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Reshell Hamilton of Gooding reads a book to her 13-week-old daughter Kaylah. Her infant might not understand the story yet, but she is able to follow the rhythm of her mother's voice.

Building better brains

Early stimulation can help children grow up smarter

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

GOODING — A mother's touch, nursery rhymes and patty cake — the simple instinctive staples of a baby's life — play a key role in a child's development.

Reshell Hamilton is discovering that her maternal instinct to coo and cuddle with her daughter Kaylah, 13 weeks old, is just what she needs to be doing to nurture her baby's capacity for learning and emotional well-being.

During a recent visit to Hamilton's Gooding home by Jess Glauner, who works with new parents through South Central Head Start, Hamilton read a short book to Kaylah and her sister Cheyenne, 5. She pointed out pictures to Kaylah in the higher-pitched, singsong voice adults use naturally with infants; scientists say this actually helps infants connect words with objects.

Kaylah is too young to interact and follow the story like Cheyenne does, but the sound of her mother's voice helps Kaylah develop the wiring in her brain for speech, something researchers say babies tune into while still in the womb.

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Brain overview

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What you can do

Idaho State Library offers the following tips to parents:

By holding or playing with a baby, you can help its brain grow.

At six months, your baby's brain is fine-tuning connections, especially vision. Choose books that are brightly colored and show familiar objects. Talk, read and sing to your child. Play the kind of music you enjoy for your baby. Use simple hand and feet games such as "This Little Piggy," and share nursery rhymes. Have fun and let your child set the pace.

At 12 months, the part of the brain that sorts and files memories becomes functional. Your baby begins to recognize vowel sounds and will imitate many sounds. Use point-and-name books and books with rhymes, rhythm and repetition. Let your baby imitate simple words, sounds and actions. As soon as your child shows interest, set up a writing center for "pretend" writing and picture drawing.

At 18 months, connections within the brain develop so quickly that the brain can sense twice the energy of an adult brain. The capacity to manage feelings, handle stress and feel empathy begins to be wired. Talking

and reading to your baby will help his or her vocabulary grow. Physical exercise to strengthen muscles and improve coordination also is important.

At 24 months, the brain is refining the circuits for reaching, grabbing, sitting, crawling, walking and running. Toddlers explore, and they need safe places to learn by trial and error without disapproval or punishment. They also appreciate routines and security and will ask to do the same thing over and over. Singing, dancing, listening to music, and repeating songs and stories will help strengthen brain connections.

At 36 months, language is exploding. Everyday interactions with your child will strengthen brain circuits and help him or her learn more easily later. Sing, count, talk, listen and read to your child. Find pictures in books and magazines and make up stories together. Encourage play. Set limits; repeat them; and expect that they won't work all the time. Model the behavior you want, and remember you are your child's first and most important teacher.

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NATO enters Kosovo; Russians don't show signs of leaving

Troops face little opposition

The Associated Press

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Streaming into Kosovo's capital, almost unopposed by retreating Serbs, NATO peacekeepers came face-to-face Saturday with the Russian troops who beat them to the city. A U.S. official said the two sides were running "a coordinated occupation," but some reports described tense moments between NATO troops and the small Russian force.

Amid more confusion in Moscow over who decided Friday to send the Russian column, U.S. and Russian negotiators worked feverishly to design a formal job for Russia in the Kosovo peacekeeping force. But there was no immediate result and no sign the column was planning to leave, as Russia's foreign minister had promised. President Clinton was to talk by telephone today with



Ethnic Albanians in Kosovo cheer NATO armored vehicles on the road south of Pristina as they make their way towards the city Saturday. Above right, a painted boy salutes a NATO convoy.

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Russian President Boris Yeltsin. The first meeting between British and Russian forces at



Washington, adding that there would be 800 NATO troops in the area by nightfall.

The Russian forces in Kosovo are believed to number 200-300. At least 100 additional Russian troops were expected to move soon into Kosovo from nearby Bosnia-Herzegovina.

A British pool reporter described a tense encounter at

Help for the legal labyrinth

Gooding office is part of new program

The Associated Press

BOISE — More and more people are going before the judge in Idaho courts without an attorney, often crippling their chances of winning while clogging up a system already overloaded with cases.

Most are there for family disputes and believe they cannot afford a lawyer.

Those are the people the five new "courtroom assistance offices" opening in July are going to lead through the legal labyrinth.

"It's not just congestion in the court calendar with the number of unrepresented litigants," said 4th District Judge Joel Horton, who chairs the Idaho Supreme Court's Committee to Increase Access to the Courts. "Fundamentally, it's difficult to work with folks who don't understand the legal process."

Between 1990 and 1997, the portion of civil cases filed in Idaho by people representing themselves rose from 10 percent to 13 percent and 67 percent of the people they sued did not have lawyers, former Clearwater County Magistrate Pat Costello told the University of Idaho visiting law professor, is running the new courtroom assistance program.

Horton's committee of judges, attorneys, court clerks and consumers is experimenting with services to see what works best. It selected offices in Moscow, Cascade, Gooding, Rexburg and Pocatello, which each serve one county and were picked for their varying populations.

The Rexburg office will support a traveling advisor who will serve a six-county area.

Moscow and Rexburg will have part-time attorneys or paralegals. Deputy court clerks will staff the other three. Some members of the State Bar have been recruited to assist, either at reduced fees or without charge.

The six-month experiment is being underwritten by a \$105,000 grant from the State Justice Institute with additional support from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. If more operating cash can be found, the program could be extended to other counties next year.

People about to become involved in the court system would get a brief evaluation of their needs at the assistance office.

"I think one of the most important focuses of the office is the idea that we want to match up people who don't have lawyers with lawyers," Horton said. "There's a lot of intimidation going to a lawyer. They think it's going to cost a lot more than it does."

the airport when Russian forces, supported by Serbs, initially tried to bar British forces from the airport. American Apache helicopters buzzed overhead and British Challenger 1 tanks were ordered forward in a show of strength, but Serbs blocking the entrance refused to back down.

Many Serbs believe NATO forces will be unwilling or unable to save them from revenge attacks by ethnic Albanians, and see Russian troops as their protector.

The impasse at the airport wasn't resolved, the report said, until negotiations were convened between the Russian commander, his Serb counterparts and British Brigadier Adrian Frenn, commander of the British 5th Airborne Brigade.

A British Foreign Ministry spokesman says the comment in London, said the description of the situation "does not tally with anything we are getting through from Pristina."

According to the ministry's spokesman, a British reporter described a tense encounter at

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NATION

Report: Race still divides many schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty-five years after the Supreme Court effectively ended legal segregation of public schools, most students still attend schools dominated by those of their own race and income level, a Harvard University report says.

A study of school enrollment patterns since 1952, when most school districts began court-ordered desegregation remedies, shows the report reintegration of the races is slowing, despite rising numbers of minority enrollments.

Reintegration is proceeding fastest in the South, though the races are now more separate in schools in other regions.

"We are clearly in a period where many policy-makers, courts, and opinion makers assume that desegregation is no longer necessary," says an excerpt from "Resegregation in American Schools," a report by the Civil Rights Project, a research and advocacy organization run by the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Harvard Law School.

The report also said: "Enrollment of Hispanic students has increased 218 percent, and nearly 75 percent of them attend predominantly minority schools."

"Enrollment of black students has risen 22 percent, and 69 per-

cent of them attend schools where nearly half the students are from minority groups.

Enrollment of white students has declined by 16 percent in the same 30 years, and most of those students attend schools that are 80 percent or more white.

That remains so even when white students live in generally nonwhite areas, said the report, which was based on a study of Education Department enrollment data from the late 1960s through the mid-1990s. At the same time, black and Hispanic students generally remain in black- and Hispanic-majority schools even when they live in the

suburbs.

The study attributes much of the trend of minority- or white-dominated schools to economics and housing patterns. As for the trends in minority and white totals, it notes increases in Hispanic immigration and births and a decrease in white births. Schools with mostly black and Hispanic students also were 11 times more likely to be in areas with concentrated poverty than their peers in predominantly white schools. Researchers say that, too, can be damaging because poverty is linked to lower classroom performance and achievement.

Campaign against domestic violence improves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five years after the O.J. Simpson case awakened a nation to domestic violence, local police and prosecutors have been given extensive training and new tools to combat abuse. And the federal government has pitched in with more than \$1 billion.

The sudden acceleration is welcome news for women's groups that labored for three decades to make the war against domestic violence a national priority. The training point, many say, was media and public attention from the Simpson case.

There was a widespread belief that if your husband beat you up, you would call police and they would take him away. Suddenly people realized that's not always how it happens, said Kim Gandy of the National Organization for Women.

The latest statistics from the Justice Department show that 20 percent of domestic violence calls result in arrests, but there are no national figures on how many of those arrested are prosecuted or convicted. In fact, federal data on domestic violence are notoriously incomplete.

Those on the local front say police and prosecutors more aggressively are pursuing cases to court and are more eager to receive training.

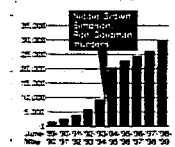
There are many more police officers at trainings who are ready to learn, who want to do some of the training, said Anne O'Dell, a former San Diego detective who trains officers to handle domestic cases.

On June 12, 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were murdered. Evidence quickly emerged that O.J. Simpson had beaten his wife, and police and prosecutors charged that he killed them. He was acquitted.

Within months, Congress approved a \$1.2 billion Violence Against Women Act, dedicating more money to the cause than ever before while creating new federal laws. Advocates say it may have passed without the Simpson case, but probably would have

Press takes note

Attention to domestic violence jumped after O.J. Simpson was charged with murder. The number of times the phrase "domestic violence" appeared in newspapers and magazines:



Source: News, AP

been paid down.

The law is up for renewal this year, and already there are proposals to toughen the current laws and authorize more money. Republicans, who often seek to cut other social spending, mostly have been supportive.

The 1994 law made several changes.

States had to honor protective orders issued by other states. It became a federal crime to cross state lines to abuse a domestic partner. Federal funding for shelters more than doubled. New grants were given to train police and prosecutors, set up special units and track incidents.

To qualify for certain grants, states had to adopt policies that encourage police to arrest offenders on a domestic call. In many states, police now must make an arrest when they go to a domestic dispute or explain in

writing why they didn't.

It was not always this way. Police used to show up, walk the offending party around the block to calm him down and leave, sometimes putting the victim in further jeopardy.

Rosemary Bratton, an advocate who trains police in Wyoming, said that for many years, police were hostile to learning new ways: "They would challenge everything we had to say." The atmosphere has markedly improved, she said.

Much of police reluctance has stemmed from victims who summon police but later want the charges dropped.

Part of the training centers on a "cycle of violence," where a batterer will apologize after a violent episode, promising it will never happen again. Many women want to believe this is true, so they press to drop the charges, only to see violence recur.

O'Dell said police are now trained to press a case — even without the cooperation of the victim — and to collect more evidence at the scene: witness statements, photos, and information from the initial call.

Federal grants are also creating special units to handle these cases, like one on Cleveland's lower west side.

Domestic violence cases in the city's second district are handled by special detectives, prosecutors, and a victim advocate. The cases all go to Municipal Judge Ronald B. Adrine, who emphasizes treatment for offenders and imposes jail on those who do not comply.

Many judges hate these cases and try to get rid of them as

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NATION

Experts mull the status of athletes

Special treatment of 'star jocks' is scrutinized in light of Columbine school killings

The Washington Post

LITTLETON, Colo. — The state wrestling camp was regularly permitted to park his \$100,000 Hummer all day in a 15-minute space. A football player was allowed to tease a girl about her breasts in class without fear of retribution by his teacher, also the boys' coach. The sports trophies were showcased in the front hall — the artwork, down a back corridor.

Columbine High School is a culture where initiation rituals meant upperclass wrestlers twisted the nipples of freshman wrestlers until they turned purple and the players went hard to the wall. Younger athletes' backsides. Sports pages in the yearbook were in color, a national debating team and other clubs in black and white. The homecoming king was a football player on probation for burglary.

All of it angered and oppressed Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, leading to the April day when they staged their murderous rampage and killing 13 and wounding 21.

Columbine may be no different from thousands of high schools in glorifying athletes. But in the weeks since the two boys' high school shootings in history, every aspect of what had seemed "normal" is now being re-examined. Increasingly, as parents and students replay images of life at Columbine, they are freezeframing on injustices suffered at the hands of athletes, wondering aloud why almost no one — not teachers, not administrators, not coaches, not most students, not parents — took the problem seriously.

No one thinks the high tolerance for athletic mischief explains any or excuses the two boys' horrific actions. But some parents and students believe a schoolwide indulgence of certain jocks intensified the killers' feelings of powerlessness and revitalized their fantasies of revenge. Harris and Klebold began firing with the words "All the jocks stand up." They barked that "we're sick with you" and "I got a shirt with a sports emblem on it is dead."

But in the two months since that day, as pundits and politicians searched for the reasons of why, the national conversation moved away from those words, and even outside the walls of the school completely. It turned to the boys' families, where no clues have surfaced, to the mental illness of Harris — he was on antidepressants — to video games, to violent movies, to guns, which currently preoccupy Congress.

While the rest of the country looks elsewhere for explanations, the community here has resisted easy answers. Through their mourning and anguish, many parents and students have made a more difficult turn inward, to the culture of Columbine and the aspects of it that may have provoked two angry boys-to-such aggression. In the past two weeks, a task force has been formed to examine that atmosphere, and several of its members say that discipline, harassment and special treatment of athletes must be dissected with out defensiveness.

"I don't think any one thing drew them to this," said member Joyce Hooker, a parent of two Columbine students. "But I think we need to say, 'Whoa. Why did they focus on athletes?' Their perspective is adolescent and simplistic, but a lot of interviews and a review of court records suggest that Harris' and Klebold's rage began with the injustices of jocks. The pair knew of instances where they had been convicted of crimes went without suspension from games or expulsion from school. They witnessed instances of athletes tormenting others while school authorities looked the other way.

In one episode, they saw state wrestling champion Rocky Wayne Hoffschneider showing his girlfriend into a locker, in front of a teacher, who did nothing, according to a close friend. "We used to talk about Rocky a lot," said the friend, who asked not to be identified. "We'd say things like 'He should be in jail for the stuff he does.'" Another friend of Klebold's, Andrew Beard, remembers distinctly Klebold's ranting for four football players "getting off" after destroying a man's apartment last year.

Hoffschneider, who graduated

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last year and works in the Denver area at a construction company, declined to answer detailed questions. But he said in a brief interview that he never knew the killers and that any suggestion he escaped punishment for his misdeeds was erroneous.

Harris and Klebold were preoccupied with Hoffschneider, who became for many at Columbine a symbol of athletes' runaway sovereignty. On his Web site, Harris singled out Hoffschneider in the following passage: "LIARSON! GAWWWWYWWWD I HATE LIARS... Why must people lie so much! Especially about stupid things like — my brand new hummer just broke down on the highway when I was going 220 mph."

We all hated it — hated the fact that we were outcasts just simply because we weren't in sports.

— Columbine student Brooks Brown, friend of students who went on a mass murder spree.

Athletes' torment of Harris and Klebold personally also was a factor. This past year, they and friend Brooks Brown were outside school when a carload of athletes, wearing their trademark white caps, threw a bottle at them, which shattered in their feet. Brown recalled Klebold saying, "Don't worry, man, it happens all the time."

Recalling many conversations with Harris and Klebold over the three years he knew them, Brown now feels the shooting "had to do with the injustice in our school and in the school."

"We all hated it — hated the fact we were outcasts just simply because we weren't in sports," Brown said. "It's insane when you think about it."

To some athletes and parents, this is guilt-induced revisionism. They point out that athletes moved in and out of a variety of cliques. Some were scholars, the majority well-behaved. These parents and students experienced a Columbine where camaraderie was strong, discipline evenhanded and harassment minimal. To say otherwise, they say, is to validate the mind-set of murdering madmen.

"They had no school spirit and they wanted to be different," a Wreidy Thurmond, parent of a wrestler and football player, said of the killers. "Anyone who shows any kind of school spirit, any pride in the school, they're accepted."

The new introspection also has been resisted by Columbine school officials, who ignored the task force's invitation to their first meeting, members said. Coaches, teachers and principal Frank DeAngelis denied requests for interviews, according to Jefferson

Courtesy school's spokesman Rick Kaufman. Kaufman said he would answer written questions, but then did not. He broke an appointment for a scheduled interview for Thursday. Messages left for coaches, teachers and administrators at home went unanswered.

But one school official who serves on the board overseeing all Jefferson County schools believes that those issues cannot be dismissed so easily.

"I do believe that in all of our schools athletes can appear to have a different status. I think it's OK if kids are working hard and they're good role models," said Jefferson County School Board member David DiGiacomo. "But to give them special privileges, I think we have to be careful."

With the first media bulletins of the shootings, Stephen Greene was on his car phone, calling a school hotline about his son's safety. He got voice mail and screamed out a message: "I knew something like this in this school could happen."

Greene's sense of foreboding dates to 1996, the year Hoffschneider was arrested to Columbine after being expelled from a private school for fighting. He had other blemishes on his record — a 1992 arrest for criminal mischief and a 1995 arrest relating to a "missing person." As juvenile cases, their names were sealed.

The summer before Hoffschneider entered Columbine, his girlfriends' parents alleged in court papers that Hoffschneider's mother and sister kicked in their door one morning. Edmund Lemieux, the girl's father, said the

Hoffschneider family "was abusive and physical towards us."

"It was a serious situation at the school," he said. Lemieux said he and his wife kept three of their children from attending Columbine when they learned that Hoffschneider — a 215-pound football player who would go on to become a two-time state champion in wrestling — had transferred to their children's school.

Within a month of school opening in the fall of 1996, Hoffschneider and another football player were teasing Stephen Greene's son, Jonathan, who is Jewish. Their favorite gambit was singing about Hitler when he made a basket in gym class, Greene recalls. The gym teacher, Craig Blacoe, who was also Hoffschneider's wrestling coach, did nothing, Greene said.

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Brains

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"It's the rhythm of your voice," Hamilton said. "She sits up with her lips up to my chest when I read to them."

Babies whose mothers speak to them a lot develop an 800-word vocabulary by 26 months of age, compared to a 200-word vocabulary in toddlers whose mothers have not spoken to them much as infants, according to one study.

Nearly 60 small teams of early childhood educators, social workers and civic leaders were armed last week with this information — to teach parents and child care workers why interaction and stimulation is important to a child's mental development.

The message doesn't need to reach only parents. In 1990, 60 percent of Idaho mothers with children under 6 were working, according to Idaho Kids Count, an annual report on the well-being of Idaho's children. Only 25 percent of child care providers in Idaho meet state licensing standards, but some providers must meet local codes. And job turnover is high in a line of work that comes with an average wage of \$5.57 an hour, preventing children from building "the bonds they need with their caregivers."

A conference sponsored by the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation, a nonprofit organization that spends millions of dollars on Idaho education, brought national experts to Boise for two days last week to explain what they know about the brain's function in a child's development.

The key early years

Scientists know a child's brain has remarkable capabilities to rewire itself, said Dr. Tonia M. Sabo, a Boise pediatric neurologist.

She presented the story of Melinda Baez, a Treasure Valley 12-year-old who six years ago had the right half of her brain removed. Doctors hoped the surgery would relieve the seizures Melinda suffered day and night, but they didn't know if she would be able to recognize her parents, walk or even talk without half of her brain. Within a couple of weeks of surgery, she began to regain those functions. Without the seizures, she finally could enroll in school.

Wiring of the brain — connections called synapses that develop between brain cells — begins inside the womb and continues several years after birth. It occurs as babies engage in activities as simple as touching their toes or mimicking an expression. New connections form constantly while others that are not used are broken or "pruned." During the first eight months after birth

the connections form faster than at any other time in life.

Formation and pruning depends on a child's experiences. It's a "use it or lose it" strategy employed by the brain. If congenital cataracts isn't corrected soon enough in a baby, the window for wiring for sight could be missed. Corrective surgery won't help.

Research has shown a child's early experiences play a key role in brain development, said Craig T. Ramey, a leading child development researcher. That is a 180-degree turn from the old school of thought that said genes were the key to determining brain development. Mental retardation can occur in genetically normal children if, as babies, they do not receive enough stimulation, such as loving touch and interaction.

Academics versus play

An emerging danger in early childhood education is a push for academics, said Larry Schweinhart, a Michigan researcher studying long-term impacts of preschool.

"We are moving very much down that path right now," he said.

Schweinhart is a lead researcher on a 32-year-old study that originally started with 68 poor children randomly assigned to three preschool curricula. The study found that nine out of 10 children who had academic instruction in preschool were intellectually ready for kindergarten. But in the long run, 47 percent of those children were identified as emotionally impaired and 39 percent were arrested on a felony charge by the age of 23.

