

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Sunny early then some clouds, light winds, high 84.
Low tonight 53.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Guest speaker, Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, told his fellow Rotarians Wednesday that his decision on Senate Bill 1087 wasn't a mistake.

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Preparing for Y2K: The Idaho Department of Labor and other organizations are sponsoring a series of workshops to help businesses prepare for Y2K.

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SPORTS



Back to Portland: Trail Blazer Brian Grant said there are no hard feelings toward Utah's Karl Malone, as the teams prepare for tonight's Game 6 of their Western Conference semifinal.

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Classic canyon rides: Mountain bikers can head for the northeast end of the South Hills.

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Good guidebook: The wait is over for people seeking a guidebook to Idaho's gentle rivers and streams.

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Share it fairly: Groundwater districts promise to divide southern Idaho's waters more fairly, today's editorial says.

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Tribunal will indict Milosevic

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The world tribunal that prosecutes war crimes will announce as early as today the indictment of Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic for atrocities in his homeland, U.S. officials said Wednesday.



Slobodan Milosevic

One official said... he believed the indictment had already been handed down by the U.N. "body" in The Hague, Netherlands. Two others said they did not know the exact timing of the indictment. All spoke only on condition of anonymity.

"The decision has been made," one official said. The action by the tribunal comes as NATO intensifies its bombing in Kosovo in an effort to pressure Milosevic to withdraw his Serb troops from the province and end attacks on the ethnic Albanians who live there.

The U.N. court's chief prosecutor, Louise Arbour, said she would make "an important announcement" today, but she would not confirm an indictment. The tribunal's comments on indictments before announcing them.

However, a diplomatic source at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, told The Associated Press that an indictment of Milosevic appeared to have been in the works for several weeks.

The indictment may indeed have been issued in secret at an earlier date, a tactic the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal used in arranging the capture of suspects in connection with the Bosnian war-era atrocities it was set up to prosecute.

As troubling accounts of alleged massacres and rapes continue to come from ethnic Albanians fleeing Kosovo, the tribunal has faced increasing calls from human rights groups, politicians and others to indict top Yugoslav officials.



Jerome High School students make their way to class in crowded halls and stairways Wednesday, the day after a school levy was voted down by the community.

Vote frustrates students

By Theresa Jacoby Times-News writer

JEROME — Frustration characterized the mood of students, teachers and administrators at Jerome High School Wednesday a day after a \$28 million two-year supplemental override levy failed by just 13 votes.

Carroll Matthews, the high school's principal, said three teachers told him they were looking for new jobs, because the levy failed.

The override levy was Jerome

Jerome residents will face \$1.25 million levy proposal

School District's fifth attempt since September 1996 to reduce the district's operating budget.

District officials will try again, perhaps next month, with a smaller override levy proposal.

High school seniors, who were starting their sophomore years when the first bond issue propos-

al failed, were dismayed at Tuesday's outcome.

Senior Tracy Van Lint said she has three classes where two teachers have no class one classroom. Amber O'Brien, the senior class president, said her 40-minute speech class has to be held in the multiplex because there

What's new?
Present a \$1.25 million one-year supplemental override levy to meet all next month. The levy will pay for an additional eight classrooms. A levy would require only a simple majority to pass.

aren't enough regular classrooms. The students need smaller classrooms so they can have more. Please see JEROME, Page A2

Baggage check policies often relax at end of trips

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Checking in at an airport, it's hard to miss the preoccupation with baggage security.

"Did you pack your own bags?" the ticket agent asks. "Did anyone ask you to carry anything on board?"

It's a different story when passengers arrive at their destinations. At some airports, such as Los Angeles International, most airlines will not let passengers leave baggage claim areas without showing a claim stub for their luggage.

At other airports, including Reagan National and Dulles International near Washington, no checks.

Anyone can grab anything or, perhaps more worrisome for security, can leave a bag or package behind. The only safeguards are signs or public address warnings noting that many bags look alike so passengers should check their luggage tags.

"I've wondered about it a few times as I've walked out with all kinds of bags and nobody's checked me," said J.J. Maloney of New York, a lighting technician who travels over 150,000 miles annually.

The federal government requires the baggage questions at check-in and the constant reminders about unattended luggage.

But security at the end of a trip — in the baggage claim areas —



Passengers stand at the baggage claim area waiting for their luggage Friday at Ronald Reagan Airport in Arlington, Va.

is the responsibility of individual airlines. They typically keep and operate baggage belts from an airport authority. Airlines, in

turn, say they provide checkpoints where they see needed.

"If we don't have a high inci-

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National fire managers predict average season

Heavy snowpack cuts wildfire danger in southern Idaho

The Associated Press and The Times-News

BOISE — Range fire danger hasn't heated up in southern Idaho, so far, but firefighters are already spreading flames across Florida span the entire Sun Belt.

Still, national fire managers Wednesday predicted the season across the nation will not get out of hand.

The fire situation this year appears to be what we would see

as somewhat normal," said Neal Hitchcock manager of the National Interagency Fire Center.

"Fire activity will be greater in the northern tier of states than in the northern tier."

The heavy snowpack that La Niña dumped on the high country of the Northwest, prompting California east through the northern Rockies has built up moisture content in timber that could help limit destruction in the forests.

But Hitchcock said the situation is just the opposite across the South and up through the Mid-Atlantic states, prompting advance assembly of crews and equipment. Alaska faces much the same conditions, he said.

"We're doing things a little bit

early because of the potential in the Southwest and the southern states," he said.

On the range throughout the West, spring conditions were about normal but the wildfire potential in many areas was aggravated by dried-out grass and brush left over from last year.

"The range conditions are pretty much the same," Jon Skisner of the Bureau of Land Management said. "It depends on the weather and the human component. If we get some bad weather, lightning strikes, some human-caused fires, we could have a pretty active year."

BLM officials in Shoshone report the fire danger on southern Idaho remains in low.

The government is continuing

to press its educational campaign on fire prevention and safety in the forests and on the range, announcing at least some of last year's limited activity to that effect.

"Regardless of what they say about fuel conditions or weather patterns," BLM spokesman Randy Easley said, "it would be a mistake to let down our guard."

Last year saw a relatively low 2.3 million acres burned in the United States, although the three largest fires and five of the 10 largest nationally occurred in Florida.

The average burn over the past decade has been 2.3 million acres. But it exceeded 6.5 million in 1996 and totaled nearly 5 million two years earlier.

Twin Falls takes steps to protect its students

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Students practice huddling in the corners of classrooms to avoid a gunman's glare. Backpacks are banned from students' backs during school. Dozens of students are suspended for making threats.

In the wake of school shootings across the country, the Twin Falls School District has taken several steps to protect its students.

Superintendent Terrell Donich shared his district's policies during Wednesday's school safety meeting between local school and law enforcement officials.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb called the meeting to ensure school and law enforcement officials are communicating and the legal system is being used when it should be.

Loeb hatched the idea because of the flood of incidents, including bomb threats, hit lists and gun threats, that followed the Columbine High School massacre.

School counselors and principal

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie
High: 76 Low: 40
Clear early today then some clouds...

Treasure Valley
High: 86 Low: 52
Mostly sunny today with light winds...

Sawtooth Mountains/ Wood River Valley
High: 79 Low: 49
Clear early today, then some clouds...

Eastern Idaho
High: 82 Low: 48
Partly cloudy today, chance of showers...

Northern Idaho
High: 77 Low: 43
Mostly sunny in the morning and then increasing high clouds...

Northern Utah
High: 79 Low: 55
Partly cloudy today with chance of showers...

Northern Nevada
High: 84 Low: 53
Clear early today then some clouds...

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast for Today, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday with weather icons and temperature ranges.

National weather The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, May 27.



ACROSS THE NATION - Summary of weather conditions across the US, including a list of cities and their current conditions.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

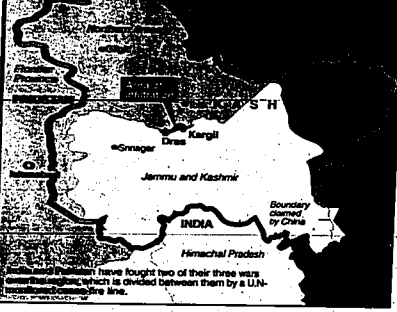
Twin Falls: Yesterday 78-54, Last year 57-34, Normal 76-44. Precipitation: 1.00 inch to date...

Idaho: Boise 81, Burley 81, Fairfield 81, Hagerman 81, Idaho Falls 75, Jerome 81, Lewiston 75, Malba 79, McCall 68, Pocatello 76, Salmon 77, Stanley 69, Sun Valley 82.

The Nation

Table of weather conditions for various cities across the nation, including Max, Min, and Precip. columns.

Idaho weather: Mostly sunny skies were present across the panhandle, central mountains, southwest and southeastern sections of the state Wednesday.



Nuclear powers engage in cross-border skirmish

DRAS, India (AP) — Raising the stakes between the two new nuclear powers, India and Pakistan, fired on separatist guerrillas in Kashmir province Wednesday and Pakistan threatened retaliation.

Cloned genes in Dolly show signs of wear

The Associated Press Dolly the cloned sheep is only 3, but her genes are already showing signs of wear and she may be susceptible to premature aging and disease — all because she was copied from a 6-year-old animal, Scottish researchers say.

Jerome

Continued from A1 individual attention from teachers, Olsen said. Senior Nicole Davis said she doesn't think it's fair that new sidewalks are being put in downtown, but the school can't have a few more classrooms.

Students

With the coordination of the Idaho Crime Investigation Bureau, local agencies are planning to get school floor plans and train their SWAT teams in the schools, said Clark Rollins, special-agent-in-charge of the local CIB office.

Baggage

Continued from A1 dence of problems, we don't do it," said United Airlines spokesman Joe Hopkins. "It helps keep down the cost of air travel."

Lottery Update

LOTTERY UPDATE: Have you played the new \$10, 10th Anniversary Scratch Game? Ponderosa: 26 29 34 36 37. Wild Card 2: 3 9 18 20 24.

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Court permits intentional harm to fetus

Woman delivered intoxicated baby at Wisconsin hospital

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A state appeals court Wednesday threw out the case against a woman accused of trying to drown her fetus to death, ruling that she could not be charged with attempted murder because a fetus is not a human being.

In a case closely watched by civil libertarians and people on both sides of the abortion debate, the 2nd District Court Appeals ruled in favor of Deborah Zimmerman, whose daughter was born in 1996 with a blood-alcohol level of 0.19 percent, the level considered intoxicated under Wisconsin law.

The term "human being" was not intended to refer to an unborn child and Deborah's prenatal conduct does not constitute attempted first-degree intentional homicide and first-degree reckless injury, the court ruled.



Deborah J. Zimmerman, left, is comforted by her attorney, Sally Hoebel, after Zimmerman's preliminary hearing on bail jumping charges in 1997. Ms. Zimmerman spent the day her daughter was born drinking at a bar, building a blood-alcohol level exceeding 0.30 percent at the time of birth. At the hospital, Ms. Zimmerman allegedly told a nurse: "I'm just going to go home and keep drinking and drink myself to death and I'm going to kill this thing because I don't want it any more."

Ms. Zimmerman's baby was born limp and pallid. Ms. Zimmerman's lawyer, Sally Hoebel, said the girl — now 3 years old and living in foster care — is healthy.

Ms. Zimmerman has yet to stand trial. She took her case to the appeals court after a trial-level judge refused to dismiss the charges.

Ms. Zimmerman contended that her alcohol abuse during pregnancy was directed toward her own body and the fetus she carried — not another human being.

Authorities argued that Ms. Zimmerman should be prosecuted for attempted murder based on the state's "born alive" rule. The law says a person can be charged with murder if he or she harms a pregnant woman and her fetus is born alive and then dies.

Espionage furor drowns out views that crisis is overblown

WASHINGTON (AP) — The loss of U.S. nuclear secrets to China represents, at worst, a marginal threat to national security, according to arms control advocates and defense experts whose views have been largely drowned out in the furor over Chinese espionage.

China has yet to field a weapon a decade after it allegedly stole design information from U.S. nuclear weapons labs, they say. Some of the information Beijing's spies collected is now declassified.

And in the world of nuclear strategy, a somewhat improved Chinese nuclear arsenal may actually add to superpower stability, these critics argue. They say if China has greater mobility and confidence in its weapons, it will have less worry of losing its arsenal to a first strike.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who served two Republican presidents, cautioned Wednesday against overreacting to the espionage in a way that demonizes China that it hurts U.S. relations.

"I am worried about the deterioration in our relations with China," Kissinger told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Such assessments of Chinese espionage have been overshadowed partly because Democrats and Republicans alike are anxious to position themselves as concerned and responsive to the perceived threat — though some Democrats have said predictions in this week's congressional report were written in a "worst-case fashion."

Lost in the alarmist rhetoric on Capitol Hill is the fact that Tuesday's report that started it all is filled with conditional phrases: China "could" or "may" take detrimental actions "if the PRC decides to develop" weapons it currently does not possess.

The depiction of China as an impending nuclear menace just does not accord with the facts," said Robert Norris, a nuclear weapons expert with the Natural Resources Defense Council, an arms control and environmental organization.

NATION IN BRIEF

GOP rejects quick vote on guns

WASHINGTON — Republicans Wednesday backed a Democratic attempt to force a vote this week on new gun restrictions, saying the House will take its time considering firearms proposals passed by the Senate.

The House Judiciary Committee on a 19-13 vote rejected an attempt to have the panel approve and send to the floor the Senate's proposals, including mandatory background checks on all firearms transactions at gun shows.

Chairman Henry Hyde said the panel will hold its plan to consider how the Senate bill would affect constitutional rights and send a bill to the floor in mid-June.

Senate rejects plan for new base

WASHINGTON — The Senate Wednesday decisively rejected the Clinton administration's request to close more military bases as a cost-saving measure. It was the third year in a row Congress has blocked the plan.

The 60-to-40 Senate vote rejected a move by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Carl Levin, D-Mich., to authorize a new round of base closings in 2001 as part of an \$26.8 billion defense spending bill for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Idaho Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo voted with the majority.

Expert: Art helps at-risk teens
WASHINGTON — Arts programs can help youngsters in danger of acting out their frustrations through violence, a Justice Department expert on young offenders told a congressional panel Wednesday.

"Kids who are able to communicate with their peers and adults are much less likely to bottle up anger, which leads to the kind of incident we saw very recently in Georgia," said John J. Wilson, deputy administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice.

Wilson pointed to a pilot arts program in Fulton County, Ga. called "Art at Work" that targeted truant aged 14 to 16 who had been referred to the program by probation officers.

