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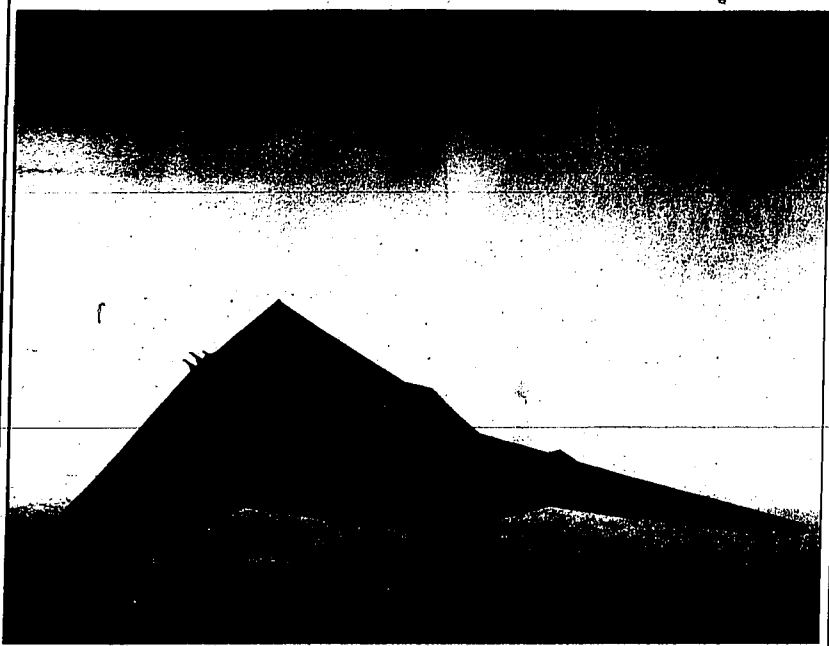
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NATO steps up attacks



A U.S. F-117 stealth fighter takes off from NATO's Aviano, Italy, air base Sunday. The 10-member alliance lost its first plane in the assault on Yugoslavia and the four-day campaign intensified Sunday after air strikes were stepped up amid reports of worsening terror in Kosovo.

Clinton vows to bomb until inhumane violence ends

Sources give glimpse of rescue operation

The Dallas Morning News

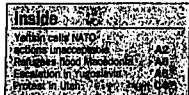
WASHINGTON — President Clinton vowed Sunday to press the allied bombing campaign against Yugoslavia until President Slobodan Milosevic halts what officials called a growing humanitarian disaster in Kosovo.

NATO announced a stepped-up air campaign against the Serb forces in Kosovo, who officials said were carrying out a systematic campaign to eliminate the ethnic Albanians who constitute the vast majority of people in the Serbian province.

Clinton conferred by phone with North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies and told reporters that they "share our determination to respond strongly to Milosevic's continuing campaign of inhumane violence against the Kosovar Albanian people."

"We will continue this campaign as long as it is necessary, until the job is finished," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said on the CBS program Face the Nation.

But as the allied bombing campaign entered its fifth night, other officials made clear that they don't expect it to produce



Immediate results. They rejected the idea that the allied air offensive was responsible for triggering increased Serbian "ethnic cleansing" in the strife-torn province.

They also rejected suggestions from some Republicans that they should not rule out the possible use of NATO, but not American, ground troops.

"We understood from the beginning that this is going to take some time," Defense Secretary William Cohen said on CNN's Late Edition. "This is not going to be quick. This is not going to be easy."

Administration officials avoided using any specific time frames.

But Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the senior Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, said on "Fox News Sunday" that the air campaign would last "many, many weeks." Sen. Joseph Biden,

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Knight Ridder News Services

WASHINGTON — At sixteen minutes after midnight the call came in over the radio: the pilot of the crashed F-117A Stealth "Nighthawk" fighter was alive and well on the ground but there was trouble — "hostiles" in the area around the crash site deep inside Serbia.

The call injected a sense of urgency into a daring rescue already underway by a group of Air Force commandos, undertaken as much of the NATO alliance held its breath.

Pentagon officials are refusing to publicly discuss the successful recovery of the first downed pilot of the Balkan air war. But three officials with knowledge of the operation describe it as an act of both remarkable coordination and daring.

While giving some details, they either withheld or asked Knight Ridder to withhold classified information that might endanger future

rescues. The episode offers a glimpse into the highly secretive world of special operations forces.

Military officials Sunday said they were still investigating the crash and had not determined whether it was caused by anti-aircraft fire, a surface-to-air missile or a malfunction.

Whatever the cause, the pilot of the New Mexico-based jet went down at 8:45 p.m. local time, 28 miles northwest of Belgrade, according to Air Commodore David Wilby, NATO's military spokesman. It was well after dark and the fighting raged.

Shortly after, the pilot radioed in that he was well. Overhead, a pair of E-3 AWACs surveillance planes kept track of him and halted allied planes about to leave the area, finishing up the night's attacks. According to the officer they ordered fighters to maintain their position to protect the pilot and dispatched tankers to refuel the plane.

On the ground, the pilot ended

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New chief: Democrats need to build from bottom up

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The dependably quotable Will Rogers once maintained he belonged to no organized political party.

"I'm a Democrat," he said. The quip is no joke to Brit Groom, newly elected chairman of the Idaho Democratic Party. It's easy to find the few remaining Democrats in the Statehouse taking opposing sides on just about any issue, Groom said.



Brit Groom

And the Twin Falls attorney chosen to rebuild the struggling party and lead it into the next millennium thinks that's just the way it should be.

"One thing the state party ought to do," Groom said, "is stay the heck out of the way of the candidates."

Groom is the last in a triumvirate of newly elected Idaho Democratic leadership, all from southern Idaho. After a predictably meager showing at the polls in November, Blaine County lawmakers Wendy Jaquet and Clint Stennett took over party leadership on the floors of the House and Senate. Groom's win this month over incumbent Tony Park completed the changeover.

"People weren't necessarily upset with the party's leadership, Stennett said. They're just tired of their showings being so predictably meager. Groom said any growth will come to the Democrats from the local level. He's now at the top of the party, but he thinks the strength will come from the bottom. Party building comes one assessor, one treasurer and one county commissioner at a time.

"It's not rocket science," Groom said. "It's basically meeting the needs of people in this state."

Controller J.D. Williams calls this "developing a farm team."

"And that's where the emphasis ought to be," he said. Now in his third term, Williams is the most successful Democrat in statewide office. Until state schools superintendent Marilyn Howard outpaced Republican Anne Fox, Williams was the only state Democrat to survive the party's downward spiral in the 1990s.

He was a county prosecutor and the mayor of Preston before stepping up to the big leagues.

"I think it gives you a perspective that really helps," he said. Williams supported Park for chairman because he thought the party was moving in the right direction, but he said Groom's experience as a statewide candidate will help him lead.

"That's the only way to find out."

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Welfare rules force thousands off roles

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of Americans have lost welfare benefits, not because they are working and escaping poverty, but because they have broken tough new rules.

From state to state, the power to punish is being wielded quite differently. A CD state Associated Press survey found that in some states it rarely is used, but in others it accounts for half the people who are leaving welfare. Under the "It was never like that before," said Sharon Pedersen of Denison, Iowa, who was dropped from welfare last month.

Time limits and penalties, together with work requirements, were the pillars of the 1996 welfare overhaul. Under the old system, Americans got help

as long as they were poor enough, and states severely were restricted in cutting off checks.

Times have changed. States now are allowed — even encouraged — to cut assistance for anyone who does not follow their rules. Even if they do cooperate, people can get help for only five years — less time in the 22 states with shorter time limits.

Since 1994, the number of Americans on welfare has dropped 44 percent, due partly to the strong economy, but also to states' aggressive punishments.

Other officials argue that recipients make the choice. "We do hold our participants accountable," said Ann Wiebers of Iowa, where 47 percent of people leaving welfare are being punished.

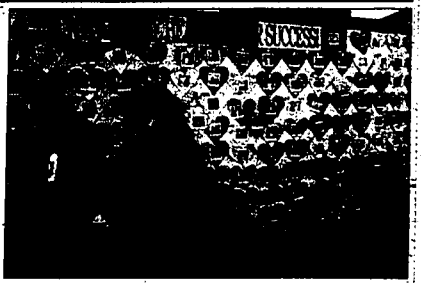
Ms. Pedersen, 38, found that

out when Iowa cut her \$364 monthly check after she missed two appointments to discuss her case. First, she said, she missed an appointment because she was sick; then, during a power failure, her alarm did not ring.

Pedersen was on welfare once before years earlier, and recalled after losing her job last summer. She read about the new, tougher rules but did not think officials actually would cut her off.

"It's been really stressful," she said. She hopes her former employer, a nursing home, will rehire her.

Experts believe those punished fall into two groups: people already working or supporting themselves who choose not to follow rules, and those with lives so off-balance they cannot keep it together and cooperate.



Lisa Corderi, 31, holds her daughter, Vanessa, as she is congratulated for finding a job after spending just three days in the SUCCESS program at the North County Employment Center in Daly City, Calif., Thursday.

Report: Workers exposed to toxin

Government risked lives of employees, publication says

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — During the last five decades, the U.S. government risked the lives of thousands of workers by knowingly allowing them to be exposed to dangerous levels of beryllium, a metal critical to the military, The Blade reported Sunday.

Numerous government, scientific, and industry reports showed beryllium put workers in extreme danger, and hundreds of workers exposed to the metal's dust have contracted beryllium disease, an incurable and sometimes fatal lung illness, The Blade reported.

Some workers at private weapons plants in Ohio and Pennsylvania were exposed to levels of beryllium dust 100 times federal safety limits, the newspaper said, citing government records.

Dr. Peter Infante, director of standards review for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said the government has failed to protect workers.

"These are all deaths and disease that could have been prevented," Infante said. "That's the sad thing about it."

Beryllium is a gray metal lighter than aluminum yet six times stiffer than steel. It is vital to the operation of missiles, jet planes and nuclear weapons.

It's not clear how many people have contracted the disease. Researchers cite an estimated 1,200 cases and hundreds of deaths nationwide but say many other cases are misdiagnosed or undetected.

At the nation's largest beryllium plant, at Elmore just outside Toledo, at least 39 workers have contracted the disease and six died.

The plant, owned by Cleveland-based Brush Wellman Inc., has never consistently met federal safety limits in all parts of the factory, the newspaper said.

"Brush Wellman says it has always posted air test results for workers and has discussed beryllium exposure with them. But it acknowledged that by the time high test levels are reported, workers already have been exposed."



AP Photo

exposed. Hugh Hanes, the company's vice president for government affairs, said Sunday that the company and government were not attempting to hide any information from workers.

"The idea that there has been a conspiracy is wrong," he said. The company has invested greatly in protecting its workers, constantly monitors beryllium levels and aims to operate within federal safety limits, Hanes said.

The newspaper said the danger is not limited to weapons plant workers. Beryllium also is used to make everyday items such as golf clubs, and no one knows how many workers are potentially exposed.

In addition, about two dozen people have contracted the disease from dust carried into their homes by beryllium workers. Some victims have been women who washed their husbands' work clothes, the newspaper said.

Attempts by safety regulators to protect workers from beryllium have been scuttled by defense and industry officials, The Blade said.

President Carter's defense and energy secretaries helped kill one safety plan in the 1970s. They feared coming off beryllium

above, the sun sets over the Brush Wellman facility in Elmore, Ohio, in 1997. The facility is the nation's largest beryllium plant. **Wade, Willie Bush, of Denver, shows at his home in March 1996, reflects how beryllium disease, allegedly contracted from exposure to beryllium dust while a worker at the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant in Colorado.**



sun supplies for weapons would "significantly and adversely affect our national defense," U.S.

Energy Secretary William Schlesinger wrote to two Cabinet members at the time.

Brutality crisis rocks New York police force

NEW YORK (AP) — At police headquarters in lower Manhattan, the protesters show up each day. In the courts, the biggest criminal cases are against cops. And at city hall, the law-and-order record of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani appears tarnished.

A dizzying confluence of brutality charges, federal investigations and public relations gaffes has thrown the nation's largest police department into its worst crisis in years. Police and the city's minorities seem increasingly at odds, and morale in the department is dropping.

The department's troubles came just two years after it was riding high on news that the city's crime rate was dropping, with murders down 1,000 annually for the first time in 28 years.

What's created the most anger is the case of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant shot to death by police in a Bronx apartment lobby. The police, apparently believing Diallo was reaching for a gun, fired 41 bullets at him. He was hit by 19 shots.

In daily protests, charges have been hurled against police of prejudice against the black men and demanded the four policemen be jailed.

According to a source close to the case, a Bronx grand jury indicted the four officers Friday on second-degree murder charges in the Diallo case. But the protest leaders say they will keep up their daily demonstrations.

And the protesters have other cases to site in their charge of police misconduct.

In Brooklyn, jury selection was to begin Monday for the trial of four other officers accused of brutalizing a Haitian immigrant, Auber Louy, in 1997. The trial — centering on allegations officers sodomized the victim with a stick in a precinct stationhouse — could stretch into summer.

Despite the Diallo controversy, Police Commissioner Howard Safir, jettisoned out of an Academy Awards junket. He returned last week to find himself under fire for being insensitive to the anger in the Diallo case and possibly violating city conflict-of-interest standards.

As many as 20 Manhattan cops may soon be indicted in what the tabloids have dubbed the "sex-for-protection scandal." The officers have already been charged with the theft of police badges based on allegations they were getting free sex in a brothel in exchange for shielding it from prosecution.

The federal Civil Rights Commission, U.S. attorney's offices for two districts of New York and state Attorney General

Eliot Spitzer all have launched investigations of the NYPD and how it disciplines its own. The commission will hold hearings in May on whether its "stop-and-frisk" tactics violate the public's rights, especially in minority neighborhoods.

More than 800 people have been arrested in the daily protest, including prominent whites as well as blacks — and high-ranking politicians have criticized the city leaders for not paying more attention to the problem.

"Minorities are humiliated and angered by the indignity of being treated all too often as presumptive criminals," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., in a speech calling on the city to take steps to close the racial rift.

Safir, Giuliani and the powerful **Patrolmen's Benevolent Association** have defended the 40,000-officer force, reminding New Yorkers that crime rates are at their lowest level in decades.

In recent days, off-duty members of the PBA staged a counter-protest supporting the officers in the Diallo case. And Giuliani scoffed at reports that U.S. Attorney Zachary Carter may be preparing to order federal monitoring of the department.

"He would not get my consent to that," the mayor said. "Before you can start talking about federal micro-managing of this police department, there are about 200 police departments you have to put ahead of it."

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Tipper would bring different style to White House

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Tipper Gore is a big admirer of Hillary Rodham Clinton, but says she would be a different kind of first lady should Vice President Al Gore capture the White House.

"Mrs. Clinton is a key adviser to her husband; Mrs. Gore dispenses her advice when asked, most often at home or during a walk. Would she be a fixture in the Oval Office, offering policy advice?"

"I've never done it that way," she said in an interview.

While Mrs. Clinton has one daughter who is away at college, Mrs. Gore notes that she has four children (one still at home), a grandchild due in June and two elderly parents in the Washington, D.C. area.

"There's a difference when you have four children to keep up with and all of their activities," she said. "With four children and aging parents, I find that I only spend so much time on issues that have to do with the family. I don't have time to keep the family together."

"Mrs. Gore is most active in her health care and fighting homelessness and poverty."

"She is reluctant to compare or contrast her style with that of her husband's first lady. She has only opened a presidential exploratory committee and is not officially a candidate."

Mrs. Gore, 50, said she is a friend and admirer of Mrs. Clinton, a fellow baby boomer who is one year older. But she has a hard time noting that her husband finds herself in the role of first lady reflects her individuality and who she is as a person.

"Their differences and similarities are certain to be scrutinized as the second lady becomes more visible in the 2000 presidential campaign."

"She has appeared recently in New Hampshire and Iowa and she wanted for Clinton this weekend when he canceled his



Tipper Gore, shown this January, says she would be a different kind of first lady than Hillary Rodham Clinton should Vice President Al Gore capture the White House.

scheduled appearance at the California Democratic Party convention in Kosovo.

Both women are crowd-pleasers on the stump. Mrs. Gore

has neither the polish nor the edge of Mrs. Clinton, but her dis-

arming, just-folks demeanor charmed delegates Saturday.

When her TeleProm/ter didn't immediately flash her speech, she cracked a joke, and by the time the laughter died down, the speech was ready to go.

She then whipped up Democratic activists with a speech in which she took credit on behalf of the Clinton administration for the economic boom of the 1990s. She warned that Republicans are bent on using the budget surplus for a tax cut that would require cutting federal education and nutrition programs.

"The other party's agenda is based on ideas from 1822," she said.

In the interview Saturday, she added: "This is going to be an all-out battle for the direction the country's going to go in."

Mrs. Gore was a news photographer and her husband a reporter in Nashville before he was a congressman, yet she lamented the scandal-fed shark tank Washington has become at a time when the news media is ever more fixated on celebrities and their fallings.

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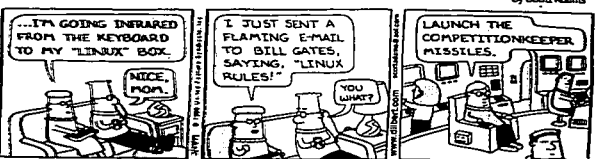
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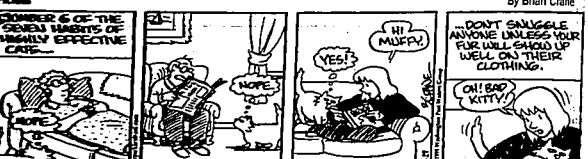
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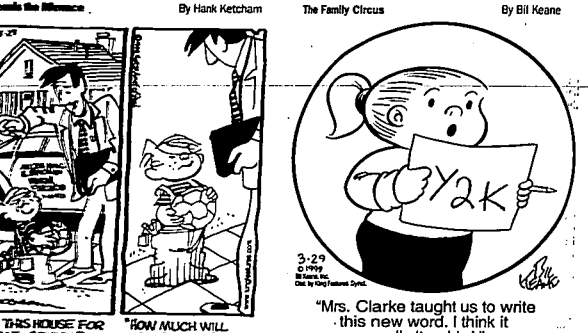
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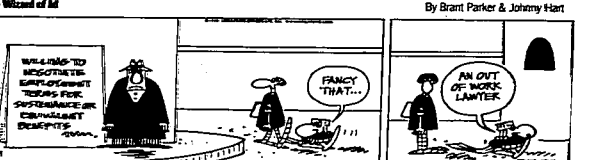
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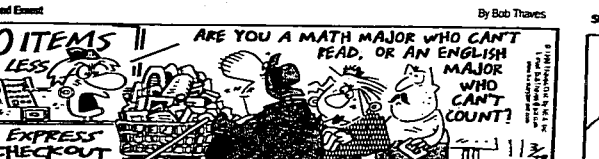
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Parent hopes shooting teaches lesson

Kids, guns don't mix, she learns

SHELDON, N.D. (AP) — Even with 21 shotgun pellets still under his skin and a hole the size of a silver dollar in his back, young Frank Wall's energy is enough to make his mother roll her eyes and sigh.

"She coaxes and finally orders the 10-year-old to a chair in the family's large farmhouse.

"Now you sit still and answer his questions," Bea Wall says, pointing her son toward a reporter at the kitchen table. "I consider it part of your punishment."

She snags Frank's 8-year-old brother, Nicholas, by the shirt as he tries to sneak through the kitchen. "You too," she demands. Nicholas sulks but climbs onto a stool at the counter.

Two weeks earlier, Alvin and Bea Wall's two youngest were involved in something these strict but loving parents never imagined would happen.

While Mom helped pull a neighbor's tractor from the mud and Dad was at a livestock auction, Frank and Nicholas took a hunting rifle and shotgun from their father's gun case.

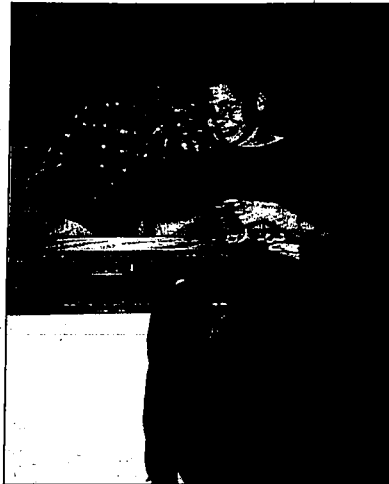
And as they later admitted they had done at school proudly, Frank practiced loading bullets into the hunting rifle while his little brother rested the 12-gauge shotgun in a chair.