In comparison, seven out of 10 students who attended preschools that allowed them to learn through play or activities they initiated on their own were ready for school. Six percent were identified as emotionally impaired later in life and the percentage arrested on a felony charge by age 23 was 10 to 17 percent. The study showed no difference in long-term academic performance.

There is not a complete understanding of what caused the difference, Schweinhart said.

Research by Ramey and Schweinhart linked early intervention — a combination of preschool and parent education and interaction with their children — with higher academic achievement, lower percentages of students needing special education, greater earning potential as adults and less chances of run-ins with the law.

The government

Support for state involvement in preschool programs can be

hard won in Idaho, a state that doesn't require kindergarten.

A handful of state legislators attended the Boise conference. Sen. Robbi King, R-Glenns Ferry, said preschool programs would be a hard sell, since the sales pitch wouldn't include promises of immediate benefits. King suggested private pilot programs.

In sharp contrast, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne called for early childhood education as a long-term strategy for improving Idaho's dismal record on child abuse, second-place national standing for the highest number of single-parent families, and a youth property crime rate that far exceeds the national average. The governor urged teams to bring the latest child development science to their communities.

"The challenge for us is to take the political science and combine it together. It's not putting government in place of the family. Government must never take the role of parenting. It must never be a substitute. But it can be a catalyst,"

Kempthorne said.

Marilyn Howard, the state's public education chief, acknowledged the division in thought between those who think government should play a role in early childhood education and others who say it should be left up to the parents.

But children arrive at the schoolhouse ready to learn, or not ready to learn, Howard said. Research shows by that time a solid foundation already has or has not been laid for lifelong learning. Idaho spends more money on catching students up.

"Am I suggesting cradle-to-grave public education? Absolutely not," Howard said.

She supports the community-building approach taken by the conference and any effort, she said, to make sure preschool years are adequate.

Parents as teachers

Idaho is the 49th state to begin a program called Parents As Teachers through Head Start.

During monthly home visits, to observe Kaylah's interaction with

her mother, Hamilton gets help monitoring Kaylah's development. How is the baby's hearing? Does she respond when she hears her name across the room? How about her muscle development? Is she rolling over or beginning to crawl? Early intervention is critical to try and correct developmental problems, and the month-

ly Head Start visits will continue until Kaylah is 3.

"It's helped me with just realizing what's important," said Hamilton, who has a happy and healthy baby.

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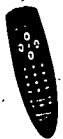
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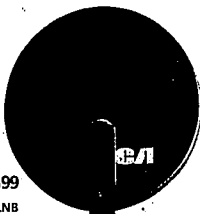
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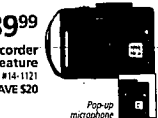
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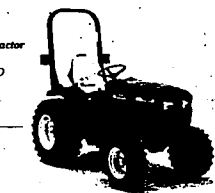
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FOCUS: THE BALKANS

Kosovo is just one of many peace-keeping missions



A U.S. Army Apache gunship pilot waits for instructions at the Skopje airport in Macedonia Saturday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. forces are heading into an area marked by death, destruction and repression — and a fragile hope for peace. Their destination: East Timor, where 33 Americans are joining a U.N. mission to ensure calm before a summer vote on independence.

From Western Sahara to Panama, Korea to Haiti, and now Kosovo, more than 200,000 Americans, both military and civilian, are helping to keep the peace or protect U.S. interests.

The Balkans mission — in which 7,000 Americans are expected to participate in a NATO-led security force of 50,000 — has received all the attention of late. That mission is but a small part of a much larger U.S. effort worldwide.

The biggest and longest-standing U.S. military commitments are in Western Europe and East Asia, with roughly 100,000 each. About 70,000 U.S. troops are in Germany, 40,000 in Japan and 37,000 in South Korea.

Up to 25,000 U.S. troops are in Saudi Arabia or on ships nearby. They help protect the kingdom from neighboring adversaries and enforce a no-fly zone over southern Iraq. A separate Turkish-based, U.S.-led operation enforces a no-fly zone over northern Iraq.

Richard Haas of the Brookings Institution worries that the recent emphasis on humanitarian missions overseas could detract from security priorities, including Korea and the Persian Gulf.

"If we are going to do the Kosovo of the world, we've got to make sure we've got sufficient capacity to handle the priorities," said Haas, a former National Security official in the Bush administration. "That will require some

increased resources."

The American presence abroad often has a come-and-go quality.

Ending the NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia should lead to a quick reassignment of the 37,000 U.S. forces assigned to that mission, along with the many thousands from other NATO countries.

As the American peacekeepers go to Kosovo, the 587 in neighboring Macedonia are being phased out now that there is less concern about Serb-induced instability in that country.

When international peacekeepers went into Bosnia in 1995 after a bloody civil war, the force included 5,200 U.S. troops in Bosnia.

The U.S. military presence in Panama is listed at under 4,000 and declining; by year's end, they all

must be gone, under terms of the Panama Canal treaties.

Up to 400 U.S. troops in Haiti are building roads, wells and other civilian projects. But there is a strong move in Congress to bring them home by the end of the year.

In eastern Cuba, about 1,000 troops at the American naval base carry out training exercises and, on occasion, provide shelter for refugees.

Not far away, U.S. military personnel ply the waters of the Caribbean in search of U.S.-bound narcotics-laden boats. They also fly AWACs and F-3 planes over the Andes, hoping to track drug deliveries.

The United States, seeking to avert more fighting between Peru and Ecuador, has contributed 21 armed forces personnel to the region as part of a multinational effort. American service members are

in some of the remotest areas in the world: 15, serve as part of a U.N. mission in Western Sahara, an Arizona-sized desert south of Morocco that features sheep, goats and camels — and not many people.

The issue there is independence for the territory vs. ties with Morocco. About 900 U.S. troops in the Sinai Desert enforce a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

Americans normally provide only nominal participation at best in U.N. peacekeeping operations.

In East Timor, 30 U.S. civilian police officers and three military liaison officers will form part of a U.N. mission assigned to ensure calm as the territory prepares for an Aug. 8 referendum. The dispute is between independence and continued links with Indonesia.

Finance experts plan aid package for the Balkans

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Finance ministers from the world's seven-richest nations pressed ahead with a broad aid package for the Balkans on Saturday as NATO forces entered Kosovo.

The Group of Seven finance ministers were reluctant to estimate the costs of reconstructing the Yugoslav province. However, German Finance Minister Hans Eichel said it should be less than the \$5-billion spent in Bosnia over the last four years.

"The main burden of the financing will lie with Europeans," Eichel said.

The World Bank and European Union, which together are spearheading aid coordination, planned to send experts to Kosovo quickly to determine how much aid is needed, said the European Union's acting economics commissioner, Yves-Thibault de Silguy.

The aid will be broken down into two categories: immediate relief to refugees and longer-term reconstruction funds.

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Leaders say troops might find evidence of genocide in Kosovo

WASHINGTON (AP) — In April 1945, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower stood in the Ohrdruf death camp in Germany, a witness to strewn bodies, whipping racks, butcher blocks and the ovens, and spoke to his officers in a cold fury. "I want every American unit not actually in the front lines to see this place," he said. "We are told that the American soldier does not know what he is fighting for. Now, at least, he will know what he is fighting against."

Now—and once—again—in Europe, allied soldiers are to see what their countries have been fighting against.

"It is inevitable that some unpleasant things will greet them," Gen. Michael Jackson, commander of the force in Kosovo, said with a touch of his native British understatement.

In a massive search for those unidentifiable remains, investigators will fan out to gather evidence on mass murders, rapes and destruction of the ethnic Albanian refugees have accused Serb forces of committing during the NATO campaign. A whole land may be a crime scene.

Some 50,000 international peacekeepers are to enter Kosovo, replacing 40,000 with NATO troops and giving NATO the first opportunity to take the full measure of alleged atrocities. Until now, that evidence has consisted of photos or videos of burning homes, piles of dirt that spoke of possible graves, stories of the fleeing refugees and their many missing men.

Soon "the world is going to be shocked," Defense Secretary William Cohen predicted. "I think that you are going to see evidence of barbarity that we have not seen before."

A photo shared by the Pentagon this week, showing a dark area on a hillside, was presented as possible evidence of mass graves that Serbs had exhumed as they sought to leave. It looked to some observers like a mere shadow.

Moreover, refugees leaving Kosovo "tend to be stressed when they come across," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said shortly before the bombing halt. "It's hard to know from talking to these refugees ... the magnitude of the activities they describe."

"Clearly, this issue of atrocities is on everybody's mind," Bacon said. "It's one of the reasons why we're so anxious to get the Serb troops out and the NATO troops in."

A United Nations war crimes tribunal, backed by forensic teams from a variety of countries, will seek to nail down the case charging Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and four associates with war crimes. Cohen said he expected evidence to be found of mass executions that Milosevic ordered or condoned.

"I don't think it's possible to erase all traces of what is alleged to have happened in Kosovo," said Cpl. Gilles Moreau of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, one of the forces sending in forensic teams.



In this undated photo, aired Wednesday on CNN, an alleged mass grave is shown in the Kosovo area.

In a murder, he said, "There's always evidence left behind." Even with the passage of time, said Moreau, it is often possible to identify the bullets used to kill people, calculate the distance from which they were shot and come up with other vital evidence. "It may be harder to find, but it's part of police work," he said.

Mass grave searches can take years. 1,700 bodies were found last year from the 1929 Bosnian war, from which 24,000 people are still missing. More than 250 were exhumed in the last two months.

President Clinton, in his television address Thursday night regarding Kosovo, spoke of "500 villages burned," "children made to watch their parents die," "men of all ages separated from their loved ones to be shot and buried in mass graves," "women raped," "a whole people forced to abandon in hours communities their families had spent generations building."

It had been an air campaign justified largely on humanitarian grounds, not any mortal danger to the United States.

Even in his controlled rage at Ohrdruf, Eisenhower underscored that the United States had not gone to war for the sake of Europe's Jews. Yet he wanted everyone to see the panoramic horror of a place wrapped in barbed wire and reeking of fresh death in the bright sun of a pastoral German spring.

Officers had known something of what was coming — ash-faced advance troops had already reached the camps. But Eisenhower chose to get "first-hand evidence of these things, if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations to propaganda."

It was all too much for Gen. George Patton, his companion that day, who left the scene to get sick to his stomach.

U.N. pushes for probe into evidence of massacre of civilians in Kosovo

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan is asking U.N. member nations to volunteer forensic experts for a quick entry into Kosovo to collect evidence of alleged mass killings and other crimes.

Annan agreed to a request by the outgoing chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor, Louise Arbour, who said in a letter released Friday that she needed 300 forensic

experts to gather evidence. She argued for quick action based on the tribunal's experience in Bosnia, where war crimes investigations sometimes didn't occur until months or years after the fact and evidence at crime scenes had long since been tainted or lost.

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Garvey is one of about 2,600 animal doctors in Chicago for a weekend conference on pet treatments unheard of a few years ago and still largely unknown to many pet owners. The vets are specialists in internal medicine, cardiology, neurology and oncology.

While some may smirk at the notion of using endoscopes or ultrasound to pinpoint a tumor in a family pet, it's serious business for those who want to keep their pets as long as medically possible, said Phillip Bergman, a Houston-based animal oncologist.

"I see lots of dogs, cats and pocket pets — hamsters, guinea pigs, ferrets," Bergman said. "People form bonds with their

pets and will do anything to avoid euthanasia. I'm not seeing people running away from the costs because they care that much for their pets."

For those pet owners who do find it hard to pay \$300 to \$600 for chemotherapy or from \$3,500 to \$6,000 for a kidney transplant, there is help in the form of insurance.

"Pet health insurance has been out there for decades, but the industry has suffered from the worst marketing effort since the Edsel," said Garvey.

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Many remain unwilling to spend large sums to keep ill pets alive. Chicago resident Bill Gerstein, who has been rescuing stray dogs for more than a

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Timothy Boomer of Standish, Mich. was charged with swearing near children. AP photo

ACLU says it will appeal Michigan cussing conviction

STANDISH, Mich. (AP) — The fight over dirty language in Michigan isn't over. Representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union promised to appeal after a canoeist was convicted of using profanities in front of children when he was dumped into the Rifle River last summer. The ACLU predicted the state's 102-year-old anti-swearing law would be ruled unconstitutional.

"I have every confidence that eventually a Michigan appellate court will strike it down, so no one else will ever have to go through the sort of strange and bizarre ordeal that Timothy Boomer has," defense lawyer William Street said.

Jurors in rural Arenac County, 130 miles north of Detroit, deliberated less than an hour Friday before convicting Boomer, 25. The factory worker from the Detroit suburbs would be jailed for 90 days.

Boomer did not show any reaction when the verdict was read. He did not deny he let off steam after his canoe hit a rock on the river, but he said he didn't see any children and that his shouts were in jest.

"Timothy Boomer at worst said an 'f-word' or two when he fell into the Rifle River," Street told jurors. "It was not the sort of event that has now been exaggerated and blown all out of proportion. The people literally are trying to make a mountain out of a molehill."

Burke and Veilbeck, the prosecutor, said witnesses testified that Boomer "used the 'f-word' at least a few dozen times with children present ... anywhere between 25 and 1 hour Friday, 7-10 times. They described Mr. Boomer with veins popping out of his neck; he was enraged."

Police began patrolling the river last summer after representatives of campground and property owners complained that drunken, rowdy boaters were getting out of hand. A sheriff's deputy who was patrolling the river ticketed Boomer.

Street conceded that Boomer was part of a group that had been drinking beer on the river. But that didn't justify the cussing charge, he said.

Boy stops semi-truck after his father collapses at wheel

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy grabbed the wheel of a tractor-trailer rig and steered it to a safe stop after his father suffered a fatal heart attack on a major highway.

Ricky Burness, 40, had taken his son, also named Ricky, along on a run to Baltimore to deliver a shipment of auto glass and was headed back home to Cedar Bluff, Va., state police spokeswoman Lucy Caldwell said.

They were on the Capital Beltway just south of Washington, D.C., when Burness felt ill early Saturday, Ms. Caldwell said.

"He called the boy awake. Ricky came and sat next to his father, and within a few minutes his father collapsed behind the wheel," she said.

The truck, which was on an exit ramp from the beltway to another highway, swerved and struck a sign and a light pole on the left side of the road.

As it veered back toward the right, Ricky grabbed the wheel, hit the brakes and stopped the truck before it could spin out of control, Ms. Caldwell said.

The boy then used his father's CB radio to call for help.

Two trucks stopped to help the boy. Police and emergency response teams arrived soon after.

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'Contest couple' enjoy first year

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A year after David Weinelck held a contest for friends and family members to pick a wife for him, he and his bride are happily celebrating their first anniversary.

Weinelck and his wife Elizabeth, both 29, say they are surprised at how smoothly they adjusted to married life — especially considering they first met about a week before the wedding.

"I thought it would be a lot more difficult," Weinelck said. The anniversary is Sunday.

Weinelck gained renown when he let 55 of his friends and family members choose his bride through a democratic voting process.

Elizabeth, a student at the University of Minnesota, was chosen out of 28 candidates. The two met when Weinelck was courting brides on mail by passing out boxes. Mrs. Weinelck said she thought trust and respect were the key to marriage, not necessarily romance and love.

"If I did get married, I pictured it more a lifetime companionship," she said.

But marriage turned out to be more than just two people getting along. The pair say they fell in love. Weinelck says it happened for him two days after the wedding, while the newlyweds were in New York for a TV interview. One night, they were pillow-fighting in bed.

"I felt this really strong attraction and closeness to Elizabeth immediately," said Weinelck, a teaching assistant in composition at the University of Minnesota.

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The City of Twin Falls is developing a blueprint for our community—the Twin Falls 2nd Century Plan. When the plan is complete, it will establish the Twin Falls area's priorities and guide decisions about neighborhoods, new development, transportation, capital improvements, parks and recreation, and redevelopment of blighted areas. The 2nd Century Plan will help guide the development of lands within the City of Twin Falls and unincorporated areas of Twin Falls County.

The first step in creating a plan for the development and redevelopment of our community is to agree on a Vision for our future.

What is a Vision?

A Vision is a statement of our desired future – a dream of where we want to be at the end of our next century. A Vision describes what we want Twin Falls to look like and how it should function.

Why Do We Need a Vision?

The City is Growing and Expectations are Changing.

We need a Vision for our next century to help us meet the challenges and opportunities ahead. Properly managed, growth and change can expand the variety of opportunities for us and for future generations. Without a Vision, this unique place could soon be overwhelmed by its own success.

The Community is Entering a New Technological Era and a Global Economy.

We need a Vision to help ensure we are prepared for the new economy and can maintain our role as a regional hub of healthy, successful commerce. While it may not mean doing anything differently than we are today, we should assess our situation and make sure that we are prepared to support economic opportunities which will provide stable jobs and livable wages, and help us remain competitive with other cities in the Intermountain West.

The Public and Private Sectors Invest Millions of Dollars Annually to Make Our Community Work.

We need a Vision that will help us target investments that work smarter with the money we have and that support the desires of the citizens of this community. Over the past century, we have made choices on how taxes are spent and what developers are asked to contribute in the way of public improvements to support their development's and the community's needs. The Vision will help us determine whether we should continue with the status quo or shift our allocations of the community's fiscal resources to support other priorities.

Why Vision for the Next Century?

Most communities take a shorter-term look at their future, because it's often easier for us to grasp planning for the next 10 to 20 years. But, the choices and decisions we make today have an impact on our future that extend well beyond the next 10 years. In Twin Falls, we don't have to look any further than our disconnected street system to realize the importance of looking out just a little further and taking a look at the bigger picture.

A clearly understood and widely supported Vision can provide consistent guidance for our community on reaching our future goals and avoiding the problems created by being shortsighted. Certainly, it's more difficult to conceptualize or even get excited about such a long-term Vision, but our day-to-day decisions should be based on a Vision that will build a better community in the next 10 years, as well as the next Century.

Here is our first draft of a Vision for Twin Falls' 2nd Century...What do YOU think?

The City of Twin Falls is blessed with a beautiful environment which has fostered a rich and intriguing history of colorful characters and events. The spirit that is Twin draws its vitality from a unique patchwork of farmers, ranchers, entrepreneurs, artists, intellectuals, retirees, sports-minded individuals, free spirits and visionaries. It is this unique balance between the variety of people that we are striving to retain and enhance. We believe that Twin's diverse mix of friendly people is still its most important resource.

The Vision we have drafted not only preserves what is traditional and familiar, it provides a framework for creating a more beautiful and efficient city, and for strengthening Twin Falls' position as one of the best communities to live and work in the Intermountain West.

Twin Falls 2nd Century Vision

In the 2nd Century, Twin Falls will...

be an attractive and uniquely identifiable community through thoughtful design and enhancement of the community's civic buildings, public places, gateways, streets, and residential and commercial development.

offer transportation choices that serve the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, commuters, visitors, and industry, and provide convenient, safe, and efficient connections between residential neighborhoods, commercial areas and employment centers.

provide an integrated and connected system of parks, trails, bike paths, sidewalks and open spaces that enhance the quality of life for residents and support our unique identity and enhance our sense of pride.

support a diverse and stable economy and employment base that recognizes and capitalizes on our opportunities to attract new industry and establishes our community's niche in the growing tourism industry.

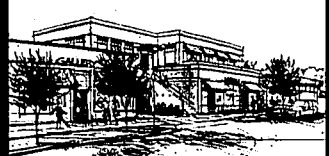
have a strong downtown area at the core of our community that encourages interaction between citizens, retains our "small town" feeling, and helps us maintain the spirit and friendliness that makes Twin a great community to live, raise children, and work.

More in Next Sunday's Edition! Don't Miss It!

Highlights of Twin Falls' 2nd Century Vision



Identify and enhance our community's gateways.



Encourage the development of second story living opportunities in the downtown.



Enhance existing neighborhood parks to support neighborhood identity and pride.



Create appealing and safe commercial shopping districts by adding landscaped medians, tree boulevards, detached sidewalks, buried power lines, and monument signage.



Make Old Town a hub of activity and a source of our community's identity by providing for retail, office, and residential uses, and encouraging the development of museums, recreational facilities (ice rink, ballfields, etc.), and entertainment.



Promote the development of new and redevelopment of existing neighborhoods that create a sense of safety, quality, and identity, and promote interaction between neighbors.

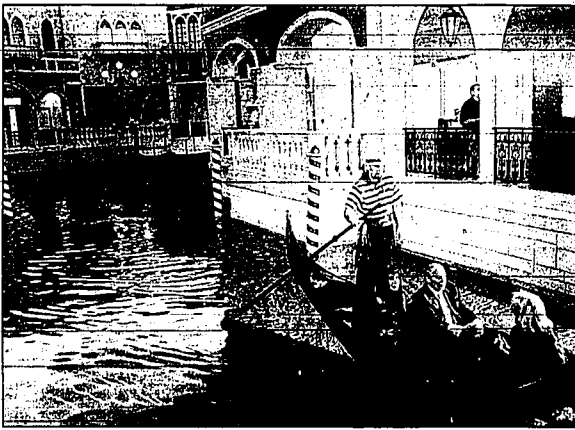


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Pop diva Chor, seated in rear, Las Vegas Venetian resort owner Sheldon Adelson and his wife, Miriam Adelson, ride along one of the resort's canals Friday, courtesy of gondolier Alfredo LaSpina. The \$1.5 billion resort opened recently.

