings and mats. She also has a computer and scanner, and she can make professional labels.

Antisdell was trained in interior design and worked for an Ethan Allen Gallery in Dallas, Texas.

She moved to Shoshone three years ago



Susan Antisdell shows off a full-load of flowers in her high-tech freeze-drying machine, and has kept busy with her shop about three miles east of town. She raises all kinds of flowers to dry, and she also gathers flowers from the gardens of friends and family.

## Quakes increase at Mount St. Helens

Los Angeles Times

The number of small earthquakes and emission of carbon dioxide has increased at Mount St. Helens in Washington state, slightly raising the chances that volcanic steam eruptions last seen in 1991 could resume, scientists report.

The U.S. Geological Survey, in a statement issued July 1, said that its concern "is heightened greatly" by the earthquakes move within 1 1/2 miles of the surface of the crater.

After months of small earthquakes, averaging about two a day, the Geological Survey's William E. Scott, who is stationed at the Cascade Volcano Observatory in Vancouver,

Wash., prepared the statement reporting that the number increased to 165 events in May and 318 in June.

Although only 11 quakes measured greater than magnitude 1, and the largest was magnitude 1.8, Scott said, two distinct quake clusters were evident directly beneath the lava dome in the crater. One was less than three miles underground and the other four to six miles.

A magnitude 4.1 quake on March 20, 1980, signaled a resumption of volcanic activity at Mount St. Helens after a dormancy lasting 123 years. The mountain began erupting seven days later.

St. Helens had a major eruption on May 18, 1980, in which

the top 1,300 feet of the mountain was blown away, and later pyroclastic flows of molten material, as well as mud flows, caused serious flooding nearby. At least 57 persons died.

During the climactic eruption, trees nearly 20 miles from the volcano were blown down.

Ash falls were recorded hundreds of miles to the north and east.

Eruptions gradually faded in ensuing months and years. But scientists studying prehistoric deposits of volcanic materials have concluded that St. Helens is one of the most dangerous and frequently erupting volcanoes in the Cascade range. As such, it is subject to frequent scientific monitoring.

In the Geological Survey's statement, Scott reported, "An airborne survey of volcanic gases revealed the presence of magmatic carbon dioxide."

He noted that carbon dioxide, which is heavier than other atmospheric gases, can collect in ground depressions and possibly endanger hikers, campers and skiers with asphyxiation.

The carbon dioxide is believed to be escaping from magma, or lava, which has risen again to within about four miles of the crater floor, Scott said.

However, he added, there has been no ground deformation recorded in the area, a sign that whatever activity there is, is limited.

## FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS**—Recent activity in Sub District Court in Twin Falls County included:

## Drunken-driving sentencing

Twin Falls County

Darryl Larry McLean, 30, 961 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, amended to driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended driving privileges suspended for 365 days, \$2,000 fine with \$1,200 suspended, \$750 court cost, 1100 public defender fee; 18 month probation, criminal no alcohol, submit to alcohol testing, \$35 per month for probation services, attend Alcoholics Anonymous once per week for next 18 months, Magistrate Judge Kevin Cawley.

Rebecca Langway, 36, 808 600, Flat, driving under the influence, felony, amended to driving under the influence (second offense), pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended driving privileges suspended for 365 days, \$2,000 fine with \$1,200 suspended, \$750 court cost, 1100 public defender fee; 18 month probation, criminal no alcohol, submit to alcohol testing, \$35 per month for probation services, attend Alcoholics Anonymous once per week for next 18 months, Magistrate Judge Kevin Cawley.

Paula Gay Karpis, 34, 1251 E. Ridge Place, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 175 suspended driving privileges suspended for 180 days, \$750 court cost, 12 month probation, criminal no alcohol, submit to alcohol testing, \$35 per month for probation services, attend Alcoholics Anonymous once per week for next 18 months, Magistrate Judge Kevin Cawley.

John Lee Crowley, 36, 927 Ashland Ave. W., Twin Falls, driving without privileges, felony, amended to driving without privileges (second offense), pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail, drive privilege suspended for 180 days, \$750 court cost, Magistrate Judge Kevin Cawley.

Johannes B. West, 21, 117 E. Seventh, Jerome, possession of drug paraphernalia without intent to use, pleaded guilty; four days in jail, \$650 court cost, Magistrate Judge Kevin Cawley.

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## Students learn the ropes of ranching

Former playground of rich and famous now a UN classroom

WADSWORTH, Nev. (AP) — The tap on Joe Mortensen's bedroom window always comes in the middle of the night.

Mortensen, manager of the S Bar S Ranch for 20 years, responds the same way every time. He gets up, goes outside and listens to one of his rookie ranch huddles explain a problem only he can solve.

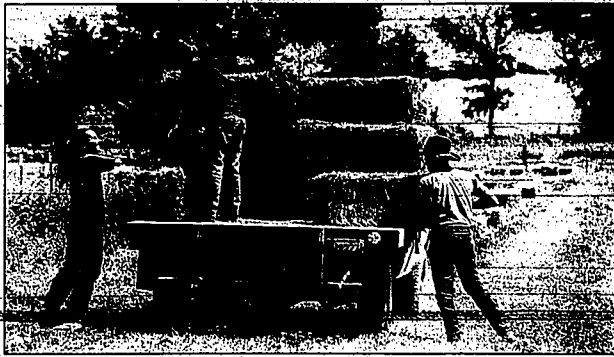
Whatever the trouble — a cow giving birth, a calf getting sick or any of a dozen other things — Mortensen must be ready with expert guidance at that moment.

"The first time is kind of hard," Mortensen said of his initial apprehension at waking Mortensen from a sound sleep. But you get used to it. He's always cheerful in the middle of the night, surprisingly.

Maybe that's because he serves as teacher and his "hands" are students in the University of Nevada, artist Salvador Dali and their famous friends were entertained by S Bar S owner Helen Marye Thomas in the '40s and '50s.

Thomas, an East Coast socialite whose grandfather George T. Marye Sr., got rich in the Virginia City mining business, gave the ranch to UNR before she died in 1970.

"I have to laugh when the kids are checking the cows," said Mortensen, who grew up in rural Fernley and lives on the S Bar S fulltime with his family. "They wake me up at 2 a.m. Every semester, he gets four or five agriculture students — usually undergraduates in the pre-



Laura Millsap, left, Shannon Kelly and ranch manager Joe Mortensen load bales of hay at the University of Nevada Reno's S Bar S Ranch near Wadsworth, Nev.

erinary medicine program — who work, eat and sleep at the ranch where movie actress Hedy Lamarr, artist Salvador Dali and their famous friends were entertained by S Bar S owner Helen Marye Thomas in the '40s and '50s.

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It's a pretty place at the end of a dirt road north of here and surrounded by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Reservation.

The Truckee River runs along the east side of the ranch, which dates back to the 1890s. Sheep

graze on the front lawn of the main ranch house, which was destroyed by fire and rebuilt three times.

In the guest houses where Lamarr and Dali slept, the stars have been replaced by the students.

The kids are out of bed at dawn to feed livestock before traveling in a ranch van to UNR for classes. They return to the ranch by afternoon for more chores, followed by dinner, homework and lights out.

At night, they take turns checking the livestock. They trade the same job on weekends. Life is busy.

Since the program started in 1983, the ranks of student ranchers have been made up of about

equal numbers of males and females.

During the summer, students work for pay — \$7.25 an hour.

Laura Millsap, a junior from Hawthorne, and Betsy Caron, a sophomore from Reno, are this summer's workers. They feed 110 head of Angus cattle and 45 sheep. They bale hay. They drive the tractor and other machinery. If a gate is broken, they fix it. If a roof leaks, they patch it. If a tire is flat, they change it.

Students do everything — including caring for the pet cemetery.

Thomas liked dogs and six of her favorites are buried behind a wrought-iron fence near the main house.

## BYU reaffirms right to ask marital status

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — If applicants seeking work at Brigham Young University are not married, they need to explain why.

The Mormon church-owned school has always had the right to question applicants about their marital status, said Jim Gordon, BYU associate vice president for academic affairs. But it was only recently that the school got permission in writing.

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— Jim Gordon, BYU associate vice president

whether they have children or not. The administration reaffirms from doing so.

The 1972 education law known as Title IX prohibit federally subsidized institutions from inquiring about marital status during interviews. Because BYU receives federal research funds and some students receive federal financial aid, the school normally would be bound by the law designed to prevent discrimination.

BYU received an exemption, however, because it is a church-run school, and marriage status is a critical factor in assessing a candidate's moral worthiness, according to school leaders.

"The church teaches and we believe that such information about marital and family status is relevant, combined with other factors, in assessing the extent of an applicant's religious convictions and commitment to church

doctrine and practice as well as attempt to identify those most qualified to teach at BYU," wrote BYU President Merrill Bateman in his Aug. 25 exemption request to the U.S. Department of Education.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported Saturday that Bateman's letter was obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request by a group of BYU students who publish the off-campus paper Student Review.

The document underscores what some say is a strengthening tie between adherence to church doctrine and academics at BYU.

Since 1996, BYU faculty members have been required to be worthy to enter the faith's temples. Only members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints found in good standing by their local clergy can worship in the church's temples.

The handful of non-Mormon instructors at the 28,000-student school must be certified spiritual leaders by their own religious leaders.

Gordon said questions about marital status are relevant to a teacher's job. "The church teaches that people have a duty to marry, if they have an opportunity. If candidates are not married, we'd like to know whether they support the church's teachings about marriage and whether they desire to marry," he said. "The church teaches that BYU faculty should be role models for students."

## Elk plan starts to take root in Clearwater forest

CROFINO (AP) — The plan to restore the Clearwater River's elk herd is nearing completion.

The final cure may be years off, but there are signs that efforts to set things right for the herd already are in progress.

The Clearwater Elk Initiative, announced by U.S. Forest Service Chief Michael Dombeck earlier this year in Boise, is expected to become a blueprint for an elk comeback when agreements are finalized between government agencies later this year and industry

and public groups are invited to sign on.

The Forest Service, which manages nearly half of the 6-million acres in the Clearwater River Basin, will be the lead agency in the effort to improve elk habitat. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game, which manages the animals, will help by providing much of the biological basis for the work.

The Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho Department of Lands, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Land Management also will play roles.

Clearwater National Forest Supervisor James Caswell said that in the long term, the effort would include trying to reshape the forests and brush fields that created an elk boom after wildfires swept the area 60 years ago or more. But Caswell said there also needs to be some action soon to show the initiative is more than talk and paperwork.

"We want some quick-kill projects," he said. "We want to prioritize projects based on Fish and Game information, how the herds are doing and what the problems with those herds are."

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# Dive in to virtual reality

New Seattle museum explores history of the waterfront

SEATTLE (AP) — Want to try your hand at operating a dock crane?

How about guiding a freighter through Puget Sound? You can do both and more — at least in a virtual way — at Odyssey, the \$14.2 million maritime museum that opened Wednesday on the waterfront.

The 44 hands-on, interactive exhibits offer a close-up look at trade, shipping, commercial fishing, marine recreation and environmental activities.

The 30,000-square-foot facility on Pier 66 expands on an idea promoted in the 1970s by a group called Waterfront Awareness, which operated a booth on Pier 55 that sought to answer visitors' questions.

"People need to be able to access the waterfront and understand what goes on here," said Ralph Johnston, Odyssey's executive director.

"Odyssey will tell the stories of the working men and women throughout the Northwest who pilot the ships, load our exports, fish the North Pacific seas, chart our waters and protect our Sound every day," Johnston said.

Visitors to the museum's four galleries use robotic controls, view radar scans of area waters and listen in on radio traffic among boats in Elliott Bay.

The Ocean Trade gallery looks into the Northwest's role in international trade. Among the exhibits:

- **Craneworks:** Climb into the cab of a simulated crane and try loading containers on and off a ship through computer simulations. You can compare your results with a professional's.
- **Pedal Prop:** Hop on a bike and pedal, moving a full-size propeller, to learn how propulsion moves ships.
- **Interstellar Traveler:** Turn a crank to discover how a Ken Griffey Jr. glove is made across two continents.
- **Sound gallery:** Sharing the Sound, explores the ways Puget Sound is used for recreation and commerce. Highlights include:
- **Kayak Journey:** Climb into a kayak for a virtual ride. Each



Jeffery Radcliff, 8, of Mukilteo, Wash., tries his hand at the fish processing display at the Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center in Seattle. At left, a visitor turns the prop of a ship with foot pedals.

**If you go**  
Odyssey, The Maritime Discovery Center, Pier 66, 2205 Alaskan Way, Seattle, Wash. Admission: \$6.50 adults, \$4 students and seniors, kids under 5 free. Hours: Sunday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (206) 374-4000.

paddle stroke activates a laser beam that triggers a video showing a kayaker's view of Elliott Bay or Skagit Bay, north of Seattle between Whidbey Island and the mainland.

At the Helms Try your hand at navigating a virtual freighter through Elliott Bay.

Harborwatch: Special cameras allow close-up view of boats in Elliott Bay. Visitors can also hear live vessel traffic and use a computer database to identify cargo vessels and their loads.

The adventures and hazards of

commercial fishing are the topic at the Harvesting the Sea gallery. The Waterlink Gallery, in the museum's 4,000-square-foot entrance, features two 35-foot-tall kinetic sculptures overlooking Elliott Bay.

The main goal is to realize the importance of our connection to the water," Johnston said.

The museum also will offer occasional tours of real ships that dock at the pier.

Odyssey is one of only two contemporary interactive maritime centers in the United States.

Nauticus, in Norfolk, Va., focuses on the Navy. Odyssey concentrates on the role of the maritime community in daily life.

In addition to city, county, state and federal funding, 600 donors contributed 40 percent of the cost for the museum designed by Hewitt-Isley of Seattle, with interiors by Seattle's Tre-Black & Veatch.

Displays were designed by West Office Exhibition Design of Oakland, Calif., and built by Promotion Products, Inc. of Portland, Ore.

# Craig sides with tribe over online gaming

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig has joined a northern Idaho tribe in an effort to exempt Indian gambling from legislation that bans betting over the Internet.

Critics say the tribe, if successful, would create a loophole in the legislation, which is aimed at protecting consumers and minors from online-gambling operators.

From its reservation, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe conducts the nation's only Indian online lottery. The weekly drawing, started in January, draws customers from around the globe.

But legislation written by Sen. John Kyl (R-Ariz.) would shut the door on such Internet gambling.

"I think it's a sham," Dave Matheson, the tribe's gaming manager, said of the Kyl bill. "It's a smoke screen masking a hidden intent."

The bill's real intent, Matheson said, is to target Indian operations in the United States because it is very difficult to crack down on offshore Internet gambling operators, based largely in the Caribbean or Latin America.



Larry Craig

d'Alene's cause because he believes Indian online lotteries should be addressed under an existing federal law on Indian gambling, spokesman Michael Williams said.

"As a matter of fairness, whether it's the Coeur d'Alene Tribe or any other tribe, there's already a framework to address this, and that's the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act," Frandsen said.

But the act, which governs Indian gambling, does not specifically deal with the Internet. So the measure, critics charge, would just create a loophole for the Coeur d'Alene.

# Randy Weaver's Montana book signing angers some

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — White separatist Randy Weaver's book signing at a car dealership upset some local residents, but the dealer said the signing was appropriate for his customers.

Weaver was in the showroom at Kalispell's Scarff Buick, Jeep, Eagle, signing copies of his book about the FBI's 1992 siege at his cabin in northern Idaho. Weaver's wife, his son, and a federal marshal died in the standoff.

Resident Mark Holston said Thursday's event was a disservice to Scarff customers, and scheduling it close to the Fourth of July inappropriately suggested a link with patriotism.

"There were some angry calls to City Hall and to the Buick headquarters in Flint, Mich., but the auto maker made no comment immediately. 'We've had no real complaints,' said Greg Scarff, who sells cars with brother Doug,

recently elected to the City Council. "But we have had a number of people who don't really understand Randy's philosophy."

Holston said that "trying to twist this white separatist philosophy into something other than racism... that's a fairy tale."

Weaver said copies of his book, "The Federal Siege at Ruby Ridge in Our Own Words," sold at the rate of about two dozen an hour during the signing. "I sure don't see anybody complaining," said Weaver, who lives in Marion, 28 miles west of Kalispell.

He was acquitted of all charges in connection with the 11-day siege at his cabin. A federal judge dismissed an involuntary manslaughter charge against FBI sharpshooter Lon Horiuchi in the death of Weaver's wife, Vicki. A prosecutor in Boundary County, Idaho, has said the dismissal will be appealed.

# Chenoweth applauds chambers for stand against Snake dam breaching

LEWISTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth applauds members of the Lewiston and Clarkston, Wash., Chambers of Commerce to keep fighting proposals to breach four lower Snake River dams.

"I'm just thrilled about your position," the Idaho Republican seeking a third and self-imposed final term in Congress told the groups on Friday.

Chenoweth said most of the salmon populations now declared endangered that make their way up the Columbia River system to Idaho were as low or lower decades ago, before the Snake River dams were built, as they are now.

"She said the kind of unequivocal support shown by the chambers here is very encouraging," said an inland seaports made possible by the dams will be needed to win



Helen Chenoweth

Dan Williams

the fight to keep the dams, even though only a small minority of people is arguing for breaching them.

"Only 10 to 15 percent of the people in Idaho feel the best thing is removing the dams," said Chenoweth, who faces a November election re-election with unsuccessful 1996 Democratic challenger Dan Williams. Chenoweth said problems fac-

ing salmon can be fixed by modifying the dams, controlling predators ranging from squawfish to sea lions and restricting foreign fishing.

She rejected arguments that science indicates breaching the dams would be the most effective way to restore dwindling salmon and steelhead runs. "You could line scientists up across the room from one end to the other and they wouldn't agree," she said.

During her speech to the chambers, Chenoweth also repeated complaints about the Clinton administration's American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

"Just because they called it an initiative they thought they could get out from under the Administrative Procedures Act with no public comment period and no accountability for the program," Chenoweth said.

# Idaho elk plates are selling fast

BOISE (AP) — Newly released Idaho Wildlife Foundation elk license plates are selling fast.

"Every county licensing office has people lining up outside to get the new plates," said Kim Freydenberg, executive director of the Idaho Wildlife Foundation.

The plate that went on sale Wednesday is the second in the state's wildlife license plate program, created by the Idaho Legislature in 1992. The other, featuring the mountain bluebird, has sold more than 18,000 copies.

The program is a partnership between the Department of Transportation and the Department of Fish and Game, with revenues split between the two agencies. For each \$35 elk plate sold, Transportation gets \$25 and Fish and Game gets \$10.

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Non-denominational minister Carol Anderson officiates at the wedding of Jennifer Larkin, 24, and Michael Sussman, 23, last Saturday in Sedona, Ariz.

## Love on the rocks

### Many couples opt for weddings in sunny Sedona

PHOENIX (AP) — They are looking for starlight, not neon, natural red rocks, not kitschy wedding chapels. More couples these days are opting for a quick hitch in Sedona rather than nuptials in Vegas.

The Sedona wedding boom seems to have little to do with its New Age reputation and a lot to do with the fact that 4 million people visit the area annually and want to return. One factor is the weather, since people can get married outdoors most of the year, said Frank Miller, president of the Sedona Chamber of Commerce.

Sedona, which is 90 miles north of Phoenix, is part of a growing national trend toward, what they call in the wedding trade, "destination weddings." Older, well-heeled couples pick a vacation spot, invite a few of their friends and tie the knot, said Cynthia Edmunds, associate editor of *Wedding* magazine.

"People aren't getting married like their mother anymore," Edmunds said. "They want their wedding their way, whether it's on a mesa in Sedona or a beach in Hawaii."

And Mia Margaret of Angels of Sedona Weddings & Music is there to provide whatever that couple want. She describes herself as a photographer, videographer, minister, wedding coordinator and harpist, as well as a naturalistic dancer.

"We're producers of inspiration, basically," Margaret said. "Weddings are always inspirational for people." And she's watched Sedona's growing popularity among the betrothed, even those coming from Las Vegas, the hands-down wedding-spot favorite.

"Las Vegas is a whole different vibration from here," Margaret said. "Here, it's nature. There, it's glitz."

Nature-oriented or not, you can spend any amount of money to get married in Sedona. In Sedona City, Judge William "Tip" Roberts' courtroom, during work hours while court isn't in session, he performs the ceremony for free. Outside the courtroom he charges what couples can afford.

Some couples, seeking the perfect backdrop, actually helicopter to the red rock altar. The basic helicopter wedding for two is \$625, with discounts for groups.

It costs \$500 to rent the grassy area by Oak Creek at Lomacasi Cottages, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., said innkeeper Chris McCracken, who was married there himself recently.

Places for small weddings are innumerable, but there's a shortage of places to hold larger events, said videographer Tony Sills. Sills even provides a Sedona wedding information 800 hotline number.

L'Auberge de Sedona handles larger events and is averaging a wedding every other day, though most are on weekends. They can do up to three larger ceremonies and receptions at a time, catering manager Karla Lewis said.

Although they do weddings for parties of two to 200, with some people spending about \$1,000 on their wedding, the average cost at L'Auberge is around \$12,000, including rooms.

Lewis said that a couple of times a year the resort does a \$100,000 wedding.

Phil and Amy Greenburg of New York City had a Jewish wed-



Jennifer Larkin and Michael Sussman, both of Phoenix, hike to the base of Cathedral Rock in Sedona, Ariz., last Saturday after their wedding.

ding-at-the-Enchantment Circle, a year ago in May.

At first, everybody thought they were nuts to head West to get married, Amy said. But the couple persisted. They had fallen in love on a road trip to Sedona and that's where they wanted to get married. In the end, 70 close friends and family came vs. the 250 they would have had in New York.

At her friends' large weddings there, Amy said, "They're beautiful, amazing, but there's this stress factor for the bride that I just didn't experience."

Compared to many states, it's easy to get married in Arizona. There is no blood test or required waiting period after divorce. You buy a license for \$50 at a county court and the marriage can take place anywhere in the state. After the license is signed, it's recorded in the same county of issue, signed, sealed, and then mailed to the couple.

That makes it convenient for couples, but difficult to keep track of just how many people are creating a new boom business for Sedona.

Jillian Flanagan, deputy clerk of Yavapai County Superior Court for 13 years, said people from all over the United States call asking about licenses.

The real Big Mama of marriages is still Las Vegas: Cook County, where Las Vegas and Laughlin are located, issued 110,656 licenses in 1997.

