

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Rain showers mixed with early morning snow. Afternoon showers likely with winds 10-15 mph. High 55. Cloudy tonight with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low 39.

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One breath at a time: How one Twin Falls woman lives with cystic fibrosis.

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Saving Irrigation water:

Breaching four federal dams on the lower Snake River in Washington may be the best way to save southern Idaho irrigation water, one activist says.

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Field of dreams: Filer High School's new baseball diamond is the product of community involvement.

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Smashed again: Twin Falls High School senior Nate Silvester shattered the Bruins' record for the fourth time Wednesday.

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Little fish, big fun: Spring is the time of year for anglers to grab a lightweight rod and sally forth in quest of bluegill.

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OPINION

Rolling, rolling, rolling: Tuesday's shipment from the INEEL was more symbolic than substantial, but it was highly significant, today's editorials say.

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Derricott: has covered the Chevron situation on Politics since 1978.

City fights judgment

Jury's \$185,000 award in land condemnation unjustified, attorney says

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A jury's award of \$185,000 in a land condemnation for road widening is excessive and unjustified, says the city's attorney, who has asked for a retrial.

Attorney Fritz Worderlich had asked the court to set the price tag at \$123,600 in his January 1996 complaint seeking to condemn a strip of land at Slim Price Gas and Car Wash to widen Addison Avenue East.

The complaint said the city in good faith

sought to buy the land and settle for the damages and was unable "to make a reasonable bargain."

A court hearing is scheduled for May 10 on the city's retrial motion in its civil suit against Dianne R. Derricott and landowners Dale and Betty Shelby Derricott and her late husband, Willard Royce Derricott, owned the Slim Price business and leased the land from the Shelys at the northeast corner of Addison and Morningstar Drive.

The 10- or 11-foot strip taken for road widening totally disrupted the gas pump

placement and the configuration that allowed cars to get in and out making the station inoperable in its existing position, said Derricott. Webb, attorney for Dianne Derricott and her husband's estate.

A jury in District Judge Roger Burdick's court this month said the city should pay \$185,000 for the land it took and \$274,500 for damages to the rest of the property and business.

That's closer to the defense's figures than to the city's.

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Jury acquits nanny in shaken baby trial

By John T. Haddy
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Four days before what would have been Anthony Northing's fourth birthday, Michelle Baldwin, 31, a Blaine County nanny accused of shaking Anthony to death more than two years ago, was found innocent by a jury in Blaine County 5th District Court Wednesday.

"I'm glad it's over," Baldwin said. "I think I'm in shock. Sunday would have been Anthony's fourth birthday. We were hoping that this would be a great birthday present for him."

Baldwin wept as she embraced her lawyers, Doug Nelson and Keith Roark.

"Hopefully this will give Anthony some peace now,"



Baldwin said she didn't expect an early verdict. "The outcome or however long it was when I was standing there, waiting for the verdict, seemed like forever," Roark, who gave the defense's closing arguments Wednesday, said he was thrilled with the verdict.

The small courtroom "burst" said. "This further renews my faith in the jury system. You have no idea how good about the case we put on and how good about the way we handled their case. I'm extremely gratified to the jury."

Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas A. Wenz and Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jim Thomas accused Baldwin of shaking Anthony to death sometime between Dec. 24, 1995 and Jan. 11, 1997.

Burke's charges remained the charges could have been sustained in full. John J. Blaine, a forensic pathologist from Metropark, testified Monday that Anthony's death could have resulted from Dec. 24, 1995, in which the toddler hit his head.

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Police: Girlfriend bought three guns

Investigators still seek purchaser of semi-automatic

Combined wire reports

LITTLETON, Colo. — Struggling to cope with hundreds of new leads and confusion in their top ranks, investigators probing the murderous shooting spree at Columbine High School appear no closer than they were a week ago to naming or arresting additional suspects.

But investigators trying to determine whether others may have helped Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, in their attack are continuing to question Klebold's girlfriend, Robyn Anderson, and believe she could be critical to their identifying other possible suspects.

A National Honor Society member who moved here from



Sally Jessy Raphael, right, talks to Columbine High School students Matt Nalty, Jim Branetti and Matt Akard during taping of her program in New York Tuesday. Nalty and Branetti are among those named in media accounts as being questioned by Colorado police.

Fort Collins two or three years ago, Anderson was identified Wednesday as the purchaser of the three long guns used by the assailants, but not the semi-automatic pistol whose transfer could have subjected her to criminal charges.

Anderson bought the two sawed-off shotguns and a Hi-

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House measure limits Clinton's power in war

WASHINGTON — In a challenge to President Clinton over Kosovo, a divided House voted Wednesday to limit his authority to use ground forces in Yugoslavia despite its approval for the nation to speak with a single voice.

The Republican-sponsored measure, approved 294 to 120, would require Clinton to obtain congressional approval before sending "ground elements" to Kosovo or other parts of Yugoslavia.

Clinton told lawmakers he still considers a ground campaign unnecessary — but promised to seek congressional approval if he changes his mind.

The measure is debated limiting the war. The Pentagon announced the Air Force had ordered 1500 troops in the United States to be prepared for the possible deployment of 11 additional members to Europe to join the NATO mission.

The measure is among nearly 300 additional amendments — mostly

More on Kosovo — E3

fighters, refuelers and other support planes — that NATO commanders have requested in order to accelerate the bombing of Yugoslavia.

Suggesting the House-passed legislation was a veto candidate, Democratic leaders said the "ground elements" would be so vague it could even apply to forces already in the region; or to the use of U.S. Apache helicopters in Albania in a ground campaign.

Republicans said the measure was intended only to apply to ground combat missions.

"We should not even be in the Balkans," said Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., chairman of the Armed Services Committee. "The national security of this country is not at stake."

The Senate has not acted yet on the measure, although it voted last month to support the airstrikes.

THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie High 50 Low 33 Rain and snow showers in the morning...

Today Friday Saturday Sunday Monday High/Low forecasts and weather icons.

Twin Falls Precipitation Yesterday 46 33, Last year 75 41, Normal 67 37.

Treasure Valley High 60 Low 42 Cloudy with a chance of showers...

Idaho weather

Idaho weather map and forecast details for various regions.

National weather

National weather map and forecast for the entire United States.

Idaho

Idaho Highs/Lows: Boise 55, Burley 43, Fairfield m, etc.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High 52 Low 33 Mostly cloudy today with showers...

Eastern Idaho High 56 Low 35 Mostly cloudy today with showers...

Northern Idaho High 62 Low 43 Mostly cloudy today with showers...

Northern Utah High 59 Low 42 Mostly cloudy today with showers...

Northern Nevada High 54 Low 34 Mostly cloudy today with showers...

UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

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ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Radar and satellite pictures showed numerous rain and upper elevator snow showers across portions of south central and southeast Idaho.

The Nation

Albuquerque 68, Atlanta 73, Boston 55, Chicago 62, Dallas 66, etc.

Judgment

Continued from A1 From the Shelby's point of view, they lost \$265,000 of the value of their land.

The north. Some of the car-wash bays could be salvaged, but all the pumps-and-gas-dispensing equipment have to be reconfigured.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration opened the way Wednesday for the sale of food and medical items to three countries listed as terrorist states.

Clinton eases sanctions

Craig, Crapo applaud — C2 The new policy is part of a broader attempt at comprehensive sanctions reform.

Guns

Continued from A1 Point 9 mm carbine used in the attack that left 15 people dead, but investigators are still seeking the purchaser of a TEC-DC9 pistol.

Gun law loopholes — A4

things we want to find out," said Steve Davis, a spokesman for the sheriff's department. "Did she supply those guns with full knowledge of how they were going to use them?"

Mart Akard and Jim Brunetti

Brunetti said on the TV show, which was taped Tuesday and is scheduled to air today, that the three were held for an hour and questioned about whether they knew the Trenchcoat Mafia.

Acquits

Continued from A1 about her future plans. She said she didn't know if she would ever be able to take care of Tamara Northrup's 10-month old son Trevor after all she's been through.

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NATION IN BRIEF



Tamara Rayman, a member of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, poses for a photograph. Teen pregnancy plummeted 17 percent over six years to the lowest rate since 1976, new federal statistics show.

Panel ready to talk online taxes
WASHINGTON — Government officials claimed victory Wednesday in round one of their battle with business over future Internet taxes when a corporate executive stepped down from a panel created by Congress to examine the issue. The decision by Netscape Communications, chief James Barksdale—to resign from the panel—allowed Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) to appoint another local official and restore the private-public balance originally envisioned by Congress. The Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce was created last year when Congress passed a three-year moratorium on new Internet taxes. The panel's purpose is to recommend by next year the international, federal, state and local tax policy for fast-growing online commerce.

DUI crackdown seems to work
WASHINGTON — The proportion of traf-

fic deaths blamed on alcohol use has fallen from 57 percent to 39 percent since the states started cracking down on drunken driving in the early 1980s, according to a government-sponsored study released Wednesday.

The study released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration covers the period 1982 through 1997. Over that same span, the percentage of the United States population living under a .10 blood-alcohol driving limit has increased from 32 percent to 99 percent.

Judge approves trial move
JASPER, Texas — The judge in the second trial over the dragging death of a black man agreed Wednesday to move the case out of Jasper after the defense argued the town may be inclined to convict the white defendant to salvage its image. Where Lawrence Russell Brewer will be tried won't be made public until May 14.

Judge Monte Lawlis said jury selection may not begin until July.

Elderly bank robber nabbed
SAN FRANCISCO — A 78-year-old man who escaped from San Quentin Prison in a makeshift kayak 20 years ago was captured in Florida on bank robbery charges.

Forrest Silva Tucker, whose criminal record stretches back to the 1930s, was arrested last week in a school parking lot near Pompano Beach.

He was jailed without bail in connection with a local bank holdup.

In 1979, Tucker and two other inmates at San Quentin built a crude boat and set out from the beach.

The flimsy vessel, assembled from plastic sheets, wood deck tape and Fumica, held together long enough for them to paddle several hundred yards to freedom.

Compiled from wire reports

Drugs, alcohol or tobacco appear in more movies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Musicians' singing about guzzling liquor and movie stars puffing cigarettes and take drugs on the big screen. But federal officials ask: Where is the unglamorous side of substance use — like hangovers, slurred speech or getting in trouble with the law?

A government study released Wednesday says the people were depicted doing drugs, drinking or smoking in 98 percent of the top movie rentals and 77 percent of the most popular songs in 1996 and 1997.

Fewer than half these movie scenes and song lyrics mentioned any possible downside to these activities.

The \$400,000 study of 200 movies — rated from "G" for all ages to "NC-17," no one under 17

admitted — and 1,000 songs was commissioned by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Department of Health and Human Services.

The study stopped short of saying that music and films cause young people to use drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

"We do not suggest that we want to dilute the message. Drugs, alcohol and tobacco are a reality of American life. They should be part of the art form of the entertainment world," said Barry McCaffrey, drug control policy director for the Clinton administration.

"But we are suggesting they need to be tied to the consequences that are realistic, given our experiences in American life."

Number of teen moms falls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teen pregnancy plummeted 17 percent in the 1990s to the lowest level since 1973, and teen abortion rates were down, too. Researchers point to a mix of reasons, including more reliable contraception, fear of AIDS, a new focus on abstinence and even the strong economy.

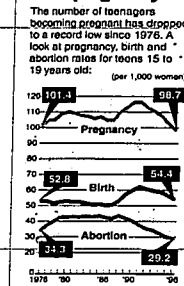
And there's fresh evidence that the peer pressure so many parents worry about actually does more good than harm.

The falling rates have some advocates worried the nation will become complacent about teen pregnancy, but many were celebrating the statistics, which were being announced Thursday.

"We have made real progress — and must do more — to encourage more young people to delay parenthood," said Vice President Al Gore, who plans a roundtable discussion with teenagers today.

Two new reports document the decline. New statistics from the Department of Health and Human Services show that births

Teen pregnancy



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Alan Guttmacher Institute

to teenagers fell 4 percent in 1997, helping to push the national birth rate for all women to a record low.

And a report from the Alan Guttmacher Institute finds teen pregnancy dropped 4 percent in 1996 and fell 17 percent from its peak in 1990. The Guttmacher statistics combine the birth data with statistics on abortion and estimates for miscarriages.

Hospital says patients were misdiagnosed

BOSTON (AP) — Years after receiving good news about their prostate exams, 18 men were recently called by a suburban hospital and told there had been a mistake and they had cancer. Two other men had already died of what the hospital said were unrelated causes.

Because of the errors, the cancer was left undiagnosed and untreated in the 20 men for at least some amount of time, perhaps lowering their chances of survival.

"We feel shock, anger, disbelief — there's nothing we can do," said the wife of one misdiagnosed patient Wednesday, requesting that the family's identity and hometown be kept private. "We don't know what's going to happen."

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Police chase ends in gunfire

MIAMI (AP) — Police chased carjackers along busy streets and then opened fire, killing two suspects. A third suspect was wounded, as was a police officer and a carjacking victim.

The chase started Tuesday when officers homed in on a signal from an anti-theft device in a stolen car, said Miami-Dade County police spokesman Ed Munn.

That car crashed and the three people inside grabbed a second car, abducting two passengers, Munn said. After that vehicle went out of control and struck a fence, the driver plowed into a

police car and tried to run over officers, Munn said. Several officers opened fire, killing two suspects and wounding a third in one arm. The suspects never fired a shot because they had left their guns in the first car, police said.

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NATION/WORLD

Colorado shootings demonstrate gun laws include many loopholes

DENVER (AP) — The Columbine High massacre has demonstrated just how complicated and full of loopholes the nation's overlapping gun laws are.

Federal law makes it illegal for a licensed gun dealer to sell a handgun to anyone under 21 or to sell a rifle to anyone under 18. Colorado law makes it illegal in most cases to give a handgun to a minor. So it would seem an easy case for prosecutors to charge Dylan Klebold's 18-year-old girlfriend for allegedly buying a semiautomatic handgun and giving it to two minors who used it in an attack in which they killed 12 students, a teacher and themselves.

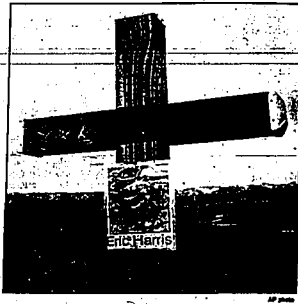
If only it were that easy, prosecutors say. There are 30,000 gun laws at the federal, state and local level, and many are peppered with loopholes. "It's a fragmented mess of laws," said David Akerson, a Denver criminal lawyer. "The loopholes are giant."

For instance, to prosecute on the charge of giving a handgun to a minor under Colorado law, prosecutors must show that the giver "knowingly or recklessly" gave the gun, with the knowledge that the minor planned to break the law. So prosecutors must determine what Robyn Anderson knew and when she knew it.

The federal law that bans handgun sales to anyone under 21 doesn't apply to so-called private sales, so an unlicensed dealer can sell a handgun like the TEC DC-9 used in Littleton to an 18-year-old. Authorities say Ms. Anderson bought the assault pistol in a gun show, where private sellers vie for buyers along with licensed dealers who must follow stricter rules. Private sellers don't have to perform a background check or comply with the waiting period created in the 1994 Brady bill.

President Clinton has called for a crackdown on gun show sales, requiring all sellers to comply with the laws made for dealers. On Tuesday, the president said he had been to gun shows and wasn't impressed with the legal requirements.

"People go around with their trunks open. ... People pay cash," he said. "I'll tell you something: If we don't do something about gun shows, we're going to continue to have serious, serious problems."



A cross with Eric Harris' name sits on a hill with 14 other crosses above Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. The words "How can anyone forgive you?" are written under his picture.

And then there's the Colorado law that bars anyone under 18 from possessing a handgun. That law has a laundry list of exemptions. For instance, a minor can use a handgun for hunting, in organized sporting events, or on property owned by the minor's parent or grandparent with their permission.

And even that law doesn't necessarily apply statewide. Denver, for instance, passed a stricter law, requiring anyone buying even a rifle from a Denver dealer to be 21. The TEC DC-9 used by Klebold and Harris is considered a handgun because of its short barrel, 12.5 inches. The three other guns used — the Hi Point carbine and the two sawed-off shotguns — are considered rifles.

Star killing leaves Britons gripping

Popular icon slain on her doorstep



Jill Dando

LONDON — The killing of one of Britain's best-liked TV stars has left Scotland Yard, her colleagues and much of the country groping for reasons.

With a victim as unlikely as Jill Dando, theories are ranging widely — from a stalker to a contract killing, and even a vengeful Serb.

Millions of Britons had watched the 37-year-old over the years on television news and current affairs programs and grown fond of her down-to-earth manner.

Her fiancé, Alan Farthing, appealed Wednesday for the public's help in finding her killer and

expressed what "many were feeling about the inexplicable loss."

"I do not think for one moment what could go through somebody's mind when they do such a thing to such a beautiful, caring and well-meaning person," he said.

Miss Dando was shot in the head on her doorstep Monday morning as she returned from shopping errands near her west London home.

Seven witnesses have come forward with descriptions of a man seen at or near the house, and police were working on a com-

posite photo Wednesday. "Though by no means the biggest star of the BBC, Miss Dando was among the most familiar of television personalities — and one of the most popular."

Detectives are studying many lines of inquiry, including the reported recent sale of her house and her previous boyfriend.

"Her private life will be one of the areas that will be explored," Detective Chief Inspector Hamish Campbell said Tuesday. "The private life of the killer might be an underworld hitman since Miss Dando worked on 'Crimewatch,' a true-life crime show that seeks the public's help in catching suspects."

The weapon that killed her was a 9 mm semiautomatic pistol of the kind professional hitmen reportedly use.

Chief Khmer Rouge torturer finds God

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — The feared chief of the Khmer Rouge security service, who ordered the torture and killing of at least 14,000 men, women and children in the late 1970s, has been found, a news magazine reported Wednesday.

The report about the discovery of the man known as Duch (pronounced dookh) was to appear in today's issue of the Hong Kong-based Far Eastern Economic Review, the western daily.