Cities file more than a dozen suits against Utah's Browning Arms Co.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Browning Arms Co. is under fire in more than a dozen lawsuits filed by cities across the country against handgun manufacturers. The suits contend Browning, headquartered in Mountain Green east of Ogden, Utah, knows that dealers buy more Browning firearms than they can legitimately sell. Browning, which sells about 30,000 handguns a year, expects to spend \$250,000 this year defending itself. The company and other manufacturers of firearms and accessories are putting up 1 percent of their sales to a legal-defense fund and have hired a law firm. More than 20 lawsuits have been filed by cities including Chicago, Miami, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Boston. The allegation that handgun

manufacturers have willfully flooded certain markets to circumvent gun laws tests a new legal theory. "That's a little bit more imaginative," said John Flynn, a law professor at University of Utah. Cities also are claiming gun manufacturers are selling dangerous products by failing to add safety features such as gun locks. Browning began including trigger or cable locks with its firearms in January. Browning's defense is a firearm does not hurt anyone unless it is misused. "We do not believe (the lawsuits) have any merit," said Don Gobel, Browning's chief executive officer. Browning can sell handguns only to licensed dealers who must run background checks on gun buyers. "If a dealer breaks the law, prosecute them," Gobel said.

"But don't prosecute the whole industry." "Although Browning is based in Utah, it does not make any guns here. The company's 200 Utah employees make archery equipment. Browning and Winchester firearms are forged in Belgium; Columbia, S.C.; New Haven, Conn.; Portugal; and Japan. Because handguns account for less than 5 percent of Browning's sales, the company is considering getting out of the handgun business, Gobel said. "Our rifles and shotguns are who we are," he said. Last week, Browning was included on a small list of dealers who provided nearly half of the guns traced to crimes in 1998. The report, based on statistics from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, was written by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

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Idaho State School sees more violent residents

NAMPA (AP) — The fastest growing population of residents in the Idaho State School and Hospital needs considerable professional help and poses a danger to others.

An interim legislative committee toured the facility on Friday. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has requested \$12.5 million for 75 beds in four new buildings.

The site with its outdated buildings includes a group of about 39 mentally-challenged sexual predators, pedophiles and suicidal residents.

"We continue to deal with some of the most disabled people in this state in flat-out substandard housing," said John Doner, hospital administrative director.

"Either we close the place or we figure out how to deal with the forensic clients."

"Forensic clients" is the term for those who have committed aggressive acts, putting either themselves or employees at risk. Idaho's prisons are not prepared to handle them, and some have an IQ a few points below a federal guideline of 70 needed for other types of care or institutions.

Of the 160 workers' compensation claims made last year, more than half came from attacks by the residents. In some cases, they suffered broken bones.

"Do we sit here and provide security to clients where we are putting employees at risk?" asked Doner. "I'm scared to death as an administrator."

In 1970, the hospital served 950 people with developmental disabilities. Funding and institutional options reduced that to the current population of 113 and 385 staff members. It costs about \$425 a day or about \$155,000 a year per resident.

Sen. Lin Whitworth of Inkom asked why it would not be better to move the residents to regional facilities so it would be easier for families to visit them.

Bill Dawson of Health and Welfare said the state does not have the money to duplicate the Nampa hospital's mode of care elsewhere.

If the patients who are a danger to society were housed in prison, it would cost the state millions of dollars more because 70 percent of the money to run the hospital comes from Medicare.

Superintendent will cut two administrative jobs

LEWISTON (AP) — Idaho Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard plans to cut one deputy principal and one lower-level management job as part of a reorganization to streamline management.

The former Moscow elementary school principal also intends to eliminate the state Department of Education's food services supervisor's position.

Howard said she intends to eliminate Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Support Services Jerry Pelton's \$75,712-a-year job at the end of July.

Her controversial predecessor, Arnie Fox, promoted her to a deputy superintendent after he served as bureau of instruction chief under Superintendent Jerry Evans.

Robert Sobotta, deputy superintendent for state and federal instructional services, will become a bureau chief responsible for federal programs, Howard said. The former Lapwai school superintendent's salary will be lowered from \$75,712 to about \$64,000 a year with his reduced responsibility, she said.



Marilyn Howard

"The issue of school climate and safety-and-free schools and healthy lifestyles and even proper nutrition will go into a team concept to have a unified voice."

Sobotta and the department's five other bureau chiefs will report directly to Chief Deputy Superintendent Robert West, Howard said.

Food services supervisor Patricia Ruyle's \$61,672-a-year position will be eliminated in mid-July, she said. Ruyle's late husband, Boise State University Vice President Asa Ruyle, served as an aide to Fox early in her administration. Howard said a food services coordinator post probably will be created to replace the supervisor position.

"It is lessening the hierarchy and being more bare bones and living within our budgets," she said.

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Utah city starts push for public bicyclist

OREM, Utah (AP) — All of Orem City is officially a Courtesy Zone, where "please" and "thank you" are road signs, not just when residents are supposed to return shopping carts to their corals.

At least that's what city officials expect after allocating \$10,000 in taxpayer money to help pay for radio jingles, campaign buttons, posters, balloons and bookmarks.

"Is this an answer to all of our problems? I think not," former Orem Mayor Joyce Johnson said. "But it is a beginning. It's a start."

Johnson, who heads up an "OK2BKind" campaign, says being kind and patient is more important than ever following the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado and elsewhere.

Rapid population growth in parts of the country has brought more frustration to highways and competition for ballfields and municipal services, she said.

It takes nothing to be courteous, Johnson said. "No new buildings and no new city vehicles."

Orem police are issuing "courtesy citations" to reward people who go the extra mile to be nice.

"That certificate is good for a free ice cream," said Mike Larson, director of public safety for Orem. But officers will not make traffic stops to reward courteous drivers.

Larson said officers enjoy using something positive when they deal with city residents.

One of the first citations went to the owner of an Orem Dairy Queen for keeping her dog on a leash. Dairy Queen now is exchanging free ice cream for courtesy citations.

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Enjoy the flowers, thieves

I hope the person or persons who stole the spray from my husband's gravestone enjoyed it as much as we did.

ETHEL M. ANDERSON
Twin Falls

Thanks for the donations

The food banks of Twin Falls want to thank the Twin Falls community for its overwhelming support of the 1999 Postal Workers Food Drive held Saturday, May 8.

Through the generous donations of households leaving food donations by their mailboxes, more than 31,000 pounds of food was collected, sorted and distributed to local food banks. This food will be a timely addition to local food banks in assisting families who struggle to meet basic daily needs.

Thanks, Twin Falls, for your wonderful support!
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Nature-loving Johnny Milkweed's to the rescue of monarch butterflies

Highly-publicized study offers little new knowledge

A highly publicized study out of Cornell University, which showed that pollen from genetically modified corn can harm monarch butterfly larvae, has accomplished one important thing. It has focused attention on...

America's most popular insect. While the study offered very little new to academic knowledge, it has stirred the emotions of nature lovers everywhere. The best thing that could happen from the publicity would be that woolly become a nation of Johnny Milkweeds, planting milkweed seeds wherever we can (but not near cornfields). Milkweed is the only food of monarch caterpillars, and it is not as plentiful as it used to be.

Anti-technology activists, of course, are hoping the study will lead to a ban of genetically modified corn, which contains a bacterial gene that wards off harmful insects. This would be a drastic over-reaction and would accomplish very little for the monarchs. In fact, it could harm them and other beneficial insects by forcing a further reliance on broad-spectrum insecticides.

I would almost bet that many more monarch butterflies are killed by automobiles than will ever be harmed by pollen from Bt corn. The reason is obvious to anyone who spends much time in and around cornfields, as I have. There is practically no milkweed there to attract the monarchs. I have walked hundreds of Indiana cornfields over the years and can't remember the last time I saw monarch caterpillars on milkweeds. But on the interstate between Lafayette and Indianapolis, I've seen five or six monarchs pressed into the grill of a semi.

I developed an interest in entomology when I was a boy in

DR. TOM TURPIN

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Kansas, hoing sunflowers out of my father's cornfields. I was moved by the beautiful tiger-striped caterpillars I saw on the milkweeds in the fields. Today, I don't see monarchs in cornfields because I don't see milkweeds. Farmers have learned how to get rid of these plants.

There are two lessons to take from this. First, if the monarch is declining in numbers, it is partly because milkweed has declined in numbers. And, more important to the issue at hand, if there are few milkweeds in and around cornfields, there is little danger that pollen from Bt corn will fall on milkweeds and harm monarchs. The answer seems to be to replace the lost farmland milkweed with milkweeds in safer places.

The monarch's situation is similar to that of the eastern bluebird. That symbol of happiness was in serious decline because bluebirds nested in cavities of dead trees or hollow fence posts. With the clearing of woodlands and conversion to metal fence posts, bluebirds were in trouble. America responded with a massive effort to build and place bluebird houses. The birds are

back. Several nest on my 80-acre "hobby" farm.

The same can be accomplished for the monarch. With roadside mowing and agricultural weed control, the milkweeds have declined. But they can be returned rapidly. I've planted milkweed on the dam of my pond, which tapers away. And there are countless other places, urban and rural, where they can be planted. Many school groups have been planting milkweeds to attract monarchs to their grounds. While milkweeds are a yield-robbing pest to farmers, they are quite attractive flowering plants in the right setting.

I can talk about what I have observed in cornfields, but as a scientist I rely on data much more than observation. And we need more data before we can adequately assess the issue of pollen and monarchs. The Cornell laboratory experiment provided no information beyond what scientists already know - if you can make a caterpillar eat enough Bt pollen, it will die. But how much is enough and how likely is a monarch to encounter a harmful dose?

Aside from basic entomology studies, the best thing we need to

learn is how many monarch-bearing milkweeds are within the range of corn pollen. If monarchs aren't there, they won't eat any pollen. I believe that when we really start looking, we will find the number to be very low. I believe we will see that the risk to monarchs is far too low to justify restricting this new technology.

So, my advice to monarch lovers is this: Plant milkweeds.

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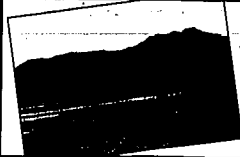
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Idaho summers and other fleeting dreams

When I was 10 years old, I spent the summer with my grandmother in Soda Springs. She lived in a basement house, which is sort of a subterranean split-level with a roof for a front porch, and her pride and joy was her tomato patch.

On Independence Day, we awoke to an inch of snow covering everything. The tomatoes, by then their green globes, were actually frozen to the ground.

"Well, what can you expect?" Grandma asked rhetorically. "It's only July in Idaho."

I thought about Grandma last week when a hard freeze

on June 9 - hit the Wood River Valley. It was 25 degrees in Ketchum, signaling the official beginning of the 45-minute-long growing season.

Remarkably, five generations of Idahoans still haven't figured out that agriculture is a con: If you live east of Glenns Ferry and south of the Salmon River, sure we get lured into the illusion of climatic amiability, but nothing shakes it as dependably as a brown iris packet in the middle of a green lawn.

"I've always thought that Idaho's mountain valleys in summer wear the look of a check forger on parole. Everybody knows that the consequence of too much exuberance is certain retribution, so when the temperatures flirt with the 90s, folks get giddy. They know that an unseasonable freeze is on the way - and the hotter the summer, the harder the fall. I've seen country people putting up plastic sheeting on the outside of windows in August, as if conceding to winter might somehow persuade it to extend its reservations in South America."

Time and again, you hear the fable of the profligate squires who spent the summer - which is to say, probably 15 minutes over the Memorial Day weekend - lying in a hammock instead of gathering nuts.

Winter arrived with a frightful vengeance, forcing the lazy squirrel to throw himself upon the charity of his industrious neighbors. More likely, he wasn't prepared for the annual Flag Day blizzard.

There's something kind of hard and Calvinistic about such fatalism. My aunt Berta, who was born in Scandinavia and emigrated to Idaho when she was a kid, actually picked everything in the garden every Sept. 1 and canned it immediately, whether it was ripe or not.

Her family ate a lot of pickled peapods and green tomato preserves, but I'm sure the word "savor" never entered their vocabulary.

It seems to me that when August is a cruel joke, when you never get to see a tree-tipped peach, you grow up with a pinched and ungenerous view of the world. Everything must be hedged because Mother Nature can't be trusted.

Back in 1971, Hollywood produced a coming-of-age movie called "The Summer of '42," with a sappy theme song that proclaimed, "Summer smiles - summer knows, and unashamed, she sheds her clothes."

Probably, in most families, that would be the condescending uncle. Oscar was married to Berta, a legendary stickler for housekeeping - so much so that when Oscar came in from the dusty job of harvesting grain in midsummer, Berta would have his backwater walking - and a cast-iron bathtub out in the back yard. It was near the end of harvest one year, and Oscar was tucked out - so he fell asleep in the tub, and within the course of a few hours, fall came roaring up the Wasatch Range in the form of an early snow squall.

The temperature had dropped 20 degrees before the water got cold enough to awaken Oscar, who leapt from the tub - about the color of Berta's bluebellies - before they from a month earlier - and rushed toward the house.

But Berta wasn't home - she'd gone to the Anderson family reunion in Malad - and in her maddening fussiness, she'd locked the doors and bolted the windows.

So at about quarter to midnight, a slithering Uncle Oscar knocked on the door of the neighboring farmhouse - wearing his chagrin on his sleeve, if he'd had one.

Mrs. Dexson's mother, who was visiting from Salt Lake and had gotten up to let the dog out, was the only one who could tell you that there was a scar involved and that Oscar carried out his dying day.

Which was an unseasonably warm Saturday in July, if I remember correctly.

Times-News features editor Steve Cummings says you can get the best and pick up your antifreeze before spring is gone.

Gun legislation locks and loads

Proposed law has some residents and dealers sweating bullets

By John T. Hudby
 Times-News writer

RUPERT - As gun control legislation shoots its way through Congress, several area gun merchants are beginning to wonder if the smoke will ever clear on the firearm issue.

The debate has increased on both sides of the political spectrum and in communities, where firearms dealers such as Dave Pinther say the bill targets the industry, rather than criminals.

"I don't see a problem with background checks at gun shows," said Pinther, who owns the Rupert Trading Post and specializes in firearm sales. "But the individual citizen still has a right to sell a gun to another person in the United States without being checked. The next step is that you won't be able to sell a gun to your friend without being watched by the government."

Pinther said the bill re-hashes legislation already in place.

Jim White, who works at the Magic Valley Pawn and Loan in Twin Falls, has no problem with Congress trying to cut back on gun-related crime, but said the government is doing it in all the wrong ways.

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Cory Warburton, 12 of Rupert checks out a rifle at the Rupert Trading Post while store owner Dave Pinther looks on. Pinther and other gun merchants question gun control legislation before Congress.

In a nutshell

In May, Vice President Al Gore broke a 60-60 Senate tie to pass proposed juvenile justice legislation, which includes background checks on sales at gun shows, required the sale of safety locks on secure containers with new handguns and increases the minimum age requirement from 18 to 21 for a person to purchase a firearm. The legislation has made his way to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Gun stats and Idaho law

The Times-News

BURLEY - Congress will review proposed gun legislation this week.

As it does, many states, including Idaho, will have to review their own gun laws. If the legislation passes, the state may have to amend its constitution.

According to state law, it is unlawful to sell a firearm to anyone under 18 years old without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian. It is unlawful for a minor to possess a firearm unless the minor has written permission of his or her parent or guardian while in possession of the weapon.

It also is unlawful for a person previously convicted of a felony to possess a firearm. Any person in violation of the law can face five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

A permit is not required for a rifle, shotgun or handgun. A permit is required to carry a concealed weapon.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 31,636 firearm deaths were reported in the United States in 1997, down from 32,900 firearm deaths in 1996.

Jerome celebrates its history

By Brandon Flala
 Times-News writer

JEROME - "Live History Day" was celebrated Saturday and on display were historic buildings and antique farm machinery.

The annual event is sponsored by the Jerome County Historical Society and the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum.

"We started the museum to show how the valley on both sides of the river was put to irrigation and to tell about local history," said Walt Bentzinger, chairman of the IFARM committee. Among that local history is the story of Japanese Americans during World War II.

There are two original barracks that were once part of the Minidoka Internment camp at Hunt, in Jerome County, at the museum located near the intersection of Interstate 84 and US Highway 93. The two barracks were moved from the original site which is 18 miles away last

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Seven-year-old Bjorn Carder guards his ears against a loud salute from his elder Union comrades. An outfit of Civil War buffs represented the First Oregon Volunteer Cavalry at Saturday's Live History Day event in Jerome.

Relay for Life honors 101 survivors

By Lorraine Cawner
 Times-News writer

In the wee hours of Saturday morning, a "PJ Parade" marched around the Rupert Square during the Mini-Casita area's first American Cancer Society Relay For Life. The parade of people dressed in Poppy bedsheet slippers and flannel pajamas was just one of many attractions during the money-raising event.

As the "PJ" people walked, so did others from 43 teams, including a judicial team. Minidoka County's Prosecuting Attorney, Rick Bollar, along with Judge William Hart and eight other judicial workers, dressed like jailbirds and walked as if they were in a chain gang, stopping every few steps to lock up their heels and dance around. The team walked earlier dressed in shorts and tee shirts, carrying briefcases. Members of the team said they were having fun.

Another team, the Buzzing Bees, wore orange and black bee costumes and buzzed around the Square. And one might wonder why humans in their right minds would be doing such things.

"For a good cause," said Glenn Navarro, one of the walkers. Cancer had touched her life, she said. Her brother-in-law and a good lady friend of hers lost their lives to cancer.

Many participated in the American Cancer Society's signature event because their lives



Riley Ingram makes cotton candy Saturday to raise money at the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Selling cotton candy was one of many fundraising events during Mini-Casita's first Relay For Life event.

have been touched by cancer. There were 101 survivors who passed underneath the balloon arch during opening ceremonies, said Tracy Haskin, organizer of the event.

"I can't believe how many people came through the arch that I did not know had cancer," said team member Terri Albert.

Albert came to love and support her family, she said.

"With every little step, maybe we can get closer to a cure," she said.

And many commented that helping to find a cure at the Rupert Square gave the event a special touch.

"I'm glad it's in the Mini-Casita area. It brings the community closer together," Navarro said as she pushed her granddaughter around the Square in a stroller.

"I hope they do it here again next year. The turnout was real good," said Tammy Ingram.

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Police, motels work together to fight crime

By Brian Haynes
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Police and motel managers are working together to keep motels clean of criminals, drugs and other bad elements.

Twin Falls police officer Alex Quilantan began the program more than a year ago to give motel owners and managers the knowledge they need to keep their businesses safe.

Many motel owners were skeptical at first because they weren't used to seeing the police taking an active role.

But that didn't deter Quilantan, who went to every hotel and motel to try to convince owners and managers the program would help them. Eventually about 20 motels signed on, Quilantan said.

Quilantan, known as Officer Alex to many motel managers, tries to meet informally with each manager once a month. He also arranges periodic training classes that cover a number of issues affecting motels. For

example, managers are taught to recognize drugs and drug paraphernalia, bad checks, stolen credit cards and counterfeit money.

The are also taught legal issues. Many managers, for example, learned they could kick out unruly tenants without violating the law, Quilantan said.

The training also helped teach managers what police can and cannot do. It was important for them to understand that police can't solve a problem, but that doesn't mean they aren't trying, he said.

Capri Motel Manager Donna Hyde, who has managed motels throughout the Northwest, said programs like this would be beneficial anywhere.

"Any motel manager should cooperate with the police department. That's their safety and the safety of the motel."

The program seems to be working, Quilantan said. Arrests at the motels have gone up, but calls for disturbances such as

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FBI to interview city, state officials

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The FBI is preparing to interview city and state officials with knowledge of Utah's bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

FBI agents have called Salt Lake City Attorney Roger Culler to arrange interviews with city Councilmembers Deeda Seid and Joanne Milner.

"I had information that caused me to question the integrity of the bid process, that's all," said Seid, who said she has no firsthand knowledge of criminal behavior. Milner was unavailable for comment.

Investigators also are expected to question a handful of midlevel

state officials and possibly Gov. Mike Leavitt or Mayor Deedee Corradini, who according to officials listed in the scandal knew of some improprieties.

Leavitt and Corradini served on the Salt Lake bid committee when it was wowing the International Olympic Committee. Both have denied knowing about the attempts to curry favor.

