



GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy, with southwest winds 10-15 mph. High, 79. Mostly clear tonight, low 51.

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Jazz radio: The College of Southern Idaho signs a lease with BSU that will continue jazz programming.

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Now showing: Children are required to show photo identification to get into see R-rated movies.

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Local talent: Sarah Nelson of CSI will join Burley Bobcat Ashley Toner on the Idaho State University hardwood next fall.

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Tort reform: A \$29.7 million judgment against a Blaine County obstetrician reveals a system that's out of balance, today's editorial says.

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Dismissal infuriates father

Disappointed prosecutors say they had no choice

By Theresa Jacoby Times-News writer



Michael Grissom

JEROME — Problems with two inmate witnesses left prosecutors no choice but to drop a murder charge against the Jerome man suspected in the death of a 5-week-old infant. "It's extremely disappointing," Jerome County Prosecutor John

Lothspeich said, after dismissing the charge against Michael Scott Grissom, 38, on Friday. "It's an extremely tragic case and we've done everything we can."

Grissom was scheduled to go to trial in September, on a first-degree murder charge stemming

from the March 1998 death of Cassian Reign Barnett.

The key witness, Lothspeich said, was Jason Waters, who met Grissom at the Ada County jail.

Waters and Timothy Brown, another Ada County jail inmate, testified against Grissom at a preliminary hearing in January. The inmates had said they had heard Grissom boast that he planned the death of his stepson, and got away with it.

Lothspeich said Waters' testimony was necessary to corroborate Brown. Lothspeich described Brown as a "troublesome witness."

Waters and Brown are still in prison, Lothspeich said.

Waters retracted his testimony because he was angry nothing was done for him — even though Lothspeich said prosecutors never promised to do anything to help his situation.

"(Waters) expected something to be done anyway," Lothspeich said.

Lothspeich said he dismissed the murder charge "without prejudice," which means he could bring charges against Grissom again.

Lesser charges are not appropriate. See GRISSOM, Page A2

TF puts off mall decision

By Brandon Flala Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council Monday put off until July 19 a decision on the proposal for a strip mall off Blue Lakes Boulevard to consider additional information on comments.

"We will listen to the Board of Trustees at CSI before making a decision," Mayor Gale Kleinkopf said. The board also met Monday.

"Fillmore Street wasn't an issue tonight," CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said. CSI had asked the city to delay a decision so that they could meet with city officials to discuss the extension of Fillmore Street, he said.

The request before the City Council is to create 23.4 acres of residential land bordered by Blue Lakes Boulevard, CSI and North College Road. If approved a strip mall would be built.

The main issue discussed in the public hearings is the possible extension of Fillmore Street. The developer and majority owner of Mall Associates, Joe Russell, has agreed to pay up to \$80,000 to help with an extension of Fillmore Street.

That money is in addition to Mall Associates paying for the extended Fillmore Street. A city estimate placed the cost of the stoplights and street modifications at \$255,000.

The possible removal of two bays to the fire station on Falls Avenue would also add to the cost of an extension.

The tough job of weighing commercial development against peaceful settings will have to be considered.

A decision on whether to approve the rezoning is expected July 19.

In other business the council:
• Approved an amendment to the catering permit allowing the city to issue alcoholic beverage catering permits. During the recent local election, city councilmembers authorized cities to grant the permits instead of the state.

• Approved a grant agreement with the Idaho Dept. of Transportation for \$10,000. The grant was lower than expected because of a drop in state aviation fuel sales. Airport Manager Dan Allen said there are several grants in the works to pay for three improvement projects.

A new fire station, an access road to the station and improved runway lighting, and pavement are on the agenda, Allen said.

• Approved a request by Rex Lytle for a zoning change from residential to commercial for property at 1917 Seward Ave. Lytle said he plans on using the space for employee parking and

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Idaho artisans at work



Bill Sargent cuts a piece of Sagebrush on his bandsaw at his workshop in Murtaugh. Sargent uses the wood to make pens that won a prize in a state-wide competition for products that are made in Idaho.

Sagebrush pens, handmade ties capture honors

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — The wood for Bill Sargent's prize-winning pens is pretty hard to find — though it's ubiquitous in southern Idaho deserts.

It's the twisted, aromatic sagebrush, a Western symbol the Murtaugh woodworker uses to promote Idaho.

A trunk that looks 4 or 5 inches in diameter is usually three or four pieces twisted like a rope. After cutting and trimming a piece of sagebrush, Sargent might get wood for a dozen pens or none at all.

"I just depend on how it grows and what you find inside," he said.

Some of the other Idaho woods he uses, such as walnut, box elder and maple, yield more dependable results. But it's the sagebrush pen that on Monday won Sargent \$200 in a statewide com-



The finished product and the raw material.

petition for Idaho-made products suitable for business people's and government representatives' gift-giving occasions.

"This is the one that's really unique and catches people's interest," he said. "They've seen sagebrush grow and they never knew you could ever make anything out of it."

A Hansen woman's line of

handmade, Western-themed neckties also won a chunk of the \$1,000 Lt. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter put up for the gift competition for Buy Idaho members.

Otter conceived of and sponsored the first-time contest to develop a selection of Idaho products for himself and others to give dignitaries visiting from around the world, said Dale Peterson, executive director of

Winners	Murtaugh, \$200 prize
Buy Idaho gift competition winners	
\$120-20 gift: Sled silver jewelry clip, made by Mafu's Famous Sustained Mint.	\$51-40 gift: Sled silver jewelry clip, made by Mafu's Famous Sustained Mint.
Handmade, Western-themed necktie made of cotton or cotton blend.	By Dufresne Outdoors, in Hayden, \$300 prize.
By Sunshine Leather and more in "Vaince."	
\$100 gift:	
\$120-30 gift: Sagebrush pen in engraved, maple box.	\$45-00 gift: Carved stone or etched glass shaped like Idaho.
By Bill Sargent Woodturning, in	By Silver Diamond LLC, in Caldwell, \$400 prize.
	Source: Buy Idaho.

Clinton to Serbs: Dump Milosevic

The Associated Press

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia — From this pro-Western country that broke from Slobodan Milosevic's grip, President Clinton urged Serbs on Monday to "reject the murderous rule" of the Yugoslav leader and follow Slovenia into democracy.

In a drizzling rain, thousands of Slovenes cheered Clinton on the first visit by an American president to this small nation, wedged between the Alps and the Adriatic coast. A patchwork sea of umbrellas covered Congress Square during the president's speech.

Clinton did not mind words about Milosevic during a day that stretched from diplomatic talks in Germany to dinner in a 16th-century castle once used as a summer home by the late communist leader Josip Broz Tito.

The president pledged there would be no U.S. money — "not a bit, not a penny" — to help Milosevic rebuild bridges and roads destroyed in Yugoslavia by 78 days of NATO airstrikes.

"I can't wait for the day," Clinton said, when a democratic leader replaces Milosevic, accused of war crimes for the killings and terror in Kosovo.

The president implored war-scarred refugees not to take revenge. Serbs remaining in Kosovo, "They should not do it. They should not do it. It won't in the end satisfy anyone. It will only compound the horror."

In the chilly downpour, a food caterer was tapped to hold an umbrella over Clinton's head during his address.

Winding down a week-long trip, Clinton congratulated Slovenia for choosing democracy when it proclaimed independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.

OF CRIBS AND PCs ...

How soon should tots log on?

Knight Ridder News Service

America is in a frenzy to wire its tots. The latest computer software, called "Jasper," is targeted to babies as young as 1 day old, who can't sit up but who can gaze from a lap at high-contrast images. Day-care centers tout computer classes for toddlers not yet potty-trained. Schools are even cutting music to install hardware in ever-earlier grades. But the race to make younger children cyber-whizzes has a small but growing group of critics asking "What's the hurry?" As the debate unfolds, more kindergarten parents know how to point and click before they can spell M-O-Y-E.

of St. Davids, Pa. Her cybersavvy tot, Ian, 2, uses a computer at home — for up to 40 minutes — and at the Magic Years day-care center in Radnor, Pa. "It's got his little mouse skills down. In today's society, I think it's essential."

A 1995 survey conducted by the American Association of School Administrators found that parents rated computer literacy more valuable in the 21st century than honesty, good citizenship, geography, biology, classic literature or athletics. Only the three Rs and good work habits ranked lower.

"When I get inquiries about the school, the parents ask right off the bat: 'Do you

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High 76 Low 37
Partly cloudy today and tonight. Partly sunny and warmer on Wednesday.
Highs 75-85.

Treasure Valley

High 83 Low 53
Mostly sunny with northwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Wednesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/ Wood River Valley

High 71 Low 43
Partly cloudy today and mostly clear tonight. Partly sunny on Wednesday.
Highs in the 60s.

Eastern Idaho

High 79 Low 48
Mostly sunny, with southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Mostly sunny on Wednesday.

Northern Idaho

High 76 Low 54
Partly cloudy and warmer. Afternoon west winds 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy on Wednesday.

Northern Utah

High 80 Low 55
Partly cloudy and cooler. Sunny on Wednesday with highs in the mid-80s.

Northern Nevada

High 79 Low 49
Mostly sunny, with winds from the south at 10-15 mph. Warmer on Wednesday with highs near 85.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

High 79 Low 51
Mostly sunny, with winds 10-15 mph.

Wednesday

High 85 Low 53
Mostly sunny.

Thursday

High 80s Low 50s
Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers.

Friday

High 70s Low 50s
Mostly cloudy and cooler.

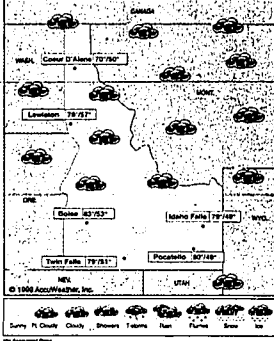
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High 80 Low 50s
Partly cloudy and a little warmer.

Idaho weather

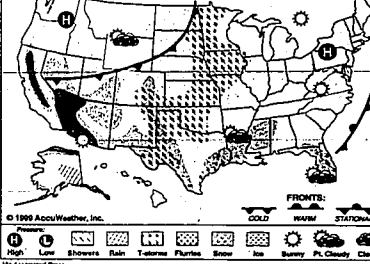
Tuesday, June 22

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. High/Low temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, June 22



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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with columns for Twin Falls, Yesterday, Last year, Normal, and Precipitation.

Idaho

Table with columns for Max, Min, Pcp, and other weather data for various Idaho locations.

The Nation

Table with columns for Max, Min, Pcp for various cities across the United States.

Crafts

Continued from A1. Entries were invited to a presentation Monday at the Capitol. Plans are under way to publish a Buy Idaho gift catalogue... Sargent, however, might find Monday's

trip to Boise was the prologue to more pen production. "I wouldn't be surprised but what it would increase the demand," said Sargent... Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

Grissom

Continued from A1. ate, Lothspich said. "We have looked at every facet for homicide from the very beginning," Lothspich said. Grissom last year was originally charged with felony injury to a child, Lothspich said.

charge in the case. Rusty Addey, Canaan's father, said he did not hear the charge against Grissom was dropped until Sunday night, when he returned from a weekend camping trip. Addey expressed anger and frustration about the news.

Canaan's death initially prompted lesser charges against both Grissoms, but those cases were dropped when District Judge Barry Wood ruled there wasn't enough conclusive evidence against them.

Grissom faces an Aug. 17 jury trial on a petit theft charge. Grissom is charged with talking property from a rural residence in Jerome County. Grissom is in jail on a previous Ada County charge, Paul said.

Mall

Continued from A1. will consider building storage units. * Recognized Officer Alex Quilantan for being nominated for the "Top Cops" award, sponsored by the National

Association of Police Organizations. Quilantan was critical in the cooperation of models and police in combating crime. * A request of Fourteen Avenue Partners LP for the vacation of

a utility easement on the southwest border of property at 2018 Fourth Ave. E. The utility easement is not needed because the subdivision easement would service is fully developed.

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NATION

Study downplays cancer risk of breast implants

NIGHT RIDER News Service

WASHINGTON — Silicone breast implants do not increase the risk of cancer or major systemic diseases, but they may lead to other serious medical problems, according to a massive new assessment released Monday by the Institute of Medicine.

Implants can rupture, deflate or become infected and the tissue around them may harden and contract, the study's experts warned. These conditions may cause substantial pain and disfigurement, and surgery is frequently required to remove or replace implants, they said.

Between 1.5 million and 1.8 million American women have received breast implants; more than two-thirds of them for cosmetic enhancement. The report's authors said they were disturbed to find that few of those women received proper information about the long-term risks of implants as they considered surgery.

The study, commissioned by Congress, included a review of 1,000 publications that probed the health of tens of thousands of women and the testimony of dozens of women who said their health had been harmed by implants. The Institute is an arm of the prestigious nonprofit National Academy of Sciences.

The conclusion — that silicone implants do not increase the risk of cancer or autoimmune diseases such as arthritis and lupus — echoes the findings of two other large studies, by a U.S. District Court-appointed scientific panel and an English panel, both released last year.

"There should be some alleviation of anxiety on the part of women who have implants at this time," said Dr. Margie Blumenthal, who directs the Center for Occupational and Environmental Neurology in Baltimore and was one of the report's authors.

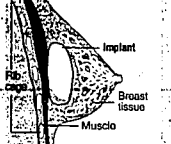
But the report is not likely to settle the contentious silicone wars that have spawned billion-dollar lawsuits, emotional testimony by young, ailing women plagued with mysterious symp-

Breast implant study findings

More than 1.5 million women in the U.S. have silicone or saline implants. Findings on some of the long-term health risks of this cosmetic surgery.

GOOD NEWS

- Major diseases: Implants don't cause breast cancer, connective tissue or neurological diseases
- Breast findings: No evidence of silicone or other harmful substance in breast milk



BAD NEWS

- Replacement: Women may need one or more surgeries as implants wear out, rupture or harden, cause pain, breast disfigurement
- Hardening: Fibrous tissue forms around implant which can harden, cause pain, breast disfigurement
- Infection: Bacterial infections around implants can cause serious complications
- Pain: Some studies say most women report post-operative pain that may be long term
- Unresolved: Fatigue, joint pain, repetitive stress injuries occur in some women with implants, but data is inconclusive

SOURCE: Institute of Medicine

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ptoms like fatigue and joint pain, and societal debates over how to regulate an issue that remains in some respects scientifically murky.

"The book is far from closed," said Diana M. Zuckerman, who directs the National Center for Policy Research for Women and Families. "I think it's ridiculous to draw conclusions."

The studies examined by the institute did not find a connection between implants and disease, she said, because they did not follow women long enough and were too small to detect rare slow-onset diseases reported by some women with implants, such as scleroderma and lupus. The

possibility of harm from specific types of implants also was not investigated.

