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Jared Beck of Pocatello and Griff Stallins of Jerome work at placing trim on a line of refrigerators Monday at the new 51,000-square-foot Albertson's store on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls.

Albertson's announces merger with American

Deal probably won't affect Idaho stores; new TF store nears opening

By Pat Marcantorio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A deal that will make Albertson's the largest supermarket chain in America struck Hazel Schnell as good news.

"The larger amount they buy, the more savings we could get," said the Rogers-area woman as she loaded groceries into her car Monday.

But she already is a loyal shopper because of its service and quality, she said. "I won't change from Albertson's."

Albertson's Inc. is buying the Salt Lake City-based American Stores Co., owner of Acme, Jewel and Lucky stores, for \$8.3 billion. The purchase will create the nation's biggest supermarket chain.

The deal probably won't affect the 33 Albertson's stores in Idaho, including stores in Twin Falls and Burley, said Jenny Enkinson, company spokeswoman in Boise.

Even without the purchase, the Idaho chain was making changes. A new 51,000-square-foot store will open sometime next month at Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road in Twin Falls, Enkinson said. In addition, property has been purchased around the existing store on Addison



Hazel Schnell loads a cart full of groceries into her car Monday at the Albertson's store on Addison Avenue in Twin Falls.

Avenue for a planned remodeling. Enkinson didn't have any information about that project, but says stores usually are remodeled every 10 years. The 20-year-old store has had one major remodel.

"This is great news to consumers," Enkinson said about the deal. "We'll have greater purchasing power. So consumers should expect to see better service, lower prices and superior value. They should only

see positive results."

"I hope that's true because I really like this store," said shopper Geri Blackmon of Twin Falls.

She likes the quality of the store but finds prices less than stable sometimes, she said.

"If it helps out, fine," added shopper Please see ALBERTSON'S, Page A2

School program quickly trims kids' cholesterol

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Getting 5-year-olds to jump rope, play tag and listen to tips on healthy eating significantly lowered their cholesterol levels after just two months.

Ages 9 is not too early to worry about cholesterol, and a new study shows a simple school program that stresses an active physical education class can help set children on a healthier path to adulthood.

The program tested in North Carolina is easy and cheap enough that the National Institutes of Health hopes schools nationwide will quickly adopt it. Essentially, it took some educational material from the

American Heart Association, \$100 per school to buy fitness equipment and a day training teachers.

"We're very excited about this," said Patricia Grady, director of the National Institute of Nursing Research, which funded the North Carolina study. "This is an opportunity to reach children at an early age and positively influence their lives."

Doctors have increasing evidence that heart disease takes root in early childhood. Autopsies of young children killed in accidents have found their arteries already clogged with the fat. And the risks are on the rise: Studies show more and more children are obese, and fewer exercise; some

schools even have cut back on gym class.

Researchers at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, studied 422 third- and fourth-graders around the state who got little physical activity and were obese or had high cholesterol.

The children's cholesterol levels averaged 179 — borderline high, equivalent to a level of 200 in an adult. For an adult at that level, doctors would prompt prescribe serious diet and exercise and occasionally medication. (More dangerous cholesterol levels are 200 in a child, equal to 240 in an adult). The overweight children were at least 15 pounds too heavy; one child weighed 200 pounds.

California teachers report confusion as 'English only' law takes effect

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Thousands of kids headed back to school Monday, giving teachers, students and parents their first look at how California's new bilingual education law will translate in the classroom.

Voters in June approved Proposition 227, which virtually eliminated bilingual education classes with its decree that children in the nation's most populous state should be taught "overwhelmingly" in English.

Teacher Isabel Rodriguez was nervous and frustrated at the looked upon the faces of her 18 first-graders

"I don't think bilingual education works very well."

— Sylvia Velaz,
Los Angeles parent
of a 9-year-old

starting a new session of year-round school.

"They're anxious anyway because it's their first day of school, and I was unable to console them in their language," Ms. Rodriguez said. "So I

had to use simple, blunt words in English to tell them that everything will be all right."

Ms. Rodriguez's feelings of insecurity, confusion and even anger were shared by many teachers in the Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest, as 13,700 students started new semesters at 50 schools. A year-round schedule spans the school year for the district's 660,000 students on summer vacation.

Of those students who started school Monday, less than half are fluent in English.

Critics say the law is the latest attempt to end bilingual education. Please see ENGLISH, Page A2

TF OKs sewer rate hike

By William Bruck
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sewer rates are going up.

With no fanfare and little objection, the City Council voted unanimously Monday to raise sewer rates for several classes of customers — including single-family homes, commercial and industrial users. At the same time, the council flushed away a proposal to reduce rates for duplexes, mobile home parks and apartment buildings.

Keeping those rates at current levels will provide the city with \$273,000 per year more than the original rate proposal envisioned.

"The rate schedule before you now is probably as equitable as we can make it," City Manager Tim Courtney told the council.

Courtney urged the council to earmark the extra money from duplexes, mobile homes and apartments for debt service on \$6.4 million worth of improvements on the city's sewage treatment plant. The sewer plant is straining to keep pace with demand and the upgrade, scheduled for next year, is aimed at boosting capacity. Monthly bills for single-family homes will increase from an average of \$7.30 to as much as \$9.63, but commercial and industrial users will pay substantially higher rates. That's only fair, Councilman Chris Talkington said, because industrial users contribute 90 percent of the plant's solid materials and 90 percent of its organic material.

The last time sewer rates went up was in 1989.

"Why do we want to run the city with a 10-year time warp?" asked city resident.

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American savings hit all-time low

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Talk about a mortality rate turned upside down: House spending cuts and the economic eye of the world, while the Japanese, those industrious savers, are awestruck by economic troubles.

Americans' personal savings rate dipped to 0.2 percent in June, the lowest level since the government began tracking savings on a monthly basis in 1959, officials said Monday.

And newly revised annual figures, which go back as far as 1959, showed as well. They indicate the personal savings rate dipped to a 25-year low of just 2.1 percent last year. Not since the nation was in the Great Depression during the 1930s has the savings rate been lower.

But these aren't depression times. Far from it. The nation has enjoyed 7 1/2 years of uninterrupted growth. Bills are plentiful and incomes are rising.

So why isn't the savings rate going up? Especially when 73 million Baby Boomers — one-third of the population — are headed into what should be their peak saving years, their 40s and 50s, a time to squirrel away money for retirement, given the widespread doubts about Social Security.

Despite the U.S. economy's current superior performance, economists insist that savings is the motor to a nation's economic growth.

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Javier Del Rio works with third-grader Betsy Cervantes Monday at Pecoma Elementary School in Pecoma, Calif., near Los Angeles.

NATION

House overwhelmingly passes campaign finance reform bill

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The House Monday night voted to significantly revamp the nation's laws for financing elections, enacting the most sweeping reforms since those inspired by the Watergate scandal.

The bill, which most significantly would end unregulated and unlimited "soft money" donations to political parties — passed 237-186, his approval sent a strong election-year message that the House — if not the Senate — favors reforming a system that came under sharp criticism following the 1996 campaign.

With 51 Republicans embracing the legislation, the vote also represented a sharp rebuke of House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his lieutenants, who have repeatedly and unabashedly tried to scry the measure, sometimes resorting to extraordinary legislative gambits.

"We made history today," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., the bill's co-author and normally a Gingrich loyalist. "This bill is about restoring integrity to the political system."

The Senate, which shrewdly a reform proposal early this year,



How Idaho voted
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support. One of the measure's foes, such as House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, asserted that some House members who oppose reform voted for the legislation to gain political points, safe in the knowledge the Senate will thwart the proposal.

In the closing minutes of Monday's debate, DeLay said a number of Republicans have told him that they intended to vote for the bill for precisely that reason. But DeLay cautioned against casting such a "free vote," noting that some special interest groups opposed to reform might target for defeat those supporting the measure.

The bill's backers insisted that most of their GOP support came from members committed to reform.

The measure's most sweeping provision is its ban on the so-called soft money donations from corporations, unions and individuals to both national and state political parties. This money is exempt from the limits on candidate contributions that were enacted almost 25 years ago following the Watergate scandal, and reformers charge that over the years this exemption has proved the most obvious loophole in election law.

remains highly unlikely to revisit the issue this year. But many reformers consoled themselves by viewing the House victory as a building block toward ultimate adoption of new campaign-financing laws, perhaps next year.

"The momentum is only going to continue and grow," especially as senators up for re-election, said Rep. Martin T. Mastali, D-Mass., the House bill's other co-author.

Even as the House prepared to pass the bill, there remained a dispute over the extent of its true

White House lawyer Lanny Brewer was expected to appear as ordered. He has been instrumental in preparing document requests in response to subpoenas. But federal sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he wasn't expected to offer much insight on the relationship between Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky.

