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After climbing out of his semi-truck, Richard Lawson of Twin Falls sits on the bank of the High-Line Canal dazed and helpless, knowing people are trapped in a motor home plumed beneath his rig. A California couple died in the accident on U.S. Highway 93 Monday shortly after 9:30 a.m.

2 dead after motor home, gravel truck plunge into canal

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At least two people died Monday morning when a motor home and a semi-truck carrying gravel smashed through a guardrail on U.S. Highway 93 and plunged into a canal.

The gravel truck landed atop the 1976 Dodge motor home, pinning it and its occupants under water. A search-and-rescue diver, who entered the water more than an hour after the crash, was unable to recover the victims.

Melvin and Nancy Weidner, of North Highlands, Calif., a suburb of Sacramento, were found dead in the cab of the motor home when cranes plucked it from the water four hours after the accident. Eial other occupants been in the shattered

vehicle, they could have been swept away unseen by the powerful, murky water of the High-Line Canal on the Twin Falls Canal Co. system.

The driver of the Emory Blue gravel truck, Richard Lawson of Twin Falls, managed to scramble out of his partially submerged cab. Minutes after the crash, he sat on the canal bank — shakily, but not badly injured — and watched his debris heaped up from the Weidners' submerged vehicle.

"I just saw the (brake) lights (of Weidner's vehicle) and I hit the brakes," Lawson told *The Times-News* before he was whisked away by an ambulance.

The accident occurred shortly before 9:30 a.m., about a quarter mile south of where state Highway 74 swings east on its way into southern Twin Falls. The crash

site is about 200 yards south of a conical mailbox — labeled "Air Mail" — that stands atop a hill pole alongside U.S. 93.

Accompanying the crash, but witnesses said both vehicles were headed north.

Jose Leon, who was northbound a few hundred yards behind the gravel truck, said the motor home appeared to be trying to pass the big truck, but it ran out of room as a southbound vehicle drew near. The motor home then tried to swing back into the northbound lane, Leon said, but it collided with the gravel truck and both vehicles plunged into the canal.

"We saw a big splash," said Ramiro Rodriguez, who was riding with Leon. "I saw a man (the gravel truck driver) screaming for help, so I jumped into the water to save him."

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Down goes the Dow

Dive wipes out 1998 gains

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow industrial fell more than 500 points on Monday as stocks wiped out what little remained of this year's once-robust gains and plunged toward the first bear market since 1990.

The loss, the second biggest in points behind the 554-point drop suffered last fall on Oct. 27, extended the Dow's sharp drop from the July 17 record of 9,337.57 to 1,800 points, or 19.3 percent.

The technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index fell 1.4 percent, ending at 1,439.25, losing a record 140.43 points, and the Standard & Poor's 500 fell 69.86 to 957.28.

Both measures are now showing a loss for the year after posting gains of more than 20 percent at July's highs.



A trader in the Dow Jones futures pit at the Chicago Board of Trade catches his breath at the end of trading on Monday.

Total stock market volume in the United States totaled 2.173 billion shares Monday, the second-busiest day ever behind October's sell-off.

The Dow's 512-point loss surpassed the 508 loss in the "Black Monday" crash of Oct. 19, 1929, but it was well short of the 22.6 percent lost on that day.

While there were more discouraging developments among the leading list of economic variables that have been making the market since mid-July, analysts attributed Monday's heavy selling to emotions more than the latest news.

"The news at the margin continues to be bad, and that's all you need for a down day with this atmosphere," said Barbara

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Russian lawmakers refuse appointment of prime minister

Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — The struggle for power in Russia escalated Monday as legislators refused to confirm Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, President Boris N. Yeltsin's choice for prime minister, despite warnings that the country is on the brink of economic chaos.

The Duma, the lower house of parliament, voted a resounding 253-94 to reject the nomination of Chernomyrdin, who previously served for five years as Yeltsin's prime minister and presided over much of Russia's post-Soviet transformation.

Within hours, a defiant Yeltsin responded by resigning Chernomyrdin to the post, setting the stage for at least another week of high-stakes negotiations and another showdown in the Duma.

The president, confronted by ever-greater demands from Communists for a major role in a new government, further demonstrated his resolve by refusing to sign a power-sharing agreement that could have formed the basis for a coalition government.

"They voted Chernomyrdin down, and that is with a bang too, hoping that it might make Yeltsin rethink his choice," said Igor M. Bunin, director of the Center for Political Technologies. "But it is not in the character of Yeltsin to retreat."

The inability of Yeltsin and the Communist-dominated Duma to forge a compromise leaves Russia without consensus on a program to revive its currency, the ruble, or to rescue the economy. If their battling continues over the next two weeks, Yeltsin could be compelled to dissolve parliament and rule temporarily by decree.



Victor Chernomyrdin

offer his fellow president moral support and encouragement for his efforts to build a credible institution.

"What I want to do is go there and tell them that the easy thing to do is not the right thing to do," Clinton told students at a school in Herndon, Va., before his departure for Moscow. "The easy thing to do would be to try to go back to the way they did it before, and it's not possible."

Following Russia's decision two weeks ago to devalue the ruble and freeze some foreign debt payments, Yeltsin appeared publicly crippled. Calls for his resignation were made, and the fired Prime Minister Sergei V. Kiriyenko and his Cabinet after they had served less than five months in office.

With no economic program and few credible candidates to draw from, Yeltsin called back Chernomyrdin, the uncharismatic former prime minister who became wealthy during the early days of Russia's privatization but was credited by Yeltsin with maintaining the country's stability.

Smart but naughty: Students pull computer hi-jinks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Classroom bellies are using computers to download porn, change grades, swap passwords and send threatening e-mail when their teacher isn't looking. Often, the brightest students are doing the mischief, and school officials are struggling with how to discipline them.

The naughty students bring in homemade programs to disable school software, install point-and-shoot web games, make counterfeited money and design washing sites on the World Wide Web.

"You'd be amazed at what they can do," says

Jeanette Clark, assistant principal of Clarkstown High School North in New City, N.Y. "Clearly, a new set of guidelines is needed" — guidelines Clark calls "total discipline."

Seventy-eight percent of the nation's public schools today are connected to the Internet, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Educators nationwide have responded to cyberage antics with a patchwork of home-made policies, confining the do's and don'ts of being online at school.

Some are strictly punitive with harsh punishments for offenders. Others have weak conse-

quences or use vague terms, such as "objectionable" or "offensive," to describe the kinds of Web sites that students are forbidden to visit.

Often harder than writing the policies, however, is punishing offenders. Routine suspension is often not the best approach for bright students, says Ms. Clark. And some parents, who don't want their children sitting in a suspension room missing honors English, Johnny breaks school rules.

"As one father told me, it's perfectly acceptable to allow his child to experiment," Ms. Clark says.

'You'd be surprised at what they can do.'

— Jeannine Clark, assistant principal

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THE REGION

Comos Prairie
 High: 88 Low: 44
 Sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Wednesday with highs around 90.

Treasure Valley
 High: 95 Low: 55
 Sunny with variable winds in the afternoon. Clear tonight. Sunny on Wednesday with highs in the upper 90s.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 87 Low: 39
 Sunny and smoky locally. Sunny on Wednesday with highs in the mid-80s to the lower 90s.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 89 Low: 45
 Mostly sunny with light winds. Smoky clear tonight. Sunny on Wednesday with highs around 90.

Northern Idaho
 High: 95 Low: 55
 Sunny and hot, with light winds. Clear tonight and sunny on Wednesday with highs in the 90s.

Northern Utah
 High: 90 Low: 52
 Mostly sunny and continued warm.

Northern Nevada
 High: 93 Low: 54
 Sunny with light winds becoming stronger in the afternoon. Sunny and hot on Wednesday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 92 Low: 55 Sunny with variable winds in the afternoon.	High: 94 Low: 56 Sunny.	High: 96 Low: 60 Sunny and hot.	High: 90s-Low: 50s Mostly sunny and hot.	High: 90s-Low: 50s Partly cloudy and very warm.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	High	Low
Yesterday: 92	Yesterday: 0.00	88	44
Last year: 92	Month to date: 0.02	85	48
Normal: 85	Normal mo. to date: 0.2		
	Mo. year to date: 14.44		
	Normal year to date: 9.72		

Idaho High/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp.	Idaho: High, XX degrees at Madid.	Idaho: Low, XX degrees at Madid.
Boise	88	61			
Barley	86	59			
Fairfield	m	m			
Hagerman	m	57			
Idaho Falls	89	48			
Jernone	96	58			
Leviston	96	58			
Malden	90	45			
Malla	90	50			
McCall	84	44			
Pocatello	89	51			
Salem	88	45			
Stanley	81	35			
San Valley	m	m			

Comfort factors

City	Humidity	Pollen count	Wind
Boise	26 pct.	15	15 mph
Idaho Falls	26 pct.	15	15 mph
Pocatello	26 pct.	15	15 mph
San Valley	26 pct.	15	15 mph

The Nation

City	Max	Min
Albuquerque	90	66
Atlanta	88	61
Boston	77	70
Chicago	81	57
Dallas	88	77
Denver	82	65
Des Moines	79	65
Detroit	79	65
Indianapolis	86	76
Los Angeles	89	67
Las Vegas	98	77
Los Angeles	98	77
Miami Beach	95	70
Milwaukee	75	59
Minneapolis	80	62
New Orleans	83	77
New York	81	73
OKC/Mo City	101	74
Oklahoma	81	69
Omaha	101	62
Portland, Me.	79	59
Portland, Ore.	77	59
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San Diego	84	70
Salt Lake City	91	74
San Francisco	77	52
Seattle	86	58
Spokane	93	73
Washington	112	94

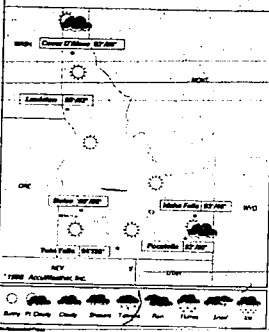
Canadian Cities

City	High	Low
Calgary	80	46
Montreal	73	57
Toronto	80	55
Vancouver	75	48

Idaho weather

Tuesday, Sept. 1

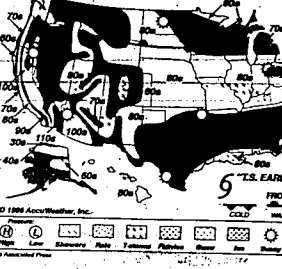
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National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Sept. 1

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UV INDEX

Index: 7 (15-24 min. UV-B rays)

FIRE DANGER

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

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:13 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:04 a.m. Lunar phase: First quarter, Aug. 30, full, Sept. 6, last quarter, Sept. 13, new, Sept. 20.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Isolated thunderstorms developed Monday afternoon over southeast Idaho. These thunderstorms were the result of a westerly disturbance moving through southern Idaho. The disturbance provided southeast Idaho with enough moisture to develop partly cloudy conditions and isolated thunderstorms. The rest of the state saw sunny skies. Satellite imagery in the afternoon showed the disturbance slowly moving southeastward across Utah toward Colorado and out of the region. Elsewhere: Pockets of rain moved across the West.

Plains and Northeast on Monday: Hurricane Danielle was far out to sea and heading away from the Midwest that they erred in their original explanation of why they picked a pharmaceutical plant in Sudan to be destroyed by cruise missiles on Aug. 20. Officials said they were unaware when Tomahawk cruise missiles were fired at the Shifa Pharmaceutical plant in the Sudanese capital that the facility produced human and veterinary medicines for the impoverished nation. And they conceded that administration officials initially overstated evidence that suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden held a financial stake in the facility.

U.S. admits flawed explanation of strike

The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — With some close allies voicing deepening doubts, U.S. officials acknowledged Monday that they erred in their original explanation of why they picked a pharmaceutical plant in Sudan to be destroyed by cruise missiles on Aug. 20. Officials said they were unaware when Tomahawk cruise missiles were fired at the Shifa Pharmaceutical plant in the Sudanese capital that the facility produced human and veterinary medicines for the impoverished nation. And they conceded that administration officials initially overstated evidence that suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden held a financial stake in the facility.

Even so, officials insisted that the complex in northern Khartoum was a legitimate target. And they stood behind their assertions that a single soil sample secretly collected from an area outside the facility was sufficient proof that the factory was used to manufacture the deadly nerve gas VX.

"In retrospect, with the benefit of hindsight, it was the right target," said a U.S. intelligence official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Since the attack, critics both in the United States and abroad have challenged the administration's rationale and explanation for the strike, which was aimed at punishing bin Laden for the Aug. 7 bombings.

Accident

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"I feel bad because I couldn't help the people," Rodriguez said, "but the current was too strong."

About 1,000 cubic feet of water per second was flowing in the canal; one cubic equals 449 gallons per minute, so nearly half a million gallons of water was sweeping through the wreckage every minute.

According to Cpl. Scott Earle of Idaho State Police, the motor home was attempting to turn west onto 3500 North — which is immediately south of the canal. The gravel truck tried to avoid Weidner's vehicle by going around it in the southbound lane then swung back into the northbound lane and smashed into the motor home.

After the crash, the highway and the High-Line Canal were littered with vacation debris: a smashed Coleman lantern, propane bottles for a campstove

Report challenges Gulf War syndrome theory

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Senate committee that has been highly critical of the government's treatment of Persian Gulf War veterans Tuesday will release a report that, surprisingly, questions the leading theory about "Gulf War syndrome" — that exposure to nerve gas sickened U.S. soldiers who fought Iraq.

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, which has been one of the most prominent critics of the Pentagon's handling of sick Gulf War veterans, essentially agreed with the military's long-held position that chemical weapons exposure (probably) was not to blame for the mysterious illnesses reported by soldiers.

"There is insufficient evidence at this time to prove or disprove that there was actual low-level exposure of any troops to chemical weapons nerve agents or that any of the health effects some veterans are experiencing were caused by such exposure," the committee concludes.

Prepared after a year-long study by a special bipartisan investigation unit, the 310-page report challenges one of the most highly publicized theories about the mysterious illnesses among Gulf War veterans — a theory that led to intense criticism of the Pentagon and to the spending of millions of dollars to study the problem and treat sick veterans.

Specifically, the report casts doubt on a Pentagon estimate that upwards of 110,000 Gulf War troops inadvertently were exposed to low levels of Iraqi chemical weapons after the explosion of an Iraqi weapons cache following the end of the brief 1991 Middle East war. That estimate is far too high because

Rights

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rules for the safety, health and well-being of their residents, but Kempton has maintained, but could not restrict a property owner from using his property without compensation.

He asked why Blaine County's "hillside" ordinance didn't constitute a "taking" — an undue restriction of 5th Amendment rights. The ordinance requires a conditional-use permit for any one building on a hillside in the county. Owners of strictly hillside parcels are allowed to build a family residence, but anyone with flat land adjacent to a hill must — without a special permit — build on low ground. Nor can an owner subdivide hillside land without permission.

"I cannot build to the extent of his property can support," Kempton said.

But Haavik said the hillside ordinances are partially to prevent erosion, landslides, visible scarring and to ensure emergency access. The aesthetic

Stocks

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Macrin, senior equity portfolio manager at Citibank Global Asset Management.

In Russia, for example, angry lawmakers on Monday emphatically rejected Boris Yeltsin's candidate for prime minister, blocking formation of a government to try to pull the country out of its economic and political tangle.

The backdrop in Asia, which has been crippled by a yearlong fiscal crisis, turned more unsettling amid news that North Korea had fired a test missile over northeastern Japan.

There were more signs of the impact of those foreign crises on American companies as a midwestern manufacturing group, in the first sampling of August's rising confidence, reported the first drop in factory activity in three years.

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Clinton commends Russians

President encourages resistance against communist ways

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Russia's political leadership in crisis and its economy in shambles, President Clinton said Monday his summit meeting with President Boris Yeltsin is a mission to keep the world's second-largest nuclear power "on the path of reform."

"The reason I'm going to

Russia," Clinton said shortly before leaving, "is because we have learned the hard way that problems that develop beyond our borders sooner or later find their way to our doorstep unless we help our friends and our neighbors."

Clinton's remarks seemed to signal his administration's worry that Russia may backslide on its commitment since the demise of Soviet communism in 1991 — to democracy and a free market economy.