Culler already has provided Justice attorneys with two boxes of documents related to the Olympic bid effort, including working papers and meeting notes from Corradini's administration and those of former

Mayors Palmer DePaulis and Ted Wilson.

"We will move with all deliberation speed and conduct the investigation as thoroughly as possible," Justice Department spokesman Brian Steel said.

A handful of Olympic boosters, including Corradini, discussed scholarships and other controversial aid programs during a September 1993 meeting in Monte Carlo, according to Tom Schaffer, the attorney representing former bid committee president Tom Welch.

Federal investigators have scoured employment records at city hall and the state Capitol for

evidence that IOC relatives were hired for government jobs during years leading up to 1995, when Salt Lake City won the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

The stepdaughter of Agustín Arroyo, the ousted IOC member from Ecuador, was an intern for the Utah Department of Economic Development.

Sibuso Sibandze, son of IOC member David Sibandze from Swaziland, worked in 1983 and 1984 as a 56-an-hour intern in the city's management-services division. Sibandze also was one of six people with ties to the IOC who received college scholarships from the bid committee.

Police departments find filling dispatcher positions difficult

NAMPA (AP) - A low unemployment rate and the nature of the job are making it difficult for law enforcement agencies across the nation to hire dispatchers and keep communication centers fully staffed.

Assistant Chief of Police Alan Creech said the Nampa Police Department's dispatch center has not been up to full staff in over a year.

That adds up to long shifts, extra money spent on overtime and hectic work answering calls.

"It is affecting us in the area of overtime and our ability to handle all the calls that come into dispatch," Creech said. "I think it's the most serious staffing issue the department is facing."

The staffing problem does not affect emergency response time, officials said, but it can keep non-emergency callers holding longer than usual.

Dispatchers also have trouble keeping up on other non-emergency work, such as running criminal histories for officers.

And the extra workload can be stressful on dispatchers, who work 12-hour shifts with four days on and four off.

"It makes you so you're tired all the time," dispatcher Jackie Sanders said.

Officials have attended several job fairs and are continuing to run an advertisement on Spanish radio. A score also aimed at increasing diversity.

The department needs bilingual dispatchers to accommodate the area's growing Hispanic population.

Dispatch supervisor Carmen Lirio remembers when she became a dispatcher in 1983. She tested for the job with about 150 applicants. Now, only about 15 show up for a test.

On top of a tight labor market, Creech said it is difficult to find dispatchers because the skills required to do the job are specialized.

Dispatchers have to be able to handle several tasks simultaneously.

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Crews near containment of 4,470-acre wildfire in Arizona

The Associated Press

Fire crews in Arizona stopped the spread Saturday of a 4,470-acre wildfire that forced 100 people to evacuate their homes on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

About 800 firefighters formed a preliminary containment line around the blaze north of White River, Ariz., about 130 miles northeast of Phoenix, U.S. Forest Service spokesman Bob Dyson said.

But, he added: "When the

winds come up today, we're anticipating spot fires across the line. Every ember that we've got is burning."

The fire, which was sparked Friday, has charred 4,470 acres of pine trees and heavy brush. Twelve buildings, including some

homes, have been destroyed; Dymon said.

The 100 evacuees were staying in two shelters in White River. Officials were worried that heavy smoke could cause breathing problems for some people, including the elderly, Dyson said.

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October according to Maya Hata-Lemmon, a volunteer for the JCHS.

The Minidoka internment camp was one of 10 relocation camps established during WWII to incarcerate the 110,000 Americans of Japanese descent.

About 10,000 people lived at the camp which was located near Pocatello, Hata-Lemmon said. No buildings remain at the camp. Of those buildings two were moved to the museum site.

"We wanted to preserve this building for education purposes, and to let people become aware that there was an internment camp in Jerome," Hata-Lemmon said.

The war and the relocation order made for ironic situations, she said. The Minidoka camp had one of the highest rates of volunteer military service, and Japanese-Americans who were fighting for the U.S. had to visit their families living in the camps. Japanese living in the coastal

states were ordered to relocate, but those living inland were free.

Masa Tsukamoto was living in Pocatello at the time and visited friends at the Minidoka camp several times. While Tsukamoto was free during the war, Hata-Lemmon spent three years at a camp in Gila, Ariz.

"I was a child when we had to move. The camps were built by the government and were all the same," she said.

Other original buildings at the museum besides the restored bar-

racks include a log building built in the 1920s for the poor, the Canyonside Church, which was later used as a women's clubhouse, and a shack used by early settlers.

IFARM plans to develop the site with a visitor center and buildings containing library files, lecture hall, machine shops and other uses.

The museum will tell the history of farming and the importance of water in the area, the history of the Minidoka internment

camp, and the story of the Japanese-Americans who lived there.

Hata-Lemmon is happy the barracks were moved because more people can visit the site.

"Not many people would drive to the Hunt site, but now they can see some of the buildings close by," she said.

Those who visit the new campy Hunt site will see a sign that reads "... Victims of war time hysteria, these people, two thirds of whom were American citizens,

lived a bleak and humiliating life in ten paper barracks behind barbed wire and under armed guard."

"Live History Day" and the museum will educate people about the area's history, and the history of a people that were mistreated by their own government.

"Doing this to your own citizens is not right," Hata-Lemmon said.

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Guns

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The background checks are a complete waste of time," White said.

"Licensed dealers have to run background checks at gun shows already. It won't stop people from going into a back alley or a parking lot to sell their guns if they don't want to do the check. If people are going to break the law, they are going to break the law anyway."

Pinther and White question if the bill would make it harder for law-abiding citizens to own and purchase guns, while illegal sales continue.

A lot of people are familiar with the days of prohibitions, White said. "Despite the laws, speakeasies kept popping up any-

way. The more restrictions they put on guns, the more back-alley guns and Saturday Night Specials will pop up."

Too many guns are too easy to come by, so most gun laws will not work, Idaho State Police Capt. David Neal said. But trigger locks might help cut back on gun-related crimes and accidental shooting deaths.

"We need to get into a mode that wherever we store our weapons, they are in a secure area," Neal said. "It doesn't take much for a kid to get into a gun cabinet and get a rifle or gun out."

U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, supports the background checks and legislation targeting the illegal firearms use, Simpson

spokeswoman Nikki Wallace said.

"He doesn't think the legislation as a whole is going to cut back on gun-related violence," she said.

"But he does think parts of the legislation, like the trigger locks, will help cut back on accidental shooting deaths."

Simpson supports background checks at gun shows as long as they are speedy. The Senate legislation calls for a 72-hour background check. Simpson wants those checks to take no longer than 24 hours, Wallace said.

Still, White said his business wouldn't be affected much.

"People are watching this stuff going on in the government and saying, 'Get, maybe we should buy a gun now before it gets too

hard,'" White said. "If anything, it's helped increase sales."

Pinther said most of his business at the Trading Post comes with gun sales. While most people will abide by the law, others might be intimidated by it, he said.

"People might start thinking twice before buying a gun," Pinther said.

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"There is such a positive attitude and atmosphere."

While many walked around the square, others enjoyed the camp atmosphere, and the smell of smores and hot dogs came from tents where people like Meredith Hunt were cooking for their families and friends.

"It's better than camping in the woods," she said. "With all the trees here, this is the most beautiful location for an event like this."

While the fun of an urban camp-out continued, many talked about sorrow as well.

"I've seen the suffering," said Betty Jamison, whose life has also been touched by loved ones who were cancer victims.

"I just wanted to help. We want to get rid of this terrible disease."

The event meant a lot to survivors who were able to share their experiences with others as they walked.

"Cancer has touched my family so close," said Oralie Stark. "Last year when I got it, it changed my whole outlook on life."

Hope was a big word on her lips and the lips of others.

"When you see someone who is a 20-year survivor, you say 'I'll right,'" she said.

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Risky parties have fallen, he said.

Both trends are encouraging.

The rise in arrests shows managers are gathering more information to help police. The fall in other calls probably shows managers are solving more minor

incidents on their own, and helping police solve other problems the first time around, Quillman said.

In the grand scheme of police work, the program is another way police can build bridges with the community to fight crime,

Quillman said.

"I thought it was a good idea," Hyde said. "I think all motels should do it."

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Hunters howl about voucher system

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Nearly 300 hunters who started lining up days ago for deer-permit vouchers Saturday called it a waste of their time.

Utah should join the majority of states that hold a draw for deer permits, ensuring that everyone gets a fair chance to bag a buck, southern Utah hunters say.

"This is the most ridiculous thing I've ever seen," said Jim Cleveland at Snow Canyon High School, where hunters arrived as early as Thursday for vouchers that weren't available until Saturday.

"You couldn't write what I want to say about this," Gordon Bone said. "This is just poor planning."

Bone and friends were first in line Thursday, camping out like Star Wars fans for movie tickets. A voucher allows a hunter to purchase a deer permit starting June 21. The buck season is Oct. 23 to Oct. 31.

Hunters not organized at Snow Canyon High School, drawing up a waiting list for arrivals and negotiating for a line location and camping space.

"Without this line, how would we keep order, especially when we have to move?" Jessica Evans said.

The state's distributing of

vouchers to determine who gets to hunt in the fall makes no sense, said Merrille Hafon.

"We need a draw," Hafon said. "This is stupid. Utah is so behind on this process."

The voucher system was created this year to stop merchants from selling too many deer permits and threatening deer populations.

"They'll be no deer left in Utah if they keep overselling," Clay Hughes said.

"There's just got to be a better way to do it," said Perron Leavitt. "This way they are wasting everyone's time."

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Officials fear teens drowned after accident

ST. JOHN, Wash. (AP) - Dozens of people searched Rock Lake for two St. John boys presumed drowned in a boating accident.

Nearly 10 boats using fish-finding sonar and drag lines searched the cold waters on Friday for the bodies of Derek Miller, 18, and Brent Repp, 17.

The teen-agers disappeared Thursday evening when the small boat they were in capsized or was swamped near a private beach on the lake called "Miller's Landing," Whitman County sheriff's deputies said.

Another boy in the boat, 17-year-old Jason Huntley, managed to swim to shore.

None of the teens was wearing a life jacket, nor were there any in the boat, deputies said.

The accident devastated many people in St. John, a close-knit community known for wheat, cattle and winning high school basketball teams.

Nearly a hundred people gathered at the public boat launch on the southwestern end of the lake Friday to monitor the search.

"There's not a person in St. John who won't be affected by the loss of these boys," said Becky Dickerson, publisher of the monthly Community Current newspaper that serves the St. John area.

"Both boys represent what small-town life is all about. These were the kind of boys who knew to take off their baseball caps when they came into your office," she said.

The teens, just out of school for the summer, had planned to camp on the shore Thursday night, said Byron Reed, a friend of Miller's. They were about 70 feet from shore when the boat capsized, said Pete Martin, Whitman County coroner.

Authorities aren't sure what caused the boys to be dumped into the water. A wind storm may have kicked up waves, or the teens may have been steering the boat across its own wake when they were dumped, Martin said Friday.

In 1956, four local men on leave from the Army disappeared during a fishing trip on Rock Lake. Their bodies never were recovered.

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TWIN FALLS

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 15th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following fines:

City of Twin Falls

Misdemeanor sentences

Brenda Louise George, 35, 134 Main Ave., Twin Falls, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$6,450 court costs, 90 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Christopher B. Frost, 24, 2700 Victor Place, Everett, Wash., possession of controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fine, with \$200 suspended, \$6,350 court costs, 90 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Lindsay Lane age not given, 137 Fillmore, Twin Falls, unlawful overtaking and passing a school bus, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine, \$6,350 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Faith Marie E. Graham, 19, 1860 Slayton, Twin Falls, poth; pleaded guilty, \$150 fine, \$6,350 court costs, 90 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Stacy A. Edwards, 22, 1022 E. 300 N., Idaho, transporting open container, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Camelia Lee Munson, 32, 525 Golf Course Blvd., Jerome, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Bill Joe Concell, 19, 1961 E. 4200 N., Nahl, poth; pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost, 90 days' jail time, suspended, six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Carl Andrew Garrett, 40, 311 Spruce, Kimberly, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$400 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days' jail time, with 88 days' suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended, 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Ralph Roy Campbell Jr., 23, 1515 Kimberly Road No. 4, Twin Falls, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$78.50 court cost, uncollectible one day jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Jeffrey B. Hudson, 19, 3664 N. 3550 E., Kimberly, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Dale E. Fisher, 50, 232 Middleton Road, Pahr, unlawful overtaking and passing a school bus, pleaded guilty, \$78.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Jane Wesley Newman, 30, 563 Addison Ave., Twin Falls, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$6,350 court cost; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Barth J. Wardell, 29, 156 Kenmore St. N., No. 2007, Twin Falls, failure to display plates or stickers, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Kellie Shawne Bloom, 34, 850 Rosewood Drive, Twin Falls, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

John Joseph Dink, 16, address not given, Twin Falls, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost, one day jail time, suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Kevin Steven Blake, 43, 901 Eighth Ave. E., Jerome, contempt of court criminal; pleaded guilty, one day jail time, suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Zachary A. Seebold, 20, 836 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, use of poses with intent to use drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, 90 days'

jail time; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Wayne A. Frew, 23, P.O. Box 13, Filer, driving under the influence, amended to driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Tina J. Rogers, 35, 760 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, pleading delict on public/private property, pleaded guilty, \$50 fine, \$6,350 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Jill Lynn Peters, 23, 396 14th Ave. N., Twin Falls, poth; pleaded guilty, \$150 fine, \$6,350 court cost, 90 days' jail time, suspended, six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Robert E. Legg, 42, 1510 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost, two days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Michael Reisman.

Robert Shawn Bell, 25, 857 Walden, Twin Falls, battery, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost, 30 days' jail time, suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Berry Louise McClintock, 42, 445 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, no plea entered, \$250 fine, \$78.50 court cost, 180 days' jail time, suspended, 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

James Alan Giles, 35, 259 Sixth Ave. N., Twin Falls, poth; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$78.50 court cost, 90 days' jail time, suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

John D. Eberhart, 19, 2115 Sherry Drive, Twin Falls, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court cost, 30 days' jail time, with 28 days' suspended, 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Michael Reisman.

Todd J. Humphreys, 28, 388 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, battery, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost, 90 days' jail time, suspended, six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

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Twin Falls County

Misdemeanor sentences

Rod L. Riddle, 32, 2150 S. 1130 E., Hagerman, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$78.50 court cost, 90 days' jail time, with 88 days' suspended, 180 days' driving privileges suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

David Andrew Weichert, 23, 1122 S. Washington, No. 288, Twin Falls, count 1, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court cost, 90 days' jail time, 90 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation, count 2, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, 180 days' jail time, with 178 days' suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

George James Werner III, 22, 408 Boyd St. E., Murtaugh, domestic battery, amended to battery, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost, 180 days' jail time, suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Felipe Carrasco Gonzalez, 20, 129 2nd St., Greenleaf, Calif., failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost, one day jail time, suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

George Dingo Rula, 37, 826 S. 1500 E. N. 36, Hagerman, forgery, amended to poth theft; pleaded guilty, \$500 fine, with \$30 suspended, \$6,350 court cost, 180 days' jail time, suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Valery V. Zayev, 31, 641 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, no plea entered, \$78.50 court cost, 180 days' jail time, with 178 days' suspended, 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Everett Barry Present, 37, 4943 N. 3500 E., Kimberly, domestic battery, pleaded

guilty, \$63.50 court cost, 180 days' jail time, suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Frank Tarango, 21, 1541 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, amended to inattentive/careless driving, pleaded guilty, \$20 fine, \$6,350 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Gratias Robert Omoh, 23, 1400 E. 4274 N., Nahl, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$6,350 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Carl Andrew Garrett, 40, 311 Spruce, Kimberly, count 1, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court cost, 90 days' jail time, with 88 days' suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended, 24 months' probation, count 2, possession of controlled substance, pleaded guilty, two days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Michael Reisman.

Jose M. Alvarez, 22, 255 12th Ave. N., Nahl, driving without privileges; two days' jail time, suspended, 180 days' driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Solomon Dustin Huffaker, 19, 4566 W. 4745 St., Keerna, Utah, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine, with \$250 suspended, \$78.50 court cost, 90 days' jail time, suspended, 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Gary H. Dunn, 25, 302 12 Blue Lakes Blvd. S., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, amended to inattentive/careless driving, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$6,350 court cost; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Bill L. Simmons, 21, 201 Linton Road S., Kimberly, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court cost, 90 days' jail time, with 88 days' suspended, 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Michael Reisman.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Pedro Alberto Caluana. Seeking \$132 monthly support plus 42 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$302.50 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Marcus Weatherbee Isaacson. Seeking \$227 monthly support plus 28 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$302.50 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Mervyn Yrme Tovar Sr. Seeking \$599.27 medical assistance; \$137 monthly support plus 21 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$302.50 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Egleston Morris. Seeking \$270 monthly support plus 59 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$27 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces filed

Thomas Vanley vs. Cecilia D. Varley. Shelly L. Johnson vs. Ron L. Johnson. Keith Allen Cox vs. Sara Dawn Cox. Brandi Lynn Spaulding vs. Dew Joseph Spaulding.

Nancy Renee McNeely vs. Roy Howard McNeely.

Michelle Suzanne Hansen vs. Kenneth Martin Hansen.

Travis Al Wrag vs. Kimberly D. Wrag. Shawna Michelle vs. Byron A. McNeely.

City of Twin Falls

Misdemeanor dismissals

Terry Allan Edson, 40, 476 Diamond, Twin Falls, domestic battery, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Reisman.

Michael Reisman.
Ralph R. Anderson Jr., 18, 2210 W. 160 N., Jerome, driving without privileges, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Reisman.

Aron James Keyes, 24, 217 Jefferson, Twin Falls, driving without privileges, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Reisman.

Christopher Overlin, 17, 523 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls, possession of controlled substance, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

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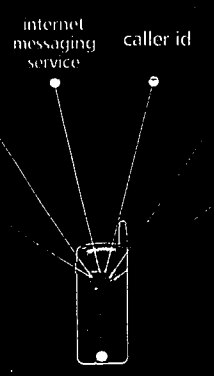
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Bizarre abuse case: 'The system failed'

MARYSVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Hardly anyone had seen or talked to Linda David for several years, but her husband, Victor, was still paying for disability checks, so social workers were sent to look in on her.

What they found was so shocking that 3.5 years later, Washington officials are still scrambling to explain what went wrong. Mrs. David, 50, was discovered crammed into the bow of her husband's patrol, sea-contaminated sailboat. She was covered in vomit and lay amid dog feces from six German shepherds that also lived on the 30-foot vessel.

Her nose was distorted and bulbous, her ears were cauliflowered, her face was covered with knots and bruises. Doctors said her limbs were deformed by years of untreated fractures.

Mrs. David was rescued from the boat in 1997 by police in Everett, about 25 miles north of Seattle. But it wasn't until last month that prosecutors charged her husband — whom the state had been paying to serve as her caregiver — with a crime.

Even worse, state records reveal that a doctor's report said Mrs. David was being badly abused as early as 1983, and that he urged welfare workers to investigate.

"The system failed. People failed. Officials failed," said Gov. Gary Locke, who has ordered tighter scrutiny of welfare cases, particularly those involving elderly or disabled people being cared for by others.

"All of us have to be wondering: How could the system — state social workers, investigators, local police, attorneys — have let Linda David down so miserably?"

Victor David, 55, was charged last month with assault and could



Victor David, left, accused of holding his wife on his boat and abusing her over a long period of time. It is shown last month at the Snohomish County Courthouse in Everett, Wash., making a plea. David could get up to 10 years in prison and was referred to a state mental hospital to determine if he is competent to stand trial.

get up to 10 years in prison. He was referred this week to a state mental hospital to determine if he is competent to stand trial.

Prosecutors filed the charges two days after The Seattle Times published a story detailing how Mrs. David was kept prisoner for years, why state workers neglected to help and why it took so long for her husband to be charged.

David has denied abusing his wife, saying she suffered from multiple sclerosis and was injured falling out of a truck. But her relatives believe she was abused even before the couple married in 1980.

And in a 1983 report — the one that enabled David to get up to \$400 a month in state money to care for Mrs. David — a physician put a question mark next to the diagnosis of multiple sclerosis

and suggested that she may have suffered brain damage from "long-term and severe abuse."

The doctor noted that David was "intermittently paranoid and possibly hostile" and urged

an immediate investigation into the welfare system because of what they tried to help but that Mrs. David told them she was OK. On other occasions, they said, they were intimidated by her husband, who would wave a gun and use the dogs to scare visitors.

Lyle Quasim, chief of Washington's welfare system, defended his social workers. "I haven't found anything that we have done incorrectly," he said last week.

Bill Weppelben, special assistant to Quasim, said the state didn't know for certain whether Mrs. David has MS, and still doesn't know, but that doesn't matter. He said she was eligible for disability payments because she was found to have "functional impairment."

