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BONNIE BARRELS IN



Paul Brown of Fayetteville, N.C., left, and David Wade Shaver of Bethesda, Md., ride out the arrival of Hurricane Bonnie Wednesday in Morehead City, N.C.

Slow-moving storm may stay awhile

Weather systems stalls hurricane, maybe for 2 days

Los Angeles Times

NEW BERN, N.C. — Hurricane Bonnie attacked coastal North Carolina with devastating fury Wednesday, flooding homes, uprooting trees and knocking out power to at least 225,000 homes and businesses. Wavering but intense, Bonnie stumbled ashore at Cape Fear and began to stagger uncertainly northward, creating a descending swath of destruction as she went.

Debris flew through the air as oceanfront structures began to give way after hours of pounding by winds, waves and floodwaters.

By late in the day, the storm — carrying sustained winds off 115 mph with gusts up to 150 mph — was beginning to show its northward march, moving rapidly into forecasters' worst-case scenario.

The storm's progress slowed from 12 mph to 10 mph, then to 8 mph. Meteorologists feared that the hurricane would stall during two high tides, spawning massive waves that could sweep well inland, causing enormous damage.

The inland flooding threat was compounded by the possibility



Hurricane winds exceeding 100 mph damaged these buildings Wednesday in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

that the slow-moving storm could drop as much as 20 inches of rain in some areas by late Thursday, generating tremendous runoff.

Officials said peak winds from the storm could carry over North Carolina well into Thursday, sweeping surface currents and brooking water levels in Albemarle and Currituck sounds, just south of the Virginia border, by as much as 11 feet.

States of emergency and curfews were declared up and down the coast, from Cape Fear in the south to Virginia Beach, Va., on

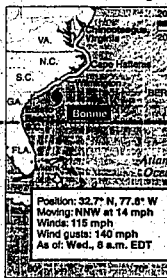
the north. As many as 500,000 residents and summer vacationers had fled inland as the hurricane approached, and officials pleaded with those who remained along the coast to stay indoors.

Few needed to be told. Every school was closed, every business boarded up. Hundreds sought safety in schools and other makeshift shelters.

Forty-seven people who didn't get out on time broke into the Bald Head Island lighthouse near Cape Fear to take refuge there as

Hurricane Bonnie

Hurricane warning



Bonnie bore down on them. Brunswick Community Hospital, about 10 miles north of the cape, began evacuating patients after Bonnie tore off part of the roof. A few miles farther north, in Wilmington, the winds smashed windows at New Hanover Hospital. Wilmington is where Hurricane Fran came ashore two years ago, claiming 24 lives and causing damage estimated at \$5.2 billion.

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Burley couple stays put

By Kurt Friedemann Times-News writer

CHARLESTON, N.C. — The "safety" of Charleston were vacant as Jason Allen drove to the military hospital to get oxygen for his 6-month-old son Monday.

The city was bracing for Hurricane Bonnie, and residents were busy duct-taping 'X's on their windows, boarding up doorways and gassing up generators to weather the storm's wrath.

But Allen wasn't worried about the strong winds — they weren't much different than weather he has driven through on Interstate 84 — the

Jason Allen

Tasha Allen

Rock Allen

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Craig Solve ag crisis now, then plan for the future

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Congress needs to act quickly to help farmers and ranchers, then build a long-term plan to keep agriculture stable and prosperous, Sen. Larry Craig said Wednesday.

The 75-year-old farmer, legislator, and state and federal officials attending Craig's "Farm Summit" Wednesday morning agreed that agriculture is in a crisis. But exactly what the government can or

will do about it remains to be seen.

Craig, R-Idaho, said he will meet Tuesday with several other senators from agricultural states to start creating ways to help producers. Money earmarked for next year's programs may be pushed up for use, Craig said, and Congress should look at lifting loan rates and dispersing disaster payments.

The trick, though, is being on current troubles without, as

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Elko hospital slated for expansion

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

ELKO, Nev. — In private hands, Elko General Hospital will expand.

The new owners, Province Healthcare of Brentwood, Tenn., a for-profit, publicly held company, will build a new \$30 million, 75-bed hospital. There also is discussion of new services, such as dialysis and cancer treatment.

But county residents say letting go was difficult.

The deal closed in June between Elko County and Province for the purchase of the 50-bed hospital that employs 260

About Province

Owns or holds long-term leases on 11 hospitals in Idaho, Colorado, California, Texas, Indiana, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. **Assets:** \$1.2 billion. **Employees:** 50 hospitals in 19 states.

Specializes in buying or management of hospitals in non-urban areas. Founded in 1996. Net operating revenue \$370 million. Source: Province Healthcare.

people. County commissioners approved the sale. Unlike Idaho law, public approval was not required.

Province is one of the half dozen organizations that have shown an interest in Twin Falls County-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. A local committee studying whether to

make changes at the medical center is preparing a draft report or its findings, but selling has met with the strongest opposition.

However, selling was the only alternative for Elko County, said Royce Hackworth, a county commissioner.

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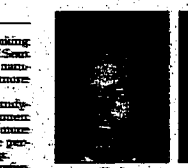
Study says women like men with feminine faces

The Associated Press

Given a choice between a dove-looking Leonardo DiCaprio type and a rugged Sean Connery sort of guy, women may be naturally attracted to the man with the more feminine face, researchers say.

A group of Scottish psychologists studying sexual behavior suggest that women tend to prefer the faces of men with more feminine features because they are perceived as gentler and more caring.

The researchers theorize that this preference is not just a result of a sense of beauty, but something that is hard-wired in us by evolution. Evolution has seen to it that women choose men who are likely to be more loyal mates and better fathers to their



Leonardo DiCaprio Sean Connery

Penton-Voak of the University of St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland. "If you look at the evolutionary record, we've moved from a more robust form to a more gracile form as a species." In overall features.

In separate experiments in Scotland and Japan, researchers created a composite "average" face for a man and a woman from about 30 digital photos.

Ninety-two volunteers — college students and staff members, ages 18 to 44, including 44 women — were asked to rate the faces according to such factors as warmth, emotionality, honesty, intelligence and dominance. Both men and women preferred more feminine faces.

The researchers said the results also reflect the natural tendency to favor youth

when seeking a mate. The masculine faced tended to look older to the volunteers, even though the photo composites were identical in age. The study was published in today's issue of the journal Nature.

It expands on earlier work by Lori Roggman of Utah State University and Judith Langlois at the University of Texas, whose 1990 study suggested that a computer combination of "average" facial features produces the most attractive face. Ms. Roggman and Ms. Langlois said the new research doesn't necessarily conflict with theirs. "In the real world, people would find both Leonardo DiCaprio and Sean Connery attractive. You have to use some common sense about this," Ms. Langlois said.

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 84 Low: 39
Sunny today, clear tonight.
Sunny Friday with high 87.

Treasure Valley

High: 88 Low: 50
Sunny today, clear tonight.
Sunny Friday with high 92.

Sawtooth Mountains/ Wood River Valley

High: 85 Low: 40
Sunny today, clear tonight.
Sunny Friday with high 87.

Eastern Idaho

High: 85 Low: 49
Sunny today, clear tonight.
Sunny Friday with high 87.

Northern Idaho

High: 86 Low: 47
Sunny today, clear tonight.
Sunny Friday with high 89.

Northern Utah

High: 93 Low: 50
Partly cloudy early today,
then sunny. Sunny Friday
with high 95.

Northern Nevada

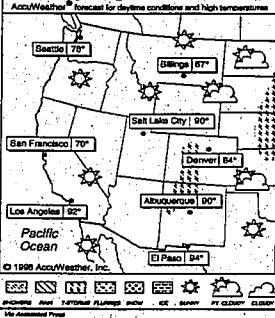
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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 92 Low: 56 Partly cloudy early then sunny.	High: 94 Low: 39 Sunny.	High: 89 Low: 55 Sunny.	High: 94 Low: 50 Sunny.	High: 90 Low: 50 Sunny.

REGIONAL Weather

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UV INDEX: 7
Fire DANGER: Forest lands: very high. Range lands: very high.

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National weather

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday	82.64	Yesterday in Twin Falls	...
Yesterday	84.57	Month to date:	0.53		
Normal	86.49	Normal mo. to date:	38		
		Water year to date:	14.4		
		Normal year to date:	9.62		

Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High: 91
Boise	86	55	...	degrees at Huggman.
Blaine	80	64	...	Low: 29 degrees at
Blackfoot	80	64	...	Stanley, Nation High
Hagerman	91	55	...	112 at Lake Havasu
Idaho Falls	82	50	...	City, Ariz. Low: 25 at
Jerome	m	m	...	Tucker, Calif.
LeVineville	83	55	...	
Malta	79	59	...	
Malta	m	61	...	
McCall	77	39	...	
Pocciello	80	64	...	
Samon	81	41	...	
Stanley	69	29	...	
Sun Valley	75	47	...	

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	87	62	...
Albany	92	69	...
Boston	82	70	...
Chicago	85	61	...
Dallas	101	79	...
Denver	88	54	...
Des Moines	88	67	...
Detroit	81	60	...
Honolulu	86	77	...
Indianapolis	84	67	...
Jacksonville	81	68	...
Las Vegas	102	84	...
Los Angeles	95	70	...
Los Angeles	95	70	...
Miami Beach	92	80	...
Milwaukee	90	61	...
Minneapolis	80	63	...
New Orleans	90	79	...
New York	88	67	...
Oklahoma City	104	76	...
Omaha	77	64	...
Phoenix	103	86	...
Pittsburgh	85	66	...
Portland, Ore.	95	66	...
Reno	88	54	...
San Diego	86	67	...
Salt Lake City	86	63	...
San Francisco	70	57	...
Seattle	81	68	...
Spokane	80	58	...
Washington	87	75	...
Yuma	107	86	...

Canadian Cities

Calgary	77	51	...
Montreal	75	62	...
Toronto	73	55	...
Vancouver	75	53	...

Farm

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Idaho GOP Sen. Dirk Kempthorne told "the new set of roadblocks."
"The government can't be the solution to the problem," Craig said.
Both senators said the United States should continue to lift food sanctions. Around 50 countries are still off limits, Craig said, closing off 11 percent of the worldwide market.
The country should also more closely examine Canada's practices under the North American Free Trade Agreement; the senators maintained. The agreement needs "structural changes," Craig said.
Change is hard, though, because many industries operate on both sides of the border, and the Canadian government can look-to these powerful businesses to step in when NAFTA is discussed.
"So it's getting worse before it gets better," asked Filer farmer and rancher Gerald Tewes.
"It's not getting better," Craig replied.
Speaking on a panel, trade analyst Timothy McCarty of the U.S. International Trade Commission said a 1997 report found 60 to 70 federal and provincial programs helping Canada's potato industry.
"I was amazed at the magnitude of programs in Canada that affect in some way potato production," McCarty said.
McCarty's agency has not labeled any of those programs as "subsidies," he said. It can't, until Congress, the president or the state representative asks it to.

hinted that the Unified States may have to adopt similar practices.
"If their technique is fair," he said, "then fair's fair."
Other panelists offered other suggestions.
"Congress has to share the vision of the future of Idaho's agriculture," said state Department of Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi. "And short-term, it's survival."
For the long-term, Takasugi said, farmers and ranchers should have access to investment tax credits, three-year revenue averaging, revenue savings accounts and other tax changes that take into consideration the cyclical nature of agriculture.
"All we need are the tools to compete," he said.
Idaho Cattlemen Association staffer Sara Brasch said the government could label the origin of meat products, giving consumers the choice to support American products. Some in the industry are also exploring the possibility of mandatory price reporting, which could put more price control in the hands of the cattlemen.
A version of this plan is being discussed in the Senate, Craig said. Democratic Senate candidate Bill Mauk has been pushing the idea on his travels around the state.
Craig said the summit was held to get congressmen and Idahoans exchange ideas; afterward, he labeled it a success.
"It was really a two-way flow today," he said.

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Elko

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Elko General Hospital was last remodeled in the 1970s and designed for a 70 percent occupancy, and 30 percent outpatient business. In 1996, that's reversed.
"We were behind the curve by 20 to 30 years," he said.
The public rejected a bond issue and other alternatives to raise taxes for remodeling. Meanwhile, commissioners rejected leasing the hospital; they did not want to be the hands of a private company by maintaining ownership, Hackbarth said.
It didn't give us much alternative but to sell," he said.
"The new hospital was the driving force because we absolutely need a new building. We don't have room to do a lot of the services we need to provide," said Charlene Chambers, a hospital advisory board member.
Province has discussed adding more services — and can do it, because of its buying power," Hackbarth said.
The county sold the hospital to Province for about \$24 million plus a guarantee that the company will build a new hospital within three years, he said.
The sale revenue will be placed in a trust fund that can be touched for 30 years, in case the county wants to buy back the hospital.
Also within the agreement, Province can't raise rates by more than 3 percent annually.
The company estimated savings of \$2 million from changing operations and purchasing. That's not to mention the people who will seek medical care at the new hospital, instead of traveling to Twin Falls, Salt Lake City or Reno, Nev., Hackbarth said.
An estimated 83 percent of county residents leave the area for hospital care; if half those people stay, that would double business at the Elko hospital.
Elko County fit the Province profile, the company said. Its hospital serves at least 20,000 people, 25 to 30 miles from an urban area, and Province believes it can bring management expertise and resources to the facility.
Hackbarth is pleased with the sale, but it was originally difficult to let go.
"It's not a pretty process. There is a lot of emotion and feeling," Hackbarth said.
Chambers said the community has its say through the advisory board, although Province has the final word.
"There was a trade-off, sure, but we are going to get the new hospital," she said.
"Privatization was our solution ... as long as you go with the right partner. Time will tell but so far, Province is living up to everything they agreed to."

Family

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Bradley man's mind was on Brock, his son.
"After his first month for North Carolina as an Air Force pilot, he didn't expect to face a deadly hurricane or possibly be forced from his new home."
"We had just gotten all our household goods out of boxes when they told us to prepare to evacuate," he said. "Two days ago it looked like it was going to hit Chilesen." **Buzzie** had turned since the last hurricane warning early Wednesday morning and moved up the mountain, Allen said, but his small family still will see some effect of the storm.
"We will probably get 3 to 4 inches of rain and some strong winds," Allen said. "But it missed us and his people down the street."
Living every day on a hurricane watch is new to the southern Idaho man. Allen grew up in Berkeley and graduated from Berkeley High School.

"I have never been in a place where the weather is a national hazard," he said.
But his wife, Tasha Allen, faced one or two hurricanes growing up on the English coast, she said.
"We had hurricanes," she said, "but nothing like this."
Perhaps after living in the area a while longer she might be used to people surfing in 10- to 12-foot swells created by the storm, but for now she thinks it's just plain silly. "That doesn't make much sense to me," she said. "The storm is the size of Kansas. I may not have been in this country for long but I know how big Kansas is. That is a huge storm."
For Mike and Vickie Allen, it is just one more dangerous situation their son always seems to land in. He played football in high school, became a pilot in the military, has been stationed in Enid, Okla., in the middle of tornado alley and now is on the North Carolina coast in the middle of hurricane season.
"It's what we live with," Vickie

Allen said. "I was really nervous come Monday, but that is just typical for Jason. It's always one scary thing after another."
Jason Allen shrugged off the danger and said his family was prepared for a quick move if necessary. They arranged their important papers, passports, insurance forms and marriage license just in case.
But the biggest worry came late last week when the Air Force was moving plane out to safe distance from the storm. If Jason Allen was asked to fly his four-engine C-17 cargo plane out of harm's way he would be forced to stay with the plane, leaving his wife and child alone with the storm.
"I was lucky they had enough pilots," Allen said. "It was much better to stay with my family than to leave."
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Judge: Stop selling credit card information
WASHINGTON (AP) — Trans Union Corp., one of the nation's largest credit bureaus, must stop selling private financial details about its customers to third-party marketers under a judge's ruling made public Wednesday.
The judge sided with the FTC, which had accused Trans Union of selling information to marketing companies about the auto loans, mortgages and credit cards held by its more than 170 million customers.

-CORRECTION-
A woman hospitalized in a Tuesday car crash near Shoshone Falls was misidentified in *The Times-News* Wednesday. The hospitalized woman's name is Darcy Womack.
The Times-News regrets the error.

NATION

Reno considers fund-raising probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno opened a preliminary investigation Wednesday to determine whether an independent counsel should conduct a full probe of Vice President Al Gore's telephone calls soliciting campaign contributions, officials said.

This is the second time Reno has authorized a 90-day examination by Justice attorneys into the 45 telephone calls Gore made from his office in the fall of 1995 and a spring, Roy Rosen. Last December, she closed a similar 90-day probe of Gore's calls, saying there wasn't evidence to warrant an independent counsel investigation.

As required by the independent counsel law, Reno transmitted her decision to a three-judge court that picks counsels, but the court did not immediately authorize her to publicly disclose it, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. The department said it would have no



announcement on the case Wednesday.

Reno's decision means she has found a specific allegation that Gore committed a crime which requires more probing. But it does not mean she will name an independent counsel.

Justice officials have said that unless more evidence emerges during the 90 days this second inquiry also will be closed without seeking a special prosecutor.

Gore spokesman Chris Lehane said the Justice Department has not told the vice president of any

decision by Reno.

"Wherever this process may go and in whatever stage it may end, we're completely confident that it will show that the vice president's actions were legal and proper," Lehane said Wednesday evening. Gore's attorney, James F. Neale, said the vice president has been interviewed twice about the calls and "has fully, completely and honestly answered every question."

Republican reaction was mixed.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said Reno's move "could be perceived as a delaying tactic. I feel it would be prudent ... to defer any concrete comment on this matter until after the attorney general has had the opportunity to discuss this with me in greater detail." He said he is scheduled to be briefed next Tuesday by Reno and former chief of her campaign finance task force, Charles LaBella, on the case and

LaBella's July 16 memo urging her to seek an independent counsel.

Citing that memo and similar recommendations last fall from FBI Director Louis Freeh, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., called Reno's decision "inaction" that "has done nothing to allay our concerns that something is seriously wrong at the Justice Department."

Burton added that Reno's move reinforces the decision by the House Government Reform Oversight Committee, which Burton chairs, voted to hold Reno in contempt for refusing to turn over the Freeh and LaBella memos. The full House has yet to vote on the contempt citation.

House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt, a potential Gore rival for the party's presidential nomination in 2000, said in an interview with CNN, "I believe him (Gore). I believe that he did not have a problem here, and I support him."

University predicts water crisis as population grows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly half a billion people around the world face shortages of fresh water, and that number is expected to swell to 2.8 billion people by 2025 as the world population grows, according to a report released Wednesday.

"To avoid catastrophe ... it is important to act now" to reduce demand for fresh water by slowing population growth, conserving water, polluting less and managing supply and demand of water better, said the report from The Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

By 2025, one in every three of the world's projected 8 billion people will live in countries short of fresh water, the report said.

Today, 31 countries, mostly in Africa and the Near East, are facing water stress or water scarcity. By 2025, population pressure will push another 17 countries, including India, onto the list.

Clinton still considering 2nd address

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worried that he remains in political peril, President Clinton is weighing whether, when and how he should address lingering questions about his affair with Monica Lewinsky, officials said Wednesday.