Photographer Nic Dunlop and Review reporter Nate Thayer, who in 1997 became the first outsider to see the notorious Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot in 18 years, said they met Duch.

Duch disappeared when the Khmer Rouge were toppled in 1979 and has long been presumed dead.

He converted to Christianity and worked until late last year with various international aid organizations that were unaware of his identity, the magazine said.

Duch, 56, was quoted by the Review as saying he was deeply sorry for the killings and was will-

World in brief

ing to face an international tribunal. Genuine remorse would contrast with the grudging apologies offered by some Khmer Rouge leaders.

Women plead for help against Taliban rulers

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Carrying placards denouncing Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, Afghan women marched on U.N. offices in Pakistan Wednesday to

demand world attention for their plight.

"We get only silence from the international community ... we need help," said Hum Saeed, a spokesman for the protesters, who were led by the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan.

In the 90 percent of Afghanistan ruled by the Taliban, women are banned from working outside the home and girls are not allowed to go to school. Health care is segregated and there are complaints of insufficient doctors, beds and medicines for women.

Compiled from wire reports

Technology to increase school safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Infant drug detectors, hair-sample testing kits, and electronic scanners identifying students by handprint could be put in more of the nation's schools under a \$10 million Senate proposal.

Sens. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., and Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., renewed their call for the money on Wednesday with a demonstration of the latest in school technology.

"None of this is being presented as something that would have prevented the tragedy in Colorado," said Bingaman, refer-

ring to last week's fatal shooting of 14 students and a teacher at a high school in Denver suburb.

"We are saying there are constructive things that can be done with the use of technology,"

Bingaman helped demonstrate a drug-testing chemical by sticking his hand in a bag of marijuana. After Bingaman was fingerprinted, a chemical spray turned them red, revealing the presence of the illegal drug. The test costs about \$1 per use. Other products included hidden security cameras, costing up to \$1,200 apiece, for classrooms and a \$2,200

"hand-geometry" scanner, which would be attached to doors to allow entry only for authorized students, teachers, or even custodial parents.

Some technology could be too expensive for schools, said Gordon Smith of the Department of Energy's Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., which demonstrated the products.

One example is a device, now under development and expected to cost as much as \$150,000, that detects traces of bomb-making material.



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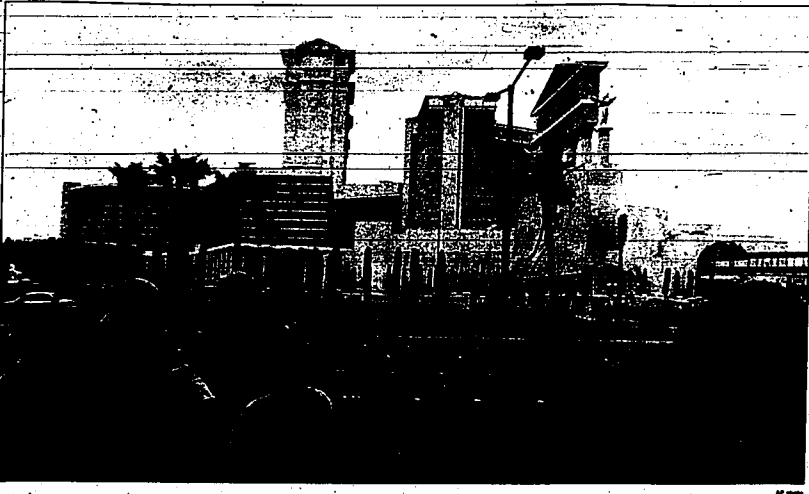
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Park Place Entertainment Corp. purchased CASHM PALMS World from Starwood Hotel and Resorts for \$3 billion Tuesday. Park Place Entertainment also owns the Flamingo Hilton, Las Vegas Hilton, Bally's and soon-to-open Paris-Las Vegas.

Panel recommends pause in gambling

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sharply divided panel studying gambling in America Wednesday recommended a nationwide moratorium on the spread of casinos, lotteries and slot machines.

The commission's report will contain a call for "a pause" in the spread of legalized gambling and encourage state and local governments to form their own gambling study commissions.

"Some policy-makers at all levels may want to impose an explicit moratorium on gambling expansion while awaiting further research and assessment," the National Gambling Impact Study Commission concluded.

The nine-member panel split over the language, particularly the use of the word "moratorium." Five commissioners approved the wording, while four voted no. At least one pro-gambling commissioner member, MGM Grand Inc. chairman J. Terrence Lanni, said he now plans to write a minority report.

Commissioner Robert Loescher, an American Indian businessman in Alaska, opposed the call for a moratorium and said the 5-4 division is "unhealthy."

"I have a problem with the notion that we're going to stop the world or pause or create a moratorium for the business of research," Loescher said. "That is not a com-

pellent and persuasive reason I believe we should advance to the American public for this kind of recommendation."

The advisory commission cannot impose a moratorium. The report calls for what amounts to a national deep breath — a moment to consider gambling's proliferation before more casinos are built and lottery games introduced.

The nine-member commission is nearing the end of a two-year study. It plans to submit a report to Congress June 15 on the economic and social effects of legalized gambling, which has proliferated during the 25 years since the last national study.

Chenoweth legislation wins subcommittee approval

U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth's House Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health has endorsed the Idaho Republican's bill aimed at giving the public more say in forest road-closure decisions on public land.

The vote was 8-5 to send the measure to the full House Resources Committee for further consideration.

"My legislation will establish mandatory procedures to be followed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in advance of any permanent forest road closure to ensure public participation," Chenoweth said Tuesday.

Almost 400 miles of roads in eastern Idaho's Targhee National Forest were closed last summer when the Forest Service built a series of "tank traps" — ditches backed by earthen berms — to block motorized vehicle access.

The surfaces of some roads also were ripped up, and the actions were taken without public involvement in the decision-making process, Chenoweth said.



Helen Chenoweth

Off-road vehicle users and other groups protested the closures, which forest officials said were intended to protect habitat for threatened grizzly bears. The Forest Service also has indicated it wants to eliminate 473 miles of Targhee roads outside bear habitat areas to protect elk habitat and water quality.

"Families across America, especially in my home state of Idaho, enjoy the bounties that the forests provide," Chenoweth said. "Far too often, these families are turned away because the roads were closed without notice to the public." She led a congressional field hearing chaired by Chenoweth was conducted on the issue in February. It ended when police led a group of a half-dozen protestors out of the building.

County prosecutor steps down

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Bingham County officials say it will not be easy replacing Tom Moss, prosecutor for 25 years and at least 20 murder cases.

Moss will leave the part-time position in September for his private practice.

Deputy Prosecutor Scott Andrew said Moss' experience and expertise put county officials at ease.

"I'm going to miss him because he's a great resource," Andrew said.

"I think that one of the things that will be missed about him is his personality, his strength. He just kind of reflects a high level of competence in what he's doing."

Other prosecutors have told Moss he may have handled more murder cases than anyone in the state, including prosecuting death row inmates Paul Ezra Rhoades and Richard Leavitt, he said.

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Fish and Game fund-raiser will join former director

BOISE (AP) — The grant writer responsible for generating millions of dollars in support for the financially strapped state Fish and Game Department has resigned for a similar job in Missouri.

Kat Freudenberg, who coordinated private donations and public grants for the department and the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation, has joined the staff of former Idaho Fish and Game Director Jerry Conley at the Missouri Conservation Department. Conley moved to Missouri 2 1/2 years ago after 16 years as director.

Freudenberg's work was instrumental in the creating of

the MK Nature Center and the Nampa Fish Research Station, and Fish and Wildlife Foundation board member Chuck Hervey said her departure will have an impact.

"There is a great deal of fundraising that goes on not only for those projects but for future funding," Hervey said. "She started a huge momentum. Once that is stopped, you can't get it rolling again."

Freudenberg's departure only compounds the challenges facing the department, where sportsmen's fees have failed to keep up with financing needs and state lawmakers have declined so far to provide any relief.

Former hospital worker pleads guilty to stealing

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A former Columbia Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center administrator could spend up to 61 years in prison for stealing from the hospital.

Richard Vest, 47, pleaded guilty Tuesday to grand theft, racketeering and income tax evasion charges.

The Ririe man admitted he billed the hospital three times for more than \$58,000 for nonexistent work. He also said he did not report that money on his income taxes.

In exchange for Vest's plea,

Bonneville County prosecutors agreed not to pursue a money laundering charge against him or file charges against his wife.

Notified of suspicions by hospital officials, Idaho Criminal Investigation Bureau agents in February arrested the former head of the cardiology unit.

Authorities found Vest ran a \$404,000 two-year scam by charging the hospital for converting videotapes of heart scans to CD-ROMs.

In addition to criminal charges, Vest also faces a \$1.2 million lawsuit from the hospital.

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EDITORIAL

Despite symbolic shipment, waste still threatens aquifer

The good news is that a shipment of plutonium-contaminated waste left eastern Idaho earlier this week. The bad news is that only one shipment of plutonium-contaminated waste left eastern Idaho earlier this week.

The event was more symbolic than substantial, but it was highly significant. The pendulum is finally swinging in the right direction.

After years of broken promises, Uncle Sam is starting to clear the shelves at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The 42 barrels of transuranic waste are headed for a permanent storage site near Carlsbad, N.M.

While it's a welcome development, the shipment does not appreciably diminish the threat to southern Idaho's underground aquifer. Transuranic waste and sludge still amount to 4,899 shipments of transuranic and hazardous waste are scheduled to leave Idaho during the next 19 years.

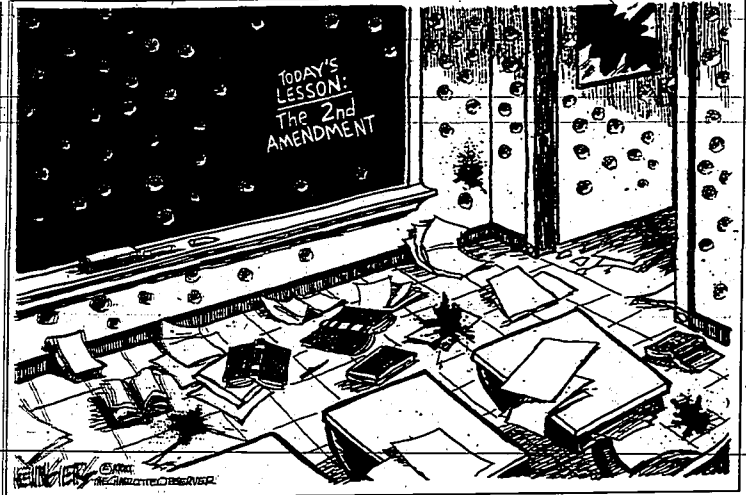
There's a reason why this stuff is finally on the move, and the reason is political leadership. Former Govs. Phil Batt and Cecil

Andrus played "good cop, bad cop" with the federal Energy Department. When Uncle Sam broke a promise in the late 1980s, Andrus refused to allow federal waste shipments into Idaho. Andrus was a tough political operator, and he played the "bad cop" role to perfection.

Batt, on the other hand, was willing to negotiate with Uncle Sam. He wound up with a court-sanctioned timetable that spelled out when the waste would leave Idaho. Batt took a beating from critics because his agreement allowed more high-level spent fuel into Idaho before any transuranic mixed waste was removed.

Tuesday's shipment is a clear vindication of Batt's agreement. It also safeguards America's commitment to accept spent nuclear fuel from research reactors in foreign countries. Accepting that spent fuel is the right thing to do. If we don't, the best we can expect is less-rigorous storage than we would provide. The worst that could happen is for it to fall into terrorist hands.

America had a lot to do with the proliferation of spent nuclear fuel around the world. It's only fitting that we help solve a problem that we helped create. In the meantime, let's hold Uncle Sam to his promise to break the logjam at the INEEL.



A Littleton massacre occurs daily in gun society

What a strange country, the many foreign dignitaries gathered here last week, undimmed have thought America built itself up as a gun-society. America, when it comes to guns and children, it just doesn't seem to just it.

The heads of state here for NATO's anniversary were invited to make such comments. But as the Littleton, Colo., high school shootings pushed Kosovo off the front pages across the world, others weren't so complimentary. "America, the gun-society, is still," said Brian's Yonemitsu.

In 1998, the last year for which comparative statistics are available, there were 151 handgun suicides in the United States. In Great Britain, 106 in Canada and 1,191 in the United States.

There are some of the factors that have been blamed for the Littleton massacre: movies, television, the media, the proliferation of religion, the absence of religion, bad parents, unwise teachers, school stress, alcohol, racial prejudice, teen-age alienation, the Internet, the World Wide Web, culture of death and computer games.

Chas. H. Stein, spokesman for the National Rifle Association, blamed the absence of an armed security guard (in fact, one was present). He blamed the school for allowing the killers to wear black hooded sweatshirts. He blamed the parents.

President Clinton talked about hate, prejudice, community policing, curricular regulation, parental responsibility, violence in the culture and much more. When he did turn to guns, it was in a careful, triangulating kind of way.

We need, he said, "to strike a better, proper balance between making it harder for the people who are violent to get guns

FRED HIATT

and misuse them, without interfering with the constructive role that it plays in our society."

Hillary Clinton was more forthright. "We need to stand up and say what needs to be said about guns and firearms," she said. "Why on earth would we permit any young person access to this firearms class, two young men brought into that school?"

Easier for her, you might say, she's only running in New York, where gun control is favored. He has the whole country.

On the other hand, what is the running for? Why not lead on this issue? What "constructive role" do handguns play?

In 1998, 4,643 children and teen-agers were killed with guns - 2,866 murdered, 1,309 by suicide, 468 in unintentional shootings. That means 13 every day - a Littleton massacre every day.

Some of those murders would take place anyway, but many would not. Some of the fires would be attempted, but many would not, and many more could be treated. The unintentional shootings of the 6 year olds playing with a father's gun - are preventable deaths.

There will always be angry teen-agers. But an angry teen-ager with a baseball bat, or even a knife, is likely to cause the Littleton killers - with two sawed-off 12-gauge shotguns, a 9 mm semi-automatic rifle and a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol.

"We should teach kids how to resolve conflicts," says Stephen Teret, a professor at Johns Hopkins University and di-

rector of its Center for Gun Policy and Research. But there are 52 million schoolchildren, he points out. A conflict-resolution program that is 99.9 percent successful will leave 52,000 kids "wedge to commit mayhem. For them, you want to make sure there's not an operable gun within reach."

How to do that plunges you quickly into the arena of the gun-control debate: waiting periods and identity checks, one-purchase-a-month laws and liability suits. Rep. Carolyn McCarty, D-N.Y., wants to require parents to lock their guns away, holding them responsible if they fail to do so and children then use their guns in a crime.

Teret, believing that many gun owners oppose anything that interferes with immediate access, favors instead technology that personalizes guns so that only their owners can use them. Such technology is available, he says, and getting cheaper all the time.

This is a very hot debate, but it shouldn't obscure the main points: There are too many guns in America, too easily accessible to children.

The gun-control fight has gone on so long that there's a tendency to look for new insights, new approaches, new compromises to be theorized about. That's fine. But sometimes, even in age-old wars, one side is right and the other is wrong.

And sometimes, it takes an outsider to point that out. These horrible tragedies can happen anywhere, not just south of the border. A Canadian columnist, Jennifer Robinson, wrote in the Gazette of Montreal last week. "It's just that the next Littleton is more likely to be in the United States, where guns are a way of life and part of the culture."

It seems obvious to everyone but us. Fred Hiatt is a member of The Washington Post editorial page staff.

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LETTER

U of I produces bright young minds

Your recent editorial regarding the excellence of the University of Idaho was accomplished this past weekend when the University of Idaho Advertising Team placed first in a prestigious competition. In a meeting of Region XI of the American Advertising Federation in Boise, the U of I faced stiff competition from major Montana universities, Idaho State, Boise State, Washington State, Portland State and the University of Oregon.

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The U of I should be proud of those 15 bright young minds as they carry the school's banner to the national competition. We certainly are proud of them.

STEVE AND RUTH ENGEL
Twin Falls

It's time to revise NATO's squeamish strategy in Kosovo before it's too late

When Sen. Richard Lugar said, six years ago, that NATO must either "go out of area or out of business," he may have under-

estimated NATO. It may be doing better. NATO pleased as punch to remain unified while waging war for more than a month without suffering a single casualty. However, unity was strained when the alliance espoused "the battle between good and evil, between civilization and barbarity" (Prime Minister Blair's words) by bombing a television station. This was part of Phase II of this tiny war to produce a "permissive environment" for troops to deliver Kosovars into "substantial autonomy" of the man NATO depicts as a Balkan lifter.

The squeamishness of some allies about the attack against the Balkan Hitler's television facilities may be quashed by the fact that Serbian broadcasting has remarkable recuperative

power. And speaking of such powers, Gen. Wesley Clark cheerily reported that Slobodan Milosevic's operations in Kosovo have been brought to temporary halt on the grounds of lack of fuel. "Which means that Milosevic's forces have improvised recoveries: three times - so far."

Still, Serbia, which when the war began had an economy 20 percent smaller than Idaho's, will have a much smaller one when the war ends. The end may come when Serbia figures out how to help NATO surrender its current position, which is, essentially, that Serbia

must surrender unconditionally to NATO's terms. They were repeated in NATO's communiqué, the 15th point of which was especially robust:

"We reaffirm our strong support for the internationally agreed program of Montenegro. Any move by Belgrade to undermine the government of President Djindjic will have grave consequences." Six, after utterly failing for more than a month to achieve its stated goal of presenting the province of Kosovo as a province of Yugoslavia, NATO has opted to ignore its bluster about Serbian provocation.

What "grave consequences" fly aside from resolution obligating that the United Nations is very grave, the only arrow in NATO's quiver for hitting NATO, which has gone to war in part to polish its credentials. It has now made its credibility hostage to a promise of grave consequences for "any" attempt to "undermine" the government in a province where Milosevic has an

estimated 12,000 troops. Republicans seem determined to do nothing - certainly not their duties, constitutional and others - that might make this seem like something other than "the Clinton-Gore war." The United States is disastrously conducting a war without having been attacked, or an ally having been attacked, or any other emergency that would preclude a debate. A debate might prompt the bewildered administration either to devise a more sensible strategy or to liquidate the adventure before more damage is done. But most congressional Republicans seem to see only a chance for electoral advantage.