But this time, the unthinkable happened. Unaware the shotgun had a shell in it, Nicholas pulled the trigger.

The blast struck his older brother in the left shoulder, tearing a 4-inch-wide, 8-inch-long canyon halfway across his back scattering flesh and blood around the kitchen.

Today, the skinny boy with dark, matted hair is mostly recovered, enough at least to chase his brother through the house again. Doctors stitched up most of his wound, but left one gaping hole open, stuffed with gauze, so the flesh will grow back and heal properly.

Thankful their two boys are alive, Alvin and Bea Wall are also stunned by the kids' actions, and



Nicholas, left, and Frank Wall are shown Tuesday with the shirt Frank was wearing when Nicholas accidentally shot him two weeks ago with a 12-gauge shotgun.

they are bent on making the incident an example to others.

The lesson for kids: This is what can happen when you play with guns.

For parents: We trusted our kids as much as you think you can trust yours.

"We never, never imagined they touched the guns when we weren't around," says Alvin Wall, a farmer near the tiny town of Sheldon, about 50 miles southwest of Fargo. "And then to find out this wasn't the first time. It was a shock."

In rural areas like this, almost everyone has at least one or two guns for bird or deer hunting. They are looked at less as weapons than as essential tools.

As with any hazardous tool, parents try to instill in their children the common sense to stay away from them.

As punishment for having not done so, the Walls have decided young Frank — and maybe even Nicholas eventually — must share the story with other youngsters. Schools, clubs, summer safety classes. Whenever. He must admit to his actions and show the consequences, including his scar and the blood-soaked denim shirt. Mom — only half joking — insists he must also carry around the door to her dishwasher, peck-marked from shotgun pellets.

The idea of telling the story doesn't sit well with young Frank. It's all so embarrassing, he says.

His dad steps in with stern words. "You're going to have to do in every year until you're 21, so you might as well start practicing," he says.

Frank lowers his head, recognizing the seriousness in his dad's voice.

"I'll have my say, you will go to the school along with your bloody shirt if we have to hand-cuff you," his dad continues. "There has to be some good to come out of this, Frank."

It started two weeks earlier on a Thursday afternoon when the youngest of the Walls' eight children were on a spring break from school. Alvin Wall was more than 100 miles away at a livestock auction. Bea Wall had just received a phone call from a neighbor, asking for help fixing his tractor from the mud.

She left Frank and Nicholas at home with a list of household chores to do.

Frank says his mom was barely out the door when he turned to his little brother and motioned to the gun cabinet.

The Walls kept ammunition for their guns locked away separately, but Frank and Nicholas had found a shotgun shell and two rifle bullets elsewhere.

As Frank tried to load the rifle, one bullet got jammed in the chamber and the second fell to the floor. He bent over to pick it up just as Nicholas pulled the trigger on the shotgun.

Frank felt like a bee sting at first. "I thought I'd gotten hit by just one BB or something."

Frank ran outside and got into the back of his little brother's second-hand truck and drove down the road and found his mom. Mom, however, had hidden the keys.

He ran back inside and, with the help of his little brother, jumped in the shower, still convinced his wound wasn't that bad.

Ironically, the search for another Reagan has led some Republicans to the one candidate who rarely mentions him: Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Many of Bush's boosters contend that he is the party's best hope for reuniting the coalition of economic and social conservatives that helped Reagan win two White House terms.

At the time, the remark made party officials flinch because it seemed to portray Dole as a man without a defined inner core. But by the time the party held its national convention in San Diego in August 1996, invoking Reagan was clearly the password to Republican unity.

Still, Reagan's legacy means different things to different people. "It's something of a Rorschach — you see in it what you want," said Rod Hart, an expert on political communication at the University of Texas at Austin. "I don't think they mean they want soaring deficits and break-the-back expenditures from the federal government."

California candidates tout their service in the Reagan administration. Elizabeth Dole served as Reagan's Transportation Secretary after a stint as a White House aide. Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander's Internal Revenue says that he headed Reagan's "Commission to Celebrate Great American Outdoors."

(The panel was actually called the Commission on Americans Outdoors).

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Reagan keeps place as GOP campaign icon

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — His mind and body are gipped by Alzheimer's disease, but Ronald Reagan's spirit infuses Campaign 2000 almost as if he were on the ballot.

While Reagan's place in history remains unsettled, there's little doubt about his status as a Republican campaign icon. Nearly every GOP presidential hopeful is claiming a piece of Reagan's political legacy. His picture appears on campaign Web sites. His words are recited in speech after speech.

Millionaire publisher Steve Forbes says his GOP conservative "Sen. John McCain of Arizona boasts that he was 'an early foot soldier in the Reagan revolution.'" Conservative firebrand Pat Buchanan promises to "complete the final chapter of Ronald Reagan's legacy."

Former Vice President Dan Quayle, who served under George Bush, says more recent Republican president, says he wants to "renew" Ronald Reagan's vision of government.

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ending the era of big government that began with Franklin Roosevelt.

"Ronald Reagan was president in a defining moment in history," Bush said. "He ended the Roosevelt era of putting government in its proper perspective. The government's role is to herald the individual and encourage individuals to reach their fullest potential."

This use of Reagan as a political touchstone is hardly new. Many party elders still recall Bob Dole's spontaneous declaration as he prepared for his 1996 presidential campaign: "If that's what you want, I'll be another Ronald Reagan."

At the time, the remark made party officials flinch because it seemed to portray Dole as a man without a defined inner core. But by the time the party held its national convention in San Diego in August 1996, invoking Reagan was clearly the password to Republican unity.

Still, Reagan's legacy means different things to different people. "It's something of a Rorschach — you see in it what you want," said Rod Hart, an expert on political communication at the University of Texas at Austin. "I don't think they mean they want soaring deficits and break-the-back expenditures from the federal government."

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Generic drug industry shows lack of growth

NEW YORK (AP) — Health insurers, pharmacists and consumer groups have pushed for a greater use of generic drugs for more than a decade but failed to control rising medical costs.

Patients and doctors seem to be ignoring the advice, however. In 1998, 41 percent of the prescription medications sold in the United States were generic drugs about the same level as in the late 1980s.

Generic drug prices are usually priced at about half or one-third the price of brand-name drugs.

"The generic industry is no better off now than in 1986," said Thomas Calkin, director of regulatory and professional affairs at generic drug firm Schein Pharmaceutical. "Generics have stagnated in the marketplace, and that's our problem."

Schein's assessment of the generic drug industry on Saturday at the annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Industry Association in New York was just one of many remarks from industry leaders lamenting their billion-dollar consumer demand for generics. Whom do they blame? Powerful brand-name drug manufacturers.

Pharmaceutical companies for years have employed numerous legal strategies to delay losing their patents and trying to force Congress to intervene to extend their drug's patent life. Companies such as Merck & Co. and Schering-Plough say they need longer patent protection so they can recoup their billions in research and development costs.

But even when generic versions are available — as is the case for an estimated 75 percent of existing drugs — brand-name companies often have reduced demand for them by developing newer drugs for the same medical condition. The evolution of cancer treatments, for example, is a trend in the drug industry since 1995 has also hurt generic competition.

Budget reality strikes NASA

The Orlando Sentinel

WASHINGTON — NASA hobbled through the deficit-ridden 1999 long on dreams and short on dollars.

For the space agency, each annual budget season brought another painful reality check. Along the way, NASA's long-range plan of growing into a \$25 billion-a-year enterprise was dashed in half.

Now the federal government is entering a golden era of budget surpluses. But at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, reality still bites. That longstanding disconnect

between dreams and dollars was on display again this week. At NASA headquarters, a pie-in-the-sky symposium called "Grand Visions of Aerospace" unfolded Thursday and Friday while blocks away, Congress slumped its ax for another whack at the space-program budget.

"We are doing the best we can," NASA Administrator Dan Goldin told a House appropriations subcommittee earlier in the week. "But I have to point out that our budget has come down every year for six years. I don't know of very many other agencies of government that have had that."

Goldin is not exaggerating. Since 1994, NASA's budget has shrunk from \$14.5 billion to \$13.6 billion while most other federal agencies collectively have seen their funding creep up by more than 30 percent.

In the budget request for next year that he submitted in February, the White House asked Congress to squeeze yet another \$100 million from NASA.

Goldin says he is ready to oblige — the House and Senate last Thursday passed a budget blueprint that would trim nearly \$800 billion from the general government budget that includes NASA's budget.

Family disappointed at trial's focus

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The wife and brother of the man Dr. Jack Kevorkian was convicted of killing say they are disappointed the trial focused on definitions of murder rather than on how Kevorkian helped end Thomas Youk's suffering.

"We weren't able to give the jurors any kind of picture of what he was and what he was going through," Youk's brother, Terry, told Time magazine in the issue that his newstands today.

Kevorkian was convicted Friday of second-degree murder and delivery of a controlled substance in Youk's death. He is scheduled to be sentenced April 14.

Kevorkian had argued during his trial that Youk's widow, Melody, and Youk's brother should be allowed to testify that they wanted Kevorkian to end Youk's suffering.

But Judge Jessica Cooper told Kevorkian, who was acting as his own lawyer, that he couldn't use

the testimony of a doctor as a Michigan law doesn't recognize the content of the affidavit as a defense to murder.

Terry Youk told Time that his brother suffered from a terminal brain tumor and that pain that medicine couldn't help. He said Thomas Youk, 52, told him that he didn't want to die, "but I don't want to live like this."

Melody Youk said: "He didn't want to become a prisoner in his own body."

"The Youks say they continue to support Kevorkian."

"You have to put yourself in harm's way when you feel there's an unjust law," Terry Youk said.

Meanwhile, prison officials say if Kevorkian goes on a hunger strike in prison, as he has threatened, they would use intravenous

feeding to keep him alive.

"There haven't been any (death) cases I can recall, and we have a very effective policy in place which would stop a prisoner from starving himself," Matt Davis, a spokesman for the Michigan Department of Corrections, said in a Detroit News in a story Sunday.

Kevorkian staged a three-day hunger strike when jailed in November 1995 for refusing to testify in the case. He refused all food and accepted only-juice and water.

In December 1997, Kevorkian and an associate said they would sacrifice themselves to death in prison if ever convicted of assisting a suicide.

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Ethnic Albanian women and children, refugees from the town of Uroshevac, Kosovo, Yugoslavia, sit in the back of a van as they cross into Macedonia Sunday.

Ethnic Albanians flee for survival

Refugees flood Macedonia

The Washington Post

TIRANA, Albania — Columns of refugees, mostly women and children with little more than the clothes on their backs, walked and drove out of Kosovo Sunday as a campaign by Yugoslav forces to empty the province of ethnic Albanians provoked one of the largest forced exoduses in Europe since the end of World War II.

Refugees crossed the snowy border into Albania Sunday at a rate of more than 1,000 an hour, relief officials said; more than 100,000 were said to be massed on the Kosovo side of the border. The number of refugees arriving in Macedonia also increased Sunday, and there were reports of a five-mile-long column of ethnic Albanians on foot, tractors and horse-drawn carts heading from western Kosovo toward the Yugoslav republic of Montenegro.

The wave of refugees alarmed authorities in both Albania and Macedonia, as well as in Montenegro. Tens of thousands of displaced people could threaten to destabilize the two impoverished, ethnically mixed countries on Yugoslavia's southern border and draw them into the Kosovo conflict.

Western officials here and at NATO headquarters in Brussels said an added disturbing element was that the majority of the refugees were women and children, raising the possibility that Yugoslav authorities were either detaining men or executing them.

"We have to recognize that we are now on the brink of a major humanitarian disaster — the likes of which we have not seen in Europe since the closing days of World War II," said NATO



Lit by car headlights, ethnic Albanian refugees gather together at the side of a road after crossing over to Macedonia. Macedonia, the country where Albanians make up as much as 40 percent of the population, has said it can't take more than the 20,000 refugees already there.

spokesman Jaime Shea, who accused the Serbs of "pursuing a truly scorched earth policy."

Shea said that since NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia began on Wednesday, 50,000 civilians have been made homeless in Kosovo, a southern province of Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic, in which ethnic Albanians outnumber ethnic Serbs 9 to 1. Since armed conflict between Yugoslavia and the Kosovo Albanians over demands for the province's independence began a year ago, an estimated 500,000 ethnic Albanians have been driven from their homes.

The refugees now crossing into northern Albania told Western and Albanian officials that ethnic Albanians are being rounded up by Yugoslav forces in the greater Prizren area and told they have to leave through the nearby Morina border crossing. Prizren, Kosovo's second-largest city, is about 15 miles northeast of the border.

"It's getting out of control," said Andrea Angelis, a spokesman for Western monitors on the Yugoslav-Albanian border. "We're not able to count these people any-

more... It's hell up there now."

The number of refugees entering Macedonia increased sharply as well Sunday, to 1,200 from what had been about 200 to 300 a day since the NATO airstrikes began. Many were from Pristina, Kosovo's capital, which is the scene of looting, burning and killing of civilians, according to refugees and relief officials, who said the increased violence was encouraging more people to take the risky 40-mile trip south.

The refugees were eager for NATO to send ground troops into Kosovo. "The bombs are stopping nothing," said Jasmin Jahin, a relief worker from Pristina. "The (NATO) invasion is too late if it's not coming today."

Here in Albania, at least 16,000 people — traveling by foot, tractor, car and horse — have crossed the border in the last 24 hours, and more continued to stream in Sunday night, according to Western monitors who are swamped by the cascade of people. The influx represents the largest single-day refugee exodus into Albania since the Kosovo conflict began, officials said.

NATO air strikes leave Montenegro wary of Kosovo neighbor

The Washington Post

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia — Residents here watched nervously Sunday afternoon when two bombs dropped by NATO warplanes sent a huge column of black smoke billowing into the pale blue sky over the city's airport. It was another successful attack, officials here said, not only on a Yugoslav military target but also on this Montenegrin capital's ambition to stay out of the West's war with Yugoslavia.

Because the political leadership in the Yugoslav republic of Montenegro is led by avowed opponents of President Slobodan Milosevic and his policies in the nearby province of Kosovo, many here expected to be spared from NATO airstrikes.

Instead, military targets in the republic, which with Serbia makes up the Yugoslav federation, have been hit on four of the first five days of NATO's assault. It has sparked rising public protest, which the democratically minded Montenegrin leadership fears may eventually consume any liberal, pro-Western sentiment.

As in Serbia, which has been under the brunt of the NATO airstrikes, sentiment is rapidly becoming more sympathetic to Milosevic.

"We are a lighthouse for the region... and you are hitting the lighthouse," said Branko Perovic, Montenegro's foreign minister. "It is a very destabilizing move for us... (and) a very unifying factor" for a populace that was previously critical of the Serbian Belgrade government and toying with the idea of leaving the Yugoslav federation.

Anti-American demonstrations have grown larger, with about 100 people at one on Friday and 1,500 Sunday. Tensions are rising between the army, which is ruled by Belgrade, and the republic's Interior Ministry troops, which are loyal to the republic's leaders and are now deployed in force around government buildings and at major intersections in the capital.

Some of the tensions stem from the refusal by the republic's leaders to honor Belgrade's emergency decree giving the military the right to draft recruits for service in Kosovo. The army has set up checkpoints on the outskirts of the city, where its troops have reportedly begun pulling young men from cars to be sent to barracks for immediate duty.

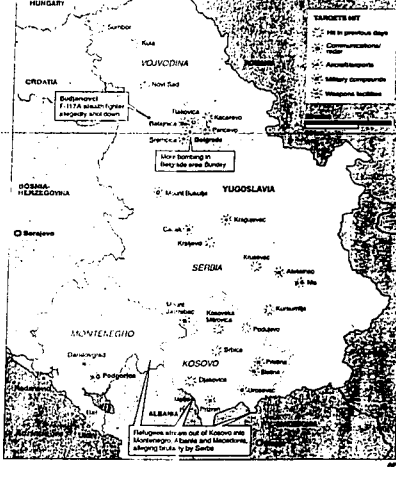
A trickle of ethnic Albanian refugees across the republic's border with Kosovo, meanwhile, has started to look more like a flood, with a migration of roughly 1,000 people on Saturday swelling to 5,000 Sunday. There are reports of tens of thousands more who are waiting to cross because of an intensifying crackdown by security forces in the western Kosovo city of Pec and nearby villages.

A large refugee flow would pose a new challenge to Montenegro's beleaguered economy and could ignite a backlash among the majority Slavic population here, some officials worry. Already, more than 5 percent of Montenegro's 600,000 residents are refugees from Kosovo, and in some cities the percentage is close to half.

Montenegro President Milo Djukanovic, a strong advocate of closer ties with the West, has tried to keep the republic's emotions in check by milky criticizing the airstrikes. He also has urged commanders of the Yugoslav 2nd Army based in Montenegro not to retaliate against the bombing and draw further NATO fire that might produce civilian casualties.

Escalation in Yugoslavia

NATO launched its attacks on Yugoslavia on Sunday. The British, American, French and Italian jets targeted more warplanes. A list of damaged aircraft is shown.



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Governor clears Travis of record

Singer no longer dogged by stigma

MONROE, N.C. — Randy Travis has made quite a name for himself in Nashville. Now, he has succeeded in clearing the name he made for himself in Mississippi.

At the country singer's request, Gov. Jim Hunt issued a pardon Thursday.

People in the news

Travis' criminal record as a youth, Hunt said. Travis, 39, has since earned a name for "responsible civic behavior and community service."

Not so in the 1970s, when Randy Bruce Traywick stacked up arrests for weapons offenses, burglary and larceny.

After winning a talent contest in 1977 and pairing with manager Lib Hatcher, now his wife, Travis managed to break into big-time country music.

"Randy quite regularly talks about how he was a bad kid and how lucky he was to find the person — Ms. Hatcher — who could get him straightened out," said his spokeswoman Maureen O'Connor.



County singer Randy Travis, shown here in 1994, was arrested in the 1970s on charges of weapons offenses, burglary and larceny. He credits his wife, Lib Hatcher, with straightening him out.

Hospital: For Carson, the show will go on

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Johnny Carson is doing well a week after quadruple bypass surgery, a hospital spokeswoman said Friday.

"He's doing fine," said Linda Funston of Saint John's Health Center. "He probably will not go home until after the weekend."

Doctors expect the 73-year-old former "Tonight Show" host to recover fully. He underwent surgery March 18.

Asked about published reports that Carson had a heart attack, the spokeswoman said she didn't know. Carson retired in 1992.

Moss leaves no stone unturned in latest pic

Supermodel Kate Moss has been baring her soul since drying out an rehab and putting on a few much-needed pounds.

But why stop there? Moss has now posed for a full-frontal spread in British Vogue. The 25-year-old model says she has done discreet modeling before.

"She first rose to fame in a Calvin Klein ad in which she displayed her petite, 'high-water' derrière. But those shots were more camped-up, which what Moss is showing in the mag. Fleet Street's tabloids, those standard-bearers of good taste, have declared the spread 'tacky.'"

High Nobel winner will donate money to poor

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Catholic leader John Hume, co-winner of last year's Nobel Peace Prize, said Friday he will donate his \$463,000 share of the award to Northern Ireland's poor and

victims of violence.

"I want to see an Ireland of partnership where we wage war on want and poverty, where we reach out to the marginalized and dispossessed and where we build together a future that can be as great as our dreams allow," he said.

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CO poisoning claims hundreds each year

DEAR ABBY: You recently printed a letter that dealt with carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. According to the National Safety Council, more than 200 fatalities per year are attributable to carbon monoxide as a direct result of poorly or improperly vented organic fuel heaters. With just a little education, many of these deaths are entirely preventable.

As a member of the Publications Committee of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, may I call to your attention a pamphlet that may be of importance to your readers?

The advice given to your readers was sound, but the pamphlet has more specific actions to take, including ways to tell if a dwelling might possibly have a carbon monoxide problem, as well as information on an important aspect of CO safety — carbon monoxide detectors.

Interested or concerned readers may request a free copy of the brochure "Carbon Monoxide — The Silent, Cold Weather Killer" from the American Industrial Hygiene Association at: AIHA Publications, 2700 Prosperity Ave., Suite 250, Fairfax, VA 22031. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Or, they may visit the Web site at www.aiha.org. This brochure is also available in Spanish.

—TIMOTHY H. RYAN, PH.D., ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

DEAR ABBY
Algal VanBuren

headache, fatigue, nausea and irritability breathing. However, death from carbon monoxide can result without any symptoms — the overexposed victim simply "falls asleep" and never regains consciousness.

Bottom line: No home should be without an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed CO detector, and the packing instructions should be followed to the letter.