But what Sedona lacks in numbers, it makes up for in variety. Wedding consultant and non-denominational minister Carol Anderson coordinated and/or officiated at 200 weddings last year.

Anderson will perform Celtic, white dove, Native American, traditional or holiday theme ceremonies on trolleys, Jeeps, helicopters, in mountains, canyons, wherever.

The range of weddings is vast, but if there is such a thing as a typical Sedona wedding, it's outdoors and small.

"Lots of times they've already done the big wedding. They have that T-shirt," said Jan Carpenter, wedding coordinator and ordained non-denominational minister of Red Rock Weddings in Sedona.

She has married people whose parents are still paying for the first wedding.

Laurie and Ed Yates of Newburg, Md., are typical of couples seeking Sedona nuptials. They had vacationed in Sedona two years ago on a time-share exchange when Ed asked Laurie to marry him.

Both had been married before. Laurie said, and at ages 46 and 40, they "didn't want the whole walking-down-the-aisle thing."

She researched other unique settings, including a Tahitian ceremony where the couple is painted and wears feathers, but kept coming back to the Sedona helicopter wedding.

Skycane Helicopters co-owner Claudia Cane coordinated their wedding long-distance.

On May 21, they were married atop a red rock butte, with a photographer and videographer as witnesses.

"I know a lot of people married in the Caribbean and other exotic sites, but I don't know anybody else who got married on a mountain," Laurie said.

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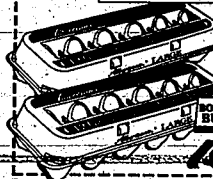
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# L.A. dodges San Francisco, 9-5

# Yankees become 1st team in 86 years to win 60 of 1st 80 games

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Raul Mondesi singled twice, doubled, tripled and drove in three runs as the Los Angeles Dodgers, who traded for All-Star reliever Jeff Shaw during the game, won 9-5 Saturday over the San Francisco Giants.

Mondesi, hitting .480 with eight RBIs in his last six games since moving to the third spot in the lineup, had a two-run triple in the first, doubled in the third and added a run-scoring single in the fifth off Giants starter Mark Gardner (7-4).

Mondesi also popped out in the sixth and then had a single in the ninth that scooped past left fielder Barry Bonds for a two-base error, allowing a run to score.

Dave Mlicki (4-4) allowed four runs on six hits in five innings for the Dodgers.



New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza is assisted by Mets trainer Fred Hina after getting hit in the left ear by the bat of Atlanta Brave Gerald Williams in the bottom of the second inning Sunday at Turner Field in Atlanta. Piazza was taken to the hospital for a CAT scan.

## Reds 5, Cardinals 4

**CINCINNATI** — Bret Boone drove in the winning run with a bases-loaded ground out for Cincinnati.

The Reds loaded the bases in the ninth off Rick Croushore (0-1) before Boone's RBI gave the Reds their eighth victory in nine games. Danny Graves (2-0) got the final out in the ninth for the win.

Mark McGwire walked three times and went 6-for-8 on a pair of grounders, leaving him tied with Reggie Jackson for most homers before the All-Star break with 37.

The Cardinals lost for the ninth time in 11 games.

## Cubs 5, Pirates 4

**CHICAGO** — Mickey Morandini homered to tie the game and Henry Rodriguez hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the seventh as Chicago won its fourth straight game.

Jose Hernandez tripled to start the seventh and then Morandini homered to right to tie the game at 3-3. It was his third hit of the game.

Sammy Sosa walked off (Jason Schmidt (8-5) and Mark Grace greeted reliever Jason Christiansen with a single and both runners scored Saturday night in the Braves' 4-1 victory against the New York Mets.

Millwood (10-4) allowed four hits and two walks as he joined teammates Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, both 12-game winners, as double-digit winners. Denny Neagle goes for his 10th victory Sunday, a mark only four other NL pitchers have reached.

## Braves 4, Mets 1

**ATLANTA** — Kevin Millwood became Atlanta's third 10-game winner, pitched eight shutout innings Saturday night in the Braves' 4-1 victory against the New York Mets.

## Marlins 3, Expos 2

**MONTREAL** — Todd Zelle was 3-for-4 with an RBI and Brian

## National League

Edmondson pitched a 2-3 innings of two-hit relief as the Florida Marlins held off the Montreal Expos 3-2 on Saturday night.

Edmondson (3-1) set down 12 straight batters allowing a one-out single to Brad Fuller in the eighth. Edmondson relieved starter Ryan Dempster with the bases loaded and the Marlins ahead 3-1 with one out in the fourth.

Antonio Alfonseca pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

## Phillies 6, Brewers 5

**PHILADELPHIA** — What he first thought was a day off turned out to be a night to remember for Djesi Relaford.

The Philadelphia rookie shortstop earned his first career win with four RBIs, the final one driving in the winning run in the ninth in a 6-5 victory over Milwaukee on Saturday night.

All season, Relaford has hit eighth in the Phillies lineup, but with regular No. 2 hitter Gregg Jefferies sidelined by a sore ankle, manager Terry Francona moved Relaford up to the second slot.

## D-backs 7, Astros 4

**HOUSTON** — Brian Anderson was well aware of Houston's homer streak.

"I was thinking, for a guy who leads the National League in home runs, this was probably not the best matchup for me," the Arizona pitcher said. "I knew with the hitters they have if I wasn't careful I'd be in trouble, but fortunately I kept them in the park and the defense played great."

Anderson (6-7) and two relievers stopped Houston's homer streak at six games as the Diamondbacks beat the Astros 7-4 on Saturday night to snap a three-game losing streak. The left-hander, who has allowed an NL-leading 21 home runs, gave up nine hits and two runs in seven innings.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The New York Yankees became the first team in 86 years to win 60 of its first 80 games, using Orlando Hernandez's pitching and Chad Curtis' two-run single in the sixth to beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3 Saturday.

The Yankees joined the 1912 New York Giants, 1907 Chicago Cubs and 1902 Pittsburgh Pirates as the only teams in modern major league history to start the season 60-20.

Hernandez (3-1), the Cuban right-hander, pitched his first Independence Day in this country, allowed six hits and two walks in eight innings. Mariano Rivera got his 21st save.

Curtis' two-run single off Alan Mills scored Tim Lincecum and Tim Lincecum, who reached against starter Doug Drabek (5-9).

## Blue Jays 8, Devil Rays 0

**TORONTO** — Chris Carpenter pitched a four-hitter and Carlos Delgado had two homers and five RBIs as Toronto handed Tampa Bay its fifth straight loss.

Carpenter (5-3), who allowed seven runs in 2-13 innings in his last start Saturday against Atlanta, walked two and struck out three in his second career start.

Delgado went 3-for-4 with a three-run homer in the sixth, a solo shot in the eighth and an RBI double in the first of Dennis Springer (2-1).

## White Sox 3, Red Sox 0

**BOSTON** — Chicago's John Snyder outduelled Korean Jin Ho Cho and Mike Cameron hit a solo homer in the fifth gave the White Sox a win in a matchup of pitchers making their first major league starts.

Snyder (1-0), who gave up six runs in 1-2-3 innings in his only big-

## American League

league appearance Tuesday, allowed five hits in 7-23 innings. Bill Simas pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Boston's Nomar Garciaparra went 0-for-2, ending his 24-game hitting streak, in the majors this season.

Cho (0-1) allowed six hits and one run in six innings in his major league debut.

## Pirates 4, Twins 2

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Justin Thompson won his sixth straight game, limiting Minnesota to eight hits in eight-plus innings as Detroit beat Minnesota for its fourth victory in five games.

Thompson (7-8) pitched a season high with eight strikeouts and allowed only one walk. The left-hander, 7-2 on the road and 0-6 at Tiger Stadium, left after allowing consecutive singles to open the ninth.

Todd Jones got the last three outs for his 14th save.

## Royals 5, Indians 3

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Sal Fasano and Johnny Damon both homered and drove in two runs and Pay Papp pitched seven shutout innings as Kansas City won for the 12th time in 17 games.

Rapp (8-7) allowed six hits to beat the Kansas City first eight game winner, Travis Fryman hit a three-run homer, his 14th, off Scott Service with two outs in the eighth round, to spoil the shutout. Jeff Montgomery got his 18th save.

Cleveland starter Charles Nagy (7-5) allowed both homers, giving him a major league-leading 35 on the season. Nagy went 6-13 innings and allowed 11 hits and five runs.

# M's take last place, despite the fact that their bats could not be any hotter

# Cardinals have their man in J.D. Drew

**SEATTLE (AP)** — The Seattle Mariners have Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez and a \$53 million player payroll, the seventh highest in major league baseball. What do they add up to at the All-Star break? Last place in the AL West.

Not only will Anaheim and Texas be ahead of the Mariners on Tuesday night, when Griffey starts in center field and Rodriguez at shortstop for the American League in the All-Star game. So will the Oakland A's, who have a \$57 million payroll.

"We've played poorly. We seem to have found ways to lose," general manager Woody Woodward said.

Despite 35 home runs by Griffey and 27 more by Rodriguez going into Saturday's game with Texas, the Mariners were 37-49, a record that had many fans in Seattle questioning the future of Woodward and manager Lou Piniella.

"No sir, not at all," Woodward said when asked last week if he was worried about his job. "Shore he's not."

Good question. If the Mariners, play as badly in the second half, will the franchise's ownership make some changes?

After winning their division for the second time in three years with a franchise record 90 wins, the Mariners knew they had some shortcomings going into this season.

Their bullpen was suspect after 27 blown saves, as was their defense. Still, the Mariners were the consensus favorites in the AL West because of an offense led by Griffey and Rodriguez, a lineup including former All-Stars Edgar Martinez, Jay Buhner, Dan Wilson and Joey Cora.



Seattle Mariners pitchers Randy Johnson, left, and Jeff Fassero watch from the dugout in the bottom of the ninth as the Mariners leave yet another runner stranded in losing to the Toronto Blue Jays May 9 in Seattle. Despite 35 home runs by Ken Griffey Jr. and 27 more by Alex Rodriguez going into the game with Texas Saturday, the Mariners were 37-49, a record that had many fans in Seattle questioning the future of Woody Woodward and manager Lou Piniella.

But this season, the bullpen and the defense have been worse than even the Mariners could have imagined.

"One night we lose it defensively," Woodward said. "Another night we lose it in the bullpen. You name it. We seem to pick out ways to lose."

Even in victory, the Mariners' relievers and defense have been horrific.

In Arlington Friday night, third baseman Russ Davis committed his 21st and 22nd errors of the season — the most in baseball. And second baseman Cora made his 15th.

Closer Heathcliff Slocumb couldn't preserve Jeff Fassero's shutout bid in the ninth inning. In fact, he couldn't finish the ninth. Former closer Bobby Ayala came in for Slocumb after Slocumb gave up a run on two hits and two walks. Ayala then walked a batter with the bases loaded before getting the final two outs.

On the bench, Piniella exploded at pitching coach Stan Williams to get somebody up in the bullpen. And Williams, brought in 11 games into the season after Piniella fired Nardi Contreras, is Piniella's old friend. The Mariners decided not to go after free-agent closer Randy

Myers in the offseason and gave Slocumb, who they acquired in a trade last July from Boston, for \$3 million. After Friday night's game, Slocumb's ERA was 8.39.

As poor as Seattle's bullpen was last season, with a 5.44 ERA, it's been worse this year.

After Friday's game, the Mariners' relievers had an ERA of 5.96 with 15 blown saves in 27 opportunities. Their 12 saves were the fewest in the AL.

The team also had 82 errors in 86 games, the most in the AL and tied with Montreal for the most in the majors.

The Mariners also have had problems in the outfield. They knew they weren't getting a Gold Glove when they signed free agent Glenallen Hill to be their left fielder this season. But they probably didn't figure he'd turn the nickname "Catch 22" in the Kingdome press box. The reasoning goes, he'll catch 22 fly balls out of 100.

Then there's the Randy Johnson situation. Johnson has been unhappy with the Mariners since they told him they didn't intend to extend his contract past this season.

The Mariners listened to trade offers for Johnson before the season, but didn't get the right one. They inexplicably pulled him off the trade market June 2 when a deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers appeared imminent, and then said they would keep him the remainder of the season.

Johnson, who had a 20-4 record and 2.28 ERA last season, was 7-7 with a 4.81 ERA.

"I have no comments on the Randy Johnson issue," Woodward said with a smile.

He hasn't had much else to smile about this season.

**PHILADELPHIA** — So the great J.D. Drew got his money. Yippee for him. It's great to see a man of principle rewarded for the courage of his convictions.

And let's hear it for those St. Louis Cardinals, too. Boy, they sure outsmarted the world, didn't they? Of course, anybody can look smart when they're dropping 8.5 million bucks off the top of the Golden Arches.

So now that the Cardinals have their man and J.D. has his money and the sports world's top-ranked terrorist, Scott Boras, has collected another fat ransom sack, we're just thrilled they're all happy. Now we're going to make them even happier.

We hereby propose to take the falcon out of baseball draft and set a torch to it. Blow it up. What's the point of even having it anymore?

Now that the going rate for top-tier amateur players is \$7 million to \$11 million, thanks to the Cardinals, the quasi-bankrupt teams that are supposed to benefit from the draft can't even afford to have a decent pick anymore.

If the A's, Expos, Twins and Royals have to drop \$8.5 million into the money-market account of every top-10 pick they draft, they won't be in first place when they're through. They'll be in Chapter 11.

Let's remind you of what they'd be paying \$7 million for: About half of first-round picks don't even make any more than a token appearance in the major leagues. And 63 percent of the alleged success of the draft crop — the two-thirds of the draft — never even make a single all-star team.

So at this point, the only teams that can afford to take a \$8.5 mil-

## COMMENTARY

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lion chance like are (A) the big-budget teams at the top of the standings and the bottom of the first round, or (B) an occasional team like the Cardinals that seem to win despite an abundance of talent, cash and genius.

Why do we need a draft for these teams? So bomb it. Kill it. Blow it to smithereens.

"There's absolutely no point in the draft, the way it's structured now," said one Cardinals-hating scouting director after the Drew trade. "It's just a waste of money."

If we were the Phillies, we would take that \$6 million they offered J.D. and hire the two dozen best scouts alive at \$250,000 a year. Then let them find every great player in every little town on the continent and sign as many as they can.

That has to be a more rewarding way to go than wasting all the resources on one kid with a 50-50 chance to be a utility guy — or spending a whole year gulping headache pills because they can't sign a man of principle like the great J.D.

Yes, he has his principles. Now we have ours. The baseball draft sure was fun while it lasted. Now let's make sure it never happens again. Let's make sure it never happens again. Let's make sure it never happens again.

Jayson Stark is a sports writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

# Dodgers, Reds swap Shaw for Konerko

# Piazza leaves game with ear injury

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — The Los Angeles Dodgers, continuing their team makeover, obtained NL All-Star reliever Jeff Shaw from the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday in exchange for infielder Edgardo Renteria and left-hander Dennis Reyes.

The Dodgers completed the trade during their game against the "San Francisco" Giants. Konerko and manager Glenn Hoffman left the Los Angeles dugout and headed to the clubhouse before the bottom of the first inning.

Only 14 players remain from the Dodgers' opening day roster. Their last major league game was May 15 blockbuster trade when

they sent Mike Piazza and Todd Zelle to the Florida Marlins for Gary Sheffield, Bobby Bonilla, Charles Johnson and Jim Eisenreich.

Tom Lasorda, the Dodgers' interim general manager, said the Dodgers had lost too many games this season because they did not have a quality closer. The rule has been shared by Antonio Osuna and Scott Radinsky, who will return to their normal roles as setup men.

Shaw, 31, had a 2-4 record and 1.81 ERA, while recording 23 saves in 28 save opportunities in 39 games for the Reds this season. He ranks third in the NL in saves and made the All-Star team for the first time.

Konerko was the Dodgers' opening day first baseman, but has bounced between the majors and minors this season. The rookie has batted .215 with four homers and 16 RBIs in 49 games this season for the Dodgers.

Konerko, 21, the Dodgers' first-round selection in the 1994 draft, was named the minor league player of the year last season, when he hit .323 with 37 homers and 127 RBIs at Albuquerque of the Class A League.

Lasorda said it was tough to trade away Konerko, but the Reds insisted they would not make the deal for Shaw unless they got the rookie infielder.

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Mike Piazza left the New York Mets' game against Atlanta on Saturday after being hit in the head by Gerald Williams' bat.

With two outs in the second inning, Williams jarred the left side of Piazza's head on the follow-through of his swing, giving Piazza a concussion to his left ear.

Piazza, the NL All-Star starting catcher, appeared dazed as he walked off the field alongside Mets' trainer Fred Hina and was replaced by Todd Pratt.

Hina, taken to Piedmont Hospital for a CT scan by a neurosurgeon, is listed as day-to-day. Piazza, acquired from Florida on May 22, has hit safely in 25 of his 32

games with the Mets for a .338 average. He missed two games last month after leaving a game against Boston with a bruised left hand.

Atlanta catcher Javier Lopez, one of Piazza's All-Star backups, was scratched from the starting lineup because of a bruised right leg he picked up in the game. Lopez was available for pinch-hitting duty.

Pittsburgh's Jason Kendall is the Mets' third All-Star catcher.

## J.D. Drew walks in 1st

## Cardinal paths appearance

**WICHITA, Kan.** — J.D. Drew, the former Florida State star who held out last season after Philadelphia drafted him, had two hits and drove in a run Saturday

in his game with St. Louis' Class AA affiliate.

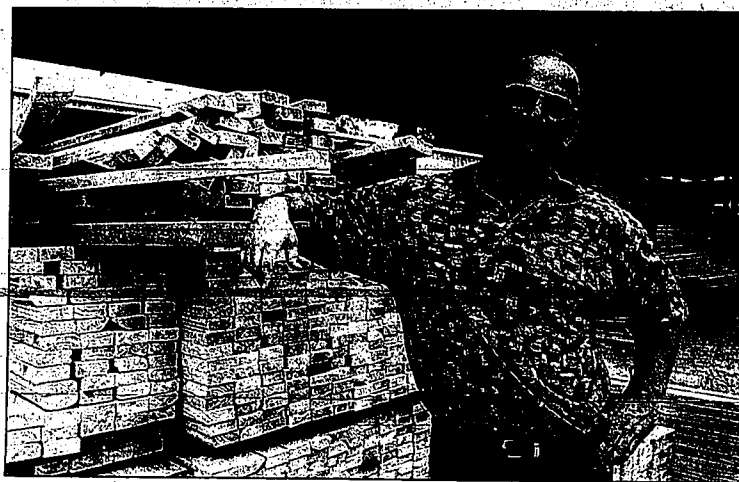
Drew was 2-for-4 and singled in a run for the Arkansas Travelers, who lost a Texas League game 3-7 to the Wichita Wranglers.

Drew, 22, was taken by Philadelphia with the second pick of the 1997 draft. The Phillies best offer was \$3.1 million over four years with a \$3 million team option, so he opted to play for the St. Paul Saints, an independent Class A team in the Northern League.

Drew hit 341 with 18 homers and 59 RBIs last season for the Saints. He was still playing there this season, batting .366 with 20 homers and 48 RBIs in 20 games. The Cardinals made him the 32nd pick in last season's draft, and St. Paul picked him up. He was quickly traded to the Cardinals, who were looking for a replacement for the late Paul Sants, an independent Class A team in the Northern League.

## SPORTS

# Former big-leaguer recalls date with fame



Former pitching sensation David Clyde poses May 16 in the Tomball, Texas, lumber yard he manages. Twenty-five years ago Clyde lived the dream of thousands of teenagers when at age 18 he stepped onto the mound for the Texas Rangers 20 days after pitching his high school to the state championship tournament.

minutes, allowing fans more time to get in from the jammed parking lots.

Clyde walked the first two Minnesota Twins he faced and then gave everyone what they wanted to see by striking out Bobby Darwin, George Mitterwald and Joe Lis to end the inning.

The stadium erupted. Outside, fans unable to get inside honked their horns in unison.

It would be the high point of his major league career.

Clyde finished his rookie season 4-8 with a 5.01 ERA, the beginning of a career slide that ended just short of qual-

ifying for a baseball pension. His 84-game career ended with an 18-33 record and a 4.63 ERA.

He became the poster boy for how not to rush a young talent into the game, followed by later phenomena such as Detroit's Mark Fidrych and Oakland's Todd Van Poppel, now toiling in obscurity for Clyde's old team, the Rangers.

Then-Rangers manager Whitey Herzog wanted Clyde to get seasoned in the minors, as did his replacement in the next season, Billy Martin. But the front office decided the Rangers needed the teen's fan appeal, so Clyde

remained in Arlington.

Clyde got little guidance from management. Wanting to fit in, he fell in with some of the rowdy Rangers of the field.

"If you look back on it, the Rangers were the worst organization I could have signed with," Clyde said. "They didn't have a history and they were a collection of misfits."

"I ended up hooking up with older guys on the way out. No one told me to do that. I don't know if they were out to take advantage of me or what. I looked to them as teammates."

Clyde said he didn't get a "team" feel-

ing from the first Rangers player he met when he joined Texas for the first time in Minneapolis, where he flew and awaited the team's arrival in the hotel lobby.

"To give you an idea what the Rangers were like, the very first day I joined the club the first fellow, I'd rather not divulge his name, comes up and we introduce ourselves and he said 'Don't think I'm going to be your friend, because you're out after my job,'" Clyde said. "I'm coming from a team (in high school) where we were teammates so almost, from the very beginning the whole thing's headed south."

The Rangers traded Clyde to Cleveland in 1978 and he enjoyed his most productive year, going 8-11 in 25 starts with a 4.28 ERA. But the Indians traded him back to the Rangers in 1980. A spring training injury doomed his career, which ended after the Astros' farm system in 1981.

"I was pitching in the winter instructional league and for the first time in my life, I'm on the mound and I thank to myself 'What am I doing here?' I knew then it was time to do something else," Clyde said.

In the years since, Clyde has taken some satisfaction that others have learned from the mistakes that were made with him.

"A lot of things are done today to protect the younger players from what happened to me," Clyde said. "I think everybody realized what was done and I can't say for a fact, but I don't think they'll let it happen again."

"They aren't going to rush any kid to the majors. They don't rush him, they'll make sure he's looked after by the right people."

Clyde pointed to the Rangers' gentle treatment of catcher Ivan Rodriguez, signed in 1986 as a 16-year-old out of Puerto Rico. Rodriguez didn't make his major league debut until midway through the 1991 season.

"When the Rangers brought Pudge Rodriguez up they realized the mistake they made with me," Clyde said. "You can't handcuff someone, but they at least made sure Pudge got with the right people."