Democrats display brine docility by following wherever their nonleader wanders. This, in spite of the fact that his conduct in this crisis reflects the idea that his intelligence and well-educated. But no one can be either who accepted the premises on which the war was begun - that Milosevic is Hitlerian but temperate

enough that bombers will settle things by tweaking his calculations. Perhaps fresh plans for achieving this are being concocted by game-theoretic and conflict-resolution specialists who, one suspects, are conducting this war.

The United States is NATO's dominant member. National Journal reports that the United States provides 90 percent of NATO's power-projection capability, and that the other 18 members' defense budgets combined amount to 10 percent of U.S. spending. The U.S. commander in chief is grossly dishonest; his arrogance makes him oblivious to his ignorance; his claim to foreign policy competence is annihilated by this policy meltdown.

Gen. Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, has coined a verb: before plunging into the fog of war, "you should worst-case it." Let us do so.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau



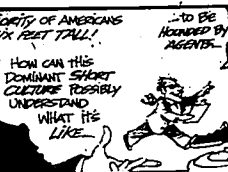
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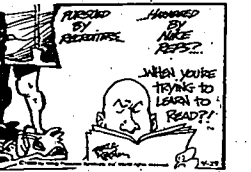
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OPINION

LETTERS

Thank you for the music

Most people in this community are aware that Mr. Dick Smack, a music teacher at Twin Falls High School, is retiring this year. He has taught music in this district for a number of years and has made a great impact on many young lives.

We want to thank him for the wonderful teaching and the fine example he has been to our children. They learned a lot about music. However, even more important, they learned about performing, responsibility, camaraderie and much about themselves. Mr. Smack helped them to mature and aspire toward worthwhile goals in their lives. We are very grateful to him.

Thanks also to his wife, Rita, who has been a support with all of the musical events. She has been there continually, lending her encouragement.

Our community has been fortunate to have Mr. Smack in our district - a teacher who has always "gone the extra mile" for our children.

JOYCE AND JAY LLOYD
Twin Falls

Goths are not all violent

I'm writing because I'm sickened by all the negative publicity given to the Gothic community. Goths are neither violent nor racist in any way.

There have been so many misconceptions about Goths and what they are. (I am not necessarily a Goth, but I enjoy Gothic music very much, dress like a Goth at times, and I have quite a few Gothic friends). Goths are not people who are generally depressed, mean, thick and make-up; however, that is a part of "Gothic culture."

Goths are nonviolent, open-minded, and loyal people, and that aspect is something that the media was too blind to see. They were too busy reporting how these so-called "Goths" were the reason for 15-plus children dying. Now, people who wear trench coats and listen to Marilyn Manson are definitely not Goth. They are people who are too stupid to know what a true Goth is, so they just copy what they see on MTV, which would be Marilyn Manson (who is not Goth). That is one reason that I'm so inspired by what I've been hearing. Well, if Gothic music causes people to be violent or them-

selves and others, then why have I not killed others or myself? And why did I take time to write this letter when I could have easily sent a bomb through the U.S. mail system? Gothic music is just the reason for this. These mean people just need a museum because they can't conceive that someone did this just for the fact that they're legally insane, but when this happens in Arkansas, people immediately think, "Oh

my, Arkansas. Everybody from there is crazy."
"Stereotypes will generally lead to the decline in our civilization. Media is already stereotyped with young life by the standards of stereotypes. This is a circle that is finally, stupid and needs to be stopped."
I know that reports on "bad" people bring in ratings, but on news shows, I believe that only the names should be stated. As I've

said before, I'm disgusted by all of the false information that has been reported within the past week.
Finally, I'd like to reiterate the fact that Goths are neither violent nor racist, music does not cause them to do what they do, and wearing trench coats and listening to Marilyn Manson does not make you a Goth.
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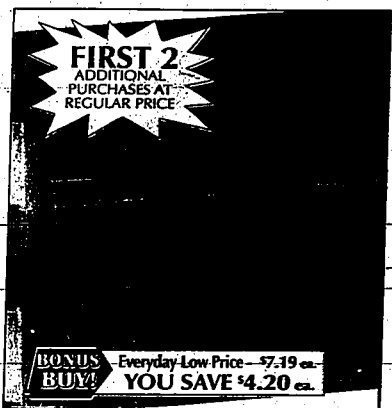


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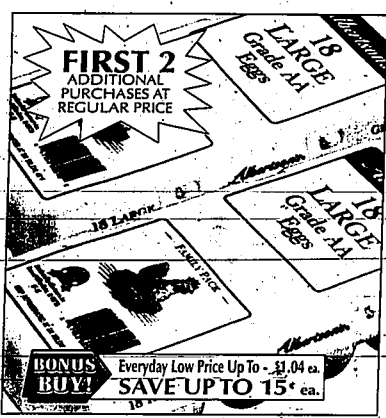


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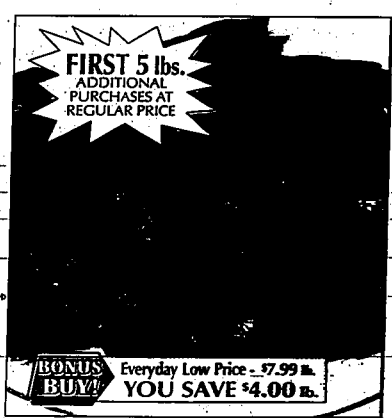


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Jonnas at Hillcrest, 4 p.m.
- High school track and field
Wood River Invitational, at Buhl, 3:30 p.m.
Northside conference meet at Carey, 2 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Idaho Stallions sign ex-Dixie wide receiver
 BOISE — The Idaho Stallions Indoor Professional Football League team signed two more players this week, including a former star for the Dixie College Rebels.
 Wide receiver Ricky Ross, who went on to play at the University of Missouri after two seasons in St. George, Utah, joins 300-pound defensive tackle Donald Johnson from Ansa Pacific as the franchise's newest recruits.

Hamblin shoots fifth hole-in-one Wednesday
 TWIN FALLS — PGA professional Mike Hamblin scored his fifth hole-in-one Wednesday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, using a pitching wedge to nail the 140-yard, par 3 No. 2 hole.
 The shot was witnessed by Scott Jerome, Corky Federico and Jon Havesan during Monday's twilight play.

Canyon Springs alters date for clean-up day
 TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs men's and ladies golf associations have rescheduled their course cleanup day.
 The event, which had originally been slated for Sunday, will now be May 23.

Broncos' Meineke tops college tennis honors
 IRVINE, Calif. — Led by co-Big West Player of the Year honoree Leif Meineke, several college tennis players finished in the top 10 in the Big West All-Conference tennis selections main Wednesday.
 U of I singles player Katrina Burke, a senior, made the women's first team with Boise State University sophomore Pia-Lena Andar, while Idaho senior Darin Currell and BSU juniors Meineke and Wesley Moodie captured men's recognition. Meineke and UC Santa Barbara senior Cory Guy split player of the year honors.

Burley ladies golf league will start season May 5
 BURLEY — The Wednesday Night Ladies Golf League season kicks off May 5 with a 5:45 a.m. meeting at the Burley Golf Course.
 Regular play will begin the following Wednesday night (May 12) and continue through August. Ladies interested in this league should call Nancy at 436-6200 or DeEzra at 679-5286.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Widows assistant coach Marc Knigge is a big part of building new school buildings in Filer. Knigge has raised over \$5,000 for building and maintaining the Filer High School baseball field.

FILER'S FIELD OF DREAMS

By Kevin Hall
 Times-News Staff

FILER — Once they played in a pasture. Now they're playing in style.
 Filer's newest patch of real estate stretches 370 feet to dead center, 325 feet down the lines. Pockets of dandelions — reminders of the old patch of scrub — dot the expansive outfield, juxtaposed to the protract diamond laid with pumice and red clay that wraps around a lush green infield.
 The hard-park pitcher's mound rises a foot above the leveled surface as a testament to the vicious spirit the diamond instills, while a row of poplars stands snuffy behind the bleachers to buffer the westerly winds blowing in from across an adjacent cornfield.
 It's a gem of a baseball field, and it shines with a town's grow-

Assistant baseball coach helps make ballpark reality

ing pride.
 And Filer High baseball assistant coach Marc Knigge can smile.
 "It's about going back to the kids," said Knigge, sponsoring Filer cap. "We have to teach young men the game of baseball because it's a great way to teach them the game of life."
 Reflecting the population growth of the town, Filer's Widows moved up from the scene A-3 tracks a year ago to compete at the bigger A-2 level. With the change came a renewed finding of respect, long lost at a school whose baseball program experienced a setback in 1994 after an absence of mem-

then we would put the sign up over there," Knigge said. "It's kind of like dedicating the field in their name, as a way to say they were part of putting this thing together."
 The \$4,000 Knigge raised this spring to whip the field into shape has covered the majority of the expenses for the program: cutting the infield, raising the dugout roofs, chalking the lines and keeping the field maintained.
 Two more names will soon join the others on the board, which Knigge will chiefly post for next season.
 "I'm seeking Filer 500 club members on a daily basis," Knigge said.
 That financial backing, along with a growing fan base that shows up to fill the aging grandstands — plus a rise in player turnout — is proof that support is on the rise.
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Seattle SuperSonics Vladimir Stepania blocks a shot by Portland Trail Blazers' Wallace during Wednesday's game in Portland, Ore.

Blazers crush Sonics

The Associated Press
PORTLAND, Ore. — Damon Stoudamire scored a season-high 31 points as the Portland Trail Blazers routed the Seattle SuperSonics 119-84 Wednesday night.
 Stoudamire, playing his best game as a Blazer since being traded from Toronto last February, scored 17 of the third quarter on 7-of-10 shooting. "Wah Williams had 11 of his 20 points in the period, and the Blazers made all 12 of their free throws."
 Daeleef Schrampf and Dale Ellis each had 13 points for the Sonics.
 While Minnesota's win over Phoenix, Seattle (22-24) fell a game behind the Timberwolves (23-25) in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.
 Portland (34-11) moved ahead of title Utah (34-12) for the best record in the NBA and homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs.
 Stoudamire, who came into the game shooting just 39 percent, scored mostly on quick cuts to the basket and short, leaping jumpers.
More NBA — B3
 A shot off the glass, followed by a lob-pass dunk to Rasheed Wallace, made the score 53-50 with 53.2 seconds left in the third.
 The Sonics trailed just 53-45 at the half, but Portland nearly ran them off the court in the third. Nine straight points by Williams, including a 3-pointer and two fast-break layups, made it 73-55.
 Stoudamire's brightest moment came when he grabbed a loose ball that had gone off Ellis' foot and drove past Gary Payton for a spinning, back-to-the-basket layup that made the score 79-55.
 The Sonics actually led midway through the second quarter, using a 15-0 run that began late in the first period to take a 30-24 lead.
 Portland outscored the Sonics 29-15 the rest of the period for a 53-45 halftime lead. Stacey Augmon scored eight points in the run, and Stoudamire and Wallace each had six.

Orioles take no chances

Fans must behave during Cuba game

The Associated Press
BALTIMORE — Political banners, flags and musical instruments will be banned at Camden Yards, and fights over the ballpark might be restricted.
 Major league baseball and the Baltimore Orioles are doing all they can to limit possible disruptions during Monday's game against Cuba.
 Additional police will be assigned downtown that day to monitor and separate several planned demonstrations.
 "It's ludicrous; it's ridiculous; it's not American," said Rep. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., who has been involved in the fight over the anti-Castro protests to be held in Baltimore during the evening game.
 They're being extreme. I Peter Angelos expect this. Owner of Orioles
 from Castro in Baltimore Orioles Havana. I
 Don't expect this from (team owner) Peter Angelos and the Orioles," he said.
 The Orioles said strict guidelines for the concert will be enforced, and fans may be asked to leave, even for chanting, if it disturbs other fans.
 The Orioles have also sold tickets in pairs, making it difficult for larger groups to sit together.
 Team spokesman John Maroon said the banner policy is the same for every regular-season game — banners cannot be displayed during play and political and commercial messages are not allowed.
 "Those people wishing to make any kind of political statement in Baltimore should do so in a predetermined area outside the ballpark," Maroon said.
 Menendez said he expects up to a thousand anti-Castro protesters from the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area to board buses for Baltimore on Monday. Menendez has been an outspoken critic of the Orioles' exhibition games with Cuban teams, saying human rights abuses by the Castro regime are being overlooked.
 "There is another face to these games and that face is very ugly," Menendez said. He noted that four dissidents who were arrested in 1997 for publicly criticizing Communist Party policy were sentenced last month to up to five years in prison.
 Other groups plan demonstrations in favor of ending the four-decade U.S. embargo against Cuba, which they say hurts the island nation's people.
 "I'm certainly not saying their government does not have abuses, but they certainly have the right to govern themselves, and our policy is causing harm to their people," he said.
 Zisow said the Maryland Coalition to End the Embargo of Cuba.
 Zisow said the group has distributed 500 tickets for the game to supporters.



Foreman testifies before grand jury

The Associated Press
NEWARK, N.J. — George Foreman testified Wednesday before a federal grand jury said to be investigating whether the IBF sold rankings and arranged fights in return for kickbacks.
 The former heavyweight champion was in the grand jury room for less than an hour.
 On the advice of his lawyer, Foreman would not discuss his testimony. But asked if he had ever paid a kickback, he said, "No," and also said this was his first appearance before any grand jury.
 The lawyer, Lawrence H. Wechsler, would not comment either, but has said federal prosecutors are probing whether Foreman was enticed by unionizing groups, and that he did not know if Foreman ever paid on better his ranking.
 In past weeks, the grand jury has heard from officials of the New Jersey-based IBF, one of the world's three major sanctioning organizations. It does not appear that its president, Robert W. Lee Sr., has testified.
 Foreman did discuss with the media the need to reform boxing and the sanctioning groups.
 "I think what boxing should be given some time to clean up its act. If not someone should do it for them," Foreman said.
 Although inactive in the ring for several years, Foreman — who recently turned 50 — also said he would fight the man he considers the heavyweight champion, Lennox Lewis.
 "I'd like to keep coming back until I'm a grandfather and boxing is a sport as clean as pingpong," said Foreman.
 At 45, Foreman captured the IBF and WBA championships to become the oldest champion in any weight class, and now boasts a record of 76-5.
 The grand jury earlier this month heard from the boxing judge criticized for her scoring in last month's Evander Holyfield-Lennox Lewis title fight.



Former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman throws a fake punch as he jokes with photographers Wednesday after testifying before a federal grand jury in Newark, N.J.

SPORTS

Filer

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building within the community. Support that hasn't always been there.
"We've had some resistance," Knigge said. "Some people just have different views and different ideas of what we're doing. And our answer to that is, 'Come join us and help us find a common path.'"

es have experienced is small potatoes compared to the positive outpouring of encouragement and help they've received from the school, businesses and parents of their players.
"We have a lot of young players in the pipeline and I think we're going to see this program really take off. That's our hope anyway," Knigge said.

leagues will use the field. Building upon the perseverance and determination of community elders Roger Egner and Bob Parent — men with vision enough to see the game's return to the town's high school in 1994 — Knigge, Buys, assistant Phil Gerrish and their Wildcats inaugurated their new-look home Saturdays against Buhl — and, unfortunately, the team was shut out in a doubleheader.
"That's OK, we'll win this weekend," Buys said, referring to the Wendell Tigers' appearance Saturday at the field.
Just how the pastoral playground situated at 700 Stevens Ave. became a full-fledged ball field could be attributed to a

never-ending list of volunteers, businessmen and the city — each supplied labor and materials for the project — as well as the players, who worked extraordinarily hard preparing the grounds for their games, Knigge said.
But the real credit belongs back to the combined efforts of Egner, Parent and Knigge — men who've returned to the hometown after seeking out the world and not liking exactly what they found.
"My motivation after moving back from living in California was not having my kids right in the throat of drugs," Egner said. "And I saw kids, 17, 18, 19-year-olds, who were playing baseball and staying out of trouble."

Egner, president of the Filer Recreation Board, said that before he convinced the school district and parents to support bringing baseball back to the farming community, students were left with little choices outside of school and working the family farm.
"There was nothing else for the kids to do," Egner said.
So Egner and former coach Parent resolved to get involved. Every time there was a board meeting, Egner would attend — pleading his case for support, and pledging his time and money when the board used funding as an excuse to say no.
"I said, 'Look, if you can pay the \$1,000 for transportation ..."

then I would take care of the rest of it," Egner said.
So he and Parent and other volunteers erected the backstop, fencing and dugout blocks for the skeleton of what is today a nice little ballfield.
"I just pushed and pushed and pushed," Egner said. "And I think they just got tired of me."
Sometimes it takes that type of pushing to move people toward a goal. Now realized, Knigge is looking forward to his next project.
"I could use some help in painting the bleachers," he said with a grin.
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Gonzales' double lifts Texas over Yankees

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Juan Gonzalez hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the seventh inning, and the Texas Rangers beat New York 8-6 Wednesday night to end their six-game losing streak to the Yankees.

American League

Todd Zeile added a two-run double later in the inning as the Rangers stopped New York's overall six-game winning streak. Texas, which blew a 5-0 first-inning lead Tuesday night, fought back from a 4-1 deficit to tie this game 4-1 on pinch-hitter Roberto Kelly's single off Mike Stanton (0-1) in the seventh.

Royals 8, Orioles 2
BALTIMORE — Jose Rosado (1-1) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings, becoming the first Royals starter to win in 14 days. Carlos Beltran went 4-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs as Kansas City denied Baltimore an elusive second straight.

Red Sox 9, Twins 4
MINNEAPOLIS — Jose Offerman drove in three runs and Pat Rapp (1-1) allowed one run and six hits in six innings.

Nomar Garciaparra and Jason Varitek each added two RBIs for Boston, which avoided being swept at the Metrodome for the first time since 1994. Trot Nixon, Boston's No. 9 hitter, homered and scored four runs.