Democrats pushing for a stronger statement than Clinton's address last week include the party's national chairman, Colorado Gov. Roy Romo, who said, "The issue is still unsettled in some people's mind. It got scrambled."

But the White House believes most Americans feel Clinton has apologized sufficiently and don't want to hear more — even though congressmen and columnists are still clamoring. "You don't have a single audience," said one senior aide, speaking on condition of anonymity.

From his vacation retreat on Martha's Vineyard, Clinton has reached out for advice in tele-



President Clinton, left, accompanied by daughter Chelsea, center, and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, right, sails out of Edgartown Harbor Tuesday.

phone calls to friends and political advisers, officials said. Back in Washington, White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles has assembled recommendations from a wide range of sources.

Many Democrats lament that Clinton's televised address last week struck the wrong note, opening with an admission of guilt and regret but then veering into an angry attack on

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. Uncertain of the truth and facing midterm elections in November, many congressional Democrats have dismanned themselves from Clinton, refusing to defend him—registering a vote of impeachment or resignation.

Clinton will interrupt his vacation briefly Thursday to speak on school safety and juvenile crime initiatives in Worcester, Mass.

Baron Hill, who is well-positioned to replace retiring Rep. Lee H. Hamilton, D-Ind., said there's been no offer of a presidential visit. Would he take advantage of such an offer if it came?

"That's not much of an advantage, is it?" he replied.

Professor solves ancient math puzzle

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan mathematician has spent 10 years and three gigabytes of computer space figuring out what every 17-year-old grocery clerk already knows: The best way to stack fruit is in a pyramid.

Thomas Hales, a professor at the University of Michigan, used computers and an equation with 150 variables to conclude that when stacking spherical objects, the fruit-stand arrangement is the most efficient use of space.

Stacking spherical objects directly on top of one another in a cubic configuration uses just over half of the cube's space. Stacking them in a pyramid fills 74 percent of the overall space.

In some oranges and grapefruits are stacked in pyramids in the grocery store not because it's an efficient use of space, but because "it keeps them from rolling onto the floor."

For about 400 years, mathematicians have been trying to figure out the most efficient way to pack spheres.

Candidates must field questions about scandal

The Washington Post

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — This was to be the week House Democratic leaders barnstorm the country spotlighting a dozen of their most promising candidates.

After four dark years in the minority, Democrats believed they finally had the agenda, money and popular president to

wrest back control of the House.

Instead, they and their candidates are being peppered with questions about extramarital sex in the White House and the Democratic Party's definition of family values.

Of the first five candidates House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., joined this

week, not one was eager to host the president.

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NATION

Hundreds evacuate Texas homes as floodwaters roll toward Laredo

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of people were urged to evacuate their homes Wednesday as floodwaters that ravaged a Texas border town earlier this week rolled down the Rio Grande toward Laredo.

The river was expected to crest 25 to 27 feet above flood level around midnight.

About 2,000 people living near the river were urged to get out, and about 300 had done so by early Wednesday, city spokesman Marco Alvarado said.

The Rio Grande was swelled by drenching rain from the remnants of Tropical Storm Charley, which swamped the town of Del Rio this week, leaving 14 people dead on both sides of the border and 35 others unaccounted for.

In Laredo, Olga Rojero was among those who showed up at an emergency shelter at an elementary school two days before the water was predicted to crest in her neighborhood.

"We came as soon as they warned us," said the mother of six. "I live one block from the river. I was afraid."

Many families left their belongings behind at home, hoping for the best.

Others brought my children," Ms. Rojero said. "Things always be replaced, not your children."

Many businesses in Laredo were shut for the day, and some schools canceled classes near flood-prone areas: Three bridges linking Laredo to Nuevo Laredo,



Flood victim Diana Ortiz, left, wipes away tears as she shares her family's story with Gov. George W. Bush during his visit Wednesday to the Red Cross shelter in Del Rio, Texas. Flooding left Ortiz and her family homeless.

Mexico, were closed.

Mayor Betty Flores said a major concern for authorities was "flood watchers," people who stand by the river to watch the crest.

The overflowing river was

expected to bring debris and animal carcasses to Laredo. But the city is better prepared than it was during a devastating flood in 1954. Since then, Ms. Flores said, the city has built new dams and made other improvements.

Internet catches on with older women

WASHINGTON — Kay Kummer, 58, knew exactly where to turn for information after her recent doctor's visit by her sister-in-law: the medical pages on the World Wide Web.

"I was interested in something," the doctor said to my mother, remembered Kummer, who also uses the Internet to send e-mail across Texas and New Mexico to her family and friends.

"And I thought, let me just do this on my own."

Once the domain of the young and technically inclined, the Internet increasingly is taking root with a wide cross-section of Americans. A new study estimates that more than a third of senior Americans now use the Internet, an increase of more than 25 million — or 34 percent — in just two months.

Among the fastest-growing groups online were black women, Indians, as well as young adults, 18-24 and women over 50.

The study showed an increase of 30 percent in the number of American women over 50 using the Internet during the two-month period ending in June.

approximately 5 million users. The number of online over 50 using the Internet grew almost half as fast during the same period.

The study, released Tuesday by Nielsen Media Research and ComScoreNet, estimated that 71.2 million Americans over 16 use the Internet. That represents 25 percent of adult Americans.

the same study in September 1997 counted 52 million adult Americans online, or 26 percent.

And for the first time, the report said, the majority of Americans between 16-24 are using the Internet — about 18.8 million of them, including 70 percent of men in that age group and 51 percent of women.

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NATION IN BRIEF

Clinton appeals census decision

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is pressing for a Supreme Court ruling on the use of modern polling techniques it contends will better account for minorities and city dwellers in the 2000 Census.

The solicitor general has appealed a federal court ruling barring use of statistical sampling for the national head count and will ask for Supreme Court review, the Justice Department said in a statement Wednesday.

The census is used to determine how many congressional seats each state gets. Billions of dollars in federal funds also are allocated on the basis of how many people live in each state and city.

A more accurate count would be expected to benefit Democrats, because those normally missed belong to that party's constituencies.

Reno orders review of King's death

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno reopened the investigation of the 39-year-old assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., focusing on two allegations of a conspiracy beyond James Earl Ray.

The limited review announced Wednesday stops well short of the national commission sought by King's widow, Coretta Scott King. Nevertheless, Mrs. King welcomed the probe as "a first step toward revealing the truth."

"I hope this inquiry will open a wider investigation of all pertinent leads," said Mrs. King, whom Reno consulted for months and

informed of the decision Tuesday night.

Despite a narrow initial focus on separate allegations by a retired FBI agent and a former Memphis, Tenn., bar owner, "the evidence gathered by the inquiry will be followed wherever it may lead," the Justice Department said.

Woman charged in cyanide case

LOS ANGELES — A homeless cancer patient was charged Wednesday with sending lethal cyanide packets through the U.S. mail in a revenge plot to injure or kill people on a personal hit list.

Kathryn Schoonover, 50, was named in a two-count criminal complaint that alleged in April and June she "knowingly deposited for mailing and delivery a poison with intent to injure and kill another." Thom Mrosak, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said, Ms. Schoonover, who has been in custody since her arrest Sunday, was expected to appear before a federal magistrate by mid-afternoon.

Killer freed on lies is back in prison

BOSTON — A convicted killer who was set free in part because of his claims of valor in Vietnam was taken into custody Wednesday after officials learned he held only a desk job and was far from the fighting.

Joseph Yandle surrendered at his Rutland, Vt., apartment and was taken to a Massachusetts jail. "It appears there was a massive fraud perpetrated here," said acting Gov. Paul Cellucci, who vowed to have the 1995 commutation revoked.

Yandle, 49, was convicted of first-degree murder in the killing of Joseph Reppucci, the manager of the Mystic Bottled Liquors store in Medford, during a robbery on June 20, 1972.

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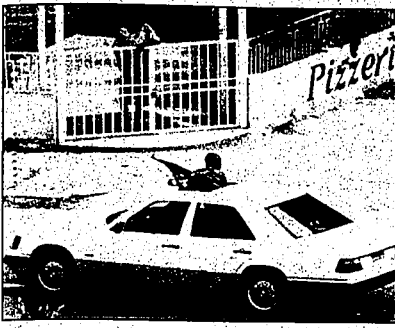
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Rwandan-backed rebels fight for Kinshasa in Congo

The Washington Post

KINSHASA, Congo — The heavy rumble of artillery reverberated through this vast African capital for much of Wednesday as Rwandan-backed rebels trying to oust President Laurent Kabila attempted an assault on the city.

Fighting raged near Ndjili International Airport, about 20 miles east of the city center, including unconfirmed reports of aerial bombardment by government forces. Government troops, buttressed by soldiers from Zimbabwe and Zambia, apparently held off the rebel incursion. The airport was not captured, and Kabila's officials played down the rebel move as a mere "infiltration."

Mweneza Kongolo, a member of Kabila's inner cabinet, said government troops faced about 300 rebels, though another government source placed the figure at twice that number. Officials said some rebel infiltration also may have occurred on the city's southwestern fringe, near the suburb of Kinshasa.

Mweneza and other officials

characterized Wednesday's fighting as a last-gasp attempt by rebel forces in dire straits since a counterattack by the government and its allies this week. "When you kill a snake, it doesn't die right away. It still trembles," said Mwampanga Mwana Nanga, another Kabila minister.

But a European diplomat here noted that the rebels had, thus far, fought a clever campaign, leaving open the possibility that Wednesday's clashes were a rebel probe to test government defenses — or the vanguard of a larger assault still to come. And with Uganda and Rwanda threatening deeper involvement in the three-week-old conflict, the next turn of the volatile conflict remained anyone's guess.

"We're certainly not thinking this is over, that the government has defeated the rebels," the diplomat said.

Indeed, the heavy shelling that could be heard throughout the day suggested something more serious than the "mopping up" operation that officials here described, and Kabila's government was taking no chances.

Russia hurries to reassure investors as crisis deepens

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian government failed to restore confidence in its collapsing banking sector Wednesday, with the ruble sinking ever lower and the Central Bank canceling dollar sales after they had been agreed upon.

There were signs the country's financial crisis was escalating. The ruble plunged almost 40 percent against the German mark after the Central Bank voided trading against the dollar on the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, and banks reported that the government had failed to make some payments on its longer-term debt.

Acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin rushed to Ukraine to hold an emergency meeting with International Monetary Fund head Michel Camdessus. He was expected to plead with the IMF not to delay the next installment of a multi-billion dollar loan that Russia has been using to shore up its Central Bank reserves — eroded by the effort to support the ruble.

But while some Russians were angry that they could withdraw bank deposits only in rubles, not dollars, panic had yet to swell in the streets of the capital.

Spanish couples pucker up for record

ALCALA DE HENARES, Spain (AP) — On the first of a gun, an estimated 1,600 couples packed the central square of this Spanish town locked lips in a concerted effort to kiss their way into the Guinness Book of Records.

The couples — including the town's mayor and his wife — smooched simultaneously for

about 10 seconds Tuesday in a bid to outdo 1,420 couples who accomplished the feat at the University of Maine on Valentine's Day in 1996.

An city hall spokesman said the exact number of couples would be known Wednesday and the documents would be forwarded for confirmation to the Guinness Book of Records.

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Egypt presses Libya to accept U.S.-British plan

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A decade after Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Scotland, Libyan on Wednesday issued a qualified acceptance of a U.S.-British compromise to try two suspects in the Netherlands, urging what U.N. sanctions against Libya be lifted.

The Libyan Foreign Ministry said in a statement that it "announces its acceptance of the development in the positions of the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States" and "stresses the necessity to lift the sanctions."

Two Libyan suspects — Ahmed Basset Ali al-Megrahi and



Liamon Khalifa Binmadi — one accused of plotting a bomb attack on the plane, which blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 23, 1988, killing 270 people. Among the dead were 119

American citizens.

The statement made no specific reference to the handling over of the two suspects.

Under the U.S.-British plan, the two men would be tried in the Netherlands, but under Scottish law and by a panel of three Scottish judges.

The suspects cannot be extradited from the Netherlands. If found guilty, they would serve their sentences in the United Kingdom.

In its statement, Libya urged the United States and Britain not to impose conditions which might block the trial.

The compromise plan, a decade

in the making, comes after Britain and the United States had long insisted the trial be held in one of their territories. For its part, Libya previously suggested that the men could be put on trial if they were willing to go themselves; they did not accept the idea.

Britain reacted cautiously to Wednesday's announcement, which was carried by the official Libyan news agency, JANA.

"I welcome this statement, which looks like a positive development," said Foreign Secretary Robin Cook. "We shall need to study exactly what the Libyans have said."

New devices jam cell phones

TOKYO (AP) — They ring in concert halls, in movie theaters, in restaurants. Japan has gone so crazy over the cell phone that jamming has become almost inescapable.

Almost.

Complaints about the din of mobile phones have become so shrill that entrepreneurs are getting rich from an unexpectedly lucrative spin-off business: jamming devices.

"Japanese peoples' manners have gone from bad to worse. Our product compensates for this with technology," said Kiyomi Takafuji, director of Mediclinic.

Mediclinic, one of the first companies to market small jamming devices for personal use, has sold about 60,000 units. While such devices since their debut one year ago.

The companies' anti-jamming devices are used by the same companies as those used by jamming companies and security firms, residing on the phone numbers. As an if the phone had been turned off or taken beyond the range of the service area, the calls can be made or received.

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EDITORIAL

If the Constitution says count the people, count the people

While most Americans were thinking this week about cruise missiles, Monica Lewinsky and back-to-school shopping, three federal judges were quietly defending the republic.

The special panel of judges ruled against a Clinton administration scheme to monkey with the 2000 Census.

The administration wanted to make the next census more "accurate" by supplementing the traditional head count with statistical sampling methods.

The court, siding with congressmen, Republicans and with common sense, said no. The Constitution and the law say count the people, and so the government must count the people.

How much does this seemingly arcane dispute matter to ordinary citizens? It matters plenty.

Census results, gathered every 10 years, are used to apportion seats in the House of Representatives. An inaccurate Census could shift control of the House and ignite a decade of legislative mischief.

The Clinton administration has obvious political motives for wanting the Census revamped. Democrats contend that the 1990 count inadvertently skipped 8 million people — many of them urban minorities who tend to vote for Democrats.

To fix this problem, the Census Bureau has proposed counting 90 per-

cent of the people in a given area, and then statistically projecting the rest based on a representative sample. The proposal has two serious flaws.

First, there is little trust that the Clinton administration will crunch the numbers honestly. After this administration's behavior in other matters, such skepticism is understandable.

Second, the legal language is plain. Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution calls for an "actual enumeration" of citizens. How could "ac-

tual enumeration" mean anything other than really counting real people?

It turns out the three judges didn't need the Constitution's plain language to guide their decision. They relied on the equally plain language of the Census Act, in which Congress in 1976 specifically forbade the use of sampling for congressional apportionment.

But the Constitution may yet be called into service, when the Democrats appeal the case to the Supreme Court. We must hope the Supreme Court concludes that the law and the Constitution mean what they say.

Improving the accuracy of the next Census is certainly a good idea. But the solution should be found in better counting methods — not in statistical voodoo that invites political tinkering.

To make the Census more accurate, improve counting methods. But don't turn our national head count into an exercise in statistical voodoo.

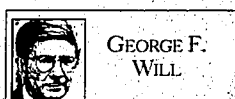


Even now, war crimes must be punished

NEW YORK — A courtroom 15 stories above Manhattan recently reverberated with the echo of a rifle shot fired down a dog into a pit dug in Poland's dark and bloody ground. The shooter, Jack Reimer, now 79, a slight, stooped man with a thick shock of wavy gray hair, says he feigned shooting at the Jews, who were dead already, and he had to do it to save his life. The U.S. government thinks there is much more to Reimer's story and wants the former Brooklyn salesman of Wise potato chips, who has been in the United States since 1952, deported.

Reimer, an ethnic German born in Ukraine, was conscripted into the Red Army, thrown into the maw of the invading Wehrmacht, captured and confined in an open-air POW camp where, he says, trucks carted away corpses every morning. One day, he says, his German captors trucked him and other German-speaking POWs off to the Travnik training camp in eastern Poland.

There, according to the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, thousands of persons, many of them Jews, were trained as SS personnel to do the grunt work of genocide — liquidating Jewish ghettos and guarding the death and forced labor camps in Poland. He wore a uniform and carried a weapon. At this point Reimer's story becomes vaguer and given to more versions than can plausibly be explained by mere age. One day, he says, he overslept (in another version, he fell and briefly knocked himself out) and the squad he commanded went off without him to carry out German orders to kill Jews. When he reached the



GEORGE F. WILL
pit, the Jews had been shot, but a German ordered him to fire into the bodies in the pit. Reimer says he could have been shot if he had not fired his weapon. However, he now asserts, he deliberately fired to miss, even though he knew, he says, that everyone in the pit was dead.

In an earlier version, told to OSI attorneys, he said one head protruded from the jumble of 50 to 60 bodies and a hand pointed to the head, indicating the person wished to be shot and put out of his misery, so Reimer said he did that. In yet another version Reimer said the person he shot was already dead.

The government brought Simon Friedman, also 79, from his retirement in Florida to testify about the day in July 1944 when Ukrainian guards and SS troops with dogs were shooting prisoners in the Treblinka labor camp. On the march to the pits the prisoners had dug in the forest, Friedman tried to escape, but was shot in the wrist and neck. He feigned death, lying in a field until dark, then escaped. Lying there he heard the sounds of mortally wounded prisoners dying slowly in the pits. The point of his testimony was to establish that Reimer could not have known that those in the pit into which he shot were dead.

Reimer's lawyer is a piece of lint from the 1960s, Ramsey Clark, the former U.S.

attorney general who says this about genocide: "The sanctions against it imposed by the Security Council of the United Nations are in fact the least genocide in history." Reimer should be held to the account of guilt by association with his own lawyer, but the implausibility of Reimer's evasive allegations makes him a candidate for recalcitrant attorneys that he lied about his past.

Immigration law forbids entry to anyone who assists him in his persecution. Being a discredited member of an SS auxiliary unit should be sufficient evidence of such assistance. He says that after this one strike, he spent the year looking after supplies, not looking for Jews. He says the Holocaust was a well-known secret, and he was 48 years old, although he was present at the liquidation of several ghettos. A judge will rule.

Because genocide was so rampant, bureaucratized, industrialized, it required the participation of hundreds of thousands of little human beings in the killing machinery. Even the notion of the "battering ram" Reimer, sitting passively in court in his cardigan sweater and running shoes, looking down at his feet, has to have marked the conscience of the world.

However, the unrepentant lie was done by the unrepentant, and it speaks well of American justice that it will not chase the books on this until they are the last pages to speed time with their pen nibs. It is not the least of the first. The evil was incomprehensible but any civilization is an act of remembrance, which still stands between the victims and oblivion.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

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People should take precedence

People or predators, which one has the priority?

"My grandson's goat was killed and half eaten in the corral not 20 feet from my house. The next morning, my little dog ran out barking and was gone for four days. When she came home, she had claw marks on her head and two scratches on her throat and one eye popped out; had to be taken to the vet to get that repaired.