"Many of the studies are inadequate," agreed Dr. Stuart Honowitz, a professor of medicine at the University of North Carolina and chair of the committee. "But in the aggregate, the totality of the studies was enough to support strong conclusions."

As for the thousands of women who associate their health problems with their implants, the authors said, "The evidence is inconclusive."

"We were very moved by the testimony of the women we heard, but it doesn't appear it is the implants causing their illnesses," said Virginia Erster, vice chair of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco.

They said there is no evidence the silicone used in implants is toxic or harms the immune system, or that implants are responsible for vague symptoms like fatigue that have been widely reported by implant recipients.

Judge may examine Microsoft's intentions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The judge in the Microsoft trial challenged the company's final witness Monday, suggesting he may consider Microsoft's intentions toward some of its industry rivals when he decides whether the software giant violated antitrust laws.

The unusually frank exchange between the witness and the judge called renewed attention to incendiary e-mails written by top Microsoft executives describing plans to topple competitors. At times Monday, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson — expected to issue his verdict later this year — became so involved questioning the witness that the trial looked like a debate.

Economist Richard Schmalensee, who will finish testifying later this week, contended that Microsoft's decision to give away its Internet software can't be considered "predatory" partly because there is no evidence that the company planned eventually to begin charging for the software.

The government alleges in its antitrust case that Microsoft gave its software away to undermine the sales of popular rival Web browser from Netscape Communications Corp. But Schmalensee said that without any evidence showing how the government strategy was illegal, the judge shouldn't try to interpret the company's intentions.

That, he said, would be "slippery, difficult and fraught with peril."

"It's difficult to know what the intent is of a multiperson organization," Schmalensee said. "Most economists would not attach high importance to intent."

"That's what courts do every day," Jackson said, interrupting. "Without another way to know whether Microsoft set its software prices illegally low, I can see for the court's purposes why intent might be relevant."

Clinton: China will accept bombing as accidental

BOON, Germany (AP) — China remains unconvinced that NATO didn't target its embassy in Beijing, but President Clinton believes that Chinese officials will accept the bombing as "a truly tragic accident."

Clinton acknowledged that the embassy bombing, which killed three Chinese journalists, had created "a difficult, painful period" for U.S.-Chinese relations.

But he said he remains hopeful that the difficulties will be smoothed out, and negotiations

could resume soon on bringing China into the World Trade Organization by the end of the year. China suspended WTO talks with the United States after the May 7 embassy bombing.

"I'd still like to see it finish this year. And I think we'll work through this," Clinton said during a news conference with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder following a U.S.-European Union summit.

"I think as they have time to review the information we gave

them and they reflect on it, I think they will conclude that it was a truly tragic accident, that a series of very bad mistakes were made and a tragic accident occurred," Clinton said.

Last week, Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering went to Beijing to present a detailed report on the findings of officials about the accidental bombing. NATO target planners had used an outdated map, which didn't show the embassy had moved.

China's state-controlled media

dismissed Pickering's presentation as "deceitful talk" and said the United States possesses too much sophisticated reconnaissance technology to have made such a mistake.

Clinton said he thought it was "quite a positive sign" that state-run Chinese media highlighted reports about Pickering's visit for two or three days afterward.

The United States promised to compensate the families of three dead journalists, and to those injured in the incident.

Germany agrees to compensate camp survivors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The German government has agreed to compensate 235 American survivors of World War II concentration camps with about \$18 million in compensation for their suffering, a State Department official said Monday.

The compensation averages about \$76,000 per victim, but the amount each will receive depends on the length of confinement. The survivors are to receive \$1 million to the U.S. Treasury Department June 9 for distribution to the survivors without announcing in public, said the official, asking not to be identified.

Ronald Betsauer, who led the negotiations for the State Department, said Monday the claimants have received the paperwork on their awards. "The claimants who've gotten back to us seem to be quite happy," he said.

The reparations grew out of a 1995 settlement of a 40-year-old court fight by concentration camp survivor Hugo Prince. The New Jersey man and 10 other Americans split \$2.1 million from the German government in that case, which prompted a fresh U.S. review.

Attorney General Janet Reno asked the Justice Department's Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to try to determine how many other Americans might be eligible for German compensation. More than 1,360 claims were filed.

Computers

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tion between 1996 and 1998, critics ask: Why put mere babes on computers?"

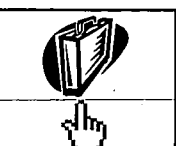
"It's absurd," says Jane M. Healy, an educational psychologist and author of "Failure to Connect: How Computers Affect Our Children's Minds - for Better and Worse."

"It's nonsense. It does not prepare them for the future. It prepares them to be droids."

Healy, one of the most vocal skeptics, contends that the exposure may do more harm than good to developing brains by shortening attention spans and hampering attention. She has chronicled vision problems and repetitive stress injuries, such as "video wrist," in young children after prolonged use.

"It's taking time away from things the brain really needs to be doing. No normally developing child either needs to be on a computer or probably profits from a computer" until about age 7, she says — and then, those 5 and under has nearly tripled, to more than \$49.6 mil-

lion. The state-controlled media



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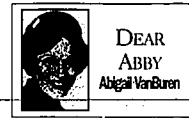
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Kids turn to mom for money to visit dad

DEAR ABBY: I am an airline employee and have the privilege of giving my children (over age 25) discount airline passes. I am divorced, and their dad lives in Oregon. He is very wealthy. My children have asked for passes to visit him this summer. Abby, the cost will come out of my paycheck, amounting to \$300. Also, these passes are standby, which means they may or may not get on the airplane. It seems to me that if he wants to see his children and grandchildren, he should pay for the airline tickets so that they will have assured seats on whatever flight they take.



DEAR ABBY: I recently read in your column about children running wild in a restaurant. This situation is familiar to me because I am a server at a five-star resort. Abby, I'm not against children - I have two of my own - but I

strongly object to children running freely in a busy establishment. Children are in real danger when they run loose in a restaurant. The trays we carry can weigh upward of 20 pounds when loaded with hot entrees, and the coffee in the pots would most definitely scald a child. Also, a server could be seriously injured were he or she to stumble over a child.

print your letter. In the interest of everyone's safety - including the establishment's - I'm surprised more of them don't post a disclaimer that the restaurant refuses to accept responsibility for injuries to unaccompanied children. It might serve as a reminder to parents who bring small children and then become so engrossed in conversation that they tune their little ones out.

How can I communicate this to my children without any hurt feelings or animosities? I have a good relationship with them, and I'd like to keep it that way. - IN A BIND IN TEXAS

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DEAR MIKE: I'm pleased to

Wise parents make sure they are prepared in advance when taking their child to an "adult" environment. They bring along children's books, paper and crayons to keep the little ones amused, because children have short attention spans and it's unfair to expect them to sit in silence through a long meal.

DEAR IN A BIND: Explain your position to your children as

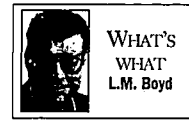
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Parents who allow their children to run loose in restaurants are shirking their responsibility.

Henry VIII complained about spending money on Anne Boleyn

Q. That hole in a pencil sharpener where you put the pencil, what's it called?



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

"to grope frantically."

A. The chuck.

are worth more than 1989 U.S. dollar bills. But by how much? A. \$1. Because 1990 of them are \$1 more than 1989 of them.

Q. Why do all spiral staircases in medieval castles run clockwise?

Where were you in 1926 when the first pop-up toaster was invented? You weren't?

A. Left-handers weren't deemed knight worthy. So all knights wielded their swords in their right hands. This made them quick to descend clockwise stairs in attack, but slow to retreat up clockwise stairs in defense.

Claim is men are stronger than horses in proportion to weight. King Henry VIII voiced numerous

complaints about Anne Boleyn, including one that had to do with how much money he spent on bows and arrows for her. He solved the problem, however.

The very elderly in Vietnam were brought up to believe it barbaric to shake someone's hand.

Cancer: Be creative, try some new recipes

THE JUNE 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You were separated from one or both parents while young. You create your own traditions, have courage of convictions and when you love it is all or nothing.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Plant, regard plants almost as if people. Take care of them, just right amount of water, not too much, not too little. Scorpio and another Taurus figure prominently. Subtle approach.

ity, relationship that recently broke but now is coming together. Spotlight on Capricorn, Cancer individuals who really have your best interests at heart.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Marvelous opportunity exists to transform people who were against you into valuable allies. Blend humor with wisdom. Compliment former enemies. Sagittarian plays role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Imprint style, highlight originality, innovativeness, make personal appearances, wear blend of yellow and gold. Musical notes sound too loud. Leo states, "Everything cannot be perfect."

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GEMINUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Bring together people whose views are opposite. Your role is as peacemaker. Scenario includes family members, celebration of victory overseas. Cancer native is most involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discover, explore, read, teach. You will hear this comment: "I never realized how beautiful you are." Response: "You never really looked before." Highlight sensuality and sex appeal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Light touch results in winning effort. Ask questions, insist on answers, not evasions. Individual who brags, "I can go it alone" will admit temporary defeat. Gemini plays top role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick close to home ground. Try new recipes, invent some of your own - write them down. Focus on music, style, family, giving and receiving gifts. Libra plays role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Feeling of being closed in is temporary. You will see places, people in different light. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play dramatic roles. You'll be asked to examine new inventions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look inside, find out what really makes you tick. Forget compliments, flattery - say to yourself, "I'm on sacred mission to find out who I really am." It's a Tuesday to remember.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): People accuse you of playing in the occult. Be ready for excitement of change, travel, variety. Enjoy flirtation, don't take it too seriously. Written material is of paramount importance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on production, responsibility,

Substitute picture of prince used on royal wedding print

LONDON (AP) - When the wedding photographer said "smile," Prince William didn't. Prince Edward ordered his nephew's unsuitable image digitally removed from the official photograph of family members attending his wedding Saturday to Sophie Rhys-Jones and swapped with an image of the young prince looking a bit more cheerful.

we were able to put in another picture of Prince William from one of the other shots where he is smiling and laughing," photographer Geoffrey Shakerley told ITN on Monday. William turned 17 on Monday and received a car, the palace said. A palace spokesman refused to reveal what kind of car, except to say it was a "sensible" vehicle, not a sports car. British media reported it was a Volkswagen Golf.

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Bob Easton, executive director of Foothills Parks and Recreation District, looks over some of the more than 100 proposed plans for the memorial to honor the victims of the Columbine High School massacre Thursday.

Ideas pour in for Columbine memorial

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Stained-glass artist Barb Fowler was 1,100 miles away in her hometown of Dayton, Ohio, when she learned of the massacre at Columbine High School.

Mrs. Fowler expressed her anguish through her art, designing a memorial of 13 stained-glass steppingstones engraved with the names of the 12 students and teacher killed April 20 by two Columbine teenagers.

Her design is one of more than 100 ideas for memorials submitted to the Foothills Parks and Recreation District.

Bob Easton, district executive director, is coordinating the project, along with school, park and city officials, who are in the initial stages of reviewing

designs, picking a site and lining up the money.

Although no budget has been set, three funds established by the park district, school district and Jefferson County have set aside \$25,000. About 28 offers of in-kind services have been made by contractors, landscapers and others.

Whatever design is chosen, the real key is a high level of involvement by the high school students, the parents, victims and families," Easton said. "We want to be sure it accurately reflects their desires."

The site has not been chosen, although public sentiment seems to favor Clement Park, where a makeshift memorial sprang up next to the high school soon after the shootings in Littleton.

As big as it gets

Stakes are enormous in 2000 presidential race

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The campaign for 2000 is starting a year too early for most voters, but there are reasons the politicians can't wait.

Everyone talks about the fierce competition for contributions and the pressure to organize for the earliest primary elections in history. But lost in all the focus on tactics and timetables is the biggest reason of all: The 2000 election has the potential to determine the direction of all three branches of the national government.

"This is as big as it gets," said Joe Andrew, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "It's certainly the most important election of my lifetime."

A few blocks away on Capitol Hill, Republican strategists agree. With a new president to be elected, GOP control of the House and Senate hanging on a margin of only six seats each and enough vacancies looming on the Supreme Court to shift its ideological balance, voters will have a rare opportunity to put an indelible stamp on the entire federal establishment.

Add in the fact that only once every 20 years does a presidential election coincide with the census, which will be used when the state legislatures — many of which are elected next year — redraw the boundaries of all 435 congressional districts. What you have is a contest where the stakes could not be bigger.

Tom Cole, chief of staff of the Republican National Committee, pointed out that the last two times this 20-year cycle occurred — in 1950 and 1960 — voters chose to give dramatic reelection to government. In 1960, John F. Kennedy brought a new generation of Democrats to power as he succeeded Republican Dwight D.

'This will be a big-ideas campaign.'

— Tom Cole, Republican National Committee

Eisenhower. In 1980, Ronald Reagan by defeating Jimmy Carter ushered in a conservative counterrevolution that continues today — at least on Capitol Hill.

In part because of that history and in part because so many major national issues seem likely to remain unresolved before the election — Social Security, federal education policy, Medicare and health insurance, and the shape of post-Cold War foreign and defense policy among them — Cole predicts "this will be a big-ideas campaign."

Douglas B. Sosnik, a senior adviser to President Clinton, agrees. "It is likely that whoever controls the White House will set the political direction at least for a decade. The symbolism of entering a new millennium makes it even more probable this will determine our course for the future," he said.

On both sides, it is assumed that the 2000 contest will break all spending records. The courts have eased the restrictions on use of party funds to support candidates, and "soft money" contributions, which can go to the parties in unlimited amounts, are pouring in at an unprecedented pace.

There is, of course, no guarantee voters will choose to give either party a mandate in 2000. The pattern of divided government has become pervasive, and some students of voting behavior argue that at least a few voters deliberately split their tickets as a

way of extending the "checks and balances" built into the Constitution.

Republicans and Democrats are shaping their strategies to avoid a split verdict. House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., passed on the presidential race and joined Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D., in an early endorsement of Vice President Gore, a move designed to head off any threat from former senator Bill Bradley, N.J., on the GOP side, more than half the House members and a large contingent of senators have joined a majority of the party's governors in backing Texas Gov. George W. Bush against his 10 rivals.

On both sides, these officeholders hope to avoid a divisive nomination battle that could hurt their chances of winning the White House and Congress in 2000. Whether either set of endorsements matters most to the voters, the exceptionally early consolidation around Gore and Bush has reshaped the political climate in Washington.

Bill Faxon, former chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), who retains close ties to the House leadership, said the GOP strategy is almost opposite what it was going into the 1996 election. Referring to then-Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., Faxon said: "Newt thought we as the congressional majority could create an agenda and basically impose it on whoever became our presidential candidate. It didn't work. This time, everybody under the sun is saying the best thing the Republican Congress can do is clear the table on the things that are necessary ... but not lock out

any agenda he or she may not want."