White Sox 10, Rays 7
White Sox 9, Rays 1

CHICAGO — Magglio Ordonez hit the first grand slam of his career and added a solo home run in his next as Chicago completed a double-digit sweep. Ordonez hit a two-run solo home run in the opener.

John Snyder (3-1) gave up one run and seven hits in seven innings to win the second game. Tony Saunders (2-3), who came within four outs of a no-hitter in his previous start, gave up nine runs — eight earned — eight hits and four walks in 4 1/3 innings.

In the opener, Jim Parque (3-1) gave up five runs — three earned — and five hits in five innings, and Bob Flaherty pitched the ninth for his sixth win. Matt Williams (2-2) was tagged for seven runs and nine hits



Boston Red Sox right fielder Trot Nixon reaches for a ball bounces over him in the third inning Wednesday in Minneapolis. Todd Walker of the Twins recorded a double on the play.

National League

Braves 5, Pirates 4
ATLANTA — It took a dramatic ninth-inning rally for Tom Glavine to avoid falling to 0-4 for the first time in his career. Chipper Jones tied the score with a two-run double and Andrew Jones singled in the winning run, lifting the Atlanta Braves over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Dodgers 3, Brewers 2
MILWAUKEE — Chan Ho Park pitched 6 2/3 strong innings and doubled in two runs, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Dodgers trailed 2-1 in the sixth when Raul Mondesi hit a lead-off single and stole second. With two outs, Todd Hundley was walked intentionally to get to Park, who hit a drive to the warning track in left-center, scoring both runners.

Cubs 6, Marlins 1

MIAMI — Mark Grace went 4-for-4 and Steve Trachsel allowed three hits in seven innings for his first victory of the year, leading the Chicago Cubs past the Florida Marlins.

Giants 4, Expos 3
MONTREAL — Joe Nathan pitched eight strong innings in his second major league start and Charlie Hayes had two RBIs to lead the San Francisco Giants over the New Jersey Nets.

D'backs 10, Astros 6
HOUSTON — Matt Williams hurt Arizona with three errors but hit a tiebreaking single off Billy Wagner

in a five-run ninth inning as the Diamondbacks beat the Houston Astros.

Wagner (0-1) had allowed just three hits in seven shutout innings and struck out 14 coming in. He entered with the game tied 3-3 but quickly got in trouble. Darren Holmes (1-0) allowed one hit in two shutout innings for his first NL win since Sept. 23, 1991.

Rockies 9, Cardinals 7

ST. LOUIS — Larry Walker hit his first three home runs of the season and tied a team record with eight RBIs in the Colorado Rockies' victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Walker, who had 23 homers last year and won the NL batting title with a .363 average, hit three-run homers his first two at-bats against Jose Jimenez (2-1). After singling in the fifth, he hit a two-run homer off Scott Rudolph in the seventh for a 9-6 lead.

Brian Bohannon (4-0) became the first Rockies pitcher to win his first four games. Dave Veres finished for his fourth save.

Pistons 101, Nets 93

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jerome Williams had 18 points and a career-high 15 rebounds to lead the surging Detroit Pistons over the New Jersey Nets.

After losing six of seven, the Pistons have won three in a row to solidify their playoff position. Detroit moved within a half-game of idle Philadelphia for fifth place in the East.

Bulls 115, Raptors 102

MILWAUKEE — Tim Thomas hatched a season high with 21 points and Milwaukee clinched its first winning season since 1990-91.

The Bucks also remained tied with Detroit for sixth in the Eastern Conference playoff race. The teams play here Friday night.

NBA

Magic 93, Wizards 86

ORLANDO, Fla. — Darrell Armstrong flourished in a starting role for the second straight game, scoring 27 points in Orlando's win over Washington.

A candidate for the NBA's Sixth Man Award, the 6-foot-1 Armstrong has been forced into a starting role because of injuries and Orlando's offensive problems during a five-game losing streak that he ended with a game-winning shot at Indiana on Tuesday night.

Hawks win seventh in row, tie Pacers for lead

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks tied Indiana for the Central Division lead by winning their seventh in a row, beating the New York Knicks 76-73 Wednesday night.

The teams combined for only 19 points in the third quarter, the lowest-scoring third period in league history. Atlanta outscored New York 13-8 in the quarter.

Atlanta Hawks 76, New York Knicks 73

Steve Smith sealed the victory by hitting seven free throws in the final 10 seconds.

The loss snapped the Knicks' three-game winning streak and left them with a half-game lead over Charlotte for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East.

Bruin breaks discus record at TF meet

By Lisa Winther
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Bruin Nate Silvester first broke the Twin Falls High School discus record last year, replacing a 33-year-old mark with a throw of 173-3 feet.

Wednesday, at the Twin Falls Invitational, he threw a 177-5.

"I'm excited," Silvester said. "I usually keep it in and a lot of people say I don't show a lot of enthusiasm, but I know I can do better than that."

Silvester said he has been throwing distances of 180 to 190 feet in practice. "It's kind of frustrating during the meets," he said.

"It's really something," said Twin Falls coach Larry Lewis. "The last record was set in 1984, and it's great when we get a thrower that can throw like that. He breaks it almost every year for us. He's doing a great job for us."

After placing first in both the shot put and the discus, Silvester says he feels ready for the regional and state meets. "Hopefully by then I'll be in the high 180 or 190 range like I'm getting in practice," he said.

Silvester is also strong in the shot put, where he set a personal record at the American Falls meet last Saturday of 55-2. The Twin Falls shot put record is 63-2. "I think I can get it," Silvester said. "But it will be a lot harder than the discus."

The Bruin boys grabbed the team win in the seven-team track meet. The girls finished fourth behind Postlell, Highland and Timberline.

"Our boys are looking strong," Lewis said. "They're running well and we're a very good team right now. All we want to do is make sure everyone stays healthy."

Wednesday, the Twin Falls boys got their spring in many areas. Burdier Travis Greene led the high and intermediate hurdles, running a 34.5 in the 110 and a 38.5 in the intermediate event. Teammate Mar Call was a close competitor in the hurdles, placing third in the 110 event and placing second behind Greene in the 300-intermediate event.

The boys also have Jeff Plane and Adam Joslin running in the 100- and 200-meter events. Joslin was third in the 100, followed by Plane. Plane took second in the 200, followed by Joslin.

The Bruin boys are the team to beat in the 800- and 1600-meter relay. The 4x200 boys and girls teams have the fastest times in the Magic Valley, and both better their times Wednesday. Plane, Kris Henns, Robbie

Beaton and Greene ran a 1:30.1, while the 1600-meter relay team of Herman Beaton, Call and Greene ran a first-place 7:27.

Henns and Beaton also ran one and two respectively in the 400-meter dash.

The girls' team, meanwhile, are ranked second behind Jerome among Magic Valley schools in the 4x400 relay.

"The girls' team has some good athletes," Lewis said. "But we're competing against some very good teams as well. We know we'll get some people to state and our relay is our strong point."

The girls' 800-meter relay team, consisting of Shanna Lewis, Sarah DeFuerce, Missy Stubbs and Bethany Hazen ran two seconds ahead of the second place team of Borah, setting a personal record for the team at 1:47 and solidifying their No. 1 position in the Magic Valley Top 5. With Chrissy Pate replacing DeFuerce in a 1600-meter relay, the Bruins beat Borah again by seven seconds.

Learnart also placed second in the 400-meter run with a one-minute time, while Pate placed second in the 300-meter hurdles behind 1997 state champion Olivia Greenwood of Boise. Pate's time of 47.54 missed another Twin Falls record by just one second.

The Bruin girls also had third-place finishes from Kary Nelson in the high jump and Kim Strunk in the 100-meter high hurdles.

Table with 2 columns: Event and Name/Time. Lists various track and field results for boys and girls.

COMMENTS

Comments on various sports events, including basketball and football games.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Flyers slap Leafs, next play Friday

PHILADELPHIA — The Flyers finally earned Gojo, and John LeClair broke out of his playoff rut with two goals Wednesday night as the Flyers breathed new drama into an already rocky series with a 5-2 victory over the Maple Leafs.

Philadelphia also had a crucial two-man advantage and scored on a power play generated by The Donny's full-season takeover of Sandy McCarthy — the two players involved in a racial conflict that has marred the series.

The teams play Game 5 Friday in Toronto, and the Flyers' victory guaranteed a return trip to Philadelphia for Game 6 on Sunday.

Bruins top Hurricanes but lose Wilson

BOSTON — Landon Wilson jammed the puck across the goal line at the Bruins' third period power play Wednesday, but a goal-keeping sparking the Bruins to a 4-1 win over the Carolina Hurricanes to even their playoff series at 2-2.

Wilson later left the game having separated his shoulder. He said he won't play in Friday night's game of the best-of-7 Eastern Conference quarterfinal. He wouldn't rule out a return for Game 6 Sunday night in Boston.

Fast track planned for Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Heavy rain has pelted Churchill Downs for three straight days, but the weatherman is calling for sunny skies for Saturday, Kentucky Derby Day.

With predictions calling for a light sunrise and temperatures in the low 70s, it appears there will be a fast track for the 125th Derby. The last time there was a wet track for the Derby was in 1994 when the winner was Go for Gin.

Letter denies allegations in lawsuit

SEATTLE — An Arizona woman is suing Seattle Mariners pitcher Mike Letter for \$6 million, alleging he abused her during an extramarital affair.

Sheila O'Connell filed the lawsuit Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Chicago, where she claims she and Letter were involved from 1996 through September 1997. The lawsuit charges Letter with sexual harassment, verbally abusing and causing physical and emotional damage. Letter denied the allegations.

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TRACKING THE LOCALS

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Eric Metzger: MISSOULA, Mont. - Twin Falls High School graduate (1997) is the casual tennis sensation for the Gazelles...

best on the team. Metzger, a U of M sophomore majoring in sociology with a 3.0 average...

Locals compete in race to Robie Creek

BURLEY - A number of Magic Valley runners participated in the 23rd annual Race to Robie Creek...

Temperatures climbed into the mid 70s by race time, making the various 5-mile climbs over Hilltop Summit a sweltering experience.

The fastest local time went to Clyde Goodrich of Burley, who cruised over the almost 5,000-foot elevation gain and down the five-

mile drop off on the other side to a 13th place overall finish. He posted a 1:30:27 time.

Winner of the toughest women races in the valley finished third with an overall time of 1:45:28.

Runner-up was Laura Rodeman, a senior from Idaho Falls, who finished fourth with a time of 1:46:34.

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YOURSPORTS IN BRIEF

Darrells win Shoshone co-ed volleyball event: SHOSHONE - A total of five teams turned out April 17 for the co-ed volleyball tournament...

U18 tops Sawtooth 3-2 in soccer match: The Twin Falls Boys' U18 soccer team hosted Sawtooth United April 14 at Ascension Field...

Burley ladies will golf again Wednesday: BURLEY - The Burley Ladies Golf Day League played "Bingo, Bango, Bango" last Wednesday...

Barrel racing season is off and running: RUEL - Last Tuesday marked the kick-off of barrel racing for the local National Barrel Horse Association...

Rupert ladies plan golf clinic

RUPERT - The Rupert Ladies Golf Association held a Ladies Day and played Tic-Tac-Toe on Tuesday.

The winners led for first place were Elvera Richan, Karen Arriv, Johnnie de Blaquiere, Doris Wright, Ardeth Stark, Elaine Gordon and Clarice Groesbeck.

A golf clinic will be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 4. The play next week will be a scramble followed by the monthly meeting and luncheon.

Magic Valley volleyball team wins tourney

LOGAN, Utah - The Magic Valley Volleyball Club 16-year-old team collected its first tournament title of the season April 24, posting six wins over teams from Utah and Idaho.

The club's only loss was to the Pocatello Aces. Stefanie Poe and Bryna Olmstead compiled perfect serving percentages for the first serving position...

Labor pact leaves some WNBA issues unresolved

NEW YORK (AP) - Although its union claims the sides are close to reaching the WNBA's first collective bargaining agreement, the league says there are unresolved issues.

After two days of negotiations, a union spokesman said the only issue separating the sides involves player appearances at charity events.

The 10-week WNBA season is scheduled to begin June 10. The labor dispute forced the postponement of the player draft, scheduled last Tuesday.

Governor says Patriots are jumping ship

HARTFORD, Conn. - Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland dismissed the latest proposal Wednesday by Massachusetts lawmakers to keep the New England Patriots, comparing it to his state's failed 1997 bid to keep the Hartford Whalers.

The Patriots submitted an application to the NFL last week for permission to move to Hartford. Rowland said Connecticut's proposal to build a \$374 million stadium and guarantee \$15 million per year for six years would divert the latest offer by Massachusetts.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Former legislator Joslyn dies at 86

JOSE - Services are scheduled Saturday for former state lawmaker Alvin Joslyn, who died of natural causes at a retirement center...

Treasure Valley calling area adds seven towns

CLATSOP COUNTY - Seven south-southwestern Clatsop communities will be added to the Treasure Valley calling area...

U.S. West residential and business customers at the newly added communities will pay an extra \$5.83 a month per line for the extended-area service...

Court adds credit card pay-by-phone service

TWIN FALLS - A new Twin Falls County court service allows people to pay fines and fees using a telephone...

Gooding bids meeting on vocational rehab

GOODING - The State Rehabilitation Council on the Rehabilitation of Vocational Rehabilitation will host an open house meeting...

Learning from Littleton

By Theresa Jacoby Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - How can the Magic Valley learn from what happened in Littleton, Colo.?

addresses issues in a positive light rather than simply pointing out problems. The program surveys people on 40 assets...

ent cultural backgrounds. Parents should be the ones who set examples for their children, said student Emil Kanariva...

LIFE STORY



Jennifer Devine gets a hug from one of the people who attended a health fair at St. Benedict's Hospital. The 22-year-old Twin Falls woman has cystic fibrosis and may soon be on a waiting list for a new set of lungs.

Living one breath at a time

By Theresa Jacoby Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - On a good day she can get dressed without losing her breath...

How one Twin Falls woman lives with cystic fibrosis
out so much, she has to take a nap. While the disease keeps Devine from having a normal active life...

times from performing normal, daily activities. Because of CF, Devine is a diabetic who must give herself four to six insulin shots a day...

School officials discuss 'zero tolerance' policy

By Jennifer Sandstrom Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School Board Wednesday learned about how the schools have been responding to safety concerns...

Twin Falls designated Tree City

By N.S. Nokkentved Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Trees? In the desert? You bet! A group of Twin Falls residents feels strongly about taking care of trees already here...

and their importance, Ries said. To qualify, the city must adopt a tree care ordinance, establish a community forestry program...

save trees in city parks, Mead said. The ordinance recommends kinds of trees to plant as well as proper care, and discourages destructive practices such as topping...



What, When, Who?
What: Tree City USA designation
When: Friday, April 30
Where: Twin Falls City Park

MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Michael Shawn "Hippie" Knight of Filer, 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Filer. Memorials suggested in the Jayme Knight Memorial Fund at any First Federal Bank (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Arthur LaWayne "Wayne" Hargrave, of Boise, 2 p.m. today at the Meridian 11th Ward LDS Chapel with additional services at 11 a.m. Friday in the Inkom LDS Chapel; friends may call one hour before. The services Thursday and Friday in the Relief Society rooms of each chapel (Relvea Funeral Chapel).

Andrew G. Anderson of Burley, 2 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel; friends may call 1-1:45 p.m. before the service at the chapel.

Earl Owen Fullmer, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Friday at the 8th Ward LDS Church; friends may call 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and 10-10:45 a.m. on Friday at the church.

Ranona Adams Devick, formerly of Oakley, noon Friday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; friends may call 6-8 p.m. today at Payne of Filer, 410 W. Main St. in Burley, and 11-11:45 a.m. before the service on Friday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Richard C. Harder TWIN FALLS - Richard C. Harder, 78, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Robert Gagne TWIN FALLS - Robert Gagne, 75, of Twin Falls, passed away at his home in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Alvin W. Johnson and Wanda B. Johnson BOISE - Alvin W. Johnson, 86, and Wanda B. Johnson, 83, both of Boise and formerly of Glenns Ferry, died Saturday, April 24, 1999, at a Boise retirement center of natural causes. A joint memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Glenns Ferry. Burialment will follow at the Glenns Ferry Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Albee Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Released. Earl Robinson, Tom Thompson, Richard Stangheim and Eldon Tanner, all of Burley; and Angela Hawkins of Kimberly. Birth. A baby was born to Cherie Bywater of Burley.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Some names are omitted at patients' request. Released. Robert Brown of Hazelton. CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Admitted. Cherie Bywater, Ione Thompson, Antonio Gonzalez and Hazel Buxton, all of Burley; Marjorie Newcomb of Declo; and Curtis Durfee of Almó.

Senators praise sanctions decision

WASHINGTON - In a rare moment of praise for the Clinton administration, Sen. Larry Craig Wednesday applauded the administration's decision to exempt food and medicine from unilateral U.S. sanctions on other countries. "Farmers in Idaho and across the nation should be allowed access to the world's markets," said Craig, R-Idaho. "Their hands must be untied so they can compete on a level playing field. It has never made sense to me to punish agriculture producers in America for the actions of rogue nations." In announcing the shift, the administration said sanctions are intended to target the behavior of governments, not innocent civilians. The change will likely affect nations such as Iran, Libya and Sudan. Critics of the administration's current policy have said food sanctions hurt American farmers. The policy allows farmers' competitors access to markets that are closed to U.S. producers. The move may open the door for the long-

posed sale to Iran of \$500 million in agricultural products including wheat, corn, sugar and rice. Last year, Craig sent President Clinton a letter asking him to waive sanctions for a one-time deal. However, there has been no action. Craig said at the time, and reiterated again Wednesday, that agriculture trade "should not be used as weapons in battles of foreign policy." Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, also praised the administration's move. "With U.S. farmers facing low commodity prices, we need to find every avenue to assist them at this time of crisis," he said.