Clinton and Yeltsin are to meet

Tuesday and Wednesday for their first full-scale summit since March 1997. Since then, they have met briefly a few times, most recently in May, when both were in Birmingham, England, for a meeting of industrial pow-

Both Yeltsin and Clinton are struggling to regain their presidential footing — Clinton in showing he can function as chief executive despite a politically debilitating sex investigation, and Yeltsin trying to shore up his uneasy hold on power in the

midst of his country's economic upheaval.

To set the stage for the summit, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrived in Moscow on Monday and conferred with acting Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, Yeltsin's foreign policy adviser. Sergei Prikhodko, said Clinton and Yeltsin intend to issue joint statements on economic cooperation and international security, and sign agreements on reducing each nation's stockpile of plutonium used in nuclear war-

U.S. Embassies close in 2 countries

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Embassies in the West African countries of Ghana and Togo were closed Monday because of security threats, the State Department said.

The embassy in Ghana will be closed at least through Wednesday, according to an announcement released here and in the Ghanaian capital of Accra. In Togo, the embassy was to be closed Monday and "possibly additional days," a separate announcement said.

Americans in the two countries were urged to avoid all

U.S. facilities. State Department spokesman Lee McClenny offered no comment beyond the announcements.

There have been a number of security alerts at U.S. embassies since the terrorist bombings in Kenya and Tanzania three weeks ago. Last Thursday, the State Department announced that the U.S. Embassy in South Korea had received unconfirmed information that terrorist action might be taken against U.S. institutions or people in that country.



U.S. Ambassador of large Charles Karlman arrives at the U.S. Mission in North Korea Monday. Karlman met with North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Gwan to discuss nuclear weapons, North Korea's arms sales and other issues after North Korea fired a ballistic missile Monday that likely flew over northeastern Japan and landed in the Pacific Ocean, a spokesman for Japan's Defense Agency said.

U.S. views missile launch with concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Korea's launch of a long-range ballistic missile over Japan and into the Pacific Ocean — its first use of such a two-stage weapon — is a dangerous development for the volatile region's security, U.S. officials said Monday.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright expressed concern. The missile test "is something that we will be raising with North Korea" in talks in New York, she said during a visit to Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital. A session was scheduled for Monday afternoon.

At the State Department, spokesman Lee McClenny called the launch "a matter of deep concern to the United States because of its potentially destabilizing impact in Northeast Asia and beyond."

The missile, dubbed Taepo Dong 1, has a range of 1,500 kilometers, or about 940 miles, and is capable of reaching all of South Korea and Japan. It appears to be the first time North Korea has fired a weapon capable of reaching any point in Japan.

The United States has about 50,000 troops based in Japan, and 37,000 troops in South Korea. Most are posted near the border with North Korea, one of the most militarized regions in the world.

Only hours after the missile firing was reported, Japan announced it was backing out of an agreement to help pay for two nuclear reactors for North Korea. The deal had been proposed as a means of getting the North to sus-

pend work on its missile program.

"We see this as a very dangerous act," said Japan's chief government spokesman, Hiromu Nonaka. He said Japan would express its concern to North Korea through diplomatic channels.

U.S. intelligence analysts believe North Korea has enough plutonium to create at least one nuclear weapon, along with a wide variety of chemical agents and limited biological weapons.

"The missile test underscores why the United States places a continuing high priority on missile nonproliferation and on working closely with like-minded countries to curb the flow of missile equipment and technology worldwide," McClenny said.

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More Dems advocate censure alternative

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — As President Clinton struggles to contain damage from the White House sex scandal, a small number of politicians advocate congressional censure as a way to show disapproval instead of impeachment.

The idea was first advanced in March by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi. After the president's televised admission Aug. 17 that he had an inappropriate relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and then was misleading about it, some Democrats have begun to speak out in support of censure.

"I predict their number will grow if independent counsel Kenneth Starr's report to Congress, expected within weeks, contains only an account of Clinton's extramarital affair but does not put forward evidence of crimes."

"I think the idea has a lot of currency," said Rep. Chaka Fattah, D-Pa., a supporter of the president. "I can't find anyone who is willing to vote for impeachment, given what they know."

As more Democrats pick up on the censure idea, some Republicans are beginning to scoff at it, saying it's not only premature but a ploy to avoid public criticism.

"I can understand politically why Democrats would want a vote

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NATION

Researchers find new AIDS strain

The Associated Press

French researchers have isolated a new strain of the AIDS virus in west Africa that appears to have close genetic links to a version that infects non-human primates such as chimpanzees.

It's a reminder, they said, of how genetically flexible and cunning the human immunodeficiency virus can be.

The new strain so far has been found only in one patient, a 40-year-old woman in Cameroon who died of AIDS in 1995.

French and African officials have launched a public health investigation in Cameroon and neighboring Gabon to determine if the new strain is being widely transmitted.

Infectious disease experts are

Woman in Cameroon carries virus

publishing a report in the new strain in the Sept. 1 issue of *Nature Medicine*. They said they do not expect it to become prevalent, but it could escape detection by current diagnostic methods used in laboratory screening programs.

"The present isolate is rather a rare bird," said Simon Wain-Hobson of the Institute Pasteur in Paris, who did not participate in the study.

HIV constantly evolves into new strains, even as researchers develop new combinations of therapies to curtail its proliferation.

The World Health Organization estimates there will be upwards of 40 million AIDS cases caused by many HIV strains by the end of

the century. On a global scale, there are two simultaneous epidemics, HIV-1 and HIV-2. HIV-1 is the more widespread of the two viral groups; HIV-2 is mainly in Asia and east Africa.

Most of the strains of HIV-1 belong to a group designated as M, for major strains. There is also an O group for minor, outlying strains that appear to be clustered in west Africa.

The new strain in Cameroon is HIV-1 but is neither an M or an O. Instead, the study's lead author, Francois Simon of the Hospital Bicêtre in Paris, said the new strain veers noticeably from both established groups and deserves the

new label of N. The researchers said the genetic profile of the new strain is closer to the genes of variants of the viruses found in chimpanzees and other non-human primates. It is not certain how the Cameroon woman contracted the strain, but the genetic profile suggests it may have been transmitted from another species, they report.

Infectious disease experts cautioned that the possible monkey-to-human connection should not be overinterpreted. Even in cultures where such animals are a food source, HIV is not as easily transmissible as other illnesses.

However, researchers and animal handlers and breeders already understand that Ebola, monkey hepatitis B, and other viruses can "jump" to humans.

Debate heats up over school bus seat belts

Knight-Ridder News Service

After a summer of strapping kids into seat belts between days to the beach, the new and day camp, parents are watching their bounce around in big, yellow school buses without restraints, and they might be wondering why the buses don't have belt protection.

Growing numbers of European students are being backed on their buses but most American children are not likely to follow soon.

National debate over whether seat belts offer enough added safety to justify the cost of installing them in 40,000 school buses. Add to that concern about the hassle of locking in 23.5 million restless youngsters every morning and afternoon.

Opponents of belts in school buses say the buses are not vehicles around. Each year an average of 11 children die in school bus-related crashes — compared with nearly 6,000 yearly under 15 who die in car accidents or drown in other types of motor vehicles. Another 100,000 children are injured in school buses each year.

"The bottom line is the yellow school bus is the safest ride to school, ever and always parents taking children to school in their own cars," said Bob Koch, a spokesman for Laidlaw Law, a company based in Hagerstown, Md., that owns and operates 40,000 school buses in the United States and Canada.

But some child safety advocates believe belt opportunity has more concern with companies than with safety.

All 9 justices attend funeral, praise Powell

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Lewis F. Powell Jr., one of the most influential Supreme Court justices of the 20th century, was buried Monday after he was praised for his kindness and personality.

"His remarkable influence resulted from a combination of ability, fair-mindedness and personal grace," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist said of Powell, who died last week at age 90.

More than 900 people — including all nine current Supreme Court members and five former Virginia governors — attended a funeral service at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, where Powell had been a member for some 60 years. A private graveside ceremony followed. Powell was buried beside his wife, Jo, who died in 1996.

"As a model of human kindness — there will never be a better man," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said. Powell, a justice from 1972 until 1987, "We love you and we always will."

The soft-spoken and unassuming Powell had wielded great power on the nation's highest court because his moderate views placed him at its ideological center. Most notably, he wrote the controlling opinion when in 1978 he ruled, by a 5-4 vote, first, endorsed the concept of affirmative action but outlawed the use of racial quotas.

But while Powell's life of public



Supreme Court justices line up at the graveside of former Justice Lewis Powell in Hollywood Cemetery Monday in Richmond, Virginia. Powell died last week at the age of 90. From left are Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Associate Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, David Souter, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Stephen Breyer.

service was recounted, his eulogies dealt more with his personal traits. Speaking for Powell's four children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Lewis F. Powell III remembered his father's abiding love and attention to detail. "We shall never forget him. God bless him," he said.

"Connor, who in 1981 became the first woman on the court, said the first woman on the court, said no one had been more helpful than Powell back then. She remembered him as a

"superb dancer" with whom she had danced several times, and recalled his joking comment that he someday would be remembered as "the first Supreme Court justice to have danced with another justice."

On the current Supreme Court, John Paul Stevens and Justice Antonin Scalia also served with Powell. Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Stephen G. Breyer joined the

court after he left it.

Retired Justice Byron R. White also was in attendance, as were former Virginia governors George Allen, L. Douglas Wilder, Gerald Baliles, Linwood Holton and Charles S. Robb, who is now a U.S. senator.

A Richmond-based lawyer for over 30 years before joining the Supreme Court, Powell served as a member of the Virginia Board of Education and as president of the Richmond school board.

Controversial researcher receives surplus chimps

The Washington Post

They launched a glamorous but hazardous career at the dawn of the space age. The Air Force chimpanzees captivated millions with their snazzy astrotrips and spacetrack maneuvers during two 1964 journeys into space.

But in the decades since, the astrochimps and their descendants became military dead weight. Earlier this month, the Air Force officially announced 141 chimps would be retired from active duty next year, victims of military belt-tightening and downsizing.

"Typically the Air Force auctions off excess equipment," said Col. Jack Blackhurst, project manager for the chimpanzee divestment.

"In this case, because of the number of chimpanzees and the fact there aren't a whole lot of interested organizations, it was a much more difficult problem."

After a controversial bidding process to seek caretakers for the primates, the Air Force announced 30 chimps will be retired to Primate Primitives, a private sanctuary in San Antonio, Tex. The 111 others will enter civilian life as biomedical research subjects with the Coulston Foundation, a facility based in Alamogordo, N.M.,

which has come under intense scrutiny since it was established in 1993.

The Coulston Foundation has been charged twice by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with alleged violations of the Animal Welfare Act related to chimp deaths, said Jamie Ambrosi, a spokesman for the USDA. In October 1993 three chimps died overnight after the room temperature soared to 140 degrees following a thermostat failure.

The foundation negotiated a settlement in 1996 for \$40,000, half of which was to be used to improve the facilities. Last March, the USDA filed a second complaint based on the deaths of two chimpanzees.

The founder of the facility, 83-year-old pathologist Frederick Coulston, has been the subject of attack by animal welfare groups for ideas including farming chimpanzees for their blood and organs.

The foundation vigorously defends its record, saying it has been the target of a "very deliberate, very organized smear campaign."

Holocaust survivor Ely Gross, left, of Jamaica, N.Y., points to a picture of her mother and brother during a press conference at Millberg, Weiss law offices in New York Monday.



Holocaust survivors sue VW for forced labor in factories

NEW YORK (AP) — Plucked from Nazi concentration camps, they were spared death only to endure another horror — working as slave laborers for the German war machine.

On Monday, in the latest legal action on behalf of Holocaust survivors, former Nazi prisoners sued Volkswagen A.G. and Volkswagen of America and recounted their ordeals in World War II factories.

"Auschwitz was the hell," said Ely Gross, who was 15 when she was separated from her family and sent to work painting metal parts for the German automaker. "The factory where I worked just was the skirt of the hell."

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German and Austrian companies. Plaintiffs in both cases gathered Monday at separate news conferences to recall painful details.

"In the factory, they stayed behind me with a stopwatch and if you didn't produce enough, you were sent to Bergen-Belsen to be killed," said Olga Berkovic, a 74-year-old Holocaust survivor.

The German companies on Monday reiterated their willingness to compensate Nazi-era slave laborers, but said they had not seen either of the lawsuits and declined to comment until they review them thoroughly.

Some German firms already have suggested setting up an industry-wide fund to compensate former slave laborers. Daimler-Benz stepped up its willingness to donate to such a fund Monday, but added that it did not believe it was legally required to compensate slave laborers.

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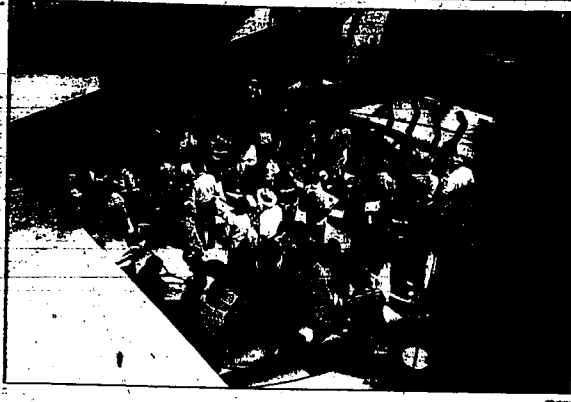
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A crowd of people line up Monday for tickets for a new Vincent Van Gogh masterpiece exhibit that will open October 4 at the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

Van Gogh coming to U.S.

Transporting painter's masterpieces is a tricky science

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shipping 70 paintings by Vincent van Gogh from Amsterdam for a blockbuster U.S. exhibit is a little like transporting a heart for transplant, or deploying a nuclear weapon — careful temperature control, total secrecy.

As crowds line up for tickets for a show of the great Dutch impressionist that begins in October, the National Gallery of Art is putting the finishing touches on the hundreds of millions of dollars of insurance and security needed to make it happen.

Are Van Gogh's masterpieces coming by air or by sea? Dutch and American museums won't say. Nor will they say when the pictures will be moved, or what protection they'll have.

They will talk about climate. Spar van Heugten, acting head of the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, said the wooden crating cases must be left in his building at least 24 hours to "acclimate" them to a temperature of 66 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Only then can he put the precious paintings inside.

"The worst thing that can happen to a painting is temperature shock," Heugten said.

Van Gogh has been called the greatest Dutch painter after Rembrandt, and a single Van Gogh painting has sold for \$82.5 million. So 70 of his pictures could be worth billions if they ever hit the market, which is unlikely. Museum authorities refuse to put a dollar value on the pictures, which will travel to Los Angeles next year after the Washington exhibit.

"In principle, our collection has no value because we will never sell it," Heugten said.

The U.S. museums won't say how much they are paying to bor-

row the pictures, made possible because the Amsterdam museum is closing for eight months of repair and expansion.

"Museum people don't like to talk about dollar figures," said Alice M. Whelihan, who runs an insurance program provided by the federal government. It supplements the private policies taken out by museums.

The U.S. government's liability is limited to \$300 million for any one exhibit, but Whelihan said security keeps her from specifying the liability on this one.

Of the Amsterdam museum's 200 paintings, an additional 80 will go temporarily to the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam and another dozen to the town of Enschede. The rest will stay in storage.

The U.S. show will include pictures of the famous austere but brightly colored bedroom Van Gogh rented in the southern French city of Arles, and the nearby yellow house where he hoped in vain to set up a colony of like-minded painters.

The first painting visitors will see is the somber group of poor Dutch peasants called "The Potato Eaters," one of the early works. There will also be the wheat field with an agitated flight of crows — probably the last thing Van Gogh painted before his suicide.

To handle crowd control, Sandra Creighton, in charge of visitor services at the gallery, is hiring 35 extra staff members.

"That's not security," she said. "We monitor the visitors closely and keep in touch by walkie-talkie, with messages like 'How crowded is your room now?'"

As for security, gallery spokeswoman Deborah Ziska would only say that she never discusses it.

"We are taking the appropriate measures," she said.

The paintings will be covered with glass, presumably to protect them from the slashes that damaged a Van Gogh in 1978 and other Dutch paintings more recently.

The gallery expects up to 400,000 people during the three-month show. And anticipation is clearly high.

By 11 a.m. on Sunday, a line of more than 600 had circled the gallery's East Building, waiting for the doors to open so they could pick up the first advance passes.

FDA approves world's 1st vaccine against severe children's diarrhea

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's first vaccine against the leading cause of childhood diarrhea — a virus that hospitalized 53,000 American children each year and kills 1 million in other countries — won Food and Drug Administration approval Monday.