It was financed by his office and the National Endowment of the Arts.

At the start of the program, he said, fewer than three out of 10 of the truant could communicate effectively with one another, but after two years the figure had risen to more than eight out of 10.

Miners criticize noise control plan

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration's proposal to require additional noise protection at coal, metal and other mines met with criticism Wednesday from the mining industry and Republican lawmakers.

Sen. Michael B. Enz, R-Wyo., chairman of the Senate subcommittee on employment, safety and training, questioned the requirement that mine operators buy quieter machines or rotate employees among work stations before resorting to ear plugs.

The proposal was issued in 1996 to help protect miners from work-related hearing loss. The Mine Safety and Health Administration is considering whether to make any changes before finalizing the rules.

World awaits 6 billionth citizen

WASHINGTON — In less than five months — Oct. 12 is the best guess — a child's birth will push the world's population to 6 billion.

The new benchmark comes 12 years after the last billion. It took 13 years for the billion before that. The United Nations is looking for slower growth over the next century, but some demographers now think the 7 billion mark could come even more quickly.

There are no plans to pinpoint who the child will be or where he or she will be born, but chances are the 6 billionth world citizen will be born a boy in the Third World.

Report: Charity exerts stole gifts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Authorities are looking into allegations that executives of a worldwide charity hauled home boxes of food, clothing and household goods donated for needy children.

After a four-month investigation, WTVF-TV broadcast video of Feed the Children executives, their assistants and their relatives using dollies to wheel boxes — several at a time — from a warehouse to their cars.

After being stopped by the station, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agents on Monday raided a Nashville office of the charity and the homes of six administrative employees.

The agents carried out boxes and bags of brand-name clothing — some with tags still on — shoes, videos, blankets and food they suspect were donated for the needy. One box had "Merry Christmas to me" written on it.

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Poll shows public approval drops for Clinton and other Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public approval of President Clinton's job performance and of congressional Democrats has slipped from lofty levels reflected in surveys last winter, a poll released Wednesday suggests. Apprehension about the Kosovo conflict has risen.

Job approval in the CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll of the president, who began a three-week vacation Tuesday, slipped from 60 percent earlier this month to 53 percent, the lowest rating he has had in that poll since August 1996.

During the months of the Monica Lewinsky scandal and impeachment trial, his approval rating consistently stayed between 60 percent and 70 percent.

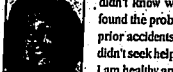
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Gooding County	24	18	2
Lincoln County	4	6	1
Minidoka County	20	13	1
Cassia County	31	19	2
Blaine County	16	6	3

Almost 45% of the people killed in impaired-driving collisions were impaired drivers, and 19% of the people killed were passengers riding with impaired drivers. Still, 25% of the people killed in impaired driving collisions were either sober drivers or passengers riding with a sober driver.

Source: State of Idaho Transportation Department Office of Highway Safety.



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EDITORIAL

Groundwater districts promise fairer water division

Equitable distribution of water is a harvest that most farmers want to reap. That harvest is still a ways off in southern Idaho, but the seeds are being sown as groundwater pumpers organize themselves into formal water districts.

On Tuesday, a group of Rexburg-area pumpers voted to create an entity known as the Madison County Groundwater District. It's the fifth groundwater district to be formed in southern Idaho, and more are on the horizon.

This is welcome news for farmers from Hagerman to Hamer. Holders of old surface water rights now have someone to negotiate with when groundwater pumping depletes their water supplies. Meanwhile, groundwater pumpers can marshal more resources as a group than as individuals. For both sides, there's more equity.

The trend is particularly good news for the Twin Falls Canal Co., which lives and dies by its water right to spring flows near American Falls. For years, flows from those springs have declined sharply in the dog days of summer — when groundwater pumping is in full swing.

The canal company and other Magic Valley irrigation outfits have protested the gradual erosion of their senior water rights by pumpers with relatively

new wells. Time and again, the pumpers have feigned innocence and declared that their little 'wells weren't the problem.

That's not good enough when Magic Valley irrigation water is at stake. As a result, hundreds of eastern Idaho water claims are being challenged in the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

Now that pumpers are organizing into groundwater districts, local canal companies can finally get some traction when talking about the cumulative depletion that wells wreak on surface water supplies.

Instead of talking with a gaggle of individual pumpers, the canal companies can deal with the board of directors of a groundwater district.

It's a major sea change because it shows they take the issue seriously," says Twin Falls attorney Norma Semanko, whose firm represents the Twin Falls and North Side canal companies, among others. All that's needed now is for the Idaho Department of Water Resources to develop some enforcement muscle. Instead of trying to be everyone's friend, Water Resources needs to get down to the unpleasant, but basic job of delivering water on a priority basis.

When that comes to pass, interlocking irrigators will learn to respect the value of a senior water right.

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Wind is changing for public-lands ranchers

The Times-News editorial of May 23 reminding my lack of political clout provides insight into a seldom-used journalistic conceit of writing "in order to attack" later. In the editorial, The Times-News attacked its own headline of three days earlier which had stated that I now had political "clout" as a result of recent state and federal court victories by Idaho Watersheds Project. I suppose I should be honored that I have been both assigned political clout and then had it taken away three days later by the same newspaper!

No matter what the intentions of The Times-News, its editorial does raise some interesting points about political realities in Idaho. I want to address those interesting changes in public policy issues such as the management of school trust and federal public lands which take a shift in the political winds to fully appreciate. At the same time, I would not write off the importance of the courts in helping to bring about that change, especially when the legislature is inattentive. The Idaho Watersheds Project has enjoyed recently in the Idaho Constitution and federal law.

Perhaps a more pertinent question The Times-News fails to grapple with is whether the heavy-handed resistance to any change from the status-quo by most of Idaho's politicians reflects a likelihood that the management of federal and state lands will not occur in Idaho. The reality is that Idaho politicians will have some but certainly not the major influence on public lands management policy in the next several years. This is be-

READER COMMENT
John Marvel

cause there are many and varied forces at work which are bringing about changes in the West even without a shift in political leadership. The most important of these are the forces of economic change. Public lands ranching is a marginal economic activity which becomes more and more difficult to sustain even with the extraordinary level of state and federal government subsidies such as below-market grazing fees, government-entrenched monopolies of land ranching operation in Twin Falls County to billionaire J.R. Simpson attests. These economic forces guarantee that there will be fewer and larger ranching operations benefiting mostly super-rich hobby ranchers. Indeed, a modest increase in the grazing fee or a singular decrease in the price of beef could end most public lands ranching with no further political action.

activities from mountain biking, rock climbing, to river floating bring people directly into contact with the callous wastes of public lands ranching. Citizens will become tired of filthy water and degraded lands caused by ranching where they choose to fish, hunt and recreate. These experiences will contribute to force change on management agencies whose mandates require them to provide for all uses of our shared lands.

Additionally, Idaho politicians will be unable to continue to pretend that these public lands are not owned as a shared heritage by all Americans or as a fiduciary obligation to Idaho's schoolchildren. The explosive growth of the information revolution will bring to all Americans a clearer picture of the value of these lands which, up to now, have been handed over to the few to degrade at their leisure with little or no return to the many. The spread of this knowledge will be a strong motivation for positive change in the management of public lands in the West. While it is true that I may not have much in the way of political clout in Idaho, it is also true that the forces of change already under way across the West will inevitably transform the way both public lands and school trust lands are viewed and managed. It would appear that this transformation may well occur with no recognition by the editorial board of The Times-News, but that is highly news!

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Safe sex claim is a huge lie

I have been "condom-plating" my editorial regarding abstinence as a failing method of sex education. Your editorial states that AIDS is spreading because your children are having unprotected sex. What you have failed to research is the fact that protected sex does not prevent the spread of AIDS. Condoms are not 100 percent. There are certain types of condoms, i.e., lambskin or sheep skin condoms, that are porous and allow the AIDS virus and other infectious diseases to pass through. If you want to teach our children about safe sex, it would be a very short curriculum: "Safe Sex - There is No Such Thing!"

The "notion," as you put it, that abstinence before marriage and monogamy thereafter to prevent infection and unwanted pregnancy is a failed method of sex education is a huge lie! Safe sex is the lie.

education is a wonderful, caring and factual message to be teaching the youth of today. It works every time!

CARLA SHOCKEY
Burley

Return to corporal punishment

With all the talk about arming teachers and school officials, I am great but not with guns. Why don't we go back to the good old days and arm them with those long wooden paddles filled with holes and then give them the right to use them again. Those of us who grew up in the days of the dreaded paddles hated them, but we came away with a healthy respect for our teachers and our parents who also weren't afraid to use them again. Those of us who grew up in the days of the dreaded paddles hated them, but we came away with a healthy respect for our teachers and our parents who also weren't afraid to use them again. Those of us who grew up in the days of the dreaded paddles hated them, but we came away with a healthy respect for our teachers and our parents who also weren't afraid to use them again.

In this modern day of making your child go to a "time out" corner to "think about what they did wrong" just isn't working it. You can bet that all they are thinking about is how they got away with doing something bad and it

LETTERS

didn't hurt. Doing wrong should hurt! If it doesn't hurt, a child will, and does, not learn to grow up to realize that there is no real hurt, other than their feelings, to doing something bad.

Let's get back to the days of good old-fashioned discipline at home and teach our children to respect other people - young and old alike. Teach them to respect authority figures — teach them that doing the wrong thing hurts!

JENNIFER STACY
Jerome

Times-News should research more

I was somewhat confused after reading the editorial page May 12. I think most understand how to use a resource water is, especially clean water. And many are acutely aware that sprinklers and pivots don't replenish the aquifer like surface irrigation does. Even more still realize that the Magic Valley is a semi-arid desert land that only came to life when the canal systems were built.

But it isn't up to those who use the resource to monitor themselves. We can't rely on that mentality by the way. It is the responsibility of the Idaho Department of Water Resources to oversee the waters of the state, and they are doing a pitiful job at best. It may very well be good if all irrigators' consumption is monitored. After all, we have water, gas and electric meters for homes and businesses. The utility industries and municipalities don't trust the consumers to monitor themselves.

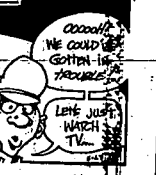
IDWR issues permits without assuring consumption is in compliance, trusting the consumer to monitor himself. IDWR also circumvents the most serious commercial wells enacted while Idaho's adjudication process on all existing water rights is completed. They do this by transferring existing irrigation water rights to commercial use for confined animal feeding operations. The land where the water is transferred from is supposedly taken out of production, but IDWR doesn't follow up to ensure this. With no accountable monitoring, they have no way of

knowing if they are over-allocating water by allowing these transfers.

I was also confused by the comment about water flowing uphill toward me. While it's commendable that Magic West is paying to deepen and improve wells owned by protesters, it's the only decent thing to do. However, their true motivation to do the right thing will never be revealed. It would be nice (regardless of motivation) if others could learn by this example.

I know people whose wells have sanded sand, whose water tables are plummeting, whose water is no longer fit to drink and whose residents must spend all their money fighting the hopeless solution instead of doing the right thing. And IDWR does nothing either! So the next time The Times-News lists one of its grandiose opinions, it should do a little more research first and not just pick on one aspect of the problem (which cuts the irrigators out of the picture).
BERT REDFERN
Federal Way, Wash.

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By Gary Trudeau

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OPINION

Let employees control time off with 'earned paid leave'

To take paid time off work, employees now face an uncoordinated hodge-podge of schemes — paid vacations, paid sick leave, public holidays, short-term disability insurance, unemployment compensation, worker's compensation and more.

Suppose instead workers could access a single "earned paid leave" account. Like a super IRA, this account would serve the needs of all employees to take off a day, or a week, or more and still be paid.

Employees would earn one day of paid leave for every five days worked. Every time you took a paid day off, you would draw down one day from your account. It would not matter whether you were on vacation, sick, between jobs or whatever.

Workers would not have to pretend to be sick to get a paid day off, as many now do. Nor would those who really are ill have to prove it to nosy employers. Eligible employees whose morale is lowered today when they see fellow workers abusing sick-leave policies would no longer have any reason to be angry. Moreover, many of today's sick-leave abusers would work more regularly, saving their paid days off for longer vacations.

If you left your job, there would be no more fighting at the employment office over whether you quit, were discharged for cause, or merely laid off. Whatever the reason, you could fund the time you take looking for new work from your paid leave account. Furthermore, the unemployed would no longer be bossed around by government agencies or made to engage in silly work search requirements. But they would have a strong incentive to find work quickly, because during their unemployment they would be using up their own earned benefits.

Federal law now guarantees only unpaid child-bearing leave. With an earned paid leave account, those planning to have

STEPHEN D. SUGARMAN

Because workers would be able to take their earned paid leave with them from job to job, no longer would they unconsciously have to use up accrued vacation or other "comp time" just before they change jobs, as many do now.

a child could save up their paid time off to use when the baby comes.

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In the course of a year, this plan would permit a full-time worker to take (1) three weeks of paid vacation, (2) eight paid days off for personal sickness, a child's illness, or the need to spend time with an elderly parent, (3) 10 paid public holidays, and (4) and still have 12 annual days of paid leave left over.

At the same time, however, workers would be required to put aside each year at least 10 of their earned days until they build up a tidy nest egg — to be available in case of unemployment or disability lasting more than a brief period, or to fund periods of training or even mini-substantial.

To promote portability and security, most paid leave days that were earned at year's end would be fully transferable. Employers would pay the appropriate sum over to an employ-

er's designated financial institution (where the funds would earn tax-deferred interest). These funds would be available to incur substantial periods of disability or unemployment at the start of their work careers might be allowed to roll their nest egg accounts temporarily into the nest, if necessary pending future Social Security benefits as well as earned days that remain saved up at the end of one's career would supplement Social Security in retirement.

For employees who provide good employee benefits today, this proposal should cost about the same as the sum of the schemes it replaces. Those employers would also no longer be undercut by firms with looser benefits.

Many smaller businesses and some larger enterprises in certain sectors (such as retailing) would like to grant their workers more paid time off. But this is an administratively easy way for these businesses to take on obligations that employers of all sizes throughout America typically already must. Moreover, where the plan costs employers more, economists tell us, this will eventually work itself out in somewhat lower-cost wages. But surveys suggest that most workers would willingly forgo 2 percent in annual wages for a week's extra paid vacation.

Some forward-looking employers already merge sick leave and vacation pay, but the practice sector can't create a broader program by itself. To replace legally mandated programs like unemployment compensation and a part of worker's compensation requires cooperation between government and the private sector. But it shows what both the president and the Republicans have been saying our country needs?