'Siltville' town is given a reprieve

MIAMI (AP) — A colorful little cluster of homes called Siltville, built on poles over Biscayne Bay, received a five-month reprieve Monday.

Homeowners had faced a July 1 deadline for removal of the seven homes, which sit on bay bottom land annexed by the National Park Service in 1960.

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., who had joined homeowners in fighting the removal, said the park service's new Dec. 1 deadline offers breathing room to work out a solution.

Horse Liniment Eases Arthritis Pain

OCALA, FL. — An ingredient derived from hot peppers that decreases inflammation in a horse's legs, is now recognized as safe and effective for human use. The ingredient has been formulated into a product called ARTH-Rx, an arthritis strength designed for humans. Researchers are excited and say the formula can relieve arthritis pain for millions.

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More people own homes, study says

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Fueled by the lowest mortgage interest and unemployment rates since the 1960s, national homeownership soared in 1998 and probably will continue increasing for the next decade, according to a new study.

"The state of housing in America is very, very good," said Nicolas Retsinas, director of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies, which released the study Monday.

The study found that about 1.8 million homes have been built each year since 1996, and that the national homeownership rate reached 66.3 percent last year.

"Most of the growth has occurred outside of cities and in the South and the West."

The report says that increases in immigration and in the number of young or newly formed households will fuel a continued increase in the housing market for the next decade. At the same time, baby boomers becoming senior citizens are expected to help sustain the home remodeling market as they revamp their homes, the report said.

More members of minority groups are buying homes because of low interest rates and specially tailored mortgage loan programs, the study found. Minority households now account for 30 percent of first-time homebuyers, up from 19 percent in 1985, the report said.

However, it added, homeownership rates among minorities still lag those of whites, with minorities making up less than 20 percent of all owners.

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High court to rule on new cable smut law

Debate centers on ease of access

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether a federal anti-smut law went too far in trying to keep families who do not subscribe to cable TV channels like Playboy Television from getting glimpses and earfuls of the raunchy stuff.

The Clinton administration is trying to revive the 1976 law, struck down by a federal judge on grounds it swept too broadly in trying to keep children from seeing sex-oriented programs on networks only partly scrambled for non-subscribers.

Society has an interest "in seeing to it that children are not exposed to sexually explicit materials," the government's appeal said.

Playboy Television lawyer Robert Corn-Revere said in a telephone interview that the law, which limited such programming to nighttime hours even for pay-television subscribers, was "unnecessary overkill."

The court set the stage for its

latest word on cable television, expected sometime in 2000, as it neared the end of its 1998-99 term. The justices planned to announce more decisions Tuesday, and they could release all remaining decisions and begin the summer recess later this week.

The anti-smut law was enacted as part of the 1996 Communications Decency Act after complaints arose that even though sex-oriented channels are scrambled for non-subscribers, the picture and sound sometimes get through.

A Florida woman said she found her 7- and 8-year-old children and a playmate one afternoon watching the Spice channel, with scenes of a couple seemingly having sex.

The law required cable operators that don't fully scramble or block sex-oriented networks for non-subscribers to show those "indecent" programs only between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Playboy challenged the law in 1996 as a violation of the Constitution's First Amendment, which protects freedom of speech. Unlike obscene material, indecent material is constitutionally protected.

A federal judge in Delaware struck down the law last December, saying its provisions were too broad.

Another section of the law already requires cable operators to completely block any channel, free of charge, once a customer requests such action. The trial judge said giving customers adequate notice of that alternative would be a less-restrictive alternative to barring all daytime adult-oriented programming.

There are several types of technology for scrambling and unscrambling cable TV signals, and the effectiveness often varies depending on the weather, the

quality of the equipment, its insulation and maintenance.

An increasing number of cable television systems use digital technology, which easily scrambles signals fully for those who do not subscribe to a particular station.

The Clinton administration's appeal asked the justices to give the government broader leeway to regulate indecency on cable television, much as it regulates broadcast radio and television.

The invalidated law "imposes a very limited restriction on speech and is a very effective approach to the substantial evil it addresses," government lawyers said.

Government lawyers said there was no proof the individual-blocking alternative would be practical because the cost would add up if many customers requested it.

Playboy's lawyers said it was "far from obvious" that adult-oriented channels were more harmful than other premium channels that show movies with profane content.

Rocky road for graduates

X'ers find forks in the path to success

Knight Rider News Service

AKRON, Ohio — Jeff Novak followed the well-worn, time-honored path to success.

Like generations before him, he went to college, fully believing his degree would be the ticket into the middle class. He graduated from the University of Akron with a degree in advertising last year. After loads of interviews, however, Novak, 24, found that his college education didn't provide an entry to the middle class. It didn't even land him a job.

"Even in the jobs I didn't get, the salaries that were offered tended to be very low — in the low 20s," he said. "Coming out of school, I was hoping to go somewhere that gave me (a salary) a little higher than that."

Unlike a lot of his friends, Novak doesn't live with his parents in a house with his girlfriend and his brother instead.

"Everyone talks about how the economy is so great, but a heck of a lot of my friends still live at home because they have to," Novak said. "We have to hang onto our parents a little longer because it is harder for us. We worry about when we will be able to stand on our own."

Those fears are not unfounded. Though the United States is in the middle of the longest economic boom in its history, those in the demographic dubbed "Generation X," born between 1964 and 1983, have actually seen a decline in their economic

ers, including minorities and young adults, were doing much worse.

According to the analysis, Northeast Ohio residents who were 18 to 25 years old in 1997 earned 23.6 percent less than did baby boomers who were 18 to 25 years old in 1973. For today's 18- to 25-year-olds, the median hourly wage — meaning half earn more and half earn less — is \$6.75. That's more than \$1 below the federal poverty level. Those who were 20 to 35 years old in 1997 saw their median wage drop to \$11.03 an hour, about 18.7 percent less than the median hourly wage of baby boomers who were 26 to 35 years old in 1979.

The 1990s have been a 18-decade for young, college-educated graduates," said Leatrice Mischel, who documented the findings in a report for the Economic Policy Institute, a Washington, D.C., think tank.

Economists say the difference between Generation X and the baby boomers is far bigger than the average generation gap. The gap between baby boomers and Generation X is more like a shark-infested moat than the boomers have safely crossed — and they are pulling up the drawbridge.

While boomers are, for the most part, enjoying monetary gains in the current economic boom, Generation Xers are losing ground as more and more of them worry that the American Dream will never be possible for them.

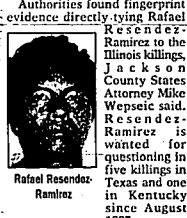
Though it is a generation that has been called everything from "slackers" to "whippers" and all the derogatory terms in between, experts say the downturn in economic fortunes for Generation X is a case of bad timing — a package of demographic and economic factors that it cannot control.

"It's an accident of history that this generation is coming of age in the middle of the most profound changes in the economy since the Industrial Revolution," said Bruce Tulgan, founder of Rainmaker.

Police link two more murders to rail drifter

MURPHYSBORO, Ill. (AP) — Authorities on Monday charged a railroad-riding drifter with the slayings of a father and daughter last week in Gorham, bringing to eight the number of slayings linked to the suspected serial killer.

Authorities found fingerprint evidence directly tying Rafael Resendez-Ramirez to the Illinois killings, Jackson County States Attorney Mike Resendez-Ramirez is wanted for questioning in slaying Fredrick in Texas and one in Kentucky since August 1997.



An FBI task force of local, state and federal officers has been hunting for Resendez-Ramirez since authorities began connecting the killings earlier this month. All six slayings took place on or near railroad tracks.

The bodies of George Morber, 80, and his 52-year-old daughter, Carolyn, were found Tuesday in his home in the southern Illinois town of Gorham. The house is only 100 yards from railroad tracks.

Resendez-Ramirez was charged in Illinois with first-degree murder and home invasion, authorities said at a news conference.

Resendez-Ramirez is accused of shooting Morber in the head with a shotgun and beating Frederick in the head with the shotgun. State and federal agencies declined to reveal any other details about the crime scene.

Morber's truck was recovered Wednesday from a school parking lot in Cairo, about 60 miles south of Gorham. Authorities said today that fingerprints found on it matched the suspect's.

Jackson County Sheriff Bill Kriquist said authorities believe Resendez-Ramirez has fled the area.



Six-year-old Adam Johnson, left, from Nassau, Bahamas, plays ball with his brother during a news conference at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Fla., Monday. Nine months ago, surgeons used a bone from a cadaver to save the cancerous right arm of Adam Johnson.

Cadaver's bone saves arm

Surgeons perform a first in saving boy's limb

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Surgeons used a bone from a cadaver to save the cancerous right arm of a 6-year-old boy in a pioneering transplant that will enable the limb to grow as he does.

Nine months after the surgery, little Adam Johnson used the arm to toss around a baseball during a news conference Monday at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

Back in September, doctors removed most of Adam's humerus, the upper arm bone, because of a tumor the size of a grapefruit.

The doctors then replaced it by taking the humerus from a dead child and fusing it with a piece of Adam's own fibula, the thin bone that runs from the knee to the ankle.

Cadaver bones are commonly used in transplant surgery. But surgeons said this is the first time a live bone with its blood supply intact was combined with a cadaver bone so that the transplant would grow along with the patient.

Adam, who lives with his family in Nassau, Bahamas, hopes to become a professional basketball player. His father said he is overjoyed his son has a chance to lead a normal life.

"I would like to thank the Almighty God and the staff of the hospital," — Anthony Johnson, patient's father

ded to form a composite: They used part of Adam's fibula, with its blood supply and growth cartilage intact, and a cadaver bone to add strength and stability. The leg bone and cadaver bone are held together with a titanium plate.

The new procedure is "a spin-off of the techniques used in Italy. It's not anything necessarily new and different, but it's really a new twist on old ideas. The combination is really the key," said Dr. Mark Thomas Scarborough, a member of the surgical team and chief orthopedic oncologist at Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

Adam is the second sibling in the Johnson family to be diagnosed with this rare form of bone cancer, known as osteosarcoma. His sister LaToya Johnson, now 11, had her arm amputated in 1996 and replaced with an artificial limb.

Five months before Adam's surgery, the boy underwent chemotherapy to shrink the tumor. He lost his hair but never complained, doctors said.

However, he noted that King, technically, was violating the law by walking in the same direction as traffic.

The hospital has been deluged with calls and e-mail messages from King's fans all over the world.

Several jokingly gave thanks that King was not found by Annie Wilkes, a character in his book "Mistery." She finds, kidnaps and tortures her favorite author after he gets into an auto wreck.

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— Jeff Novak, college graduate

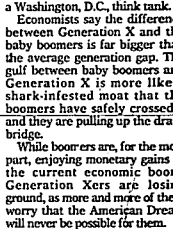
Missing director faces charges

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — A homeless-shelter director suspected of embezzling \$120,000, when he disappeared more than a month ago has been arrested in Kentucky.

David Gillooly, 42, was arrested Sunday night at the Louisville airport after authorities got a tip that he might be there. Detectives would not say whether he was about to board a plane.

The executive director of Port Cities Rescue Mission is wanted on theft charges in Texas. He disappeared May 13.

What the agency didn't know at the time was that Gillooly was also wanted in Virginia, where authorities said he has been a fugitive since violating his parole in 1996.



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Stephen King faces major rehabilitation over next year

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — His body is broken after being struck by a van. But the biggest threat to best-seller King is "Carrie." "The Shining" and "Pet Sematary" is intact, Stephen King's office said Monday.

King, who was to undergo surgery Monday, faces major rehabilitation over the next year. In addition to fractures of his right leg, King suffered a broken hip, a collapsed lung and a cut on his scalp.

His office took care to note that his serious injuries were from the shoulders down.

"Mr. King's mental state is great," his office said in a statement.

The best-selling horror writer remained in serious condition at Central Maine Medical Center.

King, 51, was thrown 14 feet when he was hit from behind Saturday afternoon by a minivan as he walked along the shoulder of a road in rural Lovell, where

he owns a summer home.

The driver, Bryan Smith, 41, lost control after being distracted by his dog, which was loose inside the minivan. Smith was not speeding and stopped immediately, sheriff's Deputy Matt Baker said.

"There's nothing to charge him with," Baker said. "He wasn't being reckless. He was just distracted."

Baker said he doesn't know of any state law requiring pets to be secured in a moving vehicle.

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EDITORIAL

\$29.7 million medical suit shows need for tort reform

A \$29.7 million judgment against a Blaine County obstetrician and the Wood River Medical Center is further evidence that tort reform is overdue. But don't look for it to happen as long as Bill Clinton and congressional Democrats are beholden to America's trial lawyers.

The case involving Dr. Ian Ross Donald and the Wood River Medical Center is fraught with grief. Nearly four years ago, a pregnant woman named Sandy Kirkland went to see Donald for pre-natal care.

Donald tried to draw some fluid from the womb, but his needle apparently struck a blood vessel and caused the unborn baby to bleed. Little Bryce Kirkland was delivered after an emergency Caesarean section, but he is mentally retarded, nearly blind and unable to walk.

"We don't know Donald," but we're confident he doesn't get up in the morning with the idea of ruining other peoples' lives. Like most doctors, he's probably a highly skilled professional who wants to solve medical problems.

Medicine is a tricky business, and obstetrics is a tricky branch of medicine. Babies move around in the womb, so they aren't always perfectly positioned. Even the most well-informed procedures sometimes go awry. A perfect outcome can never be guaranteed.

We don't pretend to know if Donald was reckless, or if the Wood River

Medical Center failed to meet the applicable standard of health care. But we do know that a \$29.7 million award serves the interests of no one but lawyers. It's unlikely that a settlement of that size will actually be paid; the lawyers will continue to gorge as they negotiate the eventual award.

America already has about 800,000 lawyers - roughly the population of Portland, Ore. - which suggests we're living in a culture of litigation. Multi-million-dollar judgments are like mother's milk for lawyers because they typically collect a sizable slice of the settlement.

That's good news for them, but bad news for the rest of us.

Cases such as this drive up the cost of malpractice insurance, which inflates the bills for everyone else who seeks medical attention. On a more human level, it has a chilling effect on the willingness of obstetricians to get out of bed at 3 a.m. to deliver a baby. Some conclude that practicing obstetricians isn't worth the risk anymore.

All of which explains why there are so many lawyers and so few obstetricians these days. Nothing, not even millions of dollars, can undo what happened to Bryce Kirkland. He and his family deserve to be compensated. But America deserves some immunity from staggering lawsuit awards. It's time to stop treating the symptoms and go after the problem by enacting effective tort reform.