Coyotes or cougar. I know which it was and it needs to be taken care of. We as taxpayers are paying taxes for no protection against predators.

I have grandkids and great-grandkids here off and on at all summer. I will be afraid to let them play in the yard until I am sure there is no cougar roaming in the field.

I read the article in *The Times-News* about cougars and that contradicts what I was told about their attacks. I think it would be safer to take my sleeping bag and go to the hills. **ILENE MILLER**, Bliss

LETTERS

2 cents worth on US West strike
I would like to put my 2 cents in about the strike in the US West phone company.

Firsthand, I have two family members that are currently walking the picket line in the Twin Falls branch, and I personally enjoy watching these employees fighting for what they believe is the right thing. After all, isn't a job worth fighting for if you have put in nearly 30 years of your life?

Families abroad feeling the squeeze of not getting a full paycheck caused by the strike is no different than letting these corporations get their way. In fact, the employees solely want to maintain their present pay and health-care packages. The company is offering a 20 percent wage cut, reduction in premiums for health care and mandatory overtime. I ask why?

The company paid the former chief executive officer \$24 million to leave his job, and now the company is prepared to cut wages and benefits. Instead of cutting wages, how about paying the employees \$24 million in a raise, and this strike smoothly and send someone over to my new house to look up my phone? Is this too much to ask for?

I hope the union wins this dispute, and for all those men and women who will be fed breakfast by the UPS on the morning

of the 21nd, I say to you that you all are doing the right thing.

Can someone transfer my phone service to my new house?
CHUCK LICHTENHAN, Jerome

Media perpetuates misinformation

Regarding the strike with US West Communications:

I believe there are some misconceptions put out by the media regarding this strike. The US West chief executive officer has been giving the media incorrect information about what the Communications Workers of America and its union members are attempting to achieve. This strike is not about pay raises or extras; they are just fighting for what is rightfully theirs — their wages and benefits.

I do not know who hired this New York CEO wannabe, but they should look at the mess he has created now. It took us three days to get through to the phone company for a routine transfer. This man walked out of a US West building blowing kisses to the strikers. Now how naive is that? He wants to cut these people's wages by 20 percent and make some sort of incentive program for them. Cutting health-care benefits and mandatory overtime? Outrageous!
My mom has worked for US West for

28 years and always given 100 percent to those she loved. She was out of town for when we were going up for schools and such and has quit in overtime when needed. When the commission she likes to spend time with her grandkids in West, and we have spent many weekends avoiding family plans because of paper duty.

So, Mr. Blighen CEO, don't talk to us about your precious union being over-time! These workers have given more hours on the job than you have accumulated on the golf course! Now these hard-working men and women are being off, and you're going to need it now, really!

This strike is about our wages, overtime, and cutting of wages by 20 percent will affect families throughout my state. It's quite obvious that "Sal" (Mr. CEO wannabe) has no sense of decency. To the laborers: I am sure there is a whole lot of support behind you! Do not let this little threat about being taken to work by the strikers ruin your health-care benefits or your wages. Remember that you are in a fight just for your wages and benefits but for the survival and future of you and your families. I am behind you!
SEBASTIAN TORRES, Jerome

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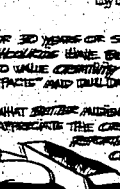
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Picking up the pieces after Powerball

Powerballmania has come and gone once again and in the aftermath a dozen plucky workers of modest means will share millions of dollars in prize money.

Unfortunately, the Powerball story doesn't conclude with this particular happy ending. For the growing numbers of Americans addicted to gambling, it will just be another reason for believing that they, too, can win big — provided they spend more on lotteries and at casinos.

For more than 25 years, I have worked at Rescue Missions, using the power of Christian faith to help addicts stop their destructive lifestyles. The toll that addiction can take on a human being is fearsome, whether that addiction involves drugs, alcohol or gambling. That's why the Powerball mania and its results have been so disheartening. For weeks, it seemed, one could not watch a newscast without seeing a story about how some lucky person was destined to become rich.

Most of this coverage focused solely on the riches to be had —

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the boats, fast cars and homes the winner would buy with his newfound wealth. The larger reality of state-approved gambling is considerably different. It includes addiction, despair and ruined lives, husbands who have lost life savings (at the Sunshine Mission in St. Louis), wives forced to sell engagement rings to pay for their husbands' gambling debts (at the Floria, Ill., Rescue Mission) and general family breakdown (nationwide).

Gambling partisans — not to mention some members of the media who report in dazzling superlatives — have turned a blind eye to the damage that gambling causes.

Moreover, those long lines of people waiting to buy Powerball tickets that Americans saw on their television sets did not form in Bel Air, Calif., Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Shaker Heights, Ohio, or Bethesda, Md., or McLean, Va. More often than not, those

lines were in America's inner cities. The people waiting in line are the ones least able to afford the luxury of throwing away money on hundred-million-to-one prizes.

Our surveys of homeless men and women confirm this point. Nearly one in five at our missions cite gambling as a cause of their homelessness. More depressing, nearly two in five still gamble or play the lottery occasionally.

These findings are consistent with other dispositive studies. Take South Carolina, which is in the midst of a bitter public debate over legalized video poker. A University of South Carolina survey this year of people playing video slots concludes that as many as one in five show signs of dependency.

For even the most cynical observer, the message is clear: Gambling destroys lives. State lotteries and casino gambling are creating a new generation of homeless addicts craving to Rescue Missions in need of our help. Gambling, particularly lotteries and casinos, has spread like a brush fire across America

during the past decade. State and local officials have seen it as a painless way of raising money — never mind that it comes from the jaws of the poor.

Democrats, who traditionally have talked loudest about helping the poor, remain strangely silent. Republicans, who like to speak of traditional values, also decline to take a stand. The commendable exceptions — such people as Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., and Reps. Frank Wolf, R-Va., and John LaFalce, D-N.Y. — are unfortunately few.

We in America's rescue missions don't ask much from government, but we would at least request this much: that it not make our work more difficult by promoting lotteries and cutting sweetheart deals with corporate gambling executives that will foster addiction, family breakup and homelessness.

Richard McMillen is president of the International Union of Good Missions and executive director of the Water Street Rescue Mission in Lancaster, Pa. He wrote this commentary for the Washington Post.

LETTER

Clinton needs amputation

We have just witnessed another Clinton performance — blaming Ken Starr for prolonging this investigation and wasting the taxpayers' money. How caring can a person be? Do you suppose it has ever occurred to your brilliant Rhodes scholar that he, himself, is the one causing this waste of our money?

Oh lawdy, wash my mind out with soap for even thinking such

blasphemy. But here I go again. Clinton believes this is a problem between himself, his family and his god. Well, I have no way of knowing what advice his god would give, but the only one and true God says (and I'm paraphrasing), "If a member of your body causes you to sin, pluck it out, cut it off, get rid of it." So perhaps all Clinton needs is an amputation.

VIOLET HINZ
Hey barn

Need some advice?

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National decline in school violence doesn't halt hype

During the last school year, the public was riveted by the images of small-town schools taped off by police lines, paramedics rushing to wheeled adolescent bodies away on gurneys and kids being carried off in handcuffs. As the national news media zoomed in from Pearl, Miss., West Paducah, Ky., Jonesboro, Ark., Edinboro, Pa., and Springfield, Ore., news outlets began to describe these highly idiosyncratic cases as "an all-too-familiar story" or "another in a recent trend."

A kind of moral panic swept the country as parents and children suddenly feared for their safety. A principal in Bethesda, Md., warned "it could happen anywhere."

But it doesn't happen anywhere, and it rarely happens at all. The best data available from the Centers for Disease Control on the threat of school-associated violent deaths reveals that kids face less than one chance in a million of being killed at school. Research by the National School Safety Center shows that there were 27 percent fewer school killings in the 1997-98 school year than in 1992-93.

But with all the media coverage these school shootings have received, we have not witnessed the kind of reporting or analysis or concerned policymaking the context in which to judge the safety of our institutions of learning. Instead, the media's linking of

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these shootings as a "trend" has exacerbated people's fears about the safety of their children in schools. The result has been that misdirected public policy is being generated to safeguard the school, even though the real threat lies elsewhere.

To remedy the purported "crisis" of classroom violence, politicians have proposed solutions ranging from putting additional police officers in schools to eliminating any minimum age at which children may be tried as adults.

The legislature in Texas has proposed to expand the death penalty to 11-year-olds in response to the Jonesboro shooting.

There are many real dangers facing America's children. But 99 percent of kids' deaths are away from school, and the peak times for such killings are evenings, weekends and vacation periods. The recently publicized school shootings, though, could provide a long-overdue call for action in America to productively occupy our children after school hours and keep them away from handguns. But only if our elected officials avoid panicking and look in the right place for solutions.

Vincent Schiraldi is director of the Justice Policy Institute.

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WORLD

Planet Hollywood bombing linked to U.S. attacks

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Police claimed to be closing in Wednesday on suspects in the fatal bombing of a Planet Hollywood restaurant, which authorities said probably was the target of homegrown terrorists taking aim at the United States.

"I am confident they will be arrested soon," the South African Press Association quoted President Nelson Mandela as saying.

The explosion Tuesday evening at the crowded tourist spot on Cape Town's spectacular waterfront killed a South African bank employee and injured 27 people, including eight Britons. The identities of the other victims were not immediately released.

FBI agents headed to the site from Nairobi, Kenya, to help in the investigation.

Shards of broken glass and blood covered the interior of the restaurant Wednesday, while bouquets of mourning were laid outside on its blood-soaked steps.

The blast reawakened South African intelligence officials to scrutinize security at American businesses and government offices, police spokeswoman Surrally de Beer said.

U.S. companies like McDonald's boosted protective measures. "Staff carried out visible inspections and we brought in the local police to take a more expert look at the restaurants," said Darryl Webb, McDonald's managing director in South Africa.

The only claim of responsibility for the bombing came from a caller who said he represented the anti-American, anti-Israeli group called Militants Against Global Oppression.

U.S. suggests Sudan-Iraq chemical tie

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq may have used Sudan as a cover to obtain illegal chemical weapons material beyond the scrutiny of U.S. weapons inspectors, the State Department said Wednesday.

The two countries established very close relations after the Persian Gulf War in 1991, and "we believe there were links between the Sudanese and Iraq on this issue," said James Foley, the department's deputy spokesman.

U.S. cruise missiles devastated a plant in Khartoum, Sudan's capital, last Thursday in retaliation for Aug. 7 border attacks on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Sudan's government said the Al Shifa plant was used to manufacture pharmaceuticals. The State Department said it also produced precursors for chemical weapons.

Hundreds of Iraqi experts have worked in Sudan since the Persian Gulf War, including the manufacture of munitions, Foley said. "We have evidence of ties between Sudan's chemical weapons agencies, the Shifa facility and other chemical weapons actors," he said.

"And there is evidence that Sudan sought help in the purchase of CW (chemical weapons) capability from other countries, principally Iraq," he said.

Beyond that, I can't go into the details. But that certainly is something that we have evidence, and that was of utmost concern to us."

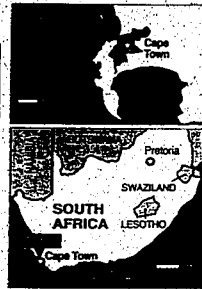
But a leader of the group dismissed the claim and condemned the blast Wednesday, saying it was an attempt to discredit Muslims.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mtshali said the bombing "must be seen against the backdrop" of the U.S. cruise missile attacks on Sudan and Afghanistan. Those attacks came in retaliation for the Aug. 7 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed 259 people and injured more than 5,500.

It appeared the blast that wrecked Planet Hollywood came from a pipe bomb, police spokesman Superintendent John Sterenberg said.



An unidentified person places flowers on pipe bomb Wednesday outside the Planet Hollywood in Cape Town, South Africa, after a bomb exploded there.

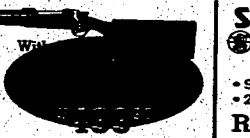


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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“I don't think I would, 'cause they're mostly like drugs.”

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—R.J. Johansen, a 12-year-old Lake Lagerer from New Jersey, when asked if he would take anabolic steroids, the testosterone-producing pill used by Mark McGwire

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College volleyball
CSI at Utah Valley (11:00 a.m. in Orem)

IN BRIEF

4 teams advance to Olds scramble finals

JACKSON, Wyo.—Four teams advanced to the National Oldsmobile Scramble Finals from today's RMSPGA Oldsmobile Scramble Qualifier held at Irons Fines Resort. The sectional winners earned the right to compete against teams from the other 4 PGA Sections in Las Vegas, Nev., on October 8-11.

In the morning shotgun, Twin Falls' golf professional Mike Rankin and his amateur partner Jay Bride, Ed Fuchs, Chris Meyerchofer and Brock Weaver fired a scorable score of 14-under par 58 for gross honors. Scott McPherson and amateur Shane McPherson, Curt Gannon, Jim Peterson and Brock Weaver earned the net honors with a net score of 54.

In the afternoon shotgun, Christ Estman and amateurs Larry Thomas, Steve Roswell, Cary Johnson and Robert Johnson shot the low round of the day 17-under par 55 for gross honors. Professional Jim Sinclair and amateurs Carolyn Elgin, Rex Kline, Mark Hines and Todd Ellington earned the net division with a 54.

8 resign from Western Athletic Conference board

LARAMIE, Wyo.—University of Wyoming President Philip L. Dobos resigned from the Western Athletic Conference Board of Directors Tuesday after a conference call unanimously authorized the WAC to operate with eight directors.

Dobos and the presidents of seven other WAC schools announced earlier this month their intention to withdraw from the conference on June 30, 1999 and form a new one.

The presidents of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Brigham Young University, Colorado State University, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, University of New Mexico, San Diego State University and the University of Utah also resigned from the WAC board on Tuesday.

The WAC will now be directed by the presidents of Fresno State University, San Jose State University, University of Arkansas, Rice University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, University of Texas at El Paso and the University of Tulsa.

Minico's Maughan leads Weber State women

Sheryl Maughan, who won state titles as a Minico High School senior in both cross country and track and field before becoming an All-American at Weber State, again headed the team to honors.

Big Sky Conference coaches have picked the Weber State women and Northern Arizona men as preseason cross country favorites.

Weber State is the two-time defending conference champion, and placed fourth at the Mountain Region championship. The Northern Arizona men have won four conference titles in six years.

ISU women's basketball earns academic honors

POCATELLO — The Idaho State University women's basketball team recently won the academic excellence award for the spring semester of 1998 with a 3.24 grade point average.

The squad as a whole sports a 3.26 cumulative GPA, which is the highest of any team within the Big West Athletic Department for the spring semester of 1998.

Three members of the squad received perfect 4.0s—Angela Moberg of Homestead, New, Meg Salness of Roseburg, Ore., and Chris Urbasak of Hillsboro, Ore.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

A GAME OF INCHES



Bull punt returner John McCauley can't hold onto an errant kick during practice. McCauley was the team's leading receiver last season.

A-2 football faces changes

By Matt Pember
Times-News writer

Step out your front door early in the morning, take a good long whiff. Can you smell it? It's the changing of the seasons.

Not from summer to autumn. With the leaves still death-gripping the trees and days reaching into the '90s, fall is still awaiting its turn.

The changing season has more to do with dust settling over the chalked white lines and grids appearing on freshly mowed fields. It's the smell of popcorn and the sound of rustling pom-poms. It's the feel of rock-hard seats and crisp evening air as shafts of light rain down on guys wearing more protective gear than Roman gladiators.

So there's just one question you need to ask yourself: Are you ready for some football?

With the changing of the season comes a changing of the guard in the A-2 ranks. Perennial powerhouse Jerome has moved to A-1. That's leaves just Bull and Wood River at veteran members of District IV.

Joining the Indians and Wolverines are four teams who made the leap from the A-3 classification: Kimberly, Gooding, Wendell and Ellier — four teams that outgrew the Canyon Conference in population.

Moving Jerome up leveled the A-2 playing field. With the exception of a loss to Bull last season and yet another loss to Bull 17 years ago, the Tigers have been a nearly unbeatable force since the institution of the divisions in 1977.

What this means for A-2 football is fierce competition, closer games and a 'bearly' match for the division's three state berths.

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'El Niño' Garcia hopes to add U.S. Amateur title to his British crown

The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — They call him "El Niño," Spanish for little boy, and Sergio Garcia, 18, a phenom among the ever-younger ad of golf stars, is aiming for a rare double this weekend: a U.S. Amateur title to add to the British Amateur trophy he picked up in June.

The affable Spaniard served notice in his opening match Wednesday at Oak Hill, easily beating Ben Garner of Lake Forest, Calif., by a 4 and 3 and raising the prospect of a showdown Friday with defending champion Matt Kuchar.

"I think if I can play like I have, I can try to do something good," Garcia said as he strolled back to the clubhouse, signing golf balls, hats and programs for a gaggle of young fans.

As for doing the double, a feat achieved in the same year by just four golfers, Garcia is keeping his fingers crossed. And if he fails, he won't lose any sleep.

"It's very difficult — there's a lot of great players here and I'll have to play really, really well," he said. "If not, doesn't matter. It's not the only thing I got in my head."

After 36 holes of stroke play, the top 64 scores in the field of 312 moved into match-play duels that culminate in Sunday's final.

Kuchar racked up three birdies as he



Aric Reynolds will return as the quarterback for the Indians.

Sosa nails 52nd home run; McGwire answers with 54th

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Sammy Sosa finally made contact against Brett Tomko, hitting a towering shot for his 52nd homer Wednesday as the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 9-2 to end a four-game losing streak.

Mark McGwire answered with a 509-foot shot, moving closer to Roger Maris' home run record and staying two long balls ahead of Sosa Wednesday night, hitting his 54th of the season against the Florida Marlins. The Marlins won 7-6 in 10 innings.

McGwire connected in the eighth inning off Justin Speier with a drive that landed just above the wall for back-ground beyond center field at Busch Stadium.

He warmed up for the effort with eight homers in 15 batting-practice swings, including one that banged off the scoreboard beyond the left-field wall. He had been 0-for-3, hitting two towering pop-ups and taking a called third strike, before homering on an 0-1 pitch.

McGwire has 30 games to reach Maris' record of 61 homers in 1961. Nineteen of those games are at home, where McGwire has obliterated the stadium record with 28 homers already this season. The previous mark was 18.

McGwire is also within two homers of

A-3 conference shrinks, but a giant remains

By Matt Pember
Times-News writer

The landscape of A-3 Canyon Conference football is drastically different this year. In fact, the terrain looks more like a washout than a canyon.

Seven teams ended the 1997 season within the conference ranks, but when the curtain opens on the 1998 season only three will remain: Glens Ferry, Declo and Valley.

While only three teams are competing for four teams up to A-2 was good for that division, it wasn't necessarily good for the Canyon Conference. The season will be just its toughest as 1997 for the remaining teams, but they only could play two of nine games in the race for state playoffs.

In that race for the playoffs, the Pilots are the obvious favorites. Glens Ferry has just two games left and eliminated the Canyon Conference. Any team planning to beat the Pilots will have to play with strength, speed, heart and soul. The good news for the Canyon Conference is the district still has two quarter-final spots in the playoffs and it's going to be a dogfight for that second spot.