DEAR DR. RYAN: Thank you for the informative booklet. I'm sharing the information with my readers. I was shocked to learn that each year, nearly 5,000 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms for CO poisoning. What makes carbon monoxide so dangerous is the fact that it is odorless. Initial symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure are similar to the flu (but without the fever), including dizziness,

DEAR ABBY: My family and I have a problem. I'm sure many of your readers share. We are allergic to many fragrances including soap, potpourri, etc. When I'm exposed to strong scents, my throat closes up and I feel nauseated. I'm 16, and until now I've been able to avoid becoming ill by staying away from the perfume section of department stores.

Abby, I'm dating a very sweet guy (I'll call him "Charles") and I love everything about him — except his cologne. On dates my nose becomes stuffy and I cough a lot, and I have to take a shower as soon as I get home.

When my parents provide the transportation they also become sick.

Charles knows I have allergies, but I'm afraid to tell him the truth because I don't want to offend him.

Abby, is there any way I can get him to stop wearing his cologne so we can all breathe a little easier?

—NOSE IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR NOSE: Tell Charles you are allergic to fragrances — including his cologne.

This is not offensive, and I'm sure he will be happy to cooperate as soon as you let him know what's causing your congestion.

Gambler not afraid to go out on a wire

Q. Who was "Bet-A-Million Gates"?

A. John Wayne Gates, 1855-1911. He made his fortune in barbed wire, and wagered much of it in a astonishing manner. Once, he bet on a race between raindrops on a window pane at \$1,000 a drop.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll state, "There is no substitute for writing." Moon position coincides with display of 228 people comments. "When you feel it's right, you really do take action." Do so.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Reach beyond the immediate, blend humor with sarcasm. Those who belittled you in past will now seek your favor. You will be invited to join international organization, Libra involved.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Toxic aside preconceived notions — you're entering new cycle, act in independent manner. You'll be told, "You are dynamic, original and sexy." Leo, Aquarius person play major roles.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Elements of timing, luck ride with you. Sense of direction restored, you know where you want to go and how to reach destination. Marital status figures prominently, involves Cancer, Capricorn persons.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Divercity, experiment, explore — you'll be encouraged to travel by Sagittarian. You could start a diary, you could write article and it probably will be accepted by leading journal, Gemini involved.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Tear down in order to rebuild — some consider you avant-garde, others say you are very lucky. Moon position relates to secrets, indiscretions. Leo, Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play roles.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): New events are somehow related to you. Don't be afraid to speak up, all of us want to hear your views. Write, teach, disseminate information. Trip

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out of town relates to flirtation, romance.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Concern over family safety is commendable — there is a long way to go, you did right thing in taking first step. Domestic adjustment, someone could include marital sexual. Libra involved.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Mind bewitched matters — specific treatment brings out best in others. You'll be dealing with sensitive Pisces who will cry if you so much as raise your voice. You could present master illusion show.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Show gratitude to one who helped when most needed. Don't be shy about saying, "I will never forget how you came through for me." Earning power increases, love power also is in picture. There will be music, dance to special tune.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Finish what you start, check legal aspects of enterprise. You receive proposals, career, partnership, marriage. Look beyond the immediate, participate in Political charitable campaigns.

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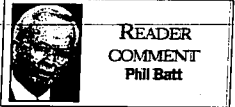


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We in Idaho seem to have a penchant for self-deprecation. Whether it be for appreciation for human rights and diversity, health care, education or any other important matter, we're quick to announce what a lunkhead state we are. Germany used to strive for improvement in all these areas, but that's not forgotten that we are already a competent, progressive and caring state.

Phil Batt, a Walla Walla farmer, is the former governor of Idaho.

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Thanking all of America's heroes

There is nothing sentimental about war, but war breeds sentimentality. We are awash in it now. Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" is a smash, and Tom Brakow's "The Greatest Generation" is a best seller. Driven by guilt and awe, Brakow and Spielberg want to pay homage to a dying generation.

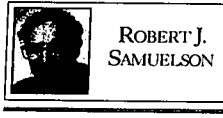
After listening to veterans of D-Day, Brakow found that "I felt a kind of missionary zeal for the men and women of World War II, spreading the word of their remarkable lives." As he does the other night (where he won the best director award), Spielberg noted the "honor in looking back and respecting the past."

No one can dispute that. Our debt is huge and, until recently, largely forgotten by younger Americans. We need to be reminded of sacrifices made and duties performed for the common good. But in justly celebrating the World War II generation, Brakow and Spielberg also refashion and romanticize the past.

The simplifications that make for commercial success have the good effect of awakening historic memory - and the bad effect of creating myths.

The message that we're being delivered (explicitly by Brakow, perhaps unwittingly by Spielberg) is that there is a generation of weepstakes. And in this context, the World War II generation is the big winner. Its sacrifices and achievements overshadow all others. Brakow's book consists of short profiles of wartime Americans, veterans and those on the "home front." As he describes them, they almost all went to war uncomplainingly and, after the war, lived exemplary lives. They were honest, hard-working, and responsible.

It sounds too pat. A few years ago, I stumbled across a 1943 study entitled "What the Front-Line Infantryman



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Thinks, "It surveyed combat veterans about "getting back into actual battle." Less than 10 percent said they were eager, 29 percent didn't want to go, but "if I go, I think I will do all right"; 22 percent didn't want to go because "I don't think I would do very well"; 15 percent said they "had done their share - let others do theirs"; and 11 percent said they "couldn't stand more - afraid, nerves shot."

This sounds about right. Veterans usually don't speak of combat because the experience is unrepeatable. It's a mixture of courage, cowardice, generosity, shame, fear, humiliation and random luck, guilt, and bad. It deters chest thumping. In a recent memoir ("Doing Battle"), writer Paul Fussell recounts how, as an infantry lieutenant, he was wounded in France. The Germans began an artillery barrage. A shell exploded nearby. A sergeant and lieutenant blimed with him were killed instantly. Later, in a bunker, Fussell blamed himself for their deaths.

Afraid of giving more evidence of being a confirmed coward, I hadn't run for the entrance of the bunker when the shelling started. They would have followed and would still be living... (I) bowed like a small boy. The other pa-

tients, as if accustomed to such embarrassment, and even worse, kindly paid no attention."

No one can accuse Spielberg of sagacious combat. Some battle scenes of "Saving Private Ryan" are horrific. He strives to convey the full range of emotions. But what's missing is stupidity and absurdity. Spielberg's Americans are all purposeful, even in their flaws. They were blind. But war is otherwise. In another memoir ("Before Their Time"), writer Robert Kolowitz recalls how his platoon was ordered to make a senseless attack on a German position. In a few minutes, a sweep of machine gun fire slaughtered most of them. Kolowitz survived by playing dead for 12 hours. He later found in the company commander who ordered the attack - a man whose "hysteria never failed him."

History is murkier than what we get from Brakow and Spielberg. What's also contrived is no notion of a generational contest. It disregards all the differences, for good or ill, among members of any generation. The war shaped them, but not always for the better. Their eagerness to make up for lost time in the 1950s helped condone intolerable injustices - most obviously, institutionalized racism. And we live in a generation led to future failures (Vietnam).

Each generation faces the challenges of its era. Some challenges are greater than others. In this sense, there is no "greatest" generation. If there were, it would be the Founders, who led ideals and institutions that have served us well. What we face the World War II generation defines words. They helped halt a vast global tragedy. But it was a tragedy, and if that's what greatness demands, we'd all be better off ungrat.

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LETTERS

Don't be fooled by weapons bill

In what everyone seems to be terming an "unsuccessful" session, your legislature has quietly passed a bill allowing students to have firearms in their cars on school property. It now sits on Governor Kempthorne's desk, awaiting his signature to become law.

Don't be fooled by House Bill 137. It started out innocently enough, simply amending the current law so that it would be unlawful for persons under the age of 18 to carry firearms or other deadly weapons on school grounds.

The current law places that age at 21. There must have been a logical reason for the original legislation, right? The bill was passed by the House and went on to the Senate, where the following amendment was added:

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any student enrolled in school who has lawful possession of a firearm secured in his vehicle in an obstructive, nonthreatening manner.

HELLO? Our legislature added a provision so that kids can carry weapons in their cars on school property, when the states across the nation are trying to find ways to prevent kids from bringing weapons to school? Can there be any justifiable reason for a student to have a weapon in his vehicle at school? What were our elected representatives and senators thinking?

If you don't want your kids or grandkids to be put in harm's way by your own elected officials, please write, fax, e-mail or call Governor Kempthorne and urge him to veto this absurd piece of legislation immediately. Phone: 334-2100, fax 334-2175 or e-mail Governor@gov.state.id.us

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What happened to democracy? Since World War II, the American people have gone from a democratic society to a government totally dominated by corporate interests.

It is such a joy, as citizens, to watch NBC's "60 Minutes" expose the nuclear power industry's attempts to keep the nuclear waste from its ship somewhere off the coast.

Meanwhile, the states that the nuclear industry governs had on this ship launches the nuclear waste. The TV executives came into the American Information Center, they are looking into missile warheads and what all without a second thought.

Corporate does not care, President LBJ got it done, the American people don't care.

Will you guess what? It did care. GE and the other nuclear missile contractors are OK.

It was U.S. spy satellites, U.S. communications, U.S. officers on NATO that sent the conditions to the U.S. ship. Give me a break, GE. Your news "bulletin" BOB BERNSTEIN

If kids need covered pool

Elroy, Twin Falls, springs, break is your child's time. Do you know how your young children are spending their days?

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Just a thought. Can't it be wave - cover the pool. BOB BERNSTEIN

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OPINION

Banishing phony 'expert witnesses' from U.S. courts

Mark Twain once noted that "everybody complains about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

Similarly, the tolerance of so-called "junk science" experts by American courts has drawn complaints from eminent legal scholars for more than a quarter of a century. Until recently, though, nobody did anything about it. Now, the tide seems to be turning.

An unanimous March 23 decision by the Supreme Court could help eliminate legal decisions unduly swayed by "expert" witnesses who are little more than highly paid charlatans with in score's intent for manipulating jurors.

In a 9-0 vote, the high court gave a green light to federal judges to carefully weigh the credentials of expert witnesses testifying on complex engineering and technical matters in product liability cases.

The ruling was a victory for the Kumho Tire Co., which had sought to exclude an expert's testimony that a defective tire triggered an automobile crash that killed a passenger.

Kumho contended that the expert's methods for evaluating the tire's alleged defect were not supported by fact. The federal judge handling the case scrutinized the expert's methods against criteria for expert testimony handed down by the high court in its landmark 1993 Daubert decision, and agreed they were unreliable.

The victim's family appealed, however, successfully arguing the Daubert case applied only to scientific experts, not engineering and technical experts. But the high court's decisive 9-0 vote strongly rebuffed the appeals.

CAROLE K. CONES

court's reasoning.

In the Kumho case, common sense appears to point the finger of blame at the owner's negligence in not maintaining proper safety for the tires on his vehicle.

The tire that blew out, for instance, had no tread at all on part of its surface, while the rest measured 3/32nds of an inch — a far cry from accepted levels of safety. At some point in its life, the tire had been punctured, and the exterior holes had never been adequately filled.

The driver obviously wasn't about to sue himself and since he had bought a 5-year-old vehicle with 89,000 miles on it, he had no idea of the history of the tire nor which garage might have performed the inadequate repair.

For today's new breed of plaintiffs' attorney, the solution was simple: hire an "expert witness" and sue the entity with the deepest pockets — in this case, Kumho Tire Co.

It has become almost standard operating procedure over the last decade for plaintiffs' attorneys to hire "professional" expert witnesses to win huge jury awards from juries unversed in the fine points of science, medicine or much else.

Unfortunately, expert witnesses without expertise have driven up consumer costs dramatically and, in some cases, threatened the life as well as the lifestyle of the American public.

A Louisiana jury, heavily influenced by so-called expert witnesses, returned a \$2.5 billion in punitive damages against CSX Transportation (formerly

Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad) for a train tank-car fire in which no one was hurt.

CSX did not own the train-car, load it or transport it. It was judged guilty solely because the car caught fire while parked on one of its tracks.

If the award, which is being appealed in a Louisiana State court, is allowed to stand it almost certainly will drive up the cost of shipping by rail.

There's little doubt that a \$5 billion punitive judgment against Exxon stemming from the Exxon Valdez oil spill 10 years ago would produce higher gasoline prices for motorists.

It should be noted Exxon already has paid \$257 million in compensatory damages to local residents, but would be liable for a pay-out of 17 times that amount in punitive awards if its appeal is rejected by a Federal Court in San Francisco.

The Supreme Court's Kumho decision should go a long way toward eliminating such ludicrous awards.

If judges across the country follow the court's advice and began excluding expert witnesses with dubious credentials, our legal system may finally emerge from a dark age where lawyers simply hire those "experts" willing to tell jurors almost anything.

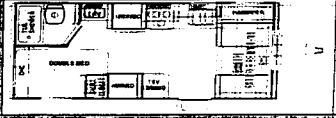
That is bad news for several thousand greedy plaintiffs' attorneys, who typically receive 30 percent to 40 percent slices of excessive punitive damage awards. But it's good news for the 272 million other Americans who believe in the fair administration of justice.

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fare Director, Linda Caballero, also made immunization awareness and availability a high priority.

From the feedback we received, I was quite certain we were making progress. Our mid-term 1998 rate of 79% verifies this. We have moved from a very low ranking among the states to the middle. All that was before the current media effort emerged.

We in Idaho seem to have a penchant for self-deprecation. Whether it be for appreciation for human rights and diversity, health care, education or any other important manner, we're quick to announce what a backwater state we are. Certainly we need to strive for improvement in all these areas, but let's not forget that we are already a competent, progressive and caring state.

Phil Batt, a Wilder union farmer, is the former governor of Idaho.

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Thanking all of America's heroes

There is nothing sentimental about war. It breeds sentimentality. We are awash in it now. Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" was a smash hit. And the "Greatest Generation" is a best seller. Driven by guilt and awe, Brokaw and Spielberg want us to pay homage to a dying generation. After listening to veterans of D-Day, Brokaw found that he felt a kind of missionary zeal for the men and women of World War II, spreading the word of their remarkable lives. At the Oscars the other night (where he won the best director award), Spielberg noted the "honor in looking back and respecting the past."

Ever so can, until recently, largely forgotten by younger Americans. We need to be reminded of sacrifices made and duties performed for the common good. But in justly celebrating the World War II generation, Brokaw and Spielberg also refresh and romanticize the past. The simplifications that make for commercial success have the good effect of awakening historic memory — and the bad effect of creating myths.

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It sounds too pat. A few years ago, I stumbled across a 1943 story entitled "What the Front-Line Infantryman



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Each generation faces the challenges of its era.

"Thinks." It surveyed combat veterans about "getting back into actual battle." Less than 10 percent said they were eager; 29 percent didn't want to go, but "if I had to, I think I would do all right"; 22 percent didn't want to go because "I don't think I would do very well"; 15 percent said they "had done their share — let others do theirs"; and 11 percent said they couldn't stand more — afraid, nerves shot.

This seems about right. Veterans usually don't speak of combat because the experience is unrepeatable. It's a mixture of courage, cowardice, generosity, shame, guilt, fear, humiliation and random luck — good and bad. It detests chest thumping. In a recent memoir ("Doing Battle"), writer Paul Fussell recounts how, as an infantry lieutenant, he was wounded in France. The Germans began an artillery barrage. A shell exploded nearby. A sergeant and lieutenant sitting with him on a bunker were killed instantly. Later, in a hospital, Fussell blamed himself for their deaths:

"What I'd giving more evidence of being a confirmed coward, I hadn't run for the entrance of the bunker when the shelling started. They would have followed and would still be living... (I) bowled like a small boy. The other pa-

tients, as if accustomed to such embarrassments, and even worse, kindly paid no attention."

No one can accuse Spielberg of sugarcoating combat. Some battle scenes of "Saving Private Ryan" are horrific. He strives to convey the full range of emotions. But what's missing is stupidity and absurdity. Spielberg's Americans are all purposeful, even in their flaws. They rarely blunder. But war is chaotic. In another memoir ("Before Their Time"), writer Robert Kowitz recalls how his platoon was ordered to make a senseless attack on a German position. In a few minutes, a sweep of machine gun fire slaughtered most of them. Kowitz survived by playing dead for 12 hours. He later found the company commander who ordered the attack — a man whose "history never failed him."

History is murkier than what we get from Brokaw and Spielberg. War's also contrived is the notion of a generational contest. It disregards all the differences, good or ill, among members of any generation. The war shaped them, but not always for the better. Their eagerness to make up for lost time in the 1950s helped condone intolerable injustices — most obviously, institutionalized racism. And war-bred overconfidence led to future failures (Vietnam).

Each generation faces the challenges of its era. Some challenges are greater than others. In this sense, there are no "greatest" generation. If there were, it would be the Founders, who left ideals and institutions that have served us well. What we owe the World War II generation defies words. They helped halt a vast global tragedy. But it was a tragedy, and if that's what greatness demands, we'd all be better off ungrat.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Neuseweek columnist.

Don't be fooled by weapons bill

In what everyone seems to be terming an "unprecedented" session, your legislature has quietly passed a bill allowing students to have firearms in their cars on school property. It now sits on Governor Kempthorne's desk, awaiting his signature to become law, a move that would solidify Idaho's reputation as a frontier-mentality, backwoods state in a nation still reeling from tragic school shootings last year.

Don't be fooled by House Bill 137. It started out innocently enough, simply amending the current law so that it would be unlawful for persons under the age of 18 to carry firearms or other deadly weapons on school grounds. The current law places that age at 21. There must have been a logical reason for the original legislation, right? The bill was passed by the House and went on to the Senate, where the following amendment was added:

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any student enrolled in school who has lawful possession of a firearm secured in his vehicle in an unobtrusive, nonthreatening manner.

Hello? Our legislature added a provision that kids can carry weapons in their cars on school property, when states across the nation are trying to find ways to prevent kids from bringing weapons to school? Can there be any justifiable reason for a student to have a weapon in his vehicle at school? What were our elected representatives and senators thinking?

If you don't want your kids or grandkids to be put in harm's way by your own elected officials, please write, fax, e-mail or call Governor Kempthorne and urge him to veto this student access of legislation immediately! Phone 334-2100, fax 334-2175 or e-mail Governor@gov.state.id.us

SHARON STRICKLAND Gooding

What happened to democracy?

Since World War II, the American people have gone from a democratic society to a government totally dominated by corporate abuse.

It is such a joy, as in not, to watch NBC's light bulbs/missiles/nuclear powerplants/teletexts.com be the news of a navy officer standing on the bridge of his ship somewhere off Kosovo. Nonchalantly, he states that he feels neither good nor bad as his ship launches missile after missile. NATO coordinates come into Combat Information Center, they are loaded into missile warheads and shot off without a second thought.

Congress does not care, President Lajpoot doesn't care, the American people do not care.

Well guess what? I do care. GE can not blame those missile coordinators on NATO.

It was U.S. spy satellites. U.S. communications. U.S. officers at NATO that sent the coordinates to that U.S. ship.

Give me a break, GE. Your news "sucks!"

BOB BERENTZ Jerome

TF kids need covered pool

Hey, Twin Falls, spring break is almost here. Do you know how your children will be spending their days? If the pool were covered, they could be swimming, splashing and laughing the time away. Who needs expensive vacations to sunny climes for water fun? We could have it right here in our own back yard.

Just a thought. Catch the wave — cover the pool!
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OPINION

Banishing phony 'expert witnesses' from U.S. courts

Mark Twain once noted that "everybody complains about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

Similarly, the tolerance of so-called "junk science" experts by American courts has drawn complaints from eminent legal scholars for more than a quarter of a century. Until recently, though, nobody did anything about it.

Now, the tide seems to be turning. An unanimous March 23 decision by the Supreme Court should help eliminate legal decisions unduly swayed by "expert" witnesses who are little more than highly paid charlatans with an actor's talent for manipulating jurors.

In a 9-0 vote, the high court gave a green light to federal judges to carefully weigh the credentials of expert witnesses testifying on complex engineering and technical matters in product liability cases.

The ruling was a victory for the Kumho Tire Co., which had sought to exclude an expert's testimony that a defective tire triggered an automobile crash that killed a passenger.

Kumho contended that the expert's methods for evaluating the tire's alleged defect were not supported by fact. The federal judge handling the case scrutinized the expert's methods against criteria for expert testimony in its landmark 1993 Daubert decision, and agreed they were unreliable.

The victim's family appealed, however, successfully arguing the Daubert case applied only to scientific experts, not engineering and technical experts. But the high court's decisive 9-0 vote strongly rebuffed the appeals.

CAROLE K. CONES

court's reasoning.

In the Kumho case, common sense appears to point the finger of blame at the expert's negligence in not maintaining proper safety for the tires on his vehicle.