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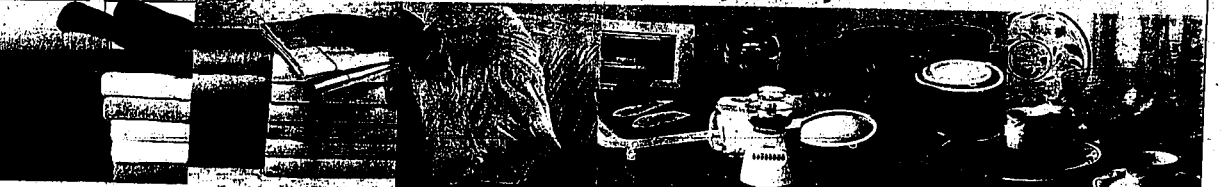
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6th district championships at Rupert

IN BRIEF

Stars take 2-1 series lead over Avalanche

DENVER — Joe Nieuwendyk had a goal and two assists, and Ed Belfour posted his sixth career playoff shutout as the Dallas Stars beat the Colorado Avalanche 3-0 Wednesday night to take a 2-1 series lead.

Game 4 of the best-of-7 Western Conference final series is scheduled for Friday night in Denver. Nieuwendyk scored his eighth goal of the playoffs at 2:22 of the first period on a shot that deflected off a defenseman's skate.

Carter is overwhelming choice as NBA rookie

NEW YORK — Vince Carter, the Toronto Raptors' leading scorer this season was the overwhelming choice Wednesday as the NBA's rookie of the year, capturing the award with 113 of 118 votes in a panel of media voting.

Sacramento's Jason Williams received three votes and Boston's Paul Pierce got two. Carter was the fifth selection in the 1998 NBA draft and averaged 18.3 points, 5.7 rebounds and 3.0 assists for the Raptors.

Manchester United wins title in final minutes

BARCELONA, Spain — Two rapid-fire goals with the clock officially run out gave Manchester United the most prized title in European club soccer and a unique place in the sport's long history.

In an amazing finish, substitutes Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scored during injury time as United beat Bayern Munich 2-1 Wednesday for the Champions League title.

“I can't believe it,” United manager Alex Ferguson said. “That's football. You never give up.”

It was the first top European championship for the storied Reds from England since 1968, and left them the first team from soccer's birthplace (and fourth overall) to win the league, FA Cup and continental champions titles in one season.

Woodard announces retirement, returns to KU

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Lynette Woodard, the all-time collegiate scoring leader and first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters, said Wednesday she will retire from professional basketball and return to Kansas as an assistant coach.

Woodard will work with her college coach, Marion Washington, who just completed her 26th season with the Jayhawks.

WTA breakeaker opens tennis season

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Tennis Club is celebrating the start of its season-opening breakeaker tournament May 21-23. Complete results can be found in Scores and Stats on Page B2.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Grant: No hard feelings

Elbow in the eye from Malone is 'part of the game'

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Brian Grant pondered a gash over his right eye — opened up by one of Karl Malone's notorious elbows — and decided he isn't angry about it.

In fact, the six-stitch cut represents what Grant wants to learn from Malone and the Utah Jazz: how to play with the intensity needed to win the biggest games.

Grant and the rest of the Portland Trail Blazers face such a game tonight in Game 6

of the Western Conference finals at the Rose Garden. The Jazz won Game 5 on Tuesday night, pulling within 3-2 and avoiding elimination for the third time in the playoffs.

Malone cut Grant while going for a rebound in the first quarter. Grant lay on the floor in pain, and came back after being stitched up. He was ineffective, however, scoring eight points on 1-of-7 shooting in the Blazers' 86-71 loss.

“I'm sure he wasn't planning on elbowing me in the eye,” Grant said before practice Wednesday. “Even if it was intentional, that's part of the game. Those things are going to happen.”

“I don't have any ill feelings toward any of the Jazz. If anything, I can take a page from their book someday as far as how to win.”

After Game 5, Blazers teammate Isaiah Rider hinted that the team might bring a role player off the bench to take out Malone, a suggestion quickly shot down by Dunleavy and Grant.



Portland Trail Blazers Brian Grant looks at the blood on his head after being elbowed by Karl Malone in Tuesday's game against the Utah Jazz. The Jazz beat the Trail Blazers.

Twin Falls

sweep

McLimans, Edwards take regional honors

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School Braves Kelsey McLimans and Mandy Edwards were named the Region III Players of the Year for baseball and softball respectively, but the local honors didn't end there.

Twin Falls' Mike Federico received Baseball Coach of the Year recognition for guiding his team to the Region III title and consolation finish at the recently concluded state tournament.

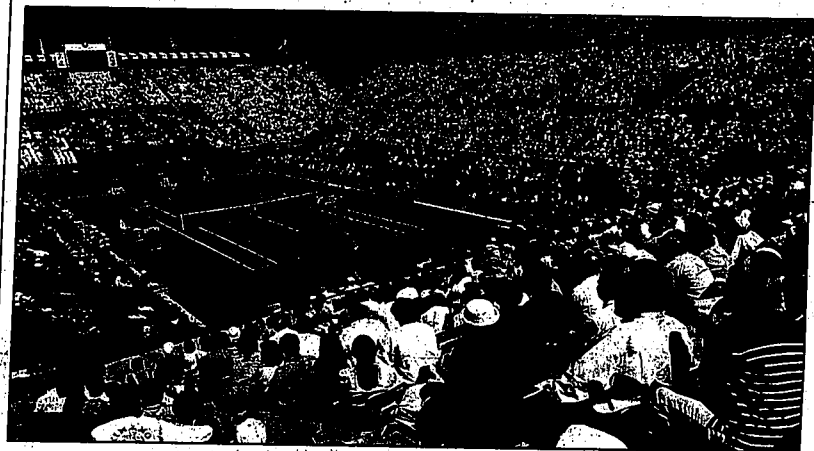
McLimans drove in 21 runs and was successful on 10 of 11 stolen base attempts, hit an even .500 (37-for-74), had seven doubles and led the league with five triples. He reached base in every game with a .625 on-base average and .824 slugging percentage.

“He was just clutch,” said Federico, whose squad finished 21-8 and beat Centennial in the consolation final. “He always got the big hit and carried us through a lot of games. It seemed like every other day he was hitting one in the park.”

For Edwards, the individual honor marked the culmination of an offseason spent rehabilitating an injured pitching shoulder. Overcoming the pain of a line drive which ricocheted off her

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HOT DAY ON CLAY



Court Central at Stade Roland Garros in Paris is almost filled to capacity on the third day of the French Open tennis tournament Wednesday.

Hingis cruises at French

Top men's seed falls

The Associated Press

PARIS — Smiling wickedly as she slugged winners, Martina Hingis silenced the boos from hostile French Open fans and turned a grudge match against Amelie Mauresmo into a routine romp.

A less bellicose but still unfriendly crowd showed no sympathy for Hingis' top-ranked male counterpart, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who tumbled along in his reign of terror.

Kafelnikov drew boos and whistles of his own in a listless 6-4, 6-1, 6-4 second-round loss Wednesday to 21-year-old Slovak Dominik Hrbaty.

“For the fans to see the No. 1 player in the world losing in the early stages of the tournament, it's really frustrating,” Kafelnikov said.

Kafelnikov reached No. 1 on May 3 despite six straight losses and has done little since to justify his status. He would lose the top spot if Pete Sampras or Patrick Rafter reach the quarters at the French.

No. 5 Richard Krajicek also exited meekly, falling 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 against American Vince Spadea.

It was another hot, grueling day on the clay at Roland Garros for several of the



Martina Hingis of Switzerland defeated Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo, 6-3, 6-3 Wednesday. Hingis is the defending champion and fourth-seeded.



Carlos Moya endured a 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3, 6-1 match against Petr Korda; and No. 13 Andre Agassi overcame the inspired play of 8-2-ranked Frenchie Arnaud Clement, 6-2, 4-5, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Agassi, who played a tough four-setter in the opening round, was two points from defeat when he trailed 0-30, 4-5 on serve in the fourth set. A couple of big groundstrokes saved him, then he watched Clement wilt in the heat with a case of leg cramps.

“I didn't get lucky that he cramed, I worked for that,” Agassi said.

In other women's matches, defending champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, sisters Venus and Serena Williams, and No. 4 Jana Novotna advanced.

Other men to reach the third round included No. 7 Tim Henman, No. 9 Marcelo Rios, No. 12 Greg Rusedzki, and unseeded Russian Marat Safin.

Unseeded Jim Courier, a two-time French champion, lost to Hicham Arazi 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Two major racing circuits hold talks on unification

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The big names may be coming back to the Indianapolis 500.

After four years of bitter rivalry that threatened the future of open-wheel racing in the United States, CART and the IRL have begun face-to-face talks about bringing the two racing circuits together.

Word of the negotiations came as teams prepared for this weekend's race at the Indy 500, which has lost its luster during the lead as the best-known drivers stayed away.

“I can confirm that there have been some very informal talks with Tony

George,” said Andrew Craig, president and CEO of Championship Auto Racing Teams. “However, I am not prepared to comment on any of the details.”

There is no comment — but also no denial of the talks — from George, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway president who started the war when he formed the Indy Racing League late in 1995.

The answering salvo from CART was to stage the world's most famous auto



racing with virtually no stars.

The differences between the two circuits once seemed insurmountable, with totally different chassis and engine rules in place. But the last few weeks have brought hope that a settlement could be achieved as early as 2001.

Despite his differences with George, who started the IRL as a low-cost, oval-only alternative to CART,

Craig says a merger would be in the best interests of both sides.

“It's CART's position that open-wheel

racing would benefit greatly from having one series instead of two,” Craig said. “I think everyone in the industry would like to see it happen.”

Sources close to the two circuits who spoke on condition of anonymity say NASCAR president Bill France Jr., the most powerful man in American racing, is brokering the peace.

France did not return phone calls, but his interest is not surprising. International Speedway Corp., which owns and operates NASCAR, recently bought Penske Motorsports, giving ISC 10 race tracks, with at least three more planned in the near future.

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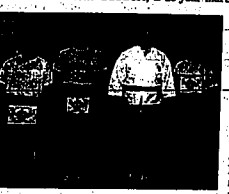
Nazarene team takes third at Youth Fest



NYSSA, Ore. - The Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene junior high basketball team took third place at Youth Fest in April. Fourteen junior high teams participated in the basketball tournament.

Team members are (top row): Drew Maves, Jordan Rayborn, Tyler Layne, Cory Albertson, Alex Custagno and Tanner Hazelbaker.

Burley martial arts teacher promotes three



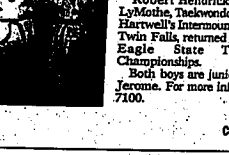
BURLEY - Tom Gabbert, a 19-year martial arts teacher for the CSI-Burley center and the black belt in black belt, who once trained the flyweight champion of the world in full-contact karate, recently promoted three students.

Gabbert's tutelage. Tara McFarland is only the second woman to reach the black belt in Gabbert's 19 years of teaching the Tai Kung Fu and Wu Wei Gung Fu styles.

Rupert Ladies announce winning golfers

RUPERT - The Rupert Ladies Golf Association held a Ladies Day May 25, with 25 ladies playing "Bucker in a Bucket".

Jerome students collect armloads of hardware



Robert Hendricks (left) and Logan LyMothe, Twin Falls students of Dr. Jay Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts of Twin Falls, returned victorious from the Eagle State Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Compiled from staff reports

Senior area bowlers represent Idaho at national tournament

Well, guess what, I've been out traveling around again. My latest adventure took me to Syracuse, New York, where I had the honor of attending the National Senior Bowling Tournament May 8-9.



BOWLING Thelma Tucker

As a spectator, I watched as bowlers were treated like royalty marching into the 44-lane center to take their place on the lanes. Their names, along with their home town and state, appeared in large letters on the telecreens.

The C and D Divisions rolled three games at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, followed by the A and B Divisions at 9 p.m. On Sunday morning, the C and D Divisions rolled three games at 9 a.m., this time followed by the A and B Divisions at 11:30 a.m.

fifth was Charles Buck of Coeur d'Alene. His success in the A Division netted him \$350, while Juanita Goode, Boise, lit up the A Division for \$200. Emma Whitting, Blackfoot, finished 10th for \$150 bowling in the B Division.

Check out www.bowl.com for internet pictures of the winners. All eight of the Idaho bowlers qualified by becoming champions from our area include Tracy Hart, Filer, 1984, Cliff Emslie, Twin Falls, 1989 and Jeramie Coates, Twin Falls, 1993. Coates was also a singles champion in 1992, 1995, Karen Poe rolled the high scratch score, 663, in Division I. Ina Soran was top scratch series in Division II, 613, in 1990. All events champion in Division II, 1995 was Kristi Wash, Buhl, and Peggy Moore, Twin Falls, captured Division I singles in 1995.

One final note: Missoula is a very interesting town. Lots of bridges to cross, and U-turns can be made of certain types of vehicles aren't in view. Beautiful scenery abounds during the eight-hour drive getting there.

Marri Bodenhofer each rolled 1,427. The Northwest Men's and Women's Tournament concludes this weekend in Missoula, Mont. The tourney is open to bowlers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Alberta and Alaska. Standings will be available soon and checks will be out within 30 days. Several bowlers from the Magic Valley traveled to Missoula to participate.

The men's tournament has never visited Twin Falls, but the ladies' portion did come here in 1985 - those 400 entries still hold the record for most in a single tournament. Past champions from our area include Tracy Hart, Filer, 1984, Cliff Emslie, Twin Falls, 1989 and Jeramie Coates, Twin Falls, 1993. Coates was also a singles champion in 1992, 1995, Karen Poe rolled the high scratch score, 663, in Division I. Ina Soran was top scratch series in Division II, 613, in 1990. All events champion in Division II, 1995 was Kristi Wash, Buhl, and Peggy Moore, Twin Falls, captured Division I singles in 1995.

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TRACKING THE LOCALS

Lindsay Payne Shoshone

CARROLL, Mont. - Lindsay Payne, starting point guard for Carroll College, recently completed her college career by leading the Saints to the Frontier Conference Championship and a berth in the regional playoffs in Canada.

Shelley Gupe Twin Falls

FULLERTON, Calif. - Utah State University track standout Shelley Gupe, daughter of Steve and Brenda Gupe of Twin Falls, recently represented the Big West Conference's 400-meter run champion, competing in the event in a time of 57.4 seconds.

Gupe also anchored USU's championship 4x400 relay team and placed fourth in the conference in the 200.