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Court refuses to block Lindsey testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Clinton's aides deepened speculation that the would change his story about Monica Lewinsky, a federal appeals court refused on Monday to block prosecution from questioning presidential confidant Bruce Lindsey.

As the White House wanted for Chief Justice William Rehnquist to decide whether to issue an emergency order blocking Lindsey's testimony, another lawyer administration lawyer was subpoenaed and ordered to appear before the grand jury Tuesday.

White House counsel, should not be forced to testify on grounds of attorney-client confidentiality. Rehnquist could decide alone whether to issue the emergency order, or send the matter to the full nine-member court. Even if the administration loses on the emergency order, it plans to ask the court to uphold the attorney-client protection for government lawyers in criminal cases.

A Supreme Court spokeswoman, Kathy Arberg, said Rehnquist was not expected to act Monday night.

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Lawyers say suspect too sick for court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man accused of killing two police officers in a shooting outside the Capitol is in no shape to appear in court, his lawyer argued in court papers Monday.

Russell E. Weston Jr. is charged with killing two police officers and could face the death penalty if convicted. He remains hospitalized in stable condition, recovering from gunshot wounds he received in the exchange of gunfire July 24.

"He is in no condition to be able to be brought to court," federal Public Defender A.J. Kramer wrote in papers filed in U.S. District Court. Kramer suggested Aug. 18 or 19 for Weston's arraignment, which will be the first time he formally bears the charges against him.

Arraignments are supposed to take place within three days of a person's arrest but may be delayed at the request of one side or the other. In Weston's case, prosecutors do not object to holding off on the arraignment, which will be their first glimpse of the suspect, although the federal judge in the case is wary of a long delay. In the meantime, Weston is held without bond and under heavy guard at D.C. General Hospital.

Weston has not entered a plea. His lawyers appear to be exploring an insanity defense.

Clinton receives farm aid bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to a severe drop in farm income, Congress sent President Clinton a bill Monday to accelerate \$5.5 billion in payments already due farmers in the year ahead.

Under current law, farmers who had been receiving subsidies prior to the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" law would get transition payments in two installments next year. The payments, which

are gradually declining and would end in 2002, are intended to wean farmers off the old subsidies.

The bill, given voice vote approval in the House on Monday and the Senate last Thursday, would let those farmers receive all or part of their transition payment Oct. 1, the first day of the new federal fiscal year. President Clinton has indicated he will sign it.

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NATION

House OKs renaming CIA headquarters after Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House agreed Monday with the Senate to rename the Central Intelligence Agency's headquarters after George Bush, the only president whose resume includes a stint as CIA director.

During brief debate, lawmakers from both parties extolled Bush's long service to the nation, from his days as a World War II Navy pilot to his years in the White House. The legislation, offered by Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, was adopted by voice vote.

"His extraordinary leadership as director during a very difficult time for the agency makes this a particularly appropriate way to remember President Bush," said Portman, who served as associate counsel and then director of the Office of Legislative Affairs in the Bush White House.

As part of its intelligence spending reauthorization bill, the Senate already has voted to rename CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., the George H. W. Bush Center for Central Intelligence. The headquarters is not named for anyone now.

When informed of the House's action, Bush said he was "very pleased," said spokesman Michael Dammann.

The CIA declined comment because the legislation is not yet law.

In February, Democratic President Bill Clinton signed legislation honoring another former Republican president with a building name. Washington National Airport became Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.



Delaware Gov. Tom Carper watches as World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Evander Holyfield addresses the National Governors' Association meeting Monday in Milwaukee. Holyfield spoke about mentoring and professional sports.

Democrats hope to prevent further gubernatorial losses

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Gov. Roy Romer scans a crowded hallway as he softly speaks the numbers: "Five, 10, 20..." He's counting Republican governors, and he doesn't like the look of things.

"They've got 32, and we're not going to change that much, if at all," the Colorado Democrat said as fellow state executives mingled outside a National Governors' Association meeting room.

Romer is part of a fading generation of Democratic governors who once dominated state politics. They are now dealing with a

grim reality: The best that Democrats may be able to do in November is maintain their paltry numbers.

Because of a dramatic reversal in the 1994 elections, there are now 32 Republican governors, 17 Democratic governors and one independent, Angus King Jr. of Maine. Republicans are in good shape to add a seat or two.

Democrats hope to retain their 17 seats, offsetting expected losses with gains in California and the South.

"I think Democrats' ending the election with the same numbers would probably be good for us,"

Democratic Gov. Bob Miller of Nevada said. "If we lose one or two, something pundits are looking at now, we're a little farther in the hole."

Democrats and Republicans alike believe the cycle of GOP dominance will feed on itself, offering no relief to Democrats anytime soon.

Though 36 of the governor's offices are up for grabs in November, a strong economy means easy re-election campaigns for most of the 25 incumbents seeking new terms. Eighteen of those incumbents are Republicans.

Children's entertainer Shari Lewis dies at 65

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Puppeteer Shari Lewis, the children's entertainer who charmed youngsters for decades with furry sidekicks Lamb Chop, Charlie Horse and Hush Puppy, died of cancer, her publicist said Monday.

Miss Lewis, diagnosed with uterine cancer in June, was undergoing chemotherapy when she developed pneumonia and died Sunday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, spokeswoman Maggie Begley said.

She and members of the family said Miss Lewis was 65, although reference books listed her date of birth as Jan. 17, 1934, which would have made her 64.

After the treatments started six weeks ago, the Emmy Award-winning ventriloquist can short production in Vancouver for her latest PBS children's series, "The Charlie Horse Music Pizza."

She billed the series as an ed-



Puppeteer Shari Lewis, performing in Branson, Mo., in this 1996 file photo, died Sunday from cancer at the age of 65.

ditional "Cheers" for children that focused on music. The show

premiered Jan. 5. Miss Lewis won 12 Emmys.

including five for her last PBS series, "Lamb Chop's Play-Along."

Miss Lewis and Lamb Chop premiered on television's "The Captain Kangaroo Show" in the mid 1950s and that single appearance led to her own TV program, "The Shari Lewis Show," which ran Saturday mornings on NBC.

Millions of children in successive generations grew up with Miss Lewis and her brand of playfulness and joy. She also wrote more than 60 children's books.

Lamb Chop, with her high-pitched voice and long, false eye lashes, was always the focus.

"I think there's a simplicity to Lamb Chop that is an important part of her appeal," Lewis said in a 1996 interview. "But I don't really know what it is that is the continuing element. I know that I don't like to lose, and that certainly is an element."

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Columbia's president meets with Clinton to improve ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to mend ties with the United States, Columbia's president-elect met with President Clinton today and proclaimed "a new beginning" in relations.

"The years of mistrust are now behind us," said Andres Pastrana, who will take office on Friday. He met in the Oval Office

with Clinton Attorney General Janet Reno and drug policy chief Barry McCaffrey.

U.S.-Colombian ties have been badly strained over the past four years amid allegations that outgoing President Ernesto Samper, knowingly accepted campaign contributions from the Cali drug cartel. Pastrana has promised to

hold peace talks with leftist rebels and restore the country's battered economy and international image.

Leaving the White House, Pastrana said, "Today marks a new beginning in the U.S.-Colombian relations. The years of mistrust are now behind us." He said his meeting with Clinton

"was both candid and full of optimism. He understands the need to broaden the dialogue between our two countries, that the issues we face are many and complex."

Pastrana said he and Clinton did not discuss the lifting of U.S. sanctions against Colombia. But he said he definitely wants the sanctions removed.

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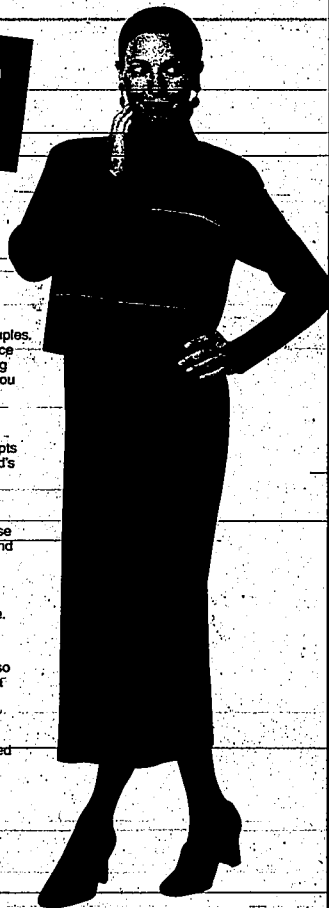
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NATION



Duke Blackburn, Georgia Department of Corrections Tactical Operations Commander, searches an abandoned copper mine inside the Nantahala National Forest, near Nantahala, N.C., Saturday, for Alabama abortion clinic bombing suspect Eric Robert Rudolph.

Teams go underground, comb caves for abortion bombing suspect

NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST, N.C. (AP) — Searchers and bloodhounds have taken their hunt for clinic bombing suspect Eric Rudolph underground, squeezing into low-ceilinged mine shafts and trudging through caves.