The tire that blew out, for instance, had no tread at all on part of its surface, while the rest measured 3/32nds of an inch—a far cry from accepted levels of safety. At some point in its life, the tire had been punctured, and the exterior holes had never been adequately filled.

The driver obviously wasn't about to sue himself and since he had bought a 5-year-old vehicle with 83,000 miles on it, he had no idea of the history of the tire nor which garage might have performed the inadequate repair.

For today's new breed of plaintiff attorneys, the solution was simple: hire an "expert witness" and sue the entity with the deepest pockets—in this case, Kumho Tire Co.

It has become almost standard operating procedure over the last decade for plaintiffs' attorneys to hire "professional" expert witnesses to win huge jury awards from jurors unversed in the fine points of science, medicine or much else.

Unfortunately, expert witnesses without expertise have driven up consumer costs dramatically and, in some cases, threatened the life as well as the lifestyle of the American public.

A Louisiana jury, heavily influenced by so-called expert witnesses, returned a \$2.5 billion in punitive damages against CSX Transportation (formerly

Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad) for a train tank-car fire in which no one was hurt.

CSX did not own the train-car, load it or transport it. It was judged guilty solely because the car caught fire while parked on one of its tracks.

If the award, which is being appealed in a Louisiana State court, is allowed to stand it almost certainly will drive up the cost of shipping by rail.

There's little doubt that a \$5 billion punitive judgment against Exxon stemming from the Exxon Valdez oil spill 10 years ago would produce higher gasoline prices for motorists.

It should be noted Exxon already has paid \$257 million in compensatory damages to local residents, but would be liable for a pay-out of 17 times that amount in punitive awards if its appeal is rejected by a Federal Court in San Francisco.

The Supreme Court's Kumho decision should go a long way toward eliminating such ludicrous awards.


If judges across the country follow the court's advice and began excluding expert witnesses with dubious credentials, our legal system may finally emerge from a dark age where lawyers simply hire those "experts" willing to tell jurors almost anything.

That is bad news for several thousand greedy plaintiffs' attorneys, who typically receive 30 percent to 40 percent slices of excessive punitive damage awards. But it's good news for the 272 million other Americans who believe in the fair administration of justice.

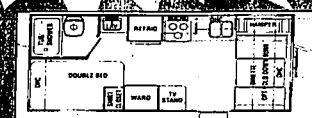
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WORLD

Gunmen attempt to fire grenade at U.S. Embassy

MOSCOW — Gunmen in a sport-utility vehicle stolen from police sprayed the U.S. Embassy here with automatic-fire Friday after an unsuccessful attempt to fire a grenade launcher at the building.

No one was injured in the rifle-fire attack, which was captured in a video shown on a local television news program.

Police were searching for three men late Sunday night after the vehicle was found abandoned near the embassy. Bloodstains inside suggested that one of the men may have been wounded by police gunfire.

President Boris Yeltsin was reportedly angered by the incident and ordered stepped-up security at the embassy, where hundreds of protesters continued to demonstrate against NATO military action against Yugoslavia.

The Interfax news agency described the attack as a "dangerous political provocation that undermines anti-terrorist initiatives over the NATO effort. The six strikes against Russia's Slavic allies have sparked an angry mood here, stirring outrage from politicians to ordinary citizens."

After the shooting, U.S. diplomatic personnel in the embassy compound were advised to stay away from windows and to take extra security precautions. As daily demonstrations without incidents continue, U.S. diplomats increasingly are worried about the safety of their families and themselves. One woman, asking not to be identified, said she keeps her daughter out of school because of rising hostility toward Americans.

Protesters rally, demand president depart country

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Bulldozers removed the blackened rubble Sunday from a road nearby, street protests as hundreds of people rallied anew to demand the departure of Paraguay's

Statehood activists hold fast to dream

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — When Puerto Ricans rejected a proposal last year to become the 51st U.S. state, the second statehood setback in six years — it looked like the century-long fight would stop for many years to come.

But Puerto Rico's "statehooders" are still in the ring.

Through renewed lobbying, fund-raising and involvement in Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign, the movement led by Gov. Pedro Rossello is raising the issue again.

"It's obvious that Rossello is trying to convince the leadership of the Congress to hold another debate," said Anibal Acevedo Vila, head of the rival Popular Democratic Party.

It's sure to be another tough sell in Washington, where skepticism is strong about letting a Spanish-speaking island that is poorer than every state join the union. Republicans, especially, fear Puerto Ricans would send mainly Democrats — two Senators and up to seven representatives — to Capitol Hill.

So far, the Senate has scheduled hearings for May 6 to examine the result of December's nonbinding referendum, and President Clinton has issued a favorable letter on "the need to further clarify" the island's political status.

Puerto Rico has been a U.S. territory since the United States wrested it from Spain during the 1898 Spanish-American War.

Some Puerto Ricans see the "commonwealth" arrangement set up in 1952 as optimal: the island's 3.8 million residents are U.S. citizens, it receives more than \$10 billion in federal funds annually and has some trappings of independence, like its own Olympic team.

World in brief

President. In the second week of a political crisis, tensions eased somewhat as armored personnel carriers left the streets around the parliament, where the impeachment trial of President Raul Cubas resumes Monday.

But a brief crackle of explosions Sunday afternoon sent demonstrators shouting. "They should let us, 'Get down! Get down!" said Maria Ester Arguello, one of hundreds who nervously milled about the downtown cathedral, the site of the rally.

Several demonstrators claimed the explosions sounded like shots, but that could not be independently confirmed and police had no comment. There was no immediate explanation for sounds.

Four people were killed and dozens were wounded in clashes two days ago, when TV images showed suspected snipers crouching on rooftops and one man repeatedly firing a pistol.

Talks fail, government workers resume strike

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of thousands of Israeli government and public service workers resumed their nationwide strike Sunday after late night wage talks broke down.

With garbage rotting in the streets from last week's two-day walkout by sanitation workers, the Israeli government authorized local authorities to issue back-to-work orders.

Dockworkers at the Ashdod port were also ordered back to work, as \$200 million in goods awaiting export piled up at Israeli ports. Over 40 ships waited to be unloaded in Haifa and Ashdod.

"We are very seriously considering recruiting cargo slated to come through Israel through the ports of Egypt and Jordan," Gadi Sussover, chairman of the Israeli Association of Naval Transporters, told Israel radio.

Workers are striking against a government decision to cap wage increases. Yehoshua Abramovich, an economist with the umbrella group that represents Israeli manufacturers, said the strike had cost the country \$32 million.

At Ben-Gurion international airport, planes left earlier in the morning than originally scheduled to avoid the work stoppage scheduled to be resumed later in the day. Many passengers brought their luggage to airline offices for the serious night to reduce pressure at the check-in counters in the morning.

Shai Shamal, director of the Histadrut trade union, said talks would resume between negotiators later Sunday. He said the union did not seek to cripple travel.

Saudi security keeps eye over waning hours of hajj

MINA, Saudi Arabia — Muslim pilgrims wedged shoulder-to-shoulder performed their religious duties Sunday under the watchful eyes of Saudi security men trying to avoid a stampede like the one that marred the end of last year's sacred journey.

Helicopters hovered over white-robed pilgrims coating a mountain plain near Mina, six miles north of the holy city of Mecca, their crews peering down for any signs of trouble.

Through loudspeakers, authorities called on pilgrims in Arabic, English and Urdu not to linger at the pillars where a symbolic stoning of the devil was being carried out.

They were asked to perform their duty

and move on so others could follow. The pleas, and wailing sirens, went largely ignored. By late afternoon, perhaps 1.5 million of the 1.7 million pilgrims in the hajj, or annual pilgrimage, were stamped together at the same spot where a stampede last year left 180 people dead.

Police begin identifying bodies burned in tunnel

GRENOBLE, France — French police began the grim task Sunday of identifying the remains of at least 40 people who died in an inferno in the Mont Blanc tunnel. Firefighters said the death toll could still rise.

Police investigators were able to enter the tunnel Sunday morning after firefighters worked through the night to reduce temperatures by spraying water throughout the blackened roadway.

Most of the victims remain inside, authorities warned that the process of retrieving the dead would be slower than expected because of the risk the seven-mile tunnel's heat-damaged ceiling could fall in.

On Sunday, two bodies were retrieved from the tunnel, which links France and Italy under Western Europe's highest peaks.

Of the 40 bodies found in the tunnel, only five have been identified, according to Gwennelle Le Sino, a spokeswoman for the regional government of the Haute-Savoie area. "The process is particularly difficult because some of the bodies have been reduced to ashes," she said.

Families of the victims arrived near the tunnel's entrance in Chamonix and in the Alps city of Annecy, where crisis centers have been set up. Prime Minister Lionel Jospin was expected to survey the site of the disaster Monday.

Pilgrims retrace path of Jesus from Mount of Olives

JERUSALEM — Retracing Jesus' final steps into Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago, Christian pilgrims from around the world sang hymns and hiked on Palm Sunday from the Mount of Olives to the Old City of Jerusalem.

Thousands of pilgrims walked down the ancient hillside, carrying palm branches of every size and shape. Young people waved six-foot-high branches while others had more modest palm sprigs tucked in their camera bags for the hour-long walk across the historical landscape.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on a white donkey on the Sunday before his crucifixion, when his followers laid palm branches in his path. The day begins Christianity's most solemn period, the week that ends with Easter next Sunday.

Penitents agree to be nailed to wooden crosses

SAN FERNANDO, Philippines (AP) — Seven penitents in a northern Philippine village have agreed to be nailed to wooden crosses on Good Friday, a gruesome ritual that draws large crowds of tourists every year.

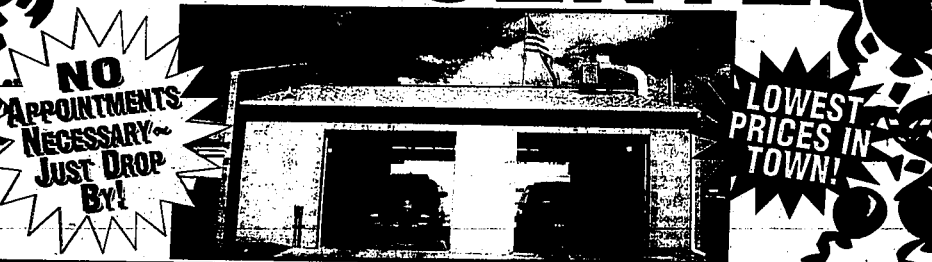
More people are expected to sign up to have four-inch nails driven into their hands — and in some cases feet as well — in a reenactment of Jesus Christ's sufferings. Zeilo Castro, an official in the city of San Pedro Cutud said Sunday.

Last year, men dressed as Roman soldiers nailed 14 men and a woman to crosses on a hill in the village.

The ritual has continued for more than 40 years in Asia's only predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

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A bomb, \$78.32, and a guy good with gums

Several months ago, I asked the question: Who should be our next president? Should we elect yet another member of what future historians, looking back on the 20th-century American political leadership, will refer to as "The Long String of Bombs"? Or should we have the courage and wisdom to boldly change course and place the future of our great nation — and, yes, the world — into the capable, experienced hands of a professional humor columnist?

Imagine how excitedly shocked and surprised I was when many of you wrote to me, sometimes in crayon, and said: "Our next president should be ROBO DAVE! You have the vision! You have the leadership! You have the large quantity of bumper stickers left over from your historic 1996 campaign (official slogan: "It's Time We Demanded Less!")"

Many of you even went so far as to send in contributions. Granted, a list of these were in the form of expired pizza coupons, but some of them were actual U.S. currency, or realistic photocopies thereof. I asked my staff, "Judith Smith, for a report on your current campaign treasury, which, in accordance with federal election laws, is kept in a box that originally contained a Nestlé Ping-Pong set. I'm proud to report that we currently have either \$78.32 or \$98.32, depending on the legal status of a \$20 bill that, in the words of my staff, "looks real but who knows."

You can call me a modest yet courageous man of the people such as the late Jimmy Stewart in "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" and Makes a Really Sappy Movie. If you want, but when I think of ordinary citizens taking the time to send in their hard-earned money for my campaign, my reaction is one of humility and gratitude, i.e.: "That is nowhere near enough." Because to run the kind of campaign that I would want — the kind that features real people, not just — I'm going to need at least \$40 million.

How will I get that kind of money? I'll tell you I can't get it. It won't go to the "Fast Track" special session that give you a nomination and then expect you to give them a grand pro quo when you get into the Oval Office. Why do I say this? Because I have no idea what "grand pro quo" means. It sounds like a sex act. And I believe the president of this great nation has no business doing that kind of thing with lobbyists. That's why we have interns!

No, seriously, I believe it's a disgrace for the president to have sex with anyone in the Oval Office. If somebody suggests it, the president should have the integrity to answer: "Not here! This is a sacred shrine of the republic! Let's go out on the lawn!"

But setting that aside for a moment, you may rest assured that I am not going to raise money by selling my soul to the special interests. Instead, I'm going to raise money by selling my soul to the Chinese.

Apparently the Chinese pay you dollar for dollar in special information, and I happen to have some information — please do not ask me how I got it. It's called the "MicroSoft Bookshelf 55 CD-ROM" containing billions of tiny things of information, including many explicit facts about nuclear weapons. Here's a sample: "Nuclear fission was discovered in 1938 by Otto Hahn and Fritz Strassman, and was explained in 1939 by Lise Meitner and Otto Frisch. So apparently, one of the best kept secrets in the world is that at least one person involved has to be named "Otto." This may explain why the Chinese are having so much trouble with it. I have a lot more nuclear information that came from, and if you high-level Chinese leaders out there are interested in obtaining it, please have your agents get in touch with me and I'll discuss the details via the following code phrase: "Dave, here's a suitcase full of money."

Let me stress that I have not yet decided whether I'm willing to be president or not. In the tradition of American politics, I appointed an Exploratory Committee to explore the question. The committee consists of three distinguished members: Heloise, who writes "Hits from Heloise" and with whom I have exchanged several bits of letters; George, who for some reason, probably because he sent me a Christmas card every year, the Delaware Destroyer, who also send me a letter every year, and a leading band for George Thurgood, who except the "The Bone," and Stanley Kravagnon, who is my dentist and has for many years advised me to leave me alone with my gums.

I have sent them letters asking for their honest opinions as to whether I should seek the presidency. When I get their responses, I will convene a carefully moderated response individually, except the Delaware Destroyer, whom I will weigh as a group. Then, after throwing away the responses I disagree with, I will convene a meeting with you, the American people. Let us all hope that I do the right thing. But let us not hold our breath.

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Embracing life now

Photos by Bruce Shields

Sheri Masse said most of her friends stopped coming around after they found out she was HIV positive. Masse now has AIDS and has talked to school classes about the disease.



Masse takes a handful of pills three times a day — more than 30 different medicines.

The reality of HIV

By Rachel Denny Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is a reality, and it's a reality that is alive in the Magic Valley.

In the United States 641,086 HIV cases have been reported since 1981 when the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began to monitor HIV.

In the South Central District Health Department, which encompasses the Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Camas, Minidoka, Blaine and Cassia counties, 54 people are currently living with HIV and the disease HIV advances to — acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).

But, those numbers don't necessarily represent all HIV/AIDS victims living in the area.

Individuals who are tested and then move into the area, Please see HIV, Page B2

HIV-positive people learn to appreciate time

By Rachel Denny Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Anna Duke may not see her two children grow up.

It's a prospect that she faces every day, so she's learned to make every day special.

When Duke was five months pregnant with her second son she went to the doctor for a routine check-up, had blood drawn and decided to get checked for human immunodeficiency virus — the microbe that can cause AIDS.

When the doctor came out and told her they needed to talk, Duke got scared.

When she gave her the results, she was shocked.

"I couldn't tell the way home," she said. "I wouldn't see it, drive. I wondered since I was pregnant was I going to pass it on to the baby, pass it on to my husband? I got really scared."

During a year separation from her husband, she contracted HIV from somebody — she isn't sure from whom. But, her baby and her husband are not HIV-positive.

By following a strict drug regime, she lowered the odds of passing HIV to her son to 1-in-6, she said. As for her husband, it's harder for a man to contract it than a woman.

For Duke, abortion was never an option. The 21-year-old woman needed to face her demons and the prospect of passing it on to her child.

On a good day, Masse has the energy to sit on her couch and do a little needlepoint. On bad days she isn't truly getting out of bed.

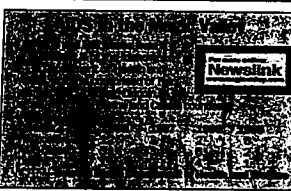


"I felt the responsibility to the baby," Duke said. "I loved him before I found out I had HIV and I loved him after. I feel a lot of responsibility to my kids."

Her baby is now 6 months old and she has a boy who is 3. Even though she has HIV, she is optimistic.

"I could live in a couple of years," Duke said. "If I make it."

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Teens and STDs

What they don't know is frightening

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When it comes to sex, the young people hang out at a suburban Hyattsville, Md., youth center on a recent afternoon after school and seen and heard a lot. They've been aiming explicit lyrics since they learned to walk. They've spent their afternoons watching grown-ups spill out their sex lives on "Ricki Lake." They can name the girls their age who "give it up" easily and the boys who "hit and run." They know people infected

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HEALTH NOTES

Supplemental info

You've probably heard about the controversies surrounding some athletes' heavy use of the food supplement creatine. Well, it may work to help people with muscular dystrophy, researchers say. Patients who took the amino acid naturally produced by the body had a small but significant improvement in muscle strength and ability to exercise, Dr. Mark Tarnopolsky of McMaster University Medical Center in Hamilton, Ontario reports in the journal Neurology.

Voices trailing off

Turn down the volume! That's what Hollywood is finally doing about those noisy movie trailers, the previews of coming attractions shown before feature films. Volume for the movie trailers, long a major source of complaints, now must be set at the same level as the feature, industry

representatives announced at the ShowEast theater operator convention in Las Vegas.

Get checked

It is estimated that 129,400 people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer this year and that 55,000 will die from the disease. Regular screenings are strongly suggested for those over 50. These tests include polyps in the colon that can be removed before the cancer establishes itself. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) have teamed up to promote awareness through their "Screen for Life" campaign. Information on screening is available from NCI's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237). For "Screen for Life" campaign materials, call 1-888-842-6365. For general information, visit

the "Screen for Life" Web site: www.cdc.gov/cancer/screenforlife

Help for the head

The Web has caused more than enough headaches for all of us; if you ask me, it's past your best time. Unfortunately, inflicting a migraine on the people at your Internet provider, Microsoft or Netscape won't fix your headache. Here you'll find a short list of different headache types, information on how to tell them apart (and how to tell if you're dealing with a chronic condition) and advice on prevention and treatment. Migraine sufferers will find additional relief in learning that figures as diverse as Nietzsche and Scottie Pippen have felt their pain. Pegoraro can be reached at rlb@atpwp.com

Compiled from web reports

Foundation provides some sun protection

DEAR PAULA: The problem I have is that my skin is oily and I am having difficulty finding a good foundation with a good sunscreen in it. The ones with titanium dioxide make my skin break out. I would prefer to wear only a foundation, since my skin is so oily, rather than a separate sunscreen and foundation. Does this type of foundation exist? The other question I have is, Doesen's foundation provide some sun protection similar to wearing clothing on your body? Also, I recently purchased Neutrogena Alcohol-Free Toner and I really like it, although I miss the tingly fresh feeling of the alcohol/witch hazel-type toners.

—DIANE

DEAR DIANE: Eventually there will be foundations with avobenzone, which would be appropriate for someone with oily skin, but there are none as



COSMETICS Q&A Paula Begoun

of yet. And, yes, foundation does provide some protection, but how much protection depends on how the foundation is applied, how sheer a finish the foundation has, how the ingredients in the area, and the consistency of the foundation (thicker formulations provide more protection than thinner ones). The bottom line is that the protection just isn't reliable. The SPF and active ingredients in a foundation are all-important in the area of sun protection.

By the way, you'll get over your desire to have skin-care products feel tingly. Just keep

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HEALTH & FASHION

Cosmetics

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 reminding yourself that tingly isn't good. It's sort of like missing the taste of chocolate. I like chocolate a lot, but my heart and hips are happier when I abstain.

DEAR PAULA: I just love the soft pink hue of blush I see on the models in fashion magazines. How do they get their blush to have that natural "blushed" look?

—NANCY, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

DEAR NANCY: Part of the look comes from the right color of blush and part of it is a layering technique. Be sure the blush color you're choosing has a soft

rosy pink (not hot pink) glow. Clinique blushes are great for this. They are the most "blush-like" colors around. To layer, first dip your brush into a loose or pressed powder, then dip it in the blush, and apply it in a sweep over the full cheek — not by the eyes and not down by the jaw, which defeats the purpose. Another option is to use a cream blush and then set it with a loose powder.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (4th edition)" (Regina Press, \$19.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 300, Tukwila, WA 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com.