Medicine is a tricky business that doesn't get any easier with lawyers lining up to sue doctors and hospitals.

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LETTERS

Jerome students deserve credit

As president of the Friends of the Jerome Library, I want to express my appreciation for your recent essay contest with the eighth-graders in Jerome. The Friends were so pleased by the effort the eighth-graders put into the essays, the quality of their writing, originality and thought. Their teachers should be commended as well.

To be perfectly honest, it took five hours of consideration to reach a decision on the winners! The Friends of the Library intend to sponsor this contest every year and hope to inspire some great writing. Who knows? Maybe we have another Hemingway, Alcott or Stephen King in the bud in Jerome!

XENIA WILLIAMS
 Jerome

Cemetery has let its laws go wild

I agree with Carolyn Hopwood. This year, the Buhl West End Cemetery was in the worst condition I have ever seen it. Tall grass, thistles and the ground so dry you could barely anchor the flowers to it.

I, too, have a lot of loved ones buried there and hate to see it in such a mess. The Gooding Cemetery is usually so beautifully manicured and a pleasure to visit.

PAULINE (POLLY) MORGAN
 Gooding

Photo of marksmen didn't belong

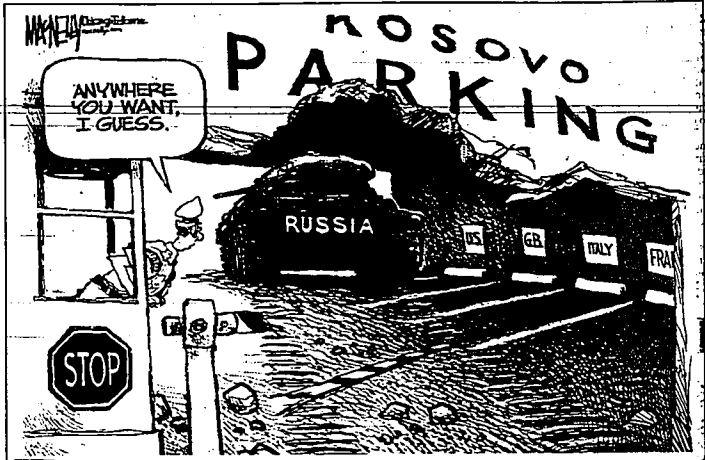
What on earth motivates The Times-News to select some of the photos you display on the front page? Despite an abundance of photo opportunities of positive activities and events provided during

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Western Days, the newspaper chooses to promote a father and son target shooting with an assault-type looking gun as the June 19 front-page story! For one, don't consider target shooting with an assault-type weapon to be a highlight activity of Western Days. Surely you had other options for a positive promotional photo from the parade 3-on-3 basketball tournament in downtown Twin Falls or the Farmer's Market.

I have nothing against target shooting, but to select this particular primary photo so soon after significant tragedies in Colorado and Georgia schools seems to show considerable insensitivity and lack of good judgment. When the Twin Falls School District, police, city officials, parents, students and general citizens of Twin Falls are scrambling to prevent another Columbine High School incident in our community, The Times-News should think and act responsibly - now.

Further, if the chamber needed to send a newspaper from our community to an executive considering Twin Falls for relocation, is this our optimal image and news of the day? The Times-News has a serious responsibility to promote our community and its activities, as well as present the images that reflect the values of our community. I hope this wasn't it!
KATHY MACMILLAN
 Twin Falls



It's God vs. guns in the culture wars

There is no longer any doubt about the central issue in the 2000 presidential race. A preview of coming attractions was seen last week in Washington.

The political stars aligned to bring us gun control from the left and the Ten Commandments from the right as each party proposed a solution to cultural decline. Most Democrats wanted more gun restrictions. They failed to get what President Clinton requested because a rebellious group of Democrats - led by Rep. John Dingell of Michigan - revolted. Republicans want restrictions lifted against the Ten Commandments so local school districts can decide whether to hang them in classrooms. That measure passed the House but will probably be removed in a House-Senate conference.

If only National Rifle Assn. President and Vice President Al Gore, trying to emulate his issues-stealing president, says his presidential campaign will be about "values." Texas Gov. George W. Bush says "values" will also be the focus of his presidential campaign.

What is going on? The focus groups are telling politicians that it's no longer the Age of Aquarius. It's the age of the serpent. People are discovering that something is missing. The question is: are the politicians capable of giving the people what they need? Of course not, but that doesn't mean the politicians won't pretend they can.

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would get one day, Buddha another, the chief culture god a third, witches a fourth, Muslims a fifth, Hindus a sixth and so on. Would believers in a different God than the one being prayed to accept that? Only at the expense of their own faith.

Conservatives are playing a dangerous game trying to fix "culture" from the top. They rightly criticize liberals for believing that government can cure virtually any societal ill. But are they any better when they attack the size and reach of big government only to call on government to reverse the immorality they see sweeping America? Government will reflect religious values when more individuals reflect religious values. But government can't make people reflect such values - it lacks the virtue.

If those who want to hang the Ten Commandments on school room walls would plant and cultivate spiritual seeds in their children, it would have a far greater impact. You can't expect to reduce covetous by brushing with fluoride toothpaste, while eating lots of candy and refusing to floss.

Just as good dental health is the result of a balanced program, so good moral health is the result of a balanced life, modeled by parents who stay together, do not work to excess and take the time to teach their children at home, in church and in private schools where the truth can be conveyed away from the reach of the government's increasingly secular influence.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

Adoption of older children is good option for many

MARK ASHER

the key to self-reliance, the essential element in having one's longevity and hard work recognized and rewarded.

It was this determination, this toughness, that made me fall in love with them. When Elizabeth and I were married in 1984, adoption was first on my list of priorities. Although it had more to do with my rehabilitating their trust in a father figure than in their using my name, I won't deny that today it makes me justifiably proud to be called "Papa" and to see my name hypertexted with their And, of course, I brag about their accomplishments.

To be sure, I've encountered a lot of rough terrain. It wasn't just the hearing and rehabilitating after very difficult emotional times in Paris. There were also the problems of our being from different ethnic backgrounds, different cultures, with different religions and languages.

As a sports-writer used to assessing success and failure by the numbers (is characteristic of people in a good many other professions, unfortunately), I found myself in a long-running and much more complicated game. How does a father

tell when he's doing a good job? Do you measure your children's academic success, or their personal relationships with friends, members of the community or authority figures? What is it that they already bring to the game for us to coach, then well be it on them or us?

The best analogy I can draw, as a sports-writer, relates to college basketball. Families and teams have lots in common. Parents strategize for the Championships of Life, the Finals, the Game of our Lives? Some of Mike Krzyzewski, some of John Thompson and at times, a little bit of Bob Knight. Benching, time-outs, preaching, structuring, setting goals. Only this game never ends.

Right now it's in a good place for us. Lizzy graduates from Harvard Law this month, and Melanie is about to celebrate her first anniversary on Wall Street knowing the corporate and financial world the way you can't be studying it in textbooks.

More important, though, is their feeling for others and their understanding of what the right thing to do is. As a father, I know I've done my part to help them on the way toward these goals, but I also know they've done a great deal more on their own - and immeasurably more for me.

Mark Asher is a Washington Post sports-writer.

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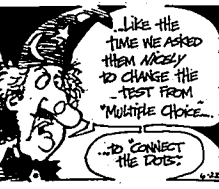
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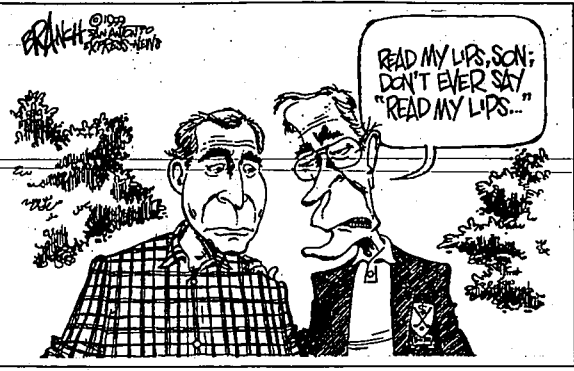
Medicine works too well

I read with interest the editorial by Jack Z. Smith in the June 12 edition titled "Think about overpopulation as the world grows" and it brought to my mind not only birth rates but also death rates. For many years, I've been wondering just exactly what does the medical professional want us to die of?

The life expectancy has increased 10 years just in my lifetime. It seems there are so many advances in keeping people alive from all sorts of disorders, diseases and injuries that this is having an adverse effect on world population.

People no longer accept death as a part of life as they did in past times. And we wonder why Social Security is going bankrupt.

KATHLEEN L. OLSON
Halley



Despite U.S. boom, free trade is off track

Support for free trade is dropping fast. In a recent poll, 58 percent of Americans agreed with the statement that foreign trade is "bad for the U.S. economy because cheap imports hurt wages." Only 32 percent agreed with the statement that "it is good for the U.S. economy; it creates foreign demand, economic growth and jobs."

Presidential aspirant Pat Buchanan may be the most vocal critic of free trade. He has said in recent days that free trade is "bad for the U.S. economy" and that it is "time to pass free trade legislation so that we could get new trade treaties approved without amendment."

But now, with an election season looming (and after NATO's accidental bombing of China's embassy in Belgrade), the president has changed his tune. Recently, during a commencement address at the University of Chicago, he said he'd support new trade agreements only if they were linked to strong guarantees on worker rights. "We have to build a system that is both free and fair and not just to workers in the United States," he said. Future free trade agree-

ROBERT B. REICH

ments have to "lift everybody up, not pull everybody down."

Nice sentiments. But how do you pull everybody up when millions of people around the world are eager to work for a few dollars a day? Should we demand that every nation's workers be paid at least the equivalent of America's minimum wage, work no more than 40 hours a week (with time-and-a-half for overtime) and as safe as the workplace as Americans? Poorer nations couldn't possibly afford these things. Such requirements would effectively ban most imports and cost American consumers a fortune.

Why is free trade losing support at a time when the American economy is soaring? Because the vigorous economic expansion of the 1990s hasn't helped all Americans. The share of U.S. income going to the bottom 60 percent of American families has continued to fall, while the share going to the top 5 percent has reached a post-war high. Only workers above the 75th percentile of the wage-and-salary scale — almost all of them college graduates — have enjoyed signifi-

cant real increases in their take-home pay. The higher one goes up the wage distribution ladder, the larger the rise in pay.

The rate of corporate layoffs, meanwhile, has steadily increased. There were more layoffs last year than in any year since 1959, when the nation was emerging from recession. And so far this year, the rate is running ahead of last year's. To be sure, with very low unemployment, most people who lose their jobs don't have great difficulty finding new ones. But if they're among the three-quarters of working Americans who lack a university degree, the new job is likely to pay 20 percent less than the old.

Trade isn't the only force underlying these trends, of course. Technological change is as important, if not more so. But trade is more visible. A job that goes abroad packs a bigger political wallop than one that's automated out of existence.

If a larger portion of the American public is to support free trade, they'll need better assurance that trade will work to their advantage. Here are three key steps:

- Turn unemployment insurance into wage insurance. Unemployment insurance was originally intended as temporary

income support during economic downturns, until the old jobs returned. But it's less relevant today, when most workers who lose their jobs never get them back. Their major worry is that the new job will pay less. Wage insurance would make up a portion of the difference between old and new for a fixed period of time.

- Make job training part of a broader social agenda to help ensure that working people stay out of poverty.
- Make sure foreign workers get progressively higher wages and better working conditions as they become more productive. Rather than try to "lift everybody up" to American standards, a more reasonable objective would be to lift foreign workers up to a standard their nations can afford. As nations become wealthier and more productive, such standards would rise. This would help assure Americans that all nations were playing by the same rules.

Trade is too important to fall victim to election-year politics. But it's certain to be a casualty unless it's combined with policies that spread its benefits more widely.

Robert B. Reich, professor of social and economic policy at Brandeis University, was secretary of Labor from 1993-97.

Parents fail to take charge of out-of-control school issues

Just when you thought "strange" has been fully exploited, someone raises the bar. In one recent week, here's what crossed my mind:

- In Chicago, a group of third-grade boys were reprimanded for praying together on the playground.
- In Fort Myers, Fla., a teacher scheduled a cross-dressing day for his middle-school students.
- In Middletown, Conn., college students at Wesleyan University created pornographic movies for a film class.

Hello? Who's in charge here? I feel like the entire country is guzzling LSD punch. Briefly, here's what happened in each case:

The boys who prayed were perhaps a wee eccentric for elementary school. They had formed a group called The Prayer Club to discourage playground bullies. Ritually, they handed out Roman Catholic medallions featuring the Virgin Mary and chanted a few rounds of Hail Mary and the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

Naturally, school officials were appalled. "Leave your religious issues at home," the kids were told.

Meanwhile, down in Florida, children at Cypress Lake Middle School were told to "cross dress" for a day. Never mind that mid-

KATHLEEN PARKER

dle-school children are grappling with sexual identity and that most boys wouldn't voluntarily wear a dress to school.

This is the '90s, after all, and everybody knows that gender is an artificially imposed cultural invention.

Finally, at Wesleyan, students apparently alert to the enormous employment opportunities in the burgeoning pornography industry are getting a leg up on competitors by taking College of Letters course number 289: Pornography. In the class, one student produced a short film that focuses on a man's eyes while he masturbates, for example. Another shot a female student acting out a scene of sexual bondage.

And what did you learn today, kids? Well, let's see. Prayer is bad; cross-dressing is bad; pornography is a legitimate career choice.

I realize I'm going to have to find a new country soon, but

before I go, I'd like to make a couple of observations: 1) Adults are obsessed with sex and can't seem to leave children out of it; 2) Public education has become the enemy of parents who, owing to their own confusion in the midst of moral chaos, have become part of the problem.

Why aren't parents picking the Department of Education? With one exception — the mother of one of the praying boys also happens to be an attorney who is presently expressing her outrage through legal channels — parents are curiously benign in the face of issues they "feel" are wrong but seem intellectually powerless to confront.

Parents, to our inevitable misfortune, have been bullied into believing they don't know anything. Their inner voices have been silenced and their instincts cast in doubt by "experts" and a culture run amok. They're immobilized by the inevitability of defeat before their children are out of kindergarten, and have surrendered by middle school.

Hello? Who's in charge here? The question begs an answer.

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NATION

Russian papers could shed new light on JFK assassination



World chess champion Gary Kasparov makes his symbolic first move on a giant gameboard in New York's Bryant Park as he begins the 'Kasparov vs. The World' tournament Monday.

Chess king takes on the world

NEW YORK (AP) - World chess champion Garry Kasparov took on the whole world Monday, making the first move in an online match against anyone who has access to the Internet and understands the game.