Investigators are turning to locals for inside information on where caves, rock overhangs and defunct mining shafts could offer Rudolph places to hide. They're using old maps and the advice of geologists as they search the dense forests of the

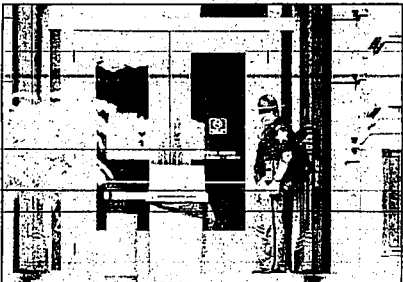
southwestern North Carolina mountains.

Rudolph has been missing since February, when he was charged with bombing an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., the previous month. A security guard was killed and a nurse was seriously injured.

Rudolph is also wanted for question in three bombings in Georgia, including the 1996 Olympic Park blast in Atlanta. A \$1 million reward has been posted for information leading to his capture.

During the week-long searchers from the Georgia corrections department and a bloodhound searched two copper mining shafts hidden deep in the woods. Local residents had pointed out the shafts, which are about 75 feet long and low enough that officers could fully walk upright as they shuffled through ankle-deep water.

The pace of the search picked up last month after a resident told authorities Rudolph came to him to stock up on about six months worth of provisions.



A Tippecanoe County sheriff deputy stands outside the second floor of the Tippecanoe County Courthouse in Lafayette, Ind., Monday, over the site of where a truck crashed through the doors of the courthouse and started a fire in a possible terrorist attack Sunday night.

Burning truck slams into courthouse

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — A stolen pickup truck crashed through the doors of the county courthouse and burst into flames in what local officials Monday dubbed a terrorist attack.

No one was injured at the incident late Sunday, but the courthouse suffered extensive damage. About 25 people who live nearby were evacuated but some children returned home Monday.

Local authorities asked for help from the FBI and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in seeking the truck's driver, who apparently died the scene.

"They're treating this as a terrorist attack on the courthouse," Tippecanoe County (Ind.) Commissioner John Knochel said. Knochel said wires and "what they think is a fuse" were seen hanging from the vehicle.

Sheriff David Burrough said he could think of no way the vehicle could accidentally have crashed into the building, since it had to pass through a narrow passage flanked by two staircases to reach the doors.

"Call it an improvised explosive device," Murtagh said. "Anytime somebody drives a truck into the courthouse and tries to do damage to it, I think that falls under the definition of terrorism."

Murtagh said the red Ford pickup was reported stolen last week, but he would not confirm reports that it was hauling, at least one large drum of what appeared to be diesel fuel.

He said he knew of no possible motive for an attack.

General Motors Corp. plans major reorganization next year

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. will sell off its Delphi parts business next year, further reducing the size of the No. 1 automaker as part of the company's effort to focus on making cars and trucks.

Early next year, the company will offer up to 20 percent of Delphi Automotive Systems in a public stock offering, then turn over the remaining part of the company to GM shareholders.

"The fact is, for competitive reasons, many manufacturers simply refuse to buy components from Delphi as long as it's part of General Motors," GM chairman John Smith said in a letter to GM employees.

The long-anticipated announcement came at the conclusion of GM's board meeting here.

GM said it will work closely with the United Auto Workers, which settled a crippling strike against the automaker last week. As part of the settlement,

GM promised not to sell or close two Delphi brake plants in Dayton, Ohio, and a plant in Flint, Mich., before the end of 1999.

It was unclear how Monday's announcement would affect that promise. UAW spokesman Frank Joyce did not immediately return a telephone call for comment.

Delphi is the largest supplier of automotive parts in the world. GM has been discussing a plan to spin off the company since early 1997.

"An independent Delphi would become even more competitive than Delphi is today," said J.T. Battenberg III, president of Delphi and a GM vice president. "While General Motors would continue to be an important customer, Delphi's independence would substantially help it attract additional business from automotive companies other than GM."

Separately, the trade weekly Automotive News reported Monday that GM plans a major reorganization that would dilute the marketing autonomy of four North American vehicle divisions.

The plan is the latest in GM's continuing effort to reduce the power of its divisions in hopes of providing a more cost-effective and coordinated way to market and distribute its many models.

GM's goal is to end competition among the divisions and allow for more effective marketing by focusing the automaker's resources on its hottest vehicles, Automotive News said. GM has long had trouble shedding slow-selling models because each division tends to be protective of its own turf and brands.

Military trials scheduled for aviators

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Two Marine aviators will plead innocent to manslaughter and negligent homicide charges for flying their jet into an Italian ski lift cable, sending 20 people to their deaths, their lawyers said Monday.

Capt. Richard J. Ashby, the pilot of the EA-6B Prowler, will be tried Dec. 7-18, and Capt. Joseph E. Schweitzer, the navigator, will be tried Dec. 14-15, a military judge said at their arraignment Monday.

Neither entered pleas Monday, and instead will wait until their trials begin to plead innocent, their lawyers said.

Ashby, 30, of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Schweitzer, 30, of Westbury, N.Y., each are charged with 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter and negligent

homicide, as well as dereliction of duty, destroying military property, and destroying civilian property. If convicted on all charges, they could be imprisoned for life.

Prosecutors say they were flying, too low and too fast Feb. 3 when their jet hit the cable, dropping a crowded ski lift gondola to the ground. The two men have denied that they were flying the Prowler recklessly, and their lawyers said maps did not show the cable 370 feet above the ground.

Another hearing was scheduled for Sept. 8, the day prosecutors and defense teams plan to visit Italy for 10 days to interview witnesses.

The judge, Lt. Col. Robert E. Nunley, said there were questions about whether the defendants should go because of fears

Italian authorities might arrest them. The judge also said it hadn't been determined if the Italian government would permit the teams to visit the country.

In Washington, lawyers for seven Germans killed in the accident said Monday the United States should pay \$35 million in damages to their families.

Last week, the House passed legislation setting aside \$20 million for compensating victims and rebuilding the cable car system damaged in the tragedy. The Senate version contains no funding but recognizes a U.S. obligation to compensate victims and calls for a quick and fair resolution of the matter.

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Latest cloning technique likely to help biological research

Chicago Tribune

The ability of University of Hawaii researchers to clone mice from adult cells and to clone the clones is expected to provide biologists with a powerful new tool for understanding some of life's most fundamental secrets.

The researchers' technique, which has been used to clone more than 50 mice so far, may help open the door to a new biological bounty ranging from curative drugs to methods for constructing replacement body parts from a person's own cells.

"This is going to give a big boost to many areas of biological research because it provides a major new tool for understanding life processes," said Neal First, a pioneering cloning expert at the University of Wisconsin.

The new cloning method differs significantly from the technique used to clone Dolly, the sheep produced by Scottish researchers two years ago from a single cell of an adult ewe.

In order to insert an adult cell into an egg, which has had its own genetic material removed, the scientist makes an opening in the egg. The egg is then implanted into the uterus of an animal where it develops into a fetus. One of the drawbacks of this method is that the use of a whole cell slows down the chemical processes inside the egg.

The University of Hawaii scientists avoided this drawback by using an extra-fine needle to pluck the genes from the donor cell. Only the genes are then inserted into an egg, a process that is cleaner and more successful than the electrofusion technique used for Dolly.

"The advantage of the Hawaiian technique is that it does minimal damage to the egg, it's

smooth, and it's more efficient," said First.

Although success with Dolly put cloning research on the front burner, it left many questions unanswered. Many scientists have been awaiting confirmation of the Dolly clone and the development of easier methods to make genetic carbon copies of adult animals.

The multiple mouse cloning work, announced Wednesday by Ryuzo Yanagimachi and Teruhiko Wakayama, appears to settle the scientific debate over whether Dolly was a fake or a fluke.

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Yes, the main benefit from the Hawaiian research may be its ability to make it easier to probe one of the biggest mysteries of biology, the development of a complete animal with hundreds of different cell types from a single fertilized egg.

The Hawaiian experiment also adds new fuel to the debate over human cloning. Scientists agree that animal cloning experiments may make human cloning possible, but the vast majority say they see no valid reason for cloning people.

Ian Wilmut of the Roslin Institute and Keith Campbell of FPL Therapeutics in Roslin, Scotland, stunned the scientific

world on Feb. 23, 1997, with the announcement of Dolly, which they said had been cloned from a single adult cell from a 6-year-old ewe. They achieved one cloning success out of nearly 300 pregnancies.

Until then, making clones from adult cells had been thought to be impossible. Although each cell in the body, except for sperm and egg cells, contains all the genes necessary to make a copy of an entire animal, most genes are turned off once a cell begins to differentiate, or specialize, into an eye, hair, spleen or other cell. The only genes that remain active are those that make the cell special.

Scientists have been unable to crack the differentiation puzzle because cell specialization always seemed to be permanent. Cloning, if the Dolly experiment could be believed, would give scientists their first real fix reversing the differentiation process.