TF student nominated for page job

WASHINGTON - Another Twin Falls student could be headed to Congress. Rep. Mike Simpson has nominated Marcella Martinez, to serve as a page-in-the-House-of-Representatives. "She has a long list of extracurricular activities and has proven herself as a leader among her peers," Simpson said. "She is open-minded and radiates a positive attitude. She would make an excellent House page." Martinez is a sophomore at Twin Falls High School. "The bride is the daughter of Allen and Norma Hardy of Sandy, Ore. The groom's parents are the late Leslie and Nina Alton 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley." The bride is the daughter of Allen and Norma Hardy of Sandy, Ore. The groom's parents are the late Leslie and Nina Alton 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley.

WEDDING

HARDY-MILLS RUPERT - Sharon L. Hardy and Mac B. Mills were married March 31 in Elko, Nev. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley. The bride is the daughter of Allen and Norma Hardy of Sandy, Ore. The groom's parents are the late Leslie and Nina Alton 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley. The bride is the daughter of Allen and Norma Hardy of Sandy, Ore. The groom's parents are the late Leslie and Nina Alton 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley.



ANNIVERSARY

HAZELTON - Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnson of Hazelton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary today. Johnson and Ethel Carter were married April 29, 1939 in Reno, Nev. They lived in California until 1950. They moved to Hazelton, where they owned and operated Johnson's Electric and Repair until their retirement. The couple has two children, Forrest Johnson of Hazelton and Kathy (Larry) Davidson of Eden. They have six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931; Ext. 278; between 7 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 Carl C. Ticknor Carl C. Ticknor, 90, of Twin Falls, passed away April 28, 1999, at the Heritage Retirement Center. He was born September 21, 1908 in Toledo County, Kansas. He, Elmer and Sadie McGown-Ticknor. At age five, he moved with his family to Filer, Idaho. It was in Filer where he attended school and met his wife, Ethel M. Davis. They were married on September 17, 1932, in Filer. Carl worked for Ethel's uncle, Grover Davis, while living in Filer. In 1939, they moved to Calli, where he later worked for Continental Oil Company. He traveled extensively while working as a driller on a seismograph crew. In 1953, they moved to Basin, Wyoming, and he continued to work for Continental Oil as a pumpjack until 1965. He then became a weld inspector for Big Horn County and worked at that job for years. Carl and Ethel moved back to Twin Falls in the early 1980's. It was there that he considered home. Together, they enjoyed fishing, hunting and traveling in their travel trailer. Preceding Carl in death were his infant daughter, Richard and his wife, Ethel, who passed away in November of 1998. Surviving is his daughter, Laura H. Haskansen of Bellevue, Neb. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Graveside memorial services will be held Thursday, April 29, 1999, at 10 a.m. at the Filer Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

awarded the Outstanding High School Female Athlete of the Year. She played on the Gurd championship basketball team. She moved to South Gate, Calif., and attended Compton Junior College for two years, then attended the College of Idaho, now Albion State College, in Caldwell. While there, she enrolled in the government's civil pilot training program and obtained her private pilot's license. During World War II, she went to Corpus Christi, Texas, and married her college sweetheart, Ensign Earl Harshbarger, who had just completed his light training as a Navy pilot. With her pilot's license, she was eligible to become a Link Trainer/Instructor for Navy pilots. Working in the same squadron as her husband, Marjorie became an instrument flying. Among her students were actors Tyrone Power and Anthony Rogers. Two years later, when her husband went overseas, she became a tower operator at the Long Beach Airport. She transferred to the Federal Aviation Authority office in Santa Monica and gave Link training to personnel there. When her husband returned from overseas, the couple moved to the East Coast, where he flew in the Navy. Marjorie worked as a physical education teacher and sportswear coach. Her soccer team played for the area championship and was awarded the MVP award. Returning to California in 1947, Harshbarger obtained her real estate license and spent 23 years in real estate sales in Whittier, Calif. A Whittier resident since 1950, she was known as a respected and outstanding spokesperson. Marjorie is survived by her husband of 51 years, Arthur Harshbarger, and their two sons, Albert Kim Harshbarger of Boise, Idaho; daughter and son-in-law, Heidi and Herb Harshbarger of Federal Way, Wash.; and brother, Howard Tucker of Twin Falls, Idaho. Funeral services were held in Whittier, California. Memorial donations may be made to Filer, Whitton, Church of Whittier, 13205 E. Philadelphia St., Whittier, California, or to a local cancer society.

of the Pioneer United Methodist Church in Coquille. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, a brother, and his wife, Mary, who died April 2, 1998. He is survived by his only daughter-in-law, Jim and Joetta Cline of Elton, Oregon; two grandsons, Eric and Justin; six great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary, Marvin Coker of Twin Falls. A memorial service was held for him April 22 at the Pioneer United Methodist Church in Coquille, Oregon.

ALBION

Terrill Asher, 55-year-old Albion resident, died Sunday, April 25, 1999, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born March 11, 1944, in Albion, the son of Ernest H. and Nellie Vern Cook Asher. He attended school in Albion and Declo, graduating from Declo High School in 1964. He attended Idaho State University for two years; he married Patricia Kay Edwards on August 8, 1966, in Elba. They were later divorced. Terrill was a mechanic and had worked for Frank Mahon, the Cassia County School Bus Garage, at Elliott's John Deere for sixteen years, and at Amcor for nine years. He was the participant for the Albion Elementary School and helped operate a 47-ha. farm with his brother, Tom. Terrill loved hunting and fishing. Survivors include a daughter, Stephanie (Marj) Mahony of Burley; a son, Terry Vern Asher of Albion; four sisters, Carma (Dale) Adams and Shanna (Tom) Satterson, all of Albion; and Marie (Sue) Anderson of Salmon, and Georgene Peterson of Walla, Nevada; three brothers, Tom Asher of Albion; Dale, Don and Arthur of Malia; and Jim (Loren) Asher of Declo. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister. Graveyard services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 1999, at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion, with Loretta Young officiating. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Friday.

BUHL

Marjorie A. Harshbarger Marjorie Anita Tucker Harshbarger, of Filer, California, and formerly of Buhl, died Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at the ProScription Intercountry Hospital in Filer. Marjorie was born May 30, 1920, in Caldwell, Idaho, to Alida Tucker and Edith Jackson of Nebraska. The family moved to Buhl, Idaho, where she graduated from high school in 1938. Marjorie was

COQUILLE, ORE.

William H. Cline, formerly of Twin Falls, died April 22, 1999, in Myrtle Point, Ore. He was born April 2, 1909, in Halliday, Idaho, to Charles and Theresa Cline of Rock Creek. He attended schools in the Kimberly area and then graduated from the Hansen High School in 1929. He went to the University of Coquille, Oregon, in 1952. Mr. Cline worked for the Coquille School District for many years. He and his wife were faithful members

Kimberly looks at urban renewal possibilities

Projects such as building sidewalks and streets could help increase property value

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent KIMBERLY - Halan Mann from the urban renewal office in Boise met with the City Council on Tuesday to discuss the benefits of urban renewal projects. Mann said urban development projects can build new sidewalks and streets and update older buildings. He said such improvements can increase property values. On Tuesday, Kimberly Bend Issue Committee members Jim Eyring and Kelvan Rands outlined plans for a new high school and annex, and update older buildings. A community meeting on the proposed building plan and bond issue will be held at 7 p.m. May 3 in the high school gymnasium. The council scheduled a city cleanup day June 19. Residents may drop items into a large dumpster in the City employees and Lions Club members will be available to assist with unloading items. Car tires, batteries, petroleum products and hazardous waste materials will not be accepted. Those interested in volunteering on cleanup day may call City Hall. The council awarded a \$2600 bid to Jerry Lockwood of Environmental Care - Co to spruce up the trees in the City Park. Upcoming events include an open house from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the newly decorated library. There will be a public hearing on the annexation of property adjacent to the city which are receiving city services at 7 p.m. May 10. Times-News correspondent Margaret Jones can be reached in Kimberly at 423-5430.



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Concert competition comes to Burley

By Dex Dutton
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - To them it wasn't just a regular concert. It was judgment day.

At least that was what some area high school musicians thought Wednesday when they performed at Burley High School. But the shows they put on also were chances to showcase their talents and be judged on their performances.

Band, orchestra and choir students from 13 District IV high schools gathered to perform for a panel of music judges. The judges rated students' performances and provided criticism designed to help them with their musical development. Bassoonists, violinists, singers and other musicians donned concert attire and came ready to deliver their best performances for the judges. And the judges seemed to like what they saw and heard.

"These kids are at their best here," said festival judge Susan Mann.

"We have heard some really good groups today. We hold these kids to a really high standard and they are doing very well."

Burley High School senior Julianna Hernandez sings with the school's Bel Cantos choral group, and like many of her fellow choir members, said the judging added an element of competition that helped students reach a higher level of performance.

"When we are getting scored, I think we do better," Hernandez said. "I think this is maybe the best we have done."

Burley High School Choral Director Cindy Judd agreed, saying she was pleased with how her hand-picked group of 65 singers performed.

"We work all year long for this," Judd said. "The judging makes it that much more intense."



The Burley High School Bel Cantos choir group sings for a panel of judges. Students from 13 area high schools participated Wednesday in the District IV music festival at Burley High School.

They also performed very well. Festival judge David Belles, of the Albion College of Idaho, said he also was impressed with what he had seen.

"For a district of this size, these kids are really good," he

said. "They are excited to be here and very interested in what they are doing."

Times-News correspondent Dex Dutton can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Helping Hand shelter to receive improvements

New directors have big plans for center

By David Lee
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The smell of fresh paint fills the air at the Helping Hand Mission Christian Center and major changes are on the way.

Cody and Judy Thornton, the new administrators of the homeless shelter, church and social kitchen, plan to renovate the center and make it more of a community space for anyone to use. They said it's their attitude toward life.

"If we only serve ourselves in life, we haven't done anything," Cody Thornton said.

Besides improving the building and the services it provides for the people who stay there, the Thorntons said they plan to create Friday evening events for kids in the area.

The center can house up to 17 people a night. Its residents and volunteers help maintain the shelter and serve hot dinners to the needy from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Besides running the center, Thornton also is the pastor of the center's church.

The center's future was put in jeopardy when its former leader, Mike Nix, began having health problems, Thornton said. The Thorntons, who are retired and moved to the area from California about five years ago, met Nix two years ago and began volunteering at the center.

When Nix's health began to prevent him from running the center, the Thorntons agreed to take over the responsibility. They became the new directors at the beginning of April and Nix returned to his home state of Texas, Thornton said.

Improvements are under way. In addition to a fresh coat of paint, renovated bathrooms, bedrooms and dining areas are in the changes will be slow, Thornton said, because they will depend on donations and volunteers.

The Thorntons said they're preparing a letter campaign to introduce themselves to businesses and residents and ask for donations.

"They've even brought their friends in to help."

"It's quite a challenge," said Bonita Hudson, who was a friend of Nix's. "Thorntons before they took over the center."

Hudson came in with her son Brett Hudson Wednesday to help paint the center's future.

"I didn't know a lot about missions and I'm learning more now," she said.

If anyone can take on the responsibility of running the center, it was the Thorntons, Brett Hudson said.

"They'll excel at it," he said. "They're very outgoing."

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School

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schools. Principals have been taking parents to the board throughout the winter and spring.

Ron Rose, head teacher at Twin Falls Alternative Middle School, said the school is considering allowing students more of an opportunity to work at their own paces. Dobbbs credited the alternative school with helping to reduce student expulsions.

A goal at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School has been analyzing standardized test scores to help improve instruction, Principal Willy Dobbbs said.

Dobbbs credited teacher collaboration with overall improve-

ment at the school.

"As we've gotten better at working together as a staff, our kids are showing better and better improvement," Dobbbs said.

Modular units: The board approved buying a \$101,900 modular unit from GE Capital Corp. of Boise to expand the district preschool program for students with disabilities.

The School Board approved O'Leary's three-year lease of a modular classroom building at a total cost of \$11,312 from U.S. Modular Group of Boise.

O'Leary will use the additional classroom to accommodate a new class schedule at the school. O'Leary will lease the building

with money the district allocates each year for facility needs. It's not new money for the school.

Rental fees: The School Board agreed to reduce Bruin Stadium rental fees by half for the Magic Valley Shrine Council all-star football game, which raises money for children's health care and high school sports.

The district typically charges \$80 an hour for up to four hours, or \$350 a day, plus \$100 for field lighting. But it reduced the fee to cover only the district's operating expenses.

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Learn

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Shane Ridley-Stevens said in order to teach cultural diversity, "we need to look at society as a whole. Society needs to put demands on what we want."

The Magic Valley Human Relations Council will meet two years ago when community members got together to promote understanding and tolerance and to offer educational programs for area school districts, said council member Chet Bartlett.

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Devine

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spent a lot of her time at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Want to help?
The Oregon Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis is looking for people to help with the foundation's efforts to raise awareness of cystic fibrosis. If you're interested, please contact us at 503-253-1234. We'll provide you with information on how to help.

having intravenous treatments to pump antibiotics into her body. Devine recently underwent four surgeries to insert a device into her chest that allows for permanent IV access.

The treatments are not cheap.

"The medications are outrageous," she said.

For example, one of the drugs, Pulmozyme, costs roughly \$1,800 a month, and TOBI, a new drug, costs \$3,500 a month. Insurance covers most of the cost, she said, but since she can't work a 40-hour week and she can't live without assistance, she is filing for Social Security disability income.

Devine said she's hopeful that someday there will be a cure for CF, but she isn't planning on one during her lifetime.

"I'm realistic," Devine said.

Living and facing mortality
Devine has dedicated her life to educating people about her disease. She said she wants to be

a public spokesperson for CF. "I like sharing my personal story because I think it's inspirational to others in the fact that in any tragedy, there is a triumph. You just have to find it."

She works for Intermountain Organ Recovery Systems, giving speeches and educating the Magic Valley about organ donation.

The main theme she weaves into her speeches is, "you never know who you're sitting next to."

Devine, who looks perfectly healthy, often shows the audience the device in her chest.

Because she lives with CF, Devine said she's empathetic to anyone who suffers from a chronic disease.

"She wrote a book called 'Pills, Poems and Tears on the Side,' and is now looking for an agent and publisher. It is a book about life and dealing with CF, physically and psychologically."

"I feel that regardless of the disease a person has, we all go

through the same disappointments, encouragements and ultimately our mortality," she said.

Devine said about three years ago, her condition worsened and she came to a crossroads: She either had to accept her mortality or ignore it.

"I thought it was safer to accept it," she said.

She said it took her and her family three years to come to terms with death.

"Death is a part of life," she said.

Devine said she looks to her parents and her religion for support.

She said her parents enforced good health habits and aggressively fought the disease when she was young.

"God only gives sick children to parents who can handle it," Devine said.

Transplant hopes
Devine wants a new set of lungs and a new pancreas.

"I would be so happy to be given another chance at life," she said.

Devine will undergo an extensive four-day evaluation process in hopes of being placed on the transplant list.

If she has the transplant, the cystic fibrosis will no longer occupy her thoughts, but she will have to deal with the side effects and possible rejection.

She will have to spend the rest of her life taking anti-rejection drugs. Rejections can usually be

treated by adjusting medications, she said, but death is always a possibility.

The only thing about a transplant Devine isn't prepared for is if they tell her she's ineligible.

"It would be devastating, but I would accept it and live my life for as long as I could," she said.

"You never know a miracle might happen."

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Wendell attempts to raise funds for stoplight

By Gina Moulder
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — A local organization in charge of raising funds for a stoplight for Wendell's busiest intersection is taking its cause to city streets on Saturday.

During a meeting Tuesday, the Gem Community Fundraising team decided it will do door-to-door asking for cash donations to help fund the project at the intersection of Idaho and Main streets.

The stoplight project has received preliminary approval from the Idaho Department of Transportation, but the city won't receive a check until 2002. The project is expected to cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000 and since part of the intersection is under city jurisdiction, the city will have to fund one-sixth to one-fourth of the total project cost. So far, Wendell has raised about \$9,500 and the goal is to raise

Gem Community heads door-to-door

another \$20,000. "The city has tried for the past few years to get this stoplight installed and the Gem Community just recently decided to join in the cause," said Gem Community President Harold Simily.

"If the Gem Community team can help the city and the community with this project, then that's what we will do."

In a phone interview Wednesday, IDT District Traffic Engineer George Oberle said another round of traffic flow surveys will be conducted this summer. He said the information will help determine what type of traffic signal is needed and how much it will cost.

Once these details have been finalized, IDT will draw up an agreement and work could begin

within a year. Oberle said Wendell leaders could have an agreement in their hands as early as this winter.

The latest IDT traffic study showed as many as 4,500 vehicles passed through the intersection of Idaho and Main in a 24-hour period. Oberle said the number of accidents wasn't outrageously high, but enough to meet the state criteria.

"Those numbers have been close enough to a signal warrant to put the project into our system, but not much will happen until the studies have been completed and an agreement has been signed and that probably won't happen this fall or winter," Oberle said.

Wendell Mayor and Gem Community member Gena Black said she was optimistic about the

Gem Community's enthusiasm and willingness to pitch in and help.

"We're going to get the ball rolling and get some more money in," Black said.

"This is just one project we have lined up for the upcoming summer months. We're going to do other things to get the money for the stoplight."

Black said the city just doesn't have the extra \$30,000 in its coffers to fund the project.

"We're just grateful the Gem Community has stepped up to the plate and is taking the time and the effort to help out the community," Black said.

Those who would like to help with the fund-raising are asked to meet at 9 a.m. Saturday at City Hall.

Times-News correspondent Gina Moulder can be reached in Wendell at 236-6662.

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Judge won't release woman after she served nine months in prison

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Kootenai woman who killed a 13-year-old boy in a drunken driving accident will not be released after serving nine months in prison.

Donnie Bickley, 56, was convicted last summer of vehicular manslaughter in the death of Fox Falls Middle School student Nicholas Smith.

Her blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit when her pickup hit the boy, who was walking home after dark. She was later arrested at her home.

First District Judge Craig Kosonen had sentenced her to one to six years, but in December her attorneys requested he

"This sort of event can happen to anyone."