Wide-spread vaccination with Rotashield could prevent 1 million American preschoolers every year from getting diarrhoea caused by the intestinal infection rotavirus and lower 24,000 of them out of the hospital, said manufacturer Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, which is selling the vaccine control by the National Institutes of Health.

Good health care limits rotavirus-caused deaths in this

country to no more than 60 a year, so the drug's biggest U.S. impact will be at preventing severe illness and the resulting \$400 million in medical bills.

But in developing countries where rotavirus is less easily treated, experts say the vaccine could save thousands of children's lives — if other countries also approve the drug and can afford to buy it.

"The thing that will probably limit its use in developing countries, unfortunately, may be cost," said Dr. Karen Goldsoud, FDA's vaccine director. "It's got to be incredibly cheap to be implemented."

Wyeth will sell Rotashield for a dime in the United States, \$30 a dime in other countries where children would swallow three

doses, at ages 2 months, 6 months and 6 months.

The company declined comment on how much it would charge in poorer countries.

But the NIH scientists who discovered the drug said Wyeth officials have promised that they'll donate the vaccine to children in developing countries, probably by using profits from rich countries to subsidize poor ones.

"It's very exciting news today," said Dr. Albert Kaplan, who has worked toward a vaccine for 24 years. "I think it's going to have a major impact."

Rotavirus is the leading cause of severe childhood diarrhea, making the lining of the small intestine.

Study: Most sunscreens fail to block harmful rays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have discovered that sunscreens, tanning beds and other signs of sun-damaged skin can be caused by ultraviolet A solar rays, said a report published Monday.

UVA solar radiation means a potential molecule on the skin surface into a form of oxygen that spreads up the aging of the skin, said John D. Simon, a Duke University biologist and the co-author of a study being published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Researchers have long known that sunlight can cause the skin to wrinkle and sun leather. But experts said the Simon study is the first to show why this happens — and to link it to UVA rays.

UVA can be blocked by a few sunscreens, including zinc oxide, that white go that blocks and

other beach lovers often wear on their faces, Simon said. Some preparations have zinc oxide in a more transparent form, and some advanced products may now be found.

The new study underscores the importance of using a lotion that blocks both types of ultraviolet radiation — UVA and UVB. UVA rays, which sunscreens focus on

protecting against UVB while doing little to protect against UVA.

"This study shows that we have to pay more attention to (UVA) and to find blockers that are more effective in that region" of solar radiation, said James P. Meehle, a research director at the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

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Sobriety checkpoints prove cost effective

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sobriety checkpoint program to help catch impaired drivers is a cost-effective way to reduce alcohol-related automobile accidents, says a study released Monday.

A study released Monday found that alcohol-related crashes result in more than \$100 billion a year in medical care, emergency transportation, property damage, lost wages and other costs, said the study published by the Journal of Studies on Alcohol at Rutgers University.

A community of 100,000 licensed drivers using 155 checkpoints per year could reduce alcohol-related crashes by about 45 percent, prevent at least one

death and more than 60 nonfatal injuries, researchers found.

An average checkpoint costs about \$1 million in staff, equipment and other costs per year, the researchers found. However, each ultimately saves the community \$7.9 million, including \$3.1 million for averting deaths and \$4.5 million for nonfatal injuries, they said.

Checkpoints are used in 40 states and the District of Columbia.

The report was released at a news conference held by Mothers Against Drunk Driving to caution drivers before the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

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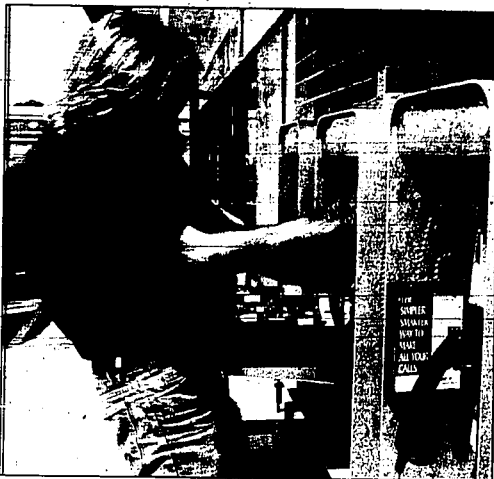
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U.S. West employees began returning to work Monday after a tentative settlement was reached in a strike that forced customers to wait for phone repairs and installations.

US West workers return to their jobs after settlement

MEMPHIS (AP) — Some 38,000 U.S. West employees began returning to work Monday after a tentative settlement was reached in a strike that forced customers to wait for phone repairs and installations.

In addition to a wage hike, the proposed three-year contract includes the union's goal of limits on mandatory overtime. While setting up a performance program the company wanted that making it voluntary.

It is in line with agreements the Communications Workers of America has reached with other regional Baby Bell companies, said Sue Pflum, a negotiator for the union.

Homosexuality research may change views

SMITH LAKE CHURCH (AP) — A leading scientist says research suggesting a genetic and biological basis for homosexuality is changing the way the law and society look at gays and lesbians.

Dr. Simon LeVay, a prominent neuroscientist whose 1991 report revealed brain differences between gay and straight men, says that while such research is unnecessary in a diverse society, it is a "useful dimension."

of Lesbians and Gays. About 200 people attended the lecture. His address came just one week after a sharp contrast to the annual conference of Evergreen International, an organization comprised of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The group contends homosexuality is a developmental condition that can be "cured."

Trails reopen, but grizzlies remain

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — U.S. Forest Service officials Monday reopened several trails in the Jadedah Smith Wilderness after grizzlies were chased since Aug. 20 because of grizzly bear activity.

Grizzlies moved their livestock, but another sheep was killed recently by a grizzly, she said. Officials will review whether to keep the trails open if livestock killings continue.

Grizzly cubs with cubs are considered critical because they reproduce extremely slowly, officials said. Grizzlies take precedence over livestock because the zone is within the federal Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone.

Officials closed trails in the Jadedah Smith Wilderness and Bear Canyon and Jadedah Pass after grizzlies apparently killed 14 sheep earlier this month, she said.

The situation improved when

members moved their livestock, but another sheep was killed recently by a grizzly, she said. Officials will review whether to keep the trails open if livestock killings continue.

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World remembers Lady Diana

Crowds gather on anniversary in Paris, London

LONDON (AP) — With thousands of flowers, heartfelt notes and hymns in London's great cathedrals, Britons marked the first anniversary of Princess Diana's death Monday. Her son, her young sons and the royal family prayed together, away from public eyes.

Victory blues, as if a symbol of their mourning, Prince William, 16, and Prince Harry, 13, entered the tiny stone church near Balmoral Castle in Scotland flanked by their father, Prince Charles, Queen Elizabeth II and other royal relatives.

William, the lanky physical embodiment of his mother, hung his head and was mostly shielded from the cameras. Harry showed no expression.

In London, outside the palace where Diana lived, and in Paris, near the scene of the traffic crash where she died in a car crash, crowds gathered to pay their respects or merely to view the spectacle.

A way left behind flowers, stuffed animals and prayers, just as they did — though in vastly larger numbers — in the days after her death. "It's the 'I'd like to do,'" said Maureen Poole of London, clutching a bunch of carnations at Kensington Palace. "To just come when she dies and to never come again, especially this first year, would seem empty."



A riot policeman stands guard as people gather to the makeshift monument for Diana, Princess of Wales, in Paris. Monday, the anniversary of Diana's death. Diana died along with her friend Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul when their car crashed at high speed inside the Pont de l'Alma tunnel, in Paris.

"Every year, Aug. 31st, we will always remember," read a scrawled placard, nestled in a pile of bouquets at the palace.

At Diana's ancestral home in Athorp, 75 miles north of London, her brother, Earl Spencer, and her sisters, Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Lady Jane Fellowes, planned a early evening service for the public.

More than 1,000 people packed London's Westminster Cathedral for a special afternoon Requiem Mass, while St. Paul's Cathedral — site of Diana's 1981 marriage to Charles — scheduled an evening service for the public.

Hundreds also flocked to Harrods department store to sign books of condolence for owner Mohamed Al Fayed, whose son Dodi was Diana's boyfriend and

died with her in the crash. Their driver, Henri Paul, who was legally drunk at the time, also died.

"It has been a horrendous day," said Al Fayed, who mingled with visitors to Harrods after spending the morning with his family at his son's tomb on the family estate at Ootd, 20 miles south of London. "I just came here because thousands of people were waiting for me."

New book claims to reveal betrayer of Anne Frank

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — A new biography of Anne Frank contends her mysterious betrayer was the woman who cleaned the building where the young Jewish diarist and her family hid from the Nazis.

In "Anne Frank," due in bookstores next week, Austrian biographer Melissa Muller cites evidence she unearthed in German and Dutch archives to support her theory that the long sought-after informant was maid Dena Hartog.

Scholars reacted cautiously Monday to Muller's conclusion, saying the betrayer's identity may never be known for sure because the key players and known witnesses — Hartog among them — are long dead.

"I'm not convinced," said Peter Romijn of the Netherlands State Institute for War Documentation, which compiled the internationally bestselling "Diary of Anne Frank."

"The evidence is largely circumstantial," he said, but added: "It deserves at least more research and consideration on our part."

World War II researchers long have debated the chain of events that culminated in the Aug. 4, 1944, raid on the Franks' secret annex, tucked behind a movable bookcase in an Amsterdam canal house.

"Tipped off by an anonymous phone call, German agents burst inside and hauled the Franks away to concentration camps. Anne died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen camp in the spring of 1945, just weeks before it was liberated.

Hartog, who died in 1963, has been the subject of speculation before. A year before the betrayal, the war documentation center says, she confided to another woman that she thought Jews were being hidden in the building.

Former au pair complains of TV

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Louise Woodward, the former au pair convicted of killing an American baby, made a rare public appearance Monday in a debate on whether to allow television into British courts. Her opinion? An emphatic "no."

With her American lawyer Barry Sheeck, who defended O.J. Simpson, the 20-year-old said that television turned her trial into a soap opera with a painful legacy: a nervous giggle is her best remembered testimony.

"It's hard enough being handcuffed in the dock without having a camera trying to take a shot of your handcuffs," she said.

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What price victory for Kabila?

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — A day after paying rebel forces from western Congo, President Laurent Kabila on Monday proclaimed the war in the west won.

But at what cost? A month of rebels determined to oust Kabila launched a military campaign that within weeks had routed government troops, reaching within miles of downtown Kinshasa — Congo's obstinate prize.

To save his government and perhaps his own life, Kabila exited the support of neighboring Angola, Zimbabwe and Namibia in a move that both internationalized Congo's conflict and splintered a central and southern Africa already grappling with a host of economic and political troubles.

The rebel coalition, comprising ethnic Tutsi fighters and disgruntled members of Kabila's army, withdrew from its last strongholds in the southwest over the weekend. But it left the cities to Angolan troops, not Congolese.

Still, Kabila claimed the victory for himself.

"There are no fronts left in the west. The last bastions of the aggressors have fallen," Kabila's cabinet director, Abdoulaye Yendouya, said Monday.

However, Kabila's success in the west masks larger problems: The bulk of the rebel force consists of the same troops who last year helped him to power, regions in Rwanda and Congolese troops in Kabila's army defected to the rebels, leaving the president's whittled-down military vulnerable.

"In some respects Kabila has already lost, he's come out of this weakened," said Yewawa Chikwanga, a professor of political science at the University of Kinshasa. "President Kabila has demonstrated to the world that he has no army and can't defend himself."

His own military in disarray



A Congolese man pulls a cart with produce to be sold in Kinshasa Monday as residents return to the capital city's market street after days of hiding behind locked doors while government troops battled rebels on the edge of the city.

and unable to hold off the rebels alone, Kabila is now at the mercy of foreign support. In the east, his opponents still control several key cities and are vowing to wage a guerrilla war for as long as it takes — months or years — to bring down the president.

That threat carries some weight, given that rebels have their own foreign backing — from Rwanda and Uganda. Both countries have denied involvement, but have

threatened to intervene if they believe their interests are at risk.

"The government forces would've been by now completely out if it were not for the Angolans and Zimbabweans," rebel leader Ernest Wamba dia Wamba said Sunday, speaking to The Associated Press in the eastern city of Goma.

"But they cannot stay long. And we're going to continue fighting no matter what."

Fatal explosion rips Algiers market

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — An explosion in Algeria's capital killed at least 17 people Monday, hours after the government said it would open 48 offices to investigate those missing in the six-year Islamic insurgency.

Algerian security forces said in a statement that 17 people were dead and about 60 were wounded. Hospital sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, put the death toll at 20.

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EDITORIAL

Desire for Idaho voters presents an opportunity

Southern Idaho doesn't often grab the attention of national political leaders. But this year, with our congressional seat one of the hot prizes in the November election, both parties are tuned to our channel. Idahoans should exploit the opportunity for all it's worth.

An article in Sunday's paper detailed how national Democratic Party strategists are targeting Idaho's 2nd Congressional District. Republican incumbent Mike Crapo is running for the U.S. Senate, leaving the 2nd District seat open. With former Congressman Richard Stallings on their ticket, the Democrats see the 2nd as a winnable seat. They plan to give the race plenty of money and attention.

The Republicans, meanwhile, are determined to defend their 11-vote majority in the House. They can't afford to lose the Idaho 2nd District. So the GOP will work just as hard for Mike Simpson as the Democrats will for Stallings.

Big-name visitors are part of the strategy on both sides. House Speaker Newt Gingrich buzzed into eastern Idaho last week to promote Simpson. Stallings has brought in ranking

House Democrats for town meetings. For the candidates, these visits are an opportunity to generate media attention and campaign money. But they also present a rare opportunity for Idahoans to tell their story to some powerful ears.

When a national political figure comes whistle-bling through the district, citizens and local leaders shouldn't be shy about bringing up the issues that concern us. The economic pinch on farmers, Federal management of public lands, Emery degradation. The impact of endangered species protection on Western economies.

How do the national parties plan to help? Making sure the powerful visitors hear these messages should be a priority for Idaho candidates as well. What better way to show their fitness to represent us than by making sure their parties' leaders absorb our message?

Southern Idaho is a coveted prize for both parties this year. While the attention is flattering, we should let them know we expect more substantial evidence that they have our interests at heart.

When national big shots drop in, Idahoans should demand answers about the issues that concern us.

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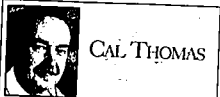
The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen Hartgen, Clark Walworth, Steve Crump, Kevin Richert and Kurt Friedemann

Let's count character the way the Boy Scout law suggests

If you believe the opinion polls, the public is less concerned about the character of the president than the strength of the economy. That could quickly change as the stock market heads south and Russia unravels economically and politically.

Some reader letters are harshly critical of me for "harping" on character questions, imploring me to get on with the "real business of the country."

As a former member of the scouting program, I thought I would revisit the Scout Law of the Boy Scouts of America to see what I was taught. Did the scoutmasters think that building character, virtue and integrity ought to be the real business of the country? Did they believe such things mattered only when boys are young?



and his behavior in office, that oath, which is required by the Constitution, bears reconsideration: "I, William Jefferson Clinton, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Most add, "so help me God."

The first law is that a scout is "Trustworthy. He tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him."

A scout is "Loyal. (He) is true to his family ... and nation."

A scout is "Friendly. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own."

A scout is "Obedient. (He) follows the rules of his family ... He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks those rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them."

A scout is "Clean. (He) keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals."

Finally, a scout is "Reverent. (He) is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties."

In the Scout Oath, he pledges, among other things, to be "morally straight."

According to such standards, Bill Clinton could not be admitted as a member of the Boy Scouts of America. Were he already a member, his admitted lies and behavior would be grounds for expulsion.