HIV

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 tested by private doctors, or don't yet know they have the disease are not represented in those figures.

"There could be a lot more than 54," said Jeff Ruprecht, AIDS advocate for the health district. "People need to know the risk factors for acquiring the virus, because it's in the Magic Valley."

Reported cases of infection with the virus are increasing and other sexually transmitted diseases are prevalent, Ruprecht said. Chlamydia, for example, is widespread. In the Magic Valley, there are 265 known cases.

"If you don't know whether your partner is at risk or not, theoretically you don't know. If your partner has HIV," Ruprecht said.

Currently the health district and other organizations in the Magic Valley are working on educating people about the realities of the virus.

Ruprecht talks to junior high and high school classes, as well as students at the College of Southern Idaho and to service clubs in the area.

He gets as specific as the schools allow him to be and he works to destroy myths about the disease.

"Some people think that only anal sex by males is risky," he said. "But the fact is vaginal sex and oral sex is risky. Any time there is a chance for exchange of the four body fluids (that the virus is transmitted through) there's risk."

Those four fluids include blood, semen, vaginal secretions and breast milk. Risky practices encompass much more than just sexual activity; the virus can be contracted by sharing drug needles.

And Ruprecht still gets questions about whether mosquitoes and kissing spread HIV.

"A surface kiss is not risky," he said. "Saliva is a very low carrier of the virus — at all. You've just got to use common sense."

Common sense involves using

protection if sexually active, even though abstinence is considered the best protection. "Use condoms consistently and correctly," Ruprecht said. "They are not a 100 percent safeguard, but it's strongly advisable to use condoms."

"That includes oral sex. With vaginal oral sex, a piece of plastic wrap or a condom cut open offers some protection, Ruprecht said.

If a person does not know the history of his or her partner, it is best to get tested for HIV.

"The disease is going into the heterosexual population much more than it was at first," Ruprecht said.

And not only is the disease increasing, but also people can also live with it for a number of years before they realize they begin exhibiting symptoms, he said. As for people living with the disease, there is new hope.

"People need to know the risk factors for acquiring the virus, because it's in the Magic Valley."

—Jeff Ruprecht, AIDS advocate for the health district

we're not calling it a lethal disease at the present, but instead a chronic disease which will probably end up with the patient dying," Ruprecht said.

"The drugs that are available to victims can be prolonged. For how long, doctors do not yet know.

"There are a lot of unknowns," Ruprecht said. "Will new drugs be able to meet viral resistance? But, the victims don't have that dying attitude.

"It's not a bad of roses. I doubt an hour goes by where they're not conscious of having the disease. Right now there aren't a lot of answers, but there are things the community can do.

"I think people need to realize that a lot more people are vulnerable than they realize," Ruprecht said. "It's a preventable disease. Theoretically it can be contained, but it's far from being contained right now and everybody is vulnerable."

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached at Twin Falls at 734-3780.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Free breast examinations and breast cancer prevention information will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The service is performed with or without a mammogram (cost not included). An appointment, call 732-2531 or 735-1675.

TWIN FALLS — An infant massage class will start at 7 p.m. today at International Learning Touch Foundation, 282 Dubois.

Parents will learn how to give their baby a full body massage in a four session course. This class is for parents and baby. Call Susan Beck, registered instructor with International Learning Touch Foundation, at 733-2708 for details.

TWIN FALLS — A preparedness class for parents of children ages 7 to 12 will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning this Tuesday through April 27, at the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is required, call 734-2500.

TWIN FALLS — A Support Group Seminar on Fibromyalgia will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Center for Physical Rehabilitation, 695-C Camp Ave. W.

Julie A. Ellis will make a presentation on the nature of fibromyalgia. The meeting will include a search for those with fibromyalgia diagnosis to organize a support group. The seminar is free. For more information, call 734-5313.

TWIN FALLS — The American Red Cross schedules twice-weekly Cardio-pulmonary Reconditioning and First Aid refreshers on 9 a.m. each Tuesday and 1 p.m. each Friday. If your certification is about to expire, call the office manager for a class.

For more information or to register, call 733-6454 or stop by the office at 718 Sheehana St. E.

TWIN FALLS — An infant CPR class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS — Massage specials will be offered during April for \$49 to the first 600 callers.

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JEROME — Childbirth and parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning this Thursday through April 29, in the conference room at St. Benedict Family Medical Center.

The second class in the series will qualify as a refresher course for mothers who previously have had the classes.

Cost is \$30 for the five classes (\$6 per class). Bring payment to the first class. To register, call St. Benedict at 324-4301.

TWIN FALLS — MVRMC Hospice Volunteer Training: Session 1, "Introduction to Hospice," will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Friday in the Education Center.

This first session of a three-part series will be presented by Mary White, MVRMC hospice clinical manager, and Jamie Kelly-Kayton, MVRMC director of social services.

Bring a sack lunch. Fruit and beverages will be provided. For registration and application information, call 733-2500.

TWIN FALLS — A CPR class will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m. April 5 in the doctors' meeting at MVRMC. Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

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TWIN FALLS — The Arthritis-Lupus Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. April 6 in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC. For more information, call 737-2050.

TWIN FALLS — A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. April 6 in the Education Center at MVRMC.

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Dennis S. Voorhes

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STDs

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with AIDS and why you should use condoms for protection. But throw out words such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and HPV — three of more than two dozen sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) other than AIDS — and you realize how ill-informed they still are. "BT what?" asks Delando, 14. Not entirely. Penicillamine, the most common STD in this country.

"I don't know about that." "If you're protecting yourself against AIDS, you're protecting yourself against these other things, right?" asks Amie, 17. Not entirely. Getting a condom is better than not wearing one, but some STDs can be acquired through body contact, without an exchange of fluids. "Um. So what are some symptoms?" These seven young people, ranging in age from 12 to 22, are not alone in their lack of awareness. In a national survey released this month, the majority of 15- to 17-year-olds surveyed seriously underestimated the occurrence of STDs other than HIV/AIDS and the chances for acquiring them. Fewer than half knew that herpes and HPV cannot be cured or that gonorrhea and chlamydia can be. Of those who were sexually active, only one third thought they were at risk of acquiring an STD, and fewer than that had been screened for infection. AIDS awareness has never been higher, but what many young people know about other STDs wouldn't fill a page in a three-ring binder. This frightens physicians and

other health-care providers who say adolescents are more likely than other population groups to become infected with STDs, putting them at risk as they grow older for cancer, infertility, neurological diseases and death. Three out of four cases of non-HIV STDs infect young people ages 15 to 24 — about 3 million every year. Many of those youths never know they're infected because they have no visible symptoms.

"We as a society have not talked openly about STDs," says Helene Gayle, director of the Centers for Disease Control's program for HIV, STD and tuberculosis prevention. "It's amazing what people don't know. There are severe consequences, particularly for young women."

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COLON POLYPS AND CANCER
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RISK FACTORS

- Family history of polyps, cancer and especially colon cancer
- Western civilization and diet
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DETECTION
The key to early detection of colon polyps and cancer is:

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- April Mammogram Special * Mammograms will be available for \$49.00 to the first 600 callers beginning April 1 - 30, 1999. This offer is a service of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, Southern Idaho Radiology P.A., and the following MVRMC Foundation Endowments: Curtis T. and Wilma H. Eaton, Gordon O. and Joyce Glaszmann, Esther V. Wise, and Virginia Wolter.
- Prepared Childbirth Course * Tuesdays, March 30 - April 27, 7-9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Infant CPR Class * Thursday, April 1, 7-9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- MVRMC Hospice Volunteer Training: Session 1 "Introduction to Hospice" * Friday, April 2, 12 - 2 p.m., Education Center. This is the first of a three-part training series, and will be hosted by Mary White, MVRMC Hospice Clinical Manager and Jamie Kelly-Kinyon, MVRMC Director of Social Services. Please bring a sack lunch. Fruit and drinks will be provided. For registration and application information call 737-2500.
- Arthritis/Lupus Support Group * Tuesday, April 6, 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. For more information call 737-2050.
- CPR Class * Monday, April 5, 4-7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Fee: \$11. To register call 737-2007.
- Childbirth Refresher Course * Tuesday, April 6, 7-10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

City of Twin Falls makes magazine cover

TWIN FALLS - Downtown Twin Falls made the March front cover of *The Parking Professional*, a magazine for municipalities and corporations that provide parking and equipment. The cover photo shows several of downtown's 1998 Christmas "gum ball meters." The red and green gum ball machines were placed on the parking meter poles by Western Music, a Twin Falls vending company, with the cooperation of the Downtown Business Improvement District.

"The Parking Professional strives to represent the best in the world of parking. The minute I saw the picture of the gum ball meters, I knew I would put it on the cover. I felt that every one of our readers would want to know about the Twin Falls, Idaho, promotion," editor Licia Cobo said, according to a downtown BID news release.

More than 75 of the machines were placed on Main Avenue from Thanksgiving to New Year's. The machines dispensed gift certificates and prizes from downtown businesses, as well as gum balls.

The machines probably will be put out again in time for Western Days. BID director Randy Bombardier said. The BID plans to make them a fixture for major downtown events.

City council considers work force improvement

TWIN FALLS - Consideration of how to continue recruiting, training and retaining a qualified work force in Twin Falls is up for discussion Monday by the Twin Falls City Council.

The council meets at 5 p.m. in City Hall.

Work force protection and improvement are among the items the city is focusing on as part of its strategic plan for the next few years. The strategic plan dovetails with the Twin Falls Second Century plan, currently being drawn up with the help of a Fort Collins, Colo.-based consulting agency.

In other business, the council will consider a request from residents Seth Hampton and Terry Miller for reconsideration of their recently rejected application for an animal permit.

The council will also consider a proposal to paint new stripes on Fillmore Street between North College Road and Pole Line Road.

Organization for ballroom dancers forms

TWIN FALLS - The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is organizing a chapter for recreational and competitive dancers in the Twin Falls area.

A local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members. The basic purpose of each chapter is to create opportunity for affordable ballroom dancing in local communities and educate the public about its physical, mental and social benefits.

The local chapter will sponsor monthly social dances for members and the public. Each dance will consist of a one-hour lesson followed by three hours of dancing and demonstrations. The program includes mixers and line dances. Chapters also promote ballroom dance training in local colleges and high schools and seek to increase the number of business establishments that offer dancing to the public. Membership is open to singles and couples.

Plans are under way to arrange special low-cost lessons for beginners and help the new dancers get started. Anyone interested in helping form the chapter should call (800) 447-9047.

Compiled from staff reports

TN Interactive

Attention pranksters

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Stay tuned for change?

Cable TV deregulation may not spark Magic Valley rate increases in near future

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Starting Thursday, the ceiling comes off the price of some of the most popular cable television service.

But if your monthly bill goes up, it probably will be later rather than sooner.

"We're not planning any rate adjustments," said Vince Thompson, who runs TeleCommunications Inc.'s operations in the Magic Valley. "Frankly, I don't think most cable operators will anytime soon."

Cable TV rates - except for the most basic package of broadcast and a few cable channels - will be freed from Federal Communications Commission's price controls under a 1996 telecommunications law. The law sunsets the FCC's price regulations Wednesday.

Cable prices have risen 21 percent since the law's enactment, consumer groups say.

"This is not a good time for cable operators to raise their rates on expanded basic," said Mike Reynolds, manager of Ketchum-based TCA Cable, which serves the Wood River Valley. "There's lots of competition out there."

Eighty-seven percent of TCI subscribers have expanded basic service in combination with basic service, Thompson said, and Reynolds added it's a "big part" of his company's business.

Such packages include many popular cable TV channels, such as Discovery, CNN, MTV and ESPN. TCI subscribers in Twin Falls pay \$28.49 a month for 47 channels, which includes the basic service package plus expanded basic. TCA customers are charged \$28.17 for 34 channels.

Nationally, consumers now pay on average about \$31 a month for regulated cable TV services, including set-top box and remote control rentals, the Consumers' Union estimates.

"This isn't going to affect basic cable service," said Reynolds, whose company is south-central Idaho's second-largest cable provider. "That's still regulated by the FCC, and I expect it will be for a long time."

Premium channels such as HBO and Showtime were not subject to federal price regulation. Nor are the services of wireless cable or satellite TV companies.

When cable price controls took effect in 1993, after a 1992 law that regulated the industry, rates initially went down, saving customers billions of dollars.

But near the end of 1994, the FCC bent to political pressure and revised the rules to give cable companies much more leeway to increase rates to pay for higher business costs, such as programming.

By summer 1996, cable rates were spiking up.

The industry says that with each rate increase, customers have gotten more channels, improved service and better picture and sound quality.

The most recent cable TV rate increases are getting smaller, though they still run well ahead of inflation. For the year ending Feb. 28, cable TV prices rose 4.9 percent, while overall inflation increased 1.6 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' most recent figures.

"We've only had one adjustment in the last two years," said Thompson, whose company is south-central Idaho's largest cable provider.

"Competition tends to keep rates down," Reynolds said. "In our service area, we've got a lot of households with (satellite) dishes."

TCI serves 15,700 households in Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Cassia, Minidoka, Camas and Power counties. TCA has 5,200 subscribers in Blaine County.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 223.



Gary Kaylor, who covers the Wood River Valley for TCA Cable, adjusts an amplifier as part of a regular maintenance program.

A place they call 'magic'

Popular resort of the 1920s now serves as youth camp

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT - It sits on the southern end of Blue Lakes Blvd. The very end; even after you pass Mt. Soo-Paw, and the road turns to gravel and then to ruts about 42 miles south of Twin Falls. It used to be the place to go to cure your aches and pains or whatever ailed you. It was, and is, called Magic Hot Springs, although some former owners and residents will tell you the magic is gone.

"It was what people did in the 1920s, '30s and '40s," said John Brannen, former caretaker and owner. Brannen was the caretaker while Pete Link owned the resort and then Brannen bought it to try to restore it to its former glory, but it just wasn't what folks wanted to do in the 1970s and

'80s. People have gotten soft, not like folks back then; they didn't mind traveling on dirt roads, heck, they were even disappointed if they didn't get stuck, have a flat, or have to meander through a band of sheep chow or herd of cattle. The trip to Magic was a long hard one - and still is.

At one time Magic boasted 20 cabins, a small hotel, a cafe and store. People came from everywhere for the magical, healing waters.

The Hot Springs has gone through many owners over its century. Earlier it was an Indian campground, evidenced by the many artifacts that have been found in the area over the years by former owners and guests.

John and Bessie Kuest owned the resort

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Magic Hot Springs, located 25 miles east of Jackpot, was once a popular resort. Today, it's a camp for young people.

The business of baking: Students learn cooking

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The smell of homemade bread filters through Minico High School halls daily from Brunus Bakery and Catering.

One of the best things about working at the new enterprise - which opened last month in the school's senior food-service class - is working together as a team, students say.

We work with a whole bunch of different people - a mixture of people of many different backgrounds," student Alvin Molina said.

Those backgrounds are reflected in the mixture of pop and Hispanic music the students play while they mix ingredients, knead bread, roll

dough and bake it.

Some tasks are more enjoyable than others, students have learned.

Working with his hands and making something everyone can enjoy are Molina's favorite parts of working at the bakery, he said. He hopes to be a chef in a Mexican-American restaurant after college.

Before opening the bakery the class listened to several speakers, put together a business plan and took a food-handler class to obtain Idaho health permits, instructor Vicky Edgar said. School-To-Work provided equipment and seed money.

Learning to cook for himself is one of the best aspects, Skyler Mabey said as he mea-

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From left, Alissa Jolley, Jodi Jackson and Monica Thrall prepare dough for a project at Brunus Bakery and Catering at Minico High School. The venture opened last month in the school's food-service department.

Heyburn gets closer to new city hall

By Damlan D. Rodriguez
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The City of Heyburn is one step closer to building a new City Hall.

The Heyburn City Council on Wednesday approved \$55,000 for architectural fees to draw the blueprints for the proposed 5,400-square-foot building.

City Superintendent Roger Denker said the council will discuss plans to open bids at the next city council meeting April 7. The new building will include a council room and will house the council room and will house the planning and zoning, police and utilities departments, council

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Forest officials slate controlled burn to reduce range fire possibility

McCAMMON (AP) — A 900-acre controlled burn in the Caribou National Forest ultimately will help to reduce the possibility of devastating range fires and could improve and diversify native plant species, forest officials said.

"We're continuing to reintroduce fire back into the ecosystem, what Mother Nature did before Idaho was settled," said Greg Bruce, a fire management officer with the forest.

Last week's cool, moist, spring-like conditions in the area allowed crews to control the burn site between McCammon and Lava Hot Springs, about three miles north of U.S. Highway 30.

The burn was ordered to rid the area of excess fuels that have accumulated through decades of fire suppression practices, forest officials said. Sprawling, range fires can remove soil-conserving vegetation, wildlife forage and cover. The fire also can harm water quality in streams and promote invasion by noxious weeds.

By burning off overly mature, nonproductive vegetation early in the season, foresters believe new generations of plants with more vigorous root structures will have a better chance at survival. Before human intervention

and wildfire suppression tactics, periodic fires were nature's way of reinvigorating the ages of plants and maximizing the number of plant and wildlife species, Bruce said.

Foresters also hope the burn will rejuvenate and enhance growth of several types of berries and bitter-brush that make up an essential part of native deer and elk diets.

Within about a month, foresters plan another prescribed fire to reduce fuels and improve wildlife habitat in the forest's Toponce Creek drainage, about 12 miles north of Lava Hot Springs.

SERVICES

Myrtle M. Estes of Filer, 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Wanda Meldrum of Burley, 11 a.m. today at the Unity 1st and 2nd LDS Ward Chapel, 275 S. 250 E., in Burley.

Verma L. Cummins of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Zelma Arlene Wall of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Dora J. Thompson of Denver and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Ermin L. Hall of Heyburn, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Tuesday at the mortuary.

Wayne W. Joslin of Filer, 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; viewing from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and noon Tuesday at the Farmer

Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Cora E. James of Sacramento, Calif. and formerly of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Wednesday at Memorial Lawn, 2700 Riverside Blvd., in Sacramento.

Walter A. Fochner of Dietrich, memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Kathryn D. Busch of Hazelton, 3 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary.

Kristena Kay Beito of Spirit Lake, celebration of life at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd., N., in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Ada Casper SHOSHONE — Ada Casper, 78, a Shoshone resident, died Sunday, March 28, 1999, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Martha Holtzner TWIN FALLS — Martha Holtzner, 89, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, March 28, 1999, at Bridgeway Estates. Arrangements are pending under the direction of White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Albert C. Dockter Buhl — Albert C. Dockter, 88-year-old Paul resident, died Saturday, March 27, 1999, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Julian Ledo Tavares Buhl — Julian Ledo Tavares, 65, of Buhl and formerly of Emmett, died Friday, March 24, 1999, at his home. A viewing and Rosary service will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel with Father John Worster officiating.

HOSPITALS

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

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CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Admitted Ellen Mitchell and Deloris Smedley, both of

Wade and Michelle Hawkes.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. 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.