"Where else but on the Internet can you play the world champion?" the 36-year-old Russian grandmaster said.

The interactive chess tournament is called "Kasparov vs. The World." Before each move is actually played, Internet enthusiasts will vote via computer to decide what move the "World Team" will make.

Kasparov, who is based in Moscow, struck a deal with Microsoft Corp. to play the match at www.msn.com. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

In front of an audience of young chess fans in Bryant Park, Kasparov simulated his online opening move, king pawn to E4, on a giant board. The Web site immediately began fielding computer moves from around the world.

Visitors to the site have 24 hours to vote for their side's move. Kasparov will then reply within another 24 hours, and so on, until the conclusion of the match, expected to take most of the summer.

Governor signs voucher law

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - Gov. Jeb Bush signed the nation's first statewide school voucher law Monday, enabling students at Florida's worst schools to get a private or parochial education at taxpayer expense.

"We're going to give parents other options when their schools - the most important public service that we provide - don't work for their needs," the Republican governor said.

Opponents of the law said they will file a lawsuit on Tuesday. Bush said the state is ready to defend the constitutionality of the law.

Under the law, schools will be graded A, B, C, D or F. Students in failing schools can choose to go to private school with the tax dollars that would otherwise go to the public school. The amount could range from \$3,000 to \$5,000, depending on what extra services the student needs.

Students at only two schools, both in Pensacola, will initially be eligible for vouchers. But tougher standards approved last year may push that number up dramatically.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Documents given by Boris Yeltsin to President Clinton on Sunday could shed light on whether Lee Harvey Oswald schemed to kill President Kennedy while he was an American defector living in the Soviet Union, assassination researchers said.

Yeltsin's surprise gift to Clinton - declassified papers containing information gathered by Russian intelligence agencies about Oswald - are a "monumental breakthrough," said historian Kermit Hall, a former member of the Assassination Records Review Board. That federal panel, which went out of business last September, was created to gather all known records regarding the assassination.

Hall said the Russian records - which the board was unable to obtain when it sent Hall and two other board members to Russia in 1996 - could show what Oswald was thinking and doing in

the years leading up to the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas.

"It's really critical," said Hall, an Ohio State University historian. "This could tell us if he was scheming to do anything."

Oswald, a former Marine, defected to the Soviet Union in 1959 and renounced his American citizenship. That attracted the attention of the KGB, which bugged his apartment in the Belarus capital city of

Minsk, paid neighbors to inform on him and kept Oswald and his Russian wife Marina under constant surveillance.

The KGB amassed a six-volume file on Oswald's activities in Minsk, Hall said.

Disenchanted with his life in Russia and his mental factory job, Oswald returned to the United States in 1962, settling in Dallas with his wife and baby. Some assassination researchers concluded that Oswald did not

decide to kill Kennedy until he moved to Dallas.

The Warren Commission, which conducted the official U.S. government investigation of Kennedy's slaying, concluded that Oswald was the sole gunman.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fairfield man is killed in head-on crash

FAIRFIELD - Jack Exon saw the swerving truck heading his way, so he pulled off the road where he thought he was safe. The pickup truck careened from one side of U.S. Highway 20 to the other and it slammed into Exon's parked 1963 pickup truck. Instantly the 62-year-old driver of the man just a few miles from his home, the Idaho State Police said. The driver of the out-of-control truck, 24-year-old Jason Bentley of Moscow, had dozed off before his vehicle went off the road. Buck overcorrected several times trying to regain control as his 1993 Chevrolet pickup truck veered back and forth across the road, the ISP said. Buck crashed head on into Exon's truck, which had no seat belts. If Exon had worn a seat belt, his life might have been saved, the ISP said. An investigation was continuing.

Crash causes small spill near Shoshone

SHOSHONE - An auto crash involving an Idaho Transportation Department roadside mower unit caused a minor chemical spill Monday that closed a lane of U.S. Highway 26 for more than four hours. The crash occurred at around 8:30 a.m. when a truck driven by 20-year-old Michael Johnson of Hazelton rear-ended an ITD truck that was following the mower, Idaho State Police trooper Jennifer Schiller said. Small quantities of aviation fuel and herbicides spilled from Johnson's truck in the crash six miles east of Shoshone, she said. The chemicals spilled on a small patch of soil near the road and did not pose a threat to people or to the nearby Little Wood River. ITD workers removed the soil for proper disposal, said Patrick O'Rourke of the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality. Although the westbound lane of Highway 26 was closed during the cleanup, traffic was not affected much, Schiller said. Johnson hit the support truck, which displayed flashing lights and a warning sign, as he came over a hill. The support truck was straddling the shoulder line, but it was within the law, Johnson was cited for inattentive driving, Schiller said.

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Sentencing rescheduled in Jerome slaying case

JEROME - The sentencing for a convicted murderer has been rescheduled. Jannie Vuel Thomas' sentencing is set for 9 a.m. July 16 at the Jerome County Courthouse. A Boise jury in April convicted Thomas of first-degree murder, in connection with the November 1997 shooting death of 38-year-old Steven Louder of Eden. Louder was the boyfriend of Thomas' ex-wife, Anna Marie Thomas. Thomas could face the death penalty.

River crossing group invites public to meeting

JEROME - The Snake River Crossing Plan group will meet June 30 to discuss the needs and goals for building another river crossing, and to identify alternatives. The results of a recent Idaho Transportation Department bridge feasibility study will also be revealed at the public open house and meeting, a news release said. The public open house begins at 8 p.m. in the Jerome High School auditorium, and the meeting follows at 7 p.m.

Two men charged with burglary in Burley

BURLEY - Two 18-year-old men were charged with stealing speakers from a Burley home Friday night, a Cassia County sheriff's report said. Matt Hutchinson of Burley and Tyler Stoker of Heyburn were arrested Friday night after witnesses described them and their white Pontiac, the report said. The home's owners are out of town, the report said, so deputies do not know if any other items have been stolen from the home. Hutchinson was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after the arresting officers found a bong pipe, two other small pipes and a roach clip in his car. Compiled from staff reports

CSI signs on to a jazzy lease

By Jennifer Sandmann

Agreement will keep music on the air

TWIN FALLS - Radio listeners in the Magic Valley will have added assurances that their favorite jazz programming will continue to be available at the touch of the dial. The College of Southern Idaho's Board of Trustees on Monday approved a 10-year lease agreement with Boise State University, which operates KEZJ-AM 1450 at CSI.

The agreement gives BSU programming stability while maintaining CSI's radio access, said Jim Paluzzi, general manager of the BSU Radio Network, a National Public Radio affiliate. BSU stepped in a few years ago to operate the station when CSI nearly lost the station license, because it hadn't been able to find a way to offer programming. But a handshake agreement between the two schools became threatened in December 1998

after a group approached CSI about leasing the station. The BSU-CSI partnership is a public service that improves the quality of life in the Twin Falls area and at the same time offers both schools exposure, Paluzzi said. BSU will pay monthly operating expenses plus maintenance and replacement costs for the aging transmission system that soon will need to be replaced. CSI will be responsible for the chief engineer's salary, selecting station programming through negotiations with BSU, and paying for any CSI-related programming.

Local CSI programming that includes jazz and sports shows will continue and sports programming possibly could increase, Paluzzi said. "I think it's good for both BSU and the college," said Dick Showell, a Filer representative on the BSU Radio Community Advisory Board. Please see CSI, Page B3

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Clerks at local theaters, like Kristeen Collins have always operated under a policy of requiring identification for younger audience members for R-rated movies. A spate of recent juvenile violence prompted the Clinton administration to ask theater owners nationwide to voluntarily crack down on underage viewers.

Theaters up carding for R-rated films

By John T. Huddy and Brandon Fiala Times-News writers

Twin 12 Cinema and the Orpheum Theatre in Twin Falls, and the Jerome 4 Cinema in Jerome.

The theaters Roper manages have always required identification. Underage attendance at R-rated movies will probably not decline, Roper said. There are too many ways underage moviegoers can get into the movies they want. They will often have an older friend or sibling buy the tickets, or attend the movie with somebody above the age of 17. "I often see parents bringing kids six to 10 years old to see movies, and they don't care," Roper said. Besides, there are other ways to see violent and sexual content. "It's not just theaters, kids can wait for the movie to come out on video, or watch it on pay-per-view or HBO," Roper said. And when some underage kids are refused a movie ticket, it is usually the parents who get upset.

"We've had more complaints from parents whose kids we didn't let into a movie than from parents whose kids we did," Harris said. "We've had parents say to us, 'My kid can see whatever they want.' You wouldn't believe some of the things I've been called by some of those parents." Many theater-goers also are skeptical about the carding plan. "It probably won't have much effect, but it helps," said Shanna Veenaar, 19. Zach Abels, 13, and Kyle Tarbet, 17, said youths commonly wish R-rated movies in theaters. And they noted many youths simply rent R-rated movies, or have someone rent the movies for them. Blockbuster Video requires parental permission for anyone 17 and younger to rent R-rated videos. "When parents sign up for a membership they indicate whether or not their children can rent R-rated movies," said Karen Larcom, area manager of

Blockbuster Video in Twin Falls. "If the parents want we put a youth restricted viewing on their membership, and I will alert us when an R-rated movie is scanned." "It [requiring an ID check] is a good idea, but it is kind of like the check for alcohol. If the kids want it bad enough they will find a way to get it," said Melanie Crist, a mother of three children. Parents should monitor their children, Harris said, but the film industry should also watch the products it produces. "I wish Hollywood would clean up their act on things," Harris said. "The last two years have been pretty decent though. There have been more PG movies put out than R-rated movies. I hope that will continue."

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Jerome asks voters for money to fix water lines

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - In its continuing effort to keep up with growth, the city of Jerome will hold a water bond issue election on Aug. 3. The next step in improving the water system would cost \$17.7 million and would be paid back through a \$3 increase in residents' water bills. The bond issue would bring the current \$4.30 monthly base rate to \$7.30. The bond issue would add larger distribution lines along Tigger Drive from 20th to East Main Street, all along East and West I streets, portions of East Eighth and East 10th streets, and portions of East F, East E, and East D streets. It would also include replacing inadequate fire hydrants and installing new ones as needed. City Administrator Jon Cecil said previous system improvements have increased water pressure in town considerably and these proposed improvements would make water pressure even better. The proposed improvements would be financed through a federal loan, administered by the state Division of Environmental Quality. If the bond issue is passed the loan would be paid back over 20 years at 4 percent interest. The improvements would focus primarily on residential neighborhoods northeast and southwest sections of town. The improvements would affect 365 households, and more than 1,000 people, who would receive improved water pressure and improved fire protection, Cecil said. The city water system was originally designed for consumption of about 100 gallons per day per household, City Council member Ralph Peters said. Now the consumption is 100 gallons per person per day. Old water lines many dating back to 1920 might need to be replaced in order to increase the flow and pressure during peak usage times. Before the election, city officials will hang handbills on residents' doors, with maps showing where water pipe would be replaced, where fire hydrants would be installed, what has already been done to the city water system and what needs to be done in the future. Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

City officials will discuss a possible billboard ordinance and a 60 day moratorium on signs at a special meeting at noon on June 28 at the Burley City Hall. Meanwhile county commissioners are drawing up plans to create a billboard ordinance for the county. County Administrator Tim Hurst said he was concerned about billboard lining the county and backcountry roads. "There is more and more trouble around the county with billboards," Hurst said at the commissioners Monday meeting at the Cassia County Courthouse. Please see BILLBOARDS, Page B3

New livestock rules?

Cassia considers confined animal regulations

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

BURLEY - While the state's Division of Environmental Quality works on regulations for swine and poultry processing farms in the state, the Cassia County commissioners are continuing to think about rules of their own for these big operations. Commissioner Dennis Crane said while the state covers environmental aspects of the large-scale facilities, it's up to the counties to regulate their locations. The county has to consider an operation's proximity to residential areas when determining where it can locate, he said. The commissioners, with the help of the county planning and zoning committee, are working on establishing an ordinance designating certain areas in eastern Cassia County for confined animal feeding operations including dairy, hog and poultry farms. The county has seen neighbors complain when dairies expand as well. An ordinance regulating both where an animal feeding operation can build and how much it can expand may help eliminate any future problems, Crane said. The DEQ will meet today in Boise to discuss large-scale swine and poultry operations in the state. The commissioners are waiting to see what new regulations will be created by the agency. If the DEQ sets up regulations for swine and poultry processing farms, a decision whether to let

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Burley considers sign regs

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

BURLEY - While Twin Falls will begin regulating the location and appearance of billboards, local city and county officials are discussing ways to regulate signs in Burley and Cassia County. The City Council Monday proposed a 60 day moratorium on billboards in the area until city officials can create an ordinance regulating the size and structure of signs in the city. Councilmen Brent Kerbs and Curtis Mendenhall said too many billboards already line city streets. "If you drive up and down the street in the city, you'll notice a lot of signs," Kerbs said. "It's making our city look terrible." Billboard regulations can become quite convoluted, City Attorney Randy Stone said. "There are a lot of model ordinances regulating billboards in cities. Some are very restrictive, and others are not," Stone said. "You can make it as complicated or as simple as you want. It can become a fairly complex area when you start regulating it." City officials will discuss a possible billboard ordinance and a 60 day moratorium on signs at a special meeting at noon on June 28 at the Burley City Hall. Meanwhile county commissioners are drawing up plans to create a billboard ordinance for the county. County Administrator Tim Hurst said he was concerned about billboard lining the county and backcountry roads. "There is more and more trouble around the county with billboards," Hurst said at the commissioners Monday meeting at the Cassia County Courthouse. Please see BILLBOARDS, Page B3

TEACHERS DIVERSIFY



Ducks High School business and careers teacher Jay Darrington runs the cash register Monday at the Mr. Gas on Canyon Avenue in Burley. Darrington is one of several Mini-Cassians participating this summer in a School to Work program that lets teachers work 40 hours in jobs around the area. In the second year of the program, teachers are working for such diverse employers as the Bureau of Land Management, two local veterinary hospitals and the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Probation Office.

Prisoner escapes by hopping in trash bin

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A prisoner has escaped from the Weber County Jail by hiding in the garbage, according to sheriff's deputies.

Bradley Louis Allen, 42, was working on the jail's kitchen crew when he apparently

climbed into an inside trash bin. When workers took out the garbage just after noon, they took Allen with it.

Allen, of Layton, was convicted of disorderly conduct in 1993, attempted assault against police and interfering with

legal arrest in 1995, and carrying a concealed weapon in 1995.

The Weber County Sheriff's Department said he was also due for sentencing next month for two more crimes: theft and operating a drug lab.

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In other college business, the board.