David moved his boat from Marina to marina in the Puget Sound area over the years. He occasionally worked as a truck driver and would leave the boat and turn off the power for days at a time, according to neighbors who lived aboard boats nearby.

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We believe a sense of humor is always helpful in surviving one's "tour of duty." With that in mind, I'd like to dedicate this poem by one of our court's staff to all jurors — past, present and future:

A Juror's Prayer
I sat around for half a day before they called my name.
And now I'm in the jury box and wondering why I came.

It's 2 p.m.; I ate too much, and now I'm on the nod.

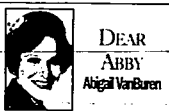
Oh-please, just help me stay awake 'til 5 o'clock, dear God.

Thanks, Abby, for helping us spread the word.

— ALAN SLATER, JURY COMMISSIONER
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

DEAR ALAN: I'm pleased to publicize your message. I'm certain that anyone who has ever sat on a jury will identify with your "Juror's Prayer." Kudos to the jurors who perform their civic duty despite the disruption in their daily lives. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have never when you before. Yesterday, I completed jury duty, having served six days. I had the honor to serve on the jury of a murder trial. On a positive note, my fellow jurors and I were treated very well. Every effort was made to keep us comfortable. The judge was fair and impartial.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Warbren

The experience was interesting and education and I was proud to be part of the American judicial system.

On the negative side, I was extremely disappointed and quite disgusted with the attitudes of virtually everyone outside the court. The first day, about 200 potential jurors showed up. I overheard numerous conversations of people scheming to get dismissed. Once the jury was selected, most people asked why I didn't try to get out of it.

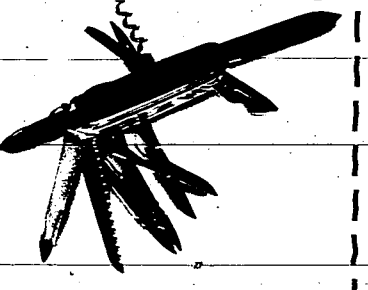
My boss (I work full time) was upset and worried that things wouldn't get done. My co-workers were upset they would have to fill in while I was out. All but a few members of my family seemed annoyed and worried about how my jury duty would inconvenience my spouse and my children. All this when the defendant's future was at stake.

I didn't mind the inconvenience because I truly believe it is my duty and honor to serve when called to do so.

It troubles me that so many "average" people try to get out of serving jury duty. I was made to feel almost ashamed that I wanted to serve. If I don't do it, who is left to serve? Being called to jury duty is an honor and privilege. More Americans should respond to it as such, and show respect to those who serve.

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SPORTS

NBA

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come endless bouts of adversity.
"No one expects an eighth-seed to do what they did," coach Gregg Popovich said.
And then when you see that Knicks player not there and Larry Johnson missed a big part of the game, of course that's a little bit surprising. When you think about the commitment they have to each other and how much they've played as a team, then it becomes a lot more plausible.
The Spurs' know that the Knicks without Kevin Garnett are going to have big problems defending Duncan and Robinson. What they don't know is how they'll react to playing in a spotlight much brighter than anything they've been under before.
All season long, the Spurs have perplexed opponents who have had to choose strategies. Should they double-team Duncan and Robinson in the low post and try to make their teammates beat them? Or do they defend the Twin Towers with single coverage and try to keep everyone else in check?
The Knicks seem to subscribe

to the latter theory.
"We know their big guys are going to get off and do things for their team," Sprewell said. "We have to contain the other guys and not let them be big parts."
By the time the finals begin, the Spurs will have had nine full days of since completing their sweep of the Portland Trail Blazers in the Western Conference finals. San Antonio also swept the Los Angeles Lakers in the second round and won its final two games in the first round against Minnesota.
Their 10-game postseason winning streak is one shy of the NBA record of 11 set by the Lakers in 1950.
The Spurs also have a chance to eclipse the best postseason winning percentage in league history — 323 by the Philadelphia 76ers who won 12 of the 493 playoff games. It would be another four-game sweep to set that record.
The Knicks will bring a 6-2 postseason road record into Game 1, along with an extraordinary amount of confidence

and cockiness that helped them overcome devastating injuries to Ewing and Larry Johnson during the series against the Pacers.
In their series against Miami, Atlanta and Indiana, the Knicks won the first game in their opponent's building each time.
"This is a team that has come together in spite of adversity, injuries, difficulties and uncertainties, and they clearly decided they wanted to win," team president Dave Checketts said.
San Antonio and New York did not play each other in the lock-out-shortened season, so this will be their first meeting in more than 14 months.
The Spurs swept the season series in 1997-98, back when the Knicks were an old, plodding team of veterans who had no idea they'd be remade so soon into an athletic, run-and-gun team.
New York's 11-10 conference finals when it was able to outrun the old and slow Pacers, and the Spurs will no doubt try to keep them in low gear and turn them into a team of jump shooters.

Stanley Cup

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Belfour and were outshot 29-12.
We were pretty tight. We were very quiet during the sticks," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said. "They gave us a darned good lesson. They suffocated us. We didn't skate well, but a lot of that had to do with the way they played."
With Buffalo unable to convert its numerous man-advantage chances, Newuendyk tied it at 15:53 of the second by poking in a rebound of his own wrist shot past sprawling Dominik Hasek, who had gone down to play the first shot. Hasek made 27 saves.
Newuendyk got the game-winner at 9:35 of the third, taking Jamie Langenbrunner's bouncing pass from behind the net to wrist the puck past Hasek for the biggest goal of his career.
"That was a goalscorer's goal," Hitchcock said. "A lot of guys put that puck in position to make a play but didn't, but he did. Scorers make those plays."
The Sabres' Dixon Ward said, "It's in my front. But these games

are going to happen. We have to find a way to rebound."
Two of the three games have been won by the visiting team. Buffalo won 3-2 in overtime in Game 1 — and the loss was Buffalo's first in eight home playoff games.
For the third consecutive game, the team that scored the first goal lost. Dallas scored first in Game 1 and the Sabres took the early lead in Dallas' 4-2 victory in Game 2.
Even as the Stars repeatedly took retaliatory penalties to counter Buffalo's physical play, the Sabres' only goal came at even strength.
Catching Belfour out of position, Stu Barnes took Richard Smelhik's pass in the right circle and wristed it into the unguarded net at 7:51 of the second for his eighth goal in the playoffs.
The Sabres hadn't scored at even strength since Jason Woolley's overtime game-winner in Game 2.
But the Sabres' power play has a liability in their first home Stanley Cup playoff game since the fog-filled 1971 finals at

Municipal Auditorium, wasting a chance to build on the lead by not scoring on two penalties on Modano within a 2-5-minute span.
"When we killed those penalties in the first period, we were really energized and excited," Hitchcock said. "That was so much confidence for us. To kill those penalties. With two days off coming up, we blew everything out defensively."
Newuendyk's first goal (which did not only the sellout crowd of 18,595 at Marine Midland Arena, but the nearly 15,000 watching on the big screen down the street at Dunn Fine Park, the Triple-A Buffalo Bisons' ballpark).
The big question — whether Modano would play with what may be a fractured wrist — was quickly answered as he started the game.
Whether Modano has a hair-line fracture still hasn't been clarified. He is wearing a protective rubber cast away from the rink and the Stars are brushing off questions relating to the injury.

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Box scores for various MLB games including Atlanta vs Tampa Bay, Boston vs New York Yankees, and Cleveland vs Chicago White Sox.

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SPORTS



Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone stands with some of his trophies, including his two MVP awards to the rear.

KARL'S KARMA

After 14 years, Malone still wants a title

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - After three days of sitting by the pool last week at his spacious new home in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, Karl Malone had had enough.

He wanted to begin again. "I was watching the kids play in the pool, and I guess I was kind of numb," Malone said. "After about three days of that, I called Mark (McKown, the Utah Jazz's strength and conditioning coach) and said, 'I want to train.' He said, 'You're crazy.'"

On June 3, the 35-year-old Malone became the oldest player in NBA history to win the Most Valuable Player award. Days later, he was named to the All-NBA first team for a record 11th straight time.

The two hours, while leaving little doubt he remains at the height of his formidable talents, came as Malone was struggling to come to grips with the fact he may never win a championship.

No one knows better than Malone that every accomplishment of his 14-year career will be somewhat invalidated by that single omission from one of the most impressive resumes in basketball history.

But the simply can't stop trying - he the best and to win a title.

"The day I don't want to train in the offseason, the day I don't want to work as hard as I possibly can, that's the day I'll quit," Malone said. "I still have the desire to push myself, and I'm going to keep playing until I don't."

After a 1998 offseason that strayed off both sides of the line between comedy and melodrama, Malone seems a changed person in the days before and after Utah's unceremonious exit from the playoffs. He looks calm, cool and collected - and determined to remain that way.

He met with coach Jerry Sloan the day after the Portland Trail Blazers ended the Jazz's season in the raucous Rose Garden. Malone's final game of the year was disastrous: He was 3-of-16 from the field, scoring a career playoff low eight points.

"After that kind of game, you doubt yourself a little bit," Malone said. "(Sloan) and I sat

down and got to talking ... and he said he wanted me to take the summer off. He was talking about how you've only got so many jumps left in your legs, that kind of stuff. So I thought about it."

He did his thinking by the pool, and emerged with a resolve to remain at peace with himself and his career. His midlife crisis was over. He would go back to work.

"To do this at age 35, I mean, this is a young guy's sport," he said. "That's maybe the biggest honor with the whole MVP thing ... This recognizes the time and work I've put in to maintaining my fitness and my training."

With 28,946 points; Malone should pass Michael Jordan for third place on the career scoring list early next season. Though he's one of only nine men to be named MVP twice, he doesn't think he has the preternatural abilities of many who accomplished the feat before him.

"I don't think I'm in the top seven or eight of the most talented players to win this award," Malone said. "I just try to work hard."

This summer, his focus will be on his family and his workouts, the two parts of his life he can best control.

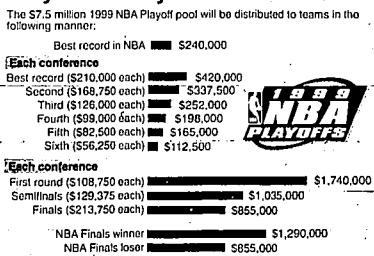
A frustration over a decade without contact, Malone recently re-established ties with two Louisiana children he fathered as a teen-ager. His 17-year-old daughter, Cheryl Ford, will play basketball next year at Louisiana Tech, his alma mater. Cheryl frequently visits Malone and his wife Kay, and Malone took her to a recent basketball practice.

"My family is the most important thing to me," he said. "I love basketball, but I need my family around me."

His contract expired this season, and Malone is a free agent for the first time in his career. He and Jazz owner Larry Miller held a press conference before the year at which they all but confirmed Malone would finish his career in Utah. But for now, he is theoretically available.

"I wiped everything off my schedule this summer," Malone said with a grin. "I told Scott that when I want to do something, I'll let you know."

Playoff money breakdown



San Antonio sizes up New York

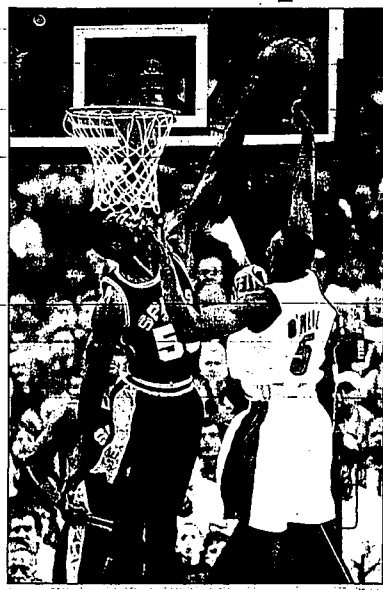
SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Now that the San Antonio Spurs know who they'll play in the NBA Finals, they're saying all the right things about the team they'll be heavily favored to beat.

The New York Knicks are heading to Texas for the championship series, and the Spurs are convinced the Knicks are neither a typical eighth-seeded team nor an underdog.

"New York is a team that believes in themselves, and I think most everything else comes from that. That is a very together group, a very dedicated group. They went and got it done," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said Saturday.

The Knicks advanced into the NBA Finals by defeating Indiana 90-82 Friday night in Game 6 of the Eastern-Confrence-Finals. New York's improbable victory came after Larry Johnson went down with an eight-knee injury and was taken to a hospital, joining Patrick Ewing on the sidelines - at least temporarily.

But the fact that the Knicks will be without Ewing and possibly Johnson when the finals begin Wednesday at the Alamodome doesn't have the top-seeded Spurs taking New York lightly.



David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs, left, blocks Jermaine O'Neal's shot during Game 3 of the Western Conference Finals Wednesday.

"It's a little bit different, yeah. You think about Patrick, he is the Knicks," said David Robinson. "But the focus can't be any less. They're playing extremely well. They're playing in the NBA Finals. They are a solid, solid basketball team."

Some Spurs said they hope Johnson returns for the finals.

"If we win, I don't want to hear all these excuses that all these guys have been hurt. Hopefully, Larry will be all right and be able to play Wednesday," said guard Mario Elie.

Sean Elliott suggested that injuries can inspire a team.

"Sometimes a team just gets

more focused. They're like, you have to say, they like the cornered animal. It makes you real nervous," Elliott said.

And Avery Johnson said the Knicks seem to get better each

time they lose a player and joked, "I hope they don't lose Allan Houston next. Then they might sweep us."

The strong play of Houston, Latrell Sprewell and Marcus

Spurs NBA playoff history

- 1977 - Lost to Boston 2-0.
- 1978 - Lost to Washington 4-2.
- 1979 - Beat Philadelphia 4-3; Lost to Washington 4-3.
- 1980 - Lost to Houston 2-1.
- 1981 - Lost to Houston 4-3.
- 1982 - Beat Seattle 4-1; Lost to L.A. Lakers 4-0.
- 1983 - Beat Denver 4-1; Lost to L.A. Lakers 4-2.
- 1984 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1985 - Lost to Denver 3-2.
- 1986 - Lost to L.A. Lakers 3-0.
- 1987 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1988 - Lost to L.A. Lakers 3-0.
- 1989 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1990 - Beat Denver 3-0; Lost to Portland 4-3.
- 1991 - Beat to Golden State 3-1.
- 1992 - Lost to Phoenix 3-0.
- 1993 - Beat Portland 3-1; Lost to Phoenix 4-2.
- 1994 - Lost to Utah 3-1.
- 1995 - Beat Denver 3-0; Beat L.A. Lakers 4-2; Lost to Houston 4-2.
- 1996 - Beat Phoenix 3-1; Lost to Utah 4-2.
- 1997 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1998 - Beat Phoenix 3-1; Lost to Utah 4-1.
- 1999 - Beat Minnesota 3-1; Beat L.A. Lakers 4-0; Beat Portland 4-0.

Camby have the Spurs preparing for a potentially difficult series against that has two players - Sprewell and Houston - capable of producing 30 or more points per game.

"The Knicks have nothing to lose. They have a lot of talent. Spre and Allan could explode," Elie said. "We've got our work cut out for us."

Popovich was especially high on Camby, who has emerged during the playoffs as a scorer, rebounder and shot blocker.

The improbable Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) - Forget the fact that nobody thought it was possible for the Knicks to make it to the finals. Not too long ago, nobody in New York even thought they were any good.

There was good reason for all the naysayers to be ganging up on the Knicks just a few weeks ago.

The franchise center kept missing the final shot, the coach was too stubborn to give adequate playing time to the newest member of the team, the general manager was too insecure about his own risky moves to let the coach do what he thought was best for the team.

In short, the Knicks were a basket case and New York hated them.

Boos and insults rained down from the fans. "The sports-talks shows were filled with statements like: 'Trade Sprewell,'" "Trade Houston,'" "Cut Ewing."

No one believed in the Knicks. Well, almost no one.

"You guys buried us, covered us, started shoveling dirt on us," Patrick Ewing said. "I was still believed in ourselves."

A look at some of the key moments in this season of turmoil that has somehow continued into mid-June with the Knicks having a shot at the franchise's first title since 1953.



New York Knicks' Marcus Camby (23) is fouled by Indiana Pacers Antonio Davis, left, as Camby dunks over Dale Davis in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference Finals Wednesday.

Jan. 23 - Latrell Sprewell sits on a podium alongside coach Jeff Van Gundy after the Knicks acquire him in a trade with Golden State. "I'm out to start all over and show people the real me," Sprewell said. "I'm not the person I've been portrayed to be."

Jan. 25 - Van Gundy reports that Marcus Camby, who had been acquired for the popular Charles Oakley, has started training camp out of shape. It would be one of many instances when Van Gundy publicly knocked Camby.

Jan. 27 - Sprewell scores 27 points in his first exhibition game, including 21 in a 12-minute burst. The crowd loves him.

Feb. 7 - Knicks drop to 0-2 with a home loss to Miami. Sprewell injures his foot, keeping him out of the next 13 games. Camby asks

out after five minutes, telling Van Gundy he is winded.

Feb. 25 - Knicks beat Minnesota 115-113 in overtime, improving to 8-3. They look like a well-oiled machine without Sprewell's freeloading.

March 9 - Ewing limps off in the first minute with Achilles' tendinitis. Knicks lose to Milwaukee at the buzzer when Sprewell leaves Dell Curry wide open for a game-winning 3-point shot.

March 11 - Knicks make last-minute effort to acquire Stephen Marbury from Minnesota, offering Sprewell and Chris Childs. The New Jersey Nets get him instead.

March 12 - Knicks score just 63 points and lose by 13 to the miserable Chicago Bulls. On the plane ride home, little-used reserve Dennis Scott is goofing off with his buddies, Sprewell and Rick Brunson. Van Gundy cuts him.

March 14 - NBC reports that Van Gundy could be fired if the Knicks lose their game that night against Charlotte. Van Gundy's wife, Kim, stands in the back of the room at his pre-game meeting with reporters looking concerned.

April 7 - Knicks lose by 24 at Charlotte, dropping to 18-17. GM Emic Grunfeld reportedly recommends firing Van Gundy.

Knicks playoff history

- 1948 - Lost to Baltimore 2-1.
- 1949 - Beat Baltimore 2-1; Lost to Washington 2-1.
- 1950 - Beat Washington 2-0; Lost to Syracuse 2-0.
- 1951 - Beat Boston 2-0; Beat Syracuse 3-2; Lost to Rochester 4-3.
- 1952 - Beat Boston 2-1; Beat Syracuse 3-1; Lost to Minneapolis 4-3.
- 1953 - Beat Baltimore 4-1; Beat Boston 3-1; Lost to Minneapolis 4-1.
- 1954 - Lost in round-robin to Syracuse and Boston 4-0.
- 1955 - Lost to Boston 2-1.
- 1956 - Lost to Syracuse in third place game.
- 1957 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1958 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1959 - Lost to Syracuse 2-0.
- 1960 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1961 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1962 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1963 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1964 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1965 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1966 - Didn't make playoffs.
- 1967 - Lost to Boston 3-1.
- 1968 - Lost to Philadelphia 4-2.
- 1969 - Beat Baltimore 4-0; Beat Boston 4-1; Beat Baltimore 4-0; Beat Milwaukee 4-1; Beat Los Angeles Lakers 4-3, NBA Champions.
- 1971 - Beat Atlanta 4-1; Lost to Baltimore 4-0.
- 1972 - Beat Baltimore 4-2; Beat Boston 4-1; Lost to Los Angeles Lakers 4-1.
- 1973 - Beat Baltimore 4-1; Beat Boston 4-3; Beat Los Angeles Lakers 4-1, NBA Champions.
- 1974 - Beat Capital 4-3; Lost to Boston 4-1.
- 1975 - Lost to Houston 2-1.
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Knicks list injured Johnson as day-to-day

NEW YORK (AP) - The team doctor called it a Grade 2 sprain. The team president called it a Grade 3 sprain.

The severity of Larry Johnson's injury remained somewhat of a mystery Saturday, the day after the New York Knicks defeated the Indiana Pacers to earn a trip to the NBA Finals.

Johnson injured his right knee midway through the second quarter when Indiana's Travis Best rolled into it, and he was unable to put any weight on it as he was helped off the court and then wheeled to an ambulance.

"He's still listed as day-to-day, he'll receive daily treatment," team spokeswoman

Luri Hamamoto said Saturday. "He won't practice tomorrow, and he won't be reevaluated Monday."

After the game Friday night, reporter Norman Scott told reporters that Johnson had a Grade 2 sprain, an injury that typically takes one to two weeks to recover from.

Woods hits stride in time for U.S. Open

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) - The dominance ended, and so did his reign atop the world ranking. Through it all, Tiger Woods insisted he would only get better.

It doesn't get much better than this heading into the U.S. Open. David Duval may be the new No. 1, but all eyes are on Woods as he tries to reclaim his reputation as the most feared golfer in a championship that has given him the most trouble.

"Tiger is coming back strong again," Ernie Els said. "He's got that look in his eye."