TWIN FALLS

Clyde N. Rosa, 91, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 27, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was born Sept. 2, 1907 in Stanton, Texas, to Arthur I. and Lillian Mae Haddon Rosa. After he graduated high school, he joined the U.S. Navy. He married Evangolino (Eva) Senecal in Long Beach, Calif., on Feb. 15, 1927. They had one daughter, who he worked for the U.S. Postal Service from 1931 until the start of WWII, where he re-entrained the Navy and served from 1942 until December 1945. After his discharge from the Navy he returned to work at the post office until his retirement in 1968. He had been the mail carrier for the Star Route. He farmed in Hazelton and Jerome for a time. He was the radio announcer at KTFI for the Twin Falls Cowboys' games for several years. He was partner at Magic Bow for 17 years. He relearned basketball games in Haley. He was involved in shooting and was instrumental in establish-

ing the Junior Rifle Club in Twin Falls and served as the National Rifle Association Junior Instructor. He was a life member of the Elks Lodge and a member of the Good Sam Travelers Club. He was an avid sportsman, enjoying fishing, hunting and bowling. He is survived by Eva, his wife of 72 years; a daughter, Shirley (Ken) Story of Twin Falls; grandchildren, Gayle Ann (Loy) Cook of San Antonio, Texas, David R. (Wicky) Story of Ogden, Utah, Kimberly (Terry) Miller of Linton, Utah, Kristina Taylor of Twin Falls, Kenneth N. (Sabra) Story of Twin Falls; 15 great-grandchildren and had been anticipating the arrival of his first great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a grandson, Mark Scott Story. He was a loving husband and father, but he always held a special place in the hearts of his grandchildren. He was the boys' father, a brother and a friend and confidant to the girls. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Family suggests memorials be made to the Idaho Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 6538, Boise, Idaho, 83707-9921.

high school. Dora received a teaching permit from Hastings Teachers College and then taught school for one year. She married Harold Hurd in 1921 and they farmed near Prosser and Juniper, Neb. They survived the best of times and the depression and moved to Idaho in 1936, farming near Jerome until Harold's death in 1949. Dora began working for Tingwall's department store and managed the ready-to-wear department until retirement. She loved to crochet alphanas and dollies, was a lifelong Methodist and was very active in the Jerome church. She also belonged to the Jerome Civic Club and loved to go to the senior center for food, aerobics and pinocle. As a volunteer, Dora had donated 1,500 hours of time at St. Benedict's family day care center. Dora moved to a Boise retirement home in 1991 and in 1995 moved to Eugene to live with her daughter. Survivors include: a son, Dale (Ruth) Hurd of Boise; a daughter, Betty Peto of Eugene; a brother, Hazel Robinson of Dorrough, Neb.; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, two brothers and a sister. Graveside services for Dora Hurd will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Cemetery by the Rev. Jack Bynum. Friends may call at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and then gather at the cemetery shortly before service time. The family suggests memorials to the Jerome United Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan in Harold's death.

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JEROME

Dora L. Hurd Dora L. Hurd, 96, of Eugene, Ore., formerly of Jerome, died Friday, March 26, 1999, at the Valley West Nursing Home in Eugene. She was born Oct. 12, 1902, the daughter of Artemus and Sarah Hejala Nida Robinson, on her father's farm near Prosser, Neb. She attended a one-room school through the eighth grade and rode horseback several miles to attend

THIS WEEK AT CSI

The Times-News TODAY Golden Eagles Booster Club meeting, noon, Taylor 277. Idaho Department of Agriculture pond construction requirements, noon to 5:30 p.m., Taylor 276.

Magic Valley Symphony rehearsal, 7 to 10 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. WEDNESDAY U.S. Census Bureau 2000 liter training, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Taylor 277. Magic Valley Choral rehearsal, 1 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

TUESDAY Advanced Regional Technical Education Council Motion Picture Committee meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 258. Wind Ensemble rehearsal, 3 p.m., Fine Arts 121. Sawtooth Rugby Football Club practice, 6 p.m., soccer field. Basic Supervision II workshop, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Taylor 276. Parent Project class, 6 to 9 p.m., Shields 208. United Church of God Passover service, 6 to 10 p.m., Taylor 277. Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual (GLAB) weekly meeting, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Taylor 258. "How to Build a Planet," 7 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium.

THURSDAY U.S. Census Bureau 2000 liter training, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Taylor 277. Percussion ensemble rehearsal, 2 p.m., Fine Arts 121. United Church of God Holy Day service, 2 to 6 p.m., Taylor 258. WILMA care help, 2 to 5 p.m., Evergreen 688. Sawtooth Rugby Football Club practice, 6 p.m., soccer field. Campus Crusade for Christ, 6 to 10 p.m., Taylor cafeteria. Magic Valley Babe Ruth monthly meeting, 6 to 10 p.m., Shields 109.

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U.S. Military testing, 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Shields 208. Superintendents meeting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Evergreen 620. Golden Eagles baseball against Colorado Northwestern, 1 p.m. in Rangely, Colo. "How to Build a Planet," 7 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium. "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast," 4 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium. Music Fest two-piano concert, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Idaho State Police basketball fund-raiser for Special Olympics, 7 p.m., gymnasium.

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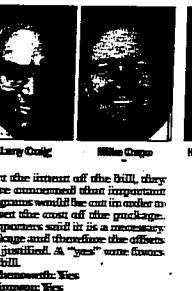
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HOW THEY VOTED

Senate votes 1) BILL NUMBER: KOSOVO The Senate on Tuesday passed, 58-41, a resolution supporting President Clinton's decision to deploy air strikes against Serb forces in the Kosovo province of Yugoslavia. Supporters said inaction is unacceptable when innocent people are being killed and that Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic must be contained. Opponents said it was too risky of an endeavor and there was no clear strategy to end the assault. A "yes" vote favors the resolution. Craig: No Camp: No

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SENATE ATTENDANCE Present and Voting CRAIG (R-ID) 100.0 CAMP (R-ID) 100.0 HOUSE ATTENDANCE Present and Voting CHENOWETH (R-ID) 98.6 SIMPSON (R-ID) 100.0

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SLOC cinches its belt tighter

Group will delay hirings to cut costs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Taxpayers' resistance at the Salt Lake Organizing Committee are aimed at cutting costs, but they are hitting SLOC managers where it hurts.

Earlier this month, SLOC President Mitt Romney announced cost-cutting measures aimed at slashing \$17 million from the organization's \$14 billion budget.

SLOC still awaits \$288 million in sponsorship contracts, and



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Olympic bribery scandal has paid would-be sponsors in a wait-and-see posture.

Romney hoped to save \$6 million from a so-called freeze.

"This freeze does not mean we won't hire anybody for six months," said Ed Eymon, senior vice president for human resources. "It does mean we want to delay some hires, or perhaps do

some job elimination, in order to yield \$6 million in savings."

That's supposed to happen in six months, meaning the committee has to save \$1 million per month. The entire senior staff is scrutinizing open positions, determining if the jobs can be delayed or wiped out entirely.

"Everybody's been very helpful and supportive, but with a lot of pain," Eymon said. "It means just that much more work for those who are already here."

Right now 188 people work for SLOC, about 20 fewer than the committee expected to have. Under Romney's schedule, the staff will be 50 positions below

projections at the end of the six-month moratorium, Eymon said.

That is substantial for an organization expected to max out at 800 people within the next three years.

Shelley Thomas, senior vice president for communications and public affairs, said last week that she has delayed hiring a media coordinator and staff photographer. Thomas' staff was already strapped because of the bribery scandal.

"We were already lean, but now each hire will be considered on a case-by-case basis as to what deadlines we'll miss without that person," she said.

When life handed them sod, they built houses

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — If Mattie Oblinger ever looked with dismay at her 14-by-16-foot sod house stuck in the middle of the Nebraska prairie, she never let on.

"I expect you think we live miserably because we are in a sod house, but I tell you in solid comfort," she wrote her brother and sister in Indiana on June 16, 1873.

"It is because we are on our own and the thoughts of moving next spring does not bother me and every lick we strike is for ourselves and not half for some one else. I tell you this is quite a consolation to us who have been renters so long. There are no renters here."

Oblinger and her husband, Uriah, were among the thousands of homesteaders who moved west in the late 1800s and set up housekeeping with the only natural resource of the Great Plains had in abundance: sod.

"There was nothing else to build houses with — just grass and sky," says Sarah A. Leavitt, manager of public programs for Boulder.

The museum will celebrate the tenacity and resilience of the women who raised their families in these "coddies" when it's "Museum Without Walls," an online interactive

Web site, makes its debut later this month. March, by the way, is celebrated nationally as Women's History Month.

The Web site, www.womensmuseum.org, will offer exhibits on women's experiences on the frontier.

This exhibit on sod houses, will present life as seen through the eyes of Oblinger, whose correspondence with family members about life on her prairie is preserved in the archives of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

"One of the things we want for the Web site is to look at different sod houses located all over the West and see how they adapted them to their needs," Leavitt says.

Visitors to the Web site can view the interior and exterior of a sod house and click on pets, household decorations, farm animals, people and other elements in and around the house to learn more.

"Coddies were built of stacked layers of cut turf. These 'bricks' of sod were held

together by the network of roots that ran through them. The roofs were typically made of rough timber, covered with more sod.

Sometimes, the insides were plastered. But just as often, the residents simply hung the fabric or newspaper to cover the walls.

Unwanted creatures were a constant problem to the sod-house dweller.

"The dirt and the snakes and the centipedes were built right into the wall," Leavitt said.

Oblinger was particularly unhappy about the snakes.

"There is more rattlesnakes here than there are garter snakes in Indiana," she wrote. "Uriah has killed two on our place. There are not so (plentiful) right in our neighborhood as they are three miles east of here near a prairie dog town. Some men over there have killed as high as 18 and 20."

"The sturdiness required in building on the house," Leavitt says.

bootlegging and moonshining were the popular things to do, Magic was a haven that was the most part free from alcohol. It was a place to heal the body and the spirit.

Brannen and his wife Vicki were married at Magic in 1980. "It truly was a wonderful magical experience to live there and to leave was probably the hardest thing I did when he passed. It saddens me that it no longer has that peaceful quality."

Magic Hot Springs today Today Magic Hot Springs is closed to the public. Once it was a health resort where visitors could enjoy the hot water and a massage.

Popular from the 1920s through the 1960s, it has gone through many different owners and owners over the years.

Outside of being open briefly in the 1980s, it has been closed to the public for more than 30 years.

Several of the cabins were destroyed by flood waters years ago, and the hotel and many of the cabins were destroyed by fire in the 1970s.

When the present owners took possession, so many of the buildings had fallen into ruin and were so out of compliance with any kind of building code there was nothing left but to tear them down.

It is now Magic Valley Hot Springs Youth Camp. All the buildings of yesteryear are gone. Mike Hutchings, executive director of MHSYC, Brannen said when he arrived, the foundations were rotted away and the electrical wiring was outdated. There was no septic system and the health department would not allow dumping waste into Shoshone Creek. The place was infested with rats and snakes.

"It just had to go," Hutchings said. So Hutchings and others went to work and today, Magic has been transformed. Today, MHSYC houses 19 juveniles and the young people have done a lot of the work.

"They've built a lodge and installed two electrical generators, a septic system and a water system. They will soon pour the concrete for a recreation building and plan to build more cabins to accommodate staff and visiting family members that is."

Hutchings said they're trying to make everything look rustic. All the buildings will have log siding, which Hutchings and the youth will install. He said even

"There are stories of the roof caving in when it rained — or sometimes it would rain inside the sod house because of the humidity."

Old sod houses were not without their advantages. They are said to have been warm in winter and cool in summer, Leavitt says.

And, certainly, Oblinger was quite fond of hers.

"Some come here and put up temporary frame houses," she wrote her family. "They thought they could not live in a sod house. This fall, they are going to build sod houses so they can live comfortably this winter. A temporary frame house is a poor thing. A house that is not plastered the wind and dust goes right through and they are very cold. A sod house can be built so they are real nice and comfortable."

Oblinger looked forward to the day when she and Uriah would move into one of the "coddies" or sod houses — built with plastered walls and something better than a dirt floor. Once they had the new house built, they intended to turn their old soddy into a stable.

Unfortunately, Oblinger never lived to see that day. She lived in her little soddy with the dirt floor for seven years, then died in childbirth.

Titanic boarding pass goes up for auction

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A boarding pass for the Titanic is being auctioned off at an auction scheduled on the 87th anniversary of the start of the luxury liner's ill-fated voyage.

The document, possibly the only complete one of its kind for the Titanic, is an immigrant inspection card that was issued to Anna Sofia Sjohlin of Finland, who passed it to the inside of her jacket.

When the ship hit an iceberg and sank, the young woman survived. She later settled in Tacoma with her uncle, the jacket and inspection card intact.

The document, sold about six months ago by a man identified only as the widower of Sjohlin's grandmother, goes on the auction block April 18 at Sanford & Son Antiques. Bidders expect it to bring at least \$5,000.

A passport from the Titanic, never mailed by the teenager because of the last minute, is being sold for \$24,150 in a London auction last week. A

White Star Line poster advertising the ship's return voyage from New York brought \$9,300. An original Titanic lunch menu, pasted to the back of an oil painting of the ship, recently was appraised at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The cards are incredibly rare, said Paul Loudon-Brown, vice president of the Titanic Historical Society in Herne Bay, England. "To an immigrant, that was like an American Express gold card. Without it, they'd be sent right back."

In Sjohlin's case, Gorchuch said, the card was also her ticket because she and three male friends were put aboard the Titanic at the last minute. They had been bumped from the Adriatic, another vessel owned and operated by the White Star Line, because of a coal strike.

Wildlife officials catch up with roaming wolf, return it to Idaho

PRERIE CITY, Ore. (AP) — After eluding wildlife officials for more than a month, a lone gray wolf that wandered into Oregon was captured and flown back to Idaho.

"It was a safe and successful capture," said Roy Heiberger, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's wolf reintroduction program in Idaho.

"They captured her with a net gun in a meadow of thin timber and small meadows about 130 and 135 miles from here."

The female wolf, known as B-45, was captured in the headwaters of Burkhart Creek, a tributary of the Middle Fork of the John Day River east of Highway 26.

"She's a healthy young wolf. She gained a noticeable amount of weight since we captured her last year," Heiberger said. "She was very calm after capture."

Officials say the wolf will be released as quickly as possible near the Continental Divide, inside the experimental population area which is home to 113 other gray wolves. She is likely to have better luck finding a mate there than she did in Oregon, where no other wolves have reproduced.

The wolf's presence in Oregon heightened the long-running tension between ranchers who want to protect their livestock and biologists and environmental groups intent on restoring the gray wolf to its historical range.

Action was taken last month for four months from a pack known to kill domestic livestock, reportedly crossed into Oregon on its own.

Biologists using radio telemetry to monitor the wolf's movements were hampered by bad weather and rough terrain.

Magic

Continued from C1 for 14 years in its waning days during the 1960s. They said most of their guests were older people who would come to soothe their aches and pains.

"An awful lot of people would come here," John Kiest said. Link, one of the former owners and a longtime Hansen resident, has been going to Magic since he was 14. He said he never went there as a child it was owned by George and Blanch Linkbridge. Link said the

cabins were very spiritual and allowed no alcohol. They meant it as a health spa. "They made that thing blossom," he said.

He said during the 1930s a lot of people didn't have money but they managed to find money to come to Magic for a few days in the summer.

Shoshone Creek meanders through Magic and Link said fishing was great with "tremendous rain-bow trout."

Guests said he also strongly discouraged alcohol because "hot water and liquor just don't mix." In an area and an era where

"You will not see counselors here with the 'get in your face' style."

—Mike Hutchings, executive director of Magic Valley Hot Springs Youth Camp

years. Several of the cabins were destroyed by flood waters years ago, and the hotel and many of the cabins were destroyed by fire in the 1970s.

Vaughn said the City of Heyburn has been trying to build a new City Hall since he was in office. He said he agrees with people who believe a new City Hall will bring new business to town.

He said the old building needs to be updated to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which is what started the idea of building a new City Hall. He said it would cost \$220,000 to remodel the present building. He offered \$255,000 to construct a new building.

He said funds for the building are already in the budget and no new taxes will be raised to help pay for the building.

Times-News staff writer Donnie D. Rodriguez can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Cook

Continued from C1. sured ingredients for pizza store to slip toward stocks in "it won't bounce to be a manna's boy," he said.

Laughing with co-workers has caused Michael's Medium teamwork. "No one person can do it all," he said.

When the group prepared and served a meal for 100 people for a hospital's banquet recently, it prepared large quantities. The class broke into groups, and each made a course for the meal.

Thirteen students volunteered to serve at the banquet, Edgar said. "Everyone worked so hard. The payoff will be to see the results," she said.

"Sometimes you may do more than your share. There are times everyone does more than their share," Sabrina Paik said. "That's how it is in life."

Times-News staff writer Laraine Gussner can be reached in Burley at 677-8042.

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Heyburn

Continued from C1 member Nile Bohon said. He said renovating the existing building would cost about the same as constructing a new facility. "It's in bad condition," Bohon said.

The council decided it was more feasible to construct a new building, he said. In a 3-1 vote last August, the council approved \$346,000 to build the new City Hall, Bohon said.

"We've been talking about this for some time," he said council member Flossie Kay. "We have a lot of decisions to make."

Council member Tom Vaughn said building a new City Hall is a wrong move. "There are better things to spend money on," he said. "We need to establish a downtown."

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Environmentalists claim beetle hoax

Tree activists say agencies use excuse for logging

WASHINGTON (AP) — Douglas fir bark beetles are the killing thousands of trees in the Pacific Northwest, and Forest Service officials say they can do little to stop them.

But the officials say some good can come from what they consider an epidemic. They can sell trees on 25,000 infected acres in Washington state and Idaho and use the proceeds to build roads, plant more trees, protect streams and cut the risk of forest fires.

"What we're trying to do is realize some of the value by salvaging the lumber," said Dan Dull, a district ranger in the Colville National Forest in northeast Washington. "I'm not going to have another opportunity like this. I'm sure, to make the many needed improvements in a road system I can't maintain."

Problem is, environmentalists say, there is no beetle epidemic. They contend the little black-headed bug with reddish-brown wings is being used as an excuse to boost the cut and try to increase Forest Service income.

"It's very clear that the Forest Service timber program is winding down... They have to come up with some reason to log," said Russ Minchell, who dubs the plan the "fraudulent beetlemania project."

"They are in a desperate situation, and this is the most desperate thing they could have done," said Mitchell, director of the Idaho Sporting Congress in Boise.

No one disputes there are billions of the beetles in western forests. They reproduce in the inner bark of weakened Douglas fir trees. Larvae eat away at the

inner bark, killing the tree. Idaho forests are mixed with healthy trees and browning trees damaged by Douglas fir bark beetles. Forest Service officials say they can do little to stop the beetles and say they can sell dead trees across Washington state and Idaho and use the funds to rebuild roads and clean up streams. Environmentalists maintain there is no beetle epidemic and the agency is using the beetle excuse as a reason to sell timber.

An ice storm in the winter of 1996-97, plus unusually heavy snow and rains, weakened thousands of trees in Idaho and northeast Washington, leaving them ripe for infestation.

Ralph Ther, an entomologist in the Forest Service's Boise office, inspected some damaged trees in the Boise National Forest in the spring of 1997 and sounded the alarm that conditions were ripe for a major beetle buildup.

In May 1998, Boise forest officials approved a plan to allow logging on 7,000 acres, to remove

infested trees and prevent a larger infestation. They also hung bait traps on trees to try to condense the beetles in a 365-acre area of that 7,000 acres, contracting with Boise Cascade Corp. to quickly remove about 9,000 trees in the smaller area last fall.

Mitchell's group filed suit in 1998, trying to block both the 365-acre plan and the larger effort.

In October, District Court Judge B. Lynn Winnmill in Boise put a halt to the 365-acre plan, and last month he put the entire

7,000-acre project on hold. Winnmill said the Forest Service's environmental analysis was insufficient and that the agency had presented no evidence beetle populations were high.

Environmentalists called the decision a major victory — and proof of the "beetle hoax."

And "they say the Forest Service is much less likely claiming beetle epidemics in the Colville forest and in the Coeur D'Alene and Kamela national forests in the Idaho Panhandle."

Agency officials say the cases are different.

Utah Serbian community protests NATO bombing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A group of between 50 and 75 protesters opposed to NATO airstrikes in Yugoslavia — many of them members of Utah's Serbian community — demonstrated in front of the Federal Building on Saturday.

Vladimir Senic, 21, a student of Utah State who helped organize the demonstrators, said Americans aren't hearing the full story from the media.

He said diplomacy is the only way to bring peace to the region and air strikes will only kill innocent people. "This is something that will help neither Serbs nor Albanians. It's like spilling oil on fire," Senic said.

NATO officials have said they undertook the airstrikes to end a

campaign of ethnic cleansing aimed at ethnic Albanians in the region.

Senic, who came to the United States in 1996, said he worries about his parents who live in Kosovo.

"I have spoken with them by phone after each attack," he said. "So far, they are doing OK. Of course they are also scared and worried."

He said he personally opposes Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, but under the current circumstances supports his stance of protecting the country.

Demonstrators carried signs reading "Bombing Yugoslavia Will Not Bring Peace," "We Are Here For Peace, Not War," and "Why Bombs Without Objectives?"

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Utah officials feud over unprecedented power grab

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Outwardly unflappable Gov. Mike Leavitt was furious. Attorney General Jan Graham had just told the Utah governor that he won't welcome a at a November news conference to announce creation of the lucrative tobacco settlement.

"You never supported the lawsuit," she told the governor.

Leavitt replied, "I'm telling the Legislature to take away your authority to settle cases," recalls Graham's only statewide elected Democrat Leavitt, a Republican, was true

to his word.

In a breathtaking power grab, Utah's Republicans are stripping the attorney general of control over tobacco lawsuits and settlements. Leavitt sealed his hostile takeover by signing a measure just Tuesday that relieves the attorney general of the mandate to "take charge" of civil litigation and gives that authority to the governor.