Glens Ferry Pilots

Coches Bill Brock, 11th year

1997 record: 7-2
Key returners: RB/LB Alex Ferris (sr., 5-11, 180), RB/DB Damian Gil (sr., 5-7, 145), QB Bernabe Ortiz (jr., 6-0, 190), T McFarland (sr., 5-10, 165), OL/DL Ben Walter (sr., 6-4, 210), OL/DL Jason Spencer (sr., 6-4, 190), OL/DL Luke Garcia (sr., 5-11, 155), OL/DL Lane Smith (jr., 5-11, 165), LB Adam Mars (sr., 5-7, 140), DB Chris Dill (sr., 6-2, 180).

Newcomers: QB Alex Crane (jr., 5-9, 150), T Richard Ogden (jr., 6-0, 190), T Fabian Rico (jr., 5-10, 210), G Matt Conrad (jr., 5-10, 150), C Alex Sigewine (soph., 6-4, 280).

Outlook: The Pilots have a solid core of seniors and a strong group of young players. And the team will only become more solid as the season progresses.

The offense is bound to be big and quick behind the running of Ferris. Defensively, Glens Ferry should also be a powerhouse.

Exhaustion will be the Pilots' biggest enemy this season. Nearly everyone on the small roster will play iron-man football. Mars will have a go at running back and Dill will try to take the reins at quarterback. Sigewine, Ogden, Rico, and Conrad will line up on both sides of the trenches and Crane will try his hand at defensive back.

Declo Hornets

Coches Kelly Kidd, 2nd year

1997 record: 5-2
Key returners: QB Kip Mendenhall (sr., 5-10, 160), RB Jason Webb (jr., 5-9, 170), TE Jesse Wickel (jr., 6-2, 205), TDL Ty Cahoon (jr., 6-3, 250), T/P/DL Jared Zaharias (jr., 6-0, 190), G/DL Lane Zolinger (jr., 6-1, 205).

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matching the NL record for homers, 56 by Jack Wilson in 1930.

Sosa, who had struck out in his four career at-bats against Tomko (11-10), hit a solo homer in the third inning that smacked an advertising panel on the facade of the third deck in left-center field.

The homer, estimated at 438 feet, drew a standing ovation from a large part of the crowd of 20,315 and moved Sosa to within one of McGwire as they close in on Maris' record.

Sosa has homered in each of the Cubs' last 13 series. His 23rd homer on the road this season matched the club record shared by Willie Mays (1930), Ernie Banks (1960) and Dave Kingman (1979).

Fifteen of Sosa's homers have come in Woody's stuns. The 52-homer drive, the second-highest total for a Cub, trailing only Wilson's 56 homers.

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Buhl Indians

Catch Gary Krumm, 4th year 1987 record: 64 regular season, 60 playoffs.

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Newcomers: RB Courtnay Mather (sr., 5-8, 150), WR Adam Reynolds (sr., 5-9, 135), TE/DL T. J. Gilson (soph., 6-0, 235), TE/DL Jeff Shubert (sr., 6-9, 300), G Jimmy Meyer (sr., 5-11, 170), G Sean G. V. McElhinney (soph., 6-2, 205), LB Brandon Clark (sr., 5-10, 185), DL Steve Thornbault (sr., 6-1, 255).

Outlook: The Tribe has many more players returning from last year's 8-0 season. Reynolds, McCauley and Chivers each had great seasons last year and should only improve. The Indians have good overall speed and quickness, but offensively and defensively as well.

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Coach Jerry Dieth, 1st year 1987 record: 6-3

Key returnees: QB Kyle Guter (sr., 5-11, 155), LB/RB Landon Scheer (sr., 5-10, 165), DB/WR Matt Elliot (sr., 5-11, 140).

Outlook: The Trojans are a rebuilding year for the Trojans. Wendell lost a lot of players to graduation and moving up a conference didn't help the Trojans' cause. With experience, Wendell could come out at the end of the season to make a run at the playoffs.

Outlook: Kimberly is strong at the skill positions both offensively and defensively. The Dwyer Wildcats may come from the line. Kimberly returns only two starters on the offensive line and one on the defensive. The Bulldogs also lost their leading rusher, passer and receiver to graduation.

Gooding Senators

Coach Sam Wiseman, 2nd year 1987 record: 5-3

Key returnees: RB/LB Mike McKeon (sr., 5-10, 175), TE/DL Matt Beers (sr., 6-1, 170), DL Brady Thompson (sr., 5-8, 155).

Outlook: After losing their leading rusher, passer and receiver to graduation, it looked to be a rebuilding year for the Senators as well, especially on offense.

Fire Wildcats

Coach Brett Wright, 2nd year 1987 record: 5-3

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Thanks for the super article on Prescott

On Thursday, Aug. 20, your sports writer Francis Davis had an article on our son, Hunter, Prescott. We were very humored when he contacted us to do the article and when we read it, I was so pleased at what a nice article it was.

Since that time, we have been contacted by loads of friends and acquaintances telling what a great article this was. On top of that, I work at First Federal Savings Bank with about 80 employees and all of them have contacted me on the terrific article.

So please let your staff and Francis Davis know what a super article he wrote. We really appreciated the article he wrote.

On another note, we have been told by many that your photographer didn't do such a good job with the photo of the horse.

Cyanna Prescott Jerome

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Outlook: The Hornets have a strong group of returning players and good size. With

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as it contends for a playoff spot. It is a potential problem for the Vikings, as well as confidence. Valley, more than any other Canyon Conference team, will be playing indoor football. Fatigue could be a problem. Look for the Vikings to start slow, but gain as the season progresses and Beck, Thibault, Orr and Lewis take the team's helm.

SCORES AND STATS

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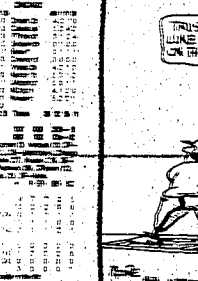
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Brewers 6, Rockies 5

MILWAUKEE — Bill Pridmore pitched an shutout against Jeff Goff as the Brewers earned their 50th victory as a major league manager.

The Brewers broke a three-game losing streak. They led 5-0 before the Rockies pulled for five runs in the eighth.

Brewers 6, Astros 2

HOUSTON — John Smoltz went to his eighth straight win as Jeff Loria hit a two-run homer, helping the Brewers to a 6-2 victory.

Smoltz (13-3) allowed five hits in a strong inning and escaped a loss to the Astros when Jeff Loria hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Padres 2, Phillies 0

PHILADELPHIA — Jeff Francoeur pitched seven strong innings as the Padres beat the Phillies 2-0.

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Rangers 8, Tigers 6

ARLINGTON, Texas — Juan Gonzalez drove in four runs to raise his major league-leading RBI total to 133, leading the Texas Rangers over the Detroit Tigers.

Gonzalez went 3-for-4 with two doubles and a single as the Rangers stayed within three games of first-place Anaheim in the AL West.

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Magic Valley Youth Tour awards scholarships to summer winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Youth Tour completed its summer season with scholarships awarded to the winners at the Bowldrome on Aug. 12. Scholarships ranged from \$20 to \$40.

Samantha Kenner was the winner in the 9-and-under girls, and Andy Narroquin won the 9-and-under boys. The 10-to-12 age division winners were Shelia Peterson for the girls and Corey Wagerman for the boys. Mathew Sherman was second in the boys' 10-to-12 division.

The 13-to-15 age group winners were Annette Baumgartner first and Michelle Peterson second for the girls, and Jeremy McElliot for the boys. Nathan McGregor for the boys.

In the 16-and-over girls, Tiffany



BOWLING
Thoma Tucker

Bywater was the leader and Erik Bywater was first and Tyson Hirsch took second on the boys side.

Congratulations to all the winners. Scholarships will go a long way when its time for your college education.

Entry forms are available at your local bowling centers for this year's 43rd Annual Gutter Gussie Tournament. The tournament will be held at Melody Lanes in American Falls over seven consecutive weekends, Oct. 10 through Nov. 22.

Closing entry date is Sept. 21. Fees are \$11 per event with \$2 optional all events scratch and handicap.

There will be no doubles and singles events on the last Sunday but there will be a doubles and singles event on the last Friday. The annual meeting will be the last Sunday (Nov. 22) at 9 a.m. If you have any questions, call Dawn Whitney at (208) 337-4817.

If you have not signed up for a bowling league, it is not too late to do so. Leagues are starting, but sometimes there are openings on teams. If you want to have some fun, enjoy other people and need a little exercise, let's go bowling. Call your local center and get signed up NOW!

PITCHING A FAST ONE



TWIN FALLS - The Avonmore West girls' fastpitch team placed second in the National League playoffs after finishing the regular league season in fourth place. The squad made it to the championship game by beating the undefeated first-place team in the playoffs. Pictured are, top row: Nicole Asher, Jennifer Hubbert, Hannah Bates, Sharrise Quigley and Ashley Larson. Bottom row: Michelle Holland, Hailey Duncan, Nicole Hovey, Whitney Pottier and April Stimpson. Not pictured are Tara McLymonds, Rachael Johnson and Kriसान Lawitt. Coaches are Eric Hovey and Gary Duncan.

Local girls run relay race in land of chocolate

HERSHEY, Pa. - On Aug. 15, nearly 500 children from across the United States and Canada gathered in Hershey for the North American Relay of Hershey's Track and Field Youth Program.

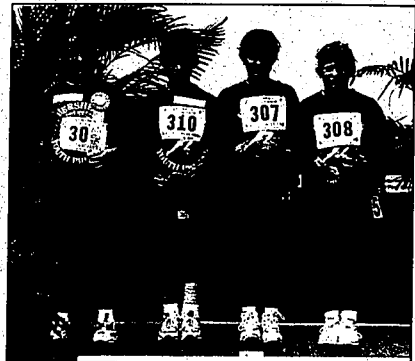
Four were young girls from south-central Idaho.

Brittany Hennefer, RayAnne Hennefer and Allison Shaffer of Carey, and Lacey Peterson of Pocatello, placed eighth in the 9:10 year-old-division of the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 1:08.1.

While in Chocolate Town U.S.A., the local girls joined other children who participated in long-jumping, softball throwing, and other events promoting fun, physical fitness, friendship, and sportsmanship.

The Hennefers, Shaffer and Peterson qualified for the relay in a preliminary race held earlier this year.

"The goal of the program is to teach children to be the best they can be," said Rafer Johnson, 1950 Olympic Decathlon Gold Medalist and spokesman for the program. "The children from all different regions came together to celebrate the Olympic spirit."



The team of Brittany Hennefer, RayAnne Hennefer, Allison Shaffer and Lacey Peterson raced in Hershey, Pa.

CHAMPIONS

TWIN FALLS - Players on the Western Music and Vending Machine Team walked away from the recent National League tournament crowned champions for the second year in a row.

Pictured are, top row: Hillary VanAssche, assistant coach Linda Brittan, Kelsey Parton, Jennifer Berni, Jenny Sullivan, Jenna Wilson, Justine Williams, assistant coach Aris Reed and coach Duane Wilson. Front row: Angel Bocanegra, Jasleca Woodland, Megan Mahler, Ashley Root, Holly Brittan, Chelsea Root and Allison Habel.



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- Date and place of the event.
- Score or places won for the participants.
- A name and phone number for more information.
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Little Leaguers stand by McGwire

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) - Where did Mark McGwire's slugging start?

Try Little League.

"It was just such a cute story," said his mother, Ginger McGwire, who, with her husband John, is being honored by the Little League this week. "Mark did not play baseball until he was nine. Then, in his very first at-bat as a 10-year-old Little Leaguer, he hit a home run over the fence."

"I guess that really set the tone for him," she said.

The McGwires were involved with the Claremont (Calif.) American Little League for years.

"John was a manager for 10 years, and I was a team mom, helping out at the concession stand," she said. "We had great times in Little League, with the team parents and the get-togethers. Plus, we won a few games along the way, and a league championship or two."

At the Little League World Series, the players still idolize the muscle-bound McGwire but aren't ready to start swallowing performance-enhancing pills.

"I think he's strong enough already, so I don't think he should be getting any extra help," said R.J. Johansen, a 12-year-old outfielder from Toms River, N.J.

When asked if he would take androstenedione, the testosterone-producing pill that McGwire is using, Johansen drew the line.

"I don't think I would, 'cause they're mostly like drugs," said Johansen, who listed McGwire as his favorite ballplayer on an ESPN survey taken before the World Series.

"To me, it's stupid," said Brad Frank, Johansen's teammate. "It can be unhealthy. No. 1. It can hurt you in the future. And it's not natural," the youth said.

For more than a year, McGwire has been using androstenedione, which is legal in major league baseball but banned in the NFL, the Olympics and the NCAA.

McGwire says that everything he takes is natural. But the drug's ability to raise levels of the male hormone, which builds lean muscle mass and promotes recovery after injury, is seen by some outside baseball as cheating and potentially dangerous.

A few parents here agreed.

"Would I want my son to take any of that stuff? Absolutely not," said Dee Johansen, R.J.'s mother. "How do they know whether this stuff will be safe five, 10, 15 years down the road? Is winning that important?"

Despite her reservations, Ms. Johansen admitted that McGwire isn't doing anything illegal.



Many members of the Toms River team idolize major league slugger Mark McGwire but would not use strength-enhancing drugs.

"Am I disappointed? Yes, because he could do without it," Ms. Johansen said. "But not enough to say he's not a good role model."

Orel-Hershiser gives fan \$5,000 for Bonds HR ball

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Orel Hershiser saw the tears in a fan's eyes, and made them disappear with his generosity.

Hershiser gave a \$5,000 check to a Florida family on Sunday in exchange for the ball that San Francisco Giants teammate Barry Bonds hit for his historic 400th homer.

The homer, during a game against the Marlins in Miami, made Bonds the first player in major league history with 400 home runs and 400 stolen bases. The ball was caught in the right-field seats by Joe Sica of Hialeah, Fla., who offered to give Bonds the ball in exchange for an autograph.

Hershiser was in the clubhouse when Sica came by with his wife and two kids.

"The game was going-on and the family was brought to the clubhouse. They didn't want any money, they just wanted to meet Barry and get an autograph. They

were going to give him the ball," Hershiser said Wednesday.

The Sicas had been offered money by collectors for the ball.

"They had been offered \$5,000 for it and I could see that it was a sensitive issue, because the wife had tears in her eyes," Hershiser said. "They were good people who were short of money. So I didn't hesitate in telling them I would get them their money."

Hershiser's old Giants traveling secretary Reggie Younger, Jr., to write the Sica's check for \$5,000 and then deduct it from his paycheck. When Bonds came out of the game, Hershiser gave him the ball.

"When I gave him the ball, he offered to pay for it," Hershiser said. "But I said, 'No, this is something I wanted to do.'"

Bonds, who will donate the spikes he wore Sunday to the Hall of Fame, gave the batting gloves he wore to Orel Hershiser's son, Jordan, who is a Giants batboy.

Greenville, Toms River to meet in Little League World Series

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) - Brack Massey and Kevin Hodges hit consecutive homers and Hodges struck out the last six batters as Greenville, N.C., won a spot in the U.S. final with a 6-4 victory over Cypress, Calif., Wednesday in the Little League World Series.

Hodges hit five up two earned runs on five hits and struck out 17 - eight on Wednesday - in 12 innings to earn both of Greenville's wins.

Richard Barnhill hit a three-run home run as Greenville rallied from a four-run deficit.

In today's final, Greenville faces Toms River, N.J., an undefeated team that beat the Greenville 4-1 on Tuesday behind Todd Frazier's two-run home run and Casey Gaynor's five-hitter.

Greenville is the first North Carolina team in the series since Mooresville in 1952.

In the international pool, Sean Sargent hit his fourth homer of the World Series as Langley, Canada, beat Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, 9-3 to advance to Thursday's international championship game.

The undefeated Canadians will face Kashima, Japan, a team

they beat 10-5 in seven innings behind five home runs - four in the extra inning.

A Canadian team has never won the World Series and no team had even gone to the international pool final since the round-robin format began in 1992. The last team from Canada to make it to the championship: Stoney Creek, Ontario, in 1965. It lost 3-1 to Windsor Locks, Conn.

Cypress struck first in an error-riddled third inning. Following two walks and two wild pitches by Hodges, overthrows by third baseman Sam Byrum and center fielder Richard Barnhill allowed two runs to score.

Barnhill redeemed himself with a three-run homer in the third inning that tied the game at 4-4. Then, in the fifth, Massey and Hodges welcomed reliever Zach Wesley with the back-to-back shots.

Hodges followed that blow with another. He struck out the side in both the fifth and sixth innings.

Langley, which has nine home runs in the series and 28 in the post-season, is the biggest team in this World Series, and the Canadians beat Dhahran with power.

Sosa's thank you: 6 autographed baseballs for admirer

CINCINNATI (AP) - Manager Cincinnati Reds manager Jack McKeon saw Sammy Sosa on the field Tuesday evening before the start of a series against the Chicago Cubs. He went out to the field to have a chat. McKeon wanted to tell Sosa that he admired the way he has handled himself

during his home run chase. "He's a very improved player," McKeon said. "I talked with him before the game and he seemed like he has everything under control, like the way he's handling himself. He's got a good attitude. Not trying to do anything but win games."

Sosa was so grateful that he decided to send back a check you before the final game of the series Wednesday.

Six thank you's, actually. While McKeon sat in his office before the game, a clubhouse attendant delivered six baseballs signed by Sosa.

"Sammy said, 'Tell him I said thanks for what he said yesterday,'" the attendant told McKeon. McKeon responded, "Just tell him not to hit any more today."

Sosa was not that accommodating. He hit a solo homer in the third inning, his 52nd, as the Cubs rolled to a 9-2 victory.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police nab escapees near Coeur d'Alene

TWIN FALLS - Two of the three teenagers who escaped Magic Hot Springs Youth Camp Sunday were caught Wednesday afternoon in northern Idaho, the camp's director said.

The 17-year-olds were arrested in Rathdrum and taken to the Kootenai County jail in Coeur d'Alene, Executive Director Mike Hutchings said.

Authorities knew where the third boy was and were preparing to arrest him, he said Wednesday.

The boys escaped early Sunday by jumping out a window at the youth camp near the Nevada border. Authorities believe they walked to a nearby road and hitched a ride.

Fourteen boys have escaped since the camp opened in November 1996, and seven have escaped since April.

The camp has altered windows and security procedures in response to the escapes, but its security options are limited, because it is a treatment center, not a detention center, Hutchings said.

The Department of Juvenile Corrections will take the teens to an observation center in Nampa to decide where to send them, he said. They might not return to Magic Hot Springs Youth Camp.

"We would like to have them back, but that's (the Department of Juvenile Corrections') call," he said.

Twin Falls teachers accept contract offer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Education Association on Wednesday ratified the collective bargaining agreement reached by the teachers' union and school district.

The district announced it will increase faculty salary support by about 3.5 percent. Starting wages will rise by \$400 to \$20,700 a year. Most experienced teachers - those who have worked in the district for at least 20 years and have a bachelor's degree plus 90 credits, or a master's degree plus 45 credits - will see their salaries rise from \$38,400 to \$40,192.