U18 boys repeat as champs

POCATELLO - The Twin Falls U18 boys' soccer team successfully defended its championship title May 22-23, repeating as President's Cup champions by beating the Pocatello Wolfpack in the final.

Twin Falls' scoring opened early in the first half with a goal from George Midbust. Goals by Luke Walker and another from Midbust completed the first-half scoring. Second-half goals were scored by Kris Scott, Shawn Wheeler, Tomas Stone and Eric Martinez. Stone and Walker, each playing a half at goalkeeper, shared the shutout.

Local athletes run the Great Potato Marathon

BOISE - Several local runners participated in the 21st annual 1999 Great Potato Marathon and associated fun runs May 1 in Boise.

Running the marathon were: David Ward, Burley, 3:29:12; Kevin Kraal, Twin Falls, 3:23:31; Tom Masino, Burley, 3:29:57; Wade Bond, Twin Falls, 3:34:24; Allen Schenk, Rupert, 4:02:32; Lori Johnson and Suzi Hinz, Rupert, 4:03:46; and Lindsay McKurtz, Jerome, 4:43:44.

The race marked Hinz's first marathon.

Half-marathon runners included: James MacDonald, Twin Falls, 1:24:49; Zeidi Stutzman, Buhl, 1:31:10; Rob Lowe, Twin Falls, 1:34:07; Austin Kraal, Twin Falls, 1:43:36; Kelly Gibbons, Kimberly, 1:46:57; Lesley Hollister, Twin Falls, 1:47:55; Duane Worthington, Jerome, 2:03:51; and Jane Pate, Jerome, 2:11:49.

Mike Nielsen of Twin Falls placed 10th overall in the 10K run with a time of 39:43. Other 10K runners were: Gary David, Twin Falls, 1:00:22; Suzy



At left, a group of Magic Valley runners poses with medals received in the 22nd annual Great Potato Marathon in Buhl. Pictured from left to right are: Alicia Schenk, Wade Bond, Suzi Hinz and David Johnson.

Right, David Ward, left, and Tom Masino of Burley participated in the 21st annual 1999 Great Potato Marathon and Fun Runs on May 1 in Boise.

Pearson, Jerome, 1:02:08; and J.B. Worthington, Jerome, 1:02:57.

Deborah Dam, Twin Falls, ran a 46:32 in the 5K run, while Justin Lowe, Twin Falls, posted a 1:16:59 in the 10K walk. Merry Moore, Twin Falls, finished the 5K walk with a 52:31.

CLUB TAKES THIRD

The Magic Valley Volleyball Club's 13-and-under team competed in the Rigby Invitational Tournament May 4, winning three matches and losing one place third out of 12 teams.

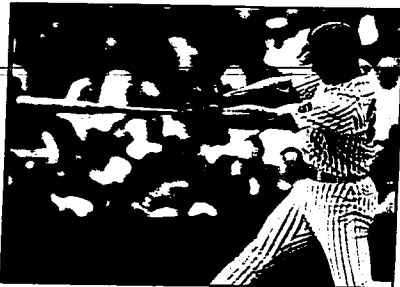


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YOURSCORES AND STATS

Table with columns for GOLF, TRACK & FIELD, SOCCER, BOWLING, and SOFTBALL, listing various events and participants.

SPORTS



How Robb Wren follows through on a grand slam of Boston Red Sox versus John Wurfle Wednesday at Yankee Stadium.

Rays lose pitcher, game; Red Sox fall to Yankees

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay center Tony Sanchez became the man while throwing a pitch in Texas' 8-6 win Wednesday night, and will be out for the season.

A popping sound could be heard at Tropicana Field when Sanchez injured his pitching arm in the third inning, and he fell to the ground. He was taken off the field on a stretcher, and the game was delayed for 10 minutes.

Sanchez broke the hamstrings in his left arm while throwing a pitch to home. Dave Dravecky broke while throwing a pitch for San Francisco in the third inning.

Cleveland's John Smiley broke his left hamstring while warming up for a game in 1997. Cincinnati's Tim Lincecum broke his left arm while throwing a pitch in a game in 1994.

"I heard it twinge, and I knew right away. You could hear it in the dugout," Dravecky says. Sanchez was taken to the hospital.

"Obviously, you're shocked. It's very rare. After that, you just want the pain to subside for him. He was in a lot of pain," he said.

"He says it wasn't anybody's fault the rest of the game. I would be lying."

Sanchez was hit on a 3-2 pitch to Juan Gonzalez. Ball four was a wild pitch that scored a run.

The game was held up as Sanchez extended his hitting streak to 10 games.

Jose Canseco hit his 18th home run for Tampa Bay.

Texas tied it at 3 with three runs in the sixth and scored three more in the sixth.

Roberto Kelly hit a solo home run, Russey Cooper added an RBI single and Luis Alcala scored on Sanchez's wild pitch in the third.

Sanchez had an RBI single and Todd Zeile hit a two-run single in the fifth.

Minnesota 11, Twins 3
MINNEAPOLIS — Ken Griffey hit his major league-leading 19th homer and Felipe Martinez had a grand slam as the Seattle Mariners beat the Minnesota Twins.

Sosa wins it in ninth for Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Sammy Sosa hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning Wednesday, giving the Chicago Cubs a 6-4 victory over the Florida Marlins.

Mickey Morandini walked to open the inning against Braden Looper (0-1), and Sosa followed with his 16th home run into the left-field bleachers.

Rick Aguilera (1-1) picked up the win in one inning of relief for the Cubs, who have won seven of their last 10 games.

Sosa has 12 homers and 24 RBIs in his last 21 games. He also hit a two-out two-run single in the seventh to pull the Cubs within 4-3.

Expos 5, Phillies 2
PHILADELPHIA — Ryan McGuire hit a three-run homer and Carl Pavano pitched seven strong innings for Montreal.

Pavano (3-5) gave up one earned run and five hits, struck out four and walked three. Ugueth Urbina pitched the ninth for his eighth save, and second in two days.

McGuire hit a drive off the facade of the upper deck in right field against Carlton Loewer (2-5) to give the Expos a 3-lead.

Mets 5, Pirates 2
PITTSBURGH — Orel Hershiser, roughed up for 15 runs in 17 innings over his previous three starts, held Pittsburgh to two runs in six innings and drove in a win as the New York

National League

Mets beat the Pirates. Edgardo Alfonzo and Robin Ventura doubled to start the sixth inning, scoring the go-ahead run and chasing Shorek, who has a 5.05 ERA and has won only once since April 19.

Dodgers 9, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Third baseman Mark Lewis committed two errors and let Gary Sheffield's two-run double skip past him, helping the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Cincinnati Reds.

Raul Mondesi hit his NL-leading 17th homer in the ninth for the Dodgers, who responded to a coaching shakeup by getting only their third victory in 10 games and moving a game above .500. Unhappy with staff's 4.47 ERA, the Dodgers fired pitching coach Charlie Hough and replaced him with Triple-A coach Claude Osteren.

Chan Ho Park (4-3) gave up seven hits in seven innings, including solo homers by Scott Casey and Michael Tucker, to blunt Cincinnati's two-week surge.

Giants 7, Cardinals 6
ST. LOUIS — J.T. Snow and Rich Aurilia homered as the San Francisco Giants continued to pound St. Louis pitching.

Kirk Rueter (4-2) allowed three runs in seven innings, giving him a 4-



Chicago Cub Sammy Sosa bops up after hitting a game-winning two-run homer against the Florida Marlins.

such on Thomas Howard's RBI single and Steven Dement's sacrifice fly. But Sam got Edgar Riso's sacrifice to third for his 12th save. "I'm glad for the regular league last. The Giants have exceeded the Cardinals' 24 and could finish there 29-34 in winning the first two games of the series, including a 17-3 blowout Tuesday night. This time they could knock Brandon (7-2), who gave up seven runs and nine hits in three innings.

Astros 3, Rockies 2
HOUSTON — Craig Biggio's two-run single in the ninth inning scored pinch-runner Glen Baker Sr. and secured, giving the Houston Astros their fourth straight victory.

Houston's comeback against Pedro Astacio's attempt to win his fifth straight decision. Astacio (4-4) allowed nine hits, struck out seven and walked two in his second complete game of the season.

Brewers 3, Diamondbacks 2 (10)
MILWAUKEE — Chipper Jones increased in the fifth inning to give the Atlanta Braves a victory over the Milwaukee Brewers. Jones' second home run off reliever David Weir (4-4) came one night after the Braves hit three homers in the ninth inning to beat Milwaukee.

Ready Soccer (3-0) pitched a 1-1-3 innings for the win, and John Backer pitched the fifth inning for his second save of the series and his eighth of the season.

American League

Jamie Moyer (5-4) won his fourth straight start, and the Mariners hit four homers for the second consecutive game.

Alex Rodriguez and Brian Hunter homered for Seattle. LaTroy Hawkins (1-7) took the loss.

Yankees 8, Red Sox 3
NEW YORK — Tim Lincecum hit a grand slam and Orlando Hernandez allowed three hits in seven shutout innings to help the New York Yankees break out of their recent funk and beat the Boston Red Sox.

The Yankees had lost nine of their last 14, including three of four to the Red Sox, before putting together their most complete game in recent weeks.

Hernandez (5-4) walked two and struck out five to beat the Mark Portugal (2-3) and Boston for the second time in six days. Mariano Rivera got his 12th save in 13 chances.

The Red Sox lost for just the fourth time in their last 19 games and still lead New York by 1 1/2 games in the AL East.

Indians 6, White Sox 2
CLEVELAND — Manny Ramirez went 4-for-4, homered and drove in two runs to make his major league-leading total to 59, sending the Cleveland Indians over the Chicago White Sox.

Ramirez hit three singles and his 13th homer for the Indians, who finally figured out Mike Soroka (2-0) and improved to 5-1 against the White Sox this season.

Dave Burba (5-1) gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings, and escaped two jams with hitting-ending double plays. Paul Shuey pitched the final two innings for his third save.

Blue Jays 9, Tigers 5
DETROIT — Homer Bush hit a three-run double and the Toronto Blue Jays finished off a three-pipe sweep, defeating the Detroit Tigers.

Calvin DeGado and Shawn Green homered for the Blue Jays, who have won three straight for the first time since an eight-game winning streak April 24-27.

Dean Palmer and Bobby Higginson homered in Detroit's first straight loss. The Tigers are 1-5 against the Blue Jays this season.

Kevin Escobar (4-2) allowed five runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings. Genece Lloyd pitched 2 2/3 innings for his third save.

Willy Mar (1-5) gave up seven hits and six runs in five innings.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Blaine County reacts to bond failure

Carey Fire District levy actually passed

CAREY - A vote Tuesday to raise the Carey Fire District's levy passed the two-thirds mark, but its 65 percent majority was enough to pass the increase.

It was reported Wednesday the measure failed by just a few votes, but after review of state code, it is clear the fire district's proposal was approved.

It is unclear if it currently takes a two-thirds supermajority to allow a fire district to raise its levy by more than 2 percent per year. But legislation pushed by Rep. Tim Riffe, R-Shoshone, in 1997 opened a limited opportunity for some districts to raise more money with just a simple majority.

Carey area voters voted 169 to 50 to pass a levy hike of the maximum allowed under that law - 600 percent of the district's assessed value.

Resident and levy backer Lawrence Schen called the clerk's office and The Times-News Wednesday morning with the correct law.

"It appears we won," he said. This election day was the last time Blaine County Clerk Marsha Hermann Wednesday.

"There was some confusion," she said. "There was still some this morning."

Bellevue City Council to discuss fire safety

BELLEVUE - The City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at City Hall.

Today's agenda includes a discussion about fire consolidation and a cooperative service agreement. Commissioners will also consider a request for changes and discuss a commercial core zoning amendment.

Following the open meeting, the council will hold an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Stuck appointed to Shoshone City Council

SHOSHONE - Dennis Stuck was appointed to the City Council last week to complete the unexpired term of Penny Kinsinger who resigned for personal reasons.

Stuck was appointed by Mayor Ken Brought and confirmed by the council. The position will come up for election in the next Municipal election cycle. Brought said Stuck was happy to accept the appointment and he felt she could do a great job.

Scenic Prevention training offered in Boise

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Scenic Preservation Hotline service will host two days of scenic preservation training at Boise State University.

The next training session is set for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. The sessions will cover the BSU staff scenic assessment, warning signs, interventions strategies, ethics and community resources.

Training is free and open to people who want to become hotline volunteers or to anyone interested in dealing with scenic.

The hotline operates from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily and serves all of Idaho. The number is 1-800-562-2030. All calls are confidential. The hotline - supported from private donations and the United Way of Ada and Canyon counties - is staffed by volunteers. Call Peter Wallentin at 208-426-3532 or the hotline number for more information.

Treat fund to help pay medical costs

FILER - MaryJo Kalkbrenner, baby daughter of Jeff and Misty Kalkbrenner, is in Salt Lake City Children's Hospital with hemangioma on her face. She has several brown tumors on her liver, has had surgery, and faces future surgeries.

A trust fund has been established at the University of Utah to help pay for medical costs. The family would appreciate any financial assistance and/or support. To donate, call the fund at 801-524-1111 or Jeff Kalkbrenner at any Bank of America location.

Original item staff reports

By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Despite vigorous support from the political establishment and environmental interests, Blaine County voters rejected Tuesday's special election to authorize \$6.5 million in bonds for preserving open space.

The yes and no votes were separated by a whisker of only six votes - with 1,228 voting yes and 1,234 voting no. But to be successful, two-thirds of voters had to approve the proposal.

Predictors that rejected the proposal were in the southern part of the county, which is most-

ly public lands, agriculture and ranching. Voters in the more developed areas of Ketchum and Sun Valley endorsed the proposal.

Scott Boettger, chairman of the Save Our Open Spaces Committee and head of the nonprofit Wood River Lands Trust, said the defeat was due to "misinformation and misunderstanding." Among other things, Boettger pointed to an editorial last week in a local weekly newspaper which endorsed the bond proposal but questioned whether Blaine County commissioners had adequately defined what would be done with bond issue proceeds if approved by voters.

The authority to issue bonds was in legislation introduced by state Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and approved by the state Legislature earlier this year.

If the \$6.5 million in bonds had been approved, Blaine County commissioners estimated the costs to taxpayers would have been about \$12 per \$100,000 of property assessed value. Under terms of the legislation, owners of agricultural or ranching land could volunteer their land and be compensated for maintaining its open nature, and continue farming or ranching. Many owners of ranch and

farmland have been denied the right to zone it for housing or commercial development.

"We need to compensate farmers and ranchers who have had their property rights denied and who have been forced to forgo development," Jaquet said.