Reviewed proposed increases to rental fees charged to groups using campus facilities. The issue was tabled until next month, but some board members expressed their support for the plan aimed at covering college costs for an overwhelming demand for campus space and charging fees that promote fair competition with local businesses.

"I don't think we should be spending our education money to house the community," trustee Duana Brize said.

"I think people take advantage of the school, because they can get a good deal," trustee Bill Jakobson said. "I think we should offer a competitive price."

Proposed fee increases range from \$15 to \$165, depending on the room. Rooms have been rented for a minimum of \$35 and not more than \$70.

Offering competitive rates while still making rental spaces affordable to non-profit groups is a challenge, CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said. The proposed increases remain less than what local businesses charge.

"Allocated about \$202,000 to buy 126 new computers from Conner Creek Computers in Burley. The computers will be used around campus and at the Burley center.

Approved a new food service

Idaho artist goes national

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A retired nuclear engineer for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory will soon see his hobby receive prominence.

John Griffith took up watercolor painting 26 years ago and now the U.S. Forest Service is using his rendition of Upper Mesa Falls in its official poster representing the new Mesa Falls Recreation Area.

The print goes on sale this summer at the annual Idaho Falls Art Show.

The Mesa Falls Recreation Area is expected to be completed in early 2000.

In addition to an enlarged parking lot and 25 miles of additional road, the rustic stage-coach-stopping site will be converted into a gift shop where Griffith's poster will be highlighted.

Griffith, 69, said he always admired people who painted and finally realized it was something about it.

"You get to look at colors and how shadows lay," Griffith said. "And you think to yourself, 'there must really be a million shades of green.' You become aware of your surroundings."

Fearsome feathers; peacocks run rampant

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A band of homelick peacocks apparently trying to make their way back to the canyon rim have caused an uproar around town.

The birds display colorful feathers, but also reportedly screech, mess and eat domestic gardeners.

Commercial development on the canyon rim across from Magic Valley Mall displaced the birds. Developer Neilsen and Co. gave them to the College of Southern Idaho, where they were acclimated to the Breckenridge Agricultural Endowment on

North College Road before they were released.

The peacocks stayed at their new home for short time, CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said, but soon reappeared whereabouts were coming in from all over town. The birds were spotted in the Fawcett subdivision, at Lazy J Ranch, and KMTV. CSI board member Bill Babcock saw one in his yard near Twin Falls High School.

The birds apparently are a match for animal control officers. About a handful remain at large, and others have been moved to rural property on the Snake River in Minidoka County.

TN Interactive

What do you think of the sex offender registry?

Is Idaho's sex offender registry a useful tool for protecting children, or is it an instrument for harassment against people who have already served their time?

As the state's revamped registry reaches its one-year anniversary, we want to hear your thoughts and stories on the topic.

Contact staff writer Brian Haynes

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Chip sealing continues

TWIN FALLS — Chip-sealing work will continue today on the following Twin Falls streets:

Teton Street, Davian Drive, Maplewood Drive, Borah Avenue East, Willow Lane, Borah Avenue, Laurel Avenue, Maurice Circle, Shoup Avenue East, Applewood Drive, Sycamore Street, Sunrise Circle, Highview Lane, Hoops Street, 11th Avenue East, Maple

Avenue, Del Mar Circle, Alta Vista Circle, Del Mar Drive.

Any cars on the streets during the work will be towed.

Three days after the chips are applied, a sweeper will come through to clean up the excess chips. Again, cars need to be off the streets.

The chip-sealing project will take about three weeks.

JonBenet grand jury still out

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Grand jurors hearing evidence in the murder of JonBenet Ramsey are taking longer than expected as they head toward another possible extension of their term, analysts said Monday.

It's been at least three weeks since the panel got together to discuss the case and there is no set time for them to return, according to officials for several agencies involved in the case.

Jana Peterson, spokeswoman for Boulder County Commissioners, said the \$62,001 for the latest extension is expected to run out in mid-July, and Boulder County

District Attorney Alex Hunter will have to go back for more funding if it goes beyond that.

Adams County District Attorney Bob Grant, an adviser on the case, said investigators for the Boulder County Police Department are continuing to check out information for the grand jury, which was convened as an investigatory panel to look into the little girl's murder.

"I know there's an active investigation continuing by law enforcement," he said. "This is an investigative grand jury and that's what investigative grand juries do."

Billboards

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"We're seeing more and more outdoor advertising around the county all the time. There are some areas where I don't think signs are appropriate."

Hurst said he wanted to see commissioners create regulations on billboard size and location in the county.

"My biggest concern is down around the mountains," Hurst said. "I don't want to see a bunch of billboards when I'm driving out

into the country."

The commissioners will discuss a billboard ordinance at their next meeting.

In other city business, the City Council approved a \$5,750 skate park design plan to be done by Purkiss-Rose Landscaping of California, including design, layout and structure of a park in the city.

"We need the service of an architect and landscaping firm," Councilman Gordon Hansen said. Purkiss-Rose is an authority when it comes to designing

skate parks, having designed parks around the county, he said.

Councilman Dave Ringle said the money should not be an issue. The city will pick up the tab.

"This is a small amount to pay for our kids in the community," Ringle said.

The city has proposed several locations for a skate park, including North Freedom Park and East Park in Burley. An engineering firm would seek out the best location and create a

layout for that area when the design is completed.

"I've been approached by several groups in the city who are interested in doing the engineering," Hansen said.

The park could cost anywhere from \$15,000 to more than \$100,000 to build, depending on its size. It would take several months to complete.

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241.

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A large-scale operation set up in the county may be easier for the commissioners.

After the Sawtooth Farms LLC expressed an interest in setting up a multi-million dollar hog farm near Maba earlier this fall, the commissioners put a six-month moratorium on an animal operation of 10,000 animal units or more. The commissioners wanted to find out more information about the proposed operation and its potential environmental and economic ramifications in the county, commission Chairman Paul Christensen said.

In an earlier commission meeting, County Administrator Tim Hurst recommended the commissioners wear a large-scale hog farm to see what an operation is like. Christensen said he wanted to

"see what the DEQ does" before taking any tours.

In other county business, Val Robins of the Cassia County Historical Society met with the commissioners to request \$20,000 for the society's 2000 budget. He said the society needs the money for improvements of the local museum and its facilities.

The entrance to the museum needs improvement. A fence and general telephone poles make it difficult for cars to navigate their way into the museums parking lot from Main Street and Hilland Avenue, Robins said. The final

touches have been put on a World War II section of the society's museum in Burley. The section has memorabilia, including antique rifles and military uniforms.

Robins encouraged the commissioners to tour the new section of the museum. The museum attracts not only travelers, tourists and residents interested in a little county history, but school children as well.

"We could teach these kids more in one hour than they would probably learn in six weeks in school," Robins said.

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Computer tracking of drugs will force legislative issues

BOISE (AP) — A new computer tracking system developed by drug industry critics is under investigation into prescription drug abuse complaints has created significant public policy questions about personal privacy, according to the state Board of Pharmacy.

"It is quite likely there will be a need for additional legislation in this area," Board Chairman Frank Casabonne told the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Monday.

The privacy of hundreds of thousands of Idahoans could be compromised, he said, if it is not balanced against the new computer system's potentially intrusive ability to document every one of the million scattered drug prescription written each year.

Both Casabonne and Kathleen Gurnsey, the former chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and newest member of the board, made clear that a coordinated response of all involved government agencies is necessary to effectively deal with the abuse of prescription drugs, and the board agreed.

But Gurnsey warned that the price tag could be substantial to the state to effectively develop a system now tossed on a regulatory board with an investigator and a \$700,000 budget financed solely by annual registration fees for some 7,000 professionals and institutions licensed to handle controlled prescription drugs.

The new tracking system can make instantly available the records of all controlled prescription drugs any individual has obtained in the past three years. It can alert regulators to individuals who, for example, have seen 10 doctors in a single month's time — doctor shopping that investigators see as an indicator of a drug problem.

The question now, board invest-

igator Gary Dorney said, is what to do with all that information. How does the board get people in trouble the help and counseling they need, he and others asked.

"Dorney saw an awful lot to consider," Dorney said. "This is a very sensitive issue."

Board members appeared before the House-Senate panel to respond to a report by the Office of Performance Evaluations critical of their procedures for handling complaints that primarily deal with drug abuse. The report concluded that the board was not doing everything it could to investigate the complaints, citing a lack of any indication an investigation occurred in 71 percent of the complaints filed for the past two years.

But the board and its director, Richard Markuson, used the report's own figures to emphasize that 18 percent of all those complaints were targeted at private citizens, over which the board has no control.

Another 15 percent generally involve nonpharmacist health professionals like doctors, nurses and veterinarians, and Dorney said that in the cases checking out he turns the individuals over to their licensing boards for action as long as they have not been selling or sharing the drugs they have improperly taken. The board has disciplined two doctors in that time.

Only 10 of the 612 complaints filed in 1997 and 1998 were against pharmacists or pharmacies, the report conceded, and Markuson claimed that the board has dealt effectively with complaints against professionals.

"The problem is the majority of the information coming in is on the private citizen," Markuson said. "This is the arena that is in limbo. Who is the victim? Are they the victims themselves? Is this a victimless crime?"

Idaho court upholds sex offender registries

Lists serve regulatory purpose, not punitive

BOISE (AP) — A majority on a sharply divided Idaho Supreme Court ruled that mandatory inclusion on a public registry — perhaps for life — is only an indirect, non-punitive result of pleading guilty to a sex crime.

The 3-2 ruling issued Monday upheld now-retired 4th District Judge Robert Newhouse's rejection of claims from Donald P. Ray, who got three to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to sexually abusing his young niece in 1994.

Justice Wayne Kidwell, a staunch conservative and the high court's newest member, and Justice Gerald Schroeder dissented.

Trout, with Justices Jesse Walters and Cathy Silak concurring, said the purpose of registration is regulatory, not punitive.

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Kootenai residents don't like official's snub of non-voters

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County Commissioner Ron Rankin set off a firestorm when he started thumbing through lists of names to search out people who did not vote in the last election.

He was disgusted with the 12-percent voter turnout in the May election, so Rankin said nonvoters were called to complain about rising property taxes would get little compassion from him.

His statements brought angry calls to county offices and letters to newspapers. Some public officials and residents questioned his judgment as someone elected to represent all the people, regardless of whether they vote.

Residents wrote of their own disgust with his conduct. One letter compared Rankin's actions to those of former U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who led a 1950s anti-communist smear campaign.

"How dare you reach into the sanctity of the ballot box, make lists and proceed to use the power of your office to intimidate those who may not believe what you believe," wrote Steve Badraun of Coeur d'Alene, calling for Rankin to apologize.

But Rankin is unrepentant. "Over a million people have died in the service to protect and preserve our right to vote," Rankin said. "With all the sacrifices that have been made, for people to be so cavalier as to not go out and vote, I don't owe any of those people an apology."

Rankin also was angry over the loss of the county's proposed local-option sales tax measure, which aimed to raise money to expand the jail while lowering property taxes. A vocal group of opponents, including a few car

dealerships, led the charge to defeat the measure.

Commissi- sioners subsequently have said they might have to raise property taxes to pay for the jail expansion. Rankin said nonvoters who call to complain about high property taxes will be referred to the group that opposed the sales tax measure.

"We were very disappointed our proposal wasn't accepted. The bottom line is, not enough people thought it was a good idea," Commissioner Dick Compton said.

"Rather than beat up on them, I think we have to move forward."

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Future of county museum uncertain

By Jami Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The future of the history of Twin Falls County is uncertain. Located on Highway 30 near Curry Crossing, the Twin Falls County Museum is closed due to road construction and dusty due to the dwindling number of volunteers willing and able to maintain its collections.

The museum, housed in the long-retired Union School building, displays vintage clothing, Charles Bisby photographs of early Twin Falls and tools, farm machinery and household items used by pioneer settlers.

"People don't realize what we have there. We've got the best collection of farm machinery in the state, and the clothing is out of this world," says historical society board member Helen Thorn of Twin Falls.

"Founded in 1957 and once boasting a membership of hundreds, the historical society's enrollment has plummeted as the members age with the memorabilia they are preserving."

"The 200 people we had from time to time were older people, too," says Helen Forterfield, a 92-year-old Twin Falls resident and society-founding member. "All those people are long since gone."

"Without younger volunteers to operate the museum, organize the society's vintage fashion shows and host visiting historians, the society may soon be history."

"The young people aren't interested in working the museum, but the rest of us are in our 80s, and it's just too much," Thorn says.

In celebration of the Twin Falls' centennial anniversary in 2004, society members hope for new life. A community movement is gathering momentum to relocate the museum to Old Towne in Twin Falls.

"It would be a big draw for Old Towne and bring some spirit back to the county museum," Twin Falls City Councilman Howard Allen says.

County Commissioner Dennis Maughan calls Old Towne "a more user-friendly location," easily accessible for local visitors, tourists and school field trips.

Until last year, area fourth-graders studying Idaho history made springtime pilgrimages to the museum. This year, the students didn't visit. Thorn attributes their absence to a lack of funding.

"If parents got interested, they'd see that the kids got out there all right," Thorn says.

Maughan says he believes a new location will generate renewed interest in the museum, and the approaching centennial is a perfect catalyst for the project. But now is time for the money to materialize.

"We need to start a major fund-raising drive. We need to focus on it, get an action plan and put it in gear," Maughan says.

"The centennial is coming. We hope to be a big part of that," says the society's secretary, Mabel Lamb of Twin Falls.

Alice Tracy, museum caretaker, says the museum's current closure and uncertain future are dilemmas that can only be

To get involved
The Twin Falls County Historical Society, located at the Twin Falls County Museum, holds vintage fashion shows around the Magic Valley and hosts visiting historians on guest speakers at its meetings. For more information on becoming involved, call Mabel Lamb at 733-6082, or Jeanne Dean at 422-5907.



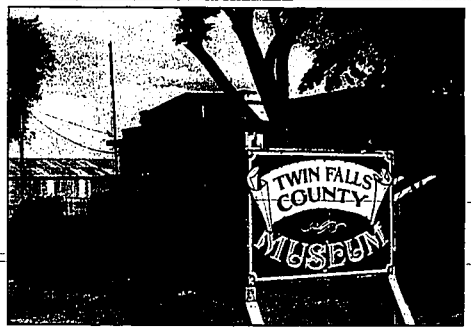
Right, The Twin Falls County Museum, located near Curry Crossing on Highway 30, is currently closed due to extensive road construction. The museum can be visited by special appointment by calling 734-7017, and will be open 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays when the highway improvement project is completed.

Above, Alice Tracy, caretaker of the Twin Falls County Museum, inspects a machine for giving their permanents on display at the museum. Tracy lives on the museum property with her husband George, who keeps the grounds for the facility.