While at peace with his place in baseball history, Clyde occasionally has permitted himself to say "what if."

## Winds add another obstacle at Open | Players strongly defend guaranteed contracts

KOHLER, Wis. (AP) — Se Ri Pak shot a 75 on a windy Saturday to retain a one-stroke lead heading into the final round of the U.S. Women's Open.

Pak's lead appeared certain to be two strokes as she and playing partner Liselotte Neumann dealt with the 18th hole, a waterlined 421-yard par-4 that has been the toughest to play on the Blackwolf-Run Golf Course.

Neumann's tee shot veered left into the water and Pak, her drive in the middle of the fairway, put her approach shot on the fringe of the green. A par would give Pak a two-stroke lead over unlikely challenger Mhairi McKay, whose 73 Saturday left her at two over for the tournament.

But as happened throughout this sunny and windy Saturday, fortunes changed in an instant. Neumann pitched in from the drop area some 20 yards from the green for an unlikely par. Then Pak, appearing shaken by the turn of events, three-putted for a one-stroke lead over Neumann, who had a 75, and McKay.

Neumann and McKay went through the same problems trying to hold the lead.

Neumann once was four under for the tournament, only to have five straight bogeys on the back nine. She was looking at near oblivion when her chip on 18 brought her back into the fight.

McKay, never in the top 20 of an LPGA tournament, was breezing along, dropping some of the



Scotland's Mhairi McKay reacts after missing a birdie putt on the 18th hole at Blackwolf Run Saturday during the third round of the Women's U.S. Open in Kohler, Wis. McKay double bogeyed the hole and is one stroke behind Se Ri Pak going into the final round on Sunday.

longest putts of the week. When she came to the 17th hole, she

looked at a leaderboard and saw she was leading the tournament.

Her tee shot on the par-3 17th went into the water and she took a double bogey. It could have been worse but she rattled in a 9-footer for the 5 that at least kept her in touch with the leaders.

Then she bogeyed the 18th for 73 and a 2-over 215 for 54 holes.

Already succumbing to the unforgiving Blackwolf Run Golf Course, the field had to fight swirling winds whipping off Lake Michigan on Saturday. After only 19 players bettered par the first two days, none finished in red figures on Saturday. McKay's 73 was as good as it got.

Pak, the 20-year-old South Korean who won the LPGA Championship in May, is seeking to become the first rookie to win two majors since Juli Inkster won the Nabisco Dinah Shore and the Maurier Ltd. Classic in 1984.

The last woman to win consecutive majors was Meg Mallon in 1991.

Chris Johnson, who had a 77, and Jenny Chuang, who had a 75, were four strokes back.

McKay began the day three strokes off the lead after rounds of 72 and 70. And for most of the afternoon, McKay played steadily while those around her were done in by the tricky course and the topsy-turvy climate.

But on 17, she put her shot into the water and double-bogeyed, falling from a one-stroke lead.

Overnight rain drenched the course, softening the fast greens, but that didn't help as much as Neumann had hoped.

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — There are no guarantees how this labor dispute will be resolved.

That issue may be the players' greatest concern.

Guaranteed contracts are as much a part of the NBA as slam dunks, Chicago winning the championship and the Mavericks languishing in the lottery. The stars in any sport are pampered. But a backup in basketball still receives a guaranteed contract.

That's a luxury no other athlete of his status in professional sports is afforded.

This is why the Players Association will draw a line in the negotiating sand over the league's desire for a hard salary cap. This is why it cherishes the Larry Bird Exception, which allows a team to exceed the salary cap to re-sign its own free agents. It's convinced losing these rights will lead to the loss of guaranteed contracts.

No question about it, said Billy Hunter, the executive director of the Players Association. "That is one of our principal arguments. We believe a hard cap would eliminate 90 percent of guaranteed contracts. Once you have a fixed percentage or a hard cap, the only way you have flexibility in your roster is in changing players you are not able to walk for four days."

"We have had guaranteed con-

tracts in place for almost 30 years, and they will go the way of the dinosaur."

Owners argue that's the way it should be. A player should have to perform at the level needed to keep his job, just like the vast majority of workers in the business world.

That's fine. The merits of that argument are difficult to dispute. But professional sports contracts are a set of dynamics not found in the corporate culture.

It comes down to how much responsibility the employee should bear for the financial success of an industry.

"Our position is that: If they want to control the guys at the top, don't pay the money," Hunter says. "It's not their fault."

Other business where the employees are asked to regulate what the owners spend. Why should we be required to do that?

"If they don't want to pay the money, don't pay it."

Commissioner David Stern has said it's not about protecting the owner and the player, it's about finding an intelligent business model. Deputy Commissioner Russ Granik dismisses the issue of guaranteed contracts as a scare tactic.

"They have said that to us," Granik said. "But if you look at the rhetoric, there were people who said the last deal would eliminate guaranteed contracts."

## Hoch, Mize, Waite share 3rd lead at Greater Hartford Open

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Larry Mize and Grant Waite, paired together for the third round of the Canon Greater Hartford Open, had nothing but pars through their first nine holes.

Then things really got lively. Mize, who had nine birdies on the back nine Saturday and finished in a tie for the lead with Scott Hoch at 13 under par.

"The whole time you keep saying 'I'm playing well, just be patient' and you never know when you're going to start making birdies and things shift on your side," Waite said.

Waite had 65 Saturday, while Mize had a 66. They tied for each other's successes. One of the highlights, they agreed, was when Mize hit a bunker shot at No. 11, where they both made a birdie.

"I said to Larry after I made the bunker shot, I hoped that opened the door for both of us," Waite said. "He made the putt, away we went. The last eight holes was a lot of fun."

Mize said both knew they shouldn't push their games, even when they narrowly missed birdie putts and chips on the front nine.

"We both played enough to know you have to be patient. You can't force it, even though you know scores are going to be good," Mize said.

Hoch, who began the day at seven under, three strokes behind second-round leader Scott Gump, shot the low round of the three leaders with a 65 under 64. He included a 31 on the back nine as he closed with an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 18.

The eight-time PGA Tour cham-

pion had six other birdies in his round and he took advantage of the late afternoon winds to drive the 256-yard, par-4 15th.

"Fortunately for me I was able to hit the green with my drive and two-put for birdie. That's something I don't normally do," said Hoch, whose best finish this year was second in the Kemper Open last month.

Hoch's last tour victory was the Greater Milwaukee Open last year. Mize and Waite have gone winless on tour since 1993.

Olin Browne, David Duval and defending champion Stewart Cink were all tied at 11 under 199. Browne and Duval had third-round 66s, while Cink had a 67.

Gump had a 72, 10 strokes off his second-round 62 that tied the course record, and finished at 8 under 202.

Donnie Hammond was on pace to break the course record when he unraveled on No. 17, the TPC at River Highlands' signature 441-yard par-4. He had seven birdies and an eagle in the third round and was 12 under for the tournament when he reached the 17th hole. He then put three balls in the water, took a 10 and vanished from the leaderboard.

He drove into the water along the right fairway, took a drop from 196 yards and put that in the water and got the same results on his next drop.

Graham backs into tie for Seniors' lead

COLUMBIA, Md. — David Graham had just enjoyed an excellent round of golf when he received word that president was required in the media tent. Graham smiled, commandeered a

golf cart and drove himself to the hole at a nice, leisurely pace. He wasn't about to make the same mistake twice.

Graham, still recovering from a back injury caused by a car mishap, shot a 7-under-par 65 Saturday to move into a first-place tie with Tom Jenkins after two rounds of the 54-hole tournament.

Graham jammed a disk in April after shooting a sparkling 69 in the first round of The Tradition. The accident occurred when an attendant driving him to the press room for interviews hit a large speed bump while moving a big foot.

"I can't walk for four days," Graham said.

lowest round of his European Tour career — to take a share of the lead in the Irish Open.

The 38-year-old Englishman, who has missed the cut 13 times in 14 tournaments, shares the lead with David Carr in the \$1.6 million event at Druids Glen. Carr shot a 67 to join Lane at Gunder with an aggregate 207.

Carr, a 1986 Open champion, European No. 1 for the last five years and winner of this event for the last two years, shot a third-round 71 to finish under par and three strokes off the lead. He has been troubled by a sprained ankle.

Lane's 8-under-par round equaled the course record set by Monty Stratton last year when he won his second successive Irish Open.

Lane, currently 164th on the European money list, was clubhouse leader when the European Grand Prix at Slaley Hall was cancelled due to rain three weeks ago.

Lane shares lead in Irish Open after 3 rounds

DUBLIN, Ireland — Former Ryder Cup player Barry Lane of England equaled the course record 62 — the



## SPORTS

# Emotions flare at France '98 World Cup quarterfinals

## The Netherlands advance to face Brazil

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — Frank de Boer, meet Joe Montana. Dennis Bergkamp, say hello to Jerry Rice.

In the best tradition of that great pass-catch duo, de Boer and Bergkamp went for the bomb with 32 seconds left in regulation Saturday. They hit it, lifting the Netherlands over Argentina 2-1 and into the World Cup semifinals for the first time in 20 years.

De Boer's pass of about 60 yards in the air hit Bergkamp in stride just two minutes after Argentina's Ariel Ortega had been ejected for head-butting the Dutch goalkeeper.

Bergkamp deftly brought the ball down, made a nifty move around defender Roberto Ayala in the penalty box and put home a right-footed shot for the victory. "You can't imagine a goal like that," Bergkamp said. "It just happens."

"I thought as the ball was coming I had a chance for it. It was sent to me in just the right place."

Frank saw it fantastically."

It was the second straight time the Dutch won in the final moments. Edgar Davids beat Yugoslavia with a goal in extra time to set up this rematch of the 1978 final, won by Argentina in Buenos Aires.

Now comes Brazil, the defending and four-time champion, on Tuesday in Marseille. Is there some more Dutch magic left?

"Let them come," said Bergkamp, finally healed from a hamstring injury that sidelined him for six weeks. He became the Netherlands' career international scoring leader with his 36th goal.

The game seemed to turn in Argentina's favor in the 78th minute when Arthur Numan was ejected with his second yellow card of the match. His hard tackle from the side on Diego Simeone gave the Argentines a manpower edge.

But just as against England in the second round — a victory in a penalty kick shootout — they did not handle it well.



Above, Croatian soccer supporters are illuminated by a flare as they watch the German vs. Croatia quarterfinal match at the soccer World Cup '98 at Gerland Stadium in Lyon Saturday. Croatia won the match 3-0. Below left, an unidentified teen-ager decked out with the Argentina colors in downtown Buenos Aires weeps after Argentina's defeat by Netherlands at the World Cup Saturday. Netherlands defeated Argentina 2-1 to advance to the semifinals. Below right, Croatia's Robert Jeml, puts his hands over his face in celebration with teammates Zvonimir Boban, left, and Goran Vlaovic after scoring the opening goal during the Germany vs. Croatia match Saturday.



# Brazil's road to Cup title turns uphill in semifinals

LESGIGNY, France (AP) — Through five games, Brazil has looked down on opponents as a king among commoners. The idea of losing was always associated with the word "upset."

No more. The defending champions head to the semifinals, where they will face the Netherlands, a 2-1 winner over Argentina. And whatever the outcome, it won't be an upset.

The Dutch knocked Brazil out of the World Cup in 1974 and their attacking style is unlikely to be as forgiving with the lapses the Brazilian defense showed in its quarterfinal thriller against Denmark. The underdog-Danes were valiant, bold and smart, but the Brazilian defense collaborated on both Danish goals before the four-minute champagne finally prevailed 3-2 Friday night.

And with defender Cafu suspended for the semifinal because of rough play, the Brazilian back line finally proved more vulnerable than ever.

Brazil's first lapse came just two minutes into the game. It was slow setting up for a Danish free kick, and Brian Laudrup raced through a confused defense and passed to Martin Jorgensen for an easy tap-in. After Ronaldo set up Bebeto and Rivaldo to give Brazil a 2-1 lead, the defense helped the Danes again.

Roberto Carlos tried to clear a ball from his penalty area with a spectacular over-the-head kick and came up empty. The ball landed at the feet of a surprised Brian Laudrup, who promptly kicked it into the upper corner for a 2-2 tie.

A Rivaldo solo run made it 3-2, and coach Mario Zagallo reinforced his defense in the midfield. But it didn't help much. Jorgensen and Laudrup had near-misses, and Marc Rieper's



### World Cup

Saturday's results:  
Netherlands 2, Argentina 1  
Croatia 3, Germany 0  
**SEMIFINALS**  
Tuesday, July 7  
Brazil vs. Netherlands, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 8  
Croatia vs. France, 1 p.m.

header struck the crossbar just before the final whistle.

Zagallo, drained and tense, called the game "beautiful, frank and open," but admitted the defense had nearly blown it.

"The three goals erased our foolish mistakes," he said, before cutting short post-game interviews.

Erased, but not forgotten. Brazil has shown flashes of offensive brilliance at the feet of Ronaldo, Bebeto and Rivaldo, but defense — the strong point of the 1994 Cup champions — remains its biggest worry.

In Brazil's 2-1 loss to Norway, fullback Junior Baiano was badly beaten by striker Andre Tore Flo on one goal and committed a silly penalty to set up the second. While Zagallo has demanded more offense from Roberto Carlos, his upfield players have left big holes on the left side of the defensive line that 32-year-old fullback Aldair has been slow to cover.

Cafu, probably will be replaced by Ze Carlos, an obscure defender from Sao Paulo who was a last-minute replacement for Flavio Conceicao, dropped from the team with a leg injury.

Zagallo said Ze Carlos "theoretically" would play but that he still hasn't figured out how to set up the team for its toughest match of the Cup.

He has until Tuesday to come up with the answer.

# The French dare to dream of the World Cup finals

PARIS (AP) — A nation that stopped to watch its heroes and erupted in joy over another victory returned to everyday life Saturday, swollen with pride and hoping for more glory from its very own World Cup.

The victory by France over Italy to reach the semifinals of soccer's world championship was the talk of the country following a night of wild celebrations.

Major newspapers headlined "Keep on dreaming" and "The beautiful adventure of France continues."

During the match Friday afternoon in suburban Saint-Denis, the French economy slowed to a standstill as most French-watched their team. Shops were empty, offices closed early and there was no rush-hour traffic.

The Paris stock exchange stayed open but only with the help of televisions installed at the beginning of the Cup "to avoid losing millions," the management said.

After the French victory in a penalty shootout, the country erupted in a giant celebration. Tens of thousands of people walked to the Arc de Triomphe,

cutting off traffic along the Champs Elysees under the eye of riot police. Tourists gawked and took pictures.

"We have been waiting for this since 1986, 12 years of slaving away," said Nicolas Leblanc, who had the French flag draped over his shoulder. "The penalty shootout session was horrible. I thought my heart would give out."

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# Young Croatia shocks Germany

LYON, France (AP) — World Cup rookie Croatia produced one of the biggest upsets in soccer history Saturday when it defeated three-time champion Germany 3-0 to reach the semifinals.

Robert Jarni scored on a 25-yard shot at the end of the first half, eight minutes after German defender Christian Werners was ejected for head-butting down Croatian goalkeeper Oliver Bierhoff.

Goran Vlaovic added a second goal on a 20-yard shot with about 10 minutes left and Suker scored the third goal five minutes later.

Croatia, which became a nation just seven years ago after breaking away from Yugoslavia, is the first team since Portugal in 1966 to advance to the semifinals in its first World Cup. The Croats met France on Wednesday at the Stade de France just outside Paris for the right to play in the final.

It was the second straight quarterfinal defeat for the Germans, who were knocked out of the '94 Cup by Bulgaria.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, regarded as a lucky first because he hasn't seen the German team lose since 1986, was in the crowd at the Stade de Gerland for one of its lowest moments.

The game featured rough play and fouls throughout. Croatia's Igor Simic and Dario Simic and Germany's Jorg Heutich all were given the yellow-card warning in a seven-minute period early in the game for needless tactics that sent opponents sprawling.

The Germans nearly struck first when Dietmar Hamann's 8-yard header grazed the crossbar after a free-kick from Thomas Haessler.

Croatian goalkeeper Drazen Ladic then made an impressive double save in the 31st minute when Oliver Bierhoff jumped to head another crossing pass. Ladic saved the header at the foot of the post and, with Jurgen Klinsmann swooping in to try to score on the rebound, the keeper reacted quickly to kick the ball to safety.

Once Werners was ejected and the Germans were forced to play a man down, their attacks lost their punch and the Croats were able to take advantage.

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## MONEY

## Businesses agree: Tax code needs changing - but to what?

By John Cunniff  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — There's at least one tax issue on which businesses large and small seem to agree, that being the elimination of the present income tax code. But then things become complicated.

"There is absolutely no doubt that this tax code must be pulled out by its roots and never seen again," says John McCracken, president of National Small Business United, which represents regional business groups.

The code, adds Jack Paris, president of the \$600,000-member National Federation of Independent Business, "is inefficient, unworkable and should not be used again."

But the code is not the only problem. The Association of Manufacturers, whose members include some of the nation's most powerful industrial companies, states that "the federal tax system as now configured is beyond repair."

Each organization believes the code is a costly abomination, a waste of national assets, a burden on individual citizens and businesses and a hindrance to saving, investing, economic growth and jobs.

But agreement on the overall issue disguises disagreement on details. Some business groups support the House's 218 to 209 commitment to begin the termination process now. Others want to wait.

And so, before a new tax code is produced, a complicated, controversial process lies ahead, with the political battles being only one aspect of a larger conflict. Businesses are divided on details.

The major disharmony at the moment is over the possible confusion that might be created in deciding an end to the existing code at a specific future date without any indication of what might replace it.

Not knowing, asks McCracken, how are owners of small businesses (500 or fewer workers) to plan for such required details as asset depreciation and capital gains? He cites a NRB poll showing 65 percent of members want an alternative plan first.

The NRB poll also shows that 73.3 million small businesses in the world of not knowing what rules are for the future.

"And that's what we would be doing if we sunset the code," the NAM agrees. "We defer to no one in our enthusiasm for scrapping the tax code," said senior vice president Paul Huard in a letter to the House leadership, but not until details and a new code have been passed.

The NRB vigorously disagrees. "The purpose of sunseting the current code on a date certain is to force Congress to get serious about fixing our tax system," Paris said. To him, the House's decision to sunset the present code by Dec. 31, 2001, is a necessary first step in a campaign launched by the NRB last September. Now, he said, he'll fight for Senate approval.

The NRB discounts the confusion argument, claiming that lack of a commitment simply delays progress toward the goal, and that, besides, confusion hardly could be greater than with the present code.

Whatever action is taken by the Senate or by the president, who has promised to veto the measure if passed by Congress, controversial details must still be thrashed out. It could produce some hot arguments. The most basic of these is the nature of a new code, which could be a flat tax, a sales tax, a blend of both or maybe something else.

But it will not be a debate since proponents closely guard the purity of their versions.

McCracken suggests either would be preferable to the existing code, and said he hopes to make tax discussions central to upcoming election debates.

The NAM most likely will stress the need for "simplicity, elimination of multiple taxation, and stability" as outlined in a resolution on growth and taxes at a board of directors meeting Feb. 10, 1996.

The NRB says it will push hard for Senate approval of the termination act and continue its campaign to abolish the code. To its logic, "Small Business Works for America," it has added "and the IRS should too!"

## Low oil stocks pump up investment analyst

By James K. Glassman  
The Washington Post

The oil business has fallen on tough times — and that's good news if you're looking for bargains.

The price of oil recently hit a 10-year low, less than \$12 a barrel. It's down 25 percent in the second quarter. On the supply side, the problems are too much production by oil-rich but cash-strapped countries in the Middle East and Latin America and increased pumping by Iraq. On the demand side, a warm winter in the United States dampens demand.

Investment analysts are taking notice. For the first time in years, the oil business is being eyed as a source of growth, slumps.

On Wednesday, members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries pledged to cut production by 2.6 million barrels a day, or about 3 percent, over the next year. Lower supply means higher prices, but the markets weren't particularly impressed with these promises, and oil closed at \$14.60 a barrel, little changed from its price before the OPEC meeting.

But the OPEC meeting, that combined with an average of \$12 a barrel last year, and \$19 in 1996. From 1979 to 1985, oil averaged \$31 a barrel.

Below \$16 it's hard for most investors to see the value of oil. The oil business is being eyed as a source of growth, slumps.

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earnings ratio, based on 1998 estimated earnings, is a mere 12, or less than half the market as a whole — and this for a stock that's expected to increase its profits 20 percent annually.

Smith isn't alone. Halliburton Co. (HAL), which Houston analyst William Herbert, of Howard Weil Associates, told me, is the "best-managed company in the oil-service industry," is down 43 percent since the Asian crisis broke in October. Deepwater Driller Transocean Offshore Inc. (RIG), is off 46 percent.

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See far more cheaply. Herbert, the Howard Weil analyst, is not so sanguine. "What is really important is demand staying strong in Asia," he says. If it falls off, then oil service stocks could drop some more. "My worry is the 'C' word," he adds, referring to "contagion" — the spread of Asian economic ills throughout the globe, leading to slowdowns in demand for oil in Europe and America as well.

Still, Herbert, like Sedita, is fond of Transocean. He is also high on Halliburton, headed by Richard B. Cheney, a former defense secretary and now a member of the Bush family.

Herbert calls the deal "a tremendous consolidation opportunity." In fact, mergers and potential ones are a major theme in the business — one that's being encouraged by a low oil price, which is making some companies vulnerable to takeover. On June 19, for example, Schlumberger offered to buy Camco International Inc. (CAM), sending its stock up 40 percent. "A simple strategic justification exists" for consolidation, writes John Feenan, an analyst for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, "and there is still too much redundancy in the sector." That, too, is good news for investors.

Herbert also cites EVI Weatherford Inc. (EVI), which makes undersea drilling equipment and trades at a P/E of 14 (just half its 24 percent earnings growth rate), and Cooper Cameron Corp. (RON), which makes pressure-control equipment.

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## Mutuals

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this ruin your plans to educate your children, to retire from your job or to reach other primary goals in your life?

If so, give serious thought to rearranging your portfolio now so that a turn for the worse in the markets wouldn't hurt you so badly.

The realignment might not require wholesale shifts of money out of stocks. Moving a relatively modest sum into a flexible bond fund, money-market fund or other means of diversifying your holdings may be all that is required.

Chances are you don't want to stop riding the bull altogether. Rather, your purpose might be to move yourself off a softer landing, should you get thrown off its back.