Leavitt says the move is unprecedented, and the nation's other attorneys general vow to back Graham in court.

Leavitt says the November confrontation was just his latest rift

with the stubbornly independent Graham. The feuding between the popular baby-boomer politicians goes back years.

He's a conservative, a devout Mormon, Shinto and non-practicing member of the state's predominant religion. Graham first ran for attorney general while pregnant in 1992, the same year Leavitt became governor.

Early on, Leavitt complained Graham was unwilling to vigorously defend Utah's restrictive abortion laws, so the governor hired his own lawyer. Most of the restrictions were later thrown out of court.

More recently, Graham refused Leavitt's request to endorse Vermont's defense of a law against same-sex marriages at the Supreme Court.

Her versions of the tobacco clash, like much of their relationship, are conflicting.

Leavitt heatedly insists he did support Graham's tobacco lawsuit, though news accounts show him hedging in 1996 when he was supporting her campaign election challenger. He also maintains he didn't ask for a place at the news conference where Graham announced her decision to include Utah in the settlement.

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CORRECTION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 5, 1999
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission on the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the 05th day of April 1999 at the Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said request.

A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests, or agreements on the subjects being considered. Comments should be made to the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, (208) 734-8490, in writing prior to the Public Hearing.

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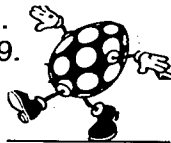
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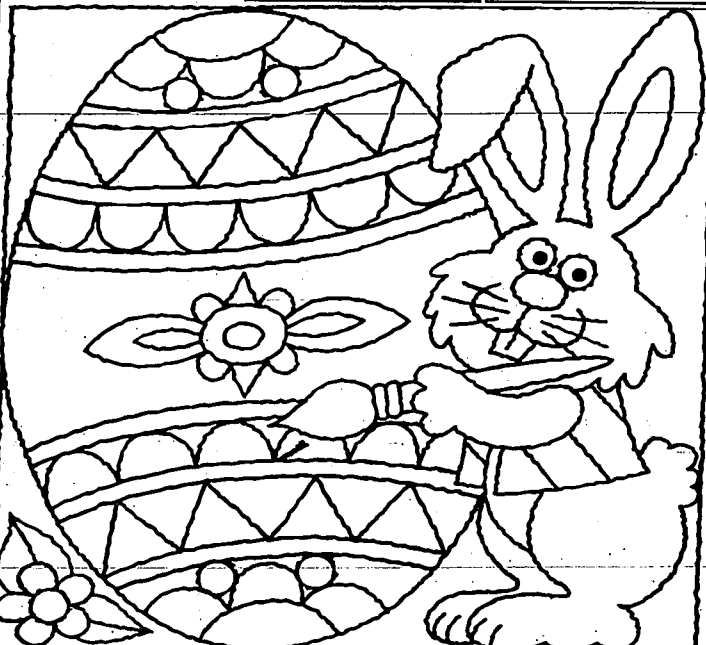
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual school trustee election for J. School District No. 231, Gooding-Linear, County Idaho, will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 at the County Courthouse, Administration Office, 507 Idaho Street, Gooding, Idaho. The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

TRUSTEE ZONE NO. 2 is comprised of that area of the District lying outside of the City limits of the City of Gooding bounded on the North by the center line of the Old Shoshone Highway, on the East by the center line of the City of Gooding and by the Union Pacific Railroad on the West side of the City of Gooding. Excluded is that portion West of the City of Gooding which lies South of the Union Pacific Railroad track, East of the center line of Highway 200 E and North of the center line of Highway 25 E.

TRUSTEE ZONE NO. 3 shall be comprised of that area within the City limits of the City of Gooding lying North of the center line of 5th Avenue and 5th Avenue extended from the West City limits to the East City limits, and lying West on Main Street to the Little Wood River and East along the Little Wood River to the center line of Highway 200 E and North of the center line of the Old Shoshone Highway, on the East of the center line of the Old Shoshone Highway, on the East of the center line of the Old Shoshone Highway, on the East of the center line of the Old Shoshone Highway.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“The promise I want is that the Huskies don't turn into Maryland, North Carolina or DePaul. I don't know how you like your champions, but I like mine challenged.”

—Tom Sorenson, in *The Charlotte Observer*

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school golf
Conference at Minico

IN BRIEF

Tom Smith claims second CS Am title

TWIN FALLS — Tom Smith fired an even par 36-hole 144 Sunday to win the Canyon Springs Golf Course Amateur, his second title in four years.

Sun Valley's Nils Balenduck took the second spot by one stroke over Shane Newcomb at 10-over-par, Jim Malay defended his net championship by defeating his brother, Art, by two strokes (143-145).

Other flight winners included Jim Ochsenr, Mike Osborne, Allan Stutzman and Al Conlin. For complete results, see *Scores and Stats*, page D2.

Stampee stay alive with 114-106 victory

NAMPA — Idaho's CBA Stampede stamped off playing the final game Sunday with a 114-106 win over Sioux Falls at the Idaho Center.

Idaho made a nine-point halftime lead hold in the victory and are now down 2-1 in the best-of-three series.

Idaho was led by Dexter Boney's 26 points. Game 4 is Tuesday at the Idaho Center with a 7:10 p.m. tip-off.

Bengal tennis wins losses over weekend

POCATELLO — On the road at Centennial venues this weekend the Idaho State men's and women's tennis teams went a combined 2-4.

In Reno, Nev., the Bengal women shut out Sacramento State 9-0 Saturday afternoon before falling 6-3 to Nevada on Sunday. The men, playing in Newport Beach, Calif.'s UCI Sheraton Newport Beach Classic, lost their first game on Friday, beat Drake and lost to Northern Arizona on Saturday, and lost to Portland in the 11th-place match Sunday.

George Kyvmetris was the lone winner for the ISU men Sunday, improving to 8-4 this spring and 14-6 overall.

ISU's No. 1 women's singles player, Irene Kukulka, defeated Sacramento's Jen Ratty 6-0, 6-2 and Nevada's Bilitier 6-0, 6-2 to improve to 10-1 on the spring season and 39-3 overall this year.

Kukulka tied former Bengal Lina Wimmer for the school's second-most titles ever, Raluca Onila went 23-5 in 1995-96 for the record.

At the No. 4 singles spot, Jennis Vastelund recorded two victories after starting the season 0-3.

Steelheads end WCHL regular season with win

BOISE — Idaho MVP and West Coast Hockey League honor-roll mention player Cal Inghram became the first Steelhead to tally goals in tie teammate John Butten scored a hat trick as Idaho finished the 1998-99 regular season with an 8-5 win over Fresno Saturday.

The victory gives Idaho a record of 31-35-5 and snapped Fresno's six-game winning streak.

The Steelheads open the WCHL playoffs Wednesday hosting the Tacoma at 7 p.m.

Compiled from staff and wire

Purdue wins first crown

Boilermakers whip Duke; coach heads to WNBA a winner

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Pretty, it wasn't. But Purdue will take it. After starting the season by beating three-time defending champion Tennessee, Purdue ended it by winning the title itself.

Purdue bounced back after the worst half ever in an NCAA championship game and beat Duke 62-45 Sunday night for its first national title. And for the top-ranked Boilermakers, that was absolutely beautiful.

It happened because seniors Ukari Figgs and Stephanie White-McCarthy, who had gone through so many tough times early in their careers, refused to get down after the team's terrible first half.

They were the driving force in a 12-1 second half run that pulled the Boilermakers from behind and put them ahead to stay.

Figgs, scoreless in an 0-for-7 first half, had six points in the run-and-finished with 18 to earn the award as the outstanding player in the Final Four. White-McCarthy had one basket and helped keep the team together with her poise before being injured late in the game.

The Boilermakers (34-1), who finished with 32 straight victories, then made enough baskets to pull down the Duke from the stretch to keep Duke (29-7) at bay, even as White-McCarthy, a unanimous All-American, sat out



Purdue University Boilermakers players celebrate the school's first women's NCAA national basketball championship. Sunday in San Jose, Calif., Purdue (34-1) beat Duke 62-45 for the victory.

the final 4:01 after spraining her left ankle.

The loss ended an improbable run through the tournament by Duke, as well as any hope of a unique "double" for the Blue Devils' basketball program. The Duke men are favored in Monday night's men's championship game with Connecticut.

The Duke women had earned their first Final Four trip by end-

ing Tennessee's hopes for a fourth straight title, beating the Lady Vols in The Eastern regional finals.

The championship was all the shrugged by White-McCarthy and Figgs because of what they had endured early in their careers. They played for three coaches in their first three seasons at Purdue and saw their team ripped apart when coach Lin

Dunn was fired following their freshman year in 1996.

They were among just three players who stayed. Amazingly, two of those who left played for Duke Sunday night: Michele VanGorp and Nicole Erickson.

The victory also happily closed out Carolyn Fick's brief but successful tenure at Purdue. Fick is leaving after just two seasons as

Marquee matchup

Precaston top two meet in season finale

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — How fitting. Way back in November the seers of college basketball put Duke and Connecticut atop the preseason poll. Tonight, the two teams will decide the national championship.

No other schools held the No. 1 ranking this season, and it's been 34 years since two teams in played for the title, with UCLA beating Michigan.

"To have the two of us playing for the national championship is terrific," said Krzyzewski.

His 48-12 tournament record

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National Championship

□ The Division I men's basketball national title game will be televised at 7 p.m. tonight on KWT, channel 11.

Matchups, more — D4

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MLB marks return to Cuba with win

The Associated Press

HAVANA — When the sharp grounder was scooped up at second, Cuba's president and No. 1 baseball fan, Fidel Castro, shrugged his broad shoulders, made an "oh well" gesture with his hands and turned to leave.

Game over. The Cuban all-star team didn't beat the Orioles on Sunday, but they sure came close, proving again they have some of the best baseball players in the world.

Harold Baines, only 6 days old when major league teams last played in Cuba, singled in the 11th inning Sunday, giving Baltimore a 3-2 victory.

"The main thing is that this was a good show," Cuban manager Alfonso Urquola said. "We have the respect of the Orioles."

Tame by Cuban standards for

six innings, the specially selected 50,000 fans yelled and cheered as the Cubans rallied to tie the game in the eighth. Even without benefit of the customary drums or bells, the fans made enough noise to shake the glass windows in the press box.

"It was exciting to see how excited all the people were," Baltimore starter Scott Erickson said.

But immediately after Orioles backup second baseman Jesse Garcia made his second straight nice play, the fans in Estadio Latinoamericano left disappointed.

Still, the Cubans did a lot better than many expected, out-hitting the Orioles 16-for-24.

"I'm not sure I see enough power," Orioles manager Ray Miller, "but I certainly see enough pitching."

Jose Contreras, the most sparkling of several Cubans who

showed they could play at a major league level, allowed two hits in eight shutout innings and struck out 10. He twice hit the Blue Albert Belle, who went 0-for-5 after drawing odds and aahs during batting practice by sending several balls deep into the seats.

Baltimore took a 2-0 lead on Charles Johnson's two-run homer in the second, but Roberto Videsau hit a RBI single in the seventh and Omar Linares, Cuba's most renowned player, singled in the tying run in the eighth.

The Orioles, who have a projected payroll of about \$80 million, would have been embarrassed by the loss of a team of amateurs who earn an average of \$10 a month.

Once we walked on the field it was basically a base game between two teams," Erickson said.



Baltimore Orioles catcher Charles Johnson tags out Cuba's Jose Estrada at home plate in the first inning Sunday of their exhibition game in Havana, Cuba. The game, won by the O's 3-2, marked the first time in 40 years that a Major League baseball team had played inside the island country.

King David reigns supreme at TPC

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — David Duval beat the best field under the toughest conditions with a clutch shot Sunday in The Players Championship.

Now, not even the world ranking can dispute the fact that golf has a new No. 1.

With remarkable cool that has become his trademark, Duval birdied the treacherous 17th island hole to secure a two-stroke victory over Scott Gump and finally enable him to topple Tiger Woods in the world rankings.

Duval closed with a 1-over-73 to finish at 285, the highest winning score in the Players since it moved to the TPC at Sawgrass in 1982.

Gump hit in the water and took a double bogey on the par-3 17th, but birdied the 18th to finish at 287.

Nick Price was third at 288. Fred Couples led the field around of the day, a 4-rodler 68 that he finished before Duval even reached the second green.

Duval's victory came just two hours after his 18-hole win the Emerald Coast Classic on the Senior Tour, making them the first father-son combination to win tour-sanctioned events on the same day.

"This means the world to me," Duval said. "It has turned into a dream year already, and it's only March."

More golf — D4

The victory only confirmed Duval as the world's best player, and what a place for the coronation.

Duval grew up near the TPC at Sawgrass, even played as a marker when he was 18.

Cheers greeted him at every turn, and while he left the galleries holding their breath at times, he pulled through for the biggest win of his career.

"I've got to thank you all," Duval said to the crowd. "I don't know if I could have done it without you. I felt the vibes, and it was a wonderful day."

Woods, who could have kept his No. 1 ranking by finishing sixth, made a bogey on the last hole for a 75 or finish at 3-over-291, tied for 10th.

He had been No. 1 for 65 weeks, including the last 41 in a row.

"To win a big one like this, he deserves to be No. 1 in the world," said Duval.

Duval became just the third player to ascend to No. 1 without having won a major.

Ian Woosnam and Fred Couples were both No. 1 right before they won the Masters.

"Why don't you give him the green jacket," a fan cried out during the trophy presentation on the 18th green.

Duval's 10th victory in his last 33 tournaments did not come easily, nor was it expected.

Family affairs: Golf, tennis showcase talented bloodlines

The Associated Press

Family relations in sports never looked stronger Sunday.

In tennis, sisterhood proved powerful. In golf, it was a case of like father, like son.

Richard Williams, the father of Venus and Serena Williams, summed up the familial mood of the day when he held a sign at the Lipton Championships that read: "Welcome to the Williams show."

That it was.

Venus defeated Serena 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 in Key Biscayne, Fla., taking eight of the final nine points.

It was the first all-sister women's final in 115 years.

"I really thought I was going to cry," Richard Williams said. In Milton, Fla., Bob Duval moved out of the shadow of his famous son for a few hours with his first victory in a pro golf tournament.

He won the Emerald Coast Classic, defeating Senior PGA Tour money leader Bruce Fleisher by two strokes.

Across the state in Ponte Vedra Beach, son David was not about to about to be entirely upstaged. Two hours later, he won The Players Championship and seized the No. 1 ranking in golf from Tiger Woods.

Venus defeats kid sister

The Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — The day's final shot from across the net landed wide, and Venus Williams' shoulders seemed to sag with relief. There was no show of jubilation, no gesture toward her parents, not even a smile.

The Williams family champion walked slowly to the net and gave kid sister Serena a somber high-five. Then Venus put her arm around her 16-year-old sister and they walked off the court, a pair of winners.

Venus defeated Serena in Sunday's all-sister women's final at the Lipton Championships, taking eight of the final nine points for the victory, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

It was the first all-sister women's final in 115 years, but not only Richard Williams would confound to the emotions of the moment.

The father of the finalists raised them in a poor neighborhood in Compton, Calif., before moving to Florida in 1991.

The move forced him to leave his son briefly during the match.

"I really thought I was going to cry," said Williams, who went outside the stadium to smoke a cigarette. "What was going through my mind was all the problems we've had in tennis, bringing the girls up, how difficult it was, the gang members, all the people out there."

"I was saying, 'Look where you are today.' It was so difficult for me to believe it."

The sisters appeared tense



Venus Williams, right, congratulates sister Serena Sunday after Venus beat Serena 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 in the Lipton Championships women's final.

Throughout the match but wore broad smiles during the trophy ceremony. Later they shrugged off the sibling showdown as just another match.

"It's not too big," said Venus, 18. "In the end we go home, we live life. You have to be happy now." Serena said she was proud of herself it's a game, and there's only one winner. Next week there will be another opportunity.

"I definitely look forward to another final with Venus," said Serena, 17. "It's what we always dreamed of."

Venus, who ended Serena's 16-match winning streak, won \$265,000 for her second consecutive Lipton title. Serena settled for \$132,000.

As the match began, their dad held up a sign that read: "Welcome to the Williams show." Sunning in the mood of the supportive crowd of 14,000 was a shout from the stands during the first set: "Go Williams!"

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SPORTS

Purdue

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The Boiler-makers' coach to become coach and general manager of the WNBA's Orlando Miracle.

Marquee

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Also makes him the winningest active coach. Former North Carolina coach Dean Smith has the only better total, 65.

sank a free throw, Figgs drove past her for a basket, White-McCary drove left and pulled up for a jumper, Camille Cooper made a layup and Figgs drove once more for a pull-up jumper to finish the run and make it 40-31.

SCORES AND STATS

regional semifinals appearances — led for the most in that sport and three in regional championship games. The first of those was a 79-76 loss to Duke when Christian Laetner hit a jumper on an inbounds play at the buzzer in 1990.

Hilary Howard took advantage of Purdue's short-handed defense by making a 3-pointer to cut the lead 47-42 and the officials finally called stop the clock with 4:01 remaining to get White-McCary off the floor.

LIPTON

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Venus dominated at the start, with Serena rarely able to hit a ball beyond her angry sister's reach.

Iceman leaves competition in deep freeze

FOK T WORTH, Texas (AP) — The 21st victory of Terry Labonte's career might have been the most meaningful for the Texasman.

SCORES AND STATS

Duke comes in off a 68-62 victory over second-ranked Michigan State in the semifinals, a tough game in which the Blue Devils scored their fewest points this season.



Terry Labonte laps Darrell Jarrett (8) Sunday during the Premier 500 at Texas Motor Speedway.

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"I thought we were a little better," said Labonte, who stayed right on the rear of Jarrett's Ford lap after lap as they jockeyed through traffic.

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BASKETBALL

NBA standings

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams and their records.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table listing Western Conference teams: Portland, Utah, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Phoenix, Sacramento, Golden State, LA Clippers.

NBA box scores

Table listing NBA box scores for Bucks vs Timberwolves and Milwaukee vs Memphis.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

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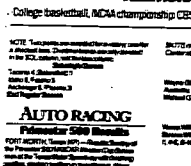
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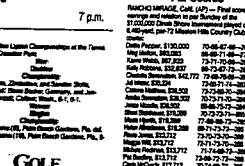
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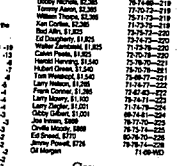
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Orlando douses Heat; Pistons drop Seattle

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Darrell Armstrong's colossal fourth quarter — keyed by a four-point play with 6:05 remaining — sparked Orlando as the Magic overcame a 24-point, 15-rebound effort by Alonzo Mourning to defeat the Miami Heat 94-87 Sunday.

Armstrong's 3-pointer and ensuing free throw put Orlando ahead 78-75, and the Magic never trailed thereafter. Armstrong scored 19 of his 25 points in the final period, making all nine of his free throws.

Miami got 23 points from P.J. Brown and 21 from Tim Hardaway, but the Heat struggled from 3-point range, missing all but one of 13 shots.

Pistons 104, Sonics 87

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Lindsey Hunter scored 20 points, and Jerry Stackhouse and Bison Dele added 18 each to lead struggling Detroit.

The Pistons led by as many as 27 points in winning for the fifth time in six games overall and 10th in 12 at home. The Sonics, starting a five-game road trip, fell to 3-9 on the road by losing to the Pistons for only the fourth time in their last 13 meetings.

The game started at 9:35 a.m. Pacific time, and the Sonics were sluggish. They trailed 28-8 in the first 10 minutes.

Pacers 101, Celtics 93

BOSTON — Chris Mullin scored all of his 16 points in the third quarter as Indiana remained perfect in coach Larry Bird's games against his old team.

The Pacers, 5-1 in their last six games, improved to 6-0 over two seasons against Boston, with whom Bird spent his entire playing career.

Mark Jackson had 15 points, Reggie Miller 14 and Len Bias 13 for the Pacers. Ron Mercer led Boston with 24 points, while Antoine Walker had 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Bucks 94, Twolves 85

MINNEAPOLIS — Haywoode Workman scored 19 points, and the Milwaukee Bucks broke open a close game and beat the Minnesota Timberwolves — who missed their last 15 shots — 94-85 Sunday.

Neither team led by more than seven points through the first three quarters, and the game was tied at 72 entering the final period. But the Wolves, who made 27-of-54 shots in the first three quarters, hit just 4-of-24 in the fourth.

Dell Curry, who combined with Ray Allen for 14 points in the final period, hit a four-point play with 6:25 left gave Milwaukee the lead for good at 81-80.