The president may have never been a Boy Scout, but he twice took another oath. Based on what we know about him

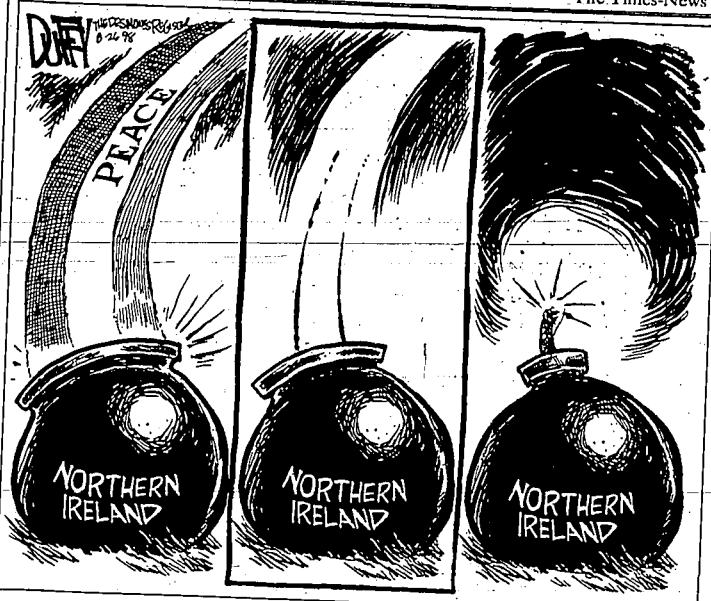
These words have meaning, as do the Scout Oath and Scout Law. They presume the oath-taker will live up to his pledge or accept the consequences for violating them. President Clinton solemnly swore, indicating the seriousness of the oath he twice took.

Has he faithfully executed the office, which is not his personal property or a spoil of political war, but a hallowed institution as old as the nation? Has he done to the best of his ability everything he could to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution, or has he attempted to circumvent, undermine and redefine by law-breaking and debauched behavior our most fundamental document?

These are questions an impeachment panel will want to consider. But if Bill Clinton were a Boy Scout, it wouldn't even be a close call. He would be a goner.

Why do we promote one set of standards we admire in a Boy Scout and pretend these same standards, not to mention constitutional standards, don't matter or are somehow voided when a boy grows up to become president of the United States?

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.



Ban on personal water craft may backfire

Federal regulators have come up with yet another urgent plan to protect the health and safety of Americans. This time the menace is vacationers and their personal water craft, commonly known as "jet skis" (after the name of the leading product made by Kawasaki).

New federal regulations will ban jet skis from national parks and many other federal waterways. But past experience tells us that the rule will worsen safety and the environment, not improve it.

There are now more than 1 million jet skis in the United States. They are an easy and convenient way to zip around lakes and bays, but they also cause accidents and pollution, and they annoy people who like serene waters and the quiet conveyance of kayak and canoe.

Advocates of a ban, who liken jet skis to "having a cloud of bees swarm around your head," say their goal is to increase safety and lower pollution. But once the ban takes effect, the nation's "jet skiing" population, growing by roughly 200,000 every year, will pursue their sport elsewhere. More users will crowd onto unregulated waterways, and then jet skiers will seek out previously pristine lakes and rivers — wreaking more havoc.

When they impose new restrictions, regulators, blinded by the potential positive effects, often fail to foresee unintended consequences. Here are a few examples from our regulatory past:

For over two decades, the govern-

MATTHEW BROWN

ment has required aspirin and other medicines to be sold in bottles with child-proof "safety caps." The goal was to prevent children from gaining access to dangerous medicine and poisoning themselves. Yet many adults, frustrated by the difficulty of opening the caps, have left the caps off entirely. According to Harvard economist W. Kip Viscusi, the reaction to this rule led to an additional 2,500 poisonings per year of children under the age of 5.

The EPA has long warned that the chlorine used to purify drinking water may cause cancer. Taking this advice to heart, Peruvian officials in 1991 decreased the amount of chlorine in their drinking water. A cholera epidemic then swept across South America, killing over 12,000 people. Its cause: under-chlorinated drinking water, according to molecular biologist Michael Gough, Director of Science and Risk Studies at the Cato Institute and a former program manager with the congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires landowners to protect endangered species found on their property. Under the act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the power to regulate what landowners do with their land, even prohibiting them from logging, farming, or

building. Seeing the impact of the regulations on others, some property owners have made sure it doesn't happen to them. They simply manage their land in a way that makes it unappealing habitat for some species. Thus, says Montana State University economist Richard Stroup, the act has decreased habitat for many endangered species and worsened the problem it was intended to alleviate.

When the SUVs get in an accident with a small car, the occupant of the small car is more likely to be killed. That fact has grabbed the headlines, but the federal cause has been largely ignored.

These are only a few of many regulations that have unforeseen consequences — indeed, some even worsening the problems they were designed to prevent. Their lessons should be considered by anyone who thinks a new regulation will solve a problem such as jet skis.

A better solution for jet skis would be to find a way to accommodate both jet ski enthusiasts and those who dislike them. The National Park Service could designate certain areas for use by jet skiers and others for use by canoes and kayaks. This would reduce overcrowding, and neither group would be singled out for greater sacrifice. In any case, we should be cautious about the unintended consequences of regulation.

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LETTERS

Children's rights should come first

I would like to direct this letter to David Jones of Binyon who asked, "What about the right to privacy?" in the Sunday, Aug. 30, paper.

Mr. Jones, everyone has the right to privacy to some extent, but I, for one, am glad *The Times-News* printed the names of the registered sex offenders. Not so someone can go out and harm someone from this list, but because there are people who may not know they have a sex offender coming to their house where there are children present and are never told.

I am speaking from experience. I found out that a person that is listed as a registered sex offender comes to my residence where a family member watches my child while I am working and my husband is sleeping. We were told to about why he was in prison by the family member who knew, and the sex offender didn't have the guts to tell my husband or myself. If it was for this list, we would have never found

out the truth; therefore, our child would have still been at risk.

No, I'm not saying that just because they are registered sex offenders that they will automatically do the crime again. I'm saying that if I would have known when this person started showing up, I would have made other arrangements for someone else to watch my child, or my husband would have stayed up until I got off work.

We, as parents, have the right to know if there are sex offenders that are around our children so we can make changes, especially if a family member knows and holds the truth from you.

ALLISON SHELDON
 Twin Falls

Editor: We're gratified to know that the published list has helped at least one local family. Readers, if you know of similar situations, we'd like to hear from you.

Earthworm has more dignity
 I am writing this letter to the party

who is responsible for smashing the passenger-side door of my stepside pickup.

My wife was driving the pickup that day. She brought her son to the hospital for outpatient surgery. When she picked him up, there was no dent; all was fine.

She dropped her son off and went to the NAPA parts store in Jerome and then went home. That is when I saw the damaged door.

Do you make a habit of hitting parked vehicles and running off?

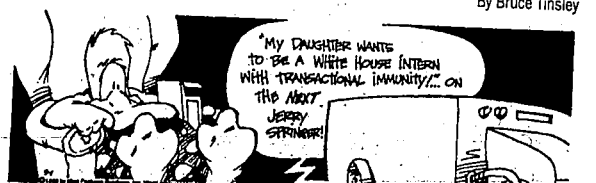
I must say that you are truly scum and that an earthworm has more dignity and honor than what you have. You are a true coward to run off and leave my wife holding the damage. If by chance you do have the courage to identify yourself, I'll tell you what I will do for you. I will locate for you a pastor of any church of your choice and pay for the marriage to make your parents' union official and legal.

SHERWOOD RINGLING
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Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Take a voyage into Clinton's fantasy world

To understand how deep a legal hole President Clinton has dug for himself, it helps to review the outstanding performance that he and one of his attorneys put on before a federal judge in January.

Based on Clinton's short speech earlier this month as well as subsequent reports about his grand jury testimony, it is now clear that the president lied repeatedly under oath in the deposition he gave on Jan. 17.

Much of the press has focused on the titillating question of whether Clinton, at a critical point in this deposition, relied on an absurdly narrow definition of the term "sexual relations."

But Clinton's deceptions in January are far broader than that. He systematically constructed a make-believe world, one in which he had scarcely even met Monica Lewinsky, the woman with whom he now acknowledges having an affair.

Given that acknowledgement, we can now see that the text of Clinton's deposition contains pages after page of fabrications, including numerous memory lapses not even remotely credible.

All the while, Clinton pretended during the deposition to be earnestly trying to remember everything just as it happened.

"I want to be as accurate as I can here," Clinton said at one point as he launched into what appears to have been yet another tall tale.

All this raises the obvious ques-

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tion of perjury. Although White House officials have been gamely suggesting that perhaps lying under oath in certain cases is nothing to get worked up over, the president's January performance is going to make that a very tough sell—legally or politically.

Recent press reports also seem to bolster the possibility that Clinton might have obstructed justice in other ways—a charge that the president, ominously, has chosen not to address in any detail in public.

It is true that the Paula Jones sexual misconduct case, in which Clinton gave his January deposition, was driven by political animosity toward him.

It is also true that even presidents should be entitled to some privacy.

But one need not be a rabid Clinton-hater to see that the issues of perjury and obstruction of justice were the Lewinsky scandal way beyond debates over sexual mores and the appropriate penalty for presidential infidelity.

Perjury and obstruction of justice are legitimate grounds for impeachment. They bear directly on the official duties of a president who, among other things, is supposed to be the nation's chief

law enforcement officer. That should be clear to every one, including die-hard Clinton fans. Republicans who would rather not put Al Gore in the Oval Office, and voters who would just as soon not hear another word about Lewinsky's infamous dress.

So let's take a closer look at the president's deposition last January.

The primary deception in that deposition, of course, was Clinton's statement—repeated in several variations—that he did not have an affair with Lewinsky.

"I have never had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky," he said in January. "I've never had an affair with her."

Even an extremely narrow definition of the term "sexual relations" may not relieve Clinton's perjury worries here. But in any case, Clinton obviously lied elsewhere in the deposition.

One of his more outlandish statements, for example, came after he was asked whether he had met with Lewinsky "several times" when she worked at the White House.

"I don't know about several times," he said. "There was a period when the ... Republican Congress shut the government

down that the whole White House was being run by interns, and she was assigned to work back in the chief of staff's office, and we were all working there, and so I saw her on two or three occasions then, and then when she worked at the White House, I think there (were) one or two other times when she brought some documents to me."

We now know, of course, that this rambling statement is largely nonsense.

The details about the government shutdown and so forth were presumably thrown in to lend an air of authenticity

and kill time. Clinton made even greater use of the bury them with irrelevant detail strategy when he was asked whether he and Lewinsky had ever been alone together in the Oval Office.

"I don't recall," Clinton claimed. "But as I said, when she worked at the legislative affairs office, they always had somebody there on the weekends."

"I typically worked some on the weekends. Sometimes they'd bring me things on the weekends. She—it seems to me she brought things to me once or twice on the weekends."

"In that case, whatever time

she would be in there, drop it off, exchange a few words and go, she has no idea. I don't have any specific recollections of what the issues were, what was going on, but when the Congress is there, we're working all the time, and typically I would do some work on one of the days of the weekends in the afternoon."

A question about whether Clinton and Lewinsky had gone down a hallway between the Oval Office and a private kitchen brought a strenuous objection from Robert Bennett, an attorney for the president.

"I question the good faith of counsel, the innuendo in the question," Bennett declared. He angrily pointed to the fact that Lewinsky had filed an affidavit saying that—in Bennett's words—"there is absolutely no sex of any kind in any manner, shape or form, with President Clinton."

Later Bennett even insisted on having Clinton vouch for the accuracy of Lewinsky's phony affidavit. Clinton declared the affidavit to be "absolutely true."

Clinton also made the preposterous statement that he did not know whether he had ever given any gifts to Lewinsky.

"I don't recall," Clinton said. His memory seemed to improve a little as specific items were brought up. But it never got very good.

Question: "A book about Walt Whitman?"

Clinton: "I give—let me just say, I give people a lot of gifts, and when people are around I

give a lot of things I have at the White House away, so I could have given her a gift, but I don't remember a specific gift."

Clinton did give Lewinsky some gifts, and they are now at the center of Starr's obstruction of justice case against the president.

Lewinsky reportedly told the grand jury this month that Clinton told her she could not turn over the gifts to prosecutors if she didn't have them.

The following day, Lewinsky reportedly testified, Clinton's secretary came to her apartment and retrieved the gifts.

According to recent reports, Clinton gave some gifts to Lewinsky as late as last December, only a few weeks before his deposition.

Clinton's full-back position, now under construction at the White House, is that his abuses of the legal system weren't that significant.

The questions to Clinton were immaterial, some of his aides say, and the Jones case was a rotten one to begin with.

But that argument represents not only an abdication of presidential duty but a fundamental challenge to the whole American legal system.

It is hard to see how we can expect that system to function if everyone else feels free to lie under oath whenever they don't like the questions.

Stephen Winn is deputy editorial page editor for The Kansas City Star.

Boonies becoming 'burbs all too soon

SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF RUPESON, Tex.—The hand-lettered sign tacked to the utility pole was the first indication that city life was far behind.

Instead of advertising help for an easy way to lose 10 pounds in 10 days, the note was letting the owner of a lost lamb know that the little critter had been found and where to come get it.

The official welcome took the form of a coyote serenade. With the move into our new house, we traded the incessant yipping of a neighbor's dachshund for the eerie pre-dawn yips and howls from a chorus of coyotes. We're much happier with the wild sounds, although our cat's nocturnal strolls have been drastically curtailed.

J. R. LABBE

The first time we heard high-pitched wails filling the air before the sun tinged the sky pink came just hours after our neighbor casually walked two weary heads of cattle across our front yard. We definitely had left city life behind. The question now is: For how long?

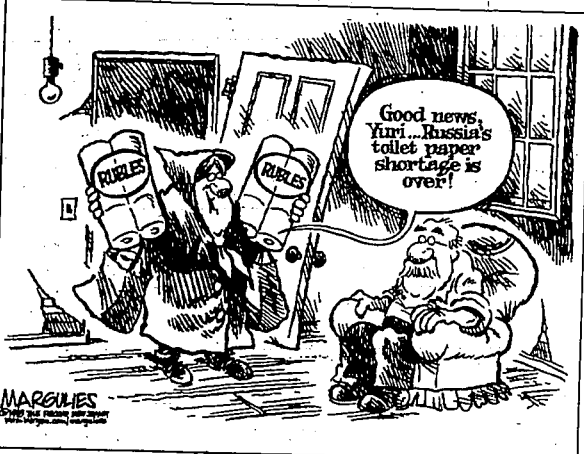
My husband and I are part of that growing number of people engaged in the process of reverse migration. Although we have not yet forsaken urban jobs to live in the wilds of Montana, we tried the next best thing by moving to a rural area beyond the busy traffic loop that circles through Fort Worth and Dallas.

It's only a matter of time, however, before the city follows. Urban exodus is happening all over the nation. Our specific journey took us to the rural area south of Fort Worth, but counties to the west of Cowtown are also experiencing explosive growth.

According to the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Johnson County has experienced a population boom from 97,165 in 1990 to 112,800 this year. Building permits for single-family homes are up 30 percent in Parker, Johnson and Hood counties.

Of course, all the attributes that make rural living so attractive—no crowds, no traffic, no neighborly right over the back fence—want are more and more people search for an escape from an urban dwelling. The next thing you know, there will be zoning restrictions and permits needed to build a storage shed on your own property.

Bill "J.R." Labbe is senior editorial writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



When it comes to managing my business's cash, my banker is of the utmost integrity. Now, if only he'd stop stealing scenes.

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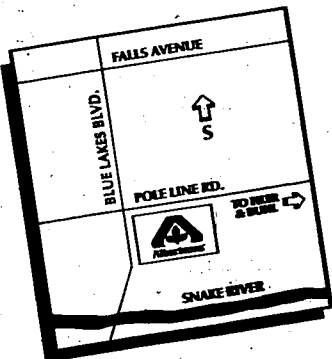


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AROUND THE VALLEY

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Buhl High evacuated after bomb threat

BUHL - A bomb threat at Buhl High School Monday morning forced an evacuation and led to two arrests.
Buhl police evacuated the school for about an hour after the threat was made at around 11 a.m., Cpl. Ralph Dubois said.
A police search turned up nothing, but an adult and a juvenile were arrested, he said.

Head-on collision on Highway 24 injures 5

KIMAMA - Five people were injured Monday afternoon after their pickup truck hit a semi truck on Idaho Highway 24, the Idaho State Police said.
Ofelia Orozco, 31, of Hansen, was driving the pickup when it slammed head on into a truck driven by Steven Ray Bohrer, 34, of Virginia, the ISP said.
Orozco and the four passengers in her truck were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. None of the five were a seat belt, the ISP said.
The accident is under investigation.