Robert Sanborn, portfolio manager of the \$8.9 billion Oakmark Fund and an investor widely

respected for his patient philosophy, puts it this way: "As value investors, we always focus on the downside."

"Your task is to review your entire portfolio and to assess whether it meets your risk-return parameters," Sanborn writes in the Oakmark fund family's just-published semiannual report.

"Also, remind yourself that the money you have invested in equity investments (should 1) not be needed for at least five years, and 2) can decline by, say, 30 percent at any given time without it affecting your lifestyle. It is far better to do this now than to do it when a decline does occur."

Lab-testing your portfolio this way also can answer the question of how to keep your expectations from being out of control. When someone asks what you expect to earn from your stock funds, you will be able to respond with the truth: You don't know.

## Privacy

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data to companies that want to sell you things. To the extent that marketing targets people who might want to buy something, it can be useful — and maybe even be environmentally friendly if it cuts trees that would otherwise go into unwanted mailers and catalogs.

But it's becoming dramatically easier to build up astonishingly complete dossiers on individual consumers. And there are almost no sensible controls over how data may be used once it's collected.

One fast-growing crime in America is identity theft, where a criminal gets an individual's social-security number plus other key information — this is fright-

eningly simple to obtain from commercial databases and then opens new lines of credit in the unsuspecting real person's name. You may not directly lose any money if this happens to you, but your credit record can suffer huge damage, and you'll undoubtedly spend countless hours trying to clean up the mess.

Unfortunately, the law may not consider you the victim in such cases. The credit issuer tends to be the official victim. But who's really hurt the most? Credit-card companies do try to prevent fraud, but they charge such high interest rates in part because they build the cost of rampant fraud into their fees.

Your life may be turned upside down if someone steals your identity, but hey, that's the cost of

"After all, the only numerical guideline you have to what any market investment might earn in the future is its past performance. And history can never be counted on to repeat itself exactly."

Says Jeremy Siegel, finance professor at the Wharton School, in the second edition of his book "Stocks For The Long Run": "The returns derived from the past are not hard constants, like the speed of light or gravitation force, waiting to be discovered in the natural world."

"Historical values must be tempered with an appreciation of how investors, attempting to take advantage of the returns from the past, may alter those very returns in the future."

The past does provide evidence — compelling evidence, many people feel — that stocks stand a good chance to earn a better return over time than something "safer," such as Treasury bills

easy credit, right? The Internet has changed the situation; but not in ways that justify debt-to-the-Web panic. The Net's ubiquity has spurred some database companies to sell information online. This widens the market for abuse but doesn't fundamentally change the nature of the abuse.

Companies still pry, and consumers still hand over information with little thought in real space as well as cyberspace.

By all means, let's insist that Web sites — and any other entities that deals with children — stop collecting personal information from kids without express permission from parents. But even if we do, let's not assume that we've solved the bigger problem.

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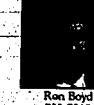

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**TWIN FALLS** — KKHNews 55 announced more of its new staff station airs news programs at 6 and 10 p.m.

Reporter Alex Cabrero was born in Monticello, N.Y., and graduated from Monticello High School in 1983. He graduated from Orange County Community College in 1995 with an associates degree in communications and from the State University of New York at New Paltz with a bachelor's degree in broadcast production and journalism.

Cabrero worked at Time-Warner Cable 6 television in Middletown, N.Y. for four years as a news and sports reporter and anchor. He also is experienced in directing, shooting video, editing, audio production and news production.

Douglas "Howdy" Guymon is manager of director/promotions and community affairs.

Guymon has been involved in broadcast in the Twin Falls area for 15 years. He previously worked at the CBS and Fox affiliates in Twin Falls.

Nonprofit groups are invited to fax names of community events to Guymon at 736-4512.

**JEROME** — Philip Desilet has joined the D.L. Evans Bank Jerome office as vice president marketing officer.

He started his banking career with the Idaho First National Bank at the Pocatello office. After managing the office for five years, he opened the Hillcrest office in Boise. He was then promoted to branch

administration where he supervised a group of Idaho branches for the next 17 years. He managed three of the Boise branches during the next two years before being asked to open the Business Banking Center for West One Bank, the new name for Idaho First National. The last two years with West One Bank were spent in credit administration.

Desilet's wife, Alice, also spent many years with Idaho First National and West One Bank. The Desilets have lived in Jerome since retiring from West One Bank.

**TWIN FALLS** — Patti Hurd has joined Twin Falls Title and Escrow as a title officer.

She has 24 years experience in the title business. Hurd was formerly with Land Title and Escrow of Jerome as assistant manager/title officer.

She is a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Jerome XI Mu Chapter and the Business Women's Association of Jerome.

Hurd was raised in the Gooding area and is presently lives in the Hagerman Valley.

**TWIN FALLS** — Hallmark Cards Inc. has announced that the Twin Falls, Idaho, Crown Store owners in Twin Falls have achieved top honors for specialty retail excellence in the nationwide network. Store owners receiving the award are Andrew Bellasios of Andrew Bellasios Hallmark and Kurt Hefner of Kurt's Pharmacy.

The top 200 out of 2,500 stores across

the country receive the exclusive award, recognizing outstanding performance in customer satisfaction, marketing, merchandising, technology, human resource management and retail operations and distinguished each of these owners as top performers in the Hallmark Gold Crown Retail Excellence Program, the company said. Each store in the network is evaluated on these criteria.

Store owners will receive their awards at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Advanced Retail Training Seminars in Maui, Hawaii, and the Hallmark's world headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. The three-day seminar allows the store owners to learn about future corporate and network directions as well as retail industry news.

**BUHL** — The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry elected a new leadership slate for 1998-99. Larry Cope of Clear Springs Food in

Buhl was among 12 IACI members elected to three-year terms on the board of directors.

**RUPERT** — Warren Yaden of Albion serves on the Ford Authorized Remanufacture Advisors Board.

One of 15 board members, Yaden recently returned from Los Angeles where he met with key Genuine Parts personnel, district, zone, factory and warehouse managers from through out the western states.

The meetings were held to discuss policy and changes in the Ford quality renewal system and new authorized distributor development, the warehouse distributor merger with Motorcraft, and customer services new third-party distribution system. The new changes affect all Ford, Lincoln, Mercury and Ford medium trucks nationwide.

Recommendations from the meetings, procedural changes, responses to issues and final recommendations will be published and sent to all dealers.

Yaden is a longtime employee of Goode Motor Ford and Sterling Trucks in Rupert.

**Northwest Retirement Benefits** announced that Patti Garcia of Twin Falls has recently joined the firm.

Garcia will be responsible for offering life insurance, health insurance and Medicare supplements to the residents of Magic Valley, as well as group medical and life to businesses in the area.

## Real estate can still serve as diversifier

By Bill Barnhart  
Chicago Tribune

Many investors have decided it's time to protect themselves against the stock market.

High-cost hedge funds, junk-bond funds and other investments — many of which are perfectly appropriate for certain investors and perfectly lousy for others — are getting special attention, now that some experts have declared the stock market is no high, whatever that means.

As if nothing has been learned over the last 10 years about the value of a consistent, long-term investment program in stocks and other assets, market-timing theories are hot once again.

As you might see, I'm no fan of market-timing investment schemes. Not only is market-timing costly and difficult, it's virtually impossible to say what investment will do better than stocks the next time stocks suffer more than a brief downturn.

There simply is no reliable history to analyze of a serious stock market downturn.

Roy Weitz, who publishes the FundAlarm.com Web site review of mutual funds, looked at the last stock market slide lasting more than a few days: the three months ended July 1996. From peak to trough in that period, the S&P 500-stock index lost 11 percent, thereby qualifying unofficially as the last market correction — a short-term reversal of a long-term trend — we've seen at least 10 percent.

Weitz then scanned the nearly 2,000 funds in his database to see what funds performed best in that three-month period. Real estate funds, which buy shares of real estate investment trusts and real estate-related operating companies such as home builders, made up the top-performing sector. The Wilshire REIT index, a proxy for the sector, gained 4.4 percent over those three months.

There are many reasons for this finding. Interest rates were beginning to head lower. REITs, severely tarnished as investments in the 1980s, were re-emerging as smart buys in the '90s. REITs were beginning a strong rally that would run through the beginning of last October, as the real estate indus-

try enjoyed a cyclical upturn.

This is interesting history, but far more interesting to investors today is the fact that in 1998 real estate funds have performed poorly. According to New York-based Lipper Analytical Services, which tracks mutual funds, real estate funds have been the worst-performing fund sector, except for Asia funds and emerging-country funds. With the S&P 500 index up nearly 14 percent this year, the Lipper real estate fund index is down 7.2 percent.

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Why is this good news for mutual fund investors? Considering the sector's performance in the '96 market correction, if the pattern holds over time, it would mean real estate funds provide genuine diversification in a mutual fund portfolio.

Unfortunately, there hasn't been enough time to prove a lack of correlation that diversification requires. Weitz says the long-term correlation between real estate and equities is "getting close to zero. That means it could go either way."

Ted Bigman, co-manager with Russell Platt of the Van Kampen/Amplam Capital Real Estate Securities Fund, said the relationship between stocks and real estate investment trusts is mildly positive — that is, when stocks go up, REITs go up as well, but not at the same rate.

The B shares of the Van Kampen fund gained 5.7 percent in May-July 1996 and are down 4.6 percent so far this year.

"It would be a stretch to say there's a negative correlation, because the data do not show that," he said. Nonetheless, there's no doubt that real estate and equities march to different drummers.

TAA-CREF, the giant teacher's pension and insurance system, seeks greater diversification from the stock market than

REITs can provide by offering an annuity account that invests directly in real estate, not in REIT securities.

Joan Fallon, manager of the TIAA Real Estate Account, said an investor's ability to make redemptions from the account is backed by the TIAA Traditional Annuity. But direct real estate investing requires a long-term perspective, because real estate projects obviously can't be sold as readily as publicly traded stocks. "We do not want people thinking that it's easy to get into and out of," she said.

While more closely tied to the trends in stock prices than direct real estate investments, REITs have certain defensive qualities that make them an appealing alternative to conventional stocks, Bigman said. For example, REITs pay out about 70 percent of their cash flow as dividends, and their values are backed by the much larger private real estate market that serves as a floor under declining REIT prices.

"I don't know what the floor is for Coca-Cola, but I can tell you for each of the (225) REIT stocks in my universe what the floor might be for the price," Bigman said.

The recent slide in REIT prices reflects, among other things, a belief that the growth cycle in real estate prices may have peaked and the supply of properties may have grown to meet the demand. Many investors who chased the hot REIT boomlet last year have shifted to other opportunities. Debates in Congress this year about boosting taxes on a handful of REITs may have clouded the entire sector.

Weitz says it's getting harder to find investment asset groups that go up when U.S. stocks go down. The growing integration of international stock markets threatens to erode the diversification opportunities through investing internationally. Real estate may be one way to improve your portfolio's diversification a little, if not a lot.

## Munis stack up well against treasuries for investments

By Kathleen Day  
The Washington Post

Smart investors know that in financial markets, the past — especially the recent past — isn't prophetic.

That's why a chorus of market watchers warns that the stock market's seven-year bull run due for a correction and that investors ought to consider shifting some of their investments out of stocks. And some experts say a shift to municipal bonds would be an especially smart move.

Municipal bonds, which are issued by state and local governments, provide income that is exempt from federal tax. For someone in the 28 percent federal tax bracket, for example, a municipal bond yielding 5 percent provides the same after-tax yield as a corporate bond paying 6.9 percent. For those in higher federal tax brackets, the taxable equivalent yield is even greater.

And municipal yields now compare more favorably than usual with Treasury bonds, the traditional security of choice for investors seeking a safe haven. (Income from Treasury securities is taxable at the federal level but is exempt from state tax.)

Despite the well-publicized default of Orange County, Calif., the reality is that defaults in this market are very, very rare," said Kieran Beer, editor-in-chief of the Bond Buyer, an industry trade publication.

These days munis, as they are called, offer yields that are 85 percent to 90 percent of Treasury yields, said George Friedlander, managing director and fixed-income strategist at Sunam Smith Barney in New York. Some munis are yielding as much as 95 percent of Treasuries, he said. Normally muni yields range from 65 percent to 85 percent of Treasuries.

This makes municipal bonds the better buy for more people

## Experts examine the pros, cons of municipal bonds

The Washington Post

Mutual fund industry experts say there are several reasons to invest in a municipal bond fund rather than to buy bonds directly. Mutual funds can buy bonds at better prices than individuals can because of the scale of their trading, and can diversify as few individuals can. In addition, they can reinvest dividends more readily than investors who hold individual bonds.

But picking the right fund requires some thought by investors. Some muni bond funds, such as Rochester Fund Municipal, invest in one state and appeal mostly to residents of that state. That's because most states exempt from state tax only those bonds that they or their municipalities issue.

Other funds invest nationally, and so their investors have to pay

further down the income-tax bracket scale, said Steven Chung, an analyst for Morningstar Inc., which tracks the performance of mutual funds. With a typical long-term muni yielding about 5 percent and 30-year Treasuries yielding about 5.6 percent, he said, the after-tax yield on munis is superior even for people in the 15 percent federal tax bracket.

Several factors are behind the rise of munis, including the fact

that tax on most or all of the income. David Baldi, manager of the six-year-old Morgan Grenfell Municipal Bond Fund, said the diversification more than offsets the tax benefits of single-state funds. "You're not at the mercy of one state's politics," he said.

Donald Cassidy, senior research analyst at Lipper Analytical Services Inc., said investors need to consider their age, their tolerance for risk and their own tax bracket before deciding how much of their portfolio to allocate to municipals, and how much to any particular fund.

In a 401(k) or other investment plan that defers federal tax, investors should always choose taxable securities. But when it comes to taxable investments, bonds, experts agree, munis are a bargain and savvy investors should consider putting at least some money in them.

That they last favor with investors during the bull market in stocks. "Investors for the last three years have snubbed municipals and Treasuries in pursuit of the equity markets and returns averaging 15 percent," said David Baldi, manager of the six-year-old Morgan Grenfell Municipal Bond Fund, which has \$540 million in assets. "Because of that, the muni market is cheap right now. There's tremendous value."

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## THE FLORIDA FIRES

## Idaho adds help

Boise fire center coordinates arrivals from across nation

Knight Ridder News Service

With firefighters and equipment from 41 states and seven federal agencies on the front lines of the inferno in Central Florida, the question lingers: Is there a secret weapon somewhere capable of smothering the flames?

Federal and state officials directing the war against the wild fires say the answer is no. Only several days of rain will stop the fiery rampage that has already consumed more than 320,000 acres across the state.

"The problem is not our equipment. The problem is that the fires are ignited with all of this extremely dry underbrush and low humidity and they are jumping all around," said Bill Nelson, the state's insurance commissioner and overseer of the state fire marshal. "No matter how much personnel and equipment you have, you cannot control it."

Federal officials say all possible help is in Florida — or on the way.

"We've been asked to what the state has requested that we fill," said James Lee Witt, the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

They have the equipment, they have the manpower. The only factor is the weather.

Overseen by the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, the federal firefighting command is organized into 18 crews of about 20 workers each. They join about 15,000 Forest Service firefighters and 600 National Guard members from Florida and Georgia.

People and equipment from seven federal agencies have moved into Florida. Engineers from the Army and Marine Corps, weather forecasters and veteran fighters of big Western forest fires have joined local firefighters from all around the state to create a force of more than 5,000, according to the state Division of Emergency Management.

Firefighters from 41 states and every county in Florida are part of the force, the division says.

Their arsenal includes:

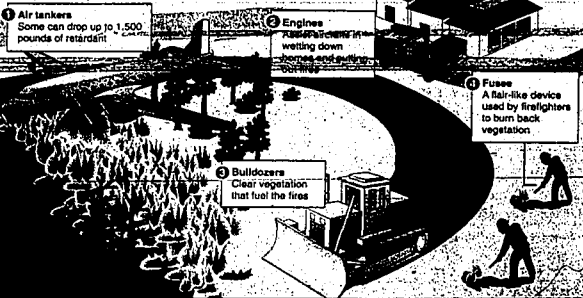
- More than 100 aircraft, including water-bearing tanker planes and 62 helicopters. Two-thirds of all the firefighting helicopters in the United States are now working in Florida. Each of these choppers is capable of dumping nearly 2,000 gallons of water in a single load.
- About 300 bulldozers and 160 fire engines. Seventy-five engines airlifted to Florida from Western states at a cost of \$18 million.

## Fighting fires in Florida

Protecting life and property is the main concern of the firefighters as they battle the spreading inferno in Florida. The attack strategy is twofold: suppress the fire by dousing the hot spots and removing the fuel that surrounds them. A look at five of their methods:

## THE PROBLEMS

- Drought has left Florida's vegetation, which is highly flammable, dangerously dry
- Recent storms that were expected to bring some relief instead spurred lightning bolts that set new blazes
- Winds are spreading flames



Source: Florida Division of Forestry; AP research

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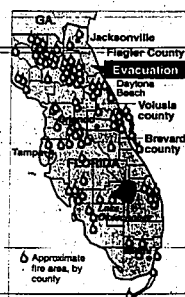
Kevin Chaffee, with the Idaho Forestry Service, starts a backfire along U.S. 92 just west of Daytona, Fla., last week in an effort to stop a brush fire from spreading in that direction.

Reinforcements began mobilizing on Friday, 1,500 members of the Florida National Guard were ordered to report for duty to provide security for evacuated areas and traffic control. Earlier, 562 members of the Guard were called up to fight the fires.

And Air Force C-5 Galaxy cargo jets were to airlift about

65 U.S. Forest Service fire engines from California and Oregon to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

Marines from Camp Lejeune, N.C. are building a bridge to let heavy equipment reach fires in Volusia County. And meteorolo-



Source: AP research

gists from the National Weather Service are trying to prepare forecasts that can help firefighters anticipate wind direction and relative humidity for areas as small as an acre.

"We have all the help we need," said Bonnie King, spokeswoman for Brevard County's Department of Emergency Management.

But the fires continue to burn Friday, and state and federal officials continued getting offers of equipment from abroad.

Officials in Canada's provincial governments of Quebec and Ontario, for example, offered firefighting transport planes, capable of dropping about 9,500 gallons of water at a time and refilling their tanks without landing.

Said Ray Mathieu, representative of the company that markets the planes:

"The state is already using one such plane, which is on loan from the state of North Carolina. And FEMA's Witt said there are already more than enough firefighting planes on hand."

"You can get so many aircraft up in the air over the fire at a time that you can get somebody killed," he said.

## Firefighters, others seek relief in Houligan's bar

By Michael McLeod  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. — Usually, this time of year, Houligan's does a good business. It's a sports bar, attracting a lively nighttime crowd that follows the play-by-play on a half-dozen television screens.

But for the past few nights, it has been a different scene. Live television is tuned to news broadcasts instead of sports. All the food and drink is free, and the patrons are passed out under the pool tables.

Houligan's just isn't itself these days. But then, neither is Ormond Beach. In a city stricken by fire, Houligan's has become sort of an unofficial Engine Company No. 1.

When firefighters saved his home from the flames earlier this week, Tim Curtis, the bar's owner, volunteered to turn the establishment into a haven for firefighters.

Word leaked to the community. Soon firefighters weren't the only ones showing up at his door.

Cars and trucks started pulling up in the parking lot outside.

A food supplier sent an 18-wheeler filled with hamburgers, hot dogs, bread and cereal for the firefighters. Pizzas turned up by the dozens. A homemaker brought in blueberry muffins. A pharmacy donated everything from eyeglasses to pain medication. An eyeglass boy turned up with a \$20 bill.

Many who brought donations of food and drink had been evacuated from their homes and had no idea whether the structures had been saved from the flames.

Galen King, a manager at a Best Western hotel, pulled up with \$29 worth of bottled water — then offered to put up 20 firefighters for free.

A man with a friendly, efficient bearing appeared and began greeting firefighters at the door and neatly stacking the bottled drinks that had been donated. It seemed as though he must be one of the town's managers. Later he introduced himself. His name was Cory Loomis. He was in Florida on vacation from Columbus, Ga., and just wanted to help.

Wednesday and Thursday, Curtis and several of the bar's employees stayed up all night to marshal all the donations into an ongoing buffet line for firefighters.

Outside, fire seemed to be

everywhere, threatening everything. Fire, threatening a church complex being used as a firefighting headquarters. "I like a good house fire," said Douglas Meyer, deputy chief of the city of Seminole's Fire-Rescue. "You got you put it out. There's a beginning and an ending to it. This out here — this just goes on forever. You know you're never done."

But firefighters hoping for a night's rest, but soon his unit was called back out. Flames had kicked up again and jumped a road. At 11:30 p.m., firefighters were back out, and into the night, embers fell on Hunters Ridge, a subdivision of 100 homes. Smoke was as thick as fog bank, penetrated by eerie flashes as pine trees burst into flames.

Finally, at about 4 a.m., the Hunters Ridge fires were extinguished. No homes burned.

## THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



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# A day in the smoke

Family defies evacuation, counts hours

ESPAÑOLA, Fla. (AP) — Kim Hamblin had to listen.

The TV was saying that Espanola was on fire, and her daughter was there — Brandy Nicole, the 12-year-old who died nearly a year ago, the one who died from bicycle and life by a passing car.

Out the front door she went — through the smoke choked — of empty Flagler County she drove in her GMC truck, past a police car or two, to the turnout that led to the little town and the cemetery that contained her daughter's grave.

There the smoke thickened and the visibility dropped. She began to cough. She could go no farther. "I know her headstone will be fine," Ms. Hamblin said quietly Friday night.

"It's just the thought of anything else touching her. And there's nothing I can do about it."

— Kim Hamblin, Espanola, Fla., who defied evacuation orders, after he tried to drive to the grave of her 12-year-old daughter, who was accidentally killed last year

seemed full. "We only took things we couldn't replace," Gary Hamblin said, his arm in a sling from a nerve pinched at his electrician's job. "I didn't take the bills. They'll send more."

The evening's soundtrack was tandem TVs, one in the kitchen (where Charlotte was frying up steak sandwiches) and one in the living room. Both were tuned to a special local news report about the fires. "Florida in Flames," read one TV blurb.

At dusk, this chunk of Flagler County seemed desolate — stark shadows peeking jaggedly from a thick, smoky haze that partially obscured tufted trees, the air acid enough to smoke a man in.

This county in northeastern Florida is largely empty. The mandatory evacuation order, coupled with police nudging and persistent spotty fires and smoke, has sent many residents to less threatening locales. "At what point will we leave? Probably when it gets to the tree line," Kim Hamblin said.