— Craig Kosonen, first district judge

reconsider. Bickley's record in prison shows she is quiet and follows the rules, said her attorney, Suzanna Graham.

Friends, family, substance abuse professionals and business associates wrote 25 letters asking for leniency, the judge noted.

"This sort of event can happen to anyone," said Kosonen, who himself pleaded guilty to drunk-

en driving last year. Scherling's family had written against an early release.

"We have the terrible loss of a young boy, the incalculable suffering of his family and loved ones, and contrasting against this is not some perverse criminal, not some demonic, antisocial misfit, but a woman who has in every other aspect the character which we traditionally hold valuable in our mothers and grandmothers," Kosonen said.

However, "there is a certain minimum that must be served," he said. "I'll not cut it short."

It will be up to the state parole board to consider her release once she has completed one year.

Utah mayor apologizes for lashing out

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) — Mayor Ted Barner has apologized for telling a former city councilman to "shut up and sit down" during a council meeting.

But the mayor tempered his apology by telling George Brown to be more "explicit" when addressing the council in the future.

Brown lashed out at Brown on April 12 when the former council member challenged the group on plans to raise fees for trash and other services.

The council said the suggested increase to \$14 per hour for trash collection is on the city's lowest-paid position.

Brown asked who the lowest-paid employee was, and Barner chastised him.

"I was out of line, and I apologize for what I did," Barner told Brown on Tuesday. Brown then challenged the mayor again, and Barner said his questions will be answered.

Seven groups quit food panel, citing EPA's stance on pesticides

The Washington Post

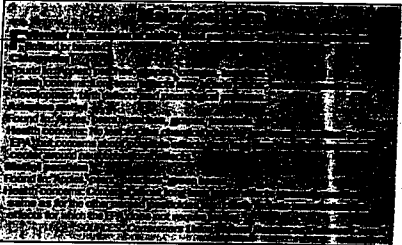
WASHINGTON — All of the consumer, consumer and public interest members of the federal government's food quality advisory panel resigned in protest Tuesday, accusing the Clinton administration of allowing the agriculture and chemical industries to "hijack" a 1996 law aimed at protecting children from toxic pesticides.

Seven groups, including representatives of farm workers exposed to pesticides, said the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will fail to fully meet an August deadline for assessing the maximum allowable levels of the pesticides that pose the greatest risk to children, farm workers, and the environment.

"They said the EPA has 'dithered in endless, fruitless debate instead of developing a plan for banning or limiting the use of natural chemicals that can cause cancer, neurological damage and reproductive defects.'"

"It is pointless to say we can stay on the committee when this agency can't do anything about toxic chemicals that have been around since World War II," said Marion Moses, president of the Pesticide Education Center, one of the seven groups that left the EPA's Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC).

Edward Groth, technical policy director of Consumers Union, said commonly sold food products with high residues of toxic pesticides include apples, peaches and pears. He did not recommend avoiding all at-risk foods, but urged consumers to use caution in their consumption of such commodities. Besides the



Pesticide Education Center and Consumers Union, the groups that resigned are the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Farmworker Justice Fund, the National Campaign for Pesticide Policy Reform, the World Wildlife Fund and the CATA/Farmworker Organizing Committee.

The resignations leave the advisory committee with 45 members representing industry groups, chemical companies and state regulatory agencies.

The advisory panel was created at the direction of Vice President

Gore a year ago in the face of an escalating lobbying campaign by the agriculture and chemical industries, which had complained that the EPA was too zealously implementing the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act. President Clinton had treated the measure as the "peace of mind act" because of the safeguards it was intended to put in place to protect children from toxic pesticides. The vice president said he included the public interest groups on the panel to make the regulatory process more accountable.

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The 5th Judicial District CASA Program, Guardian ad Litem would like to thank everyone who donated money to the United Way campaign. The community and corporate support was incredible.

When the community was asked where it would like its money spent, the response was overwhelming to programs that benefit the youth in our communities. Child abuse is very much a part of our communities, and without the help and support of United Way, the Guardian ad Litem Program would not be able to be the "child's voice in court." Last year, Guardian ad Litem volunteers represented 214 children that were abused, abandoned or neglected in District 5.

I would also like to thank Diane Boyd and Edie Unland for their hard work and dedication.

KRYSTAL SCHWANEVELDT
Executive Director
5th Judicial District CASA Program Inc.
Guardian ad Litem
Jerome

Driver expresses gratitude to Samaritan

I want to thank the good Samaritan who came to my aid when my car stopped on one-way Second just before I got to Bickel School on Monday, April 5. I was in a hurry and in a panic.

I thank Jeff Hemelicky for taking me to make my stops. Thank you very much.

LUCY K. ANDERSON
Twin Falls

Resident cites honesty, generosity in people

"Two local businesses deserve good words.

When I picked up my dry cleaning from Mr. A's, an envelope attached to my coat held money that I had accidentally left in a pocket. Thanks and hugs to the honest employee at Mr. A's who returned the cash."

Congratulations to Mr. A's for hiring that type of employee. The dry-cleaning job was excellent.

Another act of kindness came from Dr. Hamblin, local dentist. My mother mentioned to him that she was going to the Philippines with her local church and they would be helping in the health area. She wondered if he knew of any company that donated toothbrushes for such events. No, the big companies did not, but Dr. Hamblin himself purchased and donated 1,100 brushes.

Thanks, Magic Valley - it's great to live in a place where human kindness and generosity still thrive.

TENNY GARNER
Kimberly

Business, organization make egg hunt possible

I would like to thank the following businesses in helping the Twin Falls Optimist Club and the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department in sponsoring the annual Easter egg hunt held at City Park on Saturday, April 3.

Both Albertson's stores, Costco, Valley Food 16A, Smith's Food King, Swenson, Swenson's and Williams Market donated 300 dozen eggs for the event. The Depot Grill boiled all the eggs.

Heritage and Wednesdays Retirement Center dyed all the eggs. The Alpha Club of Oregon Trail Elementary School helped hide the eggs.

I believe this year marked the 62nd annual Easter egg hunt held in Twin Falls. Again, thanks to all that helped for this great tradition.

DENNIS J. BOWYER
Optimist Club,
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Twin Falls

Thanks to the following:

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Thanks for all your support with everything.

SARA WEBSTER
Chapter Sweetheart
Order of Daughters
Twin Falls

LINC says thanks to Magic Valley Bingo

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the people of Magic Valley Bingo for their support of the LINC - Independence Network Corp. Their help makes it possible for us to work with people with disabilities in the Magic Valley.

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MELVA BERENSON
Resource Director
Living Independence Network Corp.
Twin Falls

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GROUND CREW



Members of the Garding Airport Flyers Association ready for a day of cleaning. The group, in conjunction with the Idaho State Business Administration's Adopt an Airport program, arrived for breakfast and maintenance at the Magic Valley airport April 17. Group members repaired the fence, graded the runway, fixed the tie downs and performed ground cleanup.

CSI musicians perform at senior recital

TWIN FALLS - The talent of College of Southern Idaho students will be in the spotlight this week.

The College of Southern Idaho Music Department will present "A Student Ensemble Recital" at 2 p.m. Friday in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium.



The concert will feature students in voice, piano, trumpet and violin performing pieces from a variety of musical genres. The concert is free to the public.

Carver Haislett and Jim Blair.

The concert is free to the public.

Performers include Jim McWhorter, Johnson Vargas, Jess Christian, Erickson, Leslie Criffin, Karoline Gregory, Jerusha Cox and Amber Lee Fish. Featuring Sarah Barbara McInnes Swanson and Emily Kirk.

The following students will perform in the student honors recital. Pictured left to right: Scott Lee, Jess Christian, Johnson Vargas, Jess Christian Erickson, Leslie Criffin, Karoline Gregory, Jerusha Cox and Amber Lee Fish. Featuring Sarah Barbara McInnes Swanson and Emily Kirk.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

12 great-great-grandchildren. A family dinner is planned for Sunday.

Richfield classes present two plays

RICHFIELD - The Richfield Junior and Senior high school drama classes will present "Seven Wives for Brady" and "Addict" on Friday in the high school gymnasium.

The comedic search for a wife continues in the first play, written by Tim Kelly, the drama class says.

"Addict" is a story written by Jerome McInnes which presents a group of teens and the truth about drugs in their lives, the class says.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the first performance will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Both plays are directed by the drama teacher, Rody Preece.

Twin Falls Public Library schedules story time

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library will host a variety of programs for young children on Friday and Saturday.

The last sessions of the Friday preschool story times will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Storywell Kiva at the library. Stories, songs and rhymes will center around the days of the week.

Stoddard selected as Mrs. Senior contestant

TWIN FALLS - Merle Stoddard will represent Magic Valley as a contestant in the Idaho Mrs. Senior Pageant in Emmett May 14-15.

Stoddard, 73, has taught dance since the 1940s at Magic Valley schools. She has a bachelor's degree in speech correction and a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology and worked 20 years with Easter Seals. She teaches tap dance to adults.

The pageant says it emphasizes and honors women who have reached the "age of elegance" and its philosophy is based on the belief that seniors are the foundation of America and its most valuable treasure.

The state committee is seeking

For more information, call 324-4434.

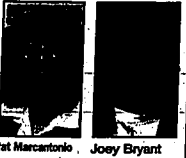
Magic Valley sponsors to help support the pageant. If interested call Stoddard at 733-6948 or Fay H. Beason at 365-2228 or write to 3003 Van Deussen Road, Emmett, Idaho 83617.

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Band plays for fund-raising dinner

JEROME - Corazones Vagabundos will play for a fund-raising dinner and dance 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Middle School.

The Northside Head Start Benefit Dinner will cost \$5 per person including the meal and children 12-year-old and under will have free admission, coordinators say.

A raffle will include a raffle and two sales.

All proceeds from the dance will benefit Head Start children, organizers say.

McCaslin celebrates 90th birthday Saturday

HAZELTON - Max McCaslin will celebrate his 90th birthday Saturday.

He was born in Broken Bow, Neb., May 1, 1909. The family moved to the Starbuck area in 1924 where they farmed and ran a dairy operation until 1944. Then they moved to Hazelton in 1948. McCaslin moved to Hazelton in 1948, where he has since resided.

He married Laverne Drummond Oct. 28, 1930. They have three children, Cliff and Charlyn McCaslin, Glen and Lynn McCaslin and two granddaughters, Marilyn McBride, 12 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and

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Firm: Microsoft sought to 'kill'

Software giant also accused of locking up LDS accounts

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Microsoft Corp. executives sought to "kill" competitor Novell Inc. and "lock up" accounts with the Mormon church and Brigham Young University, according to a Utah firm suing Microsoft.

"We need to smile at Novell while we pull the trigger," said correspondence revealed by Caldera Inc. of Orem. The message was part of 155 pages of evidence filed in federal court Wednesday.

Caldera is suing Microsoft for as much as \$1.6 billion, claiming the software giant set out to destroy public demand for DR-DOS, an operating system that competed against Microsoft's MS-DOS. Both enable personal computers to perform basic functions.

Microsoft's own filings claim DR-DOS was a flawed product and that its customers were provided with shoddy technical support.

The filings are aimed at defining the scope of claims that will be allowed at a January 2000 trial. Microsoft has been successful at keeping much of the pretrial evidence sealed under a broad court order.

Caldera was formed by former Novell chairman Ray Noorda, who acquired DR-DOS before leaving the company and filing a lawsuit against Microsoft in July 1996.

In its latest court filings, Caldera excerpts corre-

spondence it claims originated with Microsoft executives. "At the Exec Retreat in Feb. I suggested that we should lock up the LDS Church and BYU as a 100% MS account," one Microsoft executive wrote April 5, 1994. "Were we to own his (Noorda's) account, we would inflict an incredible amount of FUD on the new Novell/UT."

FUD is an acronym for "fear, uncertainty and doubt."

The message continued: "The influence of the LDS Church in the Utah economy and culture is difficult to appreciate from a distance."

Another Microsoft excerpt Sept. 18, 1993, called for an all-out attack against DR-DOS. "Sentiment is against us. We can and MUST win this around. As we become more aggressive against Novell product and marketing-wise, we must get our mouth in order. The press, etc. is very skeptical (one of us) one slip up and we get set back quite a ways."

"This really isn't that hard. If you're going to kill someone there isn't much reason to get all worked up about it and angry — you just pull the trigger. Any discussion beforehand are a waste of time. We need to smile at Novell while we pull the trigger."

Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan acknowledged Wednesday that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a "large customer of great interest to any company trying to sell enterprise software. It is of great significance in Salt Lake and the community." But Cullinan claimed Caldera's excerpts of Microsoft correspondence were "the worst example of using snippets of information out of context, and this is a work of fiction."

Coalition sues over salmon listings

SEATTLE (AP) — A coalition of builders, farmers and cattlemen is challenging recent salmon listings under the federal Endangered Species Act, contending there's too much focus on the impact of habitat and not enough on fishing and predators.

The group — Common Sense Salmon Recovery — also contends the fish are not on the brink of extinction.

Populations of salmon species listed last month as threatened or endangered are "within naturally fluctuating historic abundances and carrying capacity of the habitat," says the lawsuit being filed this week in federal court in Washington, D.C. Named as defendants are — Commerce Secretary William M. Daley, his department's National Marine Fisheries Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and officials at both agencies.

The coalition blames overfishing for any salmon declines and holds the defendants accountable for allowing it. The lawsuit asks the court to order a halt to

salmon fishing authorized by the defendants "because such authorization has an adverse environmental impact and limits the choice of reasonable alternatives."

The plaintiffs want the ESA listings suspended until ocean harvests are adjusted.

"If NMFS had done its job in the first place, salmon might not be endangered," said group spokeswoman Renee Gaszineau. The coalition held a news conference in Seattle on Wednesday.

"It's always somebody else who's the problem. Unfortunately, all of us are the problem," said NMFS spokeswoman Janet Sears, who noted that up to now, the fishing industry has borne the brunt of the region's salmon-recovery efforts.


"I've seen a lot of nutty lawsuits in my time, but this one may take the cake," said defendant Will Stelle, NMFS's Seattle-based Northwest regional administrator.

"The science underlying our determination that these salmon stocks are at serious risk is solid,

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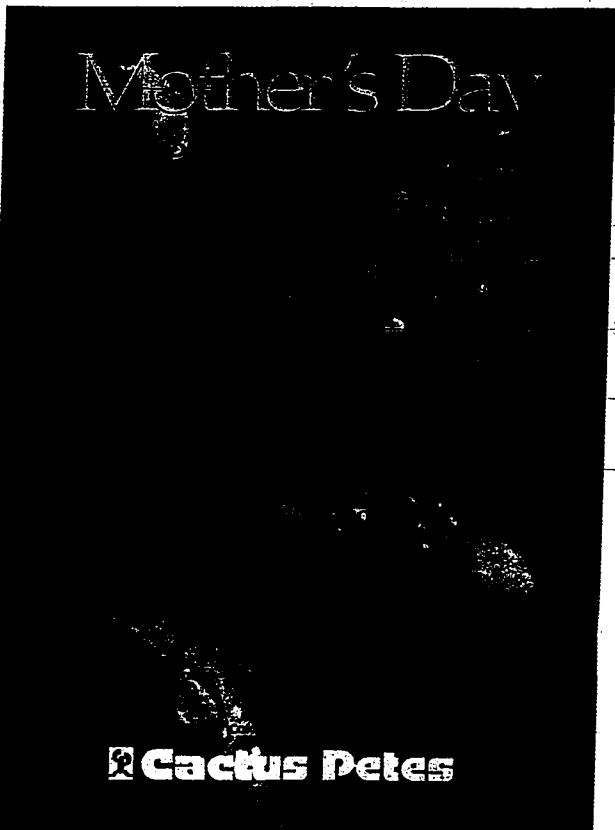
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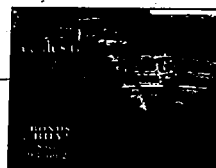
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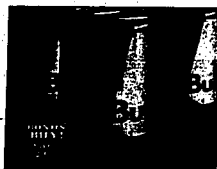
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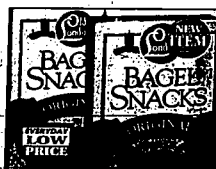
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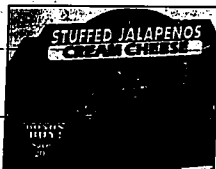
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Burning with outrage over a sloppy fire

My friends and I are starting to prefer low-impact camping. We're trying to be more environmentally sensitive, so when we build a fire, we use less oil and diesel. We're doing what we can to help the planet.

Firewood's kind of a problem though, because the crates and pallets aren't as well built as they used to be.

When I was a kid, crates were made from tough, rough cut fir and hammered together with screw nails. Hell, you had to burn the crates if you wanted to recycle a single nail.

Pallet and crate burning has limited advantages when it comes to being conscientious about recycling. Out in the desert we don't tear up the sagebrush for wood, but we don't bother to pick up the nails either. So it's a trade-off, I guess.

And like I was saying, they aren't building pallets like they used to. Now they use staples. What can you do with an old staple? They're hell to hammer and hard to reload in an air gun.

Besides the oil, diesel and stack of pallets and crates, we sometimes throw in a little gasoline to get our fires going.

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Particularly if the wood is a little wet. Gasoline is the way to get a fire going fast. Then the diesel will catch, then the oil. You've got to know. But remember, if you're going to be a true outdoorsman, if you follow directions, the fire will be up and running in no time, and half the greenwood will be "sizzling" and popping. This combination makes a fine and furious fire.

Pallets make a big fire. Sometimes they're 6 or 8 feet across. And boy, do they get hot.

It's hard to belly up to a flaming crate. You've got to keep your distance. Stand back. So if you want to burn your trash, you've got to have a pretty good arm.

The best pitch is underneath. Overhand throws seem to get diverted. Then your garbage is half in and half out of the fire. But that's pretty cool, too. Just watching a plastic bottle melt is some kind of entertainment. It's hard to explain, but I'll bet some of you know what I mean.

And I've noticed that cans of chewing tobacco burn slowly, too. You can find the lids later if they make fine varnished artifacts, when we can find 'em.