Fire burns 2,000 acres of grazing land near GF

GLENNES FERRY - A fire 25 miles southeast of here has burned 2,500 acres of grazing land, a fire dispatch center said.
Heavy vegetation and dry conditions made containment difficult, but firefighters expected containment late Monday night, the Boise Interagency Logistics Center said.
Firefighters kept the fire from reaching steep terrain, which would have made containment even more difficult.

Huntley continues his one-man debate

TWIN FALLS - Democratic gubernatorial candidate Robert Huntley will be in the Magic Valley Wednesday for the fourth in a series of 10 scheduled "empty chair" debates.
Earlier this year, Huntley asked his Republican opponent in the race, U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, to join him in a series of debates to settle the state. When Kempthorne declined, Huntley decided to go it alone.
Independent candidate Peter Richards, a Twin Falls podiatrist and student nuclear waste activist, has pressed Huntley to include him in the debates. But Huntley has refused.
Huntley is using the forums to detail his ideas on issues ranging from his rebuilding Idaho's educational system by restructuring the sales tax to dam breaching.
This week's forum will be held on the College of Southern Idaho campus. A red dot will sit in a chair, on-stage in the place of Kempthorne, according to a statement.
A spokesman for the senator said Kempthorne has refused the debates because his schedule was full and he already is slated to debate Huntley on Idaho Public Television in October.

Gooding County holds hearing on land plan

GOODING - Gooding County residents can offer input on the county's new comprehensive plan at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Gooding County Courthouse courtroom.
"People think this is a public hearing for an ordinance. It's not," Planning and Zoning Administrator Judy Daubner said.
"It's planning on how we want our county to grow in ways to benefit its residents."
Before adopting the new plan, the county planners will repeat the existing plan, revised in June 1992.
Drafts of the plan are available in the county planning and zoning office and offer extensive information on local government, services, natural resources and land use.
Since the 1992 revised plan, Gooding County has adopted zoning districts to facilitate growth by cities.
The new plan also offers a land use map and additional information about county government and services.

By N.S. Nakkentent
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Casualties, food shortages and fair exhibits aren't the only things going up at the Twin Falls County Fair this week.
County commissioners Monday unanimously approved a set of fee increases that includes raising admission \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children - to \$4 and \$2 respectively.
The fee parking that comes with the higher fees is little consolation to those who camped or simply walk to the fair, which opens Wednesday.
The change will help some people, and won't help others, Commissioner Dennis Margenau noted.
"Fair entertainment costs money. Commissioner Marvin Hemphreus said. Either the county pays the fair on the tax

calls, or people pay for it through fees.
And the fairgrounds needs to raise some money for needed improvements."
The priority is \$100,000 in electrical upgrades.
Some buildings are "just speaking by," he said, and some older buildings don't meet electrical codes.
The county's insurance company - Mikalo County Risk Management Program

has warned the county that if electrical improvements aren't made, the fairgrounds' insurance rates would go up or the policy could be canceled, Hemphreus said.
"We certainly don't want a fire, whether it's insured or not," he said.
In addition to old wiring in some barns, food booths and exhibits have been plagued by outages caused by an over-

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not," he said.
In addition to old wiring in some barns, food booths and exhibits have been plagued by outages caused by an over-

loaded electrical system. The county plans to bring the barns up to code and upgrade the electrical system over the next three years, he said.
Commissioner Carla Reed said she had heard two negative comments about the increase: But there are more free events this year, she said, including a free concert Monday evening.
The fair board decided earlier this summer to raise fees without realizing a public hearing was necessary. But because the increase was more than 5 percent, state law requires the county hold public hearings.
Costs have been going up, and fees have not been raised since 1991, commissioners said, but no property tax money is used to fund the fair.

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MAKING HAY



Taking advantage of a warm summer evening, a farmer near Elgin cuts hay with his son. Summer temperatures are forecast to stay in the high 80s this week.

Job Service takes on new job

Computer upgrades speed up self-help employment search

TWIN FALLS - Mikalo Job Service centers have work ahead of them.
The state's unemployment offices have been transformed into "one-stop" Idaho Works Career Centers.
At resource centers in the centers, job seekers can test their keyboard skills, write a resume and cover letters, make copies and fax them to prospective employers, said Pat Petersen, regional manager in Twin Falls.
The Twin Falls office, at 771 North College Road, already offered some of the services, but they have been expanded. Eight new computers also have been added.
New technology also allows people to look for work via the Internet with various

DAILY NewsLinks
To tap the new Idaho Internet job line, visit The Times-News Online at http://www.magicvalley.com and click on NewsLinks.

links to other sites, she said.
The technology and computers provide job seekers with a self-help employment search, free access to new job seekers as well as those who want to upgrade to high-paying jobs, state officials said.
"These are all self-directed, self-access type tools," Petersen said. But staff members will still be available to help.
The Internet site will be available in July statewide, but this week Job Service started a campaign to make people aware of the office's new focus, Petersen said. No additional

staff members have been hired to run the new services.
A \$5.4 million grant paid for the state upgrade.
The centers also have expanded work with employers to help with screening and interviewing, she said. A recent example was its work with the new Albertson's store to hire about 130 people.
They also will encourage teachers to send students to the centers to learn about how to find and keep a job, she said. "The services will be a great benefit to our young people in school and coming out of school."
The new services also are available at the Burley employment office, but space is limited. A major renovation of the office, at 127 West 5th St. N., is planned to start early next year.
The Labor Department is trying to change the image of the office from a place to merely find work to one where people can also plan careers with up-to-date technology, Petersen said.
For those who haven't been to the state office for a while, "I think they'll be very pleasantly surprised."

Committee hopes to brighten up downtown Twin Falls streets

Chamber plan could place flower baskets on new light poles

of about \$2.1 million in bonds to pay for \$2.3 million worth of revitalization projects in downtown and Old Town, administration costs and refinancing of other bond debt.
Members of the chamber beautification committee heard about the lighting project via the light project with flower baskets.
"If you are going to put up new poles, why not decorate them?" Neal asked.
Bids for the 74 light poles - remnants of the ones found in Twin Falls in the 1920s - are expected to be open in October and installation starts later this fall, said private engineer Mary Gergen, who has been working on the project.
The chamber committee proposes a 12 inch to 14 inch diameter basket. The basket would be held by a bracket on one side of the pole aluminum pole. On the other side would be a banner with a welcome to Twin Falls and the name of the sponsoring business. Money will be used to purchase the baskets, flowers and to pay for their maintenance, Neal said.
The brackets holding the flowers and baskets would probably be bid as "add-ons" to the light poles and installation, said Dave McAlindin, Urban Renewal director. The Urban Renewal Agency has

a contingency fund to pay for the brackets.
"It would be very nice and if it's in the budget, certainly," McAlindin said about the flower proposal.
But there are some technical problems to work out, namely making sure the bracket is strong enough to support the baskets, Gergen said.
"They will be hanging up there 13 feet," he said.
Staff members at an Ohio light-pole manufacturer has been researching the kind of bracket needed, Gergen said.
If the chamber plan blooms, they will order flowers this fall and have the baskets up by spring, Neal said.
The beautification committee hopes the flower baskets will grow enthusiasm to eventually place flower baskets on poles along the rest of Shoshone Street to Blue Lakes Boulevard and down the boulevard.
"The idea is to do as much of Twin Falls as the Twin Falls community wants to do," she said.
The chamber committee also sponsors landscaping awards to businesses and residents.
"Just beautifying Twin Falls, that's our job," Neal said.
Times-News staff writer Pat Marcantonio can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

Waste deals nears for Jerome

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - Neighbors who have vigorously opposed a waste transfer station near the Jerome-Gooding county line have apparently struck a deal with the septic hauler who wanted to build the station.
Through his company, EnviroClean, Clinton McCord applied earlier this year for a special use permit to haul and store septic waste and other material. His proposal included building a liquid waste transfer station and 30,000-gallon underground holding tank on his property straddling the county line.
But several neighbors took their gripes to the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, which twice rejected McCord's proposal.
Amid residents' protests, Twin Falls and Gooding counties last year also rejected McCord's request for special use permits.
During an appeal hearing Monday before the Jerome County Commission, a Twin Falls accountant representing EnviroClean said McCord was willing to drop the waste transfer station and holding tank from his application.
McCord would use tanker trucks instead of the septic systems, can wash sumps and other sources directly to evaporation ponds on land he has leased in Owyhee County, said Terry Dodds. The ponds should be ready in about two weeks.
County officials are looking for a site for a county-owned transfer station and holding tank in Gooding or Jerome counties, Dodds said. There's no other for two such sites so near each other.
Attorney Pat Brown, representing several of McCord's neighbors, said the neighbors probably wanted additional provisions.

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Burglary victim speaks out on safety issues

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY - There is no way to describe what happened to the children and family who are victims of a break-in, Kent Searle said.
Searle's Burley house was burglarized in April.
"The first thing my 14-year-old daughter asked was if the doors were locked," Searle said.
The doors were locked, but Searle has since had a security system installed in his home. And since then, he has spent a lot more time thinking about the legal process.
Maximo Chacon, 19, was arraigned on burglary charges in 5th District Court last week; he has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center.
Chacon pleaded guilty in a plea agreement to grand theft by possession.
"The state is willing to recommend a sentence of one to five years," said a Howard Smyser, deputy prosecuting attorney.
Grand theft penalties are less severe than burglary charges, and a defendant can be released sooner on probation.
Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 10 and Searle intends to be present to make a victim's rights statement, including recommendations to the judge.
Searle is concerned that Chacon could be out on probation in a short time.
Juvenile jurisdiction was waived in

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Jerome will present city budget to public tonight

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME—The new city budget for 1999 is ready and scheduled for public comment at hearing at tonight's City Council meeting.

The proposed budget shows an overall decrease in operating expenses from \$5.3 million to \$4.9 million, but includes a 3 percent cost-of-living raise for city employees, the first in three years.

In other city business:
• A second public hearing will be held on an ordinance to allow refurbished mobile homes that have passed safety inspections to be in manufactured home parks and other areas zoned for manufactured homes. Refurbishing older mobile homes would focus

Public Meeting

The Jerome City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

on safety issues.
• The city will consider an ordinance to charge a user fee for using dump trucks.
In the past, the city has offered the use of dump trucks for residents hauling yard waste. From April to September 1997 the cost to taxpayers was \$11,077. A user fee would help recover some of these costs, and the resolution would clarify that the trucks will hold only yard waste, not household waste.
• The street department has developed a brush chipper policy,

which has been approved by former city administrator Larry Payne but not formally adopted by the council. The public works department is requesting formal adoption of a brush chipping policy.

The public works department has spent 1,040 man-hours this year chipping brush for Jerome residents. The cost to taxpayers is about \$14,500 a year.
The chipper will be made available to local residents for spring and fall tree pruning as crews' workload permits. The policy says trees of up to 20 feet in length and limbs up to 5 inches in diameter would be accepted.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

QUADRUPLETS HIT KINDERGARTEN



Outfitted with backpacks for their first day of school, quadruplets Adam, Nathan, Emilee and Ben Palmer pose Wednesday in their Eden, Utah, home. Raising the kids out of the home means the kitchen floor might stay clean for a two-hour stretch, their mother said laughingly.

SERVICES

Georgia Decker of Rupert, funeral 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Clyde M. Alfred of Jerome, 11 a.m. today at the Jerome 5th Ward LDS Chapel on North Lincoln; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome and one hour before the funeral at the church.

Dessie L. McMurry of Boise and formerly of Elmore, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls; interment at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Wilma E. Hoack of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Wendell Cemetery; friends and neighbors may sign the memorial book from

1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Irene E. Witherspoon of Galt, Calif., and formerly of

Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 133 Grandview Drive in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Cecil H. Donnelly

ARCO - Cecil H. Donnelly, 89, of Arco, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 1998, at his home in Arco. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Marvel Memorial Chapel in Arco. Friends may call for one hour before the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Arco.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary and Crematory.

Ray H. Minium

KIMBERLY - Ray H. Minium, 75, of Kimberly, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 1998, at Mountain View Care Center.

Jack G. Koib TWIN FALLS - Jack G. Koib, 88, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Aug. 31, 1998, at Sunrise Care Center.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome Cemetery by the Rev. Baldwin Camin. No viewing is planned. Friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names omitted at patients' request.
Admitted
Kimberly Jones of Twin Falls.
Released
Charlotte Cantu, Chester Jensen and James Ridgely, all of Twin Falls; and Jami Ford of Jerome.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names omitted at patients' request.
Admitted
Lavon Frank, Joseph Hitt, Evelyn Parke and Josue Victorino, all of Burley; Juanita Armenta of Snowville, Utah; William Wendt of Rupert; and Theora Zollinger of Malta.

Released

Loriann Delgado, Jack McNutt and Marcece Monroe, all of Burley; and Amanda Hitt of Malta.

OBITUARIES

TWIN FALLS

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, ext. 278, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or ext. 262 between 2 and 5 p.m. Saturdays. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

JUNE HAGGARDT

June Haggardt, 76, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 1998, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City. June was born Dec. 29, 1921, in Kimberly to William B. and Agnes Savage. She grew up in Kimberly, graduating from Kimberly High School in 1940. She then attended North Idaho College of Education, receiving a teaching certificate in 1942. She received her bachelor's arts degree from Idaho State University in 1965 and continued to teach special education the following year. June taught school in Spokane, Wash., and in Rupert and Halsey before returning to Kimberly to teach in 1962. She completed her career in Twin Falls, teaching special education at Robert Stuart Junior High and Twin Falls High School. June was always pursuing her education through academic and professional courses. Her special interest was art, and she was continuously enrolled in classes as one of the College of Southern Idaho's first art students. June also participated in 22 CSI cultural field trips to San Francisco besides other art department studio and cultural field trips. June was an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and the Kimberly

GLENN'S FERRY

Malvern D. Watts Malvern D. Watts, 88, of Glenn's Ferry, Hawaii, died Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998, in a Boise hospital. He had been a resident of Mountain Home for the past two months before he chose to be in his own home. Dale was born Nov. 9, 1909, in Essex, Kan., the son of Malvern H. and Mattie Watts. The family came to Idaho in 1917 and settled in Glenn's Ferry. He attended the Glenn's Ferry schools, graduating in 1928. In 1930, at an all-school reunion, he was the oldest graduate to attend. He worked on the railroad for two years before going to the University of Idaho Southern Branch, graduating from the School of Pharmacy in 1935 with honors. He spent many years taking continuing education courses in his field from many universities and colleges. His last course was from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science in 1982. He was employed at drugstores in Gooding and Wendell and at Trolinger Pharmacy in Twin Falls before settling in his hometown to

do his life's work. Dale took his place with other members of the community in 1942, serving his country in World War II in the Navy, with a PHMTC aboard the USS NavHosp PSNY, Bremerton, Wash., and then a PHMTC aboard the USS PC600, receiving the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, and World War I Victory Medal. He received an honorable discharge on Jan. 6, 1945. After the war, Dale returned to his hometown to continue his pharmacy work until 1974, when he retired from the drugstore. He spent much of his time on family photography. His other enjoyments were his customers in the drugstore, photography, and books, of which he had many. Dale is survived by his niece, Jackie Watts Spangler, and her husband, Dwight Spangler. Dale's confidant and caregiver for many years; nephew, Donald Watts, and his wife, Freda; two grand-nephews, Fred and Donnie; and his families; two great-nieces, Donica Van Way of Boise, and Geneva Gini Watts of Reno, Nev.; Patty Gross Fort, of Elton and Eileen Remington and their respective families. He was preceded in death by his parents, Malvern H. and Martha L. "Mattie" Watts; brothers, Joe and Ira Watts; and one nephew, Alfred Watts.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at Glenn Rest Cemetery, Glenn's Ferry. The service is under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, Dale's family members invite their friends to join them at this time. Instead of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Idaho or to the Shriner's Hospital for Children in care of El Korah Shrine, P.O. Box 1127, Boise, ID 83701, or to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, Fairfax Avenue and Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998, at Summers Funeral Homes Boise Chapel.

Fiance's abusive mother terrifies his bride-to-be

DEAR ABBY: I desperately need your advice about my soon-to-be mother-in-law. (I'll call her Kay.) She was a horrible mother to my fiancée, "Frank." He and his brother grew up with severe physical and emotional abuse. I believe Kay must have a mental disorder that causes her to do these things. However, in recent years her behavior has improved. The verbal abuse isn't constant like it was when Frank and his brother were living with her, but its tone is as bad as ever. After Kay cools off, she acts as if nothing ever happened.