There was but a moment in the long day of the Hamblin family of rural Flagler County, where everyone — more than 45,000 people — was ordered out Friday morning.

Most left. The Hamblins didn't. Kim, her brother Gary and his wife Charlotte, along with next-door neighbor Donald Kuhn, passed the hours Friday with tension, with humor and with a stubborn resolve to stand by their land until government or nature forced them to do otherwise.

There was the afternoon, filled with hours spent selecting dearest possessions and packing trucks, just in case. There was the dusk, with watermelons eaten on the front porch and cigarettes smoked as the rain fell just enough to push the haze down to ground level.

And always there was the waiting for the fire to approach or the police to finally show up and say it was time to go.

For Gary Hamblin, the biggest worry wasn't fire but looters, sported elsewhere in the county by police. "It don't bother me so much if it burns," he said of his home. "But I don't want no one coming in and stealing it."

He and Kuhn sat on a front-porch swing, watching the infrequent car roll down Route 305 and bickering good-naturedly about their three-day sublease.

"Whole town's burning up and y'all are sitting here discussing your shaving habits," chided Kim Hamblin, a Virginia coal miner's daughter and the youngest of 16 children. Her brother later shaved.

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# Blazes take toll on human endurance

By Melody Simmons  
The Baltimore Sun

PIERSON, Fla. — Sleepless for one week, Ronnie Long fears he cannot win the battle against the wildfires ravaging northeast Florida.

Long, a 27-year-old firefighter from tiny Orange City, left flaming fields of scrub pine and oak trees and stood exhausted next to his fire truck, which had broken down under the strain of trying to keep up Friday's defense of Pierson and its 3,000 residents.

"These fires are just so big we can't save the houses," said Long, who has been on the front line for three weeks. "We're trained in school to put these fires out, and we can't. It feels like we're losing."

As Florida's Gov. Lawton Chiles called on Floridians to "pray for rain," thousands of firefighters labored in steamy temperatures to contain the flames that Friday drove 70,000 residents from their homes in three counties. All 36,000 residents of Flagler County were ordered out.

Since Memorial Day, hundreds of wildfires have swept Florida, where unusually heavy rains last fall and winter produced lush new growth — which now is brittle as tinder because of drought.

Friday, the governor called on Florida mayors to send more equipment, including bulldozers, to clear fire lines around residential areas. The federal government has sent emergency workers. Fire teams are fighting with hoses and shovels, and pilots are dropping water from the air.

The troops are not winning. The best they can do, in the face of the flames, is lose no more ground.

"We did not turn the corner," said Barry Baker, the fire chief in



AP Photo

Sherri Gormley comforts her son Drew, 7, as they learn Friday the evacuation center at the Flagler Palm Coast High School where they had been staying will also be evacuated. Below, Setaula Callahan sits through the charred rubble of her home looking for her wedding ring Saturday in Mims, Fla.



Ormond Beach. "They were as volatile today as they were yesterday, and they will be just as volatile tomorrow. We're not going to put these out. We're just trying to contain them."

The fires, concentrated on the East Coast, show no sign of abating. And scattered showers Friday were not enough to ease the danger.

A smoky haze blotted out the early summer sun and was noticeable as far away as Miami, more than 200 miles south.

In some areas, smoke rolls across the road like a heavy fog. Even in clearer places, the heavy stench of burning wood is everywhere, clinging to hair and clothing.

Portions of Interstate 95, a main north-south artery, were closed because of the fires, although some stretches were reopened during the day to provide an escape route. Bids for summer with evacuees driving loaded cars and trucks as residents fled flames that in places shot 30 feet high, engulfing entire drought-parched trees in minutes.

Flames ripped at the shoulders of some state and county roads as cars drove by. Pickup trucks carried suites of family furniture away from danger. Cars were filled with computers, televisions, files, framed photographs and pets.

One of the drivers in the caravan of evacuees driving north on U.S. 17 through Pierson was Lynn Olsen, a retired Internal Revenue Service employee. She moved in September from Fairfax County, Va., to Palm Coast. Friday, she was ordered from her house by state troopers and was headed for Jacksonville, about 80 miles north.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Olsen, 48, who believes it likely that the fires have consumed her new home. "I'd rather work for the IRS right now than go through this."

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Bob Chase, president of the National Education Association, greets members attending NEA's annual conference Friday.

## Powerful teachers unions prepare to vote on merger

Los Angeles Times

NEW ORLEANS — The nation's two most powerful teachers unions stand poised to vote on a merger that, if approved, could end decades of bitter feuding and give teachers a potentially powerful voice in reforming America's troubled schools.

The National Education Association, the country's largest teachers union, and its arch-rival, the American Federation of Teachers, together would form the largest union in U.S. history. The 3.4 million-member organization would represent 80 percent of public elementary and secondary school teachers, as well as about 25 percent of college and university teachers.

Faced with eroding popular support and outside pressure to shake up the schools, many delegates to the NEA's annual convention here say they no longer can afford the costly and divisive turf wars that have long preoccupied the two organizations.

Both groups seem sold on the need for and even the direction of reform. NEA President Bob Chase and AFT President Sandra Feldman have been leading a campaign in support of higher standards for teachers, more teacher training, smaller and better equipped classrooms and renovation of rundown schools.

Delegates to the NEA's annual meeting are debating the merger proposal Saturday, with a vote scheduled for today. The AFT will follow suit when it meets in New Orleans later in the month. Both bodies require a two-thirds majority to approve a merger at the national level, but the NEA vote is considered more in doubt than the AFT balloting.

"There are a lot of people out there trying to destroy public education and public education is good for kids," said California teacher Patty Arvin, noting that NEA and AFT affiliates had worked together in California to defeat a proposal to allow taxpayer-supported vouchers for private school tuitions.

The two unions have had on-again, off-again merger talks dating to the early 1970s, all without success. And, officials say, the vote will be close this time, especially among NEA members who are uneasy about the more militant unionism of the AFT. But union leaders, as well as many outside experts, now predict success.

One reason is that teachers recognize there is enormous disenchantment with education, with critics of public schools demanding such innovations as taxpayer-supported vouchers so parents can send their children to private schools and standardized tests of children to measure teacher performance.

"There are a lot of people out there trying to destroy public education," said Patty Arvin, California teacher.

—Patty Arvin, California teacher

"There is an unprecedented assault on public education today," says University of Virginia—historian—Nelson Lichtenstein. "A unified defense of it is important."

But winning approval for the merger and, beyond that, melding the two groups, will not be easy. The cultural gap separating them is deep.

The larger and older NEA began in 1857 as an anti-union, professional organization dominated by administrators and local officials. Its roots are in suburban and small town regions, not the big cities where the AFT sprang up. The NEA's 2.4 million members (traditionally have seen themselves as professionals, not akin to doctors and lawyers than to factory workers. And they are passionate about bottom-up unionism, preferring local democracy to centralized leadership.

But the AFT's founders deliberately patterned their 1916 organiza-

tion on the confrontational, tightly disciplined industrial unions that grew up in Detroit's auto industry. "These are different cultures," says Stanley Aronowitz, a sociologist at the City University of New York who has studied the unions. The AFT's founder, he says, "built a military machine on the presumption that 'We have enemies out there, we need unity and we need to suppress differences.'"

Although today's AFT, with 985,000 members, is less constricted from the top than that description implies, the NEA, by comparison "is like, I guess, a PTA, a debating society," Aronowitz says.

"You're going to hear one voice for education" if the merger carries, says Aronowitz. "You may disagree with what they say, but they will be a powerful voice."

A united teachers union, with its already well-developed political arm and its huge network of organizations in every community and state capital, will be in a strong position to influence the course of reform.

And whereas its critics are divided in their advocacy of a host of different approaches to reform, Aronowitz says, a combined teachers union "can begin to conduct unified campaigns around specific reforms."

A merger of the two national unions also could have political impact. Already, the NEA and the AFT are among the most active contributors to candidates at the state, local and national levels — with the bulk of their dollars going to Democrats. In the last congressional election cycle, for instance, the two unions together gave \$3.9 million to Democratic candidates and \$40,000 to Republican candidates, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. A unified organization, freed from the costs of competing for members at the local level, could do even more.

Some worry that such a huge union, operating in a field as sensitive as public education, could trigger a backlash.

## Ex-wives of polygamists form support group in Utah

Website and hotline help women escape lifestyle

Chicago Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — As a girl, Vicky Prunty dreamed of doing great work for God, of serving with the fervor shown by Mormon founder and prophet Joseph Smith.

By 25, Prunty was married and a mother. Her dream had brought her to a nearby McDonald's — and to polygamy. Standing in the restaurant, her head swimming with the odor of french fries and the excitement of the moment, Prunty met the young red-head who would become her husband's second wife, her own "sister-wife."

Then and there her husband sealed the three-way union, pulling an heirloom ring off of Prunty's finger, and sliding it onto the hand of his new wife. According to their beliefs, polygamy was the pattern for eternal and celestial joy. But it sure didn't feel like it to Prunty.

"We tried to create a Zion of our own, and it failed," said Prunty, now 34 and divorced, struggling to support six children. Few people in Utah want to talk publicly about modern-day polygamy, which is believed to be practiced by tens of thousands of Mormon fundamentalists from Mexico to Canada. Some estimates put the number of polygamists in Utah at around 30,000, some in from remote communes and scores of others in Salt Lake City.

Local officials, who are frantically rebuilding Salt Lake City and polishing its image for the 2002 Winter Olympics, don't ask or tolerate the 10 million-member Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which repudiated plural marriage more than a century ago, swiftly and secretly. But the church's leaders have caught engaging in it.

But this spring Prunty and a handful of other ex-wives of polygamists decided to speak up. They formed the group Tapestry of Polygamy, which accounts the first support group devoted to helping women escape polygamy. The group has a hotline, and a website, [www.polygamy.org](http://www.polygamy.org) — offering encouragement and services to women who may be considering leaving, but have not yet been able to make the break.

"Most women are still very afraid of coming out," said Prunty. "Some of them are in danger."

Three weeks ago, a 16-year-old girl was found abandoned, belittled and badly beaten in remote Box Elder County, north of Salt Lake City. The girl said she was trying to escape a 7-month-old forced marriage to her uncle. She was reportedly his 15th wife.

John Daniel Kingston, the girl's father and her husband's brother, was arrested for the beating. Authorities formally charged him with three child abuse.

All three were members of the Kingston group, a polygamist clan that calls itself the Latter-day Church of Christ and reportedly has more than 1,000 members. Tapestry of Polygamy knows the Kingstons well; two founding Tapestry members, Rowenna Erickson and her daughter Stacy Erickson, left the Kingston group in 1994.

### Tapestry of Polygamy

The support group, which by all accounts is the first in the United States to help women escape polygamy, may be reached online at [www.polygamy.org](http://www.polygamy.org).

"We tried to create a Zion of our own, and it failed."

— Vicky Prunty, ex-wife of a polygamist

Rowenna's father, a former Lutheran from Chicago, and her Mormon mother had abandoned orthodox Mormonism for the more radical message of Charles Eldon Kingston, and joined his growing empire shortly after its founding in 1935.

Rowenna Erickson was born in 1942, and grew up passionate about her faith. In 1962, she married her older sister's husband, and bore him eight children. Raising them was a struggle; to help make ends meet, she watched other children in the group for 22 hours a day and collected aluminum cans.

But she dutifully received her husband's visits every other night, and it was not until her children were grown that she began to doubt what she was doing.

"I heard other women in the group say, 'Do you think God really loves women? Why would he let us suffer so much?'" she recalled. "And I thought, it is so wonderful, why does it feel so horrible?"

Like most fundamentalists, the Kingston group rallied around Joseph Smith's 19th Century doctrine of plural marriage, understood by the church to be a revelation from God.

In part, the theology of polygamy harkened back to the family histories of Bible figures such as Abraham and Jacob. In part, it was fueled by the Mormon doctrine that spirits are waiting to enter our world, and prevented from reaching higher planes until they do. That makes it the duty of believers to bring as many children into the world as possible.

Smith and successor Brigham Young both preached that doctrine. Young accumulated 55 wives during his leadership. But polygamy also brought intense pressure from the outside world, including a series of federal laws and Supreme Court decisions prohibiting plural marriages.

Finally, in 1890, Mormon President Wilford Woodruff issued a manifesto declaring that he would abide by the law of the land, renouncing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and paving the way for statehood for Utah in 1896.

By 1904 the church began excommunicating its polygamists, but many heeded to the belief that Joseph Smith's revelation was the true word of God, and Wilford Woodruff's was not. As they were driven from the larger church, they formed their own sects, often resurrecting the early Mormon practices of communal businesses, pooled finances and a

hierarchy in which women are not permitted to make even mundane decisions.

For that reason, many women leaving polygamous groups today have to learn the most basic skills for living in modern society.

Stacy Erickson had reached adulthood when she left the Kingston group with her mother. She knew enough about the world to know that she should put her small savings in a bank, but she did not fully understand how to do it.

"The first time I went to withdraw money from the bank I was terrified," she remembered. "How would I tell them what I wanted it for?"

While they face the outer world with trepidation, these women also contend with the families and histories they are leaving behind.

A 25-year-old woman who asked to be identified as Chloe said she was a victim of incest and sexual abuse between ages 3 and 5. At 2, her father began pressing her to marry her older sister's husband.

"She held off, marrying a man of her own choosing at age 17. Six weeks after their marriage, he told her he wanted to take another wife."

It took her four more years to leave the family, and she still worries about those she could not take with her.

"My mother's going to die in it, and she's miserable," Chloe said.

One of Tapestry's oldest members grew up in a large polygamous family and was satisfied in her polygamous marriage for 30 years before she made the discovery that soured her: One of the children decades earlier.

"I had a number of mothers and they got along very well and loved us. There are healthy families and healthy relationships," the woman said. "But the secrecy hides abuses, too."

The large groups like the Kingston group, some of whom have established their own towns and outposts in rural Utah, Arizona and Idaho, are the best recognized face of polygamy. Many dress in 19th Century style, and some eschew modern technology.

But experts say that a large and increasing number of plural marriages can be found in cities and suburbs, and behind the door of the pleasant ranch house across the street, or sharing the apartment building down the block.

For Vicky Prunty, that is where polygamy started and ended.

Prunty was 18 and a freshman at Brigham Young University in Utah when she met a handsome 25-year-old senior from England, who had converted to Mormonism and gone on his own mission in Italy before coming back to Brigham Young.

In just a few months they were married, and a few years later they were living in Mesa, Ariz. He was a salesman; she was a mother of two.

"We were mainstream, orthodox Mormon yuppies," she said. "That's when we started learning about things the church had tried to hide over the years. It was almost, to us, like there were two different gospels. What we wanted to do most was serve God."

### OK, you're kinky

"Call me kinky, but I wanted to see it happen. I was on the edge of my seat going, 'Do it! Do it!'" —Tea Leoni, on the near kiss between her husband, David Duchovny, and Gillian Anderson in the X-files movie.

### The son also rises

He may look like mom, but he apparently acts more like dad. That's the lowdown on Prince William, according to Ladies' Home Journal. William is not as vulnerable as his mom and is a "disciplined member of the House of Windsor," the mag says. Just before William's 16th birthday, June 21, Prince Charles gave him a "birds and bees" talk. It says, Charles even discussed his own relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles, to which William replied: "Whatever makes you happy, Papa."

### Give peace a chance

Yoko Ono donated \$300,000 to women's causes in Linda McCartney's name even though Paul McCartney left her off the guest list for his late wife's

memorial service last week in New York. Ono, John Lennon's widow, and her rock-son Sean also sent flowers for the June 1 service. Both were snubbed. Linda McCartney died in April after a battle with breast cancer.

### Today's birthdays

Conductor Mitch Miller is 87. Twin advice columnists Ann Landers and Abigail Van Buren are 80. Actress Eva Marie Saint is 74. Playwright Neil Simon is 71. Actress-photographer Gina Lollobrigida is 70. Baseball owner George Steinbrenner is 68. TV personality Geraldo Rivera is 55. Singer John Waite is 43.

### She did it her way

So your invitation to Barbara Streisand's latest production didn't arrive in the mail? Join the club! World is the diva put on a spectacular show — and she did it her way. Streisand pored over every last detail from the guest list to the music to the reception, which featured a gourmet barbecue. Babs insisted on Perrier for her guests



Barbara Streisand

stephanotis worth more than \$15,000. Streisand ordered the menu, the Pacific on Streisand's Malibu says. Oscar-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch conducted a 16-piece orchestra.

Guests arrived by the van, including Donna Karan, John Travolta and Kelly Preston. Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, director Sidney Pollack and Quincy Jones. Even President Clinton's brother Roger was there with his wife, Molly. As the guests rolled up, guards shone flashlights at the paparazzi to thwart any photo-taking. Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies were on stand-by to arrest anybody who tried to sneak in.

— but the caterer delivered San Pellegrino. So, a half-hour before the wedding ceremony, Streisand ordered the caterer's assistants back into their trucks to get the right brand of 120.

Hundreds of bouquets of gardenias, lilies of the valley and stephanotis worth more than \$15,000. Streisand ordered the menu, the Pacific on Streisand's Malibu says. Oscar-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch conducted a 16-piece orchestra.

The festivities got under way around 3 p.m., and the vows were exchanged just after 7 p.m. in the formal living room with Streisand's son, Jason, giving away the bride and bridegroom James Brolin's son, Josh, acting as best man. It must have been beautiful.

Not that the press would have firsthand knowledge. Streisand had loudspeakers placed outside her estate to blast heavy metal music and rain-forest sounds — wild bird calls, croaking frogs, crickets and splashing waterfalls — at the crush of media camped outside so they couldn't hear the couple whisper "I do."

Streisand, 56, was married before to actor Elliott Gould. Brolin, 57, has roomed down the aisle twice before. The really BIG question: When multimillionaires marry, do they prepay? Streisand and Brolin had already signed a prenuptial agreement, "said" Hamlisch later. Jones, who is making a documentary on the diva for ABC, "It only makes sense for someone worth more than \$100 million to protect herself financially, legal experts say. 'She's a megastar with lots of interests, and he's a speaker, a carrier, a comped to her,'" said divorce lawyer Raoul Felder.

### Some like it hot

The thrust. The parry. The shining blades. No wonder the "Mask of Zorro" sex scenes and verbal barbs between the Zorro and the villain, played by Welsh stunner Catherine Zeta-Jones, are like the relationship between him and wife Melanie.

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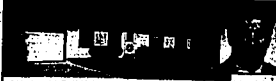
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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: I open one spade, and partner bids two hearts. What is my rebid with ♠ A-Q-5-4, ♥ Q-7, ♦ 5-3, ♣ K-Q-8-7 I bid two spades, and partner insisted I had promised a trick.

What Else? Stacks Park, N.J.

ANSWER: I agree with your "four-card club" of two spades. You didn't have adequate heart support for a raise, two no-trump with two small diamonds was not appealing, and three clubs would have been a gross overbid. Some partnerships agree to rebid two no-trump on all-balanced minimums to avoid this problem. However, this might create other problems; in any case, it requires prior agreement.

Dear Mr. Wolff: If declarer revokes in a doubled contract, is the revoke penalty doubled?

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ANSWER: Since the battle for the partnership is so important at the overall bid, responders bid as if the overall bid had not been made. Therefore, a one-no-trump "free bid" over a one-spade overall should promise 7-10 HCP with at least one spade stopper.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I open one club, and partner responds one heart. If I hold ♠ A-9-8-5, ♥ A-Q-10, ♦ K-7, ♣ A-10-8-5, should I raise hearts or should I bid one spade? My hearts were so much better than my spades.

Quality vs. Quantity, Omaha, Neb.

ANSWER: The systemic bid is one spade. The reason for it is that partner may have four in each major. If so, the eight-card spade fit may remain uncovered unless you bid the suit now. If you had four-card heart support, there would be no reason to bid one spade.

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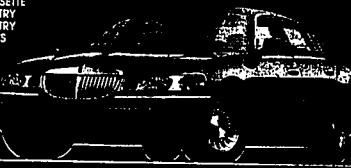
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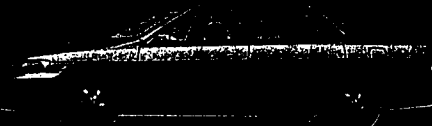
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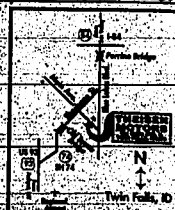
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## Bambi Jo and my future as a beauty queen

Today's parents want names that set their children apart. That's the word from a recent wire story distributed by Knight Ridder News Service.

There are even new research studies in the works that probe into the relationship between people's names and their emotional and financial success. One study, just released, concluded that individuals with "strong" names—those that are longer and commit suicide less often than those with "bad" initials.

Don't tell that to my friend Penny (Inez) Graham.

I'm afraid to ask who is funding all of the research studies, but I must admit that they are fun to discuss.

Take, for example, a study funded (I hope) by Loyola University Chicago, which reported that criminals with bizarre names are more likely to be chronic offenders.

The conclusion: "Unique names interfere with normal social interaction."

And today's parents want names that set their children apart.

I wonder if anyone has brought up the social interaction issue in Hollywood, where actors and singers are notorious for choosing "unique" names for their children.

Just the other day, I read that Robby Benson has a child named Zephyr. Sylvester Stallone has a child named Seargeoh (pronounced ???) and John Mellencamp has a child named Speck.

I wouldn't even attempt to guess the gender of those children.

And that's another thing. Androgynous names are suddenly in high style. Names like Harper and Morgan and Sloan. Sometimes, little girls are even given traditional male names.

Singer Sting chose Elliott as the name for his daughter, and there is now a female teen supermodel named James.

More mainstream names that are getting lots of use today include Dylan, Miles, Chelsea and Chloe. But researchers are predicting that these names will become dated within a few years.

Everything seems to go in cycles.

According to Pam Suttan, co-author of "Beyond Jennifer and Jason: An Enlightened Guide to Naming Your Baby," the 1980s were big on names that sounded like such as Elizabeth or Christopher. Then, by the time the '90s rolled around, people were harking back to their roots with family names or opting for names that characterized "individual expression."

Hence we have Alexis, Madison and Samantha for girls and Drew, Keegan and Ian for boys.

But too much individual expression can lead to names that are too individual for anyone outside the immediate family.

I've often read that actress Demi Moore has to correct everyone who tries to pronounce her name. (It's DEMI.)

And yet, Americans love to invent themselves, and trendy names are part of the package. "J" names were big for boys in the 1970s, with the most popular being Jason, Joshua and Justin, and figuring out the meanings of names has always been a favorite pastime among Baby Boomers.