Boettger said although it's premature to discuss alternatives to Tuesday's defeat at the polls, the plan to preserve open space is not dead. One hope, he said, is for owners of open space to donate land to the Wood River Land Trust. Opposition to the bond issue was almost nonexistent, and boosters developed a series of polished TV commer-

cial with the voice of actor Adam West, the original television "Batman," who is now a Wood River Valley resident and ardent environmentalist.

Although Blaine County still has a relatively small population, and is hemmed in by national parks and recreation areas, pressure is building from real estate and commercial interests to open up ranch and farming land for development. Efforts to accelerate development have been thwarted thus far.

Times-News correspondent Pat Murphy can be reached in Ketchum at 726-6423.

NOW HOLD STILL



Decker Pat Peace works on the teeth of Ruby Lee, a backing horse in the herd of the rodeo program at the College of Southern Idaho. Foot of the school's 36 horses needed dental work.

Locals voice incinerator concerns

By N.S. Nokkretved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Some spoke from the heart; others spoke in studied detail. But the consensus was that building an incinerator for radioactive and chemical wastes was a bad idea.

Plutonium in the waste is most dangerous to humans if inhaled, said Ellen Glaum of Sun Valley, why release it to the atmosphere.

Glaum was one of about two dozen people who showed up Wednesday evening to protest a proposed radioactive and hazardous chemical waste treatment plant at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

BNFL Inc. - the American subsidiary of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd., owned by the British government - has applied to the state for a permit to build the planned Mixed Waste Treatment Plant.

The plant would sort, characterize, treat and package mixed plutonium-contaminated and chemical waste for shipment to a disposal facility in New Mexico, and it would incinerate about 25 percent of the waste.

The process would emit small amounts of radioactivity and more than 4 hazardous chemicals, many of the cancer-causing.

But the plant would include an emission control system with 10 components to cool the gas, remove small particles, remove toxic metals such as mercury and acid gases and to remove any toxic organic chemicals, said Malouze Stever, an engineer with SAIC, one of the companies working with BNFL on the project.

The project has received a permit from the Environmental Protection Agency for radioactive emissions.

The plant is part of the 1995 settlement agreement between the state and the federal government, which requires the Energy Department to clean up plutonium-contaminated waste from Idaho in a way that protects the environment, said Kathleen Trever, head of the INEEL Oversight Program.

"If it can't be done in an environmentally acceptable way, the project should be canceled," she said.

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Labor-Department sponsors Y2K workshops

By Brandon Fiala Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Like stiles that support a chow line at a circus crowd, computers allow users to rise above an incomprehensible cloud of data. But what happens when the stiles falter and wobble?

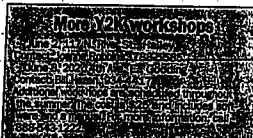
In an effort to keep Idaho businesses from stumbling as the year turns over to 2000, a series of workshops, sponsored by the Idaho Department of Labor and other organizations, is helping businesses become aware of potential Y2K problems.

The workshops focus on small businesses and strategies to prevent computer malfunctions. Some computer experts fear widespread computer glitches on Jan. 1, 2000, when aging computer systems fail to recognize a year ending in the numerals "00."

"Don't pretend it's not happening, get informed, identify critical equipment, and make sure it's corrected so no interruption occurs," University of Idaho network analyst Diane Griffiths said at a Wednesday workshop in Twin Falls.

Griffiths outlined five steps to Y2K compliance: awareness and education. It is critical to involve management in the process.

Inventory. All computers and computer-based systems should be listed and ranked in



terms of importance. Ranking determines which systems will be updated first.

Determining which systems will fail when the century changes. One way to assess a system is to look at the computer code and follow the logic, or to expand the date until the year 2000. This creates a virtual year 2000, to spot computer system weaknesses.

Testing. But rolling the date can create risks and freeze-ups, so the procedure should be fully understood before it's used.

Using updated or repaired systems. There are three main ways to fix Y2K trouble: throw out millennium-challenged items; replace the system with new equipment; or fix the existing equipment.

Most businesses use a mix of these methods, replacing some items, upgrading others, and using various ways to test for their effectiveness.

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Principals highlight achievement

By Jennifer Sandstrom Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Test scores, discipline and student achievement in Twin Falls schools will be emphasized before the School Board today.

Reports from principals of Twin Falls High School and LB Perrine and Sawtooth elementary schools will conclude a five-month meeting series.

School district principals have been summoned before the board each month to make presentations.

Principals scheduled to meet with the board today plan to cover a variety of topics.

Twin Falls High School A new strategy to prevent students coming from the junior high schools to the high school short on credits appears to be working, Principal Ben Allen said. The district will retain junior high students who have less than the eight core credits they should have by the time they enroll at the high school.

less than five credits dropped out of school.

Repeating a grade isn't the only option for students who are behind, Allen said. Students can take summer or correspondence courses, attend alternative school or night school to catch up on their classes.

In other high school news, staff has encouraged students to take more challenging classes and additional advanced classes are now offered at the high school.

Allen is proud, he said, that 90 percent of 11th-graders earned a satisfactory score or better on a state writing test.

LB Perrine Elementary School Principal Kathy Muscut said she will review Perrine's above state average standardized test scores with the board.

Perrine fourth-graders recently posted the best scores in the district for their age level on state writing and math tests.

Goals accomplished at the school this year include introducing

Representative discusses employer liability vote

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

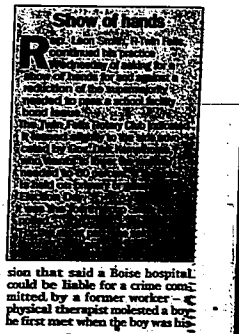
TWIN FALLS - Leon Smith cast a lot of votes in his first session as an Idaho legislator.

But the Twin Falls Republican has heard the most about just one - on a bill that was championed by one of the most powerful lobbying groups in the state.

Wednesday, in front of the Twin Falls Rotary Club, Smith told his fellow Rotarians that he made a few mistakes as a rookie lawmaker, but that his decision on Senate Bill 1987 wasn't one of them.

"This was an absolute immunity for employers," he said.

The bill, pushed by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, sought to keep businesses from being sued for the actions of ex-employees and employees off the clock. The bill was drafted largely in response to an Idaho Supreme Court deci-



Jury finds Burley man guilty of drug trafficking

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A Burley man was found guilty Wednesday of drug charges in Cassia County.

A jury convicted Raymond Mejia, 53, of trafficking cocaine, failing to affix a tax stamp and destroying evidence, all felonies. The jury took about three hours to reach a verdict.

Mejia faces three years to life in prison, Cassia County Deputy Prosecutor Howard Smyser said. Sentencing is set for Aug. 6.

"I'm happy to try and get rid of our drug traffickers," Smyser said during the trial.

"Hopefully it will start sending a message out to these guys that we're going to keep trying to prosecute them."

Mejia declined comment on the verdict. David Haley, Mejia's lawyer, also declined comment.

Mejia was arrested Nov. 18, 1998, during a drug raid in his 950 Schodde Ave. residence.

Two Idaho Criminal Investigation Bureau agents testified Tuesday that more than 100 grams of a powdery substance were found in the toilet of Mejia's home during the raid.

David Sincerbe, a senior criminologist with the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement, testified Wednesday that the substance found in Mejia's home was

cocaine. Three bags of powder were tested, with a net weight of 92.2 grams. A fourth bag containing cocaine was not weighed, Sincerbe said.

Haley Tuesday had requested a mistrial, saying that there was not enough evidence to convict Mejia. District Judge Monte Carlson denied the request, saying a reasonable jury could find Mejia guilty.

The opposing attorneys had markedly different comments about the raid at Mejia's house.

"They were trying to get rid of the evidence so no jury would ever convict them of what they were doing, which was trafficking," Smyser said in closing arguments. "The only reason they were trying to get rid of the cocaine was because they didn't want it to be in the hands of the investigators."

Haley questioned whether Mejia possessed the cocaine, or if he was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"Everything happened incredibly fast," Haley said. "There were just snapshots of perception. Speed affects people's perception of what they see. When everything is happening so fast, you don't have the time to analyze what you're seeing."

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Heyburn set to have power outage

By David Lee
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Residents will have an opportunity to test their Y2K preparations in about a week.

The city will lose power six hours from midnight until 6 a.m. June 4, so Bonneville Power Administration crews can do maintenance work on the Riverton substation which supplies Heyburn, said Charles Marsh, chief operator for BPA in Southern Idaho.

"This is just work we have to do for the reliability of power," Marsh said.

The power outage should have a minimal effect on residents, said Bob Despain, electric department manager for Heyburn. City officials chose to have the outage overnight so most people can sleep right through it.

Residents should store some water to use during the outage, Despain said. He said the city's pumps will not be working so the only water available will be what's in the pipes.

Substations usually are serviced about every seven years, Marsh said, adding that there is no other substitution for Heyburn so the company cannot reroute electricity. There are no plans to service other substations in the Mini-Cassia area, Marsh said.

BPA officials chose June 4 to do the work because the J.R. Simplot Heyburn plant will be shut down, Marsh said.

David Cuelo, a spokesman for

Maintenance work requires shutdown

Simplot, said the plant usually shuts down twice a year for maintenance, repair and cleanup. The plant will be shut down from 8 a.m. Friday to 8 a.m. June 7, he said.

Despain laughed about the power outage being used as practice for Y2K. When asked if he thought residents might see another blackout when the clock hits midnight on Jan. 1, 2000, he said, "Probably."

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WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD



Union Pacific Railroad crews install underground communication cable, new switches and new crossings along several miles of the railroad line north of Paulsen.

Missing hiker found in good shape by news helicopter

CASCADE LOCKS, Ore. (AP) — Flashing news helicopter pilots to signal a passing news helicopter, the grandson of former Oregon Gov. Dave Treen was found in good shape Wednesday after four days lost in the rugged Columbia Gorge.

Jason Neville, 20, was waving the news above him in the late morning sunshine when the KOIN-TV news helicopter spotted him on a steep, dusty clearing about four miles from the trail he set out on.

"I caught the glint from the pants just out of the corner of my eye," said helicopter pilot Warren Petrie, who flickered his landing lights to let the young man know he had been spotted.

"It's just great news to be in right place at right time," Petrie said as he circled above.

"You can see the smile on his face."

Neville, a novice hiker who set out alone last Thursday to celebrate his 20th birthday, got lost amid the honeycomb of trails through the steep ridges and cliffs along the Columbia River about 40 miles east of Portland.

The thin young man with closely cropped black hair, a

'I caught the glint from the pants just out of the corner of my eye.'

— Warren Petrie, pilot

white T-shirt and khaki pants could be seen standing beside a camp set up with a blue tarp, a sleeping bag, a tent and a smoky fire.

"That's him," his mother, Jennifer Neville, screamed through tears as she watched the pictures live at a base camp. "If it's not him it's his twin, baggy pants and all."

"I'm just so thankful to God," she said. "It's the greatest day of my life."

Neville, who left a tight congressional race Tuesday to join the search, wiped away tears as he watched the pictures while still clutching a photograph of his grandson.

"This is one of the highest moments of my life," he said, "better than being elected."

Nevada still converts 1920s-era phones—no dialing

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Remember Ernestine the phone operator with the very nasal voice from "Laugh-In?"

She's alive and well, in spirit, in isolated Nevada locations like Cosgrove, Hualapai, Dede Valley, Sweetwater and Fish Creek.

Nevada still has about 50 antiquated phone lines where you have to call the operator to connect calls in or out. They are called non-dialable toll stations.

You call a toll station customer by asking the operator for the assigned name for the station, such as Mount Tohin No. 1 or Toulon No. 2, rather than a phone number.

In Nevada's Bell country, the operators are familiar with toll stations and patch a call through with no problem.

But toll station customers trying to make out-of-state calls have endless frustrations with operators unfamiliar with toll stations.

"Usually, there's a pause and they ask where are you," said Jennifer Trucker, whose phone is Cosgrove No. 3 at her home about 20 miles outside Winnemucca. "Then you're on hold anywhere from two to 10 minutes until they figure out what to do. Generally, they have to get a supervisor. I've had three operators in a row hang up on me."

Nevada has the most toll stations in the country. California and Oregon are the only other states with non-dialable phone service, said Donald Baechler, project manager for Telcordia Technologies' Traffic Routing Administration.

Telcordia, formerly Bellcore, provides software and engineering to optimize communications systems. Telcordia pioneered Caller ID, Call Waiting and Toll Free service.

Baechler said about 617 toll stations remain in the North American Numbering Plan area that includes the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean nations. More than half of these are scattered in various Canadian provinces and territories with 283 toll stations in Quebec and 139 in Newfoundland.

California has a handful of toll stations at Drakesbae at the southern edge of Lassen Volcanic National Park. Oregon has three toll stations, Baechler said.

Nevada Bell and GTE promise to get rid of all these remaining 1920s-era phone systems by the end of 2001. Once that happens, all telephones in Nevada will finally have seven-digit numbers.

Phone customers in Nevada began dialing numbers that started in 1925 and by the late 1930s major areas in the state had dial service, said Dick Bostdorff, Nevada Bell's vice president and general manager. But many sections of the state had non-dialable phones into the space age. Winnemucca didn't get dial phones until 1956 and Virginia City finally had seven-digit phone numbers in 1975.

Since then, non-dialable phones remained in the few areas isolated from towns or local phone exchanges. Over the decades, phone companies wouldn't bring dial service to these areas unless customers paid the bill.

Now, however, Nevada Bell and GTE will pay \$12 million and \$15 million, respectively, to convert phone service by order of the Nevada Public Utilities Commission with added pressure from the North American Numbering Plan Administration — the people in charge of area codes.

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Energy Department will have to find another way to treat and dispose the waste, she said.

"If the application fulfills the requirements of the law, the permit would be issued, said Mike Simon, air quality engineer with the state Division of Environmental Quality. The agency could deny the permit only with a compelling reason.

"The application is flawed and inaccurate and offers that compelling reason," Glaccum said.

Simon said earlier that if the plant plans to treat waste beyond 85% efficiency, the permit would have to be reviewed.

Margaret Macdonald Stewart, of the Snake River Alliance, questioned the accuracy of determining the pollutants in the emissions if officials don't know exactly what's in the barrels of waste.

Dr. Peter Kirkwood, Twin Falls podiatrist raised unanswered questions about the real effectiveness of filters used to trap minute

airborne particles.

Dunn Reynolds of Twin Falls suggested the process was driven by politics, not science. Officials documents call for an aggressive schedule to meet deadlines in the 1995 settlement agreement, he said.