During the cloning process, genes in the adult cell use some, how about to zero, starting life over as a newly fertilized egg, a phenomenon that is not well understood.

"The mouse-cloning experiment achieves what is really a hinge point in any scientific discovery and that is that it confirms the Wilmut experiment," said John Eppig, a reproductive developmental biologist at the Jackson Laboratory, the world's pre-em-

inent mouse genetics laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine.

"It shows you can take a nucleus from a terminally differentiated cell and convince it to give rise

to an entirely new individual with the same genetic make-up," he said.

Many other researchers have tried to duplicate the Dolly experi-

ment without success, and there has been growing skepticism that the Scottish researchers had used a fetal cell instead of an adult cell to clone the sheep.

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NATION

Parents of switched baby died in crash

Parents killed before learning that child was not their biological daughter

CHITRICKVILLE, Va. (AP)—The mystery of birth in 1995 has taken a twist with the discovery that the couple raising one of the girls were killed in a car crash before they could learn that she wasn't their biological daughter.

Kevin Chittum and Tamara Whitney Rogers died July 4 — one day after the woman raising the other little girl found out about the mistake.

Last week, the University of Virginia Medical Center, where the girls were born, contacted the Chittum and Rogers families, did DNA tests on the child they were raising as Rebecca and found she wasn't related to them, Mary Watts, Chittum's aunt, confirmed today.

Since the crash, which also killed five others, relatives of Chittum, 25, and Rogers, 19, have been caring for 3-year-old Rebecca and the couple's 1-year-old daughter in the small mountain town of Buena Vista.

The first chapter in the story of the switch was Paula Johnson's discovery in early July, from DNA tests done during a child support dispute, that she wasn't related to the girl she was raising as Callie Marie.

Ms. Johnson, 30, said Monday she learned the night that she was the biologi-



Paula K. Johnson, right, poses with Callie Marie Jewel Conley April 28. Callie, now 3, was allegedly switched at birth with another baby at the University of Virginia Medical Center in June 1995. Johnson, one of the two women who took the wrong newborn home from the hospital three years ago, has said matching identification bracelets were not placed on her and her baby girl in the birthing room. The Washington Post reported Saturday, if true, that failure would violate hospital policy and could have played a role in the baby-switch that is still being investigated by university officials.

cal mother of Rebecca.

"Words cannot express this way I felt," she said in a statement. "This last month of not knowing has been agony for my family and for me."

She said her heart goes out to the other families. "Their pain is more than anyone should have to bear," she said.

The university has not officially revealed the identity of the family that took Ms. Johnson's baby girl home from the hospital, citing patient confidentiality. Hospital officials did not return phone calls for comment early today.

On Sunday, relatives of Chittum and Rogers were shown photos of Callie Marie, who lives in nearby Ruckersville with Ms. Johnson, USA Today reported today.

"My God! It's Kevin's child!" Ms. Watts told the newspaper. "She's the spitting image of our family."

"And if this lady could see Rebecca... She looks just like her," said Linda Camden, Chittum's cousin.

Ms. Watts said Monday that she thinks the little girls should be swapped.

"It would be hard, but I'm sure," she said in a telephone interview from Buena Vista. "I hope everyone gets their own child."

Ms. Watts said that while her side of the family, Chittum's relatives, wants to see custody of the girl known as Callie Johnson, the other side does not.

Ms. Watts said Rebecca has been told that her parents are in heaven; When asked how the mixup will be explained to Rebecca, she said, "I don't have any idea how they're going to tell her."

Government tells MCI to recompense overcharges

WASHINGTON (AP)— Sheila Weiss says she almost fainted when she suddenly started receiving bills from MCI for long-distance calls at a rate roughly seven times higher than she expected through the company's deeply discounted "discount" service.

Weiss, of Langhorne, Pa., complained to federal regulators and her local phone company, Bell Atlantic, which does billing for MCI, and she managed to avoid paying the high rates.

But for those who might not have realized they were overcharged, help is on the way.

An agreement Monday

between MCI Communications Corp. and the Federal Communications Commission will provide credits to callers who used MCI's dialaround service, now called 10-10-321 but got billed at the company's highest rate.

The credits will be provided regardless of whether a person noticed the mistake or complained, the agency said. The FCC did not estimate how much money is at stake.

Under the agreement MCI will work with Bell Atlantic to identify which customers were affected by the glitch and will be receive a credit, the FCC said.

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NATION IN BRIEF

Cigarette companies hike up prices

NEW YORK — Philip Morris USA is leading the way in raising the wholesale price of its cigarettes in an effort to increase company revenues as tobacco lawsuit settlements pile up.

Philip Morris and Lorillard Tobacco Co. confirmed Monday they raised their prices \$3 per thousand cigarettes, sending the price of Morris' Marlboro and Lorillard's Kent brands up 6 cents a pack.

When one company raises prices, others typically follow suit. Spokesmen for R.J. Reynolds, another leading cigarette maker, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Swallowing chewing gum can cause problems

CHICAGO — Children who are too young to understand that swallowing chewing gum can cause them sticky medical problems should be cautioned to chew it, doctors say.

While it's age-old motherly advice not to swallow gum, researchers decided the subject merited more attention after three young children with gum-related problems were brought to the same Florida hospital within two years.

The children needed medical treatment to clear webs of gum blocking their digestive tracts, researchers reported in the August issue of Pediatrics.

A 4-year-old boy who chewed and swallowed five to seven pieces of gum a day was hospitalized for two years after his parents gave him gum as a reward in toilet training. His intestine became blocked, and doctors had to remove the gum through his rectum, researchers said.

Study: Transplanted leg cells may help heart

Common muscle cells transplanted from rabbits' legs to their hearts boosted cardiac performance, possibly by having "learned" within days how to act like neighboring heart cells, a new study shows.

In addition, the transplanted leg cells were functioning well for as long as 16 weeks following their insertion into the heart muscle, far longer than expected, Duke University researchers reported.

Molecular biologists who conducted the study believe cells extracted from leg tissue even may have developed the special bio-electrical properties that enable the heart to contract and pump blood.

2 boys found dead in trunk of parents' car

GREENSBORO, Pa. — Two young brothers were found dead in the trunk of their parents' car after they apparently took the keys and climbed inside.

"This is a very, very rare occurrence," said Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht. "You don't think of kids getting the keys to a car, opening a trunk, and getting into it."

No foul play is suspected in the deaths of 5-year-old Christopher Carl Wright and his brother, 2-year-old Drew Everett.

The bodies of the boys and two dead puppies were discovered Sunday afternoon, along with the keys to the parents' sedan, after the father broke a window to the car to get to the trunk.

The heat and the lack of oxygen in a tightly fitting trunk would have killed the boys within a few hours, Wecht told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Imus to pay New Mexico for building razing

SANTA FE, N.M. — Radio talk show host Don Imus agreed to reimburse the state \$6,000 for 19th-century buildings that were razed to clear the way for his proposed ranch for sick children, his lawyer said Monday.

Imus and his brother, Fred, who lives in Santa Fe, want to develop the ranch for children with cancer and blood disorders. They intend to use their property and the adjacent state land — some 3,000 acres in all.

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POOR



National Action Party (PAN) candidates for governor of Aguascalientes state Felipe Gonzalez, and his wife Concepcion Ramirez, greet supporters late Sunday in the city of Aguascalientes. Gonzalez, who is leading in the polls as electoral officials continued to count ballots, told supporters he expected a victory over institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) candidate Hector Olivares Ventura.

Elections reflect change in Mexico

AGUASCALIENTES, Mexico (AP)—One is the son of a former president, an senator and television mogul. The other a local businessman who never entered politics until this year.

Both Miguel Aleman and Felipe Gonzalez Gonzalez scored impressive victories in gubernatorial elections Sunday that were crucial for their parties' chances in Mexico's 2000 presidential election. Their successes show how much Mexico has changed—and how much it hasn't.

In what was expected to be a tight race, Gonzalez, of the center-right National Action Party, won easily in the small central state of Aguascalientes.

With 80 percent of the vote counted, Gonzalez had 53 percent, according to state electoral council figures. Hector Hugo Olivares Ventura of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, known as the PRI, had 36 percent.

The win was a huge boost to National Action. The party, known as the PAN, lost one of its six gubernatorial seats when it was defeated by the PRI in last month's election in Chihuahua. Aguascalientes was seen as the party's best chance to make up for the loss.

Until recent years, a political novice like Gonzalez would never have been able to defeat a candidate like Olivares, a former senator and federal deputy whose family has long been a political force. For most of its 69-year history, the PRI has dominated Mexican politics, using patronage, strong-arm tactics and cheating to crush opponents.

But reforms in recent years have made elections more competitive. The Aguascalientes elections were seen as generally fair and open.