Millwaukee's bench led by



Orlando Magic forward Matt Hopfling attempts to go behind the back of Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning Sunday during the first half of their game in Orlando, Fla. The Magic beat the Heat 94-75.

Curry's 15 points, outscored the Wolves' reserves 35-19. Sam Mitchell led the Timberwolves with 20 points. Kevin Garnett finished with 16 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists.

Raptors 91, Bulls 78

TORONTO — Rookie Vince Carter had 22 points and six blocked shots as the Toronto Raptors beat the Chicago Bulls 91-78 Sunday, extending their franchise-record home winning streak to six games.

The Bulls, who were without leading scorer Toni Kukoc, sided with a back strain, lost their fourth straight.

Lakers 99, Knicks 91

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — At times, Sunday's game at the Forum resembled football more than basketball.

Kobe Bryant scored 29 points,

and Shaquille O'Neal had 21 points and nine rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the New York Knicks 99-91 in a physical battle between two teams attempting to end their losing ways.

The win was just the fourth in nine games for the Lakers (20-11), while the Knicks (16-14) suffered their fifth loss in seven games.

Rodman finished with seven points and 12 rebounds in 35 minutes one day after missing practice.

Patrick Ewing had 20 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots, and Allan Houston added 15 points for the Knicks. Glen Rice scored 19 points and Harper had eight points and nine assists for the Lakers.

Trail Blazers 88, Suns 86

PHOENIX — The Portland Trail Blazers blew a 22-point second-quarter lead, then held on to

beat the Phoenix Suns on Arvydas Sabonis' inside basket with 9.8 seconds left.

Sabonis had 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Blazers, who won their sixth in a row and improved their NBA-best record to 23-5.

Damon Stoudamire had 18 points and 13 assists for the Blazers. Tom Gugliotta scored 18 points for the Suns.

Rockets 107, Kings 93

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Hakeem Olajuwon had 24 points and nine rebounds as the Houston Rockets won their eighth straight game.

After sitting out the entire third quarter with a sore back, Charles Barkley scored 11 of his 15 points in the first 5:14 of the fourth. He muscled inside for back-to-back baskets, putting Houston ahead 93-79 with 6:46 left.



U.S. skater Michelle Kwan performs during her exhibition program Sunday at the World Figure Skating Championships in Helsinki.

U.S. skaters Kwan, Weiss medal at Worlds

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — This was not how you supposed to go for the United States at figure skating's world championships.

Michelle Kwan and Michael Weiss both won medals, but the results were a bit confounding: Kwan was supposed to do better than silver; Weiss was not supposed to win a medal at all.

Before the competition, the path seemed clear for Kwan to capture her third world title. Then she caught a cold and faltered in the short and long programs.

Maria Butyrskaya became the first Russian woman to win a world title, and she did so at the expense of Kwan.

Kwan was lucky to leave with a silver because she could have been marked lower in the short program. She fell on the relatively simple double axel while others delivered clean programs with more difficult jumps.

In the long program, she barely got second in the free skating. Bronze medalist Julia Soldatova is just 17, part of Russia's deep reservoir of young talent.

Weiss was a long shot for a medal, needing to beat at least one of the trio of top Russians or three-time world champion Elvis Stojko of Canada.

Weiss' first clean jump in the qualifying put him in a position to be a contender. Then,

although slightly two-footing the jump in the final program, he had seven good triples to gain the bronze.

Timothy Goebel came in 12th but he added his name to the skating history books with a quadruple salchow — a solo one in qualifying and in combination with a triple toe loop in the final.

Finishing between Kwan and Nikodiov for the United States was 13-year-old Sarah Hughes. Her place on the American team came at the expense of another 13-year-old skater, Naomi Nari Nam.

Although both were under the 15-year-old age minimum, Hughes was picked because of an exception that allows junior world medalists to participate in the senior worlds. Hughes was second in the world junior championships in December.

Hughes did not disappoint. She nailed six triples, including two triple lutzs, to finish sixth in the free skating and seventh overall. In dance, Naomi Lung and Russian-born Peter Tchernychev were 10th in their first worlds.

Eve Chalom and British-born Matthew Gates were 17th.

Based on this year's results the United States will have three women, two men, pairs and ice dance couples at the world championships in Brisbane, Australia, in 2000.

Devil Rays sting Yankees, 8-5

The Associated Press

While the Baltimore Orioles were playing in his native Cuba, Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez was getting rocked in Tampa.

Bobby Smith and Paul Sorrento homered off Hernandez in the seventh innings, helping the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the New York Yankees 8-5 Sunday.

Yankees starter David Cone gave up five runs and 10 hits in five innings, allowing a no-run homer to Fred McGriff. Hernandez, who struck out seven, worked the final four innings and gave up three runs and four hits.

At Kistmanee, Fla., four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux told the Atlanta Braves he would like to undergo corrective laser eye surgery so he would no longer have to wear contact lenses.

Maddux, who wears contact lenses when pitching and small, wire-rimmed glasses off the field, has said if he had the surgery he probably wouldn't even miss a snap.

"He's been talking about it since he got down here," manager Bobby Cox said Sunday. "I don't know if he'll have it."

At Sarasota, Fla., Denny Neagle struggled in four innings against Cincinnati Reds minor leaguers giving up eight hits — including four homers.

"Velocity is not something I worry about," said Neagle, who will start on the 15-day disabled list. "When I feel like my arm is getting all the way back to where I want it to be where I can start cutting loose a little more, I'll do it at that point. Now it's a matter of getting the pitches in."

Spring Training

In other games:

Indians 7, Blue Jays 6

At Winter Haven, Fla., Dave Roberts singled home the winning run in a two-run ninth after Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove was ejected.

Royals 10, Astros 9

At Hainesville, Fla., Scott Pose, a 32-year-old outfielder, battling for a spot on the roster, drove in four runs.

Tigers 5, Phillies 4, 10 innings

At Island, Fla., Kimera Barbee led off the 10th inning with a bunt single, stole second, and scored on a single by Damon Easley.

Pirates 11, Rangers 9

At Port Charlotte, Fla., Ivan Cruz hit his fourth home run of the spring, going 4-for-4 with four RBIs.

Twins (8), Red Sox 4

At Sarasota, Fla., Denny Hocking and Jacques Jones opened the game with homers and Corey Koskie added a solo shot.

Red Sox 9, Twins (8) 8

At Fort Myers, Fla., Tim Lincecum gave up two home runs to Ron Compton and one to Matt Lawton.

Expos 3, Marlins 1

At Jupiter, Fla., Orlando Cabrera hit a two-run single and an RBI single.

Dodgers 3, Braves 2

At Vero Beach, Fla., Ismael Valdes gave up a two-run homer to Chipper Jones in the first, then pitched six shutout innings.

Adrian Beltre went 2-for-3.

Mets 6, Cardinals 6, 11 innings

At Fort St. Lucie, Fla., Melvin



Seattle Mariners pitcher Freddy Garcia releases a pitch during his striking performance Sunday against the San Diego Padres. Garcia (40) allowed no runs, three hits and struck out eight San Diego batters.

Mora hit a three-run double and made three slick fielding plays at third base for San Diego.

Athletics 5, Cubs 6

At Phoenix, Tony Phillips hit a three-run homer off Marc Priano in the eighth.

Braves 4, Padres 2

At Peoria, Ariz., Rookie Freddy Garcia pitched six scoreless innings, improving to 4-0.

Braves 8, Rays 7

At Scottsdale, Ariz., F.P. Santschello went fisted off pitches trying to beat before hitting a two-run homer in the ninth.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Not much Cham in Dubai race

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — With his trainer an ocean away, a weakened and bleeding Silver Cham was another Sunday on the sandy track at the Dubai World Cup.

The 1997 Kentucky Derby winner finished sixth in an eight-horse field at the \$5 million race won by Alzabur, a 4-11 shot owned by Dubai's ruling family.

"Silver Cham has had a history of bleeding, and without medication it just got bad and he got scared," said trainer Bob Baffert, who was at Turfway Park on Saturday to watch Kentucky Derby hopeful Straight Mean Girl's fourth.

Drugs used to control bleeding at many U.S. tracks are not allowed in Dubai.

U.S. swimmer Hall has diabetes

PHOENIX — Olympic gold and silver medalist Gary Hall Jr. has been diagnosed with diabetes and is considering retiring from swimming.

Hall withdrew from this week's national championships after being told by a family physician that diabetes was why he has been having bouts of fatigue and dizziness.

"I'm considering retirement at this point," Hall told The Arizona Republic.

Hall says his physician after feeling weak, saying he was having unusual fatigue after workouts in recent months.

"My ass would shake, and I thought that maybe it was just from hard training," he said.

Diabetes is the latest blow in Hall's career since 1995, when he finished second to Russia's Alexander Popov in the 100-meter freestyle at the Olympics, then anchored two gold medal-winning relays for the United States.

Hall was suspended for three months last summer by the International Olympic Committee after allegedly testing positive for marijuana.

Brand, Holdstocklaw gamer honors

ATLANTA — Sophomore Elton Brand of Duke and senior Champague Holdstocklaw of Tennessee were chosen winners of the Naamith Player of the Year awards Sunday by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

The club also selected Mike Krzyzewski of Duke and Carolyn Peck of Purdue its coaches of the year.

Brand is the third consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference player to win the award. Antawn Jamison of North Carolina won last year and Tim Duncan of Wake Forest won in 1997.

Accident claims race car driver

IRVINGDALE, Calif. — A driver was killed on the opening day of co-hosting the event anyway. His car hit a wall at 100 mph and flipped during practice, authorities said.

Cassy Diemert, 23, of Roseburg, Ore., died of head injuries shortly before 3 p.m. Saturday at Arcadia Methodist Hospital, authorities said.

Diemert, whose father, Jim, was at the track, crashed about 2 p.m. while trying to avoid a stalled car on the track, police Agent Mark Benavides said.

Report: World Cup scandal erupts

LONDON — Senior FIFA officials were bombarded with lavish gifts from Japanese and South Koreans to influence their votes during bidding for the 2002 World Cup, a report said Sunday.

According to the Sunday Times, the gifts, such as laptop computers and video cameras, were part of the "aggressive lobbying" by the two candidates who wound up co-hosting the event anyway.

"It was small beer compared with the International Olympic Committee," he said in a reference to the IOC's Salt Lake City scandal. "But it was a clear attempt to influence and for this reason we said, 'No more.'"

Goodyear wins first IRL event

PHOENIX — Scott Goodyear, long viewed as one of the best drivers never to win an Indy Racing League event, turned the trick in his 21st race when he bolted away from his pursuers in the last two restarts Sunday of the MCL WorldCom 200.

He led 134 laps, including the last 51, and won with an average speed of 102.850 mph.

Compiled from wire reports

SPORTS

Castro meets major leaguers, at last

HAVANA (AP) — He walked onto the field like he owned the place, straight and tall and with a purpose, this old University of Havana right-hander.

And by the time Fidel Castro had cut across the diamond to meet them Sunday, the Baltimore Orioles could tell this meant far more than any spring training game they had ever played.

"Fidel! Fidel!" the 50,000 fans chanted at Estadio Latinoamericano at the sight of their president. "Cubal! Cubal!"

Albert Belle, Brady Anderson and the rest of the Orioles gathered around the 73-year-old leader to shake hands, curious to see how he looked up close in his combat fatigues. Manager Ray Miller talked to Castro through an interpreter.

"He told me this was a good baseball town," Miller said Sunday. "Cuban all-star team 3-2 in 11 innings."

While Cuban defectors such as Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, Liván Hernandez and Rey Ordoñez had left and found fame in the majors, no one on the communist island had seen a big league team visit since 1953.

"Nobody came down here looking to make history," Orioles outfielder B.J. Surhoff said. "Everybody came down here looking to play a baseball game."

Surhoff carried the U.S. flag onto the field for the national anthem and gave his bat to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

"For many years, we have been trying to have this match," said Cuban third baseman Omar Linares through a translator.



Cuban President Fidel Castro, center, observes the meeting between MLB's Baltimore Orioles and Cuba's National baseball team Sunday in Havana, Cuba. Seated by Castro is commissioner Bud Selig, right.

"I really hope these will not be the last games."

By local standards, though, the crowd was rather tame until the Cubans began rallying in the late innings.

Tickets were issued on an invitation-only basis — instead of the 10 cents they normally cost — ensuring the stands would be packed with loyal Castro supporters. In fact, many were in their seats three hours before game time.

But that left out many of Cuba's most passionate "pelota" fans, along with a lot of traditional touches.

Missing for most of the warm, sunny afternoon were the drums,

sirens, air horns, singing, dancing and rumba music that enveloped the ballpark from the first pitch during Saturday night's playoff game between the Havana Industriales and Senators.

No cheerleaders in black spandex jumped on top of the dugouts, no ballgirls served coffee to the umpires during the fifth-inning break. No one smuggled in Havana Cubana, and no beer was sold inside, either.

Even the 53-year-old stadium was spruced up — gone were the wild dogs that usually roam the concourse, hoping for bits of the pork-leg sandwiches sold at concession stands.

The fans did, however, follow the custom of counting to 10 — the way a referee counts a fallen boxer — when Baltimore reliever Arthur Rhodes was chased in the eighth inning.

Then there was the traditional first ball. Actually, former Washington Senators pitcher Connie Marrero, 88, threw four of them, then three more to Anderson when he led off the game.

Charles Johnson's two-run homer off Cuban ace Jose Riera in the second kept things quiet until the home team scored in the late innings. That's when it got loud, and Castro grinned when Linares' RBI single in the eighth tied it.

A few blocks away, little boys were undaunted. With nothing more than rotted sticks for bats and rolled-up socks for balls, they kept playing Cuba's national sport.



Members of the American League Baltimore Orioles, foreground, and the Cuban National team stand at attention during the playing of the national anthems prior to their historic game Sunday in Havana, Cuba. The C's won the game 3-2 in 11 innings.

National Championship

Duke, UConn: Two teams matchup well

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Matchups for Monday night's national championship between top-ranked Duke and No. 3 Connecticut.

FOURCOURTS

Duke National player of the year Elton Brand is in the middle and he leads the Blue Devils in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage. Forward Shane Barter is an excellent defender and solid rebounder and forward Chris Carrwell is a slasher and defender whose underrated play is constantly praised by coach Mike Krzyzewski.

CONNECTICUT CENTER

Jake Vukobratovic has been a Duke since fracturing a bone in his foot but is still solid on the defensive end. Forward Kevin Freeman is a solid scorer and rebounder and stepped up to win Big East tournament MVP honors. Swingman Richard Hamilton was a first-team All-American last year and has scored at least 20 points in six straight games.

Edge: Duke because of Brand, and because last night was as impressive as a big man has had in a while in the NCAA tournament.

BACKCOURTS

Duke: Tied for the second-team All-American, is the emo-



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, left, and Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun shake a laugh Sunday prior to an interview on the CBS set at St. Petersburg, Florida's Tropicana Field. The two teams vie for college basketball's title tonight.

leader of the team and one of the best 3-point shooters in the country. William Avery is the point guard position from Steve Wojciechowski and has done an excellent job running the team, especially when it's running.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut: Khalid El-Amin, the poster boy for those who pre-

fer gym to gym, bounced back from a 0-for-12 effort in the regional finals with 18 points and six assists against Ohio State. Ricky Moore is one of the best defenders in the game and he'll get a chance to cover both Avery and Lauglin depending on the situation.

EDGE

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EDGE

Duke: Many have called this the deepest team ever in college basketball with the likes of Steve James, Chris Burgess and freshman sensation Corey Maggette available to keep the talent level so high with any substitution.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut: Wilbert McCaig, Jr. provided instant offense off the bench that the huge center-guardsman hasn't been the same since spraining a knee in the last regular-season game.

EDGE

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UConn center Jake Vukobratovic attempts a game Saturday against Ohio State. Vukobratovic and his UConn teammates play for the national championship tonight at Duke.

Odds makers like Duke

LAS VEGAS (AP) — This city's oddsmakers don't give Connecticut much of a chance against Duke in the national championship game.

Duke is a 9 1/2-point favorite to beat Connecticut and win the national title at most Las Vegas sports books.

Duke failed to cover the spread in Saturday's 68-62 win over Michigan State, in which the Blue Devils were 11 1/2-point favorites.

Connecticut, meanwhile, was a 5 1/2-point favorite over Ohio State, and won by six points.

Tonight determines if Duke, Coach K can make their comebacks complete

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Trajan Langdon will end his career as the best 3-point shooter in Duke history. Coach Mike Krzyzewski will remember him for something more important.

Langdon is the lone connection between the Blue Devils' lowest point and what they hope will be their highest in Monday night's national championship game against Connecticut.

"In some respect it would be a great honor. It was part of one of the wonders in Duke history and now I'm part of one of the best teams in Duke history," the senior from Alaska said.

With Duke's great success since the mid-1980s, it's easy to forget the 1994-95 team, which went 13-18 and finished last in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a school-worst 2-14 mark.

Langdon left last night was as impressive as a big man has had in a while in the NCAA tournament.

BACKCOURTS

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"When we went on hard times I think it was my responsibility because I don't think we showed the care for the program," Krzyzewski said. "We didn't evaluate like I had normally evaluated it because of [a lack of] time."

Because of Krzyzewski's success and importance on campus, no one from the Duke administration stepped in to help. The 52-year-old Krzyzewski also tried to return too soon from his surgery, which led to physical and emotional exhaustion. He soon realized he would have to delegate some responsibilities and cut his schedule so he could devote more

time to his team.

His first move was to hire former players Quin Snyder, Johnny Dawkins and David Henderson for his coaching staff, and begin recruiting athletes that shared the same tireless work ethic he previously demanded.

"That next year with me being back, people immediately said, 'Oh, they should be good.' There was an unrealistic view of what we had to do by everyone around. It was tough."

The Blue Devils slowly worked their way back into the NCAA tournament picture, going 18-13 in 1995-96 before using a 3A-

guard lineup to win the first of three straight ACC titles the next season.

"That year just started out," Krzyzewski said of the 26-9 team of 1996-97. "I never seeing some things in my mind that were really good."

Krzyzewski and his staff then put together the missing pieces, landing one of the nation's best recruiting classes that included Elton Brand, William Hunter, Shane Barter and Chris Burgess.

"That gave us a talent base," the coach said. "We had already started doing the character things that needed to be done

and the work ethic things. That combination has worked out pretty well."

Brand remembers Krzyzewski's recruiting pitch. It wasn't a sales job at all.

"He actually told me, I can't promise you anything. I can't promise you you will play a minute. But I can promise you if you work hard and you play to your capabilities there is a possibility you can play," Brand said.

"The highest level could've been well come tonight with a record 38th victory and third championship. This decade.



Dottie Pepper won the Dinah Shore tournament Sunday in California.

Pepper shatters Dinah Shore record; Senior Duval wins first golf title

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Dottie Pepper turned the Nabisco Dinah Shore into a one-woman show Sunday, crafting a 6-under-par 66 and shattering the tournament record in a runaway victory.

Pepper finished at 19-under 265, good for a six-shot win over Meg Mallon and four strokes better than Amy Alonzo's total for the 1991 tournament over the same Mission Hills Country Club course.

Pepper, whose only previous LPGA major title came in the 1992 Dinah Shore, did a little jig

Pro golf

following her short par putt on the final hole, then after signing her scorecard, took the trophy and the truck

Mallon, who led the first two days, began the final round three shots back of Pepper, with no other player within six shots of the lead. Mallon shot a 69, but that wasn't nearly enough.

Pepper began No. 13 to go 16-under and allow Mallon within

two shots, but Pepper opened the lead from there. She birdied No. 14 while Mallon bogeyed, then eagled No. 16, while Mallon bogeyed again.

By then, Pepper was 19-under, seven shots in front.

Senior Duval wins first title at Emerald

MILTON, Fla. — Like father, like son — finally.

Senior PGA Tour money leader Bruce Devlin by two strokes in the Emerald Coast Classic.

The elder Duval led throughout the 54-hole Senior event, beginning with a 6-under 61, only one stroke off the senior record set by Alvaro del Real in the 1989 Emerald Coast. He followed with a 68 Sunday and hung on with a final-round 71 for a 10-under total of 208.

Senior Duval, overshadowed by son David in recent years, posted his first professional golf tournament victory Sunday, defeating

1987, earning \$300,000 with a best finish of second in the Pittsburgh Senior Classic.

He was second there again last year, earning \$74,573 for 1990, while his son was dominating the PGA Tour.

Linhart wins first title at Madeira Open

MADEIRA, Portugal — Pedro Linhart, a 36-year-old with American parents who became a naturalized Spaniard more than 10 years ago, won his first title on the European Tour Sunday.