Take this one step further and you have "The Baby Name Survey" by Clark, Bruce Lansky and Barry Sturud. This book assigns personality traits and physical attributes to 1,700 different names.

Thus, Frans are pictured as "strong, tall, skinny women who are fun-loving smart alecks." And Herbe are pictured as "fat, bald men with glasses who are classic winners or overeducated, dull pushovers."

Lansky even contends that people live up to the images of their names, and that other people react accordingly.

"The only thing that registers about a weird name is that this person must be weird," he wrote.

Tips are available from the developers of Baby Naming software (it had to happen). One suggestion: Choose a name with a positive connotation, and think about rhythm—the number of syllables in the first name should not match the number of syllables in the last name.

So what?

Another suggestion: Be conscious of nicknames and avoid letter redundancy. If the last name ends with a vowel, the first name should not.

Uh, sure, OK.

Now that that's settled.

A magazine article by Carol Wallace revealed a little-known practice in China. In that country, Wallace wrote, you grow through names as your circumstances change.

For instance, a Chinese baby boy might be given a "milk name" when he is born. Then, when he enters school, he is given his "book name."

There are other variations, too.

Maybe that's the answer. Change your name every few years. I mean, in my old age I could become Bambi Jo and be a beauty queen or something. Just for a change of pace.

At least it's worth a try.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

### Knight Ridder News Service

It's happened again.

Another angry adolescent boy, allegedly on a rampage with a gun.

And again, many ask why—why does this keep happening?

Though statistics and expert opinions vary and sometimes contradict, law enforcement officials and youth and behavioral experts focus on the one deadly link between last spring's spree in Springfield, Ore., and other incidents around the country:

An adolescent boy and a firearm.

"Historically, boys have always had an interest in soldiering, guns, bombs, fires," said Delbert Elliott, a professor and specialist in youth violence at the University of Colorado. "That fascination, along with a tendency toward more aggressive behavior, often results in violence."

What's different, Elliott said, is the seriousness of injury that's now inflicted before a conflict is considered over.

"The end used to come after fists caused bloody noses and bruises—now it's not the end until someone is shot dead," he said.

"Everyone knows that adolescent males are drawn to firearms because it's a symbol of strength and power to them," said Eric Gorovitz of the Pacific Center for Violence Prevention in San Francisco. "It leads to the unintended shooting deaths of kids because the kids with the guns don't understand that there are consequences."

In May, a 15-year-old boy who had been expelled a day earlier for bringing a gun to class allegedly opened fire in Springfield's Thurston High School cafeteria, killing two people and critically wounding seven others. Fifteen others were hurt. The boy's parents also were found shot to death in their home.

In the aftermath, some experts strongly suggested that a copycat syndrome was partly at fault. The Oregon incident, they said, was the high school shooting by a teen-ager in the past 15 months.

"There is a fad that has swept the country, and it goes beyond sneakers or leather jackets," Boston sociologist Jack Levin said. "It is now murder. Maybe 20 years ago, teen-agers would have imitated other teen-agers down the block. But now, they imitate other kids in other towns, thanks to television."

Yet, statistics don't provide any clear answers.

In May, a study of nearly 1,700 males 15 to 19—who took a computerized test—found that 12.4 percent said they had carried a gun in the past 30 days. That was significantly higher than in past years when teens answered the same question with a paper and pencil.

At the present time, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms reported that four out of 10 guns used in crimes recovered by law enforcement were from young males 24 and younger.

The agency began keeping track in 1992 of bombings caused by juveniles 18 and younger; there were 774 incidents that year. That number increased to 1,126 in 1994, then dipped to 931 in 1995.

So why the recent burst of gunfire from young males in different parts of the country?

While sociologists and researchers agree that boys' fascination with firearms has always been inherent, they explain that there is a vast difference in the way today's youth are brought up. While guns once represented maturity and responsibility, today's boys often associate guns with power and heroics. That message, they say, is elevated by

teens who don't cope

Experts say the reason teens today seem to act out more violently than in the past is that they have a hard time dealing with life's disappointments. In a society that expects and rewards immediate gratification, teens feel frustrated when they don't get what they want.

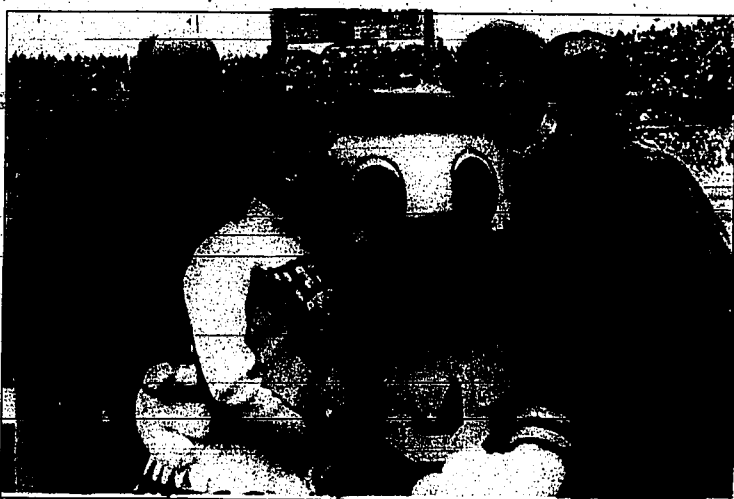
Associate professor of sociology and criminal justice at Caldwell College in Caldwell, N.J.,

"Young people today do not have good coping skills. It's a buildup of disappointment, frustration, anger, and rage. There may be a biological or genetic falling. Reynolds says while men committing random acts of violence is nothing new, what is new is that these acts are being committed by this group at an earlier age.

Most mass murderers and serial killers are usually white men, she says. This group is just acting out when they're younger. It's hard to say why they're acting out. Some experts point to media violence and widespread availability of guns, lack of parental supervision and society's focus on instant gratification. Others say the problem is an increased incidence of mood disorders and depression. Perhaps it's a combination of all these things.

"Unfortunately, we have such stereotypes that we're not looking at the whole picture. It's not just a typical 13-year-old, inner-city environment," Reynolds says. "The whole idea that drugs and violence isn't a problem until middle America has a problem."

—Source: Dallas Morning News

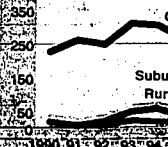


Kip Kinkel poses with his family and a mascot at a University of Oregon football game last year. Kinkel has been charged with gunning down his mother and father and then shooting 22 students at his Springfield, Ore., high school. His parents gave him the gun.

### Kids' crime

The number of children arrested for homicide in rural areas remains relatively low compared to cities.

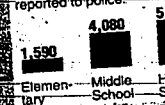
Arrested for homicide



SOURCES: FBI Uniform Crime Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics

### School attacks with weapons in 1996-97

Involving any object used to threaten, injure or kill, occurring at schools and reported to police.



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## To do for families

### Seminar for single parents scheduled Mondays in July

TWIN FALLS—A single parents seminar is planned for 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday during July at the Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive N. Single parents are encouraged to participate. Meetings will be held at the end of the building. Child care is provided. For more information, call 736-0727.

### Kimberly celebrates neighbors with fun games

KIMBERLY—Kimberly Good Neighbor Day, featuring games and activities for the whole family, will be held Friday and Saturday at Kimberly City Park. Highlights will include a 9:30 a.m. parade on Saturday, a pile-eating contest at 1 p.m. and games and train rides at 2 p.m. For further information, call Sheri Vanek at 423-5906.

### Miss Magic Valley Scholarship set Saturday

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Lions Club will present the Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Pageant at 8 p.m. Saturday in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$6 for students and adults and \$5 for senior citizens, are available from Twin

### Barnes and Noble features A Dog Parade July 18

TWIN FALLS—A Dog Parade for the Pet Lover's Soul will be held at 10 a.m. on July 18 at Barnes and Noble Bookshelters, 1238 A. Pole Line Road. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each of 16 categories. Dogs must be on leashes. For information, call Barnes & Noble at 733-5554 or the Twin Falls Humane Society at 736-2299.

### Young future artists need not miss art in the park

TWIN FALLS—Kids Art in the Park is planned for July 18 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in City Park. For further information, call 734-2789.

### Oakley Valley Arts Council invites all to 'Cinderella'

OAKLEY—The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present "Cinderella" at 8 p.m. July 22-23, 27-28, 30-31 and Aug. 1

### New feature

Every Sunday, "To Do for Families" will list family-oriented events through the southwestern Idaho. To get an item listed, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

and at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. July 25 at Howells Opera House. Tickets are \$8. Call 677-ARTS.

### Tune up your voice for community hymn sing

TWIN FALLS—The last Sunday of each month, the Twin Falls Reformed Church sponsors a community hymn sing from 7 to 8 p.m. in the sanctuary, 1631 Grandview. Drive. Refreshments are served and the public is welcome.

### 'Fiddler on the Roof' tickets are available now

TWIN FALLS—The Junior Musical Playhouse will present "Fiddler on the Roof," 8 p.m. July 14-17, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and they're available from any cast member or by phoning Mark Koller at 734-3054.

## Etc...

### 10 tips over overcoming procrastination

Procrastination is something that we all have a tendency toward from time to time. Eugene Knott is a psychologist at the University of Rhode Island who is director of the university's office of professional development, leadership and organization.

Drawing from a course he teaches on not putting things off, Knott offers his Top 10 Tips for Overcoming Procrastination.

- Contract with yourself. To accomplish a boring or difficult task, work for specific rewards, and withhold rewards if you fail to meet the deadline you've set.
- Bite-size the task. You wouldn't try to eat a whole basket of fruit at one time, so why torment yourself by trying to do a complex task all in one sitting? Instead, break it up into more manageable pieces, thereby removing the sense of being overwhelmed.
- Find something interesting in the work. If you can concentrate on finding and reinforcing a positive element of an otherwise unappealing task, even if it's just the relief of eventually completing it.

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## FAMILY LIFE

## The parenting maze

Which experts should you believe?

Los Angeles Times

What's a parent to think? While the American Academy of Pediatrics in December went on record as being against spanking, the American Psychological Association—which since 1974 has opposed corporal punishment in the schools—has recently not to denounce corporal punishment in all situations.

The issue was brought up at APA's annual convention in August, but, says Irwin Hyman, one of the principals among antipainstaking forces, "I couldn't even get them to make a committee on it. It's a very controversial issue."

From temper tantrums to toilet-training, from the birds and bees to bed-wetting, advice is not in short supply for parents of babies and young children. But whom to turn to?

The child-rearing debate really escalated in 1946, when Dr. Benjamin Spock—who died in March at age 94—burst upon the pediatric scene.

And what a difference a few years—or a few decades—can make.

In 1946, Spock dispensed this advice on toilet-training: "It seems sensible to leave (the baby) in peace until he is old enough to know a little of what it's all about. I would wait until he can at least sit up steadily alone, which will be around 7 to 9 months."

But in 1962, child psychologist Bruno Bettelheim—whose credentials have been widely questioned since 1990—said, "I've read 'If they say no, it's no.' Then maybe two months later you suggest it

## STRATEGIES

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## Great expectations

- Each child develops at her own pace, not according to a schedule set out in child-rearing handbooks. Let your baby take his own time to master skills.
- Refrain from comparing your baby's growth with another's development.
- Love, attention and support.

Talk with your baby and play with her, with and without toys.

## Ups and downs

- Growing is not a smooth progression from one skill to the next. Often as babies learn one new skill, they regress in another area. For example, a child starting to walk may begin to sleep or eat poorly.
- It is natural for babies to be irritable as they try to learn new skills.

## First steps

As babies begin to sit up, crawl and walk, they can excite and worry their parents. Some facts to remember about your child's development:



SOURCE: CVS Health Smart; research by PAT GARR

## Safety first

- Cover unused electrical outlets with safety plugs.
- Keep medicines, plants, cleaners and poisonous substances out of reach.
- Put safety gates at the top, bottom of stairways.
- Turn handles on, soiling pots toward the back of the stove.
- Set down on your hands and knees and reach and explore like your baby does. Look for dangers and change them.

## For more information:

Talk to your pediatrician.  
Next week: Day centers

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## Conventional wisdom

"Spare the rod and spoil the child."

—Samuel Butler, 1633

"I'm not advocating spanking, but I think it is less poisonous than lengthy disapproval."

—Dr. Benjamin Spock, 1946

"You can convince me that a good spanking does the child and the mother a lot of good. I've never doubted it."

—Bruno Bettelheim, 1962

again; and this game you play up to the age of 3."

In 1989, best-selling children's advice writer Penelope

Leach, in "Your Baby and Child" (Alfred Knopf) told parents, "If you start later, he will learn faster and reach the same point at the same time... He won't set off for big school in diapers."

In 1983, the late Dr. Lee Salk's advice was: "Never before 18 months. Two years later, Spock concurred: 'Don't start until the middle of the second year.'"

And, finally, current advice from Bill and Martha Sears on the ParentTime Web site: "Tell your child the store is out of diapers" and let him play bare-bottom in the yard.

What about feeding? Mother's milk or formula? Low-fat or regular milk? Back in 1946, Spock was advocating

breast-feeding, reasoning, "It's safer to do things the natural way, unless you're absolutely sure you have a better way."

But through the '50s, '60s and '70s, few pediatricians urged new mothers to breast-feed and most mothers chose bottle feeding. But many of today's young mothers choose to breast-feed.

"Breast-feeding is best," says Santa Clarita, Calif., pediatrician Dr. Loraine Stern, but "you can't just tell women to breast-feed. You have to provide enough support services to help them over the rough spots. One problem is that this generation of grandmothers is highly likely not to have breast-fed."

## Improvement needed in playground safety

The Washington Post

Dangerous conditions and equipment continue to threaten the safety of children playing on most public playgrounds, according to the nationwide survey of 760 playgrounds in 24 states released recently by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)—both membership consumer advocacy groups.

The report found that, among other problems, 87 percent of the public playgrounds lacked protective ground surfaces (chipped or shredded wood, or rubber matting); equipment height at most playgrounds posed a hazard; and most had too many swings per unit or the swing spacing was too close for safe swinging.

But what the report didn't warn parents about is that many of the same potential hazards exist on the equipment in their own backyards.

Every year, about 50,000 children are injured seriously enough on backyard equipment to require emergency room treatment. Four children die annually from accidents at residential playgrounds. To inform parents, CFA has released "Home Play Equipment: Tips for Buying and Using," a two-page fact sheet that provides tips on what to look for

## To learn more

Consumers can receive free copies of the complete home playground fact sheet, and "Parent Checklist: How Safe Is Your Local Playground?" by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Playground Checklist, P.O. Box 12099, Washington, D.C. 20005-0999.

in buying and assembling home playground equipment.

"The most effective thing a parent can do when thinking about putting in a home playground is to look first at the equipment as it is assembled in the store," says Deirdre Cummings, a consumer advocate at the Massachusetts PIRG and author of the home-playground fact sheet.

Based on the statistical breakdowns, Cummings recommends parents examine several hot spots on those store models—and on playground equipment your children play on at other people's yards. Those hot spots contribute to the largest number of deaths and injuries to children at home playgrounds.

The biggest problem is the potential for a child to get his head caught in the equipment, says Cummings. "Look for any openings between 3 1/2 to 9 inches, which tend to

be found between ladder rungs, on stairs or railings, where a child is likely to stick (his) head in, get stuck, lose his footing, and suffer a strangulation accident."

Second, look for pinch points. "With home equipment, this is a big problem—particularly on multiple-occupancy swings," Cummings says. "Two- and three-seaters can have gaps between seats that can catch clothing."

"Look for any spots where a child might put his fingers and get them pinched as the swing goes back and forth."

Another common safety problem on home playground equipment is protruding hardware, such as bolts that are too long and "S" hooks on swings that can catch clothing. "That can pose a strangulation hazard if, for instance, a hood of a jacket is caught on it," she says.

Avoid equipment with ropes or rope swings. Cummings found that climbing ropes either included with the equipment or added by parents have caused a number of strangulation deaths. "Finally, shop for equipment that provides anchoring instructions," and then follow them when erecting the set, says Cummings. Accidents due to equipment that tips over are common. "More and more of them come with anchoring instructions—whether it's setting it in concrete or sinking it in dirt."

The need to reduce the availability of guns is also voiced by Larry Cohen, executive director of The Prevention Institute in Berkeley, Calif., an organization that is involved in a number of prevention issues, including smoking, bicycle injuries and violence.

"We need ongoing prevention strategies, but people only get worked up after a crisis," he said. "Violence is complex, so the solutions must be comprehensive."

## Rules to avoid being local noise nuisance

The Washington Post

Ah, neighborhood noise. We want to be good citizens and considerate neighbors, coexisting on our small parcels of land packed side by side. Especially when summer lures us outside, where we (a) make noise or (b) are subjected to other people's noise. To maintain a civil social relationship, there are lines that ought not be crossed. The long holiday weekend beckons—a perfect time to brush up on Decibel Diplomacy.

Rule 1: Party Noise Is Less Amusing If You're at the Party.

Gardeners spend a lot of time tending plants, but they're also enjoying the splendor of their efforts, which make them semi-experts on the subject of noise pollution.

Cookouts or pool parties in the afternoon or early evening are usually no problem, provided the radio and belly-flops are kept to a reasonable level. The same sounds withing through an open window at 10 p.m. can get on neighbors' nerves.

The cardinal sin is a late-night outdoor party complete with loud music, raucous laughter and screaming cars. By the time most folks end up living in the suburbs, their tolerance for fraternity parties has waned considerably.

Rule 2: Machines Are for After Hours.

Music is a wonderful thing. But your idea of great music can be your neighbor's one-way ticket to Hell. Which means radios and

outdoor stereo systems should be used sparingly and quietly.

Now, if only the same could be said about lawn mowers. People seem to think they have a God-given right to cut that grass whenever they damn well feel like it, which is usually very early on weekend mornings. The only thing more annoying may be leaf blowers.

What should you do if there is a long construction or landscaping project that involves whining saws, drilling and other really irritating sounds? Apologize in advance, then invite everybody over for drinks when it's over as a peace offering.

Rule 3: Kids and Dogs Are Cute Only When They're Yours.

Screaming children can be hard to take under the best of circumstances. Trust us: Those bloodcurdling cries from Junior do not enhance your community

"When they slip and slide, they yell," said Sarah Pierre, who was looking for materials to repair her granddaughter's backyard water gun. Her grandkids get a little rowdy when they visit, so she tries to cut her neighbors slack about their noise. "We would put up with almost anything."

More annoying than kids, though, can be the yapping, growling and woofing of man's best friend. "Barking dogs," said Carol Bruce, of Fairfax, Va. "When they're barking for hours, they just want attention. Or the kids play basketball and the dogs go wild. I don't think they even hear it."

## Increasingly, gay couples choose to become parents

Pt. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

"Most people grow up knowing only one reality. I've been fortunate to see at least two," says Brandon Spirk.

Spirk's growing-up years were split between his straight mom in the suburbs and his gay dad in the city.

"I had a childhood," says the blond, 21-year-old Florida International University student who now lives with his dad and dad's lover on Miami Beach.

His parents' relationship and family may not mirror convention, but it's one that is becoming increasingly visible as more homosexual couples opt for parenthood.

"There are probably 5 million lesbian and gay parents in this country," says April Martin, psychologist and author of "The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook" (\$16, HarperPerennial, 1993).

Actually, depending on who is

talking, estimates on the number of gay and lesbian parents range from 4 million to 8 million, with 4 million to 12 million children in their care. While the majority of the children were conceived in heterosexual marriages with a parent later realizing he or she is gay, there is a booming trend for same-sex households to expand the families through alternative methods.

With donor sperm, surrogate mothers and adoption (only Florida and New Hampshire ban homosexual surrogates), the pace at which gay and lesbian couples are parenting has given birth to the term "gayby boom."

"In the last 10 and particularly the last five years there has been a marked increase in the number of lesbian and gay couples and individuals choosing to be parents," says Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, in San Francisco.

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it, it will make the job more approachable.

• Be clear about the task's worth. If you are stuck at the start of a task that has little meaning or value to you, it's not likely ever to seem compelling. As Stephen Covey (author of the best-seller "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People") writes, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." Set and keep clear priorities.

• Coach yourself through. Become your own cheerleader in attacking a task, using positive self-talk to boost your flagging interest or motivation until it's done.

• Hire a buddy. Not to do the job for you, but to be a friendly external monitor of the process. Ask a family member, friend or co-worker to help keep you on target.

• Don't always demand perfection. Do things as well as you can,

but give yourself a break and back off the need for constant perfection. We never quite get there anyway. Try eliminating the words "must" and "should" from references to your performance.

• Be single-minded. If a really important chore or project proves daunting, set all else aside, and focus your energies and efforts on it until it's done.

• Document your progress. Sometimes the simple act of keeping notes about progress made will reinforce you onward to a successful finish.

• Find perspective. Remember that any unfinished (or not yet begun) task is only a small part of your life. Try not to "awfulize" about it. Procrastination is only a sometime occupation, and a procrastinator is just a person who won't take "now" for an answer ... at the moment.

—Source: The Providence Journal-Bulletin

## Guns

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the media, the availability of guns, broken-family dynamics and other factors.

"Children are surrounded by violent heroes who are constantly blowing things up," said Myriam Miedzian, a social philosopher and author of "Boys Will Be Boys," a book about how boys are raised believing they need to exhibit certain characteristics to be masculine. "If there is a biological predisposition that boys are drawn to guns and aggressive behavior, and there is evidence that there is, then we need to deal with the fact that boys are at risk already and design a society that discourages boys from becoming violent. It's like keeping sugar away from a diabetic."



To find out more about kids and guns, visit The Times-News Online.

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# 'Dr. Dolittle' receives OK for kids, with mild warning

Combined wire service

• "Dr. Dolittle" (PG-13) — *Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema of Burlington, The Movie House of Ketchum.*

• Best for Kids 12 and under will enjoy it the most.

What's it about? Dr. Dolittle (Eddie Murphy) is a successful doctor about to make a big deal for his practice with his greedy partner, Oliver Platt. He has a good marriage, he's a great father to two daughters and he has a newly acquired talent — he can hear animals talk. After accidentally hitting a stray dog (voiced by Norm MacDonald), word gets out that he can listen to the animals and treat them, and in no time, animals are flocking to him.

The good: Murphy has charm and the knack of taking any role and adding to it. The movie is a bit of a mess, but Murphy has a gift for making us laugh and despite a weak script he manages to deliver funny scenes of arguing with animals and convincing people he can hear animals talk. Some of the best scenes are of him being a good husband and father by listening to his daughters. This is not Murphy's funniest work nor is it anything like the original. Despite the crude dialogue and mediocre script, people who enjoy Murphy will have a good laugh.