"The results of the elections in Aguascalientes are very encouraging to the PAN," the party's

national executive committee said in a statement in Mexico City. "They contribute to the democratic process that Mexico is undergoing, to which we are fully committed."

"For the first time we are seeing elections that are closer to an ideal, that each day are more credible, that are now beginning to show a respect for the will of society," Gonzalez said in an interview last week. In a news conference Monday, Olivares acknowledged defeat, but said his party will bounce back.

"In democracy, you win or you lose, but you don't keep winning or losing forever," he said.

Opposition wins in Mexico

AGUASCALIENTES, Mexico (AP)—Mexico's leading opposition party captured the governor's seat in the central state of Aguascalientes Monday, a victory that gives it fresh momentum heading toward the 2000 presidential race.

More than anything, the gubernatorial contests Sunday in Aguascalientes and two other states underscored the growing competitiveness of elections in a country where for decades one party—the Institutional Revolutionary Party—easily won every vote.

"Mexico has made another important step toward democracy," said historian Enrique Krauze, an election-day analyst for the Mexican network Televisa. "The process was characterized by stability and tranquility."

With 79 percent of the vote counted in Aguascalientes today,

Felipe Gonzalez Gonzalez of National Action won ahead with 53 percent of the vote, the State Electoral Council said.

The ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party's candidate, Hector Hugo Olivares Ventura, trailed with 36 percent, followed by Alfonso Heruul Salinas of the center-left Democratic Revolution Party with 7 percent.

"What we want for Aguascalientes is a transition that does not build itself its progress, that does not cause a scandal," Gonzalez told reporters after media exit polls gave him the victory.

Complete preliminary results in Aguascalientes, as well as in Oaxaca and Tlaxcala, were not expected until later Monday. The final official results for all three races were not expected until Interimweek.

The state in Aguascalientes came a month after Veracruz

action. Known by its Spanish initials as the PAN, lost one of its six gubernatorial seats. It was defeated by the ruling party, known as the PRI, in Chihuahua.

In Mexico City on Sunday evening, PAN national president Felipe Calderon Henojosa opened a bottle of apple cider to toast Gonzalez's apparent win, saying it "advances and solidifies" the party's political position.

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Butler: disarmament talks at an impasse
—**BAGHDAD, Iraq**—Talks between Iraq and the United Nations on dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction have reached an impasse and may not resume, the chief U.N. inspector said Monday.

Richard Butler, speaking after a second round of talks, said Iraq rejected his proposal for a plan of action to end the inspections that began after the 1991 Gulf War.

"We did not make the progress I had hoped for," Butler told reporters. "I do not know whether we are going to meet tomorrow." His comments followed harsh criticism by Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, who accused Butler of "serving the American policy" by trying to prolong punishing sanctions on Iraq.

IRA dissidents claim responsibility for bomb
—**BELFAST, Northern Ireland**—Protestant marchers and Catholic protesters struck a compromise Monday designed to prevent clashes this weekend in Londonderry, the crucible of Northern Ireland's conflict.

The announcement by Bogside Residents Group protesters and Apprentice Boys marchers ended fears that the Protestants' annual parade would trigger violence Saturday as it has in previous years. The parade will be permitted, but with few marchers, allowed near the town's main Catholic neighborhood.

IRA dissidents, meanwhile, claimed responsibility for a car bombing Saturday that injured 35 people in the predominantly Protestant town of Banbridge, 22 miles southwest of Belfast. The group, called "Real IRA" by local media, also claimed responsibility for fires at three Belfast businesses Sunday.

The dissidents oppose the Irish Republican Army's July 1997 cease-fire.

Militants massacre 34 men in N. India
—**NEW DELHI, India**—Kashmiri guerrillas killed 34 sleeping construction workers in two pre-dawn attacks Monday along a remote mountain road, police said.

Militants burst into a shed in Kalaban, 10 miles from Chamba in northern Himachal Pradesh state, and sprayed gunfire on laborers. Twenty-six people were killed and eight wounded.

As the gunmen headed back to Jammu-Kashmir state, they attacked a second group of construction workers in the village of Sharnank, killing eight people and wounding three, officials said.

The attacks occurred 270 miles north of New Delhi, a few miles from the border between Himachal Pradesh state and Jammu-Kashmir.

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“I was just coming in to pitch and it got away from me. I'm not sure why I got tossed. I never left the mound. But it's not up to me.”

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Ricky Bottalico said after being San Francisco Giant Barry Bonds, one at-bat after Bonds homered.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball
Class A state championship at Idaho Falls
• Burley vs Boise Barons, 3 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bengal assistant resigns for personal reasons

POCAHELLO — Scot Maynard has resigned after one season as the special teams coordinator and assistant secondary coach at Idaho State University.

Bengal head coach Tom Walsh immediately announced that Deryl Henderson, an assistant with the defensive line, would take over as special teams coordinator.

Youngster nabs ace at Candleridge Golf Course

TWIN FALLS — Eric Standley of Boise recorded his first career hole-in-one Sunday at Candleridge Golf Course.

Pleasant Valley Golf Course offers free golf

KIMBERLY — Ministerial Association members and children under 14 are invited to golf for free today at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Kimberly.

Burley cheerleaders will sponsor 4-person scramble

BURLEY — The Burley High School cheerleaders are sponsoring a “4-Person Golf Scramble” beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 7 at the Ponderosa Golf Course.

Municipal Ladies will hold meeting at club house

TWIN FALLS — A meeting of the Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Association will be held August 6 at 8 a.m. at the Muri Club house.

Lyons can't lose

By David Lee
Times-News writer

IDAHO FALLS — Even though he's not playing, Parker Lyons just might be the most visible Bobcat baseball player at the American Legion baseball state tournament here.

If you just don't notice the neon green cast on his left leg, you notice him hopping around without the crutches he carries around but rarely uses.

Lyons, who will be a junior, broke his leg on July 10 when Burley played Minico. Playing second base, Lyons was finishing a double play when a Minico baserunner slid into his leg, which was planted firmly in front of the base.

“At first, I thought it was a dead leg, a charley horse,” Lyons said. “But then I saw the leg and I thought, ‘Oh man.’”

Both his tibia and fibula — the two bones in the lower leg — broke cleanly, leaving his left leg gruesomely crooked. He fell to the ground screaming and started punching the field.

“I was kind of in shock,” he said. “I played sports all my life and this was the first injury I ever had.”

The Minico baserunner was one of many who gathered around Lyons as they awaited the ambulance. Lyons remembered telling the runner he wasn't upset.

“I told him all was cool, I had no hard feelings,” Lyons said.

In the ambulance, Lyons remembered asking the paramedic if he completed the double play. The paramedic didn't know, but he did.

Lyons underwent surgery to fix his leg, which now has two screws and a plate holding it together. His teammates, friends and family visited him often at the hospital, but Lyons, who was under anesthesia, only remembers about 20 seconds of conversation.

He does remember teammate Brett Dayley coming to visit him before the operation.

As soon as the game ended, Dayley went home, changed and headed for the hospital.

“I went to see how one of my teammates was doing,” Dayley said matter-of-factly.

Lyons, whose cast is covered with his teammates' writing, will miss the football season but be back in time for basketball, he said. Next spring the plate and bolts can be taken out.

In the meantime, he's as meaningful to the Bobcats team as if he were still out in the field.

“We always see tournaments as a war,” coach Matt Harr said. “We use him as a casualty of war. We want him around.”

“Even if one missed hop could get the spirited Lyons falling to the ground again.”

“He's been hopping around like that a while,” Dayley said. “We've gotten used to it.”



Parker Lyons, who broke his leg earlier this season, sits with his teammates in the Bobcat dugout during the American Legion baseball state tournament.

Bobcats' bats silenced in loss to Eagles

By David Lee
Times-News writer

IDAHO FALLS — Marsh Valley's 57-4 record includes a loss to Burley only a week ago at the district tournament, so the Bobcats felt good going into Monday's game.

This time, however, the Marsh Valley Eagles added another win to their record as they blanked the Bobcats 9-0.

“If they play like they did Monday, nobody's going to beat them,” said Bobcat coach Matt Harr. “They just simply crush the ball.”

Burley plays the Boise Barons at 3 p.m. today. The Barons, who already lost to Burley in the opening round, beat Bonanza Ferry 15-4 earlier Monday to stay alive in the tournament. Marsh

Valley remains the only undefeated team in the tournament.

The Bobcats' bats were silenced in a 9-0 loss to Marsh Valley on Monday.

Marsh Valley 9, Burley 0

Both teams played two scoreless innings to start off the game, with Burley going three up, three down both times while the Eagles had players on second and third base before Burley retired the side in the second inning.

Then the Eagles began jumping on Burley pitcher Matt Peterson.

After allowing a hit batter to advance

to second on a wild pitch, Peterson gave up a double and single, each of which drove in a run in the third inning.

In the fourth inning, Peterson gave up two more runs on two hits, a walk and a sacrifice. A fielding error by Brandon Clegg let in another run.