Raises for teachers between the two extremes will depend on where they fall on the salary schedule, said Keith Farnsworth, personnel director.

The district agreed to cover about an 8 percent increase in insurance costs. And savings to the district in public retirement contributions will be distributed to teachers in a one-time reimbursement.

Each teacher will have the option to extend the 191-day contract by one day. The district last year required teachers to spend time at the end of the year analyzing student achievement and setting goals for the coming year. The optional day gives them more time if needed.

Now the School Board must approve the contract in its Sept. 8 meeting.

Fire burns 169 acres near Craters of the Moon

CAREY - A Tuesday night range fire burned 169 acres 3 miles south of Craters of the Moon National Monument.

Twenty-five Bureau of Land Management firefighters worked overnight and contained the fire at 2 a.m. Wednesday, said a news release from the Southern Idaho Emergency Dispatch Center.

Investigators believe humans started the fire, which was extinguished Wednesday afternoon.

Glenns Ferry fires police chief, offers no comment

GLENN'S FERRY - Roger Arnott was terminated from his position as chief of Glenns Ferry's police department last week.

Glenns Ferry City Clerk David Hahn said he was authorized by Mayor Glenn Thompson to submit termination papers against Arnott Aug. 21. The action followed a conference between Hahn, Thompson and County Executive Catherine, who sits on the city's police commission.

Hahn would not comment on reasons for the termination.

Compiled from staff reports

Water council weighs risks

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The rewards speak for themselves, but the risks came into sharper focus Wednesday as a large citizens' committee continued to study ways to slake the city's thirst in years to come.

More water is needed because the city's system is barely able to meet peak demand on hot days in early summer.

Drilling more wells south of town has long been seen as a partial answer to boosting supply, but hydrologist Charles Brockway Sr. warned there's a serious risk the ground could dry up as farmers convert from flood irrigation to sprinklers.

Flood irrigation soaks deeply into the soil and replenishes an underground aquifer beneath Twin Falls, but sprinklers simply soak the surface, Brockway said.

To replenish the aquifer, some experts are considering forcible injection of canal water - which isn't fit to drink - directly into the ground. The water would then be pumped out from nearby wells, using the ground as a filter.

The big question, Brockway said, is "can we offset the decline in water levels with an artificial recharge program?"

No one knows at this point, he said, but powerful economic forces could play into the city's hands.

"A lot of it depends on power cost," Brockway said. If nationwide deregulation of the electrical industry makes power more expensive in Idaho, Brockway predicted farmers will shy away from sprinkler systems and stick with hefty power bills - and risk with gravity-fed flood irrigation.

Meanwhile, on the north side of the Snake River, the city is preparing to spend millions of dollars to capture its full water right from springs that feed the Blue Lakes. As things stand, inadequate pipes and pumps limit the city to about 40 cubic feet of water per second, but it has rights to 52 1/2 cfs.

One cfs equals 449 gallons per minute, so the city could gain

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Old Towne restaurant closes doors

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A prominent restaurant in Old Towne has been closed since earlier this week, but the restaurant's owner says a deal is in the works.

And the restaurant might be open as early as Friday.

The Creekside Steak House joins several Old Towne businesses that have closed or reorganized in the past few months.

But a leading backer of Old Towne says the former industrial area is going to turn the corner.

"I certainly think it's picking up, or we wouldn't be committing more money to Old Towne," said Rick Beus, an owner of Muggers Brewpub in Old Towne.

"We knew from day one it was going to be a long pull. Things don't happen overnight."

Creekside owners Shavano and Jim Dutt filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy almost three weeks ago. This came after a 60-day organizational restructuring.

Jim Dutt Wednesday said a deal is in the works for a separate party to take over the restaurant. He declined comment on any other aspect of the future of Creekside.

Earlier this week, the restaura-

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Comie McDonald, left, Mary Hoffman, right, and Jessica McDonald carry a bookcase out the back of a U-Haul truck to a group of waiting volunteers at the new school in Shoshone Wednesday. School starts Sept. 8 in the new facility.

Volunteers move Shoshone school across town before noon in 1 day

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - It was done by noon.

Volunteers and Shoshone School District teachers and staff packed up the elementary school Wednesday and moved it across town in horse trailers, moving vans, pickups and even a rail ambulance.

"We came out to help because we love our community," said Melody Russell, a member of the Shoshone Rotary Club.

Russell and her husband, Gary, who own Southern Idaho Medical Services, brought an ambulance to double as a moving van. Two other ambulances

Movers wanted

Shoshone School District seeks volunteers to help move the junior and senior high school Monday. All hands are needed by the school at 8 a.m.

stood ready for medical emergencies.

"I've never seen such community involvement," Gary Russell said.

Rotarians plan to help move the junior and senior high school Monday into the new \$4.2 million building, which consolidates all grades under one roof. While work continues in the secondary wings, the elementary portion basically had

been completed by Wednesday. Volunteers moved a classroom at a time, Superintendent Max Excell said.

"We had people just like ants all over the building, taking stuff out," he said.

It took about six strong backs to lift what was guessed to be a 600-pound cafeteria mixer. It proved to be one of the toughest items to transport.

Moving day was the first time sisters Anna and Christina Godeborg, who will be in the fifth and sixth grades this year, had been inside the new school. They said they were excited to attend class there.

"I think it's going to be fun, because the old school was

falling apart," said Christina Godeborg, 11.

Other students were among the movers.

Support from throughout the Magic Valley was heartwarming, elementary Principal Alice Hocklander said.

"We planned to move the whole day. We finished by noon," she said.

Hocklander's gratitude extends to volunteers who will install the playground. Students and the community raised money for the equipment.

School begins Sept. 8.

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Railroad losses will result in higher taxes for residents in Magic Valley counties

By Jeffere Backway
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - In Idaho, operating property and utility companies pay taxes based on company profits, so operating losses for utilities can result in higher property taxes for Idaho residents.

Operating properties are companies such as Union Pacific Railroad, Idaho Power Co., AT&T and US West.

Tax records show Union Pacific Railroad lost \$3.6 billion last year. That includes \$38.5 million in operating losses in Idaho. So Idaho counties with UPRR rail lines, associated equipment, shipments and allied

businesses could lose between 6 and 7 percent of their assessed utilities valuation, which means higher tax levies for everyone else.

In Magic Valley, the hardest hit is Lincoln County. State Tax Commission records show Lincoln County will lose nearly \$4 million in taxable value, and Assessor Susie Edwards says the loss could climb to as much as 20 percent of total operating property valuation by the 1999 tax season if current trends in operating losses continue.

Under tax commission regulations, UPRR pays 40 percent of its taxes based on the station site, 20 percent on operating track and 40 percent on railroad track

enue. Edwards said this formula is having serious impact on small counties that historically have drawn tax base from the railroad.

Lincoln County has a station site and 54 miles of UPRR mainline track. UPRR shipments to and from the West Coast along the northern route travel through Lincoln County and are included in the formula.

"Counties with mainline are penalized by the formula," Edwards said.

The tax commission originally notified Edwards that Lincoln County would lose \$8 million in assessed utility valuation, nearly identical to Bannock County where the UPRR maintains a

much larger presence. Edwards joined five other county assessors to request a "review of value" before the State Tax Commission.

"The commission sets the operating property values and levies, and the counties have no appeal except to call for the review," she said.

During review, the commission discovered some errors and the loss to Lincoln County was reduced to \$3.8 million in value, Edwards said Tuesday. Other Magic Valley counties also are affected by the decline in operating property revenues. Twin Falls will lose \$1.7 million and Cassia County \$904,000 in tax.

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Buhl residents oppose proposed gravel pit

By M.S. Nohkntved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Folks who live in residential developments north of Buhl crowded into the Twin Falls County commissioners' chambers Wednesday to oppose a proposed gravel pit.

Neighbors worried about the noise, dust, traffic and visual intrusion that would come with a proposed gravel pit at Boulder Ridge Ranch north of Buhl.

A conditional permit for the project was denied in July, and promoters had appealed this decision to county commissioners. That appeal was heard Wednesday, no action was taken.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission turned down a permit request for the project, because the area is slated for rural residential development under a new zoning ordinance before county commissioners.

Under the existing ordinance or the new one, a gravel pit in that area would require a conditional use permit. Boulder Ridge Ranch applied for a permit in 1992.

Boulder Ridge has proposed mining gravel in 50 acres, five acres at a time, between the Clear Lake Road and the existing Buhl Highway District gravel pit to the west, said David Showell, speaking for the project.

He acknowledged neighbors' concerns, and said dust from the operation would be controlled by spraying water. Though it would add to the noise from the existing operation, the new gravel pit would include berms and landscaping to reduce noise and visual impact, Showell said.

The operation could be compatible with existing pits and area residences, noise and dust can be mitigated and the operation can be a good neighbor to

residential developments, Showell said.

"We didn't decide where the gravel is, Mother Nature did," he said.

While other gravel pits can supply gravel, not all of them contain the quality of material found in the proposed pit, said Scott Allen of EHM Engineers Inc.

But residents say the area is an active residential development and not compatible with a new gravel pit.

The Buhl Highway District pit was established in 1951. Residential development began in the late 1960s. Kanaka Rapids Ranch was established in 1981.

Residents who bought homes in Kanaka Rapids Ranch and Country Club Estates knew about the existing pit, but fear another pit would bring more dust, more noise and more truck traffic.

The area should be for resi-

dential development, recreation and farming, not for gravel pits, said Bobbi Wolverson, a resident of Country Club Estates.

When county planners approved the residential developments in the area, their intent was to make the area residential, said David Kendall, a resident of Kanaka Rapids Ranch.

Engineer Dale Riedesel, speaking in behalf of opponents, said there are 41 gravel pits in south-central Idaho - 14 that supply material similar to the proposed pit.

Because Commissioner Marvin Hempleman was the only commissioner present, no decision could be made. The full commission will consider the appeal at 10 a.m. on Sept. 8 in the county courthouse, Hempleman said.

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Buhl council approves city budget

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Hearing no objections, the Buhl City Council approved a 1999 budget of \$3,349,598 Monday.

The bids for water meters drew discussion from the council, and were put on hold. Neptune Co. of Boise was the low bidder at \$140,209, about \$26,000 lower than the previous company received.

This raised questions about the council's compatibility and warranted Rob Hegstrom of J-U-B Engineers Inc. asked the council to table its decision, and the council agreed to do so.

The council approved a request from Barbara Phillips, executive director for the Chamber of Commerce, to close Main Street between Broadway and 11th Street from 6 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 12 for a street dance.

The event is sponsored by the chamber in conjunction with "Building Buhl's Future" project.

City officials will ask some citizens to clean up their yards at a specific time, and if they don't, the city will hire out the work and bill residents on their property tax bill.

Raymond H. Baltasar of Nampa, 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Alspil Funeral Chapel in Nampa; friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A Dale Barotsky of Buhl, 10 a.m. Friday at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Buhl; friends may call from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

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Glenn D. Anderson of Burley, 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour before the service Friday at the church.

Vernon D. Pack of Eureka, Nev., 2 p.m. Friday at the 1st, 3rd, and 9th Ward LDS Chapel on Elizabeth Blvd.; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Burns Funeral Home, Elko, Nev.).

Jerome — Grace Salsar, 75, of Jerome died Wednesday Aug. 26 at her home following an extended illness.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Howerton Funeral Chapel, Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Paul K. McCollum HANSEN — Paul K. McCollum, 77, of Hansen died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1998, at his home.

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HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names omitted at patients' request.

Hensel of Paul; Hazel Jones of Malta; Daleana Miller of Heyburn; and Heidi Rogers of Hazelton.

Admitted Elsie Brightout and Chester Nenzel, both of Twin Falls, and Cline Preston of Declo.

Births Babies were born to Rudy and Colina Montoya and to Jose L. and April Montes of Rupert; and to Spencer and Robbie Bedke and to Katherine Gunnow of Burley.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Robbie Bedke, Katherine Gunnow, Sharon Kayla and Robert Wankle all of Burley; William Baker of Heyburn; and Arlene Harrison, April Montes and Celina Montes all of Rupert.

Released Thomas Boos and Brent Esplin, both of Burley; Minda

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Violet Miller of Rupert and Martinne Goin of Burley.

Released Maria Hernandez and Elias Lopez of Rupert, and Colleen Norden of Burley.

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TWIN FALLS



Deana Z. Coats Deana Z. Coats, 44, a Twin Falls native residing in Soda Springs, died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1998, at her mother's home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Deana was born May 27, 1954, in Jerome, to Dean and Betty Coats. She was a graduate of Kimberly High School. Deana joined the United States Army in 1976 and went to basic training in Fort McClellan, Ala. then to advanced individual training at Fort Lee, Va. Her first permanent duty station was Fort Knox, Ky., as a supply clerk for a helicopter ambulance crew. She went on to the 502nd Maintenance Company in Sinsinnot, Germany, where she was in general supply. She received the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Achievement in May 1978. Deana was honorably discharged in June 1978. She married John Edward (Rabbit) Nelson in March 1980, and they were divorced in August 1985. Deana was an avid pool player on the Twin Falls Women's Pool League. She took top shooter awards in series years 1983-84, 1990-91, 1992-93 and 1995-96. The teams she played on took awards too numerous to mention. She also enjoyed drawing, camping and fishing with her four-legged companions, Butch and Billy, and liked to have lots of plants and flowers around.

Deana is preceded in death by her father, Dean Coats. She is survived by her mother, Betty Coats of Soda Springs, two sisters, Laura Tippets of Soda Springs and Mrs. Paul (Maia) Garrett of Twin Falls, two brothers, Edward (Bonnie) Coats and John (Marcel) Coats, both of Twin Falls, five nieces, four nephews, and a great-nephew.

Deana had a big heart and would do anything she could for her friends and family. She was loved by all and will be dearly missed. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, 1998, at the east end of the Twin Falls Park in the Shako River Canyon, with the Rev. Dale Motzger officiating. Military rites will be conducted by area veterans and auxiliary. Please send no flowers. You may make donations to the American Cancer Society, or to Breast Cancer Research in care of Hazel Wilder, 359 Orchard, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or call 1-800-632-5934. Cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary.



Dorothy Nagel

Dorothy Nagel, 76, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998, at her home. Dorothy was born May 18, 1922, at Shields, N.D. She and Elizabeth Woschenol-Orndorf at five years of age she moved with her family to Park City, Mont., where she grew up and attended school. On Jan. 6, 1944, she married Emil J. Nagel at Laurel, Mont. Because of Mr. Nagel's work in road construction they travelled extensively

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in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah. In 1966, they settled in Park City, Mont., and Dorothy moved to Twin Falls that same year. Dorothy worked as a chamber of commerce clerk in local department stores for 20 years. She enjoyed making teddy bears and quilts, and loved her dog, Mandy Jo. She was a member of the Twin Falls United Methodist Church and the First Congregational Church in Laurel, Mont.

She is survived by a daughter, Lorita (Dan) Kimpion of Twin Falls; a son, David W. Coats of Portland, Ore.; three sisters, Elizabeth Baxter of Kemmerer, Wyo., Emily Shuman of Big Timber, Alton, and Lydia Park of Malta. She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, a sister, and her mother, Mrs. M. J. Coats.

The funeral will take place at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, 1998, at White Mortuary. Burial will follow at a later date in Park City, Mont. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

RUPERT



Cynthia E. Pat Shipley

Cynthia E. Pat Shipley, 55-year-old Rupert resident, died Wednesday, Aug. 26, at her home. Mrs. Shipley was born Oct. 12, 1942, to Dolmar C. and Marjorie Gaye Patterson Attebury in Lubbock, Texas. She attended schools in Abilene, Texas. She married Marshall Conner and they were later divorced. She married Jim Forbis, and he preceded her in death. Doc, Dec. 12, 1970, in Belvidere, Neb., she married Edward Shipley. As a child, she loved to travel, enjoy reunions and listen to the music played there. Family meant a lot to her. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crafts, caring for her pets, and her true nature. She loved to work in her yard and maintain a clean home which was comfortable to the family and friends who visited her. Pat was a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Edward of Rupert; six children: Marshall Alan Conner Forbis of Abilene, Texas; Jory Jane Conner Forbis and Tina Michelle Forbis, both of Idaho Falls; LeAnn Shipley Movilyn of Endicott, Neb.; and Tracy Renea Forbis Guymon of Rupert, one sister, Tudy Seymour of Ventura, Calif., and one brother, Victor Attebury of Pine, Ariz. She also had eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a husband, Jim Forbis, one son, Chris Eric Conner Forbis; her parents; and a brother, Doyle Attebury.

Erna Dockter

Erna Dockter, 79, of Rupert, went to be with her Lord, at 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998, surrounded by her family.

Erna was born Aug. 26, 1918, to Edward and Magdalena Dietz Plocher in Adelaide. She was baptized in the name of the Triune God Oct. 6, 1918. She was confirmed May 15, 1932. She attended the first of the Roper school in Rupert, where she lived her entire life. She married Robert Dockter on Jan. 14, 1945, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Idaho Falls. Erna lived her life for her loving husband and their children. Erna enjoyed her yard, sewing and crafts.

OBITUARIES

She is survived by her husband, Robert of Rupert; two daughters, Beverly (Budd) Kendrick and John (Dexter Hunt) Hanks, both of Boise; one son, John (Lanette) Dockter of Rupert. She is also survived by eight grandchildren; three brothers, Elmore Plocher and Richard Plocher, both of Rupert and Raymond Plocher of Paisley; four sisters, Emma McCall and Maggie Hirsch of Rupert and Frieda and Esther Schenk of Paul. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and one granddaughter.

Family funeral will be conducted at the Rupert Cemetery A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert with Pastor L. G. Metzner officiating. The family suggests memorials to the Trinity Lutheran Church building fund. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

MALTA



Kenneth McFarland 57-year-old Malta resident, died Monday, Aug. 24, 1998, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born May 15, 1941, in Butler, Okla., the son of Quantis Arthur and Eva Mae Wilbanks McFarland. Kenneth was the second of five children. He spent his earlier life and received his education in Oklahoma. He was drafted into the United States Army on Aug. 13, 1942. He served in North Africa in the Signal Corp., and in Central Europe as a combat infantryman. Kenneth earned the EAMC Service Ribbon, one Bronze Service Star, and a Good Conduct Medal. He received an honorable discharge April 15, 1945, at Camp Phillips, Ark. He married Dorothy Snyder in 1946. They later divorced. He married Patricia on May 15, 1971, in Burley. Kenneth lived in Oklahoma and California before moving to Idaho in 1956, where he farmed in Malta and worked for the Ruff River Highway District. He had a great love for horses, producing several state winners.

WEST JORDAN, UTAH

Eddy H. Phillips

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Eddy H. Phillips, 46, died Aug. 25, 1998, from a heart attack.