The not-so-good: Too much bathroom humor used too often. Too much adult



humor for children and too little adult plot for adults.

Language: Mild language with crude dialogue as well as sarcastic animals (two penguins discuss their sexual problems) may have children repeating phrases you don't want them to.

Sex: No sexual situations but a few crude references and sexual innuendoes.

Violence: None.

Entertainment value: C.

• "Daddy's Girl" (PG-13) — *Movie House of Ketchum.*

What's it about? A young girl (Ashley Johnson) and her father (Tommy Lee Jones) are child-hood friends who turn out to be step-brothers, who are in their 30s with no real jobs, no girlfriends and no prospects. When their father needs heart transplant that will cost \$50,000, they develop a business that deals in supplying revenge. Chevy Chase, Don Rickles, Chris Farley and Jack Warden co-star.

The good: Nothing good about it. The not-so-good: Starting with a horrendous script, bad acting and poor directing from Bob Saget, this movie is painful to watch. Chase, Rickles and Warden

deserved better.

Offensive language: Bad language and crude dialogue about sex and body parts. Racial slurs and ridiculous dialogue. See: No sexual situations but lots of discussion about it: Farley gets his nose bitten off by a mean hooker.

Violence: A few well-deserved punches to several characters.

Parental advisory: Do not take your kids or teens to this movie; it's a waste of time.

Entertainment value: D.

• Also ...

• "The Borrowers" (PG) — If you're looking for effects-loaded comedy-adventure for all the family, then this is your film. It's a loose, action-packed adaptation of the beloved children's classic. There are charming visuals, but there's also a couple of bad moments that lead to the very borrowers. (82 minutes). (Twin Cinema)

• "Deep Impact" (PG-13) — This is the most optimistic movie possible about the impending doom of the world as we know it. With a comet about to wipe out much of the planet Earth, there's no losing and surprisingly little panic. Young audiences should definitely relate to the teen science whiz played by Elijah Wood, whose character is among the first to recognize that a comet is approaching. But some young viewers may get restless wanting more action and less talk. (115 minutes). (Twin Cinema)

• "Hope Floats" (PG-13) — This romantic comedy-drama moves far too slowly for youngsters. But it could find a responsive audience in teen girls who need reassurance that being a prom queen doesn't guarantee a happy-ever-after existence. The film contains some language and suggested sexuality. (110 minutes). (Twin Cinema)

• "The Horse Whisperer" (PG-13) — The contemplative pace and long running time will hamper the film's appeal for younger audiences. But many teens can relate to the troubled mother-daughter relationship and find succor in Robert Redford's benign assurance. The tragic riding accident that opens the film definitely will give shivers to animal lovers. (165 minutes). (Twin Cinema)

• "Mulan" (G) — Aspiring young artists will enjoy this animation, which first presents the classic tale of a girl on a river boat that renounces the film's Chinese setting. The story centers on a spirited young woman who poses as a soldier so her aging father need not be enlisted to fight the Huns. Eddie Murphy provides the voice of Mulan's sidekick, a friendly dragon. (82 minutes). (Twin Cinema)

• "The Odd Couple II" (PG-13) — If your kids are fan of the TV series, they might enjoy parts of this leisurely, low-keyed sequel. But it's definitely aimed at an older audience. (Grand-Vu Drive-In)

• "Six Days, Seven Nights" (PG-13) —

Harrison Ford, the perennial summer star, plays the pilot of a sputtering, ramshackle aircraft. Unfortunately, the movie is in much the same shape as the plane. The sarcastic banter between Ford and co-star Anne Heche makes it an OK teen dating flick, but it's far from the type of movie they'll want to see repeatedly. The rating is for language and sexual innuendo. (101 minutes). (Twin Cinema, The Magic Lantern Cinema of Ketchum)

• "The Truman Show" (PG) — Older teens, many of whom may know what it's like to be held captive by television, should respond happily to this film. Preteen audiences, expecting the usual Jim Carrey slapstick carnival, could grow restless. Carrey plays Truman Burbank, who slowly realizes that his entire life has been recorded for a television show. Since many teens know how it feels to be

wait, they should relate. (114 minutes). (Twin Cinema)

• "The X-Files" (PG-13) — America's favorite conspiracy fest makes a solid leap to the big screen. Smart story, war wrinkles and some ready-for-multiplex visuals should make it a winner with both die-hard fans and newcomers looking to see what all the fuss is about. But the big-screen version features more gore and violence than the TV show, and may not be suitable for younger children. (122 minutes). (The Orpheum of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema, Burlington Theater, The Magic Lantern Cinema of Ketchum)

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## Why teens act up

### Brain scans provide clues

Los Angeles Times

Brain scans of healthy adolescents reveal for the first time what many parents have long suspected — that teenagers don't think or feel the same way as adults, in part, because their brains actually work differently. The researchers discovered that teenagers not only process emotions more intensely and more indiscriminately than adults, but also appear to use their brains differently to handle what they are told.

The new findings suggest a possible physiological basis for the emotional turbulence of adolescence and the gulf of misunderstanding that sometimes separates the generations.

"It has implications for how we deal with adolescents and how we think about communicating with them," said Deborah Yurgel-Todd, director of neuropsychology and cognitive neuro-imaging at McLean Psychiatric Hospital in Belmont, Mass.

"Instead of assuming that they are young adults and fully formed in terms of their brain function," she said, "it means that we probably need to assume they are not always understanding what we are telling them verbally and they may not appreciate the consequences of their behavior."

These findings may come as some relief to those adults who simply assumed that teenagers were too rebellious or stubborn to pay attention to warnings about safe driving, study habits, unprotected sex or any other parental prescription for well-being.

Now there is evidence that something structural also is at work in the adolescent brain.

Yurgel-Todd and her colleagues focused on the activity in two regions of the brain: the frontal lobe, a center of reason that scientists believe has a tempering effect on behavior; and a complex structure located in the brain's temporal lobe called the amygdala, a more primitive part of the brain that seems to be the seat of fear.

The amygdala also is critical to the formation of emotional memories, research shows, and plays a role in making intuitive social judgments, such as whether someone may be trustworthy.

By studying how each person responded to a series of faces expressing different emotions, the researchers found that when younger people process emotion, the level of brain activity in the amygdala is twice as high as in the frontal lobe.

In older teen subjects, the pattern was reversed. Compared to the adolescents, the activity in the frontal lobe was stronger and the activity in the amygdala was weaker.

## Child who soils himself should deal with cleanup

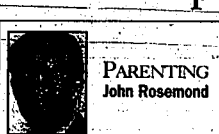
Q. Our bright, well-adjusted 4-year-old son has a full bowel movement in his underwear four or five times a week. He knows how to use the toilet and, like some children, avoids the toilet. Nor, according to his pediatrician, does he have a physical problem. He's just lazy. We've tried everything we know to try, from rewards to taking away special activities, but nothing has worked for two. Do you have any suggestions, including ideas as to what might be bothering him?

A. At this distance, I'm able to offer no idea as to what might be bothering your son, if anything. Why some otherwise well-adjusted children soil themselves well beyond toddlerhood is a mystery. Psychological theories, of course, abound, all amounting to educated guesses. My experience has been that it usually is a behavior problem, as opposed to one of emotions. In other words, there's nothing wrong with the child in question.

To reinforce what you've already done, any child who has passed his/her third birthday and has demonstrated bowel incontinence but who continues to soil himself/herself should be evaluated by a pediatrician or family practitioner. Certain physical dysfunctions — most notably one known as Hirschsprung's disease — can cause diminished bowel control.

Once the possibility of a physical cause has been eliminated, one is left with the mystery: What could possibly be driving such obviously self-defeating behavior? In the absence of outstanding family pathology, my general explanation/finding unfolds as follows: The parents waited too long to toilet train. By the time they started training, the child was perfectly content with messy diapers. The child's failure to "catch on" caused the parents' anxiety level to rise. They began making "big" deal out of the "little" problem. The child, being a typically obstinate human being, became less and less cooperative as the parents slowly lost their cool.

My most successful "treatment" involved making sure the child was soothed — and a big time — by his last-ditch. Keep in mind you can't make a child use the toilet. You can, however, make he



PARENTING John Rosemond

"cost" of not using the toilet so great that the child doesn't want to pay it. Buy a large-diameter bucket or galvanized tub. Show your son how to wash stains out of his own clothing. If you still have him in diapers or those rip-offs known as "pull ups," inform him that he will no longer wear anything but "big boy" underwear and that you will no longer, ever again, ask him if he has to use the toilet.

From that point on, every time he messes on his pants, his life stops. As soon as you discover his lapse, he must proceed to wash and rinse his soiled clothing until it's free of stain and smell. Then he takes either a bath or a shower, cleaning himself thoroughly. (You are not to stand over him while he performs these tasks. You simply approve or disapprove of the outcome. In the latter case, he must try again.)

Once clean and smelling as fresh as a flower, he gets in his pajamas, spends the remainder of the day in his room (yes, even if the "accident" occurs at 9 o'clock in the morning) and goes to bed immediately after supper.

Parents who've followed the above plan — consistently and dispassionately — have never reported to me anything other than success. Don't expect miracles, but if you're willing to make your child harmlessly miserable every time he has one of his lazy spells, this should — if history is to be believed — respect itself — be history within a few weeks.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist in North Carolina. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at P.O. Box 4124, Gastonia, NC 28054 and at <http://www.rosemond.com/parenting-on-the-Internet>. World Wide Web.

## New book aims to ease new brides' transitions

Knight Rider News Service

Newly married and uneasy at times, Marg Stark began wondering how well she was adjusting to her altered life.

Stark, a writer, was feeling pressure to be happy. And she quickly understood that some unwritten code prohibited talk of anything contrary.

But she also discovered that other new wives were feeling as disconcerted. "It took me a good two years of marriage to get my bearings," said Stark, who had been single for several years after college. "We were all experiencing the same thing, and we were all afraid to talk about it."

That led her to interview more than 50 women married less than five years for "What No One Tells the Bride" (Hyperion, \$12.95).

Stark, 34, lives outside Seattle with her husband of three years and their 9-month-old son.

What she found was that women not only had to adapt to their new role but also must emerge from their own expectations — of themselves and their husbands.

Under the heading "Bride-to-Bride," Stark highlights comments from the women. Some excerpts: What do you wish someone had told you before you got married? "That I wasn't going to get everything I had always wanted in one man."

That if I wasn't happy as a single woman, I wouldn't be happy as a married woman.

What has been the most disconcerting change in you since you got married? "I feel pulled between pleasing my parents, my husband and myself. It's hard to shift gears — to accept that what may be best for us as a couple may not be popular with my family."

**Model Christie Brinkley gives birth to baby girl**

NEW YORK (AP) — The uptown girl is a mom again.

Supermodel Christie Brinkley gave birth to a baby girl early Thursday, publicist Fran Seltzer told The Associated Press. The 34-year-old Seltzer told Brinkley Cook weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, when she was born at 12:14 a.m. at an undisclosed location in New

What No One Tells the Bride

Marg Stark

"I have had trouble with the whole 'settled down' thing, you know: marriage, responsibility, your own home. I felt for a while that I wasn't fun anymore. But then I realized I was happy being settled."

Her marriage gotten easier over time?

"We have gotten more secure, more comfortable, more relaxed with one another. It's not like a big date anymore."

"Now we know that fights don't threaten the relationship. We've both here to stay, and so it is easier to be honest with one another."

Brinkley, 43, has a 3-year-old son, Jack, with ex-husband Richard Taubman, and a daughter, Alexa Ray, 12, from her marriage to piano man Billy Joel.

Joel penned the hit song, "Uptown Girl," while he and Brinkley were together.

## Society recreates history of teaching

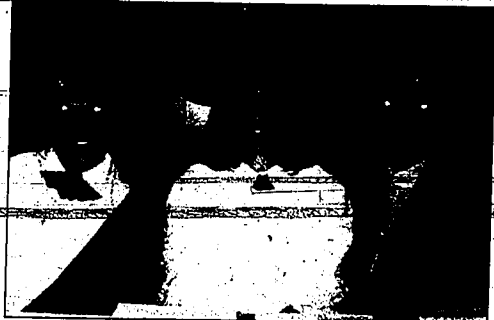
## NEWLY ELECTED

**JEROME**—Members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Society met recently at the Jerome United Methodist Church to videotape the play about the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma titled, "My Name is Annie."

The play reflected some of the problems facing women teachers early in the twentieth century. Chapter members and two members' daughters dressed in period costumes complete with shawls and hats. They acted out the play under the direction of Sue Haeffner of Shoshone. The videotape of the play was then presented at the Delta Kappa Gamma state conference in Idaho Falls in June.

Cast members were Sarah Diemart, daughter of member Arturo Diemart; young Annie, Begie Hamaker, narrator; Kathy Boia, Sue King; Barbara Duffin, Lela Lee; Donna Pence, Dr. Hiss; Sandra Calkins, Dr. Koch; Lela Mae Correll, Annie; Afon Diemart, Cora; Rosie Dockstader, Lalla Odum; Sharylun Duffin, daughter of Barbara Duffin, board chairman; Carolyn Ai, Ruby Cole; Carolyn Mason, Ruy King; and Carol Austin, Sue King and Marnie Basdon.

The group concluded the play with a song.



Delta Kappa Gamma members Kathy Bolan, Carolyn Ai and Barbara Duffin dress as founding teachers of the organization.



New officers of the Twin Falls Monarch Lions Club were installed at the June 18 meeting. Those elected took office July 1. Officers are, from left, Don Haller, board of directors; Forest Andrews, board of directors; Bob Taylor, membership committee; Dale Tauts, chairman of the membership committee; Arthur Croemer, secretary; Rauben Jeff, second vice president; Ken Reid, president; Bob Westfall, board of directors and Ernie Place, treasurer. Dwight Brandon, back to the camera, install the officers. Not pictured are Jack Asher, first vice president; Ed Joell, Lion tamer; and Willard Theate, membership committee.

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## Harley Riders to meet

**TWIN FALLS**—The Harley-Davidson Riders are going to Griffin's Cafe in Bliss for supper on Monday.

The group will leave Elmer's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Roger or Brenda at 733-0151.

## Bassmasters gather

**TWIN FALLS**—The Magic Valley Bassmasters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Creekside Steak House, 233 Fifth Ave. S.

For more information, call Dave Withers at 543-6863 or Jim Dutt at 734-7839.

## Crime prevention is topic

**TWIN FALLS**—The Twin Falls County Crime Prevention Association will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the police department.

## Potluck scheduled

**TWIN FALLS**—The Christian Women's Missionary Service of the First Christian Church will meet at noon Thursday at Elder's Pavilion at Rock Creek Park, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the church, 601 Shoshone St. N.

A potluck luncheon is planned. Dan and Sue Miller from the Pregnancy Crisis Center will present information from Dr. Dodson. All interested people are welcome.

## Team treats children

**TWIN FALLS**—The Twin Falls Child Protective Team has been awarded a grant to provide treatment for child victims of sexual abuse and is accepting referrals for participants of two groups.

A group for ages 6 to 10 will begin at 4 p.m. Thursday and continue for eight weeks on Mondays and Thursdays. Dr. Cory Alexander and his associate, Gina Bosco, CSV, will conduct the groups at their offices located behind 312 Second Ave. N.

Non-offending parent group is being offered by Magic Valley Counseling Services. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Thursdays for eight weeks beginning Aug. 20 at the counseling services office, 493 Eastland Drive.

Anyone who knows of a child victim or a parent who could benefit from either

group is asked to call Mark D. Annas at 734-4000 or Kerry Koonz at 737-2601. Remember that if you suspect a child has been sexually abused and no report has been made, you are obliged to make the report.

## Dutch ovens fire up

**TWIN FALLS**—The second annual Cancer-Center-Support-Grocery and Staff members Dutch Oven Cookout is planned for 7 p.m. July 16 at the Rock Creek Park. Dutch oven food will be prepared by Jack Watts. The menu features Dutch oven roast beef, beans, round roll dressing and soft drinks. Bring a dish to share.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Friday by calling Leonard Vauk 736-2455 or Chir Basila-Davis at 737-2800.

## Enrollment begins

**TWIN FALLS**—Denny Christian School is accepting enrollment for the 1998-99 school year.

The school has classes for 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th-grade students. It uses a Christian-based curriculum and is affiliated with the Winthrop Christian Fellowship. Classes are held in the basement behind the Fish Bowl at the Campus Commons on Filer Avenue.

For more information, call Madlyn at 734-5743 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

## Kiwans recycle

**TWIN FALLS**—The Twin Falls Kiwanis and The Salvation Army has started a computer-recycling program with the recycling center located inside The Salvation Army Thrift Store, 210 Second Ave. S.

The center will provide a home for used computer software or hardware, copiers, office equipment of any kind and telephone equipment such as answering machines. It is available any time someone needs to find a place for such items.

The program has been established because of no market for used and outdated computers and office machines. People can donate items to the Twin Falls Kiwanis Foundation for a tax deduction at fair market value for donated items. All proceeds from the sale of these items will fund worthwhile community projects (primarily local youth). A market opportunity exists for low-priced entry into the computer world and low-cost office equipment, and even obsolete, non-working machines can be used when they are sent through a contact person to the University of Mexico and used for technical training.

To donate equipment or to find out fair market value, call Mark Melni at 736-4276. For information on the computer recycling center, call Melni at 736-4276, Ron Rinchart at 734-5413 or Steve Westphal at 734-9244.

EVENTS  
ELSEWHERE

## Airport Fly-In scheduled

**GOODING**—The Gooding Airport Flyers Association is sponsoring the second annual Gooding Airport Open House and Fly-In Breakfast Saturday at the Gooding Municipal Airport.

An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$3.50 per person or \$10 per family. Aircraft, vintage cars and other items will be on display.

For more information, call Lois Warluff at 334-4730, Kit John at 886-2646 or the Gooding Airport at 834-5534.

## Fair planning under way

**JEROME**—The Jerome County Fair and Rodeo will begin July 28.

The premium guide or fair book has been distributed to grocery stores throughout the Magic Valley. It includes details about entering arts and crafts at the armory and lists grandstand show times and prices, the free stage schedule and other shows planned at the fair.

Those who want to participate in the parade should call the fair office at 324-2209 for an application. The theme is "Whole Lota Country." The parade starts at 5 p.m. July 28 at the Jerome High School. Entrants should be at the school by 4:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to serve on the parade committee is asked to call the fair office.

Events planned for the fair include the following:

- Demolition Derby, July 26: Openings still available. Old jalopies to be converted into demolition vehicles are needed, and anyone with an inexpensive, older car suitable for the derby is asked to call the fair office. Drive applications are available at the fair office and most auto parts houses in the Magic Valley.

- Talent Show, July 29: Competition is divided into age categories, with the minimum age set at 6 years old (no upper age limit). Applications are available at the fair office or at The Headliner, 1040 S. Lincoln. A total of \$700 in prizes will be awarded.

- Toby Keith concert, July 28: Advance tickets are \$16 and are available at Kwik Service and Ross Western Wear in Jerome and Lonesome Cowboy stores in Twin Falls, Wendell and Halley. Cost at the door is \$18. Tickets are not available at the fair office.

- Kids Rodeo, July 27 and 28: Sign-ups will be taken beginning at 8 a.m. July 18 at the Shoe and Tack Shop, 717 S. Lincoln. The entry fee is \$5 each for youth ages 1 to 14.
- Royal Western Carnival, July 28 through Aug. 1: Pay-one-price tickets are available, now through 4-H leaders and youth members; cost is \$10. Call the 4-H office at 324-7578 for a list of people selling advance tickets.

## New classes offered

**JEROME**—Tennis and swimming lessons are set to begin soon through the Jerome Recreation Department.

Tennis lessons will be held July 13-16 on the newly surface Jerome City Tennis Courts. Basic techniques, rules, scoring and match play will be covered. Adult beginner lessons are from 7 to 8 a.m., with adult intermediate following from 8 to 9 a.m. Cost is \$12 (\$17 for out of district). Youth beginner instruction is from 9 to 10 a.m., and youth intermediate classes are from 10 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$10 (\$13 for out of district).

Swimming lessons begin July 13 at the Jerome Recreation District pool. Lessons for all levels of swimmers are available. Eight 40-minute classes are held Mondays through Thursdays. Morning and evening classes are available. Cost is \$10.

Other offerings include women's rape defense Mondays, July 6 through Aug. 10; cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first-aid care instructor training on July 16 and summer day camps Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 7 through Aug. 13.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. For more information, call 324-3389 or stop by the recreation center, 2444 S. Lincoln.

## Fellowship goes western

**PAUL**—Ladies Life Line Fellowship will hold a "Let's All Go Western" barbecue from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at Charlene Patterson's residence, 253 N. 700 W. Paul.

The program includes Lorie Fletcher with her search dog, music by Duane and Lucy Knox and special Lucky Bonos. The guest night cost is \$10 per person. For reservations, call Elaine at 678-7874.

## Crop production is topic

**RUPERT**—Growers, field consultants, private consultants and those interested in agriculture are invited to a crop production luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Rupert Elks, 200 W. 85 S.

Christi Felen, extension educator with the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System, has scheduled a luncheon every two weeks for the remainder of the summer to discuss "hot topics" and disseminate information to the agricultural community.

Friday's topics include the last irrigation for cereals, black chaff and mold control in ripe grains. Thirty-minute presentations will be followed by 30-minute discussions of field observations in a round-table format with questions and issue discussion with other professionals.

Future topics may be modified as the need arises, but the current schedule lists alfalfa additives, baling and chopping cereals on July 24; weed populations on Aug. 7; potato storage preparations and disinfectant procedures on Aug. 21; chemical carryover on subsequent crops on Sept. 3; and stubble residue management on Sept. 18.

The cost is \$7 including tax and fees. For more information, contact Felen at 436-7184.

## Dinner theater planned

**RUPERT**—"Shoot-Out At Hole-In-The-Wall" dinner theater reservations are filling for the 6:30 p.m. dinner and the 8 p.m. show on Friday, Saturday and July 13 at West Minic Junior High School on Highway 27 in Paul.

The production is by reservation only each Friday, Saturday and Monday through July 31.

Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation is presenting the melodrama directed by Jean Phillips of Rupert. It is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colo.

The Dutch oven barbecue menu will include chicken, beef and ribs. Dinner and the show is \$10, dinner only is \$7.50 and the show only is \$5. Monday evening's family rate is \$36 for a family of four with each additional child \$8.