Woods drove the ball beautifully in Germany to win on a course framed by high rough.

He won in the Memorial Tournament with a breathtaking short game. Except for one swing that led to a quadruple bogey in Dallas, he could have been 3-0 since his post-Masters break.

"I don't know if anybody can play the way he does," Jack Nicklaus said. "He has the ability to do things that nobody else can do."

Woods set a standard with his stunning victory in the Masters. He came within one stroke of a playoff in the British Open. He made an early move in the final round of the PGA Championship. But the U.S. Open? Woods has only two rounds under par and his best finish was his tie for 18th last year, 10 strokes out of the lead.

As he says, he can only get better. "Understanding how to play the game, shaping shots correctly, managing your emotions," Woods said. "These are things that take time to learn. And I've been able to soak up all the mishaps that I've had in my life and applied it each and every time, and made it better."

Golf

Four tied for St. Jude lead

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Hal Sutton bogeyed three of the final five holes in a 2-under 69 and was part of a four-way tie for the lead after three rounds of the St. Jude Classic. Tom Lehman, Ted Tryba and Tim Herron were tied with Sutton at 14-under 199. Herron had a 66 in the third round, while Tryba had a 67 and Lehman a 68.

David Frost, who tied a PGA Tour record with consecutive 63s to open the tournament at TPC Southwind, ballooned to a 3-over 74 but was just one stroke off the lead after becoming the only player in the 77-man field without a birdie Saturday. Kevin Sutherland and Omar Uresti were tied with Frost at 13-under, Kevin Wentworth, whose 63 was the low round for the day, was among a group of four at 12-under.

Davis Love III shot a 68 and was at 10 under, defending champion Nick Price was 8-under after shooting a 70 and Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal was 7-under after a 70. Greg Norman continued to have trouble with his putter and withdrew after shooting a 72 for a three-day total of 3-under.

Webb holds two-stroke lead

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Karrie Webb vaulted to the front at the LPGA Rochester International once more Saturday with a 4-under 68 that was highlighted by a 50-foot chip-in. It gave her a 6-under 210 total at the sun-baked Locust Hill course. Defending champion Rosie Jones delivered

her own heroics, bouncing in from the edge of the rough from 127 yards for an eagle on the par-4 10th.

"It was just the luckier that I really needed," said Jones, who carded a 68 to join Nancy Scranton (69) and Leigh Ann Mills (71) in a tie for second.

Webb, a four-time winner this year, had birdies on Nos. 2 and 4, then took the lead with an eagle at the par 5 then by holing from a green-side bunker.

Her only bogey came at No. 14, where she hit through the green and ended up missing from 5 feet.

Fleisher emerges from Senior pack

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Bruce Fleisher shot out of the pack with a Sunday-par 63 Saturday to tie David Lundstrom for the second round lead of the BellSouth Senior Classic.

Fleisher played his way into contention for a fourth victory in his rookie season on the Senior PGA Tour with nine birdies and no bogeys.

He and Lundstrom have two-day totals of 134, 10 under par.

The 63 is one stroke off the course record for the 6,783-yard Sprinchouse Golf Club set by Dave Stockton in 1984 and matched by Iain Aoki last year.

South African, Swede share lead

BERLIN - Jarmo Sandelin of Sweden and Retief Goosen of South Africa share the lead at 10 under par after the rain-drenched third round Saturday of the German Open. Sandelin, the overnight leader at 11 under, picked up one shot to move to 12 under par after 11 holes.



AP Photo

Sweden's Jarmo Sandelin plays a bunker shot during the first round at the German Open golf tournament Thursday near Berlin.

Sampras storms into Queen's Club final

LONDON (AP) - Pete Sampras is on the verge of winning the Queen's tournament. If the past is any indication, pre-Wimbledon success may not necessarily be a good sign.

Sampras held off 18-year-old Australian Lleyton Hewitt for a 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) victory in Saturday's semifinal of the Queen's grass-court tournament.

"I've done well at Wimbledon having lost the first round here - and having won here," Sampras said. "I've lost early the last two years and won Wimbledon and so you can't read too much into my results here. But it does help the confidence and that's what I need at the moment."

Sampras will face the winner of the other semifinal match between Britain's Tim Henman and Sargis Sargsian of Armenia, which was stopped due to rain after Henman won the first set, 6-1.

It will be completed today before the final.

In the third set, begun after a rain delay, Sampras was broken in the first game - after taking a bad fall - but then broke back in the sixth. Hewitt had a break point in the 11th game but

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couldn't capitalize. He was also up 3-1 in the tiebreaker before losing 7-4.

Kulti beats Moya to reach final in Germany

HALLE, Germany - Nicklas Kulti of Sweden upset second-seeded Carlos Moya 6-3, 6-4 Saturday and will play Nicolas Kiefer in the final of the Gerry Weber Open.

Kiefer, the seventh seed, beat Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.

Kulti took advantage of a break of serve in each set to beat 1998 French Open champion Moya, at No. 11 the highest ranked player left in the last four in the grass court tournament that serves as a warmup for Wimbledon.

The Swede won the event in 1996, but has since dropped to No. 303 in singles rankings. Although he failed to qualify, Kulti made the draw as an alternate, replacing Andre Agassi, who withdrew because of an injury.



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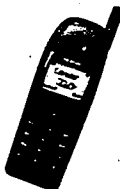
Australian Lleyton Hewitt jumps to return a ball to America's Pete Sampras in the semifinal of the grass court championship at Queen's Club in London Saturday. Rain delayed play, at one set each.

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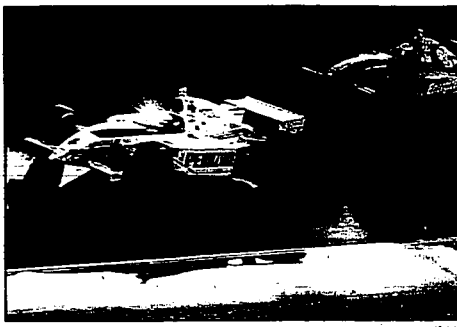
BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) - It has been a trying year for Jeff Gordon. The NASCAR poster boy, winner of three Winston Cup titles, is suddenly mortal.

For some reason his Chevrolet - the familiar No. 14 - has more days when it runs like a lemon off the used-car lot.

Still, Gordon appears to be the man to beat today in the Kmart 400 at Michigan Speedway.

Gordon shattered his own track record with a qualifying lap at 186.045 mph. That earned him the right to start on the pole, next to Ernie Ivan. Gordon, who has won the Cup points series three of the last four seasons, has finished sixth or better in his last eight races at this 2-mile oval.

The pole winner has won 13 times.



Scott Goodyear speeds through turn one during the Indy racing League's Longhorn 500 at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas Saturday. Goodyear won the event. At right is Robby McGehee.

Schumacher ends Hakkinen's pole string

MONTREAL - Michael Schumacher snapped Mika Hakkinen's string of five straight poles Saturday in qualifying for the Canadian Grand Prix.

It was close, though, with Hakkinen's final lap coming within .029-seconds of Schumacher's Ferrari, that won an top right from the first lap.

"I did mine on the first lap and he did his on the last," said Schumacher, the defending race winner at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, who was in the pits at the end of the one-hour session. "He improved from lap to lap through the session. He would think we would improve also."

Schumacher, who goes into today's race holding a six-point lead over Hakkinen, the defending Formula

One champion, got around the 2.74-mile (4.42-kilometer), 13-turn road course in 1 minute, 53.266 seconds.

BMW, Toyota vie for lead as Mercedes crashes out

LE MANS, France - BMW and Toyota were fighting a stirring overnight battle in the Le Mans 24 Hour race early today after Mercedes pulled out of the famed endurance contest.

After nine hours, the BMW V12 driven by Jens Krosvogren of Denmark, Finland's Jyrki Lehto and Jörg Müller of Germany held the lead with 135 laps.

Toyota's best hope for victory, the Marzen qualified team that was the favorite in qualifying, withdrew from the race. But two of its other GTs were still in contention as drivers began their long night.

Mercedes pulled out its two

remaining cars after less than five hours of the race when Peter Dumbreck was involved in a spectacular crash.

Rookie takes lead in Michigan

BROOKLYN, Mich. - Rookie David Keith took the lead with two laps remaining and went on to win the ARCA 200 on Saturday, the first pole-sitter to win the event at Michigan Speedway since 1980.

Keith, in just his second ARCA race, finished .917 seconds in front of Bruce Alexander at an average speed of 138.116 mph for the 100-lap race.

Goodyear wins Longhorn 500

FORT WORTH, Texas - Scott Goodyear outlasted several mid-race challenges by local favorite

Greg Ray, then pulled away after a late caution to win the IRL's Longhorn 500 Saturday night.

It was a vindicating performance by Goodyear, who was 27th in the Indy 500 after finishing first and second in the previous races this season. He also won March 28 at Phoenix. His average speed of 151.177 mph was the fastest of the four Indy-car winners at Texas Motor Speedway. The points he gained sent him to first in the driver standings.

For Ray, a native of nearby Plano, it was another disappointing second at the Texas Motor Speedway. He finished behind Billy Boat last summer.

Tony Pedregon covered a quarter-mile in 5.023 seconds at 290.44 mph to lead funny cars. Warren Johnson led pro stock in 6.996 at 197.68, both track records, and Matt Hines led pro stock motorcycle with a run of 7.287 at 182.67.

'Bobby Joe Skoal' still bucks in Fort Smith

Special to The Times-News

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - "Bobby Joe Skoal" is still the one to draw in the saddle bronc riding event.

The 1991-93 PRCR saddle bronc of the year, owned by the Harry Vold Rodeo Company, carried one more cowboy to the pay window last weekend. Ira Slagowski of Carlin, Nev., was the lucky cowboy to draw the bronc of the year.

Rodeo - Old Fort Days Rodeo, May 31 through June 5 in Fort Smith, Ark. At 22-year-old bronc rider rode Bobby Joe Skoal to 86 points for the title and \$3,288.

"That's a horse I've always wanted to get on," Slagowski said after the ride. "He's a great horse and I was happy to have him tonight for the first time ever."

Slagowski is making the most of his first year in full-time competition; the Fort Smith win pushes him to fourth in the Crown Royal world bronc riding standings with \$27,077. After a successful college rodeo career at Central Wyoming College in Riverton, Slagowski broke his leg in 1997 and sat out most of '98.

"You need to enjoy what you do for a living and I'm enjoying fun," Slagowski said. "I guess that's a big part of any success I've had."

In 1991, Bobby Joe Skoal became one of only four saddle broncs in history to win both PRCR and Annual Finals Rodeo top stock awards in the same year, then went on to win two more PRCR saddle bronc of the year awards. The 15-year-old brown gelding was raised on Vold's Colorado ranch and has buckled at 11 NFRs.

Oklahoma call ropers Blair Burk also used a Fort Smith win to complement his best year yet. He won the two-head call roping average title in 16.2 seconds. The \$3,351 Burk pocketed in Arkansas brings his 1999 earnings to \$54,849, helping him keep his second-place ranking in the world call roping standings.

rode David Bailey's No. 42, and Phillip rode Bailey's No. 15 for the win.

Other Pro Rodeo Notes

• Allen-time world champion leader Alton Bach earned money at three rodeos last weekend to push his career earnings to \$1,000,000. He is the 30th cowboy in the history of the PRCR to cross the million-dollar mark. Roping with partner Daniel Green, Bach earned \$6,005 last week, including a three-place roping check in Garden City, Kan. The pair jumped to the lead in their respective world standings for the first time this year, and Bach is in contention for his 15th NFR qualification with \$32,963.

• Treza Train took \$5,414 home to Muskogee, Okla., after winning the barrel racing event at the Golden Gate Rodeo in Garden City, Kan. The pair placed second in Fort Smith, Ark. The 1996 barrel racing rookie of the year is 30th in the world barrel racing standings.

• South Dakota native Jesse Bail, 28, won the bull riding title at the Golden Gate Rodeo in Garden City, Okla., June 4-6 in Lower Burley, S.D. Bail is one of only two cowboys who

have qualified to compete at this year's College National Finals Rodeo from both ends of the arena. He'll ride bulls and saddle broncs as well as steer wrestle representing Oklahoma Panhandle State University at the CNFR, June 13-19 in Casper, Wyo. OPSU - located in Goodwell, Okla. - has won the CNFR men's team national championship the last two years.

• Sheldon Ayres of Tempe, Ariz., broke his neck June 5 during the second performance of

the Elizabeth (Colo.) Stampede when the bronc he was riding fell on him while coming out of the chute. The accident reportedly crushed Ayres' spinal chord and his C7 vertebra. Ayres was airlifted by helicopter from Elizabeth to Swedish Medical Center in Denver, Colo., where he remains. Although his spinal chord wasn't severed, Ayres was paralyzed from the chest down and doctors say it's unlikely that he will ever walk again, according to his sister Nicole Antonelli.

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The Associated Press

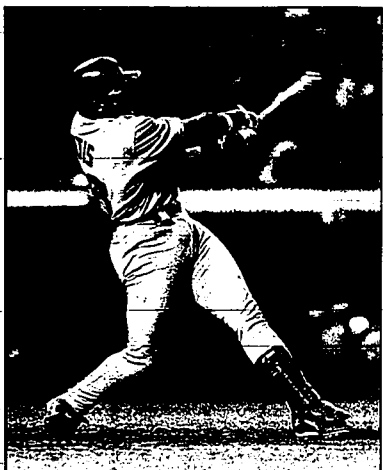
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"Major league hitters have been taking these treats at a record pace this season. A little more than one-third of the way through the season, 59 slams were hit. That pace would produce 165 of them, breaking the single-season record of 141 hit in 1936."
"But way before that there was Lou Gehrig, who had a record 23 slams among his 493 career homers. When he hit them, they were just bases-loaded homers, not yet associated with the more glamorous title."

"The term grand slam, which has origins in bridge, was first used in sports to describe Bobby Jones' sweep of four major golf championships — the British and U.S. Opens and Amateurs — in 1930. Later, it was extended to tennis' four majors — Australia, the French, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. Don Budge became the first American to complete a tennis Grand Slam in 1938 and two years later, baseball discovered the phrase."

It first appeared Aug. 20, 1940, in the San Francisco Chronicle when a home run by the Boston Red Sox cleared the bases on Sept. 4, 1939, the day an ailing Gehrig was honored at Yankee Stadium. Gehrig, however, neverunched his slams the way modern sluggers are this season.

Robin Ventura hit two on May 20, one in each game of a doubleheader, Nomar Garciaparra also hit two on May 10 but needed just one game to do it.
"Pretty good stuff except that on April 23, Fernandez Tatis hit two, not only in one night, or one game, but in one inning."
Ventura's feat — two slams in two games in one night — was a record and made him the first player to hit two slams in a single day twice. He also did it for the Chicago White Sox on Sept. 4, 1995. Nobody had ever hit two in one inning before Muscles Tatis,



St. Louis Cardinal Fernando Tatis hits his second grand slam off Dodger pitcher Chan Ho Park in a game April 23. After one-third of the season, major league hitters have hit 58 grand slams, on a pace for 158, which would shatter the single-season record of 141 set in 1936.

all 175 pounds of him, unloaded.
Willie McCovey, who owns the National League record with 18 slams, has a theory.
"I don't think pitchers work on weaknesses as well as they did in my day," he said. "I also think the ball is livelier. I see some funny-looking swings and the ball winds up in the upper deck. They're not that much stronger than we were."
Grand slams are no simple matter. Consider that when Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs in 1927, just two came with the bases loaded. And he hit them in consecutive games on Sept. 27 and Sept. 28. No. 57 and No. 59, making the Babe the first modern hitter to connect for slams in two straight games.

Mark McGwire had just two slams among his record 70 homers last season. And when Roger Maris broke Ruth's record with 61 in 1961, none were grand slams.
McCovey thought his success with the bases loaded was a matter of concentration.
"I approached at-bats differently when there were men in scoring position," he said. "That's why I was a good RBI man. Mostly, it was concentration and determination. I seemed to be able to concentrate more on the pitcher and how he was going to

to the fence and a chance at a third slam in the ninth inning.
"Denis Menke swung at a 3+1 pitch with the bases loaded to make the last out," he said. "It would've been ball four. The crowd was roosting for me to get up one more time."
"People don't remember that I won 113 games in the big leagues or that I won 24 one year and 19 in another. They just remember me as the pitcher who hit the two grand slams."
Palmer's record is not totally unblemished. Freddie Patek, hardly a slugger, got him in spring training one year, and Johnny Bench, a more legitimate threat, tagged one off him in the minors. Palmer blamed old pal Earl Weaver — who else? — for the Bench slams.
"I was pitching a game — it was when I hurt my shoulder in 1967 — and Earl was managing Reggie Miller. He was throwing about 80 mph. I couldn't throw at all. I struck out Bench the first time and I didn't know who he was. I'd seen him hit a pinch-hit grand slam and someone said he was a little Pudge and Judy hitter. I had no idea he had 22 home runs in 30 games or something."
"I got a 6-0 lead. I walked the bases loaded and Weaver was incensed. Bench was the hitter. He said to throw the ball down the middle and I did. He hit it about 475 feet to left center field. And that was the last time I listened to Earl."

"So how did Palmer avoid surrendering slams? The same way McCovey hit so many of them. Concentration."
"You don't give in," he said. "My first game in the big leagues, I came in in relief in Boston when I was 19 to face Tony Conigliaro. I'm a high fastball pitcher and he's a high fastball hitter. I ended up striking him out on three pitches. I never wanted to give in. You don't have to be a math major to know one's a lot better (to give up) than four."
The term grand slam is also found in cocktail lounges worldwide. Bartenders in the know construct them by mixing a half-jigger of blended whiskey, a quarter-jigger of vermouth, an eighth-jigger of rum and an eighth-jigger of lime juice.

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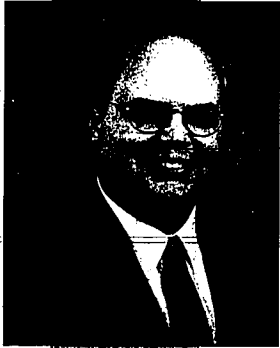
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Man in Black 2 nd July 2, 1997	10%

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**Jacksons Food acquires
 Circle K stores in Idaho**

BOISE—Jacksons Food Stores Inc. announced the acquisition of 45 convenience stores owned by Circle K Stores Inc. — a subsidiary of Tosco Corp. — in southern Idaho.

"This is a major expansion of our coverage in the state," Jacksons President John D. Jackson said. "We hope to retain all 300 current Circle K employees, increasing our total to more than 750. You can expect to see not only expanded coverage of Jacksons, but enhanced services in facilities and services in all of our new stores, as well."

The two companies have signed a formal agreement whereby Jacksons will purchase all Circle K assets in southern Idaho, including locations throughout the Magic Valley. The sale is expected to close by the end of July, pending federal approval, a Jacksons press release said.

Jacksons, a wholesaler for Texaco, currently owns 36 convenience stores in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada, many of which include Quick-Service Restaurants such as Taco Bell, A&W, Blimpie and Moxie Java.

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KeyCorp (NYSE:KEY) is one of the nation's largest financial-services companies, with assets of about \$80 billion.

Shilo Inn completes three Oregon remodeling projects

NEWBERG, Ore.—Shilo Inn announced the completion of three remodeling/renovation projects. The 60-room motel in Newberg, set in the heart of the wine country, has met a growing demand for space for up to 49 people and new sports a new look.

Changes at the inn in Warrenton/Astoria, Ore., include a complete new lobby and guest rooms sporting new carpet, drapes and bedspreads. The restaurant and lounge have a new look, too.

The renovation project at the Shilo Suites Hotel at the Portland Airport features a new lobby, refurbished restaurant, and upgraded guest room bathrooms.

With 45 locations in nine Western states — including one in Twin Falls — Shilo Inns claims to be the largest independently owned lodging chain in the West.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Ed Walter, president of the El-Wyhee Business Association, distributes some of the organization's business guides to Stephanie Martin, the winemaker at Carmela Vineyards in Glens Ferry. The association hopes to create a network of local businesses.

Keeping hometown customers home

El-Wyhee Business Association marks successful first year, solicits more recruits

By Virginia S. Hutchins
 Times-News writer

MOUNTAIN HOME — Business people in Mountain Home are doing something new, Ed Walter says: They're sending customers to their competitors.

With the new 75 mph speed limit on Interstate 84, people couldn't find the products or services they wanted locally used to drive to Boise in alarming numbers, he said.

"I just got kind of fed up with the businesses not supporting each other," said Walter, the founder and president of a year-old association trying to stimulate business cooperation, plan community activities and keep customers happy in their hometowns.

Now, with about 130 members and publication of its second-merchants' guide under its belt, the Mountain Home-based El-Wyhee Business Association is trying to recruit more participation in the rest of Elmore and Owyhee counties — particularly in Glens Ferry, where Carmela Vineyards is its only member in town.