He was born Nov. 15, 1951, in Salmon, Utah, and his children, Mike (Rodney) Gracieck of West Valley City, Utah, Andy, and Shannon, all of West Jordan; three grandchildren, Brittany, Kristen and Bailey; mother, Betty Vestal Phillips of Twin Falls; brothers and sister, Rodney Phillips of Sheehone, Idaho; (Dale) Phillips Jr. of Layton and Linda (Dale) Romano of Searles, Ill. He was preceded in death by his father, Eddy H. Phillips Sr.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998, at the Malta LDS Chapel. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Malta, with military rites under the direction of the local veterans. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

BURLEY



Mary Emma Valdez 87-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998, at her home in Burley.

She was born Dec. 28, 1916, in Del Norte, Colo., the daughter of Antonio and Carlita Montoya Salazar. She married Antonio (Tony) R. Valdez on Dec. 16, 1935, in Del Norte, Colo. He preceded her in death on Sept. 20, 1995. They married in Burley in 1951, where she had and raised:

Survivors include nine sons, Richard Valdez and his wife Ada, Charles Valdez, and Miguel Valdez and his wife Jessi, all of Burley; Albert Valdez of Phoenix, Ariz.; Raymond Valdez and his wife Evelyn, both of Nampa; two daughters, Mrs. Curtis (Genevieve) Duran of Roy, Utah; Mrs. Albert (Gertrude) Corvick of Del Norte, Colo.; Mrs. Loretta (Loretta) Duran of Pecos, Texas; and Mrs. Herbert (Catherine) Hunter of Burley; a special family friend, George Miller of North Salt Lake City; and 11 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Anita, one son, Robert Valdez, and one grandson, Charles Duran.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church. A funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, 1998, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, with Father Juan Garza officiating. Burial will be at Paradise Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the mortuary service today and one hour before the funeral Mass at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, 225 West Main Street in Burley.

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Jackpot School starts new reading program

By Sam Feltman Times-News correspondent

Nutting and Roberts spent five days in San Francisco this summer for intense training. Teachers had a three-day workshop in Elko before school started.

JACKPOT, Nev. — Jackpot School's grades one through six have implemented the "Success for All" program, which stresses reading, and a 50-minute block is set aside every day.

"Our training was excellent," first-grade teacher Sue Frank said.

"We think our students will make great strides in reading," said Billie Roberts, who was Jackpot's fourth-grade teacher but became "Success for All" facilitator. "All our teachers are excited about the program."

Nutting said things also have changed this year for the upper grades. Students are offered seven periods; the seventh is tutorial, and students can get help from teachers on subjects they have trouble with.

Orval Nutting, Jackpot principal, said 1,100 schools throughout the nation are in this program. Thirteen are in Las Vegas, three in Carson City, Nev., and only two in Elko County — in Owyhee and Jackpot.

To implement the seven periods, classes are on a rotating schedule, with one class omitted every day.

Not every school can use "Success for All," Roberts said. She said the school had to agree it wanted the program — administered through Johns Hopkins University — by a vote of 80 percent of the teachers. It had to apply with statistics and reasons for the school's need; not every school is accepted, so she feels fortunate Jackpot had the program.

This was hard to achieve, as some of the teachers teach both high school and grade school, Nutting said.

"We are in for three years," Roberts said. "All the planning is done for three years. Representatives will visit the school to evaluate progress and help with problems."

Enrollment is down by 19 students, he said. He is not sure why. The girls' volleyball team is practicing and getting ready for its first game. Jackpot will not have a football team this year. Because of Jackpot students' small stature, Nutting said, football is not a favorite sport. The boys will have a basketball team and a golf team that will start this spring.

Experts offer advice to help Idaho elk

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Eradicating brucellosis in Idaho elk will require eliminating routine winter feeding sites and improving winter range, a state task force has decided.

Elk calves, but the feeding stations concentrate the animals, elk and the disease can get around.

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Illman and other state Department of Agriculture staff recommend federal land managers consult with the Idaho Fish and Game Department to help improve winter ground in the corner of the state.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Filer blocks youth ranch

By Nicole Gilbert
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Magic Hot Springs Youth Ranch has been denied charter school status by the Filer School District.

Mike Hutchings, director of the youth ranch, came before the board last week to request charter status. Hutchings said a charter school would receive more money, which would be used to improve his facility for juvenile offenders.

The School Board, however, decided the ranch did not meet the requirements of a charter school on four points:

- The petition did not demonstrate an increase in learning opportunities for all students.
- The remote location of the school, 19 miles from the nearest paved road, would not attract students other than the detainees.
- The ranch houses only teenage boys, and petition did not address the issue of female students.
- Parental involvement would be restricted due to the school's remote location.

Trustees voted unanimously to deny the petition.

Hutchings said he will appeal the decision to the State Department of Education, which will appoint a hearing officer to investigate the case and make a recommendation.

In other business, an audiovisual materials policy, reviewed by a committee this summer, would allow showing PG-13-rated movies in the middle school and R-rated movies in the high school only if the film receives administrative approval and provides educational benefit.

Parental permission slips would be required, and if a student does not wish to view the material, an alternate assignment would be provided.

The policy will be read a second time at next month's board meeting, superintendent Bill Feusuhrens said.

In other Filer school news, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has assigned a community resource worker to the district to work with needy families and students.

The resource worker will be a liaison between schools and families, to spread the word about available services, Feusuhrens said.



A solitary figure walks along the edge of Lake Coeur d'Alene in February 1996.

Indian official accuses tribal leaders, members of failing their children

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — The crisis among Indian children is the single most important issue facing Indian communities today, says Kevin Gover, assistant secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

In many ways, perhaps most — of our kids really live a life-time of abuse in their childhoods," Gover said Tuesday. "Alcoholism, substance abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence are part of their lives."

Speaking at the opening of the Four Corners Indian Country Conference, Gover said Indian communities are failing their children miserably, and pretending not to notice the problems.

"In some communities, by juveniles are on the rise on Indian reservations as they are nationwide, and the focus of this year's conference is juvenile crime. Conference participants hope to form strategies for prosecuting juvenile criminals and dealing with the aftereffects of their crimes."



Larry EchoHawk

But Gover, head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and former Idaho Attorney General Larry EchoHawk asked them to look more deeply at how generations of unresolved pain have created broken families and broken communities that are raising broken children and not taking responsibility for the outcome.

EchoHawk, also a former legislator and prosecutor and now a law professor at Brigham Young

University, said the nation's problems with dropouts, teen pregnancy, teen suicide, drugs and alcohol are magnified on Indian reservations.

He said today's problems can be traced to government policies in the 19th century that took Indians from their homelands, decimated their numbers and relocated them to small reservations where they became dependent on government services.

Gover and EchoHawk, both members of the Pawnee tribe, recounted passionate and painful memories of their own childhoods and family histories. Their memories included drunken fathers hardened by government boarding schools, violence at home, and early marriages in school and in popular culture that Indians are wary of.

Kimberly to sell former dump site

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — The City Council passed an ordinance Tuesday to allow the city to sell unused land north of Kimberly.

The 40 acres lie along the Snake River Canyon and was the city's dump for many years before the Twin Falls landfill was established.

The land will be sold by bid at no less than \$160,000, the appraised value. Interested buyers can contact the city of Kimberly for more details.

In other city business:

- Mary Hoffman, representing North West Bec-Corp, reported that his company had purchased the Mountain View Care Center and would change the name to Kimberly Living Center.
- The center will expand services to include residents in the area, and had already helped a senior citizens' group by painting a building and sign.
- The council voted to table the budget hearing until the Sept. 8 meeting.
- The police department was honored a plaque presented to officer Brent Wright by Wesley Dobbs, law enforcement instructor at the College of Southern Idaho.
- Wright earned the plaque by having the highest scholastic average in law enforcement for the 1997-98 school year. Wright's name will be placed on a permanent plaque at the college.
- Dobbs said CSI has had 600 students graduate in law enforcement since the course was first offered in 1966.
- The council granted Jim Mitchell an appeal on a variance to build a garage on his property on Washington Street, replacing an existing carport.
- The council accepted the contract for ESI Waste Systems Inc. to haul Kimberly's garbage for the next five years.
- Tim Weaver, representing the Kimberly Youth Association, discussed the association's needs for the coming year. The group voted to spend the remainder of the recreation department money for the year on a drinking fountain at the ball field.
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Ketchum downtown makes plans to promote Wagon Days

By Margot Higgins
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Responding to a challenge from the Ketchum City Council, the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce is working to organize and promote downtown activity during Wagon Days weekend.

In passing its 1998-99 budget for the chamber, the council recently provided another \$12,500 to help create more downtown activity in the evenings.

Councilwoman Chris Potters said she was emboldened by the shortage of things to do at night when she was entertaining guests earlier this summer.

Under the direction of chamber director Carol Waller, Ketchum store owners and managers were surveyed last week to gauge interest in extending business hours until 8 or 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday of Wagon Days weekend.

"We thought it was a natural opportunity," Waller said. "It is the busiest weekend of the year, with plenty of folks already here, and downtown evening activities already in place."

Waller said she hopes Wagon Days will give retailers an incentive to keep their doors open, and attract additional business. She said most survey respondents were agreeable to late night shopping hours over Labor Day weekend.

The chamber plans to promote the extended hours with banners and posters throughout town, especially at restaurants.

"We want to encourage people to walk around and enjoy the town before and after dinner," Waller said.

The chamber and retailers have attempted on numerous occasions to encourage late night shopping, with mixed results.

"It's a good concept, especially for those businesses that are centrally located downtown," said Andy Munter, owner of Backwoods Mountain Sports.

But with his business on the outskirts of the main drag, Munter has his doubts.

"I don't know if we are going to have the manpower to pull it off successfully," he said.

Barry Peterson, owner of a jewelry store on Sun Valley Road is also concerned about staffing, but said there was no better weekend to extend business hours.

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Waller said the chamber is willing to give the concept another try and is forming a downtown events task force with merchants.

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Tribe begins patrolling lake

Marine officer helps train police

HELENA, MT (AP) — Police officers with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe are being trained to patrol Lake Coeur d'Alene and federal judges last month that the tribe was the southern third of that lake.

The ruling also gives the tribe law enforcement jurisdiction on the western and eastern shores.

Tribe police Sgt. Trent Aubertin and Capt. Rob Weindlaw were the first to train Tuesday with an marine officer and a jet boat on loan from the Nez Perce Tribe.

"We're just going to get out on the water and meet people," Aubertin said. "We want to let

them know the Coeur d'Alene Tribe taking this part of the lake isn't going to mean any drastic changes."

As the tribe establishes a law-enforcement presence, it will be up to Kootenai and Benewah county authorities to decide if they want to continue marine patrols.

Aubertin said he hopes the tribal patrols will not replace other patrols already on the lake, but add to them.

"We rely on each other and it's been working out great," Aubertin said. "I hope we can continue to train together and work together."

movies

(Program Info: 7:15-2:00 Showtimes for Aug 27)

Feature	Daily	Sat-Sun
Don't Worry Be Happy on It's Digital	7:00-9:00	5:00

Feature	Thursday
Something About Nicky on Ben Stiller	3:45-6:45-9:45
Planet Trap on From Walt Disney	3:45-6:45-9:45
The Avengers on Uma Thurman	4:40-7:00-9:15
Ever After on Drew Barrymore	3:45-6:45-9:45
Circle in the Digital Wesley Snipes	3:45-6:45-9:45
Armageddon on Ice Digital Bruce Willis	3:45-6:45-9:45
Dances With Wolves on Kevin Costner	4:00-7:45
Swing Kids on Ice Digital-Tom Hanks	4:40-7:00-9:15
Small Eyes on Nicolas Cage	4:40-7:00-9:15
Dr. Dolittle on Eddie Murphy	4:40-7:00-9:15
Wrongfully Accused on Leslie Nielsen	4:40-7:00-9:15
Mr. Deeds on HURRY UP TODAY	4:30
Home Sweet Home on HURRY UP TODAY	7:30-9:45
Street Fighter - Resurrect the Legend - How Stella Got Her Groove Back - 54	

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Shows at 9:45 pm:

Home Sweet Home on HURRY UP TODAY - All Adults \$2.00 - Kids \$1.00 - 2 Shows 1 secret: Deep Impact on Godzilla on

Shows at 9:45 pm:

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Shows at 9:45 pm:

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK

Angela Bassett

Home Sweet Home on HURRY UP TODAY - All Adults \$2.00 - Kids Under 14 FREE

Home Sweet Home on HURRY UP TODAY - All Adults \$2.00 - Kids Under 14 FREE

Shows at 9:45 pm:

RETURN TO PARADISE

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Home Sweet Home on HURRY UP TODAY - All Adults \$2.00 - Kids Under 14 FREE

Home Sweet Home on HURRY UP TODAY - All Adults \$2.00 - Kids Under 14 FREE

Shows at 9:45 pm:

DEEP IMPACT

Home Sweet Home on HURRY UP TODAY - All Adults \$2.00 - Kids Under 14 FREE

Home Sweet Home on HURRY UP TODAY - All Adults \$2.00 - Kids Under 14 FREE

Shows at 9:45 pm:

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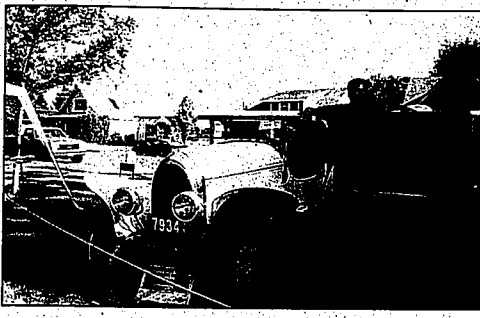
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WHAT A BREEZE!



Michael Sperrazza from College Point, N.Y., displayed his 1931 Buick Buick car at the 30th Annual Antique Car, Truck and Tractor Show. Robert Breeze built and designed the car by Sperrazza. Bonnie Jones, chairperson of the event, said that more than 100 vehicles were entered in the show.

Civic

Blue Lakes Rotary Club
Meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Western Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls. For more information, call President Robert J. Mogensen at 733-2740 or President Dick Moran at 734-4167.
Buhl Rotary Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at Melina's Restaurant, downtown Buhl. For more information, call President George Nye at 543-8228 or Secretary Robert E. Bulley at 543-5506.

Barley Lions Club
Meets at noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. For more information, call Secretary Larry Oeschler at 238-578-3653 or President Sam Yoshida at 478-4783.

Barley Rotary Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at Barley Inn Convention Center. For more information, call President Dave Westfall at 678-0466 or Secretary Jon Anderson at 678-0332.

Civil Air Patrol
Meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at FAA Building at the Barley Airport. Anyone age 12 and older is invited to join. For more information, call Pete Schultz at 678-2558 or James Fletcher at 436-0881.

Kwanza Club of Buhl
Meets at noon Wednesdays at Aquilino Restaurant, 113 Broadway Ave. S. For more information, call President Tom Coonan at 208-543-2530 or Vice-President Steve Katz at 543-8576.

Kwanza Club of Filer
Meets at noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church. For more information, call Secretary Shirley Galley at 208-336-4530, business phone or home at (208) 336-4051.

Kwanza Club of Twin Falls
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Tuff Club for lunch. For more information, call Mark Melni, president, at 736-4276 or Marvin Chamberlain, secretary at 734-4244.

Society for Creative Anachronism
The Shire of Two Limes meets at 3 p.m. on Sundays in the city park across from the library. For more information, call Jeff at 525-4425.

Twin Falls Lions Club
Meets at noon Wednesdays at the Mandarin House. For more information, call Brian Welch, president, at 736-4138, or Bob Berg, membership chairman, at 734-6644.

Twin Falls Optimist Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Mandarin House. For more information, call Wayne Bohm, president, or Archie Goodman, membership chairman, at 733-2043.

Twin Falls Rotary Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Tuff Club in Twin Falls. For more information, call Roger Burdick, secretary, at 736-4029 or H. Richard Cook, president, at 734-4549.

Wendell Optimist Club
Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farnhouse Restaurant in Wendell. For more information, call Leo Coleman at 536-6477.

Writers Support Group
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in Chamber 1, (bookstore in Bailey) 130 N. Main. For more information, call John at (208) 788-4403.

Fire Chamber of Commerce
Meets at noon today at City Hall. For more information, call Shirley Galley at 326-4530 or Linda Gwyn at 326-4396.

Musical

Mingichards Barbershop Chorus
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Methodist Church in the basement, corner of Shoshone and Fourth Street, Twin Falls.

Snoke River Flans
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 S. E. in Rupert. For more information, call Jim Rodgers at 436-0047 or David Spier at 438-8148.

Sweet Adelines Chorus
Meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays for rehearsal at 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls. All women age 15 to 70+ are invited to accept six weeks free membership. For more information, call 733-9050 or 733-6238.

Hobbies

Bingo
The group meets to bowl from 1 to 3 p.m. each week at Magic Bowl, 340 Second Ave. E. in Twin Falls. For more information on BINGO, call Binc at 733-1712.

Empire Pickers Golf Club
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new Paul Frier Hill, 650 E. Idaho. New members are welcome.

Friends in Recreational Opportunities Group
The group meets to bowl from 1 to 3 p.m. each week at Magic Bowl, 340 Second Ave. E. in Twin Falls. For more information on FRIENDS, call Binc at 733-1712.

Magic Valley Chess Club
Meets from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturdays at Barnes and Noble bookstore in Twin Falls. For more information, call Barry Eacker at 736-2386.

Magic Valley Pinocle Club
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Weight loss

Support TOPE ID No. 256 (a weight loss buddy group)
Meets from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, with weigh in at 5:30 p.m. at the Heyburn School lunchroom.

Support TOPE Chapter No. 251 (a non-competitive group)
Meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding-Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. For more information, call 934-4638.

Support TOPE Chapter No. 48
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library. For more information, call 326-2425.

Twin Falls TOPE Club ID No. 3
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. (corner of Heyburn and Maurice). For more information, call 733-3304.

Twin Falls TOPE Chapter No. 309
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 475 Casswell Ave. W. in the recreation room. For more information, call 734-5132 or 736-3261.

Overcomers Anonymous
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at First Baptist Church on Shoshone Street (go through side door) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 732-9976.

Overcomers Anonymous
Meets at 10 a.m. Saturdays at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. (enter at the North Avenue entrance) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 732-9976.

Support Groups

AA
For more information, call 733-8300.
A.A. Fall College of Southern Idaho students.
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Center for New Directions, Room 118. For more information, call Keith at 733-9554 Ext. 3260.

Al-Anon (for relatives and close friends of problem drinkers).
For more information on meeting times and places, call the Al-Anon Hotline at 736-3553.

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DivorceCare
Meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Dr. N. For more information, call Bill or Patty Arrington at 733-0533.

Grandmothers Touch
Meets from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Lori Lawson at 825-9604.

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LETTERS OF THANKS

Monsanto thanks Magic Valley

On behalf of Monsanto, we offer our thanks to the Magic Valley for making our 1998 Technology of Tomorrow agricultural field day a success. Growers and other interested people from the Snake River region viewed the latest biotech crop plots and equipment. Events this size can't be accomplished without help. We extend our thanks to the landowners, co-sponsors, contributors, manufacturers, vendors and citizens who worked with us. Specifically, we'd like to thank NatureMark Seed, Dekalb Genetics, Ag West Distributing, Gem Equipment, Pickett Equipment, Burel Tractor, Magic Valley Equipment, Agri Service, G&R Ag, Ag Chem Equipment, Cooper Norman, Kimberly Lions Club, Kimberly School District, Standard Printing, Magic Valley Tour Ice, PSI Waste Systems, Southern Idaho Distributing, The Times-News, Magic Valley Ag Weekly, Twin Falls County Commission, Twin Falls County Sheriff and the Dave Fullmer Farm and family. Thanks again for your help and support.