Harr said Peterson pitched well, but the Eagle batters got hits two got two hits.

“Matt threw it where we wanted him to,” Harr said.

After giving up a triple and RBI double to start off the sixth inning, Peterson was replaced by Morgan Anderson, who allowed one more run on a single. The Eagles added two more runs in the seventh inning. In all, eight of the nine Eagle batters got hits two got two hits.

The Bobcats as a team only got two hits. Marsh Valley pitcher Bruce Call went the distance, striking out five and

walking two. In the seventh inning, Call struck out two to the side. The Bobcats made plenty of hullabaloo, but most were routine grandees or popflies.

In three games so far at this tournament, Marsh Valley has allowed only one run and scored 21. The Bobcats have scored 25 and allowed 11.

“Sometimes it's better to get beat by 9-0 than by one run,” Harr said. Burley still has a chance for revenge against the Eagles, but they first need to dispose of Boise.

“If anyone can do these guys out,” Harr said of his team, “and he kept his players optimistic.”

As the team picked its game up from the dugout, he patted them on the back. “Keep it stilled in your three outs.”

Drew wins 3 matches in national toumey

By Julie Casey Lynn
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Sporting close, cropped hair, Ketchum's Lauren Drew (dubbed “C.L. Gager” by a coach) met her goal of winning one match at the recent USTA boys and girls 14 Zone Team Championships by taking her opening singles match in Del Ray Beach, Fla.

Then, with that pressure off, she tucked two more wins under her belt with a doubles win and another singles victory on the last day of the four-day competition.

Drew hadn't expected to attend this year because she was the second alternate for the 15-member Intermountain team. But two girls bowed out due to other commitments, so Drew and her mother, Kaye Scriber, packed their bags and flew to Florida two weeks ago.

Top juniors aged 14 and 13 came from Colorado, Nevada, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming and the competition was fierce. Drew and her teammates played against teams from the Midwest, the South and northern California.

For Drew, 13, the tournament doesn't help her get a national ranking, but it was really exciting.

Cycling faces hard ride with drug scandal

By Andrea Evogora
The Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Flat tire or broken frame?

A drug scandal followed the Tour de France every step of the way. Now the sport must try to rebuild its image and reassure its fans and sponsors. And the question for cycling is this: Can it bounce back?

“In the short term, we will suffer badly from this crisis and our image will suffer,” says Daniel Baal, vice president of the International Cycling Union, the sport's governing body. “But we can rebound positively. The sport is strong enough.”

Other sports, such as track and swimming, have been rocked by drug revelations. But none depends so heavily on a single event for its global reputation.

For many, the Tour de France is cycling.

Aware that sponsors could turn their backs on the sport, governing federations are pledging to redouble their efforts to stamp out drugs.

At the same time, cycling officials recognize it is virtually impossible to eradicate performance-enhancing substances. Drugs such as EPO, a hormone

that increases oxygen to red blood cells, can't be detected, and new substances are being developed faster than ever.

Organizers insist there is no thought of canceling next year's 112-mile France race. For the moment, even making minor changes.

They reject suggestions that cyclists need banned substances because the tide is so grating.

“Keep it stilled in your three outs,” race spokesman Juhin Lalloume said. “I've heard the cyclists say that, if anything, some of the stakes are improving.”

But the Tour's troubles have sparked wider debate, with IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch calling for a reduction in the number of banned substances in sports and proposing an international confederation to seek new ways of tackling the problem.

The cycling federation also said Monday it will hold a “restructuring conference” this week with officials, cyclists and team managers.



Lauren Drew, from Ketchum, recently won 3 matches at a USTA tournament in Florida.

SPORTS

High school sports association wants to limit bat performance

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — High-performance bat technology could soon be banned at high school baseball fields across the nation...

absorbers to minimize vibrations, allowing the batter to hit the ball harder and extending the sweet spot down into the handle...

injuries, particularly to pitchers, have convinced several youth and semi-pro leagues to switch back to wood bats...

France's Testud takes 1st day of competition

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Amateur Alexandra Stevenson was on the brink of her biggest victory yet...

Testud's comeback highlighted play on the first day of action in the tournament featuring seven of the top 10 players on the WTA tour...

lead into the second set against Testud. Stevenson envisioned an upset that would improve her current world ranking of No. 151...

Drew

Continued from B1. "I liked hanging around with friends from around the West, team meetings, banquets and team pictures..."

eight players in the region — next year, because then she would be endorsed and could attend more national tournaments...

her step-father, Mark Scribner, a top local tennis professional and coach for the Community School tennis team...

Cycling

Continued from B1. managing director of Sport For TV, which organized the Irish leg of this year's Tour...

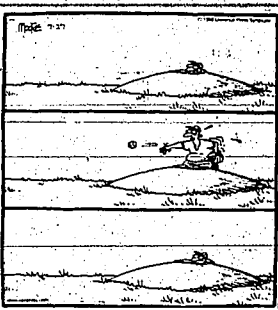
expelled after admitting systematic drug use. Italy's Rodolfo Massi became the seventh person — and the first cyclist — to be placed under formal investigation during the Tour...

Leblanc, for pulling out of the race once they had no chance of winning. "A great race has been stolen from all of us," he said.

SCORES AND STATS

Baseball All Standings table with columns for team, wins, losses, and percentages.

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TRANSACTIONS

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OK'd: Cassia County commissioners have approved a proposed hog farm.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Suspect in connection with shooting arraigned

JEROME - A 17-year-old Jerome boy was arraigned Monday on charges connected with the Wednesday night drive-by shooting death of Javier Iruegas, 23, in Twin Falls.

But Jerome County Prosecutor John Lotzspeich and Gooding County Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy declined to release the boy's name or any details of the case, which was still being handled as a closed-court juvenile proceeding.

Cassidy Monday was filling in for Jerome County Magistrate Judge Thomas Borresen.

The boy was arrested in Jerome Friday on charges of conspiracy, evidence and accessory to murder, said Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver.

Jerome County residents Nicholas Garcia, 34, Antonio Garcia, 19, and Alfredo Ortiz Jr., 17, have been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the shooting. A 35-year-old boy, who was a passenger in the car at the time of the shooting, has not been charged.

Iruegas died shortly after being hit once in the face after the shooting at the El Milagro migrant housing development.

Weaver said Monday he wasn't aware of any active investigation into possible further arrests in connection with the shooting.

Key decisions loom in cases against Grissons

JEROME - It will likely be decided soon whether the Jerome couple implicated in the March 28 death of a 5-week-old boy will go to trial together - or even go to trial at all.

District Judge Barry Wood is expected Wednesday to rule on defense lawyers' motions to drop for lack of solid evidence charges against Michael Scott Grisson, 36, and Cynthia Grisson, 34, in connection with the death of Cynthia Grisson's son, Cannon Reigm Barnett.

Jerome County Prosecutor John Lotzspeich Wednesday will argue for a joint trial for the Grissons.

Michael Grisson is charged with injury to a child and a Cynthia Grisson is charged as an accessory to the same crime, Lotzspeich said.

Prosecutors say Michael Grisson was intoxicated on drugs when he fell asleep with his arm covering Cannon's head, causing the infant to suffocate. The Grissons later tried to conceal the infant's death, taking Cannon's body to a remote spot near Dietrich, where Michael Grisson buried it in a shallow grave, according to court documents.

The Grissons then falsely reported to police that their son had been kidnapped by a stranger, court documents say.

Craig schedules 'Farm Town Hall' meetings

GOODING - Sen. Larry Craig will stop here and in Glens Ferry this month during a tour of southern Idaho "Farm Town Hall" meetings.

Craig will meet with representatives of the Idaho Farm Bureau, farm organizations, the Idaho Dairyman's Association and the Snake River sugar co-operative. Thirty minutes are scheduled for open-line questions in each meeting.

The Glens Ferry meeting will start at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 at Hansen's Cafe on First Avenue, with the same day at the extension office on 14th Avenue.

Craig will meet in Burley at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 19 at City Hall.

Nevada towns holds Nevada Days this week

JARBIDGE, Nev. - Jarbridge Days will be held Friday through Sunday at the Jarbridge Community Hall and down Main Street.

Activities will include an arts and crafts show, a parade, a parade, a chili cook-off at 3 p.m. Saturday with a \$10 entry fee, and an outdoor dance from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday.

For more information or reservations, call the Outdoor Inn at (702) 488-2311 or Teawhitebar at (702) 488-2338.

Compiled from staff reports

Poison plot suspect pleads guilty

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

JEROME - One of two Jerome men charged with plotting to poison another man with a vial of nicotine pleaded guilty Monday to a murder charge.

Patrick M. Austin, 22, is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 14 on a charge of aiding and abetting attempted aggravated battery.

Austin and Dan Wheeler III, 52, were initially charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in connection a plot late last year to poison Jerome County resi-

2nd suspect still faces trail, prosecutor says

dent Jerry Holton.