"We're reaching out and trying to grasp the outlying areas," said Walter, the owner of a satellite and electronics service. He reads *The Times-News* to see what the Magic Valley is doing for its businesses and tries to bring those things locally. "Glenns-Ferry is tough," he added, because Glens Ferry and Mountain Home don't always work together.

Getting attention

Full cooperation still may take time, but Glens Ferry business people are starting to notice the association's activities.

Bobbie Crone, owner of Hanson's Cafe and Motel, had managed to get a membership form mailed off. But when an asso-

ciation leader called last week about upcoming Fourth of July activities, Crone decided to join. She'll feature Hanson's in the festivities if she can make it to Mountain Home.

And she's hoping to meet other restaurateurs and the rest of her business peers — who usually don't get much of a busy woman's attention.

"After the first year, I think that will be the test of whether or not it benefits us," Crone said. Then she'll know whether to recommend El-Wyhee Business Association membership to others in Glens Ferry.

The Glens Ferry Chamber of Commerce — which promotes the town's businesses and takes on projects such as downtown revitalization and community cleanup — will remain separate from the El-Wyhee association, chamber president Dale Smith said.

"I think because of the different functions, I don't think we'd be competing," he said.

But the chamber and association may be able to promote each other's activities, he said, and the growing chamber is trying to get more involved in various organizations that foster Idaho business.

"We'll cooperate, that's no problem," Smith said.

Startup story

After a year of working from their own homes or offices, the El-Wyhee Business Association's all-volunteer leaders recently rented an office, and Walter is optimistic about the organization's future.

"It looks really great," he said. "Every event we do we get new members, because they see things being done for them."

Getting business folks to do for each

other was Walter's motivation last year.

In January 1998, he sent a letter to the Mountain Home newspaper "to get the people thinking about what they're doing when they send people out of town instead of to their competitors," he said.

"That got many business owners' interest, and he held a meeting the next month. Participants realized a lack of information about just what was available in the area, he said. So in April '98, 35 businesses — including a paint store, the local airport, a private school and a cleaning-equipment distributor — invited the public to a gathering at the local Elks Lodge.

The public didn't do all the learning; the vendors, too, saw what the others had to offer, Walter said.

"After that, we had 35 vendors who were actually working for each other," he said.

Publication of the first Mountain Home Merchants Guide in May '98 included 256 businesses — even before the association officially formed.

With a local bicycle shop planning a big July 4 weekend of BMX races that year, Walter and others wanted to create something for racers to do in town when they weren't competing. The business association formed in May to buy insurance for the activities, and 1998 saw Mountain Home's first Fourth of July parade in years, he said.

Annual dues are \$50 per business, and other revenue comes from trade shows and advertising in the merchants' guide.

If the association can get more members in Glens Ferry, it would like to put on trade shows there, Walter said.

"A one-man trade show isn't going to do much," he said.

He hopes the recent second edition of the merchant merchants' guide — which also lists Glens Ferry activities — will show Glens Ferry folks what the association is trying to do.

Members have been very positive about getting the guide out to the public, he said, "because it enhances them and the area."

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Time-share industry lures aging baby boomers

Knight Ridder News Service

When Jeff Sobolewski took a trip to Orlando, Fla., about 1 1/2 years ago, he knew there was going to be a catch, but he didn't mind.

The trip was part of Ramada Inn's vacation time-share resort promotion to bring in potential buyers. Although the Mt. Clemens resident didn't make a purchase, it wasn't long before

he bought a week in St. Martin and joined the growing ranks of time-share owners.

More than 1.7 million U.S. households and more than 4 million worldwide own a vacation interval, or time-share, according to the American Resort Development Association.

The industry posted \$3 billion in sales last year, said Chris Larsen, the group's spokesman, and had annual sales growth of more than 14 percent for the past six years.

With hospitality giants — Disney, Hilton, Hyatt, Ramada Inn, Embassy Suites and

Marriott — part of the industry, Larsen predicts even more growth. Throw in the aging baby boomers and the echo boomers and the industry's future gets even brighter.

Average time-share owners are 49 years old, have \$70,000 in annual income, are married, are

highly educated and have children.

Time-sharing, in which individuals purchase the right to spend a specific amount of time every year at a specific place, began about 30 years ago.

But it didn't catch on with U.S. consumers until the late 1970s, Larsen said.

The largest group of U.S. time-share owners is 55 to 64 years old. Please see TIMESHARE, Page D2

For some marriages, women's higher earning power is problem

Knight Ridder News Service

"You may have come a long way, baby, but many of you still aren't comfortable with the idea of making more money than your mate."

Don't believe it? Dallas financial planner Joan Gruber has seen it happen. She had a friend who didn't tell her husband how much she earned.

"He didn't do so well, and she didn't want him to know," said Ms. Gruber, who heads Joan M. Gruber Advisors in Dallas. "She thought it would disturb their relationship — and she's probably right."

Many women feel the same as Ms. Gruber's friend, despite the progress women have made in the workplace during the past two decades. A recent national survey by Prudential Securities found that a majority of women believe that their own earning power could become a problem in a marriage, particularly if they earn more money than their husbands.

"Money matters remain as sensitive as ever between the sexes, regardless of basic beliefs in equality," said Michelle Laughlin, senior vice president and Treasury market strategist at Prudential.

Although women have made great strides in the workplace, both men and women still show some discomfort about women taking on the role of major breadwinners.

Personal finance experts said that kind of attitude can hurt women financially if it prevents them from reaching their full financial potential.

"It holds her back," Ms. Gruber said. "She's not going to go for all the gusto she needs to get that portfolio really performing in terms of their investments."

Given the demographics, women can't afford to pass up opportunities to make more money. Because women historically have earned less than men while outliving them, three-quarters of the elderly poor are women.

"When men reach 75 cents for each dollar a man earns," said Catherine Stahl, assistant vice president and manager of the Women & Investing program at Oppenheimer & Co. "The fact that they're living longer, which means more years in retirement, also means they need more money at the end of their lives because they're outliving men."

Women also change jobs more frequently than men and leave the work force more often to care for loved ones or when they become parents. Because of their frequent job changes and departures from the work force, women accumulate fewer credits for retirement income, according to Oppenheimer.

Still, getting people to feel more comfortable about women being the main breadwinners isn't easy. Expectations of gender roles are deeply ingrained in Western culture, experts note.

The core of those beliefs is that the man is the primary breadwinner and the woman is the partner of the children and the caretaker of the home.

"He wants to provide for the family in general, and when the wife becomes the main breadwinner, he feels like he's not doing his job," said Stakia Ragolia, director of the relationships channel at iVillage.com, an Internet site oriented toward women. "It's not so much a jealousy thing, but that they feel like they're failing."

Women, on the other hand, have tended to judge their self-worth by the quality of their relationships, therapists say. If earning more money than her husband will jeopardize their relationship, a woman will become apprehensive, they say.

But not everyone holds traditional beliefs.

A survey done by her students in western Massachusetts found men and women were more grateful the more money their spouse made, said Francine M. Deutsch, a psychology professor at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass.

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Nodus ranchers Tim and Tina Shaw check the status of their stock water claims at a booth manned by Idaho Department of Water Resources employees, Jeannie Robertson and Roxanne Brown, on hand throughout the Idaho Cattle Association's mid-year meeting to answer questions about the Snake River Basin Adjudication process and help cattle producers check on their stock water claims.

ICA raises questions about stock water rights

The Times-News

MCCALL — Stock water rights have hardly been more than a ripple on the surface of the state's largest lawsuit, but that doesn't mean it is calm below the surface. Court rulings and court procedures are just two of the submerged logs waiting to snag the unwary.

On the procedural side, the Snake River Basin Adjudication Court decided to speed the adjudication process by dealing with all the domestic and stock water claims for less than 13,000 gallons per day first, clearing the court calendar to deal with the more contentious irrigation water claims. That decision has created an interesting situation for ranchers in the Oidley area who are part of Basin 45.

Federal agencies filed water claims in Basin 45 for water on federal land by water source — meaning their claims meet the under-13,000-gallons-per-day threshold and are scheduled to be determined yet this year. Private landowners, on the other hand, filed claims for the same water, but lumped several water sources together to form larger claims. Their claims aren't scheduled to be taken up for another year, or two.

"It's not typical of what happens, but it does happen," Norm Semanko told cattle producers during the Idaho Cattle Association's mid-year meeting in McCall on Wednesday.

Semanko is an attorney from Twin Falls who specializes in water law.

He is representing some of the Oidley ranchers who are objecting to the federal stock water right claims in Basin 45. They've asked the court to delay issuing a ruling on the federal claims until both the federal and private claims can be considered at the same time.

Some blame a court ruling for allowing the situation to arise at all. The Idaho Supreme Court ruled that the federal government has a right to claim water on federally owned land under a provision called Public Water Reserve 107.

However, the SRBA court must still determine where the water right is and how much the rub comes in for many private grazers.

They, individually or through a grazing association, file a claim for the water they've historically used to water their livestock. Then the federal government must file an objection to the private claim. And suddenly a private grazer finds himself in litigation with the federal government.



Ranchers help biologists track wolf kills in Unit 38

MCCALL — Big game and livestock in Unit 38 are being closely monitored this year. Ranchers and biologists want to see how the reintroduction of wolves into the Salmon area affects death loss in both wild and domestic herds.

Preliminary results from a winter predation study conducted in the Salmon area during January, February and early March found that mountain lions and wolves both seemed to prefer elk calves. Of the 90 carcasses found during the study period, 57 percent were elk calf. Other prey included mule deer and one bighorn sheep.

Wildlife biologists can identify which predator killed an animal by examining the kill scene and the animal. For example, a mountain lion will drag its meal away to bury it while a pack of wolves leaves a carcass where it was killed.

Researchers can also skin out a dead animal to examine the underlying trauma and teeth marks to identify whether the predator was a wolf, mountain lion or coyote. Based on that information, about half the animals found during the monitoring period were killed by mountain lion and half by wolf. For all but 11 carcasses, the predator could be positively identified.

Soil chemist retires from 'fascinating' work

KIMBERLY — Chuck Robbins has spent his career looking at things in soil most people never think about: salt, selenium, phosphorus.

"Soil chemistry is fascinating," said the retiring USDA Agricultural Research Service soil chemist.

He came to the ARS Laboratory in Kimberly in 1967 as a research assistant. It didn't take long for the scientists at the station to put Robbins' experiences growing up on a ranch in southwest Wyoming to work. His early responsibilities were to collect

forage samples from high elevation range sites in the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies, and to analyze those grass and alfalfa samples for selenium uptake. In those days, it was illegal to supplement livestock rations with selenium, even though Pacific Northwest soils are low in selenium and livestock grazing forage grown here suffered selenium-deficiency problems.

That's because selenium was listed as a carcinogen.

Robbins' childhood experiences also led him into his next research area — soil salinity. Salty soil was a problem his family and others battled in southwest Wyoming.

He started studying physics when he went to Brigham Young University, but switched to animal science. When the Agronomy Department learned of his interest in salinity, they encouraged him to take agronomy courses also.

Local cattlemen's raffle raises money for cases

NAMPA — The Idaho Cattle Association and the Owyhee County Cattlemen's Association formally finished the third annual Property Rights Drawing for a 1968 Ford Pickup from Dan Wiebold Ford in Nampa. The pickup was a fully loaded Ford F250 crew cab with four wheel drive.

Last weekend, local cattlemen gathered at Dan Wiebold Ford in Nampa to find out who the winner would be. Four hundred fifty people had purchased \$100 chances to win the 1999 Ford pickup.

Owyhee County Rodeo Queen Shanna Painter drew Dick Newcomb of Nampa as the lucky winner of the new pickup.

All proceeds from the pickup raffle will benefit Owyhee county ranchers through ICA's Cattle Association Legal Fund. The Owyhee County Cattlemen organized this fundraising raffle to offset mounting costs from legal battles to protect water rights over whether or not public lands grazing should continue.

Anyone interested in more information about ICA or the Cattle Association Legal Fund can write to P.O. Box 15397, Boise, ID 83715.

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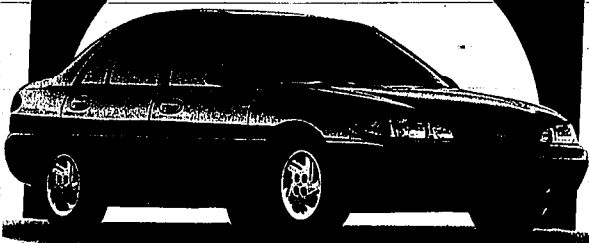
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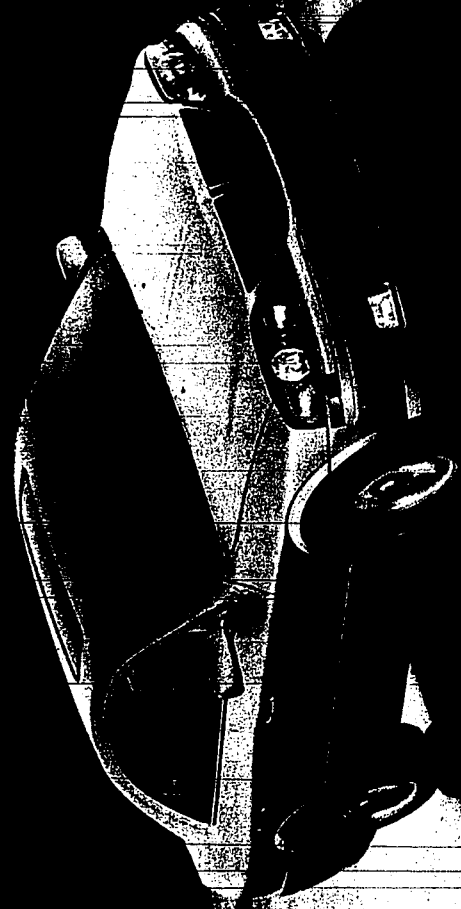
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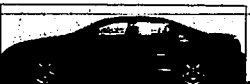
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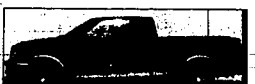
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Really... I was just kidding you

The editors of Pun American Newsletter have selected the World's Worst Puns. A sample: "The ballerina got so fat she had to wear a three-three."

The newsletter specializes in puns "just for fun," as in humor that plays on the meanings of words. You can receive a complimentary copy by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to Pun American Newsletter, 1165 Elmwood Place, Deerfield, Ill. 60015.

The latest issue recounts a mock conversation with a telephone operator: "That'll be \$4.98, please. But I told you to reverse the charges, OK, that'll be \$8.94." And a "bit" of computer humor: "A modem is what landscapers do to dem lawns."

I think this sort of publication is a service to humanity, especially amid reports that laughing boosts the immune system and reduces the hormones that cause stress. The thing about humor is, it's free. There is even an American Association for Therapeutic Humor now, and an International Center for Humor and Health.

The international center recently posted some stress reduction exercises on the Internet: "Dance naked in front of your pets... Put your child's clothes on backwards and send him to school in his mother's bra." Bill your doctor for the time you spend in his waiting room."

I don't think so.

But I do believe in laughing, a lot. I have a friend who used to be a little stodgy. But then she became a mother. With four kids under the age of 5, she said, she had to learn to laugh just to survive.

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And what do adults laugh at? Harvey Mindess, co-author of "The Antioch Humor Test," has measured and categorized the reason of our laughter. He says people who are earthy and outspoken laugh at slightly hostile jokes. (Why did God make man before he made woman? He wanted to learn from his mistakes.) And those who are high IQs laugh at social satire. (One way to help balance the national budget is to elect our first woman president. We'd only have to pay her half the salary.)

Even religion can contain a touch of humor. In fact, Tom Schaefer, who writes a syndicated religion column, often turns to humor as the best ecclesiastical medicine.

Not long ago, he referred to an article in *Door* magazine, about those WWDJ brackets that remind the wearers to ask, "What would Jesus do?" The magazine offered some alternatives - a WDDJ bracelet for football coaches; "What would Ditka Do?" Or a W bracelet for non-agers.

Schaefer had a few ideas of his own - WVMSD for creative people with lots of time on their hands; "What would Marina Stewart Do?" And a WB for the forgetful: "What bracket?"

Nothing like a good chuckle to soothe the heart, and the soul.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at *The Times-News*.

Saving baby

Knowing infant CPR can get a child breathing again

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Babies turn blue.

And when they do, there are few things more terrifying to parents.

"Parents, grandparents, siblings, baby-sitters — anybody who takes care of children should know infant CPR," said Kristy Burkett, who teaches emergency classes at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Upper respiratory infections and vomiting can cause children to stop breathing as can foreign objects stuck in their throats. But the No. 1 risk is sudden infant death syndrome, which strikes children from ages 2 to 4 months.

"The best CPR for SIDS is prevention," Burkett explained. "And that's the best done by laying a child down on his back when you put him in his crib and keeping foreign objects like blankets and stuffed animals out of cribs — and not getting a child too warm."

When a baby does stop breathing, there are CPR techniques to get him started again — but the most effective may be straightening the child's head so the airway is open, Burkett said.

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Participants in child-care classes learn infant CPR at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

For more info.
For more information on infant CPR, call Kristy Burkett at 737-2901.

There are no reliable numbers about how many lives infant CPR saves, but parents and caregivers can depend on the fact that an infant or a toddler will choke at some point.

"Some of it is just common-sense, like keeping small objects off the floor and teaching older-siblings not to give baby candy," Burkett said. "Some of it is just parents learning not to give a bottle to an infant or a toddler who is choking."

"But mostly, it's just being vigilant," she said. "Parents or sibling or caregivers can sense when something's not right with a baby. They just need to be there."

If a baby is choking, Burkett says caregivers should first try to get the child breathing. If that hasn't happened within a minute or so, then call 911.

"If an adult is having a heart attack, you need to get the ambulance rolling," she said. "But in most cases, a child's breathing can be restored quickly, and that's what you need to do first."

But be aware of high fevers, and if the baby is obviously sick, get medical attention, Burkett said.

"The biggest tip-off is crying," Burkett said. "If a baby can cry, then there's a problem."

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

Grandparents can help protect grandkids from serious injury

The Hartford Courant

For many American families, a trip to Grandma's house tops the list of summer-vacation plans. The annual trek can mean a break from the daily demands of parenting for mom and dad, notorious spoiling for the kids and a year's worth of hugs and kisses for grandparents. But without careful preparations, it can also include an unexpected detour to the emergency room. Each year millions of kids are treated for household accidents such as poisonings, water-related injuries, falls, burns, choking and cuts. To avoid a vacation calamity and prevent unintentional injuries, Dr. Kyle Holmes, staff physician in the emergency department at Manchester Memorial Hospital in Connecticut, says grandparents need to child-proof their homes before the grandkids arrive.

"Grandparents sometimes forget how quickly kids love to explore and how fast they can get into things," Holmes said. "To keep them safe, you've got to take a look at your environment — inside and out — from a kids' perspective and eliminate the hazards ahead of time."

To learn more

For a free copy of "Helping Every Generation Care for Kids," write to The National SAFE KIDS Campaign, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20004, or visit their Web site at www.safekids.org.

— To order "Childproofing Your Home: 12 Safety Devices to Protect Your Children," (ISBN 618F) call toll-free at (888) 8-PUEBLO, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST or write to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 618F, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

phone. "Even the most loving grandparents can unknowingly put their grandchildren in danger when they overlook simple precautions," Eileen Henzy, coordinator of Connecticut SAFE KIDS, said.

According to a survey released last month by The National SAFE KIDS Campaign, grandparents rate unintentional injuries as their first concern when caring for grandchildren — and with good reason. Statistics show that preventable injury is the leading killer of kids 14 and younger.

But despite their concern, the survey also reveals that many grandparents need updated information on the latest child safety practices and devices. To help, the SAFE KIDS Campaign has published a free guide, "Helping Every Generation Care for Kids." The brochure contains information on everything from fire, burn and poisoning prevention to motor vehicle safety.

"Grandparents have the best intentions. But they may not be aware of the latest child safety practices have changed since their own kids. Please see PROTECT, Page F2

U of I holds orientation

Upping

TWIN FALLS — An orientation for students entering the University of Idaho in the fall will be held June 30 at Best Western Canyon Springs Hotel in Twin Falls.

A team of university faculty and staff members will provide information and answer questions related to housing, what to bring to campus, financial, academic and personal support services and fall semester events, coordinators say.

The school encourages new students and their parents and spouses to attend.

For more information, call the office of the dean of students at 885-6765 or e-mail maryluf@novell.uidaho.edu.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family oriented events throughout south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

Doing Las Vegas on the cheap

Though prices are undeniably rising, Las Vegas is still a cheap date among American cities. Some hotels practically give away rooms to get guests into their casinos. The omnipresent buffets make the cost of dining out much lower. There's plenty of free entertainment and much that is reasonably priced.