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Four months ago, Frank got into a fight with his mother because we were five minutes late for a baby shower for "Bobby," our newborn son. The next day Kay called and proceeded to tell Frank how worthless he is, and that he'll be a loser all his life. Then she told him I was a thief, fat slob. The last we heard from Kay was a message she left on our answering machine at 3:30 a.m. saying she had ripped up Bobby's pictures and never wanted to see any of us again. Abby, I was horrified. Frank assured me that she would no longer be a part of our lives after having hurt us so

badly. He said he was through tolerating his mother's abuse.

Since then, Kay has asked Frank's sister "Arlene" to ask us to let her baby-sit and then Arlene could take Bobby to Kay's house. Kay has also done many other sneaky things.

Abby, I have no room in my life for such a bitter, disagreeable woman who will only hurt our family if I let her back into our lives.

Our wedding is scheduled for November, and Frank thinks we should send his mother an invitation because it's the polite thing to do. I understand his attachment to his mother, but I'm terrified of her and what she may do. I don't want her in our lives, and I'm afraid I'll eventually lose Frank because of my feelings about his mother.

Should I send Kay an invitation to our wedding just to be polite, and hope she doesn't show? Or

should I refuse to send one and hope Frank understands? Please hurry your advice, Abby. The wedding is three months away and I'm getting ulcers. —HURT BRIDE-TO-BE

DEAR HURT: Since Frank wants his mother to attend the wedding, she should be invited, and you should make an effort to mend fences. After all, this is Frank's wedding, too.

Now, I'm going to offer you a little more advice than you asked for. You'll save yourself untold grief if you tackle the issue of Kay's place in your lives now. You didn't mention whether Frank received counseling to deal with the abuse he received while growing up. If he didn't, he should.

You are marrying into a dysfunctional family, and I don't envy you the trials you'll be facing. Kay has shown herself to be not only abusive, but devious. Since she has abused her own sons, what's to prevent her from abusing yours? Even if Bobby were not the target of her abuse, for him to witness his grandmother treating you or his father that way would be traumatic. Be prepared.

Batt's office scales back 1999 revenue forecast

BOISE (AP) — Batt administration economists punctuated their outlook for slower economic growth on Monday by reducing their projection for tax receipts during the current budget year. And the Division of Financial Management said in its monthly economic update that the contraction would have been even greater had it not been for the stronger-than-expected economic performance during the spending year that ended on June 30. Division analysts estimated total general revenue collections at just over \$15.4 billion. That is down nearly \$6 million from the forecast state lawmakers relied on in drafting the 1998-1999 spending plan that was approved by the legislative foundation for the successor to retiring Republican Gov. Phil Batt.

It reflects barely a 4 percent increase over 1997-1998 revenues. Except for 1996-1997 when corporate tax receipts

plunged after the bottom fell out of the international computer chip market, that would be the smallest growth rate since Idaho's economic expansion began in the mid-1980s.

Administration officials had been counting on a 5 percent growth rate when they fashioned the \$1.55 billion general tax budget for winter.

Helping cover those authorized expenditures is a cash surplus of \$23 million at the close of the last budget year. Ironically, the economic slowdown could actually leave the new governor with more money to spend than if earlier forecasts for stronger growth held up.

Under a new state law passed last winter, the state will have to spend \$16 million into a special reserve fund beginning next summer if this year's revenue growth is 4 percent or more higher than collections during the 1997-1998.

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What's next for ATMs?

Bank technology advances introduce new conveniences for customers

By Louise Yee, Knight-Ridder News Service

Imagine searching a 10-second music preview while purchasing tickets for the theater at an ATM.

Or being able to cash your paycheck at an ATM.

Or having a camera at an ATM scan your eye, identify you, then let you use the machine, all without using a personal identification number.

ATMs are not just for getting quick cash, transferring money and checking account balances anymore.

Often the brains of these machines are powered by computers equipped with Pentium processors.

So the possibilities are endless for what the sophisticated machines are capable of doing, said Thomas Swidzinski, senior director of financial industry manufacturing for Diebold Inc., the largest manufacturer of automated teller machines in the United States and second only to SBC Corp. in the world.

Now that people have gotten comfortable with using ATMs for withdrawals and deposits, automating enhanced services is a natural next step, Swidzinski said.

New Yorkers already have access to multilingual automated teller machines that use six languages.

Makers of the machines also are adopting new technologies, such as eye and fingerprint scanning capabilities to heighten security. Some machines in South Africa use fingerprint identification.

Generac Inc. ATMs in Dallas and Florida sell stamps. Some machines in Utah sell lift tickets for ski resorts. In

Consumers prefer ATMs to banks for cash

Crumbrook, marketing director for Magic Line, the Midwest's largest electronic funds transfer network. When these 200 million ATM cards are in circulation nationwide, forty-seven percent of households use ATMs. The average withdrawal per ATM stop is \$60, but the most common amount is \$20, according to Magic Line. The study, done in February and March, revealed that: Nearly 50 percent of those surveyed prefer to get cash from ATMs during normal banking hours. 69 percent have an ATM/debit card. 29 percent used their ATM/debit card for purchases from merchants and 59 percent would be interested in using this type of card. 69 percent use telephone banking.

However, ATM users can book and purchase airline tickets. Other machines in the United States give out coupons for local retailers. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. In the future, operators could offer even more services through ATMs in other parts of the country. But many want to move cautiously. Banks might have been slow to adopt alternate dispensing opportunities because of reliability concerns, said Richard Lyons, Comerica Inc.'s senior vice president of electronic banking and marketplace technology. "Not all of the different kinds of media are easy to dispense," he said. "We don't want the machines to be jammed. We want to balance the services that customers want with the reliability that customers depend on." But there's no question that ATMs are evolving, Swidzinski said. ATMs debuted in the 1970s as a means for consumers to get cash around the clock. Initially, the machines were integrated into bank branches, but now they are cropping up in grocery stores, gas stations, movie theaters, bars, shopping malls and airports. Nearly half the new machines installed in 1997 were placed at nonbank sites, Swidzinski said. By June 1998 there were, almost 200,000 ATMs in the United States, almost double the 109,080 machines in 1994. ATM network growth is so strong that it is outpacing consumer usage. Industrywide, the number of transactions

Administration offers reassurance to investors

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration moved quickly Monday to assure investors that the U.S. economy is essentially sound despite the second-biggest drop in Wall Street history. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said he had talked to President Clinton, who was on Air Force One on his way to a summit in Russia, after Monday's stock market closed with the Dow Jones industrial average down more than \$12 points.

The fundamentals of the United States economy are strong due in part to the sound policies we've been following," Rubin told reporters. "The prospects for growth, low unemployment, low inflation continue to be strong."

Rubin said he also had spoken to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and officials around the world. The world is currently working its way through a difficult period," the treasury secretary said.

Rubin said it was particularly important that Japan, the world's second-largest economy, "move ahead with actions to put its economy back on track so that it can be a source of strength for the rest of the world."

In response to questions about what aid would go to overseas investors, Rubin, a former Wall Street investment banker, said: "I never comment on markets and it wouldn't be appropriate for me to do so here."

But he maintained, "Our economy remains sound." Although Rubin said he had talked on the phone with Greenspan and Securities and Exchange Commission chairman Arthur Levitt on Monday, a formal

Working Group on Financial Markets formed after 1987's "Black Monday" stock market crash — had not been formally convened.

Rubin said payment and securities systems and other market mechanisms were working effectively, unlike in 1987, when backlogs occurred and many small investors were unable to cash out their holdings when they wanted.

There was a "slight" problem on the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Rubin said, but it was resolved and the exchange is expected to open on time Tuesday.

CBOT officials said computer systems had to struggle to handle the trading volume just before the close of trading, resulting in a temporary slowdown in quotes for stock options on the trading floor.

Rubin also offered the opportunity to contact Republicans in Congress to authorize U.S. contributions to the International Monetary Fund, which helps support countries in financial trouble.

"It is important to receive full IMF funding so that the IMF will have sufficient resources to respond to crises," he said.

Monday's \$12 point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average, to 7,530.07, put it below 8,000 for the first time in seven months and more than wiped out the recovery of all of this year's gains.

It was the second-largest point drop ever, closely trailing the record \$24.26 points of Oct. 27, 1997 and just above the 308-point "Black Monday" swoon of Oct. 19, 1987, when the market lost its biggest percentage fall, a tumble of 22.6 percent.

Monday's loss was 6.4 percent, the biggest daily percentage drop since last October.

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Household incomes rise thanks to wives

WASHINGTON (AP)—Married couples with kids saw their incomes rise by more than 25 percent since 1969, thanks largely to the rise in their wives' earnings.

The Census statisticians sought to determine why median household income rose a very modest 6.3 percent— from \$33,072 to \$35,172— while per capita income leaped 51 percent from \$11,975 to \$18,136.

Their conclusion: More women went through some major changes during the period. In addition to an increase in single-parent households, among the major changes was the increase in the proportion of wives working full-time year-round.

Married-couple households with no children and working wives increased from 42 percent to 61 percent, while a householder was under 40 years old, and from 31 percent to 46 percent when a householder was 40 to 64 years old.

Looking at such households' earnings, married-couple households without children also had substantial gains in median family income from 1969 and 1976. Again, the increase in the wife's income was very evident, the report noted.

ATM

Continued from C2 at each ATM fell 13 percent between 1966 and 1975, said Tony Hayes, a senior vice president of Dave Associates Inc. in Boston.

Hayes said the drop doesn't mean fewer people are using ATMs, just that there are more machines for people to use. The increase in off-premise machines has been driven largely by the fact that operators can process transactions more quickly.

Although ATM operators are making money, they must pay maintenance costs that average about \$1,000 per month for a typical off-premise cash dispensing machine. That amount includes servicing fees and rent.

Nevertheless, operators continue offering consumers more options at ATMs. The type of services offered at the automated teller machines might be determined by each financial institution's philosophy.

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Everyone is a hero in Zora's Band

By H.R. Weikel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Zora's Band is known throughout Jerome for its catchy tunes and ability to spread happiness with its musical performances. A service the group has been conducting free of charge for more than 10 years.

Band members are Zora Fansler, keyboard and piano; Loretta Brant, fiddle; Harold Milton and Ralph Wolverton, harmonica; Pete Arbaugh, guitar; Olga Arbaugh and Ruth Drown, vocalists; Ken Worthington, guitar and vocalist; and George Drown, fiddle.

The group entertains at least three times a month at long-term care facilities, rest homes and senior citizen centers and appears at community events, club meetings, family reunions and wherever it is invited. Each band member has a heroic reason for using his musical talent to bring joy to other people.

Loretta Brant, who turned 90 in early February, is the band's oldest member. She handles public relations, bookings and opens her house each week for practice. The gracious lady still drives her car and keeps track of band

members who can't be at a performance.

"I do this because I like to and besides people nowadays need a bit of cheering up once in awhile," she said with a chuckle.

Band member Harold Milton said he "has no time for anybody who thinks they can't do something."

"And I'm adamant about that," he added.

With that motto, Milton is a living example of what a person can do if he is really determined to do it. This everyday hero has lived most of his life with only one hand as the result of an accident he had as a nine-year-old farm boy in Wyoming.

Milton is well known around the community for his harmonica playing.

"It was an instrument I could play with only one hand," he said.

The musician adjusted his instrument by fastening a tin can over the harmonica. One end of the can serves as a flat base for his handless arm to rest against and the other end of the can is cut off to allow him to make the warbling sound needed in harmonica playing. He specializes in country western music and likes spiritual songs.

"I dedicated my life to Christ some 50 years ago, although I'm not always there (at church), you might say. I'm out rabbit hunting," he laughed.

Keyboardist Zora Fansler, is the youngest in the band. She said she accompanies the others "because they needed somebody on keyboard, so I thought I'd help them out," a task she has faithfully done for more than 10 years with no pay.

"I didn't know how to play back-up music, so my father, Cleph Ambrose, now deceased, encouraged me to keep trying and kept encouraging me to learn. Sister Angela, a Catholic nun, gave me some lessons and after a lot of practice the band was complete."

"We do this because one of these days we're gonna be old and shut-in and we hope somebody will entertain us," Pete Arbaugh of Jerome said of he and his wife, Olga.

Fansler said, "Pete was the lifesaver of the band when he joined in 1995, because my father had organized the band and when he died he left a big empty place. Pete came at just the right time. Having joined the group within the last year, Worthington, from



From left to right, Loretta Brant, Pete Arbaugh, Ruth Drown, Zora Fansler, Olga Arbaugh, Ken Worthington, George Drown and Harold Milton make up Zora's Band in Jerome.

Belleuve, Drown from Buhl, and newcomers to the band. They all agree that they just wanted to "get in on the fun of doing something for others."

LITTLE DUDE



Shane Bingham collects his cash after a good ride at the Blaine County Kids' Rodeo. Children were awarded as much as a dollar depending on the distance they were able to travel while riding a sheep at the event.

Volunteers help make Herrett great

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Volunteers are integral to the operating of museums across the nation and the Herrett Museum for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho hopes that residents of the Magic Valley will raise the volunteer torch and make operation of the museum run smoother.

"There really isn't any facet of the museum that we couldn't use volunteers in," special events coordinator Mary Ann Blick said.

Blick, who is organizing the new volunteer program at the museum, said that help is needed in order to aid those who visit the facility in getting the best learning experience. And, she said, there is a lot of "behind-the-scenes work" that needs to be done.

One project currently being worked on is the "Jungle Exhibit," a representation of a Guatemalan rainforest. Volunteers have helped construct trees and stucco walls.

"I think those volunteers kind of got the project rolling," manager of the exhibit David Babb said. "I could still use more volunteers. I'm already looking at volunteers for the next exhibit. It's just a matter of finding people to help."

Tama Horejs, working at the museum on a work study program, began her tasks at the Herrett as a volunteer. She said that her experiences at the facility have taught her a number of things.

"It helps me get ideas on how a museum comes together and I get experience I can't get in any other way," Horejs said.

She said that there are so many areas in which to get involved at a museum that everyone is bound to be interested by some area.



Mary Ann Blick and Tama Horejs work on an artifact that will be displayed in the new 'Jungle Exhibit' at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences. Horejs began to work at the museum as a volunteer and is now helping at the center on a work-study program.

You can help

Areas to volunteer in: Administration, Website/Database, Education, Exhibits, Maintenance, Marketing/Graphics, Plantarium/Astronomy, Receptionist, Sales, Special Events Volunteer Program.

"We've been working on developing the volunteer program for a number of months," Blick said. "We've figured out what areas we could use volunteers, so

we can make it worth their while. We hope this will develop into a large cohesive organization."

Blick has broken down the areas in which the museum can use volunteers and listed some helpful skills that helpers should have.

"Hopefully with peoples' skills and interests we can find a niche for them," Blick said. "In some departments there are requirements you need to be aware of. Everybody has a niche, that's what makes volunteer organizations so great."

Life-saving skills earn Red Cross honor

The Times-News

Sen. Larry Craig presented the Certificate of Merit to Shirley Schutte at a meeting of the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross on August 21, 1998. Schutte is credited with saving the life of neighbor Clyde Kaserman.

Kaserman went into cardiac arrest and was unresponsive when Schutte arrived. He was not breathing and had no pulse.

Schutte and a companion administered CPR until Kaserman was able to breathe on his own. When emergency personnel arrived, Schutte requested a special collar to prevent spinal injuries due to Kaserman's fall to the floor.

The skills Schutte learned in the American Red Cross Health and Safety Services course contributed to the saving of Kaserman's life.

For this act, Schutte has been honored with the highest award given by the American Red Cross to an individual who has saved or sustained a life by using skills and knowledge learned in one of the group's courses.

The certificate bears the signatures of the President of the United States, who is the honorary chairman of the American Red Cross, and Norman R. Augustine, chairman of the Red Cross.



Shirley Schutte receives the Certificate of Merit from Sen. Larry Craig.

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are Katrina Brumbach and Jerry Denny. It is our job to fill this page with the news about:

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- Celebrations
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- Business
- Personal achievements
- Your kids and their world.