Marc McGregor of Haley said incineration was a poor way to treat any kind of waste. In Europe waste incinerators — for municipal garbage — are being phased out because their emissions are dangerous, he said.

Air quality permits are issued based on best theoretical efficiency — rarely reached in practice. And emission limits are based on the effects of individual chemicals. The effects of various chemicals in combination have not been studied.

And the effects of each chemical is considered independently, the cumulative effects of many chemicals are not considered, he

said.

The idea of a mixed-waste incinerator is ludicrous, McGregor said.

The best way to handle radioactive waste is to minimize exposure.

"Putting in into the air makes no sense whatsoever," he said. "There's no question this permit should be denied."

Written comment on the permit will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 28. That deadline is expected to be extended 30 days.

Copies of the permit application are available at DEQ offices in Twin Falls, Boise, Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene, Pocatello and Idaho Falls. Comments should be mailed to Chris Davenport, DEQ, 1410 N. Hillton, Boise Idaho 83706.

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Five die in car crash near Moab

MOAB, Utah (AP) — Five people were killed when a pickup truck and a motor home collided on Utah 191 about 15 miles north of Moab.

Utah Highway Patrol Lt. Verdi White said it appeared the pickup truck was traveling southbound Tuesday when it lost a tire, entered the northbound lane and struck the motor home.

The impact caused a fire that consumed both vehicles and caused damage to the road.

The only survivor from the

accident was Christane Kessler, 25, from Luxembourg, Germany, who was listed in good condition at Allen Memorial Hospital. She had been riding in the back of the motor home. Two others, Jean Paul Weber, 40, and Roger Weber, both of Germany, were both in the front of the vehicle and killed in the collision.

Fawneda Evans, 25, of Grand Junction, Colo., her daughter, Sierra Evans, 4, and Case Morgan Evans, 1, were killed in the pickup truck.

Addison Avenue widening resumes

TWIN FALLS — The project to widen Addison Avenue East has resumed after a winter break.

The project will widen the road to five lanes, including a turn lane, between Morningside and Eastland drives, a news release from the Idaho Transportation Department said.

Curbs, gutters, sidewalks and handicap ramps will also be added during the \$1.05 million project, which should be finished by early July.

Addison will remain open during construction, but several side streets will be closed to through traffic at times, the release said.

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patient at the hospital.

IACI President Steve Ahrens and others moved the bill smoothly through the Senate. But government supporters including Smith's seatmate, Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, the bill died before it reached the House floor. The application of the bill said they had no problem with the concept — no one should be responsible for something they don't do. But the government bills the bill went — the employer should still be liable

for its own negligent hiring and supervision practices.

To the Rotary Club, Smith told a story his House Committee on Judiciary and Rules heard in the bill's final hearing. An older woman was put into a rest home, which gave her family the usual assurances of safety. But one of the orderlies had been in prison. The personnel director suspected the man had a criminal history, but hadn't checked. Rumors abounded in the orderly's first few days at work, but the home never checked into them, and

gave the orderly access to every room. Then he raped the woman, and her mind and body deteriorated rapidly.

Smith asked the crowded Tourist Club how many people thought the rest home should be liable. About half raised their hands, far more hands than were raised when he asked who thought the home shouldn't be.

With the IACI bill written as it was, Smith said, the rest home would have been off the hook altogether.

"This is the first time I've tried

to give an explanation for my vote," he said.

The bill's supporters promise to return, and Smith said he's not on IACI's "good list" the moment, though he has indicated he would support another version that gives less of a blanket immunity.

"I may not be much of a politician," he said, "but at least if you ask me you'll know where I stand."

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tion of the Accelerated Reader program that encourages reading and monitors student progress, and adoption of a discipline policy that teaches students appropriate behavior and has reduced impulsive acts by students.

"We're seeing kids thinking much more about their behavior," Muscat said.

Sawtooth Elementary School Staff at Sawtooth Elementary School has focused on improving student achievement in math computation, spelling and reading comprehension, Principal

Randy Rutledge said.

This year the school saw a jump in standardized test scores that already were well above average. Sawtooth students this year ranked between the 82nd and 94th percentiles in their combined reading, language and math scores. The 50th percentile is average.

The school also is focusing on improving students' writing abilities, Rutledge said.

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Committee prepares for 2000 census

By Dixie Thomas Reale
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JEROME — The Jerome Census 2000 Complete Count Committee met Tuesday in council chambers to discuss the next census count which will be taken April 1, 2000.

Jerome city councilwoman Marge Schmidt, chairman of the committee, is leading a regional effort in the Magic Valley to make sure everyone is counted. Because of Jerome's rapid growth and the resulting strain on the infrastructure, city officials want to get an accurate count.

Gladyes Romero, a partnership team leader with the United States Census Bureau, discussed the importance of an accurate census count. She said the census, taken every 10 years, determines how many seats states will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and helps determine how much federal funding cities receive. States also take the census into consideration when allocating funds. Business owners use the numbers to help them decide where to locate their factories, shopping centers, theaters, banks and offices, thus creating jobs. Communities use the information to help develop community service programs.

"The census is the largest and most expensive peacetime activity of the United States government

conducts," Romero said. "Census 2000 will be the 20th 10-year census conducted. In the past, each time the census was conducted, it became more complex. During this count, 800,000 people will be hired before Census 2000 is finished."

Romero said every household in the country will receive a census form in the mail the last week of May and about 65 percent of households return the questionnaire. During the first part of April, census workers will go door-to-door of households that haven't responded to the survey to ask residents to complete the forms. She said workers will make up to six visits to one household in an effort to obtain the information.

Nationwide, one out of every six households will receive a long form and the remainder of households will receive a short form. The long form includes the same basic questions that are on the short form such as name, age and ethnicity, along with more detailed questions about education, ancestry, employment and disabilities.

Romero said the numbers are checked closely for accuracy and then compiled. A complete copy of the census will be presented to

the president of the United States on Dec. 31, 2000. States will receive the finished report on April 1, 2001.

By law, information provided by individuals on the census forms must be kept confidential and only numbers are included in the statistical summaries. After 72 years, personal information is made available in historical documents for genealogical purposes, Romero said.

The U.S. Census Bureau offers educational materials to schools, churches and other community organizations. The Jerome Census 2000 Complete Count Committee has been working on activities to encourage the community to get involved in the next census count and is encouraging other Magic Valley communities to do the same.

Julianna Dovalina, a specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau Community Partnership based in Boise, travels around the country speaking to community groups about the importance of an accurate count. She said census workers fluent in foreign languages are available to assist with non-English speaking groups.

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Kimberly begins summer residential watering schedule

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — Kimberly residents are reminded that summer watering hours will be in effect starting Tuesday.

People who live on streets on the north side of Center Street should water on odd calendar days, and residents south of Center Street should water on even calendar days. This system has helped prevent waste and overwatering.

In other Kimberly City council business:

- Election help? The council discussed hiring staff from the Twin Falls County recorder's

office to manage city elections. The county office would provide all necessary printed material and hire election personnel.

City clerk Kim Martin said another city has saved 30 percent on election costs by hiring help.

The council voted to hire the county staff, if it's found that it would save money.

- Neighboring help: The council agreed to help the Kimberly Chamber of Commerce with Good Neighbor Day festivities. The city offered up to \$1,000.
- Trimming trees: Trees in the city park are being groomed, and should be trimmed by Good Neighbor Day.

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Voters reject jail expansion, new police station

The Associated Press

Voters have rejected measures which would have expanded the overcrowded jail in Coeur d'Alene and built a new Caldwell police station.

In the first test of an experimental local option county voter sales tax, Kootenai County voters on Tuesday rejected a half-cent sales tax hike for jail expansion. The proposition needed a 60 percent majority. It got just 52 percent. The actual unofficial count was 2,724-2,979 as just 12 percent of registered voters turned out.

"I think it's sad that voters in this county don't care enough," elections supervisor Deedie Beard said, "after all the effort that was put into making this election as easy as it can be."

The county is the only one in the state to have access to an optional sales tax. Lawmaker approved the bill in 1996 amid discussion that a extra sales tax was more palatable than higher property taxes to improve local services — especially in place like Kootenai County where sentiment against the property tax is strongest.

The county wanted to expand the jail from 127 beds to 385. The average daily population in March was 192 prisoners. The sales-tax increase would have raised about \$24 million over the next five years.

Under the 1996 law, half that revenue would have to be used to directly reduce property taxes.

Opponents included business owners who feared a loss in sales

due to higher costs.

Advocates of the optional sales tax experiment saw it as a way to determine whether an increase locally would affect retail activity and whether there was any truth in claims that Idaho residents would rather pay higher sales taxes than property tax.

County Commission Chairman Dick Panabaker said it appears likely that property taxes will fund the new jail expansion.

The \$5.9 million bond for a new Caldwell police station also

went down in defeat, 1,157 for to 612 against. But the 65.4 percent vote in support fell short of the needed two-thirds majority.

"I'm shocked, I've got to tell you. We lost by 19 votes," Police Chief Doug Law said. "We will try to find out what the problem is and fix it."

Board opponent Kent Marmon said the results indicate that while voters probably agree a new police station is needed, the location selected was wrong and the price too high.

Tax on tourist business fails by wide margin

DRIGGS (AP) — Voters have turned down a proposed resort tax targeting goods and services used by visitors.

On Tuesday.

The tax would have been collected on sleeping accommodations, beer, wine and liquor, event admissions, and food consumed at licensed premises.

Deepening river channel is important to region's economy

LEWISTON (AP) — Deepening the Columbia River navigational channel is important for shippers all the way to Idaho, says one of the prime backers of the project.

Those who support deepening the channel are hoping for congressional authorization for the work this year. They then will return to Congress next year for funding, said Dianne Perry, executive director of the Columbia River Channel Coalition in Portland.

"It's important for the region's economic welfare," Perry said Tuesday as she met with the ports of Lewiston, Clarkston and Whitman County.

Companies are switching to larger ships, which require more than the current 40-foot draft, she said. They want to dredge 103 miles of the lower Columbia to make the 600-foot wide channel 43 feet deep.

They also want to dredge 11 miles of the Willamette River below Portland, but there are problems there with contaminated sediment, she said.

The coalition of seven ports paid for a five-year study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is to be completed this year, Perry said. The cost for the Columbia River dredging alone, including environmental mitigation, is \$152 million.

Kempthorne, Land Board urged to scrutinize project

BOISE (AP) — Former Gov. Cecil Andrus has entered the latest debate over extensive resort development on Cascade Reservoir, urging his successor on the state Land Board to closely scrutinize the project.



Cecil Andrus Dirk Kempthorne

In a letter to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the other four members of the board, Andrus hailed their decision to review and analyze all the information available to date on the proposed WestRock four-season resort proposed on the west side of the reservoir.

But he said the board should go beyond information amassed so far and demand what amounts to a full-scale environmental analysis similar to that required by the federal government even though the new project would involve U.S. Forest Service land as its filled predecessor, Valbois, did.

"It is worth remembering that proposal eventually crumbled under the weight of legitimate questions about the financial ability of developers to keep development and environmental commitments," Andrus wrote in the letter sent this week.

The board this month refused to take the formal step of requesting development proposals for the 2,100 acres of state land WestRock promoters need for

their ski runs. Kempthorne said he wanted more information on the transportation, infrastructure, economic and environmental impacts of the project that also include snowbinding trails, a golf course and other recreational facilities along with commercial and retail establishments serving nearly 3,500 housing units.

Scaled back from 6,000 housing units and a marina on the reservoir, the project received conceptual approval from Valley County officials in April after a year of study.

Andrus, who has a cabin on Cascade Reservoir, said the Land Board should take advantage of all the information the Forest Service gathered during the years of evaluation of the ski Valley County project since WestRock could potentially have many of the

same impacts. Deepened scrutiny is critical, he said, "because of the proposed location, the pressure on transportation routes, the infrastructure needs, the effects on local communities and, very importantly, the potentially profound impacts on water quality in an already stressed Cascade Reservoir."

Court finds officers' search unconstitutional

BOISE (AP) — Shoshone County sheriff's officers who found marijuana plants growing in a man's closet violated his constitutional protection against unreasonable search and seizure, an appellate court said.

The Idaho Court of Appeals, in a unanimous opinion issued Wednesday, agreed with David N. Staats that the officers had no business in his home without either a search warrant or clear evidence of consent.

"Even if consent has been given, expressly or implied, it may be revoked, thereby termi-

nating the authority of the police to continue a warrantless search," Chief Judge Darrel Perry wrote for the three-member court.

The decision reversed 1st District Judge Craig Kosonen's rejection of Staats's motion to suppress evidence against him on the charge of manufacturing and controlled substance. Staats had pleaded guilty, but reserved the right to challenge Kosonen's ruling.

Perry wrote that there was no evidence supporting the officers' claim that they had the consent of Staats's wife to enter the house.

And even if they had permission, the officers who were in the house to investigate a report of alleged child abuse should have left when Staats's wife asked them to.



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More was the merrier when in-laws tagged along

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to comment on the letter from the couple who didn't want to honeymoon with their in-laws on a cruise. My husband and I were married in 1958. I lived in Louisiana. His parents were from Pennsylvania and came to our wedding. We were delighted to have them come that distance to attend. Their other son, Mike, was assigned in Biloxi, Miss., so a couple of days after the wedding my husband, his parents and I went to visit Mike in Biloxi. En route, we stopped in New Orleans and had the time of our lives. My in-laws paid all the expenses, as we were living on a shoestring. We had many laughs later about my in-laws coming along on our honeymoon. My husband and I have since taken many trips. We've been to Europe three times, to Canada, and have trav-

Most contained dire warnings that the young woman should "run for the hills" while she still could — or that the couple should stand together and lay down the law to his mother. Read on for the reaction of a reader who simply empathized.

DEAR ABBY: I feel for that bride. She has a mother-in-law who wants to share every detail of their life — every special moment. That "mature woman" had better get a life of her own.

My mother-in-law didn't go on our honeymoon with us, but she finished unwrapping our wedding gifts "for us" and left them nicely displayed. She picked up our wedding album from the photographer and saw the pictures before we did. She wanted to tell us when to have our family (when I had morn-

DEAR
ABBY
Allyl Warkent

eled all over the United States. I dare say none of these trips was more fun than the honeymoon trip with my husband's mom and dad. By the way, Dad died in 1987. My mother-in-law died April 6. I say: Let your in-laws go with you. You won't regret it.