DAN RONGEN
Local Market Manager
Monsanto
Twin Falls
CHARLIE POWELL
Powell & Associates Communications
Moscow

Returned wallet renews hope

I recently left my wallet in a market basket in the parking lot at Waremart. When I realized what I had done, I phoned Waremart, explained the situation to the assistant manager and asked if anyone had turned it in. Within 10 minutes, a woman phoned to say they had the wallet at the courtesy desk as one of the boys that picks up baskets found it.

The woman got my wallet for me and everything was in it. I thanked her and asked for the boy's name as I would like to reward him. She said Waremart didn't allow that and it was just part of their service. I asked her to tell the young man how grateful and appreciative I was.

This whole experience has renewed my faith in humanity and shown me how special Waremart and Twin Falls people are.

MOLLIE CAMPBELL
Ketchum

Job well done brightens day

I would like to thank three professional, caring men who made my day. During Aug. 6's windstorm, a huge tree - 50 feet high and 2 1/2 feet in diameter - fell on my house. I spent more than two days trying to find someone to remove it. I think my guardian angel sent Terry

Carpenter, Tim Abbott and Beau Lewis. They came to my door, quickly gave me a bid and started to work. They were so quick and so careful and so efficient, it was a pleasure to watch them.

In these times when everyone is saying how you can't get good help at a decent price any more, I can assure you Trees and Stumps of Magic Valley is good help. I would highly recommend these guys to anyone and have done so already a couple of times.

Thanks, guys. You certainly made my week brighter.
SUE HART
Twin Falls

Thanks to all who put fire out

I would like to thank the Fire Department for putting out the week fire on Coats and Leonard's farm. And Dave, Dale and Shane for reporting it and helping fight it, saving two wheat fields and dairy and Leonard's home place; and all of the others who helped.

Thank you,
VAUGHN SMITH
Filer

Woman heals after bike fall

This is to the gentleman who was kind enough to stop a help the woman in need after having taken a fall on her bicycle on Pole Line on Aug. 6 at about 1:30 pm and helping her to the care center. She is doing fine and now, after a few stitches, thanks to your help. Not very many people would have stopped to help, but you saw it in your heart to do so.

Thank you very much.
ARLENE WELCH
Twin Falls

Benefit for club was success

On Aug. 2, Great Clips Salon held its first Charity Cut Day with all proceeds from sales and services benefitting the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club. The day was a great success, and we look forward to making the Charity Cut Day a yearly event. However, without the contributions of several Magic Valley businesses, this day would not have been possible. We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation for their support.

We want to thank Falls Brand for the donation of the hot dogs, Wonder Bread for the buns and Pepsi for the soft drinks. Thanks to KMYT for its coverage and to Mix 103 for the air time while the Charity Cut was taking place. A very special thank you to all of our clients. Without them, the Charity Cut Day would never have taken place.

HEATHER PILKINGTON
And the Stylists of Great Clips Salon
Twin Falls

Church is holding a fund-raising yard sale

Church is holding a fund-raising yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 430 Blue Lakes Blvd. A computer and printer, perennials, furniture, dishes and miscellaneous items will be available. Donations for the sale are welcome from them off from noon to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Filer Peace Lutheran Church on Stevens Street.

Proceeds will be used for the church building fund and LWML annual missionary projects, including Valley House, St. Edward's Soup Kitchen and Volunteers Against Violence.
For more information, call 733-6599 or 734-9957.

Circus will perform at fairgrounds

BURLEY - Sterling & Reid Brothers' Circus plans two shows 5:15 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

The show includes African and Asian elephants, lions, tigers, a laughing hyena, horse show, giant wheel of death, wild animal menagerie and Tyrone the Terrible.
Free tickets for children under 12 are available at area businesses.

CLUB CALENDAR

Civic

Blue Lakes Rotary Club
Meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Western Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls. For more information, call President Robert J. Mogensen at 733-2740 or President Dick Moran at 734-4167.
Buhl Rotary Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at Melina's Restaurant, downtown Buhl. For more information, call President George Nye at 543-8228 or Secretary Robert E. Bulley at 543-5506.

Barley Lions Club
Meets at noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. For more information, call Secretary Larry Oeschler at 238-578-3653 or President Sam Yoshida at 478-4783.

Barley Rotary Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at Barley Inn Convention Center. For more information, call President Dave Westfall at 678-0466 or Secretary Jon Anderson at 678-0332.

Civil Air Patrol
Meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at FAA Building at the Barley Airport. Anyone age 12 and older is invited to join. For more information, call Pete Schultz at 678-2558 or James Fletcher at 436-0881.

Kwanza Club of Buhl
Meets at noon Wednesdays at Aquilino Restaurant, 113 Broadway Ave. S. For more information, call President Tom Coonan at 208-543-2530 or Vice-President Steve Katz at 543-8576.

Kwanza Club of Filer
Meets at noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church. For more information, call Secretary Shirley Galley at 208-336-4530, business phone or home at (208) 336-4051.

Kwanza Club of Twin Falls
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Tuff Club for lunch. For more information, call Mark Melni, president, at 736-4276 or Marvin Chamberlain, secretary at 734-4244.

Society for Creative Anachronism
The Shire of Two Limes meets at 3 p.m. on Sundays in the city park across from the library. For more information, call Jeff at 525-4425.

Twin Falls Lions Club
Meets at noon Wednesdays at the Mandarin House. For more information, call Brian Welch, president, at 736-4138, or Bob Berg, membership chairman, at 734-6644.

Twin Falls Optimist Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Mandarin House. For more information, call Wayne Bohm, president, or Archie Goodman, membership chairman, at 733-2043.

Twin Falls Rotary Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Tuff Club in Twin Falls. For more information, call Roger Burdick, secretary, at 736-4029 or H. Richard Cook, president, at 734-4549.

Wendell Optimist Club
Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farnhouse Restaurant in Wendell. For more information, call Leo Coleman at 536-6477.

Writers Support Group
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in Chamber 1, (bookstore in Bailey) 130 N. Main. For more information, call John at (208) 788-4403.

Fire Chamber of Commerce
Meets at noon today at City Hall. For more information, call Shirley Galley at 326-4530 or Linda Gwyn at 326-4396.

Hobbies

Bingo
The group meets to bowl from 1 to 3 p.m. each week at Magic Bowl, 340 Second Ave. E. in Twin Falls. For more information on BINGO, call Binc at 733-1712.

Empire Pickers Golf Club
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new Paul Frier Hill, 650 E. Idaho. New members are welcome.

Friends in Recreational Opportunities Group
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Judge rejects motion for delay

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jury selection is scheduled to start Monday after defense attorneys failed to convince a judge Tuesday to delay the start of the Jeremy Strohmeier murder trial.



Jeremy Strohmeier, 19, looks around the courtroom during a hearing in Las Vegas earlier this year. Strohmeier is accused of sexual assault and murder.

Deputy District Attorney Bill Koos said he "strongly opposed" even a short postponement in the trial that originally was to begin in April. District Judge Myron J. Levitt denied the motion for a delay, ordering that jury selection begin Monday as scheduled. Jury selection is expected to take at least a week.

Defense attorneys have sought a postponement from the state's high court to give time for the filing of an emergency appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. A decision from Nevada's justices was expected Tuesday.

In ordering the trial to go forward, Levitt noted that the delays bring increased requests from many of the 400 prospective jurors that he comes from jury service in the Strohmeier case.

Duct tape works great on everything except ducts

Study is bad news for homebuilders

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Popular wisdom claims you can use it to seal a canoe, repair a dinghy, render or keep an alligator's mouth shut. But according to scientists at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, there's one thing duct tape is not good for: taping ducts.

Aerosol Inc., to market the stuff. They tested the stuff commonly known as duct tape. By definition, it combines a rubber adhesive with a fabric backing. Although the classic version is silver, it also comes in an array of colors and in a number of grades, from economy to professional and even nuclear.

But duct tape is not the only kind used to seal ducts. The people who install heating and air conditioning systems also employ gummy black tapes, clear acrylic ones and foil-backed ones. The scientists tested those, too, along with the aerosol foam that had been invented at the lab and mastic, an adhesive that's glooped on like glue and left to dry. All are supposed to withstand the 200-degree temperatures encountered in heating systems.

whole spectrum of failure. There would be good products, bad products, products in the middle," Sherman said. "Duct tape tended to fail very quickly — in as little as three days in our test-jug system as long as two months."

At a meeting of energy efficiency experts in Monterey, Calif., this week, Sherman and his colleague, Iain Walker, passed out pieces of duct tape that had been through the tests, each encased in a plastic bag. "You can see with a lot of these failed tapes there is a lot of shrinking, drying and separating," Sherman said. "Some are dried to a crackly crunch."

Based on many such reports from the field, the California Energy Commission is now considering new standards that would require home builders to use something other than duct tape in heating and cooling systems if they want to get special credits for saving energy, according to Scott W. Matthews, the commission's deputy director for energy efficiency. The lone representative of a duct tape manufacturer at the

Interfaith marriages cause problems if neither spouse wants to convert

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I met a lovely young lady and we began to date. Soon the relationship was exclusive because we fell in love. Our relationship is perfect except for one thing. We are of different religions. I am Jewish and she is Christian.



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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Religion is important to both of us, and neither of us wants to convert. We realize that marriage would present problems; however, we don't know if the problems would be so serious that our marriage would fail.

Abby, would our marriage have a chance, or should we go our separate ways? If we invest any more time in what could be a disaster?

— TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY

DEAR TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY: Interfaith marriage can be difficult, but the problems are not insurmountable if both partners are willing to communicate honestly and compromise.

Before you make the commitment, there are some issues that you should discuss to determine how important they are to both of you and how you should handle them.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of sending wedding invitations to even more acquaintances? I know a girl is supposed to be voluntary, but during the last year I have received invitations from the daughters of casual friends or co-workers. The most these daughters only come or twice in my entire life. They probably wouldn't know me if they ran into me on the street.

These invitations arrived with cards included that state where the bride is registered, or, in the case of the most recent, stating that contributions could be made to a honeymoon cruise with the check made payable to the cruise line! That one was for a wedding that's three states away. The mother of the bride is fully aware that there's no way I could attend the wedding. It's obvious that a gift or contribution is expected when a card like that is included.

Because I either correspond with the mother of these brides or work with the father, it's very awkward for me not to buy a gift for these events. Yet I would never dream of sending them an invitation to my son's wedding next year, because my son wouldn't know them any better than their daughters know me. Please tell me how to deal with these kinds of invitations. It's extremely unsettling when one barely has enough funds to buy gifts for actual relatives.

— DESPERATE FOR RELIEF

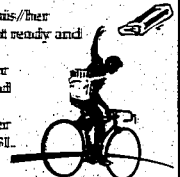
DEAR DESPERATE: It is inappropriate to include information about where the bride is registered with the invitation to the wedding. The proper way to transmit the information is verbally, in response to an inquiry from someone who has accepted the invitation.

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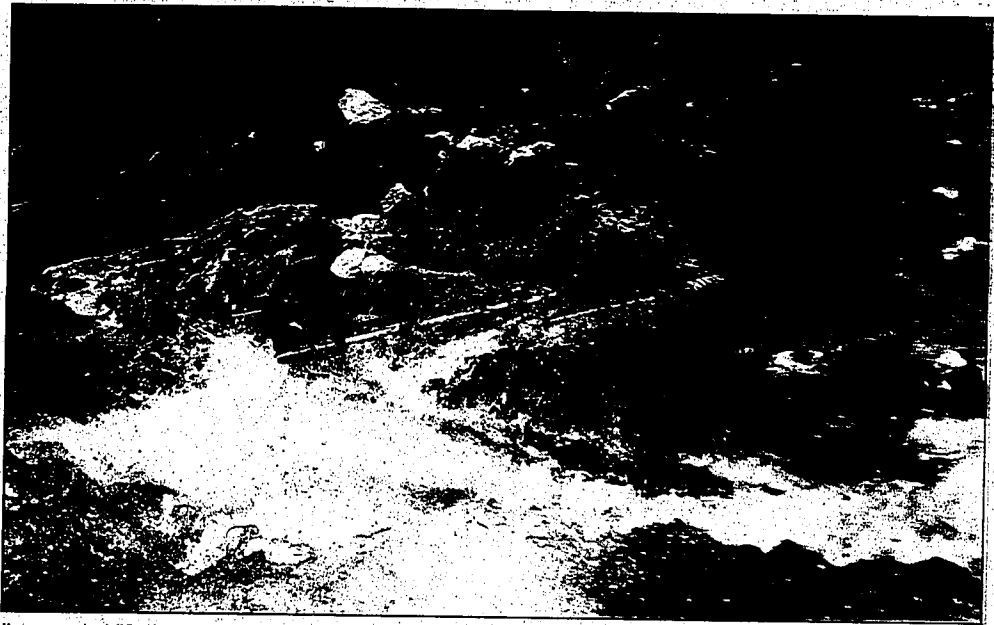
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The Middle Fork of the Salmon

Story and photos by William Brock



Hagerman rancher Jeff Deakins takes a bold line through Jump-Off Rapid in the 'Impassable Canyon' section of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

Many rivers flow through the American West, but none is quite like the Middle Fork of the Salmon.

For more than 100 miles, the Middle Fork carves through the heart of Idaho's wildest terrain — the River of No Return Wilderness. It begins as a tumbling stream amid green, forested slopes and ends as a big river in a ragged rock chasm known as "Impassable Canyon."

There are some fine hot springs along the way, and abandoned hermits' cabins, and pictographs left by Indians long ago. Here and there, narrow side canyons open to reveal alluring glimpses of Lost Worlds.

There's also plenty of wildlife, with highborn sheep browsing at water's edge while eagles wheel in the sky overhead. Coves of chukar scuttle down to the waterline, clucking nervously as they risk all for a drink. At the right time of day, hungry trout leap from the emerald-green water to snatch flying insects.

There's a feast of detail as the tight canyon gives way to open, arid slopes. To the heights, the eye is drawn by rock sculpture on a mighty scale, where vast swamps of dark stone are streaked with light-colored bands. Stately groves of ponderosa pine, barrel-chested red trees with green needles, grow along the shores.

By any measure, the Middle Fork is an exceptional wilderness river.

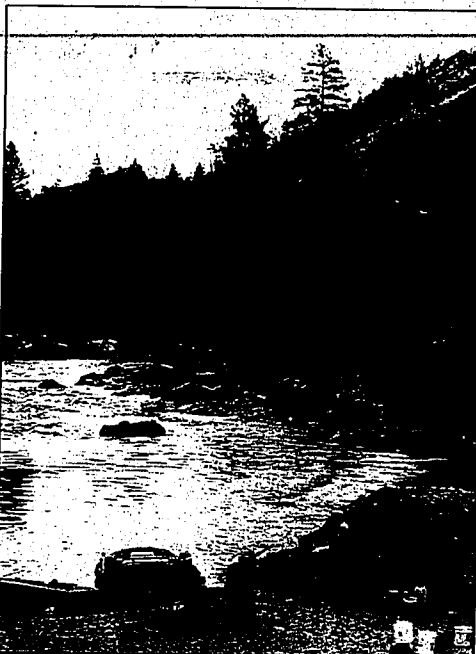
Some friends and I were there last week, navigating modest rapids by day and camping on broad sandy beaches at night. We slept beneath the stars and rose at daybreak, then loaded our boats and shoved off day after day — like aquatic Gypsies.

As far as we knew, time stood still. There were no phones, computers or televisions, no Monica Lewinsky and no Afghan airstrikes. The disconnect between us and "civilization" was absolute.

After six days away, it felt as if we'd been gone a year.

A typical Middle Fork adventure begins at the Boundary Creek launch area, about 46 road miles northwest of Stanley. The scene there is anything but tranquil as trucks come and go, mountains of gear are loaded and boats wrestled down to the river.

Dozens of rafts, drift boats and kayaks typically hem the banks at Boundary Creek while their owners work feverishly to lash everything into place. In moments of calm, U.S.



Deakins, sitting, and Mike Glasgow, a fireman from Elko, Nev., share a quiet moment at Campside Camp on the Middle Fork.

Forest Service employees share words of wilderness wisdom.

Finally, in clusters of five and sixes, or more, each party shoves off. Once they round the first bend, the wilderness closes in.

Though it should be an absolute, the word "wilderness" is a relative term on the Middle Fork of the Salmon. Sure, there are spells when floaters won't hear an engine, or see other people, but it's never long before the next guest ranch, commercial raft trip or small airplane hoves into view.

Airplanes, audible for miles before they're visible, take off and land at a host of airstrips along the river. Outfitters, with huge gear rafts and five, or six boatloads of paying customers, are a frequent

Uncle Sam grants protection; state holds back

The Middle Fork of the Salmon is a federally designated Wild and Scenic River, the highest protective status Uncle Sam can bestow. The Middle Fork and the Selway River were among the first American rivers to receive that status when the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was signed 30 and 50 years ago. The Legislature has considered granting state protection to the Middle Fork and the Selway, but state lawmakers have scuttled the idea time after time.

sight; a six-day commercial trip costs \$1,200 to \$1,500 per person. The Middle Fork is a busy river, with about 10,000 voyagers every year; most are on commercial trips.



Oblivious to boaters, highborn sheep looms on the banks.



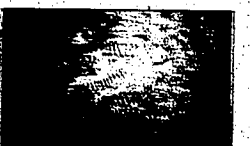
When it's time to relax, Deakins leans his weary head beneath the restorative waters of Sandflower Hotspring.

There's time at dawn, before everyone is awake, to sit with a steaming mug and behold golden fingers of sunlight stealing across the rugged landscape. There's time at dusk, when the camp is set and someone else is cooking, to gaze into the river that is equal parts transportation and companion.

Most of the time, the Middle Fork's cool green water murmurs in a low voice, but there are times when it rages in a white fury. In spring and early summer, when runoff is at its peak, the rapids can be big and intimidating. The high water has come and gone now, so intermediate boaters can launch at Boundary Creek with confidence.

If all goes well, they arrive roughly a week — and 100 miles — later at the confluence with the Main Salmon. From there, it's a few more miles to the take-out at Caribee Bar, about 40 miles west of North Fork.

Of course, you can paddle hard and shave off a few hours, but it's pointless to hurry down the Middle Fork. The river, like life itself, unveils its mysteries to those who know how to wait.



Refreshed by the gentle heat, Sheepeater hotspring left the photographer in a daze.

OUTDOORS

Wilderness crowd pays to rough it in comfort

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Suffering used to be a source of satisfaction to the backpacker. Aching shoulders, sore feet, heavy throb, getting wet, clean streams — all meaningful.

"I remember going out with my pack, and it was almost like a prize thing to get a little bear or a few salmon fish."