For reservations, call 532-4191.

FOCUS ON  
PEOPLE

## Redman gets high marks

Emily Redman of Twin Falls has been named to the dean's list for the spring 1998 semester at Hood College in Frederick, Md.

Redman, a senior, is the daughter of Vera and R. Michael Redman. She is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

## Gines accepted to school

Brandy Gines of Filer has been accepted to Jamestown College's 1998-99 freshman class.

Gines, a 1998 graduate of Filer High School, is the daughter of Michael and Laura Gines. In high school, Gines was active in student council, Key Club and the National Honor Society.

## Scholarship awarded

The National Future Farmers of America Organization has awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to Elizabeth Quessell of Twin Falls. The scholarship is sponsored by Chevy Trucks as a special project of the National FFA Foundation Inc.

Quessell plans to use the funds to pursue a degree in veterinary/animal science at the University of Idaho. Her parents are Michael and Valerie Quessell of Twin Falls. Her sponsor is Twin Falls High School is Jeff Gerard.

## Squire represents area

**JUDY SQUIRE**, a member of the GFWC Magic Valley Women's Club and first vice president of GFWC-Idaho, was one of 1,100 women at the General Endowment of Women's Clubs 107th annual international convention held recently in New Orleans, La.

Squire attended business sessions and workshops on leadership, grant writing and publicity; heard addresses by Susan Blumenthal, assistant surgeon general and senior science adviser for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and Paula Beck, a Seattle, Wash., reporter whose winning articles about strong women who make hard decisions and find meaning in life earned her the \$1,000 cash award from the Jane Cunningham Croy/GFWC Print Journalism contest for Excellence in Covering Women's Issues.

Newly-elected GFWC International President Maxine S. Scarbro of Charleston, W.Va., told convention attendees that her President's Special Project for 1998-2000, the Community Improvement Program, can serve as a guide to making cities and towns better places to live. Faye Z. Distinger, GFWC International president, noted that over the past two years, GFWC women gave a total of 27 million hours of their time to improve lives of women, men and children in America and overseas.

As part of GFWC's commitment to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, women brought children's books to New Orleans to be donated to the Patricia Roberts-Harris Educational Center in Washington, D.C. GFWC pledged that member clubs will increase the literacy of our nation's youth with a goal of contributing at least \$12.5 million worth of books and materials to public libraries and public school libraries by the year 2000.

GFWC is an international organization of community-based volunteer-women's clubs. The GFWC Magic Valley Women's Club serves the Magic Valley with community service projects geared to the local communities.

## Christensen recognized

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Adele Christensen of Twin Falls has been named an All-American Scholar.

Christensen, who attends O'Leary Junior High School, is the son of Gene and Barbara Christensen of Twin Falls.

## Sinclair elected to office

J. Walter Sinclair, an attorney with the firm of Bernick, Alexander Sinclair, Harwood & High in Twin Falls, was chosen as chairman elect of the national board of directors of the American Heart Association.

Sinclair has been a volunteer for many years on the local, state and national levels.

SERVICE  
NEWS

## Morrison reports for duty

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Roger D. Morrison, son of Roger D. Morrison of Elko, recently reported for duty aboard the submarine USS Springfield, homeported in Groton, Conn.

The 1996 graduate of Sam Barlow High School in Grayslake, Ore., joined the Navy in November 1996.

## Herron journeys overseas

Navy Lt. Joe D. Herron, the son-in-law of Deborah Nipper of Twin Falls, is serving aboard the carrier USS Carl Vinson.

The 22-year-old Navy veteran is a physician's assistant, reported in Bremerton, Wash. Herron and the rest of the Vinson's crew will begin a six-month overseas deployment beginning in the fall.

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FAMILY LIFE

# ENGAGEMENTS

## HEWARD-FELT

**BURLEY** - Harley and DeAnn Heward of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Janae Heward, to Kanona William Felt, son of Craig and Marilyn Felt of Burley. Heward graduated from Deco High School in 1997 and attended Idaho State University in Pocatello for one year. She is employed at Kings Warehouse for the summer. Felt graduated from Burley High School in 1992 and served a two-year LDS mission in the Guam Micronesia Mission. He graduated with honors in May from ISU with a bachelor's degree in geology and will attend dental school in August as a participant in the Idaho Dental Association's program.



Janae Heward and Kanona Felt

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the newlyweds will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Heward residence, 525 E. 150 S. of Burley. The couple will reside in Pocatello, where they will continue their education for one year before moving to Omaha, Neb., to enroll in Creighton University.

## SMITH-ANDERSON

**HAGERMAN** - Ronnie and Sharlene Smith of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Carissa Smith, to Ryan James Anderson, son of John and Vicki Anderson of Twin Falls.



Ryan Anderson and Carissa Smith

Smith is a graduate of Ricks College and currently is attending Boise State University. She is employed by Morrison Knudsen Corporation in Boise. Anderson is attending BSU and is employed by Gem State Paper and Supply in Boise. The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held Saturday at the Anderson residence in Twin Falls. The couple will reside in Meridian.

## SILCOCK-HOOPES

**BURLEY** - Richard and Kaye Dawn Silcock of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Silcock, to Michael Ryan Hoopes, son of Michael and Vicki Hoopes of Declo. Silcock graduated from Declo High School and received an associate degree from Ricks College in Rexburg. She is employed at Osterhour, Pope, King & Phillips CPA's in Burley. Hoopes graduated from Declo High School and served a two-year mission to Norway for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He plans to study computer technology at Idaho State University in Pocatello. He is employed by A-1 Booth and Restaurant Mkt in Burley.



Angela Silcock and Michael Hoopes

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Bountiful LDS Temple. A reception to honor the newlyweds will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. that evening at the Springdale LDS Church, 475 S. 200 S.

## POCOCK-POST

**TWIN FALLS** - Kent and Sondra Pockock of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Pockock, to Zachary Douglas Post, son of J. Douglas and Randall F. Post of Plain City, Utah. Pockock is a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is currently a senior at Utah State University in Logan. She served an LDS mission in the Switzerland Zurich Mission. Post graduated from Utah State University in chemistry and will begin medical school in St. Louis, Mo., this fall. He served an LDS mission in the Connecticut Hartford Mission.



Zachary Post and Lori Pockock

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held in the evening on July 17 at the home of the bride's parents.

## LOWDER-CLUFF

**KIMBERLY** - Robert and Kay Lowder of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel LaNel Lowder, to Andrew Curtis Cluff, son of John and Victoria Cluff of Twin Falls. Lowder is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. Cluff attended Ricks College and CSI. He is employed by Lamb-Weston in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.



Rachel Lowder and Andrew Cluff



Lloyd Wilson and Shauna Sparks

## SPARKS-WILSON

**PAUL** - Eldon and Lila Hart of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Shauna K. Sparks, to Lloyd E. Wilson, son of Sherry L. Wilson of Paul and Floyd and Bonnie Wilson of Firth. Sparks is a 1986 graduate of Minico High School. She is employed by J.R. Simplot Company in Heyburn. Wilson graduated from Minico High School in 1995. He is employed at J.R. Simplot Ethanol Plant in Heyburn. The wedding is planned for 11 a.m. July 15 at the Ebenezer Congregational Church, 121 N. Parath.

## DICKARD-PORATH

**KIMBERLY** - Mary and Mrs. Jerry Dickard of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Marri-Lee Dickard, to Cody Porath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynden Porath of American Falls.



Cody Porath and Marri-Lee Dickard

Dickard graduated from Kimberly High School and the University of Idaho with a master's degree in animal science. She is employed by Lake County, Ore., as a county extension specialist. Porath graduated from American Falls High School and the University of Idaho. He is employed as a vocational agricultural instructor in Paisley, Ore.

The wedding is planned for July 25 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls.

## Some fathers find a way for paternity leave

Knight-Ridder News Service

When it comes to paternity leave, every day is Father's Day at Ventura, Calif.-based Patagonia. Like their female counterparts, men are entitled to eight weeks off at full salary when their children are born.

One of those men is Mike Mesko, dad to Alexa, now 6, and Lindsay, 3, who tailored his eight-week leave to suit his family's needs. When Alexa was born, he took five weeks off at once, and then three weeks later in the year. With Lindsay, he took three weeks off, then worked half-time for the next 10 weeks, taking Alexa to work with him in the mornings so she could attend the outdoor clothing company's childcare program.

Having the paid leave made all the difference, says Mesko. "It's incredible. It shows that the company believes the father is just as important as the mother in terms of bonding with the baby."

With the focus on gender equality and new research showing the importance of fathers in a child's early years, it would seem that Mesko's experience would be the norm.

Instead, paid paternity leave is still something of an anomaly. Fewer than 1 percent of companies nationwide offer such leave, according to a 1991 survey by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. And even though the Family and Medical Leave Act guarantees parents the right to take up to 12 weeks without pay to care for a child, cultural pressures keep many men at work after baby is born.

Among those pressures: being the breadwinner. Even though many professional women earn as much as their husbands, men tend to worry more about making money when a baby's on the way, says Orinda psychologist Mary Sochet, who specializes in men's issues.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## THE BRASHIERS



Mr. and Mrs. Basil Brasher

**HANSEN** - Mr. and Mrs. Basil Brasher of Hansen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 2.



They were married July 2, 1948, in Elko, Nev. They have lived in Hansen for 40 years.

## THE NEWBRY



Boise and Thomas Newbry

**TWIN FALLS** - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newbry Sr. of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house July 12 for their 65th anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at their home, 425 Bitter Brush Drive in Twin Falls.

Newbry and Eloise Harman were married July 5, 1933, in Gooding. They have spent most of their lives in Buhl and Twin Falls. He retired from the telephone company with 40 years of service.



She was employed at the Idaho Department Store for 22 years. The event is being given by their children, Tom Jr. (Nina) Newbry of Wendell and Bill (Thelma) Newbry of Pocatello, and grandchildren, Tim (Melanie) Newbry of Twin Falls, Mark (Ann) Newbry of Jerome, Brad (Molly) Newbry of Twin Falls, Scott (Margaret) Newbry of Gooding and Sean Newbry of Pocatello. The couple has five great-grandchildren.

## THE JAMESSES

**NAMPA** - Mr. and Mrs. Ray James of Nampa will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 4 p.m. at the College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa.

James and Marjorie Lee Slover were married July 13, 1948, at Nampa.

They have pastored churches in Twin Falls, Mountain Home, Pocatello, Kimberly, Boise and Meridian.

The event is being given by their children, Adrian and Marcia (James) Garcia of Nampa and



Ray and Marjorie James

Mark James of Ellensburg, Wash. The couple has seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

# WEDDINGS

## DIEMART-THORNE

**TWIN FALLS** - Melissa Louise Diemart and Michael Lawrence Thorne exchanged marriage vows on May 14 at Shoshone Falls.

Bishop Robert Schroeder officiated. The bride is the daughter of Roy and Afion Diemart of Wendell.

Parents of the bridegroom are Wayne and JoAnn Thorne of Twin Falls.

Nichole Drake, friend of the bride, and Joshua E. J. Thorne, brother of the groom, witnessed and served as maid of honor and best man, respectively.

Following the ceremony, a dinner hosted by the groom's parents was held at Brook



Melissa Diemart and James Thorne

Lodge, Blue Lakes Country Club, to honor the newlyweds. The bride is employed at Arby's. The groom works for Blue Lakes Country Club. They will reside in Twin Falls.

## Magic Valley Wedding Planning Directory

A wedding is one of the single most important events in a person's life...the following businesses can help make it a memorable occasion.



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Twin Falls 734-4055

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2862 Addison Ave. E.  
Twin Falls 733-2717

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Twin Falls 734-5554

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Twin Falls 733-3344

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## COOL DOWN



Louise Dickerson of Aiken, S.C., takes a break after a brisk morning of sales at the Aiken Farmers Market last week. High temperatures and humidity have combined for sweltering days in the East recently.

## Discovering power of perseverance

As I sit in our trailer at the edge of C.J. Strike Reservoir and listen to the singing of a meadowlark, I think of how peaceful and happy I am.

My time is my own now that I am retired. My husband is fishing, and I am indulging in my favorite pastime — reading.

Our daughters are happily married, and our grandchildren are sweet, loving and intelligent. What more could I want? I could one ask for? And my answer to myself is — nothing, nothing more.

Last night, as always, we listened to the news. This morning, before we left our home, we read the newspaper. And these carriers of all the latest tragedies made me ask myself a question: My life is so filled with joy, why is it that others are not so blessed? And I realized that there is no answer to that question — only more questions.

All of us have, at one time or another, faced tragedy — the loss of a loved one, a serious illness, the loss of a home, the shock of a child gone wrong. We constantly hear of floods, tornadoes, crimes and brutality. And as I read about such incidents, I wonder — how do people tolerate or even survive them?

A phrase from an old song comes to my mind: "Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again."

I have known of people who have faced such severe problems that it seems miraculous that they could stand up to themselves through, and yet they have done so and are better people, perhaps, because they can



empathize with those who face similar problems. I have known people who have lived through life without major difficulties. We are extremely lucky. But I also believe that the way we face such difficulties is a great indicator of courage and character. People who can "pick themselves up, dust themselves off, and start all over again" are great role models for all of us. It's too bad that youngsters growing up cannot meet some of these fine folks and learn from their wisdom.

If they could, I think it would cut down a great deal on substance abuse, divorce, crime and suicide in this country. Instead of giving in to what is the easiest way to solve the pain of the moment, if each could learn to "pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again," a future filled with uncertainty could become one of the certainty of "hearing the meadowlark" and loving life.

My own worry is — when or if it comes to that — will I be able to be one of those I have just talked about, or will I fail to take my own advice?

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Her column appears on Sundays.

## Menopause mysteries elude even female docs

The Washington Post

No-wonder menopause can be difficult: Even female physicians don't always have accurate information about the changes that take place when a woman stops menstruating. In a study of 925 female doctors in the Chicago area, University of Wisconsin Medical School researcher Sarina B. Schragger tested knowledge about menopause and found that only 18 percent of those surveyed correctly answered seven key questions.

Those most likely to score highest were obstetricians and gynecologists. Seventy percent of these physicians correctly answered

questions about hormone-replacement therapy, length of menopause and average age for U.S. women to begin it.

Least knowledgeable about menopause were family physicians. Slightly more than half — 52 percent — correctly answered the questions.

The study also found that younger doctors who had not yet gone through menopause were also more likely to describe it more accurately than were post-menopausal doctors.

When post-menopausal women doctors in the study went through their medical training, we didn't have much knowledge about menopause," said Schragger, an assistant pro-

fessor of family medicine. "Their own experiences with menopause may also have skewed their answers."

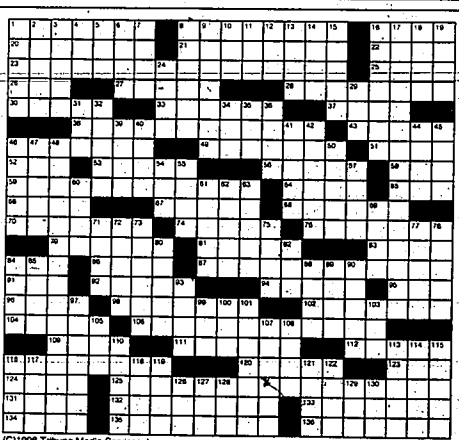
Among the questions least likely to be answered correctly were the average age that women begin menopause — 51 years in the United States — and how long it lasts — about four years from perimenopause to menopause. "The findings suggest that physicians may not be an accurate source of information about menopause and that there is still a lot of confusion about menopause," said Schragger, who presented the findings at the Sixth Annual Congress on Women's Health, held last week in Washington.

TIME AFTER TIME By Joseph Brward, Scranton, Pennsylvania

## THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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  - On an embryo's sac
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  - 1998 John Irving novel
  - Italian actress
  - First name of a divorcee star
  - Pope who negotiated with Hitler
  - Drooled
  - Robert Fulton's power
  - Boat holder
  - "Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus" author Shelley
  - Time magazine honor, formerly
  - Requirements
  - Desertlike
  - Russian president
  - Boats
  - Art of the absurd
  - Eighties bird from down under
  - Sirenikian and Skordiy
  - Bar legally
  - Operated
  - A month of Sundays
  - Demimure ending
  - Quarrel Chastise
  - Pakistani
  - Language
  - Indian tale
  - Shipworm
  - "Hello Dolly" producer
  - Secret agents
  - Drive back
  - Of Icelandic tales
  - Small land mass
  - Whip
  - Gift to 12/31
  - River in Tuscany
  - Back of station
  - Family car
  - Cubic meter
  - College seniors' test: abor
  - Grande
  - Most packed with evergreens
  - Out into one's head
  - Rapid growth
  - Scholarly tales
  - Telephoned
  - Play back
  - Blau lated African fever
  - "Unlabeled" man
  - Narratives
  - Godless of the
  - Rein, Gargery
  - Marilyn Monroe
  - Spoken
  - Airplane pilots
  - Contest
  - "Haw"
  - Take by surprise



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- DOWN
- Halfway months
  - Latin word
  - "Common Sense"
  - Cueist
  - Latinate
  - Most packed with evergreens
  - Allowance
  - Provision
  - Kiss?
  - East Coast cape
  - Abandon truth
  - Playing
  - French summers
  - Money of Iran
  - Beal II
  - Requested
  - School classification
  - Lat. together
  - Potential plant
  - Nowhere-in
  - Moving vehicle
  - Doer imp
  - Madame Curie
  - "Haw"
  - Pope's Olive
  - Network of nerves
  - Hungarian leader
  - Yoko's family
  - Selling feature
  - Thelma or Tex
  - 4/6/44
  - Smooth wood
  - Ornate plant
  - "That's"
  - Scandinavian conflict
  - Dance
  - 5/17/1453
  - 5/17/1453
  - Barrel sound
  - Resident of northern Iraq
  - Mar. jolly
  - Gorbachev's wife
  - Get a rosebud
  - Piccoli, the pelican
  - Lupine and Turbell
  - 72 invasion symbol
  - Quasi
  - Scots
  - Classical high
  - Long-plumed bird
  - Raccoon's kin
  - Slow-up letters?
  - Man from Taras
  - Comic Johnson
  - Star of Edward
  - Scotchman's
  - Seed coat
  - Foundation place
  - 115 Clap droppings
  - Son of Seth
  - Space starter?
  - 118 Soddy's state
  - Earl — Biggers
  - 120 Surflet
  - 126 Fast left abber
  - 127 Staring center?
  - 128 Or-Lal
  - 129 Squelcher
  - 130 NYC subway line

## SOCIAL SECURITY Q & A

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. Do most people retire at age 65, or do they retire early and get reduced benefits?

A. About three out of four workers today take a reduced Social Security benefit so they can retire before age 65.

Q. Can I get more Social Security credits by working more than one job?

A. The maximum number of Social Security credits that a person can get in a year is four. In 1998, you receive one credit for every \$700 of covered earnings up to the four-credit maximum. Most people are easily able to obtain the maximum credit while working a second job. An additional job may increase your earnings base and give you a higher benefit amount when you retire. For more information, call Social Security and request the booklet, "Retirement."

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For full answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

## Earl Scheib makes return

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's never too late for a comeback. Earl Scheib, the legendary spokesman for discount auto painting who died in 1992, is hot again with a retro wave sweeping the country.

"I want your body," is the slogan imprinted on various items featuring Scheib's portrait. Painted with a retro wave sweeping the country, Earl Scheib Paint & Body. The \$18.98 and \$19.98 hats are flying off the shelves, too, said his youngest son, Don.

My dad never considered himself a celebrity of any sort, but there's no doubt he'd be very touched had he lived to see this upsurge in his popularity," he said.

DEAR ABBY: I just ranted at the letter from "Turkylees in Arkansas." I couldn't stop laughing, so I sat down and wrote my own version of a woman's point of view. It's titled, "Men Are From the Forest; Women Are From the Mall."

Hope you enjoy it.

— ANN

IN MANZANITA, ORE.  
DEAR ANN: Not only did I enjoy it, so will my readers. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I have the most handsome boyfriend in the world — and the nicest, I thought, until I realized that "Ben" does not understand or respect my favorite activity: shopping.

Yesterday, my friend and I took Ben shopping with us, so he could understand the appeal. I explained everything to him the night before, but shopping day was a disaster. He was not up at 4:30 to be first in line. He poked around and refused to wear the shopping attire I had given him — comfortable shoes and a backpack. In the shops, he refused to cooperate. His critical attitude attracted embarrassing attention from other shoppers. To top it all off, when I made a purchase, he would throw up his arms and scream, "Run, Visa Card! Run!"

My friend could not stop laughing. I was so angry I haven't been able to speak to him since. Abby, how could this be so as insensitive to my feelings? Now I am no longer sure this relationship is such a good idea. Ben is good-looking and has a great career, but is this relationship worth saving? I'm not giving up my shopping excursions.

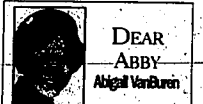
— PURCHASELESS IN OREGON

This is Abby again. I couldn't resist writing an answer.

DEAR PURCHASELESS: If you're been buying what Ben has been "selling" — how can you call yourself "purchaseless?"

Whatever his masculine appeal might be, Ben is clearly not the one who's likely to develop a love for shopping.

If your ideal man is one who



DEAR ABBY

Abby Cadabby

enjoys rising at 4:30 a.m., putting on sensible shoes and carrying a backpack so you don't have to carry your own packages, you are shopping in the wrong department.

Ben may look like a prize — but he's no bargain. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't believe your answer to "Turkylees in Arkansas."

Gwen is being told what to do, when to do it, how to do it and then expected to show respect to the person giving the orders, and you call her a turkey! I thought the "Me Tarzan, you Jane" mentality was a thing of the past. Nowhere in the letter does the turkey hunter say he asked Gwen if she wanted to go hunting, and nowhere do I see where he listened to her reply. That brainless turkey hunter needs to quit sniffing his face paint and realize that Gwen is using passive aggression to make the point of her disdain for his sport and his lack of communication skills.

Beauty and an ability to cook are poor reasons upon which to base a relationship. If "Turkylees" wants a relationship, not only does he need to learn to communicate better and listen, he should look for common interests rather than expect Gwen to know to his liking.

— A GROUSE HUNTER IN MINNESOTA

DEAR GROUSE HUNTER: Gwen wasn't hoodied and forced to go along on the turkey hunt. She could have refused the invitation.

The hunter wants a woman with whom to share his love of turkey hunting, and Gwen is definitely not that woman. So, for his purposes, she is a turkey.