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POOR

SENIOR CALENDAR

MAKING BUHL MORE BEAUTIFUL



Members of the 3rd ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Buhl recently pitched in to help the chamber of commerce clean up the area east of the visitor's center in preparation for a small park. Woods and tall grass were cut, the fence got a new coat of paint and new grass will be planted. It is hoped that the rest area will be an added attraction for tourists stopping at the visitor's center where they can enjoy a picnic lunch under the canopy tables. A dog run is also planned.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Today: Lasagna
Wednesday: Sliced-and-sour pork
Thursday: Ham with scalloped potatoes
Friday: Chicken fried steak
Saturday: No pancake break - fast due to fair
Monday: Closed for Labor Day

Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargin Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Blood pressures 10 a.m.
Foot Clinic 8:50
Wednesday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday
Trip to Twin Falls County Fair
Picnic at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressures 10:30 a.m.
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Saturday
Lunch bingo at 11:45 a.m.
Sunday
Super bingo
Monday
Closed for Labor Day

Ageless Senior Center
103 Main St., N. Kimberly
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.
Wednesday: Chicken and noodle
Friday: Potato bar
Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Thrift shop open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Activities
Today
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.

Friday: Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Monday
Closed for Labor Day

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
All Tuesday through Saturday meals at noon; Sunday meal at 1 p.m.; Monday meal at 5:30. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, Monday evenings \$2.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years old \$2.50. Thrift shop open every day.
Today: Pork chops
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: Cook's choice
Saturday: Country-style pork ribs
Monday: Closed for Labor Day

Activities
Today
Quilting
Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Bus to Jackpot at 4 p.m.
Twin Falls County Fair bus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday
Quilting at the center.
Blood pressure checks
Bingo after 6 p.m.
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m. and cards.
Friday
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Twin Falls County Fair bus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday
Coffee and toast
Monday
Closed for Labor Day

Filer Senior Home
222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Today: Ham and baked beans
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: CLOSED FOR FAIR

CLASSES

College computer classes still have room
TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho still has openings in several computer classes.
Following are courses that are open:
Introduction to Computers meets from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 1-29.
Introduction to Excel is set for from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 2-30.
Introduction to MS Word will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 3 through Oct. 1.
Introduction to the Internet is planned for 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 1-29.
Introduction to Powerpoint will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 3 through Oct. 1.
Following are the non-credit enrichment courses.
Introduction to Computers is set for 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 1 through Oct. 6.
Introduction to the Internet will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 1-29.
Computers for Seniors is set for 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Sept. 12 through Oct. 31.

Register now for CSI's North Side Center classes
GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering several classes that start soon.
Over 60 and Getting Fit will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays; Wednesdays, and Thursdays, starting Sept. 14, at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Old Gym. Those who are 60 or older may attend the course for free. Those who are under 60 are also welcome; cost is \$61.50.
A one-credit Sign Language class instructed by Emma Lozada is planned for 7 to 9 Tuesdays, Sept. 15 through Nov. 3. The fee is \$61.50, plus the textbook.
A Beginning German course is set for 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 9 through Nov. 11 at the Wendell High School. Cost for the 10-session, non-credit course is \$50. The instructor is Eldora Miller of Jerome.
Handgun Safety and Responsibility will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at Jerome High School and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club. The fee is \$30.
Wall Quilting: Traditional Method is planned for 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 19. The fee is \$35 plus supplies. A supply list will be available at registration.
An Ice Skating course for ages 6 and up is scheduled for Sept. 19 and 26 in Sun Valley.
Rock Climbing II will meet from 9 a.m. to Sept. 12 and 13 at the City of Rocks National Reserve. The fee is \$150.

Senior Center hosts Buhl Farmers' Market
BUHL - The Buhl Farmers' Market will be open from 9 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Senior Center at Main and Broadway.
For more information, call the Buhl Chamber of Commerce at 543-6682.

Police officer will speak at Lary J homes meeting
TWIN FALLS - The Lary J Homeowners Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.
Cpl. Dennis Pullin of the Twin Falls Police Department will be the guest speaker. An election of officers will be held.

Boy Scout leaders plan meeting at service center
TWIN FALLS - The Falls District of the Snake River Council, Boy Scouts of America, will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Council Service Center on Falls Avenue East.
All district committee members are urged to attend. For more information, call Elaine Hamlett at 734-8552, Jim Hampton at 733-2067 or Bob Daniel at 735-0865.

Bruin Boosters precede game with tailgate party
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Bruin Boosters are having a tailgate party at 6 p.m. Friday just before the Bruins vs. Highland football game.
Burgers and hot dogs will be served, along with side dishes. Donations will be accepted.

Buhl Rotary members seek exchange student
BUHL - The Buhl Rotary Club is looking for high school students interested in attending high school in a foreign country for one year as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.
To qualify, students should be between 14 and 18 years old, in the upper third of their academic

class, of good character, emotionally stable and in good physical condition. Most importantly, they must be willing to be a goodwill ambassador.
Students cannot be more than 18 1/2 years old when they depart for their exchange but can be high school graduates if they are willing to spend another year in high school in the foreign country.
Room, board and schooling are provided by the host Rotary Club and host family. Exchange students or their parents are expected to pay travel and insurance costs and provide spending and emergency money. Local fund-raisers can be used for this purpose also.
Rotary District 5400, of which the Buhl club is a member, has active exchanges with Argentina, South Africa, Spain, Germany, and the Philippines, as well as possibilities in Zimbabwe, Thailand, Malaysia and 12 other countries.
The district typically has 12 outbound students but can handle more. Rotary Chairman Al Hagler said. The district also is interested in finding host families for incoming students.
Applicants will be recruited through mid-October, and interviews will be conducted from Oct. 16 through Nov. 1. The regional Rotary District will conduct final interviews on Nov. 22 in Twin Falls.
For more information, call Jim Barker at 543-5604 or 543-4371.

Army band brings toons to Minico High School
RUFERT - The United States Army Field Band will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday at Minico High School.
The concert includes sounds of the fabulous '50s, foot-stomping country and today's electrified sounds.
The five musicians are part of the United States Army Field Band's musical ambassadors from Washington, D.C. The group was formed in 1951 and has performed in all 50 states, Canada,

Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, Mexico and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
Admission is free.

Club sells admission card for sporting events
BURLEY - The Burley Booster Club will be selling a "Bobcat Punch Card" entitling the bearer admission to 20 athletic events.
Card owners can use punches to take guests to events and purchase new cards during the school year.
High school students are exempt from this offer and will be required to present activity cards.
The punch cards will be sold before the volleyball game on Thursday and before the football game on Sept. 18.
Cost \$50 each.
For more information, call Larry at 678-2935, Pam at 678-3752, Frank at 435-5611, Gary at Donnelly Sports at 677-4310 or Bona Rae at 678-3044.

Free Rotary seminar teaches estate planning
BURLEY - An Estate Planning Seminar will begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Mediterranean Room at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Avenue.
Guest speakers include Todd Bailey, estate and business planning attorney, and Glenn Nichols, a chartered financial consultant and president of the Boise estate planning council.
The free seminar is sponsored by New York Life and Pete Bowcut. For more information, call Bowcut at 678-8085.

Blaine seniors read with club, sponsor pool touney
HAILEY - The Blaine County Senior Center is sponsoring a book club and a pool tournament.
The book club is reading "A Light in the Window" by Jan Karon. Senior citizens are encouraged to participate.
A pool tournament is under way this month. "Wild" Bill Butler is challenging any seniors to find the best player at Blaine

County Senior Center. To challenge himself, Butler is spotting the challenger 50 balls in a game sold for \$1 each. If the challenger wins, he or she gets a new \$140 cue stick; if Butler wins, the challenger still gets the cue stick. The tournament will end the second week of September.

Pancake breakfast joins Wagon Days festivities
KETCHUM - The Papoose Club has planned its annual pancake breakfast for this weekend to coincide with Ketchum's Wagon Days celebration.
Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday in the parking lot at Atkinson's. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and \$3.50 for children, with children under age 4 admitted free.
Raffle tickets for an official Ty Princess Di Beanie Baby will be sold for \$1 each, and the drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday.
Proceeds from the breakfast and raffle will benefit the charities of the Papoose Club.
The Papoose Club was founded more than 40 years ago. Its primary purpose is to promote and assist cultural, social, educational and athletic activities for the children in communities in the Wood River Valley and to raise money to further these purposes.

Sign up now for parenting class, child care provided
WENDELL - A parenting program, with child care services, will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 6 through Nov. 17, at the Wendell Elementary School, 150 Third Ave. E.
Professionals Brenda Hall and Angela Hoops will lead the discussions based on Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, the most widely used parenting education program in America. Cost for single parents or couples is \$20 for the book and handouts.
Class size is limited to the parents of 15 families. To sign up, call Angela Hoops at the school at 536-6611.

Jerome class of '58 gathers to savor memories, share fun

By H.R. Weir
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Former Jerome High School students held a gala reunion at the Jerome Country Club to celebrate their graduation in 1958.
"Surprisingly enough, most of us are 58 years old now and we were more relaxed at this reunion. We didn't seem to be so worried about impressing each other about what we've done in our lives and what we are doing now," said reunion coordinator Linda Halvorson Morrey.
Classmates ventured from a number of different towns to participate in the festivities. The Tom Wallington Ode travelled the furthest distance from her home in Minnesota.
Graduate Gary Vandiver came from Richland, Washington, to be master of ceremonies. He conducted a quiz ask-



Jerome's class of 1958 reunites to recall days gone by.

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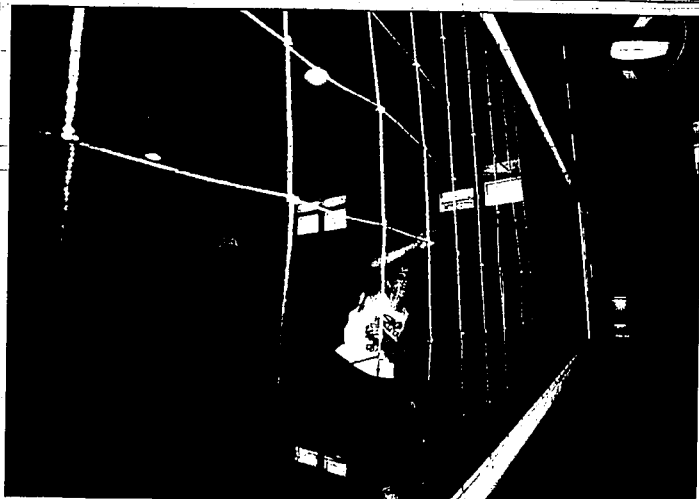
“You can understand the emotions when 48,000-plus are here to see one guy. This was definitely a tense situation.”

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—Joe Walsh, the Cardinals' director of security at Busch Stadium, where fans booed and threw debris on the field when Mark McGwire was ejected in the first inning Saturday

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school volleyball
Oakley at Jackpot, 4 p.m.
Kimberly, Murtaugh at Valley, 4 p.m.
Shoshone at Ketchikan, 4:30 p.m.
Wood River, American Falls at Gooding, 5 p.m.
Raffi River at Deek, 5 p.m.
Dietrich at Camas County, 6 p.m.
TFC at Hansen, 6 p.m.
Hagerman at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Cary at Mackay, 6 p.m.
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Blaine at Richfield, 6 p.m.
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Murtaugh senior Lindsay Ward, the only returning starter from last year's state tournament team, works on her outside hit during a preseason volleyball practice.

CHALLENGING THE OLD GUARD

Murtaugh, Hagerman still the Southside's favorites this season

By Francis Davis
Times-News writer

A changing of the guard in the A-4 Southside?

Perhaps not. But Murtaugh and Hagerman, who finished second and third at the state tournament last season, may not dominate the conference as in years past.

It's not so much that the two volleyball giants have slipped — in fact, Hagerman has a decent shot at the state title — but that the rest of the field has improved.

Hagerman returns four starters, but Murtaugh returns only one — leaving the Pirates as the elite team of the conference.

Raffi River and Castleford are seasoned and could give Murtaugh a push

for the No. 2 spot. Hansen could be the surprise team of the conference and Oakley should benefit from a first-year coach.

Hagerman Pirates

1997 record: 20-9
Coach: Susie Choules, 6th year

Returning starters: Jessica White (sr., 5-6), OH Katie Martin (sr., 5-6), MB Tess Allen (sr., 5-8).

Other key players: MB Kirsten Frazier (sr., 5-8), S/OH Mindy Henslee (jr., 5-4), S/OH Angel Harrison (jr., 5-5), OH Jessica Stuart (jr., 5-6), MB Jodi Andrus (jr., 5-7), OS/BP Barbara Greer (sr., 5-2), OS Jennifer Hammond (jr., 5-3).

Outlook: Hagerman has experience and is the favorite to claim the A-4 Southside sub-district title. And maybe more.

The Pirates return six players, including four senior starters, from a team that took third at state last year.

White is the setter and Choules considers her one of the team's biggest

assets. Osborne and Martin will offer the hammer from their outside hitting positions, while Allen will patrol the middle.

Aside from Allen, the Pirates don't have a lot of height and the team's defense will be tested against the better teams.

Murtaugh Red Devils

1997 record: 26-4
Coach: Shannon Hamblin, 6th year

Returning starters: OH Lindsay Ward (sr., 5-8)

Other key players: S Crystal Heworth (jr., 5-6), MB Brandon Bourn (sr., 5-8), OH Reagan Widmire (jr., 5-6).

Outlook: Ward is Murtaugh's lone returning starter and she'll use her experience on the outside as the team's top hitter.

Hamblin expects Bourne, a senior middle blocker, to provide an inside presence and juniors Heworth and Widmire to help the Red Devils on the outside. She expects defense to be the

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Sampras swaggers in Grand Slam quest

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — He was dressed all in white, but that was no country-club gentleman out there on the Stadium Court at the U.S. Open.

Pete Sampras was a tennis dude with attitude as he started his quest for Grand Slam history.

Showing a little more of his top-ranked game with each changeover, Sampras swaggered into the second round Monday, tossing aside the big serves of Marc Goolbsy for a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory.

Black was the color of the night on the main court. Monica Seles, wearing a black dress to mourn this spring's death of her father, out-slugged Florencia Labat of Argentina 7-6 (7-0), 6-2.

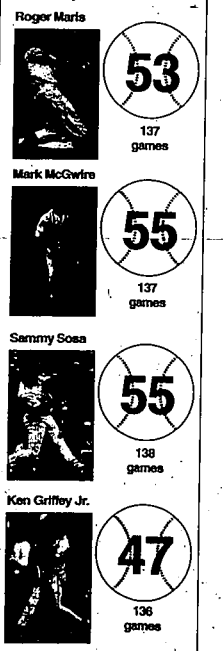
This wasn't the best Sampras, the one who took Wimbledon for the fifth time and is trying to add a fifth U.S. title — and record-tying 12th Grand Slam singles crown.

It didn't have to be. Goelner, a 27-year-old German, last won a match more than two months ago, a five-set victory over Jordi Burillo of Spain in the first round at Wimbledon. His game consists almost entirely of a first serve that reaches 115 mph if he's on, and against Sampras much more is needed.

Sampras had 11 aces and dropped just 15 points on his serve, clocking one first-serve ace at 131 mph.

Chasing 61

The number of home runs hit in 1998 as compared to Maris in 1961, the year he hit 61.



Sosa blasts 55th dinger

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa hit his 55th homer Monday night, tying Mark McGwire for the major league lead and moving within one homer of Hack Wilson's club and National League record set in 1930.

Sosa, who has now homered in 14 straight series, lined an 0-1 pitch from Cincinnati's Bret Tomko into the left-field bleachers in the third inning, sending another near capacity crowd at Wrigley Field into a frenzy.

Sosa's homer was his 30th of the season at home, tying him with Ernie Banks for second most in one season at Wrigley. Banks had 30 in 1959.

Sosa now has hit 16 homers this season in games started by rookie Kerry Wood.

"You get closer and closer and I get a little bit more excited," Sosa said before Monday's game against the Reds.

"You never know what can happen. McGwire hit his 55th Sunday night, just hours after Sosa connected for his 54th at Coors Field in Denver. They are both now seven from breaking Roger Maris' record of 61 set in 1961.

Sosa said he will keep pulling for McGwire.

"Every time we tie, he just jumps up there right away," Sosa said. "Last night I was tied for about six hours and then after that, 'Boom,' he's back in front."

McGwire and the St. Louis Cardinals played Monday night in Florida, but the Cardinals slugger went 0-for-3.

A-4 North volleyball: Anyone's guess

Dietrich, Shoshone, Carey will face upstarts

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News writer

Volleyball in the A-4 North Side Conference is up for grabs.