But to purveyor of Backpacker magazine, Monroe is aware that in the 1990s, pride in pain has gone the way of the quinine tonic.

Now people head for the hills in a quest for comfort and security — everything from anatomical backpacks to global positioning systems — so even well-worn rucksacks can weather the wilderness.

The general transformation of backpacking into the upscale province of the fitness-and-faithful crowd was apparent at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market this weekend.

Some 500 manufacturers make products with what could be 100 store shelves next spring — gourmet dehydrated food, ultralight tents that can double as hammocks and a waterproof mattress that breathes and stretches for climbers or cyclists who need zero-bumping apparel.

Seattle chronicles in what has remained over 20 years into high-tech, smart equipment illustrate the ferocity of the competition. In a \$3 billion industry bent on making camping cozy.

Like the sleeping bag, a semi-rigid, elastic tent fabric is some extent of down or synthetic insulation. Next spring, Kelly he will have an anatomically correct bag for those who sleep on their backs with their toes pointing up.

"Not nearly enough" Wedg Wind Clothing Co. has an style of silk tent, he calls Dreambacks to shift inside over the most pedestrian bag.

Germany's Buck Wolfskin is introducing a line of backpacks designed to let air circulate around the shoulders and back to prevent sweat from soaking the pack, and spilling all those summer tears.

In another display, Kelly showed off ultralight tent windows that turn blue when lit by sunlight, reducing daytime light and heat and enhancing privacy.



AP photo

Scott Monte, publisher of Backpacker magazine, poses atop a climbing wall at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market trade show recently in Salt Lake City.



One of the gimmicks to attract retailers is kayak demonstrations.

Ashley Devery, spokeswoman for The North Face, says that the cachet is catching on even among people who want to look like they lug 75-pound backpacks over majestic slickrock formations — but never have. Indeed, among the 5,000 to 6,000 buyers attending the show is a growing cadre of department store buyers.

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Manufacturers tease retailers with gourmet dehydrated food at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market trade show.

"My customer isn't likely to go into the backcountry wearing an ultra-technical jacket, but will wear it to dinner," said Mark West, buyer for Arizona Department Stores.

Devery said her company, known for expedition gear, jumped into the profitable casual clothing market two years ago. "As the romance of the outdoor mystique increases, outdoor companies experiencing the greatest growth will be those that appeal to this larger consumer market," said Steve Bendak, sales vice president of Seattle-based casual outdoor wear-maker Ex Officio.

"The most growth is seen in footwear, where the market for sturdy, lug-soled boots has fragmented into boots, shoes and sandals for every conceivable activity."

When playtime is over for today's hiker, the absolute right thing to wear in camp is a pair of beely-soled clogs, described by Christian Triquet of Merrell footwear as "sort of a hot slipper."

Is anybody worried the market for newer and fancier outdoor gear will top out anytime soon? Not John Viehman, editorial director at Backpacker.

The Top 10
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Ultralight backpack — 17.8 percent	Ultralight shorts — 22.3 percent
Bihouses — 17.8 percent	Ultralight socks — 22.3 percent
Camp stove — 15.5 percent	Ultralight gloves — 22.3 percent
Sunglasses — 14.2 percent	Ultralight hat — 22.3 percent
Water container — 13.9 percent	Ultralight shoes — 22.3 percent
Radio, cell phone or GPS — 13.9 percent	Ultralight sandals — 22.3 percent
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"At some point it may hit a resistance on price, but I haven't seen it," he said. "It's only as limited as people's imaginations."

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OUTDOORS

Popular European Kickbike cycles into the United States

The Scooter
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—If you see a groovy man or woman riding around town on an overgrown scooter with a large front wheel, your eyes are not deceiving you.
 It might be world-class cross-country skier Carpenter cross-country on his Kickbike, a state-of-the-art scooter with handbrakes. Or it could be someone he sold one to, for Carpenter is also a distributor of the Kickbike, which is relatively new to the United States but popular in Europe.
 Carpenter, the record holder in the Fitness Peak Marathon, has had his Kickbike for only about a month, but already has integrated

it into his training regimen. He finds it especially useful after races because the workout achieved on a Kickbike is close to running but without the shock.
 "I just finished this really long race in Italy and I was really sore. I could use the Kickbike and still work out," Carpenter says.
 The Kickbike is a good cross-training tool for runners, says Harold Fricker, president of Kickbike USA, whose Eagle distributorship is the sole distributor for North America.
 "It uses the same muscles, yet is lower impact and it really recreates running for them," says Fricker, a long-distance runner himself.
 In fact, a Kickbike workout

uses even more muscles than running, Fricker says. The Kickbike is propelled by pushing off with alternate legs in a motion very similar to running.
 Carpenter views his Kickbike as another toy to add to his collection.
 "That's the neatest part for me, keeping it fun," he says. "This is fun for me because you get such a crazy workout. Going uphill on that thing is almost harder than hiking or running."
 "It's kind of like you go up like you're running and you come down like you're on a road bike."
 The Kickbike was developed in the last 10 years in Finland by physiologist Hannu Viirikko. In Europe, organized competitions

include a Kickbike division nearly every weekend, according to Fricker.
 "America is just catching on, but Fricker expects the process to be rapid."
 Kickbikes have been distributed in the United States and Canada since early July. After a little more than two weeks, 250 Kickbikes had been shipped out, at least one to every state, he says.
 The adult-sized scooters sell for \$349 plus \$20 shipping, but Carpenter says he can get a small discount for his customers.
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Landlocked surfers ride the river

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — The Lunch Counter rapid is 1,000 miles from the ocean, but when it's running just right you'll see a core group of surfers riding a standing wave that breaks in late spring and early summer.

Their sport is similar to the ocean variety, but with many twists. Instead of waiting for the perfect wave, they wait for rafts full of tourists to pass, and instead of keeping an eye out for sharks, they watch for kayakers slicing through.

For avid surfers who find themselves living in the Jackson Hole Valley, the unusual river dynamic substitutes for the ocean. For spectators, it provides an unparalleled opportunity to appreciate the balance, athleticism and grace of the sport.

Most surfers end up in the unlikely spot of Jackson Hole because of the love of another sport — snowboarding. After winter, they face three choices: hit the coast for the summer, do without surfing or learn to handle the river.

Most choose the former or the latter — very few try to go with-out. Justin Huebscher, a.k.a. Hub, a snowboard instructor who grew up surfing in California, left Jackson last summer to surf in his native state. This year, he stuck it out.

Like the other athletes on the river, he has stayed sane in landlocked Wyoming by surfing the rapids. Like Hub, Pat Murtha, a surfer and snowboarder from New Jersey, last spent the summer by hitting the river.

"It definitely keeps me sane and it's cool to call home and if it's not breaking in Jersey, my friends aren't surfing and I am," Murtha said.

For many riders, surfing the river is more than satisfying — they improve their skills and get in better shape than their coastal counterparts.

Robert Garrett has been hitting Lunch Counter since 1981 and gets 15 to 20 days on his board each year. The length of rides, which can last from a few seconds to more than half an hour, combine with the high altitude to provide for superior conditioning.

"An hour or two spent down there is like a week surfing," he said. "It's a compact surfing experience."

Dave Pennington, who started surfing in California in seventh grade and has lived in Jackson for nearly 20 years, agreed that the concentrated time he puts in keeps his skills sharp and his body in shape.

"You get in 1,000 times more hours than you ever get in the ocean. You can sit on Lunch Counter until your legs are aching. It's an awesome vehicle for getting in shape for surfing," Pennington said. "I went to Costa Rica and people were like, 'you're surfed in the ocean for 10 years and you're better than I am.'"

While river surfing feeds his love of the sport, Pennington said he's not a fan of the "hard-core Snake" like skiing, there are only about five days per season of optimal, or "powder surf."

Because the window of opportunity is so small, hard-core Snake surfers were leery of sharing their knowledge of exactly when that window is open. Pennington said that during one vacation in California he witnessed he was in Jackson surfing because the wave was peaking.

Learning to surf the river is no easy feat, even for those who have surfed in the ocean all over the world. When he first went to surf Lunch Counter, Hub, an avid California surfer, was more scared than he'd ever been.

Even though he could paddle out in the ocean and ride waves just about anywhere, he was not yet comfortable with the workings of a river.

"For someone accustomed to the ocean, dealing with river eddies, swirles, rocks and whirlpools that can suck you under changes the face of the sport."

"The river is not nice," Hub said. "One day, you'll progress so insanely, and then you won't reach that point for a long time again." Murtha had a similar experience learning to navigate the river.



James Ravenel, a University of Montana student, makes the most of living in a landlocked region by surfing the Lunch Counter rapid on the Snake River in western Wyoming.



Sharing a wave, Ravenel slides out to let a commercial raft pass through Lunch Counter rapids.

"It's scary at first — the river is so fast and the current is so strong. When you fall and the river rips you away, you have to get it together fast or you're 200 yards down river and you're screwed," Murtha said.

Even with mastery of the dynamics of river currents, the gulf between river and ocean surfing is still wide.

"The ocean will hit you — it spans you, and you lose your board but you come up in a pool," Pennington said. "In a river, you can get on the wave OK, but coming off the wave — now the fun begins. Getting back in the eddy,

that's where the main work is."

Riding the wave itself also yields a different experience — there are no barrels or tubes to be had and you can't get enough power to surf 360s, but you can slash it up, working cutbacks and off-the-lips. It requires more finesse to have a good ride.

"It's a lesson in a minute, the wave is not a big wave, it's small

"It's scary at first — the river is so fast and the current is so strong. When you fall and the river rips you out of there and sweeps you away, you have to get it together fast or you're 200 yards down river and you're screwed!"

— Pat Murtha, surfer

and you have to find the energy in the wave... It's a fine touch," Pennington said.

Although most surfers in Jackson Hole have their roots on either coast, none of them have any interest in duplicating the straitened and often tense surfing scenes there.

"We're more like a group of 70s surfers. It's not a hostile, competitive scene," Garrett said. "In California, body boarders and surfers hate each other. Here we just go have fun. We have to share the wave with kayakers and raft guides."

Surveyors use satellites, duct tape to map bike trails

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. (AP) — Mapping mountain bike trails is a highly technical matter, requiring satellite arrays, elaborate geometry — and plenty of duct tape.

The technology, called Global Positioning Systems, or GPS, is used for a variety of tasks, from documenting the location of an abandoned mine shaft to determining the precise area a wildfire burns.

Satellites thousands of miles above the Earth broadcast radio signals back to the surface, allowing GPS units to estimate their location to within a stone's throw of the actual latitude and longitude.

Then, by taking a reading every five seconds, a moving GPS can gather up reference points along an unmapped road or trail.

Once collected, the data is downloaded onto a computer and superimposed over existing computer maps that show known roads, property boundaries and the topography of the region.

"Then it's basically like connecting dots," explained Tara Montgomery, a geographic information systems specialist with Bureau of Land Management in Winnemucca.

"She pretty much set it up and all I had to do was hit go," said Chuck Austin, owner of the Bills and More bike shop, who volunteered to GPS the Bloody Shins mountain bike trails in the nearby Sonoma Mountains. "And figure out a way to get it on the bike."

Not to mention ride more than 40 miles of trails. But Austin was more concerned about securing the unwieldy yellow unit and its battery and antennae to his bike.



Chuck Austin, a bike shop owner in Winnemucca, Nev., uses duct tape and plastic ties to rig a global positioning system to his mountain bike.

Using duct tape and plastic ties, he attached the GPS unit to the handlebars of his mountain bike and mounted the antennae onto his helmet.

After four days of riding, he returned the unit over to Montgomery.

"She downloaded it, went whipping through, changing things. I don't know what she was doing, but I could tell she'd done it before," Austin said.

Montgomery superimposed the GPS data Austin gathered onto a computer data base of existing maps to develop a working map of the Bloody Shins trail system.

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Northwest cancels hundreds of flights

The Associated Press MINNEAPOLIS — Northwest Airlines canceled hundreds of flights scheduled for Friday and Saturday as a weekend strike by pilots drew near. Contract talks continued in the dispute at the nation's sixth-largest passenger airline. Northwest said 170 of 1,700 flights all over the country Friday will be canceled along with 210 flights on Saturday. About 25,000 passengers had been booked on the flights, most of which begin or end in Northwest's hub cities of Detroit, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Memphis, Tenn. The flights will remain canceled even if a workday is averted. "Northwest does not want a strike. We remain actively engaged at the negotiating table," said Northwest

Airlines spokesman Jon Austin. "At the same time, however, we have the responsibility to make orderly and timely provisions to minimize confusion and disruptions should a strike occur." The pilots union set a strike deadline of 10:01 p.m. MDT Friday. Neither Austin nor Scott Nyeck, a spokesman for the 6,000 pilots, would comment on the talks. The dispute involves compensation, job protection, work rules and other issues. Northwest, with 55 million passengers last year, controls 51 percent of air traffic in the Minneapolis area, 73 percent in Detroit and 75 percent in Memphis. President Clinton has the power to halt a strike for 60 days if it would deprive any section of the country of essential transportation service.



Northwest Airlines pilots hold a silent informational picket Wednesday at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport. The pilots are due to strike late Friday if no contract is reached.

If you have tickets... If no agreement is reached by 10:01 p.m. MDT Friday, Northwest Airlines pilots could go on strike. Passengers should check their tickets to see if they will be affected. Pilots have been instructed by the Air Line Pilots Association to complete flights that have left the gate by 10:01 p.m. Friday. Passengers with tickets for flights that have not yet departed will not be affected. Northwest Airlines says it will do everything it can to accommodate passengers on other airlines, but capacity is limited and some no doubt will be stranded. Contact Northwest by calling 800-225-2525 or checking the airline's site on the World Wide Web. For more information on the potential strike, visit www.nwa.com. Northwest Airlines Association: www.alpa.org or www.nwaa.org

Market funds look good

The Associated Press NEW YORK — When the stock market shakes and quakes the way it has this summer, it reminds many investors what they like about the stability of money-market mutual funds. There is no denying that money funds, with their yields hovering in the 5 percent range, have consistently lagged far behind the returns of a diversified stock and bond funds. But money funds are nevertheless claimed, and maintained, a prominent place for themselves in the financial firmament over the relatively short time — less than 30 years — since they first appeared. At last report from the Investment Company Institute, they held an aggregate of \$1.24 trillion in assets, double the total of just four years ago.



Stocks drop on a sell-off continuing from Tuesday.

Electrical workers' union threatens strike against U S West

The Associated Press DENVER — Negotiators for U S West Inc. and its major unions struggled Wednesday to settle an 18-day-old walkout as members of a second union set a Sept. 1 strike deadline. Bargaining teams for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Montana and U S West have yet to agree on wages, pensions, a performance-pay plan and health-care benefits, said union spokesman Clark Sprang in Helena.

"We did tell the company that we wanted to have a tentative agreement in place by Sept. 1. We're working at it," Sprang said. "If we don't come up with a contract, then we could be on strike." In Denver, representatives of U S West and the Communications Workers of America met with federal mediator Jim Mahan a fourth consecutive day, with no major progress reported. "It just seems like we're kind of in a shouting match right now," said Carla West, a spokeswoman for Local 777.

The disputed issues are: mandatory overtime, health-care benefits and a performance-pay proposal. Both sides have agreed not to discuss their specific proposals publicly while talks are under way. The CWA strike began Aug. 16, sending about 34,000 workers off the job in 13 states. It is the first strike in U S West's 14-year history. The IBEW represents 550 U S West employees in Montana. Negotiators have extended that contract while talks continue.

Meanwhile, Oregon regulators warned U S West officials they could face fines if the strike delays new service requests for more than five days and no alternatives, such as a cellular phone or a credit, are offered. In Phoenix, a Maricopa County Superior Court judge issued a temporary restraining order Tuesday prohibiting union members from engaging in threats, violence or vandalism. The order stemmed from a U S West complaint that accused union members of threatening workers and damaging cars of those who remain on the job.

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Wells Fargo pushes merger with low-income loan promise

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Wells Fargo & Co. has promised to make \$15 billion in loans available to low-income and minority borrowers in California over the next three years if the government approves its proposed merger with Norwest Corp.

requires them to lend money in all neighborhoods from which they make deposits. Consumer advocates often urge regulators to reject deals if they feel the merging banks have not done enough business in minority communities and poor areas.

The bank, in a letter to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, said it would try to open more branches and cash machines in low-income areas and have its officers and managers reflect the diversity of the areas it serves.

In a merger already approved by the government, BankAmerica and NationsBank promised \$350 billion in community development investments over 10 years, spread over the combined 22-state territory.

Consumer advocates praised the offer. In reviewing the \$28 billion merger, the Federal Reserve will look at how it might hurt consumers and whether the banks are living up to their obligations under the Community Reinvestment Act, which

on the worldwide financial markets as a whole. So the fund industry, and financial regulators, have a huge stake in safeguarding the market.

Money market funds have been overvalued in recent years by the long-term bull market in stocks and bonds, said John Bogle and John Brennan, senior chairman and chairman of the Vanguard Group, in the unpublished semiannual report for their fund family's funds, including the \$30 billion-plus "Vanguard Money Market Reserve Prime Portfolio."

As Bogle and Brennan acknowledge, money funds can't promote themselves as the best and end-all of long-term investment programs, but they offer the hope of growth that equity investments like stock funds can.

Yet another money market fund, the "Wells Fargo Money Market Reserve Prime Portfolio," is "Yet through this ebullient period, the short-term end of the investing spectrum has quietly and consistently assisted investors toward two primary goals — finding superior savings yields over time, and seeking safety, liquidity and current income as part of a balanced investment program that also includes stocks and bonds."

But for many investors in the money market, the goal is not even the prime objective. When people are pursuing short-term goals, or as they get closer to reaching long-term goals, preservation of capital assumes much greater importance.

A good starting point for appreciating money funds is to compare them with their prime competition, traditional savings accounts and money-market deposit accounts offered by banks and savings institutions.

The stock market is inherently volatile and unpredictable in the short term. So too can be the bond market, which is never in the outlook for economic growth, inflation and Federal Reserve credit policy. That leaves the money market as the best place to look for stability.

Whether or not theory justifies it, many people also use money funds as an element in their long-term financial plans. Some critics may be correct in their contention that this is a mistake, made out of an emotional aversion to uncertainty.

Still, it also bears remembering that money funds, or other money-market investments, contribute a kind of diversification that is hard to find anywhere else — protection from a rise in interest rates.

Bank and savings institution accounts, of course, are backed by federal deposit insurance, which carries no such guarantee. But they have established a record of safety and stability in which investors are demonstrating their trust.

Should long-term rates ever climb unexpectedly again, they will depress bond prices, and stock prices could well follow. But when rates drop, the value of stock and bond investments

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LEGAL NOTICE

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The proposed expenditures and revenues for fiscal year 1998-1999 have been transmitted to the City Council and entered in detail in the Journal of Proceedings...

NOTICE OF SALE
MICHIGNE HUBER, Case # SP-98-701. Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed as BRAWLEY REALTY BROKER & REALTY MANAGEMENT...

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DATED the 17th day of August, 1998, at Twin Falls, Idaho.
GEOFFREY R. VANCE
Gem County Prosecuting Attorney

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