Wheeler still faces that charge, Jerome County Prosecutor John Lotzspeich said. A trial for Wheeler is set to begin Sept. 22 in Jerome.

During a hearing on Austin's change of plea Monday, Lotzspeich told District Court Judge Barry Wood he still expects Wheeler's case to go to trial.

Investigators say Wheeler boiled cigarettes in a pot of water to extract a small vial of nicotine, according to court docu-

'I know I messed up' in doing that.'
- Patrick Austin, defendant

ments. Wheeler told investigators he'd had an affair with Holton's wife, Janeyce Holton, and was apparently upset that the Holtons had reconciled, court documents say.

Austin - Wheeler's roommate at the time - took the vial of

nicotine to Janeyce Holton on Dec. 27, 1997, and instructed her to place a few drops in Jerry Holton's coffee, court documents say.

But Janeyce Holton balked at the idea of trying to poison her husband, turned the vial over to the Jerome County sheriff's department and told detectives of the apparent plot, court documents say.

Austin appeared to be in good spirits Monday as he waited with other prisoners to appear before Wood. Though he was shackled

and handcuffed, he even apparently tried to strut as he was led by a deputy to the defendant's table to sit next to his court-appointed attorney, Pat McMillin.

But he spoke softly and respectfully when answering questions from Wood.

Austin told Wood he regretted acting as Wheeler's courier in an attempt to harm Jerry Holton.

"I know I messed up in doing that," he said.

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UNDER THE BRIDGE



Shylock's escape from the sun traps for a moment while crossing underneath Idaho Highway 75 through a tunnel on the bike path south of Dietrich.

TF fair roundin' up a good time

The Times-News
FESTIVAL - Organizers are counting down the days until the Sept. 2 opening of the Twin Falls County Fair and Magic Valley Stampede.

Madoka festivities - C3
While the adults ride the bulls and horses, kids under 8 years old can ride a sheep during Mutton Bustin'.

HAILEY - A Hailey man, who had pleaded guilty to raping a 14-year-old girl, apologized to the victim and his family.

Cassia bomb scare leads to arrest

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer
HELENA - Danny Lee Smith has been arrested and charged with conspiracy and giving false reports of explosives in public places in connection with a bomb scare that shocked the Magic Valley (Judicial) building twice in February, Missoula County court records show.

County records say Smith planted the fake bomb, four flares and a clock, and called in the threat to the Magistrate Court office to postpone or prevent the sentencing of Wally Schütz. Schütz's sentencing was the only court action scheduled for Feb. 17, the day of the threat.

Smith is being held on a felony complaint in the Mini-Cassia, Criminal Justice Center on 5100 North Front.

Stallings accepts debate challenge

Crapo likely to sign on
By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer



Mike Crapo Mike Simpson

TWIN FALLS - In a cross-fire of phone calls, letters and faxes over the past few days, Idaho's Senate and congressional candidates began setting up two series of debates that could include stops here.

Democratic congressional challenger Richard Stallings accepted former Idaho House Speaker Mike Simpson's challenge over the weekend.



Richard Stallings

"I have been bringing my campaign to the voters around the district," Stallings wrote in a letter faxed to Simpson Saturday, "and have always found that debates are one way for people to hear directly from the candidates."

Responding to a similar request from Democratic Senate candidate Bill Mauk, Rep. Mike Crapo's campaign manager Will Hnilzer said Crapo's office was trying to find dates the candidate could schedule.

spokeswoman Debbie Field. That's how we get the true message out, she said. The proposed debates will carry the races beyond the October discussions sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Idaho Press Club.

This traditional forum will be the only meeting between Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, and his Democratic challenger for governor, Kemphorne refused Robert Hundley's challenge for 10 meetings around the state.

"I expect you to debate Mr. Mauk," Hnilzer said.

The Republican's office hadn't contacted Mauk by Monday afternoon, but Mauk spokesman James Du Toit expected word from Crapo's office sometime today.

Mauk is asking for as many debates as possible. Simpson hopes for televised debates in at least three markets: Idaho Falls/Pocatello, Boise and Twin Falls.

Simpson is looking forward to the meetings, said campaign

and a less harsh sentence, arguing that the defendant was not a sexual predator.

"He didn't entice children from the street with toys," Nelson said. "How can I say this without offending, but this is a low-level crime in this category... The defendant never used any force or violence or threats in this case in the commission of sexual acts."

Before sentencing Raitt offered his "sincere and deepest apologies" to the victim and her family, and said, "I throw myself on the mercy of the court."

Raitt has admitted to raping the victim five times, but claims "alcoholic amnesia" and said he has no memory of committing the crime.

Judge sentences man in connection with rape

By Julie Casey Lynn Times-News correspondent
HAILEY - A Hailey man, who had pleaded guilty to raping a 14-year-old girl, apologized to the victim and his family.

The defendant's lawyer called the crime a "low-level" sexual attack, since force was not involved.

In the end, however, a district judge exceeded the prosecutor's recommendation, and sentenced Charles Raitt to 15 years in prison, with a five-year fixed term.

Raitt, 34, pleaded guilty to rape after DNA tests linked him to the victim's abused fetus.

District Court Judge James J. May imposed a harsher sentence than the nine-year sentence, which would have been recommended by Blaine County deputy prosecutor Jim Thomas.

Thomas said that he believed the sentence was warranted after reviewing the presentence investigation and evaluation reports.

MAGIC VALLEY WEST

Engineering company accuses state of damaging its reputation

BOISE (AP) — An engineering company on Monday accused state environmental regulators of malice and falsely questioning charges on a McCall sewer project, costing it not only that deal but perhaps millions of dollars more in future lost business.

unspecified amount "expected to be of significant magnitude" for damage to its reputation. A corporate spokesman estimated the potential damage would reach into the millions of dollars.

new their questions were based on faulty information but they persisted and even refused to meet with J-U-B representatives who wanted to clarify the situation. In the end, said McCall city officials decided to terminate the contract.

Idaho lands school that helps kids with cerebral palsy

BOISE (AP) — Jump Start is a new facility whose mission is to make kids with cerebral palsy and other motor dysfunctions as self-sufficient as possible by the time they enter high school.

say they would move to Boise if their children could get into Jump Start. "With all the money in the world, parents can't get what they need," said Barbara Leinberger, executive director of United Cerebral Palsy of Idaho.

Five children are enrolled in the school's pilot program. It expects to expand when the school formally opens Sept. 8.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. Ext. 278, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays on Ext. 282 between 2 and 5 p.m. Saturdays. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

WENDELL

Ruth G. Sams 77, of Wendell, passed away at her home in the presence of her loving family on Saturday, Aug. 1, 1998.

JEROME

Georgia L. McKeegan 78, of Jerome, died Thursday July 30, 1998, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.

TWIN FALLS

Sharie Denise Vestra 29, of Twin Falls, died Friday, July 31, 1998, at her home.

RUPERT

Martel E. DaBell 40-year-old Rupert resident, died Saturday Aug. 1, 1998, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

JEROME

William S. Walker 80, of Jerome, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 2, 1998, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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Jerome will honor firefighter

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Don Rupert's 50 years of service as a volunteer with the Jerome Rural Fire District will be honored at tonight's City Council meeting.

Meeting

The Jerome City Council meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

will hold two public hearings, an ordinance to establish an exact area within the central-business-zoning district, and an ordinance providing for a Rural-Transition Zoning District.

notice for the past 18 months to address growth in Jerome. If the ordinance is adopted, residents who live within the impact area will know what zoning rule apply and where to go with land use problems.

SERVICES

Della G. Sanford of Oakley, Calif., and formerly of Paul, graduated service at 10 a.m.

SERVICES

Saturday at the Paul Cemetery (Payne Mortuary in Burial).

DEATH NOTICES

L. Mae (Ellie) Rockwell Vancouver, Wash., L. Mae Ellis Rockwell, 80, of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Hagerman, died July 1, 1998, at her home in Canada.

place at 11 a.m. Friday, August 21, 1998, at the Stanley Community Church in Stanley, with Rev. Rodney Romney officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

Grant Carlson of Hansen, 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Nona Adams JEROME — Nona Adams, 95, of Jerome, died Sunday, August 2, 1998, in Jerome.

Ruby Miller of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Thursday at the 2nd Ward LDS Church, 225 Park Ave., Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

A funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. A full obituary will appear later.

Mattie Hansen TWIN FALLS — Mattie Hansen, 97, of Twin Falls, died Monday, July 27, 1998, at the Curran Retirement Center near Twin Falls.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, August 21, 1998, at the Stanley Community Church in Stanley, with Rev. Rodney Romney officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names omitted at patients' request. Admitted Jamie Turner of Shoshone.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names omitted at patients' request. Admitted Julie Nichols of Rupert.