— MRS. BOB LAURA
LAURA, POWELL, TENN.

ing sickness, she said, "Don't you wish you had waited?" My in-laws also went on most vacations with us. I hope that young woman loves her fiancé a great deal, so their marriage lasts, as ours has. Good luck, honey, you have my sympathy. Sign me,

— BEEN THERE

DEAR BEEN THERE: You deserve kudos for your ability to ignore the fratillies of others. I hope your mother-in-law realizes... what a prize her son snagged when he married you.

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Analyze This

Town will talk, write about Libra

IF MAY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have universal appeal, are a natural humanizer, prefer peace but will fight when cause is right. Arise, Libra individuals play dynamic roles in many areas. I have these letters, initials in unmet: L R. Current cycle relates to domestic adjustment that could include actual change of residence, marital status. You will be a major domestic adjustment that could be for pleasure or profit. November will be romantic and profitable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be drawn to borderline studies. Focus on magic, mystery of numbers, astrology. When persons play fascinating roles, help you build confidence. Dress prophetic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Attention revolves around public relations, legal affairs, marital status. Break free from unwary situation — allow intuition and your heart. New set of associates is in picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): People shower you with questions, many are drawn to you with their most intimate problems. Don't overload yourself with obligations belonging elsewhere. Workplace will undergo renovation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You could be dubbed seer. Spotlight on creativity, style, attractiveness, personal magnetism. Friend, exciting love on horizon. Child will speak truth. Leo, Aquarius individuals in picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Slow pace. Visit museum, learn more history of your people. Emphasis on home, recreation, experience with Cancer native. Missing home appearance will be located or returned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Having an open mind does not mean you are glib. Be receptive to ideas relating to language, foreign lands,

logic — do not go off deep end. Loyal Cancer native helps avoid rocking the boat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk of the town. People talk and write about you. Superior suggests, "You are ready for tougher assignments." People fall in love with you, some admit, "I can't keep my hands off you."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Moon in Scorpio represents high tide — make new start, meet people, fall in love. Excellent for writing, reading, teaching, learning more about the occult. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Music plays on, you are in rhythm, step ahead by dancing to your own tune. Refuse to be discouraged by people who refuse to understand. Domestic adjustment could include change of residence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Base decisions on facts — fanciful Pisces provides information, much of it misinformation. Maintain sense of mystery, don't tell all, welcome romance. Investigate, do not stop now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lunar position at top of chart relates to career, profession, promotion. Passionate relationship crowds

Blood pressure rises on both sides of law enforcement

Q. At what age does the average girl reach half her expected grooming weight?

A. At 8. Average boy, age 11.

Q. As you drive your blood pressure goes up when you see a police car. That much you'd guess, but do you guess, too, that blood pressure of law officers goes up when they see traffic violators. Each traffic ticket reportedly deals with an average of three angry confrontations a day. If that doesn't make them edgy, they're supercool, I'd say.

Q. How did your Love and War minutes' be critical to a happy marriage? The first four minutes of what?

A. The first four minutes after they wake up in the morning and the first four minutes after they meet again at day's end. It was another Love and War segment, not our own, who said it, "Whether the marriage is to stop depends on how the man and woman handle those two occasions, because what they do in those eight minutes indicates what they really think of each other at the end of the day."

Q. Can you name the two Army enlisted men who earned the Medal of Honor while stark naked?

A. Privates William B. Tremblay and Edward White. In the Philippines War of 1899-1902, they swam across a river under heavy enemy fire to attach a rope on the far bank.

Q. A "how to behave" counselor says: If you smile when you pick up the phone, the caller will hear it in your voice.

A. A violin's strings put more pressure on its bridge than the pressure you put in your teeth. For more, About 75 pounds of pressure, give or take.

WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

Q. How do the wildlifers know elephants get drunk on purpose?

A. Because the elephants return repeatedly to grazing grounds where they've found fermented fruit.

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Ima Gulnet and her three-year-old granddaughter Majorie-Bremew look over a monument of flowers, candles and a shopping cart, Wednesday, on the corner of Fourth Street and La Brea in Los Angeles. The shrine was assembled in memory of Margaret L. Mitchell, a homeless woman who was shot and killed Friday by a bicycle beat cop.

Researchers discover fatal insomnia

The Associated Press
 Researchers have discovered a brain-wasting disease that begins with severe insomnia and ends in hallucinations and death.
 The disease, sporadic fatal insomnia, is caused by the same type of deformed proteins, known as prions, that cause mad cow disease and its human variant, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, according to two studies.

There is no known treatment or cure. It is not clear what causes the disease, but scientists know it is not inherited. And unlike one type of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, it is not believed to come from infected meat.

Instead, scientists suspect it is caused by a spontaneous mutation in a single brain or nerve cell.
 So far, they have identified only six cases of the disease, but there could be others that were misdiagnosed as other mind-destroying illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease.

Prions are proteins with Jekyll-and-Hyde personalities that cluster in the brain. When their molecules are folded into the correct shape, prions are benign, though no one knows their function.

Folded the wrong way, prions induce other proteins to mimic them.
 The misfolded prions then accumulate in parts of the brain, causing the tissue to break down and become full of holes, like a

sponge.
 Different prion diseases attack different parts of the brain, causing characteristic types of dementia and death.
 Some are infectious, like mad cow disease in cattle and scrapie in sheep and goats. In humans, prion diseases are either inherited, caught from eating contaminated meat, or spontaneous.
 Researchers have previously identified an inherited prion dis-

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 Doctor scale nice • Microwave, needs key pad • Chair/ottoman/massage table excellent condition • Assorted doors • Carpet remnants • Full length mirror • Glass display bulletin board • Old garden tools • Roll away bed • Indoor self contained swamp cooler • Some LP records • 2 choir platforms • 1 shopping cart • Wood display case • 3 old loud speakers • 1 couch and some end tables • Steel kitchen cabinet sink unit • 12 computer monitors

ANTIQUES
 1 gallon antique gas can • 2 antique world globes • 6 old window weights (18" long) • 1 wood box case • 3 old exit signs • 2 beveled edge mirrors • Slide project • Overhead projector • 2 reel to reel movie projectors • 1947 to 1963 National Geographics

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Train deaths leave police puzzled

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — In her final act, Julia Toledo tried to snatch her son out of the way of an oncoming train.

But as she raced across the tracks to reach him, her three other sons tumbled after her, and the whole family was struck from behind by the locomotive, police said.

Ms. Toledo, 46, and sons Pedro, 3, Angel, 6, and Carlos, 12, were killed, authorities said. Her 10-year-old son, Jose, was in critical condition Wednesday at Bridgeport Hospital. Authorities originally said it was a 6-year-old had survived, but after the coroner's office identified the remains they corrected that today to say it was Angel's brother Jose who was alive.

The family had been walking along the train tracks at 2:20 a.m. Tuesday when they were hit by an Amtrak train moving at 71 mph. At the scene, rescue workers found backpacks, books, report cards and a Bible strewn among body parts.

"It's obvious they weren't going for a joy ride. This was a family in distress," said Fairfield First Selectman Ken Flato.

The family, natives of Ecuador, had lived in a Bridgeport apartment a few doors away from Julia's sister, Maria, and brother, Carlos. But last week they moved into the YMCA Families In Transition shelter.

The sister said in Wednesday's Hartford Courant that she had persuaded her sister to move

from Ecuador 1 1/2 years ago. She said they were not citizens, but were in this country legally. The dead woman had worked as a janitor at Fairfield University.

Ms. Toledo had told a shelter case worker that the burden of child care and a demanding job had become too intense, the Courant reported. She told the case worker she had quit her job and needed a place for her and the boys to sleep.

The three older boys attended Luis Munoz Marin elementary school. Tamiela Martoney, 11, a fifth-grader at the school, said the boys walked to school together. She said she was in the same class with Carlos.

"He was nice. He liked to draw," she said.

Shuttle may not visit space station again

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Because of Russia's chronic money crunch, space shuttle Discovery's flight could end up being the only trip to the new international space station this year. Discovery was set to blast off this morning on a 10-day mission with more than 4,300 pounds of spare parts, cranes, tools, laptop computers and clothes to be used by the first permanent crew. In November, an unmanned Russian rocket is scheduled to launch the next piece of the space station, a service module containing life-support systems.

Women tops at Navy graduation

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The No. 1 graduate at the Naval Academy this year was a woman, as was No. 2, not to mention Nos. 4, 6, and 9.

Half of the top 10 Naval Academy graduates were women, who made up only 15 percent of the Class of 1999 that graduated Wednesday.

"Overall, it was the best showing yet for women at the academy, where class standing depends on more than just good grades.

Academy officials also consider military competency and conduct (given about 25 percent weight) and athletic achievements (10 percent) to determine the order of merit.

Women may have tried harder "to show we can succeed in the military," said Josephine Nguyen, who finished second in the class of 883 and will attend medical school at Stanford University in the fall with hopes of becoming a Navy flight surgeon.

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Thursday, May 27, 1999

At long last, a guidebook to safe and sane rivers

Idaho is a legendary state for whitewater boating, but for every mile of wild white, there's at least one mile of mellow green water.

Challenging rivers - such as the Jerbridge-Bruneau and Murrugh stretch of the Snake - are described in stroke-by-stroke detail in a froth of padding guides, but the state's gentle rivers have long been overlooked.

Until now.



FORCE OF NATURE
William Brock

Focattello paddlers Katherine Daly and Ron Waters have filled an important void with their new book, "Kath and Ron's Guide to Idaho Paddling: Flatwater and easy whitewater trips." (Great Rift Press, \$18.95; call 1-800-585-6857 for details.)

This is a book for anyone who owns a canoe, but doesn't have the confidence to give it up on moving water. There are thousands, probably tens of thousands, of these folks scattered around Idaho. Many have children and they won't gamble with their family's safety.

That's too bad because there are hundreds of miles of gentle streams and rivers that are gorgeous and good for the soul. Silver Creek is a prime example. Bear Valley Creek is another. If you've never paddled these waters, you are missing out on some of Idaho's simple pleasures.

They paddled these streams, and several others that Daly and Waters describe in their book. Their impressions mirror my own, which puts me at ease for the time when I'm on a new river and must trust their words implicitly.

Here's a passage that Magic Valley paddlers can use as a litmus test: It describes an outing on the Snake River from Centennial Park to Shoshone Falls. "... It's an easy paddle upstream on lake-like water. Along the way, dozens of clear spring rivulets enter the river. Scattered here and there among the springs are little, enchanting, alcoves framed with lush, verdant scenery.

Two miles from the start is Pillar Falls, an ancient geological feature where the river tumbles around huge, tooth-shaped spires of lava jutting into the air. At Pillar Falls, you can turn around - or, better yet, when the water is low, make a shore portage and continue paddling upstream until reaching the base of Idaho's Niagara Falls: Shoshone Falls.

Every word of the description rings true, particularly an observation that I've never heard anyone else make: The portage past Pillar Falls is easiest when there is less than 3,500-cubic feet per second.

It's that sort of thoroughness, time and again, which makes this guidebook shine. One of the nearly 100 featured waterways is illustrated with a detailed map and a mileage chart, as well as information about difficulty, duration and the return journey back to the vehicle.

Of particular note is an "expanded Class 1" scale that recognizes key distinctions in what had been an alarmingly broad spectrum of easy streams and rivers. Under the old scale, lake-like water was rated just as difficult as crooked, narrow streams lined with overhanging brush. Daly and Waters recognize the difference, and they say so in plain English.

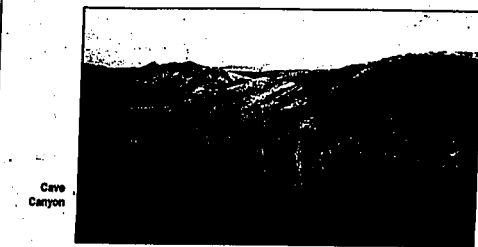
These two aren't newcomers to outdoor adventure in southern Idaho. They were among the first members of the Salmon River and have logged many miles together on boats, bikes and hand-propelled boats.

Idaho's longtime director of Idaho State University's acclaimed Outdoor Program, Waters has written an equally good guidebook-to-backcountry skiing and snowshoeing in Idaho. His biography of kayaking legend, and author of the now-absorbing story of a man who bestrode the whitewater world like a colossus.

To be perfectly honest, everyone who enters the Idaho outdoors can learn something from Katherine Daly and Ron Waters.

As Outdoors editor of a major Idaho newspaper, I'm always fielding questions about where to go for easy paddling. Now that this guide is on my bookshelf, I've got some answers.

Guidebooks are among Outdoors editor William Brock's favorite literary genres.



Cave Canyon

At the northeast corner of the South Hills, mountain bikers will find ...

Classic canyon rides

MURTAUGH - The northeast corner of the South Hills is a landscape of weathered rock and deep canyons laced with perennial streams. Juniper trees dot the sage-covered slopes while swaying aspens and cottonwoods line the valleys.

Two of the largest canyons lie about halfway between the towns of Murtaugh and Oakley: Big Cottonwood and Big Cedar. Hidden within these twin, twisting canyons is a network of trails that's ideally suited for mountain biking.

An excellent trailhead is at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, near a Wildlife Management Area maintained by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. From here, cyclists can wheel through a variety of rides - ranging from easy jaunts to all-day epics.

One of the most scenic rides heads up Cave Canyon.

From the trailhead, cyclists ride north until they reach the Big Cedar Canyon Road. This graded road winds alongside Big Cedar Creek as it meanders past crumbling rock formations and scattered junipers. It's a casual ride for about 3 1/2 miles, until the road makes a hard right turn and a sign on the left marks the junction with the Cave Canyon Trail.

At this point, riders swing left off the main road and splash through the first of several stream crossings. The trail slices through the sage and willows along Cave Creek as it sweeps through a narrow cleft. After a quarter mile, another signed intersection presents cyclists with two choices.

Riders who are ready for a serious outing can head straight up Cave Canyon. Numerous stream crossings, aspen groves and a labyrinth of narrow valleys are this trail's signature qualities. It offers spectacular scenery and challenging terrain, but the Cave Canyon trail is a demanding route with considerable elevation gain spread over 22 miles.

If that sounds too daunting, simply veer left at the sign and pedal into the aptly named "Left Cave Canyon." This trail forms an eight-mile loop that cuts through a sage- and juniper-covered draw, then cranks up a steep hill and tops out on a blunt ridge. The ridge is a great place to take a breather and savor sweeping views of Big Cottonwood, Big Cedar and Cave canyons.

Once the water bottles have been stowed, riders can roll over the ridge to another signed intersection. The straight-ahead route leads across a juniper-covered plateau before entering Big Cottonwood Canyon. It's a nice ride, but there's a better option for cyclists in search of a high-speed descent.