No problem if we can't because we don't go camping in the same spot twice. What's the point when there's so many good camping places? There's always someplace new to see. Whenever we go, we'll pile our pallets and light up the night sky.

Even though we can build a handsome fire, we still miss the old bonfires. Talk about big fires, man, our old bonfires must've been visible from space. We'd use 15 or 20 pallets. The flames would get real high and intense. They'd waste as they roared and soared and poured into the black sky. Talk about cheap entertainment.

But that's changed. We build small fires nowadays, nothing more than three or four crates at a time. It isn't like the old days. We've changed and the old thrill is gone.

We agonize when the flames die down. There are stars in the sky and the night seems so peaceful. Sometimes it's almost worth not building a fire.

So like I was saying, we've moved toward low-impact camping. And it's not just because pallets are hard to come by—it's more complicated than that.

A couple friends and I were at Star Falls not long ago. We'd come to admire the falls and admire the view. But we had to walk through a big, nasty fire pit to get to the river.

Boy was it messy. Oil bottles, Cointreau, beer, assorted beer cans, pop bottles, sipped pieces of pallet, nails, straws and a bunch of other charred junk. There was a 20-foot black ring where the fire had raged and the ground had been scorched silly.

We were upset. It wasn't even our fire pit, but we had to walk through it to get to the falls.

We agonize when we didn't feel so good about fires when they're not ours. And we wish whoever built it that one would go back and clean it up. Damn slob. This is Idaho, not a garbage dump.

When he's not building fires, or grousing about someone else's fire, Bill Studebaker can be found leading the Outdoor Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

Arrival of spring brings epidemic

A slight disruption in the water caught my attention as I paddled my float tube toward the edge of the pond. At first, I assumed the small wake came from a muskrat swimming to its den—but it was too subtle

and constant. Curiosity drew me closer to the shore. Peering into the water behind an overhanging willow, I beheld a number of small fins slicing the surface of the water.



Being small, light fish, bluegills are ideally suited for lightweight gear.

BLUEGILL FEVER

Closer inspection revealed little, square-bodied fish chasing each other around in the shallows.

My first cast brought an instant strike. A stubby bluegill tugged at my line, creating a healthy bulge in my light rod. Numerous casts produced the same results.

After 45 minutes of rapid-fire action, the fishing began to cool off. I paddled to shore, climbed the bank and crept slowly to the willows, careful to keep my shadow off the water. Bluegills were everywhere under the cover of the overhanging tree.

Ten or 15 fish were in water less than 6 inches deep. Other fish held tightly over spawning beds in slightly deeper water, and still other bluegills held at greater depths just beyond the willow's edge. My short walk confirmed what I already knew: Spring had arrived and the bluegills were again, predictably, spawning at their annual nesting sites.

Bluegills are an early season favorite for many reasons, not the least of which is predictability. Unless the structure of a lake or pond is disturbed, bluegills will spawn at the same

location year after year. This predictability usually eliminates the need for extensive exploring.

Bluegills are a spring favorite because they aren't terribly particular. They are consistently caught on standard garden tackle such as worms, mealworms and maggots. Bluegills also are easily taken on flies such as small nymphs, leech patterns and dries. Some bluegills are even caught on down-sized spinners.

There's no need to be fussy about rods when you're angling for bluegill. Virtually any spinning, bait-casting or fly rod will suffice. Lightweight rods are the best because you don't need much lead to sink the bait, fly or lure to the level of the fish.

Bluegill are creatures of habit, which means they begin moving toward the shoreline when water temperatures rise. Bluegills can be found at the edges of drop-offs prior to spawning activity, and some fish move into extremely shallow water where temperatures are the highest.

As spawning activity intensifies, bluegills will build and defend their nests in water any-

where from 6 inches to 5 feet deep.

Bluegills are very aggressive about defending their nests when spawning activity is at its peak. A fly, bait or lure dropped into a nesting area will invariably bring a strike as the bluegills try to expel the intruder.

Shallow water along the shoreline of lakes and ponds can be speckled with spawning beds, but keep in mind that habitat is the key factor. When conditions are optimal, bluegills may be concentrated in a relatively small space. Shorelines with sandy soils are a likely location, but areas with overhanging or sunken obstructions, such as tree limbs, are almost certain bets. The cover provides an added dimension of safety from predators such as birds and largemouth bass.

One of the biggest joys of spring has to be the annual arrival of bluegills to the shallow. They're easy to find, will eat just about anything and don't require any specialized rods, reels or lures. When the going gets good with bluegills, the fishing just doesn't get any better.



James J. Krunich
Times-News correspondent

Road rage for skiers

Serious accidents on slopes increase

Los Angeles Times

ASPEN, Colo. — They say it's the sound that hits them first, a loud and sharp crunching. A warning, like a knife sawing through ice, then the concussive smack signaling contact with a flying body. It's the sound of collisions on the ski slopes, and, thus far this season, they seem to be more numerous and more dangerous.

Barely three months into the ski season, seven people had already died on Colorado's slopes. Five in collisions. There were four deaths last season. At New England resorts, the nation's second-most popular ski destination, there have been eight ski deaths; four in a recent three-day period.

Many here say the "road rage" so familiar to motorists has been transplanted to ski runs. Call it "ski rage."

Researchers say annual skiing and snowboarding fatalities nationwide have remained generally steady, about 33 per year, far less than many other popular sports. But serious injuries are on the rise. According to the National Ski Areas Association, serious injuries have increased in recent years, fluctuating from 12 in the 1964-65 season, to 27 in 1991-92, to 42 last season.

Statistics provided by the skiing industry, on the other hand, claim a slight decline in injuries, but they count accidents that require emergency medical attention. A recent John Hopkins study concluded that ski injuries may be underreported by as much as 50 percent, but noted that unreported injuries are likely to be minor.

This, with fewer people on the slopes, Colorado's skier visits were down 11 percent during the holiday season, which got off to a slow, snowless start. Nationally, the popularity of skiing is down slightly, even as snowboarding is on the rise.

There are several theories about what is fueling the anger on the slopes.

Some say that new, beginner-friendly equipment, such as shaped skis, makes novice skiers believe they are more skilled than they are. High-speed lifts whisk skiers back to the top of mountains almost before they've had a chance to catch their breath. The bulk of accidents happen when skiers are tired. Some say sophisticated equipment and grooming of steeper runs is fostering higher speeds.

Snowboarders have been fingered by some as the culprit for the unruly behavior, fueled by their image as slackers of the slopes.

"I'm not prepared to condemn snowboarders as a group," said Henry Schneider, 72, of Frye, N.Y., who was skiing at Aspen Mountain. "But they tend to be younger, which means more macho and less attuned to consequences. From the beginning to find the presence of so many snowboarders quite unnerving. When you have hard-pack snow or ice, and

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It may look like a blue whale, but it's actually a bluegill of gargantuan proportions. The proud angler is Peter Wood of Gooding.

Pack goats prove their worth off-beaten track

The Associated Press

FINLEY, Wash. — Bred to climb the craggy rocks and sheer cliffs of the Himalayas, Arnie appears amused by the bumbling human struggling up the loopy basalt hillside.

Arnie and his buddy, PB, are waiting for the human to catch up, glad to be out after a long winter in the barn. They trot up to the edge of the cliff on top, a hoof-width away from a 40-foot drop to the rocks below, then peer down at their master still shuffling up the grade.

The two goats don't seem to notice the saddles covering their reddish brown backs or the packs hanging over their shorthaired flanks.

But then, why should they? Arnie and PB are pack goats, born for the back country. The rougher the terrain, the better.

Roger Slack, owner of "the boys" and a goat ambassador of sorts, finally scrambles over the crest.

"Show me a horse that can walk up that," Slack said, out of breath and pointing down to the steep rock slide dotted with boulders and crevasses below.

Playing the part of proud parent, Slack can't understand why more people don't use goats as pack animals or



Swiss skiers Sandra Egli, left, and Christian Golletto get to know their new hiking partners, pack goats Dexter and Sparky. The couple rented the goats near Wleppo for a six-month trek.

why goats in general have a bad rap. But their reputation as sneaky, stinky or cantankerous animals isn't entirely justified. Or entirely unjustified.

"People think that goats stink, and the bucks certainly do," Slack said. "During rut they get pretty rank." Even in the Bible, sheep sit at the right hand of God while goats are relegated to the left. And Slack says goats are curious, not sneaky. But to Slack and thousands others

across the United States, goats are amiable beasts of burden willing to help share the load for hikers, campers or hunters.

"People need to see what they can do and where they can go," he said. "There's real opportunity here."

Slack, who owns a 5-acre farm in Finley and is a maintenance worker at Lamson Stadium and Fuller Auditorium in Kennewick, started raising goats for pack animals 10 years ago, about the time he started to take up track motorcycle racing for a more family-oriented hobby.

"I started with one goat as a 4-H project for my oldest son and I got hooked," he said.

Slack once used horses to pack his gear into the Blue Mountains for camping trips. Now, he takes a string of goats. "With the horses, you have to pack the feed in," he said. "Goats are ruminant feeders, like deer, only goats will eat just about anything.

Even the bark off trees and sagebrush. Despite their appetites, Slack said the environmental impact of goats on wild areas is less than that of horses or llamas.

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OUTDOORS

Conqueror of Everest now fights poverty

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—The steel-spring legs that once propelled him to places no other fella-jew would touch...

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peak of them all — Everest. Hillary has just returned from his yearly trip into the Solu-Khumbu, home of the great 29,028-foot mountain and the Sherpas...

Aging legend stays in region to help Himalayan people

unhappy, poor parents eager to have their children schooled... During that same-day stay, Hillary's Himalayan Foundation provided \$7,000, about 15 percent of the yearly budget...

Sherpa porters, suppliers of gear, and the rough, charming Norgay, with whom Hillary kept contact until his death in 1986... "I'm a little slower than I used to be, but I hope to be going as long as I possibly can."

helped him gain fame, but he has not earned so many times over... Hillary says he is a savior, as our father, says K. He has roped a Sherab Sherpa, who as a boy delivered that first petition and was promptly enrolled as a student...

Hillary ticks off the benefits of Western impact on an isolated, traditional society... Hillary says these problems have eased in recent years, but he adds, wistfully, "There's been a change from the very great generosity and warmth of welcome that we used to receive 40 years ago..."

"I really feel that particularly Everest is being treated in a poor fashion... by vast numbers of people streaming all over the place, not really pioneering anything, just following in other people's footsteps..."

Rage

Continued from D1. The snowboard cutting over this hard pack, it makes a God-awful grinding sound...

The deterioration of traditional alpine etiquette has also been blamed, as has the lack of civility in society... Whistler the causes, resorts are fighting back. At Aspen, a horrific hit-and-run accident has led to the creation of a nonprofit group...

Goats

Continued from D1. "There's no trail erosion because these guys prefer not to walk on the trails," Slack said... "They're curious, but they'll gladly follow you along just like the little dog," Slack said...

home at Snowmass Village in Colorado on a Sunday morning in December 1981... "I heard this loud noise roaring behind me," she said. "I could hear he was out of control..."

When goats are in shape, they can cover about 15 miles a day, depending on the terrain and the physical limitations of their human handlers... "Whenever I meet someone on the trail, I end up explaining that, yes, these are goats, and yes, I use them for pack animals," he said.

CHICAGO — We were in the field on a golden false spring afternoon, my son-in-law Kevin, the three grandkids, our two dogs and me... The dogs needed a stretch, so they were free to raise any of the club's gamebirds they might find...

A product of the urban Southwest side, she was raised with little exposure to country ways... "I chased it down, put it into the air again, then followed it toward some trees in the far corner of the field, far from us..."

Good bird dog delivers future hunter from overprotective urban mother

By John Husar Chicago Tribune... "I thought about this as the dogs romped through a large field the other day with Kevin and Elizabeth, while the older boys, Jon and Mike, searched with me for field mice in the corn..."

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Kevin sauntered over with his game poof bulging. A chukar partridge was in there, even though there had been no shot... "It was crippled, and Java found it and picked it up," Kevin explained...

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BUT ON NINE AND TWENTY, SHE ADMITS SHE ONLY GUESSED SO ON MY PAPER I WAS WONDERING IF...

DON'T SIGH LIKE THAT, MAAM... IT BREAKS MY HEART...

Far Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

TRACY'S MICHAEL! I CAN'T STAY FOR LONG!

HERE SHE IS, GAY HELLO TO ROSEMARY.

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I LIKE THE FLOOR PLAN, I LIKE THE KITCHEN, I LIKE THE CURTAINS, I LIKE EVERYTHING...

YOU HO! GUESS WHAT, IF I STAND ON MY TILLES, I CAN SEE RIGHT INTO YOUR BEDROOM!

YOU DON'T SUPPOSE WE COULD HAVE IT MOVED AROUND TOWARD, DO YOU?

Garfield By Jim Davis

HEW DOG, HOUR K-RAYS ARE BACK!

SEE THAT TINA DOT? THAT'S A QUIR BRAIN!

WHY CAN'T WE ALL JUST LEARN TO LAUGH AT OURSELVES?

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OH HI, DAD! I'M JUST HAVING SOME FUN WITH MR. WILSON'S ANSWERIN' MACHINE...

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CHUCK! DON'T WORRY! GET THE PHONE! I THINK SHE'S GOT THE ANSWER! SHE'S SURE!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

YOU'RE WAITING HERE! YOU'RE WAITING HERE!

WHAT ABOUT THE THREE HOURS IN YOUR WAITING ROOM?

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

IT'S 8:30! WE'D BETTER GET GOING!

JEREMY! HEctor!

I TOLD MY MOM THAT YOU'RE MY BOYFRIEND! SHE WON'T LET ME UP ON HER TILLES! SHE CALLED MY BLUFF AND COMING OVER TO MEET YOU...

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

HAGAR! IF YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOR, YOU'LL BE HERE MUCH LONGER!

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

HE THINKS WE'RE GOING TO BE GONE SHORTLY.

Luann By Doug Evans

ARON, LOOK AT ME, I'M NOT TIFFANY, I'M LUANN.

WOW.

I'M TIFFANY.

DO YOU HEAR? I'M LUANN.

WOW.

EXCUSE ME? I'M TIFFANY.

ARON, LOOK AT ME, I'M NOT TIFFANY, I'M LUANN.

LOOK AT ME, I'M LUANN.

SEE? I'M THE ORIGINAL!

Bonnie Bailey By Mort Walker

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE DAYS OF WINE, WOMEN AND SONG?

THEY WERE REPLACED BY DIF SCRA, WAGRA, AND THE SPICE GIRLS.

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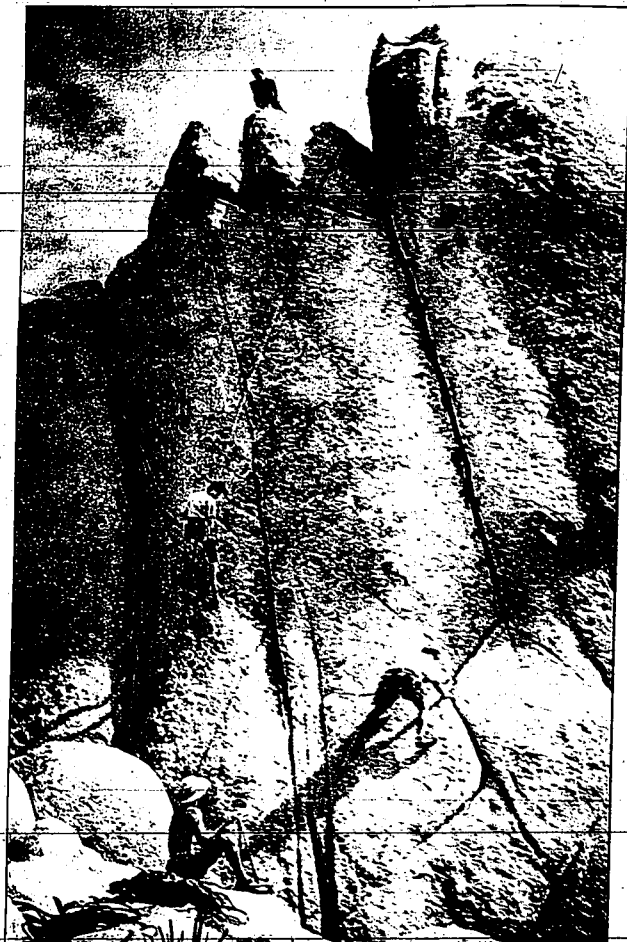
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OUTDOORS



A Swedish climber rappels off one cliff, left, as a team of Arizona climbers work on a zigzag crack at Joshua Tree National Park, Calif., on April 20. Under a new compromise, climbers can place bolts on new routes with approval.

Park plan brings peace

Joshua Tree officials satisfy environmentalists, climbers with compromise on bolts, anchors

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — The muscles in Jake Safstrom's legs grow taut as his toes cling to tiny knobs on the granite's face. Gripping the rock with one hand, he reaches up with the other and clips an oval-shaped hook to a metal anchor drilled into the rock.

He releases a breath. Safe, for the moment.

Safstrom then scans the rock above him for more holds as he inches to the next bolt. He repeats the moves until he reaches the top of Headstone Rock, then runs his rope through an anchor and rappels down to the base.

The safety bolts tacked along the climb make Safstrom's ascent secure — his rope weaves through anchors to arrest a potentially fatal fall. So when Park Superintendent Jerry Quintana proposed a ban on bolts, citing environmental concerns, climbers across the country revolted.

But after a year of often bitter and emotional debates, park officials, climbers and environmentalists agreed this month on a plan that provides permits for new bolts and eliminates restrictions on replacing old ones. The plan could set a precedent for other parks, as they balance conservation needs with increased demands for recreation.

"I have seen a long, sometimes painful process, but we've been able to come together and come up with a plan that's both sensitive to the resources and friendly to the visitor," Quintana said.

Joshua Tree is the first national park to draw up a plan to supervise climbers, said Carol Anthony, a spokeswoman for the National Park Service in Washington. Other parks — Yosemite, for instance — have watched the negotiations for guidance on how to handle their own climbers.