Cougar attacks

6-year-old at campground

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State game warden Tom Flowers killed the lion about two hours after Saturday's attack when tracking dogs tracked it only a quarter-mile away, Pondera County Sheriff Leon Simpson said.

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COMMUNITY

TF resident takes time to make a difference

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - With a national meeting theme of "Breaking New Ground," Jeff Ackerman, area market manager of...



Jeff Ackerman, right, Twin Falls area market manager of Monsanto Dairy Business, helps to assemble a new playground at a Fernandina Beach, Fla., community park, as part of a community service project.

made of recycled materials and intended for use by people with physical disabilities.

As part of the team-building project, Ackerman took a break from meeting activities to work with colleagues to construct and install \$30,000 in new playground and picnic equipment.

CSI Jazz Orchestra makes their mark abroad

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - When the College of Southern Idaho Foundation and administration and the Magic Valley community helped with funding for the CSI Jazz Orchestra trip to Switzerland, they had no idea how extraordinary the tour would be.



Members of the College of Southern Idaho Jazz Orchestra recently returned from the 10th Swiss Jazz Festival. According to Jeff Fox, a member of the group, their was an accolade.

The CSI Jazz Orchestra performances at the Montreux Jazz Festival July 14-16 were an unqualified success, said Jeff Fox, associate professor of English and Japanese at CSI.

earned praise for their performances: Grammy Award winner Jillian Wicutt recognized the performance of bassist Jesse Hatfield and drummer Tatsu...

There is no advertising at the Montreux Festival other than a brief line on the schedule, and audiences at the outdoor offsites are often small and transient.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gardening tips available
TWIN FALLS - Wednesday is master gardener day at the Bull Farmers' Market, open from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bull Visitor Center, 716 Highway 30 E.

Homeowners set picnic
TWIN FALLS - The Lazy J Homeowners will have a picnic at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday on the grassy area near the club room.

Senior recital scheduled
TWIN FALLS - Riqui Heinemann will present her senior recital at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Magic Valley Mall.

Red Cross forms group
TWIN FALLS - A Youth for Red Cross group is organizing in the Magic Valley area.

Dilettantes to meet
TWIN FALLS - The Dilettante Picnic is set to begin at 6 p.m. Thursday at the City Park.

Scouts council gathers
TWIN FALLS - The Falls District of the Boy Scouts of America Snake River Council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the council service center on Falls Avenue East.

New course implemented
TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School is offering a new course this fall in Hospitality Tourism/Entrepreneurship.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3. Monday evenings \$10. For seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years old \$2.50. Thrift shop open every day.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

High grades posted
BUHL - The second-semester honor roll has been announced by the Buhl Middle School. Students who earned high grades are listed below.

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Zachery King made wooden benches for the Wood River Middle School for his project. He graduated from Wendell High School.

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IDAHO/WEST

Actress Reynolds reflects as her hotel goes on auction block

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In the real world, Debbie Reynolds survived the sinking of the Titanic as "The Unsinkable Molly Brown." In the real world, the hotel she labored to keep alive the past five years on the auction block Wednesday...



Entertainer Debbie Reynolds enjoys an event inside the Debbie Reynolds Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas in October of 1987.

Boise vets wait at home for funds

BOISE (AP) — Idaho has done its part, putting money aside for an expansion to help Alzheimer's patients. But the money is gathering dust...

Communications union authorizes strike against US West

DENVER (AP) — Union members working for U.S. West Inc. have authorized a strike against the Baby Bell if a new contract is not agreed upon later this month...

Restrictions in the works for America's forests

DENVER (AP) — U.S. Forest officials are considering restrictions to cut the crowding in the nation's forests, visited by 800 million people last year.

Grizzlies explore beyond Montana wilderness areas

LINCOLN, Mont. (AP) — An increasing number of grizzly bear sightings in west central Montana suggests the bears are expanding beyond their Bob Marshall and Selkirk wilderness range...

Tourism tax petition drive struggles in southeastern Idaho

POCATELLO (AP) — The campaign for a penny tax on hotel and motel rooms to promote tourism in Pocatello is off to a slow start and being plagued by a high rate of invalid signatures.

Yellowstone sewage creates legal stink

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming environmental officials cited Yellowstone National Park for violations of clean water standards after raw sewage spilled into Yellowstone Lake twice in June.

Teton commissioner faces DUI charges

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A western Wyoming county commissioner accused of drunken driving and violating open container laws will appear in federal district court next week.

1998 MINIDOKA COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. Monday, August 3, 1998. Tuesday, August 4, 1998. Wednesday, August 5, 1998. Thursday, August 6, 1998. Friday, August 7, 1998. Saturday, August 8, 1998.

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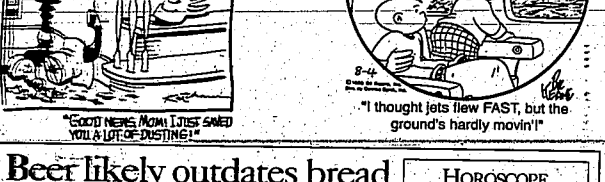
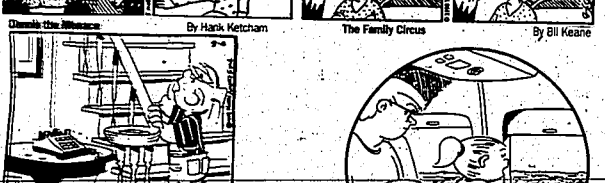
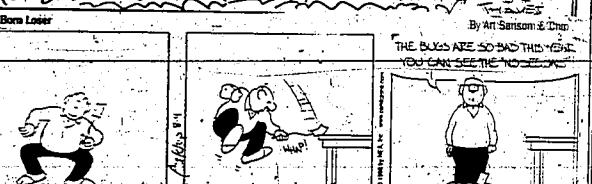
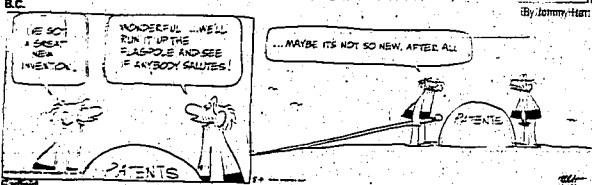
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Fast-growing county moves to head off tests. CALDWELL (AP) — Officials of one of Idaho's fastest growing counties are moving to head off mandatory vehicle emission testing by taking a voluntary approach.

COMICS



Beer likely outdates bread

Q. Which came first - beer or bread? An. Beer, probably. Oldest known records for beer in Italy... Remarkable if true. Our Love and War man can't confirm it.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

IF AUGUST 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You were separated from one or both parents at relatively early age. You expect your future to be factored by psychology, astrology, metaphysical subjects.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Monday's Puzzle Solver: A list of words and phrases related to the crossword puzzle.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including wheat, corn, soybeans, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

WHEAT

Table of wheat futures prices, including hard red winter wheat and soft red winter wheat contracts.

CORN

Table of corn futures prices, including yellow and white corn contracts.

SOYBEANS

Table of soybean futures prices, including soybean meal and soybean oil contracts.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices, including wheat, corn, and soybean contracts.

POTATOES

Table of potato futures prices, including Idaho and Washington potato contracts.

SUGAR

Table of sugar futures prices, including sucrose and beet sugar contracts.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock futures prices, including cattle, hogs, and sheep contracts.

Table of market news and updates, including livestock auction results and commodity price changes.

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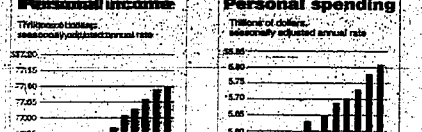
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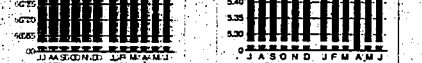
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Personal Income (Percent of GDP) 1970-1997. Source: Department of Commerce.



Personal Spending (Percent of GDP) 1970-1997. Source: Department of Commerce.

Personal income, index signal slowing economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — In fresh signs of a slowing economy, a widely watched barometer of manufacturing health slipped for a seventh straight month and Americans' incomes posted the weakest gains in 15 1/2 years. Personal incomes rose just 0.2 percent in June, the Commerce Department reported Monday. The government reported last Friday that the overall economy slowed sharply in the spring with the gross domestic product rising at an annual rate of just 1.4 percent, down from 5.5 percent in the first quarter.

Analysts said Monday's new reports were a further indication that economic growth will be much slower in the second half of this year. "We won't see either dramatic growth or recession, just slow and steady economic expansion," predicted Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Advance promises faster chips

NEW YORK — International Business Machines Corp., seeking to speed up computers and other products, announced Monday it has perfected a way of making microprocessor chips that can boost their performance by more than 50 percent.

The computer giant, based in Armonk, N.Y., said the process allowed it to make chips with a special transistor layer between the silicon and the chip's surface.

While other companies also have been working on the so-called "back gate" transistor technology, IBM said it would be the first to commercially introduce it.

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