For those riders, the trail swings left onto the "Big Cottonwood Shortcut." This spur trail is a howling, white-knuckled descent that loses nearly 500 feet in elevation in just a half mile. Check your brakes at the top because juniper trees fly past in a blur, water bars in the trail will put big air beneath the wheels of adrenaline-deprived riders.

Noting lasts forever and the trail calms down when it intersects Big Cottonwood Canyon. The final three miles back to the trailhead afford a nice cool-down ride that parallels the creek through the broad valley.

Whether you're looking for an easy



A blur of motion and sleek grace, Hansen resident Tracy Weber hits warp speed on the Cave Canyon Trail in the South Hills.

Story and photos by Mark Weber

ride or a grueling, full-day outing, "Canyon Country" on the northeast edge of the South Hills is a great place to keep 'em turning.

Getting There

Although it involves driving through a maze of county roads, the Big Cottonwood Canyon trailhead is well-signed and easy to locate.

From Twin Falls

About four miles east of Murtaugh on U.S. Highway 30, turn right (south) on 4900 West. The junction is marked by a sign pointing the way to Oakley. Follow 4900 for six miles, then stick with it as the road makes a sharp left turn and begins heading east. Go one mile, then turn right (south) onto Mountain Road. The pavement gives way to a good gravel road that leads straight to Oakley.

After about five miles on gravel, turn right at an intersection marked with a sign for Fish and Game's Big Cottonwood Wildlife Management Area.

From Burley

Take Idaho Highway 27 south toward Oakley. After 12 miles, turn right (west) on 1000 South, which is known locally as Golden Valley Road. Go about 6 1/2 miles to 1100 West. The intersection is marked by a Fish and Game sign.

Turn left (south) on 1100 West, then drive another five miles to the trailhead: access road for Fish and Game's Big Cottonwood Wildlife Management Area.



Love's every stride of it, Weber takes the wet-footed route through Cave Creek.

Was Mallory first to climb Everest? Issue divides mountaineers

The Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal - American and European mountaineers retracing the route taken by George Mallory and Andrew Irvine are divided over whether the two ever made it to the top of Mount Everest.

The team discovered Mallory's frozen body earlier this month, 75 years after he and Irvine disappeared in their quest to become the first to scale the 29,000-foot mountain, the world's highest peak. Irvine's body has never been recovered.

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There has been speculation for years about whether the two made it to the summit of Mount Everest and died on the way down - 29 years before New Zealander Sir Edmund Hillary and Nepalese Sherpa Tenzing Norgay successfully scaled the mountain.

The five-member team held a news conference Tuesday in Katmandu to describe how they discovered Mallory's

body, his face frozen to the ground, and buried it under rocks on the mountain-side.

However, they were divided over whether the two climbers ever made it to the summit.

"I don't think they made it. ... The route was too long and too hard," said Eric Simonsen of Ashford, Wash., who led the expedition retracing the route the two climbers followed in 1924.

But another team member, Andy Pollock of Columbus, Ohio, disagreed. "I still think they made it to the top," he

said, without explaining why.

Conrad Anker, 36, of Big Oak Flat, Calif., who spotted the body on May 1, cited "the length of time they were gone and the depth of difficulty" of their route for his belief that Mallory and Irvine died on the way up rather than the way down.

In 1976, a Chinese climber, Wang Hongbo, described finding a body he thought was Irvine. It was lying near an ice ax with three notches on the handle,

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Battelle scientist tests fish finder at dam

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — Rather than fishing? You might ask Bob Johnson to tag along.

The Battelle scientist operates what could be the world's best fish finder — an unparalleled \$385,000 sonar system that "sees" just about everything that floats toward turbine No. 5 at Bonneville Dam.

Of course, Johnson is after more than dinner. He's searching for knowledge that will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to figure out how to best get salmon and steelhead smolt past dams without subjecting them to going through power-generating turbines or an unsentimental roller coaster ride through the dam's concrete bowels.

"These tools allow us to see fish movements more completely and take us one step closer to understanding how fish behave near these test facilities," said Johnson, of Battelle.

As he completes his second year of testing at Bonneville, the corps says what he found last year is showing its test fish bypass screen, which is designed to divert fish away from the turbines, works better than some river waterway projects.

According to a recent report by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, operated by Battelle, the new dual-dam, multi-pass sonar Johnson operates has resulted in "unprecedented insight into fine-scale fish behavior."

"When you get the kind of numbers we got in 1988, it's hard not to look at it," said Blaine Ebers, corps fish biologist. Fish agencies are working to make dams invisible to fish migrating downstream — something that was not universally understood as a need when the hydrosystem was built.

"One strategy is spilling fish-filler water over dams and then using it to generate power. But too much spill causes lethal amounts of atmospheric gases to be mixed into the river, and large

amounts of water are needed to turn the turbines for electricity.

So in recent years, the corps has kept an "aggressive" effort to grade fish around the dams before they get deep enough to go into turbines. Currently, the corps is developing "surface bypass collectors" that route fish around powerhouses.

These facilities likely would become even more important if the region decides to rely on technological upgrades to reduce fish kills, rather than breaching the four lower

Snake River dams.

In 1988, the corps installed a prototype fish collection system at Bonneville's original powerhouse. It doesn't actually divert fish around the dam; it just tests fish preferences for gate weirs, fish ladders and

and flow to the real thing — if it's ever built — could mask fish

The agency also operates a much larger functional structure at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in the far east of the river's navigation system.

Hope for surface bypass systems is based on Wells Dam south of Chicago, which has passed nearly 90 percent of fish safely past the dam. But Wells — where the spillways are over the powerhouse — is the far east of the river's navigation system.

Johnson's work takes place in a trailer parked above the turbines. More than a half-dozen computers ring the room, which are kept in the dark. Bundles of cords snake from the dam to a 22-foot-long aluminum large sandwich just upstream of the dam.

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— Bob Johnson, Battelle scientist



Gerry Bloch, 81, waits after scaling the summit of El Capitan Sunday at Yosemite National Park, Calif. Bloch, who made the climb at age 68 in 1986, repeated the feat and remains the oldest person to scale the monolith.

81-year-old conquers El Capitan

Man becomes oldest climber to summit Yosemite peak

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIF. (AP) — Overcoming aching joints and chilly weather, Gerry Bloch became the oldest climber to scale the steep face of Yosemite National Park's famed El Capitan — for the second time.

The biggest challenge was to do what others have called the impossible — at least for my age — but I knew I could do it," said Bloch, 81. "This is by far the most difficult, the most satisfying, and the most gratifying climb I have ever made."

Bathed in bright sunshine that melted off surrounding snow-capped mountains, Bloch reached the summit about 5 p.m.

Sunday, breaking his own record as the oldest person to make the climb.

"Greetings, all," he said with a tired smile to his grandson and a half dozen reporters who had hiked for eight hours along a trail and were waiting for him at the summit of the granite monolith.

Bloch, a retired chemical engineer from Cherry Hill, N.J., set out on his quest May 12 with two other men.

The climb was supposed to take only a week, but the group was slowed by cold weather and the weight of the food and water they carried.

Bloch also ran out of medica-

tion for his arthritis and had to settle for ibuprofen.

"If I really knew what I was getting into, I wouldn't have done it," Bloch joked. "There were days when we thought we wouldn't make it but we just kept striving. This is an obstacle course."

He last scaled El Capitan, one of the most popular challenges for serious rock climbers, in 1986, when he was age 68. Back then, Bloch took a relatively easy route, up The Nose.

This time, protected by a bright orange helmet and knee pads, he scaled the more difficult Aqueduct Wall, rising 2,500 feet to the summit.

He never doubted that he'd break his own record.

"I had confidence in the people, equipment and the technique," Bloch said. "Besides, I've been climbing since I was 16."

Bloch was accompanied to the rocky summit by guide Mike Corbett and NBC cameraman Craig White. The summit is dotted with windswept pine trees with a view of Yosemite Valley waterfalls below.

"Gerry climbed up every inch of it," White said. "We didn't pull him up at all or anything."

Bloch and his team planned to rappel down the 7,569-foot mountain today, which they expected to take four to five hours.

Endangered foxes killed to protect rare bird species closer to extinction

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wildlife biologists slaughtered protected foxes on a coastal island because the predators eat their San Clemente Island snakes, an even rarer species of bird with only 13 known in the wild.

So far, 13 San Clemente Island foxes have been killed by lethal injection — the first such effort on the island to kill one rare species to save another, said Ken Mitchell, a spokesman for the Navy, which owns the island.

"There is a lot of talk about killing one species to save another," Mitchell said Monday. "What it comes down to is the fox is a state-protected species, and that is one step below an endangered species."

The decision to kill the foxes is the brain of one ecologist, said Susan Coleman, chief of habitat conservation planning for the state Department of Fish and Game. "About 800 foxes live on the island."

The federally protected bird, one of the rarest creatures in North America, is about the size of a robin with a white underbelly, gray top and black "eyebrow" across its eyes. The small San Clemente Island fox is prominent under the California condor.

Also known as banner birds, shrikes impale birds, insects and small rodents on sharp

thorns, spikes and barbed wire to strip the flesh of their prey and devour the creatures while they're still alive.

The birds are exclusive to San Clemente Island, the most southerly and fourth largest of California's eight Channel Islands.

The Navy is responsible for the birds because it owns the property, Mitchell said.

This year the U.S. Navy spent \$2.3 million trying to save the birds, guarding wild nests electronically, raising some birds in captivity and killing other predators such as rats, wild cats and raptors.

Last year, efforts to stun the foxes with electric shock collars when they approached trees where shrikes lay failed to dissuade enough of the furry predators.

The Navy had plans to kill up to 50 foxes a year using a "two strikes" rule. Foxes that cross the shock collar's electrical barrier

more than once were to be executed.

The program is temporarily on hold while scientists decide whether it is necessary to eliminate more foxes.

But more foxes may be killed this spring when shrike fledglings emerge from their nests and are most vulnerable. Scientists also may trap foxes found within the shrikes' nesting areas and release them after the young birds mature.

Though Navy SEALs occasionally practice storming the beaches and warships lob explosive shells and cruise missiles onto the island, Mitchell said there is no conflict between its training missions and the island's ecological survival.

San Clemente Island, off the Southern California coast and about 60 miles northwest of San Diego, is home to 10 federally listed rare plants and animals. Another 28 species are being considered for listing.

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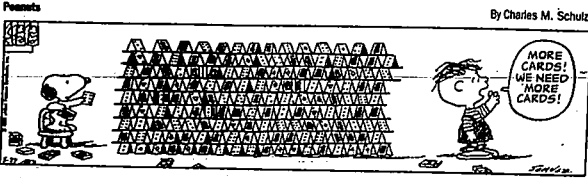
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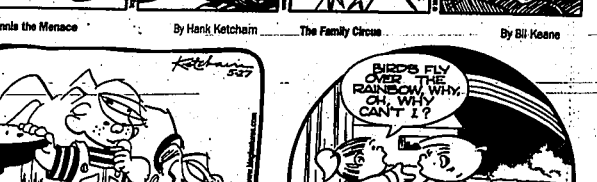
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Idaho laws protect local consumers if funeral group declares bankruptcy

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two local funeral homes and a cemetery face the prospect of their owner going bankrupt, but one local funeral home said the chain's creditors can't touch money customers have paid for funeral services.

here in Idaho," he said. The only way money can be taken out of those accounts is when a death certificate is presented.

In December 1996, Loewen Group Inc. purchased Reynolds Funeral Chapel on Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls and White Mortuary on Fourth Avenue East. Loewen purchased Sunset Memorial Park cemetery on Twin Falls' Kimberly Road in February 1996.

These three are the chain's only Magic Valley holdings, Lenzler said. Based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Loewen Group says it owns or operates more than 1,100 funeral homes and more than 400



Walter Kolakowski, a member of American Legion Post 361 in Wexford, Pa., decorates veterans' graves Tuesday at Highland Presbyterian Cemetery.

Financial problems threaten Loewen funeral chain

The Times-News

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - Loewen Group (NYSE: LWN) this month said it or its creditors may initiate proceedings for liquidation or reorganization of the company under Canadian and/or U.S. bankruptcy laws.



release said. Lacey and the board have been implementing strategies to increase profitability and cash flows of Loewen Group operations.

During the past three years, the company said its growth plan had emphasized cemetery acquisitions - versus a historical

emphasis on funeral home acquisitions. Loewen experienced difficulties in integrating new cemeteries and was impacted by recently declining cemetery and funeral home valuations.

"We have refocused our strategy away from acquisitions to improving existing operations. The company is making progress in resolving its obstacles; nevertheless, many critical issues remain outstanding at this time," Lacey said in the release. "We continue to examine various

courses of action which would enable us to alleviate both financial and operational hurdles. However, we are uncertain that these efforts will be sufficient." On March 31, Loewen announced it had entered into revised lending agreements, suspended certain dividends and restricted further borrowing. On the same day, the company said, it completed the sale of 124 cemeteries and three funeral homes; much of the proceeds were used to reduce indebtedness.

Market summary table showing Dow Jones, S&P 500, and other indices with their respective high, low, and change values.

Stocks rebound from slump

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Stocks rebounded from a four-day slump Wednesday as the banking and Internet shares that faltered earlier this week roared back. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 17.07 points, a rise of 1.6 percent, to close at 10,702.16.

"Conditions are quite good," said Tony Dwyer, equity strategist at Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. "IBM is solid, and the financials are very strong."

IBM contributed heavily to the Dow's gains, soaring 15 7/16 to 236 5/8. Big Blue drew attention as a 2-for-1 split took effect after the market closed Wednesday. Stock splits often prompt a rally, as investors expect the lower price to entice more buyers, but analysts were cautious to pin IBM's gains solely on the split.

Broader indicators rose, recovering early losses. The Standard & Poor's 500 gained 20.23 to 1,204.63, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 43.36 to 2,426.26. Analysts said the market rose for a bounce, as the U.S. economy remains strong and the outlook for corporate profits remains rosy, at least for the next quarter.

Technology stocks were hit hard as concerns about potentially higher interest rates drove investors away from the high-priced shares. Through Tuesday, the Nasdaq index had tumbled 10 percent from its all-time record of 2,652.05, set April 26, meeting the conventional definition of a market correction.

Analysts expect several industry leaders continued to languish. Intel, which unveiled a new chip design, fell 1 3/16 to 51 1/16.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Group names award after Idaho Falls writer

DAHO FALLS - J. Robb Brady, former publisher of the Post Register and current editor of the Idaho Falls Post-Register, has been awarded the 1992 Environmental Reporting Award for his work on environmental issues. The award was presented by the Idaho Conservation League at its annual conference.

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