The compromise "is a victory for resource protection at Joshua Tree," said Brian Huse, Pacific region director for the National Park and Conservation Association, which participated in the meetings.

A diverse mix of at least 4,000 climbing routes up hundreds of granite boulders combined with a mild desert climate draw thousands of climbers from around the world to the park, about 150



Matt Turner of Prescott, Ariz., ascends one of the 4,000 climbing routes at Joshua Tree National Park.

miles east of Los Angeles.

As climbing's popularity has grown in recent years, so has its impact: feet trample fragile desert plants at the bases of climbs; gymnastic chalk used to dry sweaty hands marks the routes; hundreds of small trails to climb snake through cactus and yucca plants. Unofficial surveys say as many as 8,000 bolts litter the park's cliffs.

The number of visitors to Joshua Tree is up dramatically, too. In 1968, about 490,000 people visited the park. By last year, that number jumped to 1.4 million, a nearly three-fold increase. The biggest share of visitors is climbers, said Assistant Superintendent Mary Tisser.

"The sheer volume of the increase in recreational climbing was a red flag for us, and we said, 'Whoa, something needs to be done,'" Quintana said. "So we said no bolts — and that meant removing the ones that were there."

To cope with their demands, Quintana and some environmental groups favored removable climbing hardware that the lead climbers cram into cracks — if they can find them — and the following climbers pull out.

Quintana's moratorium came in December 1992, a time when the mood in the country was anti-bolting. The next year, the U.S. Forest Service prohibited all

bolts in its wilderness areas, arguing that the fixtures violated the 1964 Wilderness Act's ban on permanent improvements. But after an outcry, James Lyons, undersecretary of agriculture, rescinded the ban and said a task force would be formed to "clarify the issue."

For Quintana, the heated debates that followed the Joshua Tree ban changed his approach to managing the land.

"They asked us to look at their climbing routes as vertical trails, so we did," Quintana said. "It was an eye opener for me."

Some climbers had argued that park officials place sign posts, walking bridges and other permanent fixtures along hiking trails through wilderness areas, he said, so why the fuss over a 2-inch piece of metal that often can't be seen from the ground? Quintana decided to bend, convinced that a reasonable level of use could be established that minimized the impact.

Under the plan, climbers can install new bolts along routes after they have received approval from a yet-to-be-established climbing committee. Old bolts anywhere in the park can be replaced without a permit.

The plan also asks climbers to place out shiny hardware and flashy-colored nylon webbing and replace them with less noticeable camouflage materials. Climbers must use one trail to get to the bases of climbs.

The rules should be in effect by September.

"It's good that bolting can continue — this route wouldn't be possible without bolts," the 36-year-old Safstrom said after his climb along the sheer cliff. "It's a big safety issue."

The plan has its strengths, but some key issues are still unclear, said Sam Davidson, senior policy analyst with the Boulder, Colo.-based "Access Fund," a climbing watchdog group involved in the process.

Who and how many people will serve on the committee? What criteria will the panel use to filter out bad proposals?

"Our response to the plan is one of guarded optimism," Davidson said. "But we've prepared to commit whatever level of resources it takes to make this cooperative stewardship work."

From Mount Everest to Arabian desert

Group of adventure seekers completes trek across Empty Quarter on foot

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Less than two years ago, the bitter cold of Mount Everest made heating water for tea a formidable task for Janie Clarke. Now he's got more than enough hot but barely enough water.

Clarke, a Canadian who climbed the Himalayan peak in 1997, is trekking across Saudi Arabia's Empty Quarter, infamous for its quicksand, mountainous sand dunes and blazing heat.

"I long for walking into the kitchen and pouring a sweet glass of cold water," said Clarke in an interview by satellite phone from the desert during the adventure.

Clarke set out Feb. 2 with his brother Leigh, friend Bruce Kirkby, three Bedouin guides and 12 camels. Almost six weeks later, they crossed the final dune and returned to civilization.

The three Canadians from Calgary made the journey across the Empty Quarter — the Rub-al-Khali in Arabic — on foot. The first Westerner to do so was British traveler and author Wilfred Thesiger in 1947.

Clarke, 31, says his group faced the same inhospitable conditions Thesiger described in his book "Arabian Sands."

"During the day, the heat is unbearable," said Clarke. "You are cursing the sun as you walk and wish for it to go away. When night finally comes it's cold, and you wish for the sun to come back. It's almost schizophrenic."

Daytime temperatures top 117 degrees Fahrenheit — with the sand even hotter at 186 degrees. At night, the temperature falls to

48 degrees.

"The wells are drying up, the camels are tired and temperatures are rising," he said during the trek.

There are no permanent roads or settlements in the Empty Quarter, which covers 115,000 square miles of southern Arabia.

Clarke says he found the Empty Quarter to be empty in some ways and not at all empty in others.

"The silence is both frightening and comforting," he said. "You get lost with your thoughts so easily. It's unlike anywhere else I've ever been."

Yet he found life, too, which he hadn't expected.

"We've seen migrating birds stop their journey for a moment and circle overhead, taking interest in us," he said. "We've seen beetles, snakes, spiders and even a couple of antelopes."

The idea of crossing a desert on foot came to Clarke while he was doing the opposite — seeking the summit of the world's tallest mountain.

"There, the altitude was a problem. It was the lack of oxygen," he said. "Here, the heat is extreme, suffocating. It's unescapable. It affects us all. Our tempers are shorter because of it."

He said that before starting the trip, he thought the group had a 50-50 chance of completing it.

The group set off from Salalah in Oman and reached Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates around March 15. They covered 620 miles in about 60 days.

In an interview March 5,

Clarke said, "We're a lot darker and leaner, but we can almost smell the salt water" of Abu Dhabi. At the few police posts they passed during their trek, he said, "we were quite a novelty."

They prepared for months for the trip, including exercises in desert survival in Texas and Arizona and studies on the Saudi culture.

Clarke and his colleagues wore the dishdasha — the traditional Arab robe — with head-dresses and sandals.

"Sand-colored, not white dishdashas, so they won't look so dirty," Clarke said.

The 12 camels, which Clarke loaded with supplies, were in a 18-member group, carry food and water, which a support team has dropped at intervals along the way.

"We met Thesiger before we began and his words of advice still echo in my head: He said 'Spare your camels. Your life depends on them.'"

The trekkers' water was stored in goat skin containers, and dinner was often strips of dried camel meat. Breakfast was traditional bitter Arabic coffee, and dates.

"The water tastes a little brackish but as long as it's wet, we have no problem drinking it."

Unlike Thesiger, the team had Global Positioning System equipment for navigation and Personal Locator Beacon transmitters to be used in an emergency.

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As antitrust lawyers grilled Gates, competitors plotted \$10 billion deal

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates parried with government antitrust lawyers...

The court where Microsoft is fighting its antitrust case also released 684 pages of transcripts showing Gates, the world's wealthiest person with an estimated \$41 billion in assets...

Roughly one-third of that testimony was previously shown on video as part of the trial, but a federal appeals court ordered the rest released Wednesday...

As in portions of his interview already played in the courtroom, Gates can be seen carefully parsing questions put to him by government lawyers...

Also Wednesday, a Microsoft lawyer questioned Peter Currie, Netscape's former chief financial officer...



Daniel Bates, the U.S. Justice Department's lead lawyer on the Microsoft Corp. antitrust case, holds a bedside news conference in Washington Wednesday.

...continues to be the case. I'm just letting you know this is going to take much longer than I would have hoped."

The questioning continued for 19-and-one-half more hours.

Also Wednesday, a Microsoft lawyer questioned Peter Currie, Netscape's former chief financial officer, who helped put together the company's sale to AOL...

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson previously agreed to allow Microsoft to gather evidence about the sale's implications on the trial...

Government lawyers contend that Microsoft illegally forces consumers who buy its dominant Windows computer operating system also to use its bundled Internet browser, discouraging

people from using rival Web software, such as Netscape's.

Microsoft argues that the lucrative sale of Netscape undermines charges that Netscape was any kind of victim and that competition within the industry is thriving.

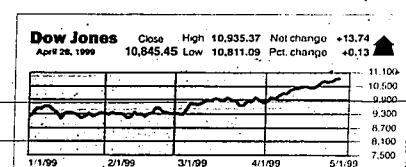
AOL, with nearly 17 million subscribers, is the world's largest Internet provider. Netscape produces popular Web browsing software and owns Netcenter, one of the most successful sites on the Internet.

Currie testified that discussions between AOL and Netscape started in late August, but the sale wasn't publicly acknowledged until November. Government lawyers also questioned Gates in late August.

Microsoft attorney Michael Lacobara asked whether Netscape, which supports the government's case, considered how the deal might affect the outcome of the trial, which started in October.

"My recollection was that there was a brief discussion whether it may be that we need to make decisions about the business and treat the trial as a separate issue," Currie said.

He could not remember specific discussions about the deal's impact on Microsoft, but he said Netscape realized the software giant wouldn't be pleased.



Dow hits another new high

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Prices were mixed on Wall Street Wednesday as investors again collected profits from technology shares...

The Dow rose 13.71 to 10,845.45 after being up as much as 103 points earlier in the session.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 11.89 to 1,350.91, and the Nasdaq composite index, which is heavily weighted in technology stocks, fell 22.04 to 2,550.37.

Returning to a trading pattern that began last week, investors were buying previously ignored stocks of cyclical companies whose fortunes are closely tied to the economy.

"Cyclical stocks have raced ahead and more of the growth names have backed off a bit,"

said Charles White, portfolio manager at Avatar Associates, referring to the drop in technology stocks.

The active buying of cyclical names pushed up industrial stalwarts like Dow component Alcoa, which rose 6 1/8 to 62.

Oil stocks were higher as crude prices rose on an unexpected decline in domestic supplies.

Dow component Exxon was up 3 1/4 at 81 1/2.

The enthusiasm for industrial stocks was bolstered by a report from the Commerce Department that orders to factories for big ticket durable goods rose 2 percent in March after an end-of-winter slump.

Investors are increasingly optimistic about corporate profits for the second half of the year. The current crop of earnings reports has generated a variety of surprises, including some pleasant surprises like IBM's first-quarter results, and analysts said that bodes well for the rest of 1999.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, YTD. Lists various stocks and their performance.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes columns for Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

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Table showing various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial, etc.

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Text explaining how to read the market report, including symbols and abbreviations.

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FOCUS: THE BALKANS CRISIS

Albanians want Apaches in action

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Combined wire reports

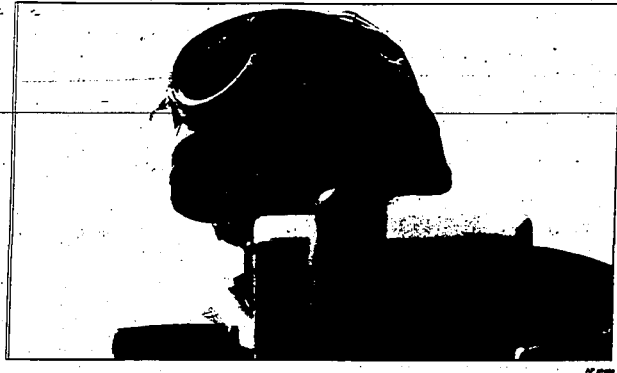
KUNAS AIRFIELD, Albania — A 15-year-old, one-engine airplane... Monday crash won't deter deployment, expected with days

The U.S. Army indicated Tuesday that this view should not be altered by the crash Monday night of one of the AH-64 helicopters... "We will drive on undeterred," said Lt. Col. Garrie Durman...

In addition to the Apaches, expanded around central capability is being assembled at the airport under Pentagon orders issued last week... "We will drive on undeterred," said Lt. Col. Garrie Durman...

The airport, in pasture about 15 miles outside Tirana, has been virtually closed to civilian air traffic since U.S. and European soldiers took over to combat both military and humanitarian efforts... An aid agency air bridge is ferrying everything from medicine to vaccines to supply the northern Albanian town of Skake, the arrival point for most of the 65,000 ethnic Albanian refugees from Kosovo now in the Balkans...

The Apaches are expected to make forays into Kosovo from secret positions being carved into the mountains north, with the tanks and rocket batteries providing protection for these forward positions... Considered one of the Pentagon's most lethal weapons, the Apache was designed for use against what the military calls "high-value" targets, such as tanks, armor, armored personnel carriers, air defenses and ground targets. It can fly up to 200 mph and attack any target, day or night, in good weather or bad.



Pvt. Pezago Ehrhartz of Anckerly, Ariz., near his post as gunner on a U.S. Army Apache on a convoy Tuesday at a NATO military base near Tirana, Albania. The U.S. Army is increasing its presence in Albania in support of NATO operations in nearby Yugoslavia. The military's high-tech Apache helicopters will be stationed at the base.



Built at Boeing's Mesa, Arizona facility, the \$16 million high-tech Apache carries an array of high-tech weaponry, including 16 laser-guided Hellfire missiles, 70 high-explosive rockets and a 30mm cannon with 1,200 rounds. The Hellfire missile and rockets can be fired at targets as far as four miles away. The cannon rounds can be shot within two miles. A pilot and gunner, in front and back seats, fly each Apache. The

gunner can use the chopper's sophisticated laser and television targeting system to fire the aircraft's weapons. The cannon is connected to a helmet-mounted sight that the gunner can aim just by turning his head.

"The Apaches will go village-hopping and destroy what Serb forces it sees," said Lt. Col. Bill Wheelahan, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon.

"This is combat," he said. "This is a war zone. Some of the Apaches will be shot down. Some of the pilots will be killed."

To help protect the pilots, the Apache's engine is fitted with infrared suppression kits to foil enemy heat-seeking missiles. It also has a terrain-following radar system that allows it to fly close to the ground undetected by enemy radar. The aircraft's glass-fiber rotor blades can withstand small arms fire. The two crewmembers sit in bulletproof Kevlar seats and each cockpit is contained inside a boron shield, creating what is considered a crash-proof compartment. The pilots involved in Monday's crash during a training mission survived with only minor injuries.

"It's like a Volvo in the sky," said William Dane, a defense industry analyst with Forecast International. "Newport Corp. company that makes major aircraft and weapons programs. 'The Army didn't skimp on safety.'"



An ethnic Albanian woman and her child wait Tuesday in a crowd for buses to leave a temporary camp on the Macedonia border for a more permanent site within the country.

Refugees angle for any seat on any plane

Knight-Ridder News Service

STENKOVAC REFUGEE CAMP, Macedonia — Maqbul Arifi was nervously twisting loose strands of her ponytail during the interview critical to whether her coming months will be spent in a small tent or in Denmark.

The 24-year-old housewife didn't know much about Denmark — not the capital or anything except that it's a country in northern Europe.

"You don't seem very eager to go to Denmark," snapped the cool-faced interviewer, putting down her pen beside the questionnaire.

With as much tact as she could muster, Arifi fessed up. Yes, she would have preferred Germany, where she has relatives, but would be grateful to find asylum in Denmark.

"I hope I didn't blow it. I don't know anything about Denmark, but at this point, I'd love to go there."

—Maqbul Arifi, 24-year-old Kosovo housewife

from Kosovo, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The newcomers here to spend the night at the border crossing at Blace, which by the admission of UNHCR spokesman Ron Redmond, "is a dump, pathetic, but unfortunately all we have at the moment."

Redmond said Tuesday that evacuations are quickening as refugees realize they may not return to Kosovo soon or get their first choice for asylum. Initially, refugees were reluctant to go to destinations deemed less desirable, such as Turkey and Romania.

"These camps are miserable and the longer the refugees stay there the more miserable they are, and the more attractive some of the other countries become," Redmond said. When the refugees initially were registered, they listed countries of preference, but priorities are given to those in need of special medical attention, single mothers and those with relatives in a country. By far the most coveted destination is Germany, home to many Albanian "guest-workers." But Germany has filled its initial quota of 10,000 and says it won't accept more until other nations agree to their pledges. "We have to explain this to a lot of people. Holland is Holland. Germany is Germany. If you go to Holland, you can't move later to Germany," said Martin Dykhuizen, a Dutch official interviewing refugees Tuesday at Stenkovac. Redmond said that some countries have instituted cumbersome screening that slows down the processing. He says treating this as a permanent resettlement and being very deliberate and selective. "He said,

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POW's mom receives a letter to cling to

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — "Dear Mom — I don't really know if I'm feeling to write to you how I feel but these messages from you have brought me much happiness."

On Tuesday, 27 agonizing days after Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez Jr. was taken prisoner by Serbian forces, Red Cross officials came to the East Los Angeles elementary school library where his mother works and handed her a letter she'd written to him. Vivian Ramirez scanned the familiar, neat block printing. She checked in her chest and cried. For the near month that Andrew Ramirez and two other

American soldiers have been held captive, his family has been living on a dark dash, clinging to hope, hoping to word of news.

"It looks like he's OK in every thing," Vivian Ramirez said in an interview at the school. Elizabeth Ramirez, 57, Tuesday afternoon. "I don't want to hear this and that from the officials. I wanted to see it for myself."

She kept pulling the letter out of her desk to stare at Andrew's writing. It looked strong and clear. He's OK, he's OK, she thought. She would sleep with it under her pillow that night. "If I can't hold it, I'll hold it for you." "It was great to hear from all of you. I want you to all know I love and miss you very much and I think about you all the time." Andrew Ramirez Jr. grew up loved and doted upon in his small East Los Angeles home, a child who loved video games and baseball, his mother said. He plastered his room with Raiders and Dodgers banners and went fishing with his grandfather. He worked at McDonald's after school to earn extra money. He came home one day during his junior year of high school and announced he wanted to join the Army, like his big brother before him.

"I want you to know that I can't wait to be home with everybody again. And thank you for thinking and caring about my OK (and other POWs) Chris (Stone) and Steve (Gonzales)." Ramirez was stationed in Germany in early 1998. Vivian Ramirez would get a phone call or letter from her son every two weeks. He would talk about the people he was meeting, the places he saw, how he bought a car and had to learn to drive it in a foreign country. One day, he told her he was assigned to a peace-keeping mission in Macedonia. He was going to help the people over there," he said.

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