Photo by JAMI MITCHELL/The Times-News

resolved by increased community participation. "Something has to be done," Tracy says.

Times-News writer Jami Mitchell can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 278.



Parent Learn Montgomery serves cotton candy at the Accelerated Readers carnival last month at Popplewell Elementary in Buhl. The students were rewarded for their reading efforts during the school year.

Popplewell students enjoy benefits of reading at carnival

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The elephant stomp was a popular game with fourth-graders at the Popplewell Elementary Accelerated Readers carnival.

Game participants stomped on an air pedal, projecting missiles toward a tub that meant a prize. Meanwhile, seventh-graders Krista Naclerio and Valerie Martinez scurried to keep up with the flying missiles.

Held last month in the Buhl Middle School gymnasium, the carnival was a place where the elementary school students who won points through the read-

ing program could trade them for game and treat tickets. They could also select items from a store with merchandise, such as radios, or take a chance in a drawing for a skate board and safety equipment.

But the most popular activity were the games, which also included the clown fish pond, bean bag toss, musical hoops, slalom roller-car racing and basketball hoops.

Third- and fifth-graders also had their turn at the carnival, which capped off what principal Helen Brown calls another successful year for the Accelerated Reading Program.

Civil Air Patrol greets hero, experts



Astronauts Eugene Cernan, left, and Joe Engle are shown in a cave at Craters of the Moon National Monument circa 1969. The two men were in training at the monument and returned in late May for the 75th anniversary of the park.

Cadets fly high after meet with astronaut at Craters

BURLEY — Five young people flew high when they met astronauts Eugene Cernan and Joe Engle.

Cadets from the Civil Air Patrol Joe Engle Composite Squadron in Burley spent the evening of May 21 with Capt. Cernan and Retired Maj. Gen Engle at the Arco school at the 75th anniversary party of Craters of the Moon National Monument, where both astronauts trained.

Cadets Doug Welch, Christy Voss, Robert Kabel, Sarah Porter, Benjamin Tilley and Rebecca Tilley, traveled with Commander Capt. Lori Fletcher and 2nd Lt. Janet E. Tilley, Idaho Wing public affairs officer, to Arco to meet the man whose name graces their squadron.

Engle was a jet pilot, a test pilot for the X-15 and an astronaut and trained for Apollo 17 as the lunar module pilot, but was replaced on the crew in the final months of training, Lt. Tilley says. The replacement provided the opportunity for NASA to put a scientist on the moon during the final Apollo mission.

Engle went on to pioneer the space shuttle program and serve as commander of the second and 20th space shuttle flights, Tilley says. He currently serves as a consultant for NASA and is active in the International Space Station program.

Cernan journeyed into space on three missions. He flew on Gemini 9 and was one of the first Americans to walk in space, Tilley says. He was one of the three-man crew of Apollo 10 that flew around the moon and piloted the lunar landing module to scouting the surface



2nd Lt. Christy Voss and 2nd Lt. Doug Welch of the Joe Engle Composite Squadron in Burley will attend Cadet Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base near Montgomery, Ala.

Photo by 2nd Lt. Janet E. Tilley

Cadets head for Air Force school in Alabama

BURLEY — Two Civil Air Patrol cadets will get the opportunity to learn about flying from the experts — the U.S. Air Force.

2nd Lt. Christy Voss and 2nd Lt. Doug Welch of the Joe Engle Composite Squadron in Burley will attend Cadet Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base near Montgomery, Ala. Friday through July 2, says 2nd Lt. Janet E. Tilley, public affairs officer with the squadron. The school is presented under the guidance of the Air Force.

The local squadron is accepting donations to fund the travel and expenses. To make a donation, call the Squadron Commander Capt. Lori Fletcher at 436-6861, mail donations to Joe Engle Composite Squadron, 400 S. 88 E., Rupert, Idaho 83350 or drop donations at the old FAA building at the Burley Municipal Airport.

Six other cadets from the squadron will attend the Idaho-Utah Summer Encampment at Gowen Field in Boise.

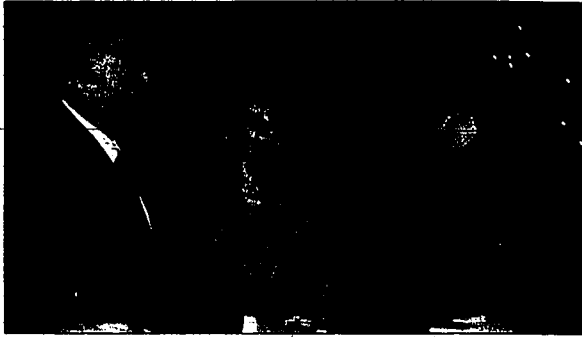
Following their speeches, the astronauts answered questions, autographed programs and had their photographs taken with people who attended, including the cadets.

for a landing spot for Apollo 11.

Cernan commanded Apollo 17 and landed on the moon. He was on the surface longer than any of the 12 men who walked on the moon, Tilley says.

COMMUNITY

MAKING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



Jerry Meyerhooffer, left, College of Southern Idaho president, receives an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow award from Ruth Stevens, president of the Twin Falls Rotary Club, while Meyerhooffer's wife, Pauline, center, observes. The Rotary Club says 11 recognizes outstanding contributions made by community leaders.

Students show piano talents

TWIN FALLS - The piano students of Barbara Mix performed in the annual spring concert June 3 at Keith Jorgensen's Recital Hall in Twin Falls.

The student performers included Christopher Albrecht, David Atkins, Kara Atkins, Elizabeth Beale, Sarah Buhidar, Tracie Butters, Carrie Butters, Eric Blank, Rachul Dawson, Sarah Dossy, Deirdre Edmunds, Adrian English, Hannah English, Camille Flournoy, Andrea Harris, Brittany Hobbs, Amanda Howard, Alex Kraal, Austin Kraal, Jenni Knoll, Margaret McCarthy, Jessica Meyers, Alieca Meza, Christopher Murray, Sasha Murray, Heidi Reitsma, Samantha Shuss, Ethan Stone, Abby Stonemets, Toliver Latham, Tahnee Latham, Bobby Latham, Becca Stonemets, Sara Talkington, Vanessa Thompson, Amber Thueson, Steve Turner, Erin Turry, Katie Welch, Rachel Welch, Linda Wells, Lucas Wells and Tom Wonderlich, all of Twin Falls, Jodi Crozier, Lindy Crozier, Catherine Hendrickson, Kristin Hendrickson, Christopher Horgan, Kristen Lee and Amy White, all of Jerome, and Sholly Pedersen of Hansen.



Piano students, left to right, Toliver Latham, Tahnee Latham and Bobby Latham, were among the students of Barbara Mix who performed in the annual spring concert June 3 at Keith Jorgensen's Recital Hall in Twin Falls.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
 Wednesday: Beef biscuit roll
 Friday: Kansas meatballs
 Monday: Sausage and eggs
Activities
 Thursday
 Wellness exercise class at 9:30 a.m.
 Crafts at 1 p.m.
 Friday
 Entertainment by B.J. and Friends at 11:55 a.m.
 Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Monday
 Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Pinochle club

Wednesday
 Quitting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Birthday dinner
 Thursday
 Anniversary dinner
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Friday
 Quitting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Lunch bingo at 11:50 a.m.
 Saturday
 Super Bingo at 1 p.m.
 Sunday
 Dance
 Monday
 Quitting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
 Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50.

Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.
 Tuesday: Lasagna
 Wednesday: Chicken salad stuffed tomatoes
 Thursday: Chicken fried steak
 Friday: Mexican lunch

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
 Tuesday: Goulash
 Wednesday: Birthday roast turkey
 Thursday: Salad bar
 Friday: Chicken
 Monday: Summer picnic
Activities
 Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.

Sunday Baked chicken buffet

Monday: Salad bar
Activities
 Thrift shop open every day.
 Tuesday
 Quitting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Exercises at 10 a.m.
 Thursday
 Quitting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Board member election
 Free hearing clinic at 11:30 a.m.
 Chris Bell from Idaho Power will speak on Y2K at 11:45 a.m.
 Bingo after noon meal
 Cards after evening meal
 Friday
 Exercises at 10 a.m.
 Saturday
 Dance 7:30-11 p.m. with the Haak Band, \$2.50
 Buffet at 1 p.m.
 Monday
 Exercises at 10 a.m.
 Cards following evening meal

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
 Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
 Tuesday: Baked ham loaf
 Thursday: Oven fried chicken
 Friday: Pizza burger on a bun
Activities
 Tuesday
 Exercise at 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday
 Exercise at 1 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wildflower walks start July 1 at Galena Lodge

KETCHUM - Wildflower walks will be held 6 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning July 1 at Galena Lodge, 23 miles north of Ketchum on Highway 75.

The 90-minute walks will follow an easy trail along Senate or Glindator creeks, and small children are welcome, coordinators say.

Bill McDorman, a professional hiking guide and wild edible and medicinal plant instructor, will lead the walks and offer participants medicinal, edible and landscape tips.

Reservations are appreciated and a \$5 donation is requested to support local environmental projects. For more information, call 726-4010.

93rd birthday celebration honors Twin Falls woman

TWIN FALLS - Velma Bertsch of Twin Falls will be honored at a celebration for her 93rd birthday 24 p.m. Friday at 1367 Locust St. N., Twin Falls.

Bertsch is a member of the Lady Elks and the First Christian Church in Twin Falls.

Human Rights Council discusses study of schools

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Human Rights Council will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 258 of the Taylor building at the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.

The discussion of a study of local school districts conducted by the Search Institute from Minneapolis, Minn., will be continuing. Since the last meeting, the results of the Minidoka County study have been released, the group says.

Maya Lemmon will report on the Minidoka Relocation Project display at the Idaho Farm and

Ranch Museum open house in Jerome

and a plan for future leadership of the council and its local units will be developed, organizers say.

American Legion Baseball team holds barbecue

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly American Legion Baseball team will hold its third annual BBQ Wednesday.

The roasting rot round barbecue will be prepared and the menu will also include baked beans, salads rolls and numerous desserts, organizers say.

Tickets are available at the ball park concession stand, from legion players or at the event, and cost \$6 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Interested in weaving? Group meets Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Weavers and Spinners will meet Saturday at the Church of the Brethren, 461 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The spinners will start at 10 a.m. and the weavers will meet at 11 a.m. A sock lunch is optional.

Anyone interested in learning to weave or spin is invited to attend. For more information, call 537-6573.

Minico High School class of 1989 looks for alumni

RUPERT - The Minico High School class of 1989 will hold its 10-year reunion August 20-21.

If you have information about the following classmates or for more information on the event, call April at 436-1337, or Connie at 644-1465.

Coordinators are looking for Lisa Alejandro, Gene Anderson, Luana Campbell, Marie Cantu, Jenny Cowan, Pete Dexter, Jerry Dickson, Abel Gonzalez, Tony Gonzales, Hector Gonzalez, Bill Harmon, Aaron Herbert, Darla Hines, Tonya Jones, Tony Juarez, Victor Kelly, Miguel Larios, Salvador Larios, Bret Larson, Irene Lopez, Juanita Loveland, Freddie Loya, Michael

Loya, Mark McClure, Cherie Murray, Richard Paoli, Maria Rios, Mary Ruthie Rush, Gabriela Salinas, Theresa Staker, Robert Stephens, Kristine Taylor and Erin Vogel.

Park Service guides horse quarry tour Saturday

HAGERMAN - A horse quarry tour is scheduled Saturday at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.

Participants will meet at 9 a.m. at the Fossil Beds visitor's center in Hagerman and travel to the monument. After a short hike from the quarry parking area, visitors will be able to see where the previous two summer excavations have taken place, the Park Service says.

Rangers advise participants to wear sturdy shoes, bring plenty of water and wear sunscreen.

Muzzleloaders hold 'Rendezvous' this weekend

BURLEY - The Oregon Trail Muzzleloaders will sponsor the 17th annual "Rendezvous" Friday through Sunday at Mill Flats in North Hogler Canyon southeast of the Raft River area.

Traders and spectators are welcome. Events scheduled include trail walks, hawk and knife trail walks, trade gun and cartridge shoot, paper fun shoots, a Joe Brewerton Memorial Seneca run, children's games and a shot gun shoot.

"Pappa Eeon" will cook turkeys for the Friday evening potluck dinner. Saturday night features a council fire and surprises. Prizes for the events will be awarded on Sunday.

The cost is a donation of \$3 per camp, \$10 for traders or a prize of equal value or \$2 for a trade blanket set-up. Prizes should pertain to buck skinning or time period.

Shooting fees are \$27 for a family, \$12 for teens, \$5 for juniors age 12-15, \$3 for ages 11 and under and \$1 for games only for ages 11 and under.

Separate primitive and modern camps will be designated. Campers must pack in water and haul out trash. All pets must be on a leash at all times.

Robert Stuart names Missy Wignall teacher of month

Missy Wignall was named Teacher of the Month for May at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls.

She is the family and consumer science teacher and has been teaching there for nine years.

Wignall also is the FHA advisor and has been awarded the Outstanding Advisor in District IV and Master Advisor awards.

She graduated from the University of Utah and says she enjoys golf, crafts, sewing and traveling.

Wignall received a gift certificate to Rock Creek Restaurant.

Elks recognize students, teachers for essays

Three valley students won first place in the Americanization Essay Contest sponsored by the Elks.

David Rayner of the Agape Christian School and Cathy Capps and Cache Taylor, both from Jerome Middle School, were winners in the essay contest.

In addition, Taylor won the State Contest with his essay and will receive his award in June at the Summer Elks convention held this year at Salmon.

Two teachers also received awards in recognition of their outstanding dedication to the contest, the organization says. The teachers of the year are Paula Tilgout and Bonnie Mies, both from Jerome Middle School.

Ruhter earns master's from University of Illinois

Rita Ruhter has received a master's degree in public health from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Her emphasis was on community health sciences and child and maternal health.

Ruhter was a graduate of Filer High School and San Diego State University.

She is the daughter of Dean and Shirley Ruhter.

Kimberly Scout receives Eagle honor for landscaping

Mark Gibby of Kimberly received his Eagle Scout May 1.

Gibby, 17, is the son of Eward and Paula Gibby.

He has completed work for 21 projects and is a member of Troop 88 sponsored by the Kimberly Public Library.

For his Eagle project, he land-

scaped the library, put edging around the flower bed and planted sod and flowering plants.

Fourteen other people helped with the project which took almost 50 hours to complete.

Gibby attended Kimberly High School and participated in track and cross country.

Bybee collects award for diabetes education

Ann Bybee of Twin Falls was awarded the Diabetes Alliance of Idaho annual Diabetes Service Award.

The award is given to a person who has made an outstanding commitment to education and service to people with diabetes.