Give the early nod to Dietrich, Shoshone or Carey based on solid 1997 records, but don't be surprised if a school of fish from Ketchikan makes shark bait of all three in 1998.

It's anybody's year.

No one's looking to join the Ketchikan/Saw Valley Cutthroats, but the casual observer can't help but notice the 6-foot tower they've erected on the outside of their floor.

□ **Yalling:** A-4 volleyball

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□ **Yammer:** Soccer, A-1 cross country

In the same time, only a fool would discount the savvy of Carey coach Barbara Berg (entering her 17th year), Shoshone skipper Larry Messick (launching his 20th) or Bliss's Diana Butler, who is embarking upon her ninth campaign with fifth-year coach Larsen Etkins by her side.

Not enough excitement? Check out Camas County, where former basketball coach and college standout Rachel Farida brings fire to the Shoshone program or Richfield, where rookie coach Dee Lewis has imported similar energy.

Best of all, the Northside already has a new coach to watch for in 1998. After a year with no coach, the Idaho State for the Deaf and Blind will take to the court again this season thanks to a new coach and some eager young players.

Bliss Bears

Coach: Diana Butler, 9th year, 1997 record: 5-9

Key returners: MB Ann Gough (sr., 5-9), S Jalia Beuret (sr., 5-7), OH Jenni Sawyer (sr., 5-4), S Dellilah Clymer (sr., 5-5).

Key newcomers: MB Micky Jensen (sr., 5-9), S Mari Victor (jr., 5-3), MB Rachel Fairley (sr., 5-10), S Sam Allen, (fresh., 5-5).

Outlook: Coaches at Bliss like this squad's attitude. If they had two wishes, however, a few more Bears would have come out of Kibbenation for their first match, and greater depth would lurk off the bench. A stingy quarter of seniors graduated in 1997, leaving just three girls with varsity mimics.

At least all these girls get along," Butler said.

Camas County Musers

Coach: Christa Ishida, 1st year 1997 record: 2-4

Key returners: S Stephanie Gill (sr., 5-1), S Jalia Beuret (sr., 5-4), MB/MB Maggie Bennett (jr., 5-8), MB/MB Bridget Dalin (jr., 5-8), MB/MB Angie Primrose (jr., 5-5), S Diana Larsen (jr., 5-3).

Key newcomers: OH/OB Chrissy Turner (jr., 5-6), OH/OB Chrissy Kavan (jr., 5-3), OH/OB Mary Lockwood (jr., 5-3), S Donnell Larson (jr., 5-2).

Outlook: Rookie coach Ishida lists serve, receive and overall passing and digging as areas of concern. Don't let her reservations fool you, however. The former girls basketball coach expects to be highly competitive in 1998.

The squad should benefit from her experience — she played at Whitman College — and she already appreciates the eagerness of her new pupils.

"We're pretty enthusiastic," Ishida said. "We just want to play and play well."

Carey Panthers

Coach: Barbara Berg, 17th year 1997 record: 13-10

Key returners: S Lindsay Barton (sr., 5-5), defensive specialist Chelsea Ringham (sr., 5-4), S/R Kelly Cook (sr., 5-6), MB Kami Peck (jr., 5-8), MB

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teen's strength.
Though the Devils will be disappointed to repeat last year's performance, never count out a squad which won 26 matches the previous year.

Raft River Trojans

1997 record: 12-7
Coach: Dennis Lee, 12th year
Returning starters: None
Other key players: OJ Nesbitt Nelson (sr.), S. Shila Ward (sr.), OH Brittany Goff (jr.), Tasha Hansen (sr.), S. Trishia Hitt (jr.), S. Dayle Jensen (jr.).
Outlook: The Trojans have replaced experience with size. They return no starters, but have five seniors who Lee hopes will fill the void.
"We've gotten bigger than last year," Lee said. "But with that size comes a bit of shoriness."
Nelson, Ward, Schorrsman, Goff and Hansen are the seniors. Lee anticipates filling key roles. Juniors Hitt and Jensen will do the setting for the Trojans. Raft River opens against Rockford, a team that beat the Trojans twice last year.
"Hopefully, we'll do better this year," Lee said. "I'm not looking past that first game."

Castledorf Wolves

1997 record: 10-10
Coach: Stacey Ruffing, 2nd year
Returning starters: Matt Melissa Fry (sr.), MR Katie Ruffing (jr.), OH Jacklyn Burgess (sr.), Anna Schofield (sr.).
Other key players: OJ Licet Medina (sr.), OJ Ashley McCormick (jr.), Amy Schofield (soph.), Diana Corra (jr.).
Outlook: The Wolves don't have a lot of players, but they have plenty of experience. They return four starters from a squad that went 10-10 last year. The problem is depth. The Wolves go only eight deep so they'll have to stay injury-free.
Seniors Fry, Burgess and Schofield, along with the junior Ruffing, are the four returning Wolf starters and they'll have to carry the load.
If they stay healthy, the Wolves will challenge Raft River and Blawiegh for the No. 2 spot in the conference.

Hansen Huskies

1997 record: 4-11
Coach: Holly Hall, 2nd year
Returning starters: OJ Megan Freestone (sr., 5-11), OJ Emily Smith (soph., 5-6).
Other key players: OHS Lisa Wilson (sr., 5-10), OHS Straci DeLeon (soph., 5-8), OJ Amanda McAhren (soph.), OJ Hannah Fink (soph.), S. Sarah Beasley (sr.), S. Emily Crockett (soph.).
Outlook: Hall likes her team's height, but is concerned about its lack of experience. The team returns two starters: senior hitters Freestone and Crockett. That senior duo, along with sophomores McAhren, DeLeon and Fink, figure to play prominently into the team's rotation. The senior Wilson, in only her first year of high school volleyball, figures to help the team with her size.
If Hansen's young players develop, the Huskies could be ready to do some damage come tournament time.

Oakley Hornets

1997 record: 5-12
Coach: Jeff Harrah, 1st year
Returning starters: MH Aaron

Wells (sr., 5-10), MH Kristin Hardy (sr., 5-8), OH Serena Roudy (sr., 5-8).
Other key players: S. Jessica Roudy (sr., 5-5), OJ Maggie Smith (soph., 5-6), MH Samantha Zollinger (jr., 5-7), S. Stacy Collett (soph., 5-6), S. Abby Washburn (soph., 5-2), OHS Brean Severe (jr., 5-3).
Outlook: Harrah brings a first-year coach's enthusiasm to the Hornets and a wealth of volleyball knowledge. The young coach was the Arizona state doubles champion in 1991 and along with the necessary volleyball skills, he wants to teach his girls about life and have fun, said Harrah. "We haven't set any goals for this season's tournament. I want to teach the girls to be better people in volleyball and in life."
The Hornets' athletic ability and their size, but Oakley will have to work on its passing and serving. Look for the Hornets to improve under Harrah's tutelage.

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Dietrich, Hansen open with wins

The Times-News

DIETRICH — The hometown Blue Devils opened up their volleyball season Monday with a non-conference victory over Castledorf, 15-12, 15-13.
Junior Brandi McCowan led the team on both offense and defense, getting strong help from senior middle hitter Laura Anderson.
"It definitely looked like the first match of the season for both teams," said Dietrich coach Trent Wilcox. "There was some inconsistent serving on both sides, and we had plenty of passing problems, especially on service receive."
"I was impressed with how Castledorf's team played," Wilcox added. "I really see them doing well this year. They've got it together early, so I see them being pretty strong."
Dietrich took the junior varsity match, 15-11, 13-15, 15-14. The Blue Devils play at Camas

High school volleyball

Hansen def. MVCS, 15-12, 13-15, 15-9
TWIN FALLS — Hansen took Magic Valley Christian School to three games Monday before recording its first victory of the season.
"It looks like it will be a real fun year," said Coquiton athletic director Tim Barrett, whose school fields a full varsity team this season after a vacancy. JV mix last year.
"Our varsity team was much more competitive in this year's first game than they were last year, so we're really pleased with that," Barrett said.
Hansen took the junior varsity match, 15-6, 5-15, 15-9. Magic Valley plays Friday at home against North Gem.

Volleyball

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Kristy Barton (jr., 5-9), H. Jenny Royal (jr., 5-4), S. Brandi Speigel (jr., 5-0).
Key newcomers: Def. specialist Christina Reay (jr., 5-1), SH Leslie Peck (jr., 5-4), H. Carin Pyrah (jr., 5-5), MB Kandra Bailey (jr., 5-8), H. Morgan Meacham (jr., 5-4).
Outlook: Three seniors return for the Panthers — not as many as longtime coach Berg would like to see on the floor, but four veteran juniors back as well, she's optimistic.
"I really helps having Lindsay (Barton) back at setter," Berg said. "It's just going to take time to get it together. It's just a matter of time."

Diotech Blue Devils

Coach: Trent Wilcox, 3rd year
1997 record: 17-7
Key returners: MH Laura Anderson (sr., 5-9), OHS Rayna Jones (sr., 5-7), OH Robin

Southwick (sr., 5-6), OHS Brandon McCowan (sr., 5-4), S. Mariah Connor (sr., 5-5).
Key newcomers: OHS Laura Hernandez (sr., 5-5), S. Kali Newman (sr., 5-3), MH Aynsley Weber (sr., 5-8).
Outlook: Wilcox is pleased with the Blue Devils' strong outside hitting, experience and ability to think quickly in the clutch, but perhaps his greatest joy comes from the motivational work of last year's disappointing finish in district competition.
The addition of Hernandez strengthens the outside hitter position. Newman, a starter two years ago who took some time off, shores up setter. A little more improvement at the position, and this could be one of the best squads to come out of Diotech in recent memory.

Ketchum/Sun Valley Community Centralets

Coach Nancy Fenn, 3rd year

1997 record: 1-13
Key returners: OJ Piper Loyd (sr., 5-7), S. Lindsey Monahan (sr., 5-5), OH Colleen Enright (jr., 5-7), OH Lindsey Woodcock (jr., 6-0), OHS/MB Claire Cetera (soph., 5-7).
Key newcomers: MBOH Katie Matterson (fresh), S. Tammy Parize (fresh), OHS B. Sturges (jr.), Jessica Gelet (jr.), Norah Keeler (soph.).
Outlook: Dam good, when you look at the height of Woodcock and those surrounding her. These little fish stand a chance of making a big splash in conference play in 1998 thanks to their size.
"This year Lindsay's improved a ton," Fenn said. "She'll be one of our best players."
The former Nancy Weekes (Fenn recently married) is also Fenn's strength serving high on the team and within her own portfolio. Without a senior to fill the role bench — Fenn can do little about. The other — serve return — she

can: she's busily drilling her girls to improve their passing.

Richfield Tigers

Coach: DeLew Lewis, 1st year
1997 record: 5-14
Key returners: MB Michelle Lankford (jr., 5-4), OJ Steph Brown (sr., 5-3), OJ Aly Hamilton (sr., 5-6), MB Debra Ward (sr., 5-4).
Key newcomers: S. Anna Lankford (jr., 5-6), S. Desirae Hivsumith (soph., 5-7), MB Jennifer Brauberg (soph., 5-6). Seven freshmen and another sophomore will be given the opportunity to compete for playing time on the varsity level," Lewis said.
Outlook: Defense figures to be Richfield's strong suit. Of concern to Lewis, however, is an overall lack of volleyball experience — both on the team and within her own portfolio. Without a senior to fill the role bench — Fenn can do little about. The other — serve return — she

"If we can clear those two hurdles," she said, "we should be competitive in our conference."

Shoshone Indians

Coach: Larry Messick, 20th year
1997 record: 15-12
Key returners: S. Abby Roberts (sr., 5-7), H. Karen Pendragon (sr., 5-4), hitter Anna Cox (sr., 5-9), hitter Amy Williams (jr., 5-2).
Key newcomers: Hitter Jennifer Ross (soph., 5-6), S. Brandi Braun (jr., 5-5), S. Megan Tews (jr., 5-5), hitter Mary Lou Jeffries (jr., 5-7), hitter Hallie Ballman (sr., 5-7), hitter Breana Allen (soph., 5-5).
Outlook: Shoshone enjoyed one of the area's more successful seasons in 1997 under longtime coach Messick. Entering his 20th season, the future looks even more inviting for the Indians. Messick cites the hitting of junior Cox and improved team quickness as positive attributes. A top priority right off the bat

will be developing more hitters to accompany Cox. After that, attention will be given to improving the squad's serve receive and passing and blocking skills.

KSQB Raptors

Coach: Emma Leanda, 1st year
1997 record: Did not play
Outlook: Owing to a lack of tournament in 1997, the Raptors did not field a volleyball team last season.
They will in 1998, but few details are known at right now. Coach Leanda, the Raptors' former school principal Lynn Knepper, who still teaches at the school, said. "We will have a team, but we'll have little or no experience."
Several girls who played the year before last are planning to suit up again this year. Scheduling is still up in the air, but Knepper anticipates about 20 students who want to play will be on the floor and having fun as the season progresses.

SCORES AND STATS

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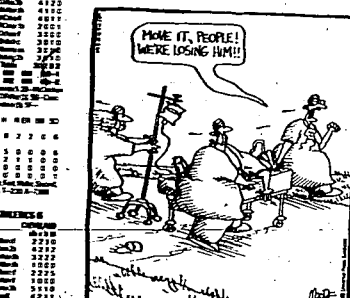
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In a daily procedure, Bob is transported from bleachers to center field.

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Wood homers as Cubs beat Reds, 5-4

CHICAGO (AP) — Sammy Sosa... Wood... Cubs beat Reds, 5-4



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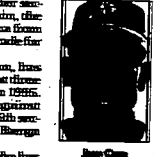
Big Indian inning helps cramp Athletics

CLEVELAND (AP) — Richie Sexson hit a two-run single in Cleveland's biggest first inning in 44 years on Monday night, and drove in four runs, including his fourth homer in three days, as the Indians beat the Oakland Athletics 15-6.

Mark McGwire in 1987-88... Ken Griffey Jr. who hit a pair of homers in a win over the New York Yankees on Sunday, went 2-for-4... Bret Saberhagen (12-9) allowed four hits over 6 2-3 innings...

Mariners send Cora to Cleveland for Bell

CLEVELAND (AP) — Adding another second baseman to a playoff mix, the Cleveland Indians acquired Jay Cora from the Seattle Mariners Monday in a trade for Randy Bell.



Jay Cora

Cora was batting .283 with six homers and 13 steals in 18 attempts for the Mariners. Along with Seattle's trade of Randy Johnson to Houston, the deal marks another departure from the core of players who led the Mariners to the 1995 AL championship series against Cleveland.

area. We hung out together. It was tough." Bell, 26, claimed on waivers from St. Louis on April 14, batted .262 with 21 doubles and 10 home runs in 107 games with the Indians.

No. 2 Florida State beats Texas A&M

EAST RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Coach Olin Collier (AP) said all the help he could get from his players...

With A&M leading 14-10 at halftime, the Seminoles went to work, closing to 14-13 on Sebastian Jonikowski's second field goal, a 28-yarder with 6:43 left.

scored with five seconds left in the third quarter to make it 20-14. Jonikowski closed the scoring with his third field goal of the game, a 22-yarder with 3:26 remaining.

on Minor's 3-yard TD run 7:58 into the game, completing a 39-yard drive that began when Stewart fumbled the snap and FSW cornerback Troy Saunders recovered.

John Friesz won't hold clipboard Sunday

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Jon Kina's turn has to wait. Former Idaho Vandal John Friesz — not Kina — will be the Seattle Seahawks' backup quarterback for the team's league opener Sunday in Philadelphia.

During the exhibition season, Kina completed 63.2 percent of his passes (36 for 57) for 423 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions, while Friesz hit 56.3 percent (40 for 71) for 332 yards and two touchdowns with one interception.

Sammy Sosa doing it 'The American Way'

He just got through signing a few more contracts... Sammy Sosa... The American Way

COMMENTARY... Sosa's defiance to McGwire... The American Way

Sosa's defiance to McGwire — he routinely calls him "The Man" — seems puzzling until you know more about his background. He comes by his feisty bonosity. Growing up in the Dominican Republic, he sold oranges and shined shoes to help out a struggling family.

be the first to break the most magical barrier still standing in an American sport. He'll be playing the rest of the way in more team-friendly parks against fewer homers still in contention. He might simply get more pitches to hit and hit more of them out.

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