An excellent source of information on current deals is the Las Vegas Advisor, published monthly by Anthony Curtis (\$5 per issue, \$50 a year). Subscribers also receive his annual coupon book. "Having no coupons," Curtis says, "is like unprotected sex." For \$3, you can pick up Curtis' handy Reference Guide leaflet listing best Vegas values. Information: 1-800-244-2224.

Some samples of good deals, mostly from Curtis:

Dining
Buffets: These are the best dining deals, and nearly every hotel offers them. My dinner buffet at the Holiday Inn Boardwalk on the Strip, which cost only \$8.03 (tax included), offered carved roast beef or ham, pepper steak, Salisbury steak, two kinds of potatoes, corn, string beans, salad bar, two soups, fried rice with shrimp, codfish, manicotti, tortellini, trout, fried chicken, pork chops, orange chicken, tuna, oriental vegetables, lemon chicken and mixed vegetables, plus all kinds of desserts. In general, buffets range from \$3.99 for breakfast to \$12.99 for dinner.

Etc...

Some non-buffet deals: 50-cent draft beers at the Riviera, 99-cent shrimp cocktails at Arizona Charlie's, half-pound hot dogs for 99 cents at Slots A Fun. Curtis calls the \$3 complete 10-ounce steak dinner at Binion's Horseshoe "not only the number one value in present-day Las Vegas, it could be the greatest meal deal of all time."

Carlo, \$34.95-\$39.95. Forever Plaid at the Flamingo, \$21.95.

Gambling

If you like to play the slots but risk little, there are nickel slots in almost every casino. A handful, among them Arizona Charlie's, have penny slots. Single-deck blackjack is played in a number of casinos, including Binion's and Circus Circus.

Hotels

Rates vary widely according to demand. The same room at the Bellagio, for example, can be \$159 one week and \$499 the next. Weekend rates are always higher than weekday. Rates are lowest during the hot summer off-season and when major conventions are not in town. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitor Authority's Tourist Information Service (702-386-0770) provides free information on room availability and pricing.

Packages

Packages that combine air transportation with a hotel stay and fine amenities like gambling, taxicab and buffet lunch vouchers may be your best bargains, but know that some of these require travel at unusual times (one I heard of had passengers flying at midnight in both directions) and stays in less than optimum hotels. Check out the particulars before signing on.

— Source: Miami Herald

FAMILY LIFE

Pets show the way

Your love to sniff out joy, keep your nose to the joy trail. — Buffy Sainte-Marie

By Susan White

Susan White learns every day from and cherishes the wonderful ways our animals... of living life to the fullest...

Chicken Soup for the Soul

My husband, Daniel, and I travel frequently... When he couldn't find us, would he become upset...

We knew he was well taken care of, but we still felt guilty... I used to wonder what he made of the whole thing...

But then one night when we called home, Buddha made it quite clear what he missed... Buddha immediately started barking and howling when he heard our voices...

such a good idea to call home perhaps Buddha was confused and was searching the house for us.

When he couldn't find us, would he become upset and try to get outside to continue the search? What if he tried to jump through a window? My imagination was running away with me...

We heard Barbara laughing in the background, and then he picked up the phone and told us that Buddha had approached the phone and had stood for a moment, head cocked...

To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93139

Teachers and kids can't have a 'personality conflict'

A few random thoughts occurring at 35,000 feet, on my way to Hollywood for a guest appearance on "Politically Incorrect." Who?



Parenting John Rosemond

According to a good number of children and professionals, certain children are born with one or more mechanisms inside of them that make them immune, or at least highly resistant, to normal discipline.

Foremost among these is the "strong willed" mechanism, which supposedly causes a child to deflect even the strictest instruction and rule. Then there's the "argumentative" mechanism, which not only causes the afflicted child to disagree with everything his/her parents say...

Actually, these terms say little, if anything, about the children in question and a lot more about the parents. When their parents — parents who are, in a word, wimps. Having been there, done that, I am an expert on the subject.

the student is clearly at fault. If she doesn't resolve it, she is likely to stand accused of not liking the student, of having a personality conflict with him/her.

Along this line, if I had ever complained to my mother that a teacher didn't like me, Mom would have immediately assumed — and correctly so — that I was doing something distinctly unlikeable in the teacher's class. In the same situation, today's parent is likely to take the child's report at face value.

When I was a child, my education included the lesson that I was to stand accused of not liking the student, of having a personality conflict with him/her. I liked them and I was expected to never let an unsaid I might have held for one of them. This sort of discipline proves to be of inestimable benefit in later life.

When I am generally fascinated by the "make" people from other countries have on American parenting. For example, an Asian gentleman recently remarked to me that one of the problems with parent-child relationships in the United States is the lack of a generation gap. Say no more, eh?

John Rosemond is a family psychologist in North Carolina. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at P.O. Box 4124, Gastonia, NC 28054

Protect

For example, many states have laws requiring children under 12 to wear helmets when riding bicycles. And state law requires that children under age 4 who weigh less than 40 pounds use child safety seats when riding in cars.

"You can't watch a child every minute, and you can't make a parent totally childproof," Henry said. "But you can significantly minimize the risks and make your home a much safer place for your grandchildren to visit."

In addition, says Henry, that special old crib you've kept for your long-awaited grandchild may be dangerous because it doesn't meet current safety standards, and window-blind and curtain cords can pose strangulation hazards. The old baby walker in the attic could cause a toddler to take a nasty tumble down the stairs, and the family toy box may contain toys with broken or missing parts or have a lid that could slip and cause serious injury.

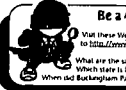
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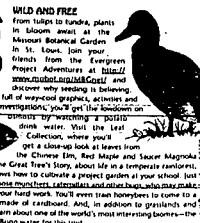
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A look at current movies from a family perspective

Combined wire services

Family flicks

"Instinct" (R) — Twin Cinema, SkyTime Cinemas of Ketchum. Best For: Mature teens to adults. What it's about: When brilliant primatologist Ethan Powell (Anthony Hopkins) is sent to a prison for the criminally insane, psychiatrist Tom Caulder (Cuba Gooding Jr.) is allowed to try to unlock the secrets Powell left behind. His family and officials want to know: What happened when Powell went to live with the mountain gorillas and disappeared for two years? And why did Powell murder two men in the jungles of Rwanda?

"The Good: The story is about a man's quest for peace and freedom with gorillas in the African jungle and the price he paid for it in an urban prison. The plot centers around humanity's ambitious drive to succeed and how that drive can destroy life and hurt others, with lessons taught through various characters. The emotional journey the two men take in unlocking the secrets of what happened to Powell in the jungle reveals as much about Gooding's character as it does about Hopkins'.

"The not-so-good: The R rating is for language and adult themes that mature audiences will relate to."

Offensive language: Yes. Sex: None.

Violence: Men hitting other men and animals being killed; mild prison violence between mental patients.

Parental advisory: This is a movie mature teens will appreciate.

Entertainment value: A+. "The Thirteenth Floor" — Real Theater of Twin Falls, Magic Lane of Ketchum.

Best For: Mature adults who are B-movie fans. What it's about: A police detective and a scientist investigate a murder by entering 1937 Los Angeles via virtual reality. A science fiction world has been populated with synthetic people. Armin Mueller-Stahl, Gretchen Mol and Vincent D'Onofrio star.

"The good: It's interesting to see more movies using the virtual-reality theme, and this one has done it a little differently by placing its imaginary world in the past. The not-so-good: The dark film noir look is an attempt at 1930s feel, but the plot is confusing and at times unfulfilling. There are a few plot holes, and the exciting action-and-chase scenes, but the film ends up as little more than a far-fetched premise without a lot of plot. More story might have made it more competitive with "The Matrix."

"Offensive language: Yes, and sexual dialogue. Sex: A couple of suggested sexual situations, with implied nudity. Violence: A man is murdered, others are shot at and beaten up. Parental advisory: This is obviously an adult sci-fi movie that's low on violence and contains no older children. Save your money and time.

Entertainment value: C. — also.

"Entrapment" (PG-13) — Older teenage girls are among the target audience for this flick, but others will wish it had more...



Snoopy's story

"The Mummy" (PG-13) — If your kids are already predisposed to cheer, they'll probably do so here. The mummy is ravenous and hostile, but he's not altogether scary. However, the film has ample gross-out moments involving man-eating bugs (124 minutes) (Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema, Liberty Theater of Hatley).

"The King and I" (G) — This exquisitely sung classic Rodgers and Hammerstein score should appeal to all ages. The story tells the tale of a teacher who gets and gives some unexpected lessons when she comes to Siam to tutor the children of the king. There are departures in the story, but they're in the interest of making the film more accessible to the younger set (86 minutes) (Liberty Theater of Hatley).

"The Love Letter" (PG-13) — Because of the rating, you might think this movie is suitable for pre-teens and older kids, but it's strictly for adults. Adult issues include steamy sexual situations with implied nudity, scenes that deal with a father divorcing his wife and taking his two children to live with him, and dialogue about a lesbian relationship the town won't accept. (The Orpheum of Twin Falls, Magic Lane of Ketchum).

"The Raguis Movie" (G) — Kids, particularly those expecting a new sibling, should get a kick out of this first feature effort from a remarkable franchise that's already a hit on television, stage and local lunchboxes. (65 minutes) (Real Theater of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema, Sun Valley Opera House).

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SOULSBY-FLETCHER

BURLEY — Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Soulsby of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marina Soulsby, to William Eric Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Fletcher of Mosier, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Mike McHugh of Norman, Okla.

Soulsby is a 1994 graduate of Burley High School and a 1999 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. She received a bachelor's degree in science with an emphasis in nutrition and exercise physiology. She is working in the business office at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla.

Fletcher graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University with a bachelor's degree in youth ministry. He is the minister of youth at the Rock Creek Baptist Church in Shawnee.

The wedding is planned for 1



Heather Soulsby and William Fletcher

p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, 2522 Hillad Ave. in Burley. The reception will immediately follow the ceremony at the Burley Best Western Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave. A reception will also be held in Shawnee on June 26 at the Rock Creek Baptist Church.

The newlyweds will reside in Shawnee.

ROTHAS-KNOWLES

BURLEY — Daniel and Shirley Rothas of Orlando, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth Rothas, to Trevor Alan Knowles, son of Kenneth and Ruth Ann Knowles of Burley.

Rothas graduated in 1998 with a math education degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She taught math at Indian Hills Middle School in Sandy, Utah. In the fall, she will be employed by the Alpine School District working with the Summit Alternative High School program.

Knowles is a Burley High School graduate. He served a two-year Perth Australia Spanish-speaking Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is majoring in pre-dentistry at Brigham Young University in Provo and is



Trevor Knowles and Erin Rothas

employed by the BYU football team.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception will be held July 2 in Orlando, Fla.

The newlyweds will reside in American Fork, Utah.

BLATTER-HANKS

BURLEY — Ray and Lori Blatter of American Canyon, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elisabeth Blatter, to Jeremy Bryce Hanks, son of Bryce and Nancy Hanks of Burley.

Blatter graduated in 1994 from Vintage High School in Napa, Calif. She is majoring in English at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and is scheduled to graduate in August.

Hanks graduated from Burley High School in 1992. He served a two-year Florida Fort Lauderdale Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attended BYU in Provo in accounting. He is majoring in business management at Utah Valley State College in Provo.



Jeremy Hanks and Amy Blatter

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Mount Timpanogos LDS Temple in American Fork, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Matthews residence, 1414 W. 1050 N. in Provo.

FIALA-HESS

TWIN FALLS — David and Marilyn Fiala of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Alisa Mae Fiala, to Adam Ross Hess, son of Walt and Anna Hess of Twin Falls.

Fiala is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She will continue her education at Boise State University.

Hess graduated from Twin Falls Christian Academy and attended Idaho State University. He is a sales associate with Gem State Realty.

The wedding is planned for



Adam Hess and Alisa Fiala

Saturday at the Sawtooth Chapel in Stanley.

HEPWORTH-HIRST

RUPERT — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hephworth of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurel Hephworth, to Timothy Hirst, son of Rick and Fern Hirst of Burley.

Hephworth graduated as valedictorian from Minico High School in 1997. She graduated with an associate degree in arts and science with an emphasis in office education from Ricks College in Rexburg.

Hirst graduated with honors in 1996 from Burley High School and served a Fukuoka Japan Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a student at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Mount Timpanogos LDS Temple in American Fork,



Laurel Hephworth and Timothy Hirst

Utah. A reception to honor the newlyweds will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Hephworth residence, 850 E. 50 S.

The couple will live in Provo while he continues his education.

NELSON-MACIAS

BURLEY — K. Bruce and June Nelson of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Kathryn Nelson, to J.R. Macias, son of Jesse and Crystal Macias of Burley.

Nelson graduated from Burley High School. She earned an early childhood education associate degree from Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah.

Macias graduated from Burley High School. He served a two-year Peru Lima Central Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed by Flu-Genie in Provo, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Logans LDS Temple in Logans, Utah. A luncheon will be held at the wedding at the Old Rock Church, Providence Inn in Logans. A reception to honor the



J.R. Macias and Amber Nelson

couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Nelson residence, 508 Riverside Drive in Burley.

The couple will reside in Provo, where they will continue their education at Utah Valley State College.

EILERS-WEAVER

RUPERT — John and Nanette Eilers of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Eilers, to Lane Weaver, son of Frank and Kathryn Weaver of Idaho Falls.

Eilers is a 1993 graduate of Minico High School and a 1999 graduate of Utah State University in Logan, Utah, majoring in early childhood education.

Weaver graduated from Rigby High School in 1993 and from Utah State University in Logan in 1998. He is a music graduate student at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

The wedding is planned for, 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert



Elizabeth Eilers and Lane Weaver

United Methodist Church, 605 H St. A reception to honor the couple will follow the wedding in the fellowship hall at the church.

The couple will reside in Indiana.

JOHNSON-STEVENS

JEROME — Ross and JoAnn Johnson of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Johnson, to Chris Stevenson, son of Webb and Katherine Stevenson of St. Joseph, Mo.

Johnson is a graduate of Jerome High School, University of Idaho and Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. She is employed at Johnson Chiropractic Clinic in Jerome.

Stevenson is a graduate of Central High School in St. Joseph, Mo., and Kansas State University. He is employed at KMYT in Twin Falls.



Laura Johnson and Chris Stevenson

The wedding is planned for July 3 in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

TINGEY-CHENEY

GOODING — Bruce and Rita Tingley of Centerville, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tricia Tingley, to Justin Thomas Cheney of Gooding.

Tingley attended Ricks College and Utah State University. Cheney is a graduate of Gooding High School and Brigham Young University. He is employed by Dixie Center in St. George, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Friday at the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah.



Justin Cheney and Tricia Tingley

IHLER-BROOKS

TWIN FALLS — Rick Ihler of Filer and Fay Linney of Kennewick, Wash., announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty M. Ihler, to John W. Brooks, son of Debbie Phillips of Twin Falls.

Ihler is a graduate of Filer High School. Brooks is employed at Chicago Connection in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for June 26.



John Brooks and Misty Ihler

KINDRED-EHRESMAN

TWIN FALLS — Jesse and Debra Kindred of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Kay Kindred, to Mark David Ehresman, son of Conrad and Justina Ehresman of Twin Falls.

Kindred is a 1995 graduate of Kimberly High School. She is employed at Sweetmart in Twin Falls.

Ehresman is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Northwest Foam in Twin Falls.



Shelly Kindred and Mark Ehresman

The wedding is planned for Saturday.

GIBBONS-ANDERSON

KIMBERLY — Jerry and Kelly Gibbons of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyndsey Gibbons, to Rob Anderson, son of Martin and Judith Anderson of Mackay.

Gibbons is a 1997 graduate of Kimberly High School. She played volleyball for two years at Treasure Valley Community College, Oregon, and graduated in 1999 with her associates of arts. She has been accepted to Idaho State University, where she will pursue a degree in elementary education.

Anderson is a 1994 graduate of Mackay High School. He took classes at North Idaho College and Utah State University before serving an LDS Mission in Manzanera, England. He played tennis for two years before transferring to ISU to pursue a degree in physical education-coaching.

The wedding is planned for Friday at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly 2nd Ward Church.



Rob Anderson and Lyndsey Gibbons

The newlyweds will reside in Chubbuck.

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Fran Brown & Jake Bensen

- June 26, 1999 -

Janna Hildreth & James Jackson
Tyra Lundgren & Scott MacGuffie
Jenny Butterworth & Justin Houpkins
Heather Anderson & Tim Monks

- July 3, 1999 -

Jill Kukul & Matt Barton
Laura Johnson & Chris Stevenson

- July 9, 1999 -

Karen Moylan & Kenny Gedde

- July 10, 1999 -

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Reanna Pegram & David Silva

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This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

What do you wish for your life?

What do you wish for your life—wealth, success, happiness? And what do each of those mean to you? To some wealth means being as rich as Bill Gates, to others it means simply having enough money to pay your bills each month.

To some success means being the best at what you do in your work; to others it means reaching the top in power and society; still others believe they are successful if they can get through another day.

And happiness? Ah, that means many things to many people. Some are not happy unless they are totally in charge of their lives and the lives of everyone around them.

Others are happy to be living in someone's shadow, never getting applause for their own achievements.

And where are most of us? Most of us are pretty much in the middle. We want enough money to be comfortable, live in pleasant surroundings and drive a decent car. We want to be able to pay our bills and afford a few luxuries and



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Gay Petersen

not worry about running out of money in our old age. We want to be successful enough in our work that it makes us and others with whom we come in contact believe we have made a bit of a contribution to the world, and we want to be successful in our personal lives—which generally means having a good marriage and raising good children.

And, most of all, we want to be happy—have a "strong and happy" life. For most of us that includes finding a loving partner with whom we can spend our lives, having children that turn out to be good and happy adults, being content in our work and doing things with our lives that bring smiles to our faces and the

faces of those we care about. Another ingredient to a "strong and happy" life is good health, hopefully taken care of by good life styles and strong genetics. We can help make our lives what we want them to be by doing everything in our power to work toward positive goals and achieving those goals through hard work and perseverance.

In the end, however, much of what we wish for our lives may or may not come true, depending upon faith, upon luck, upon fortune.

My hope for all is that your life will turn out exactly as you had hoped, and that if it doesn't you will have the courage to face that fact and work through whatever adversity might come along with character, grace and hope.

Wealth, success and happiness—the three ingredients which form most of us make a worthwhile life. May the portions you have been given be just right to you.

Gay Petersen is a retired school teacher who lives in Wendell, Idaho. Write to her at peterson@magicvalley.com

Studying the joys of senior sex

Chicago Tribune

The same organization that brought us Meals on Wheels and Foster Grandparents is now bringing us sex. The National Council on Aging has rolled out a program called Love & Life, a workshop already lined up for presentation at 500 senior centers across the country. It's sex education for the

older crowd.

In announcing the program in Chicago, the Washington-based not-for-profit council offered a few pieces of research to share from a random survey of 1,300 Americans age 60 or older.

• About half of them engage in sex at least once a month.

• Four of 10 wish they had sex more often.

• Only 4 percent said they want less sex.

The aim of the workshop is to offer practical advice about senior sex to a generation that has tended to keep its curtains drawn.

In a gathering at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, the council introduced some new tools which weren't afraid to discuss senior intimacy.



Simply For Seniors



Physical Activity and Health: A Report of the Surgeon General

Older adults, both male and female, can benefit from regular physical activity, and physical activity need not be strenuous to achieve health benefits.

Older adults can obtain significant health benefits with a moderate amount of physical activity, preferably daily. A moderate amount of activity can be obtained in longer sessions of moderately intense activities (such as walking) or in shorter sessions of more vigorous activities (such as fast walking or stairwalking).

Additional health benefits can be gained through greater amounts of physical activity, either by increasing the duration, intensity, or frequency. Because risk of injury increases at high levels of

physical activity, care should be taken not to engage in excessive amounts of activity.

Previously sedentary older adults who begin physical activity programs should start with short intervals of moderate physical activity (5-10 minutes) and gradually build up to the desired amount. Older adults should consult with a physician before beginning a new physical activity program.

In addition to cardiorespiratory endurance (aerobic) activity, older adults can benefit from muscle-strengthening activities. Stronger muscles help reduce the risk of falling and improve the ability to perform the routine tasks of daily life.

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Facts:

- The loss of strength and stamina attributed to aging is in part caused by reduced physical activity.
- Inactivity increases with age. By age 75, about one in three men and one in two women engage in no physical activity.
- Among adults aged 65 years and older, walking and gardening or yard work are, by far, the most popular physical activities.
- Social support from family and friends has been consistently and positively related to regular physical activity.

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- Ensure that facilities for physical activity accommodate and encourage participation by older adults.
- Provide transportation for older adults to parks or facilities that provide physical activity programs.
- Encourage health care providers to talk routinely to their older adults patients about incorporating physical activity into their lives.
- Plan community activities that include opportunities for older adults to be physically active.

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