Bybee was recognized for her achievements as a certified diabetes educator at the Diabetes Center at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital and as chairwoman of the Diabetes Center Foundation.

Archaeology group honors Herrett Center associate

Gene Titmus, a research associate at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science, has been honored by the Society for American Archaeology at a convention in Chicago.

Tim Titmus received the Crabtree Award for his dedication to research and analysis, public education and fieldwork in archaeology.

Titmus is a self-taught master stone worker with 35 years of experience in producing, demonstrating and teaching flaked stone tool production, the center says. His contributions to the Idaho Archaeological Society and many national and international demonstrations of flaked stone tools were also recognized.

The award is presented annually to recognize significant contributions to archaeology in the Americas made by an individual who has had little, if any, formal training in archaeology and little,

Student studies Russian in Moscow, Russia

Phillip Valenta of Twin Falls, a sophomore Russian major at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., has participated in Carleton's off-campus studies program in Moscow, Russia.

Students worked at Moscow State University and also traveled to St. Petersburg and Pskov.

Valenta is the son of Dr. Lubomir and Jirina Valenta of Twin Falls.

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Some credit card statements can require skill to navigate

Every month, hundreds of millions of consumers receive credit card statements, but not everyone can decipher them. Many consumers look past crucial information such as finance charges, and head straight for the annual fee. They don't realize that finance charges on large balances can add up to hundreds of dollars in a year. Or that they could reduce fees by switching to a credit card with a lower annual percentage rate. Others might find their monthly statements difficult to navigate because they don't understand two-cycle billing, charges for cash advances or other terms.

There are some companies that do a good job, and there are some that make the statement so complex that a client doesn't know how to reduce fees by switching to a credit card with a lower annual percentage rate. Others might find their monthly statements difficult to navigate because they don't understand two-cycle billing, charges for cash advances or other terms.

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In that type of case, some investors choose to hang on in hope of a rebound. Speculators may gather up these beaten-down shares, and sometimes they make a killing when the company recovers.

This doesn't seem likely with Starter, since it is choosing liquidation over reorganization. For investors, only one bright side is the chance to take a tax loss. Normally, one takes a loss by selling the stock and reporting the difference between what was paid and what was received at the sale.

But since Starter is not being traded, you cannot sell. You would have to report your loss on your 1999 return in Schedule D, for capital gains and losses, under the rules that cover worthless securities. All of the loss would be reported as originally paid for the shares - would be counted as a loss.

The rules require that the entire loss be taken for the year in which the security becomes worthless, so you should save documentation that proves Starter shares became worthless in 1999. You might have statements from your broker that show the stock's value prior to the bankruptcy, and other state-

Jeff Brown is a business columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“There were a couple of times in the year where I actually tried to get technicals, but they wouldn't give it to me. The refs would just walk away.”

—Seattle SuperSonics guard *Hersey Hawkins* after receiving the NBA's Sportsmanship award Monday

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball
Kinley at Buhl (2), 6 p.m.
Twin Falls A at Shoshone (2), 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Fraleley aces Canyon Springs hole No. 5

TWIN FALLS — Mary Fraleley hit her first career hole-in-one Monday at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Fraleley, mother of Twin Falls alumna and current Idaho State University golfer Stephanie Fraleley, used a 7-iron on the 101-yard fifth hole, witnessed by Marilyn Way and Nan Evans.

Juniors play Wednesday at Candleridge course

TWIN FALLS — The 9-hole and under IJGA Juniors will play at Candleridge Golf Course Wednesday.

Nine-hole boys will start at 7:50 a.m. with a shotgun start. Five-hole boys will start at 10:38 a.m. and 10:46 a.m., followed by five-hole girls, nine-hole girls, three-hole boys and three-hole girls, the last groups teeing off at noon and 12:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served to all contestants after they finish. For more tournament questions, call 733-6577.

Gooding rodeo officials seek entries for events

GOODING — Entries are open for the bulldozing, barrel racing and steer riding events of the Pepsi Bulldozing Challenge Friday and Saturday in Gooding.

There is \$1,000 added money in the bulldozing event and \$250 added in the barrel racing. There is a \$5 entry fee for steer riding (ages 9-13). For more information, call Juanita O'Maley at 934-0933.

Candleridge will host best ball this weekend

TWIN FALLS — Candleridge Golf Course will host its second annual 21-day best ball this weekend, and all those interested in playing should sign up by noon Friday.

All players must have a IGA or USGA handicap and must not have taken more than 10 strokes difference between partners. The entry fee is \$60 per team, with payoff in both gross and net scoring. For more information, call 733-6577.

Former ISU vaulter sets American record

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Former Idaho State University pole vaulter and current Bestall assistant coach Stacy Dragila rewrote the outdoor record books for the second time in three weeks by becoming the first American female to clear 15-0 and the first vaulter of any nationality to clear that height on U.S. soil.

Dragila won the Beach Pole Vault this weekend after setting the previous record (14-10.75) in early June at the Track and Field National Pro Championships in Juncosville, N.Y.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Obi-Gone: Stallions fire coach

By **Damen Clow**
Times-News sports editor

BOISE — The Force might be with him, but his job no longer is. Three days after heralding Edwin "Coach Obi" Hopper as its new coach and former head coach Di Stasio as its executive consultant, the Idaho Stallions sent both the Jedi and the consultant packing.

The decisions were made Monday after last weekend's 42-19 loss to the Indoor Professional Football League-leading Texas Terminators.

The Stallions will hold a press conference Wednesday, where it's expected that the head coaching duties will go to defensive coordinator John Wardhaugh, making him the Stallions' third head coach this month.

Hopper is known as "Coach Obi" (after Obi-Wan Kenobi of his penchant for incorporating the power of positive thinking into his coaching. But Monday's press release said that "due to philosophical differences," team owner Jim Carlson "decided to move the team's head coaching responsibilities in another direction."

"We both agreed that this team is different than what he's used to," Carlson said.

"That's a far cry from last week, when Carlson said that, "Coach Hopper is not here to change the organization, he's here to enhance it."

In Hopper's first — and only — game, the Terminators (9-1) enhanced the scoreboard for 14 points in each of the first three quarters and led 42-10 with less than four minutes left in the third quarter.

Former Boise State Bronco Samir Yezid kicked two 3-point field goals and a conversion and former Azusa Pacific running back Elijah Raphael scored two touchdowns for the Stallions' only points.

Idaho was Hopper's first stop in the indoor football world, and he was optimistic when he took the job.

"I think anything is possible, but the guys have to learn to believe in themselves," Hopper said last week.

Believing in Coach Obi ended Sunday.

"It has nothing to do with his credentials," Carlson said. "We just... decided to part ways very amicable and professionally." Wardhaugh refused to comment on the situation until Wednesday's press conference, but the release pegs the coach, who played for ISU in the early '80s, as "responsible for being more of the type of coach the players would go for work for."

CSI's Nelson to stay in Idaho

By **Damen Clow**
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — It's a combination that could leave Magic Valley women's basketball fans drooling in their seats.

Former College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagle Sarah Nelson on the outside, and former Burley Bobcat Ashley Toner on the inside. And both of them in Idaho.

Nelson, the MVP of this year's Region 18 tournament who helped lead the Golden Eagles to a regional championship and trip to the NJCAA tournament in

Salina, Kan., has signed to play basketball at Idaho State University in the fall. Toner, a recent graduate of Burley High School, was one of head coach Ardie McInelly's first signings.

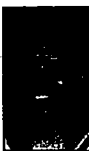
Nelson had committed to the University of Tulsa before a coaching change forced her to reconsider.

She was named to the NJCAA All-American second team while averaging 15.9 points, 7.5 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 2.4 steals per game. She shot 48 percent from the field, 37 percent from 3-point range, and made 83 percent of her free throws as CSI built a 24-12 record.

A former valedictorian at Payette High School, Nelson earned academic All-American honors at CSI.

"Sarah has a tremendous amount of experience, which will really improve our perimeter play," McInelly said. "She has a winning mentality and a blue-collar style of play which consistently gets the job done both offensively and defensively."

Toner and Nelson join Los Angeles point guard Tiffany Williams, who averaged 13.2 points, 6.1 assists, 4 rebounds and 3 steals per game in leading Westchester High to the city quarterfinals.



Knicks halt Spurs' streak

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It took 41 days for someone to beat the San Antonio Spurs, and the NBA Finals took on a whole different look when the New York Knicks did just that.

Behind 34 points from Allan Houston in one of the best games of his career,

the Knicks defeated San Antonio 89-81 Monday night in Game 3 to cut their deficit to 2-1 in the best-of-7 series.

The Knicks never trailed, never let the Spurs' numerous comebacks rattle them and played what was easily their best all-around basketball of the series.

San Antonio's first loss since Game 2 of the first round and ended the Spurs' NBA-record postseason winning streak at 12 games.

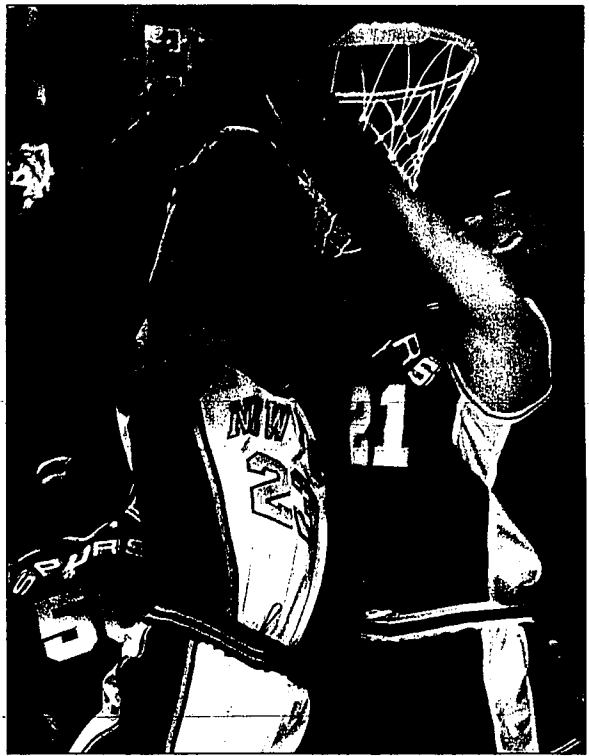
Game 4 is Wednesday night, and another victory by New York could make this once-lethargic, low-rated series as compelling as any.

To do so, the Knicks will need another night like the one they got from Houston — an inspired display of clutch shooting, whether on jumpers, drives or foul shots.

Houston shot 10-for-24 from the field and 12-for-12 from the line as he tied his career playoff high. Latrell Sprewe added 24 and Larry Johnson had 16 for the Knicks, who have played their best all season just when things have looked most bleak.

Nothing would have been as daunting as facing a 3-0 deficit, and the Knicks played like they knew this was their only chance to give themselves an opportunity.

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New York Knicks Marcus Camby (23) and San Antonio Spur Tim Duncan (21) fight for a rebound during Game 3 of the NBA Finals Monday at New York's Madison Square Garden. At left is Spurs center David Robinson.

Sampras takes first step in bid for Grand Slam record

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — A clay pigeon at the French Open as Andre Agassi made history, Pete Sampras fairly danced to the thrill of the grass at Wimbledon with a pirouette on match point of his first-round romp.

Not a ball had been struck on Centre Court since Sampras won his fifth Wimbledon a year ago, and the tattered brown field of that triumph was once again a rich green lawn when he returned Monday.

For Sampras, a second-round loser on the dusty red clay of Roland Garros three weeks earlier, the sight and smell of all that green was almost intoxicating.

"I felt like I was back home on that court," Sampras said after disposing of Australian Scott Draper 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in a mere 83 minutes. "I couldn't ask for a better start."

On a day when the only upsets were sunshine and a dry sky, Sampras covered with the friskiness of a cat let loose in a lush pasture, rollicking from the start and pounding out a dozen aces at 130 mph.

"It's the scene, it's the court," he said. "From the first point on, this is it for me. This is our big event. I was very keyed up and very eager to play well today,



South Africa's Wayne Ferreira gets to his feet after falling in a match against Australia's Andrew Ilie Monday at Wimbledon.

really get off to a good start in this tournament."

He leaped to put away an overhead at the start of the last game, powered an ace down the middle, stabbed a volley, and put match point away at love by spinning like a bullet dancer for a backhand drop volley that spun back toward the net.

It was classic Sampras, his full repertoire on display. The victory was also his 15th in

a row at the All England Club, where his record since 1993 is 40-1.

Sampras presented such different performance from the one he gave at the French, where he posed an easy target for Andrei Medvedev's passing shots and lobs.

"Whenever I lose at the French, I get back home and I'm disappointed once again," said Sampras, who has never won the French in 10 attempts and has

exited from it in the second round four times. "But through time, you've just got to put things behind you. I look at Wimbledon as my next goal."

Sampras came to London early, won a tune-up on grass at Queen's, and found the confidence he'd been lacking in a shaky year.

He also regained his No. 1 ranking, and the top seeding at Wimbledon.

Wimbledon

World's Best Advantage in Golf

A better look at what's new:

- Monday:
 - Weather: Mostly sunny
 - Index: 100
 - Attendance: 36,471. A new record for the first Monday.
 - Results: No seeded players were helped. The seeded men winning were: No. 1 Pete Sampras, No. 8 Tim Henman, No. 7 Mark Philippoussis, No. 9 Greg Rusedzki, No. 12 Carlos Moye, No. 13 Andre Agassi, No. 16 Yevgeny Kafelnikov.
 - Results: The seeded women advancing were: No. 2 Stefani Graf, No. 4 Monica Seles, No. 6 Venus Williams, No. 8 Nathalie Tauziat, No. 12 Amanda Coetzer, No. 15 Dominique Van Roost, No. 17 Anna Kournikova.

SPORTS

Spurs

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New York came out fired up, opening a 14-point lead in the first quarter in which they debated yet another new starting lineup, replacing Chris Dudley with...

The Spurs quipped cut into that lead and finally tied the game midway through the third quarter, but Houston answered with several clutch shots to restore the Knicks' comfort zone.

San Antonio made one final charge in the fourth, but never closer than four. One big reason was the lack of production from Tim Duncan, who was scoreless in the fourth as he missed all four of his shots.

Houston finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds, going little after the Knicks started triple-teaming him. David Robinson led the Spurs with 25 points.

San Antonio shot 5-of-18 in the fourth quarter and committed six of its 20 turnovers.

New York led 65-62 entering the fourth, and the lead grew to 68 in the first minute of overtime. Sprewell scored on a difficult drive and Camby had a thunderous dunk off an offensive rebound for his first points of the game.

Houston's 71 points gave the Knicks a 10-point lead with 6:31 left, and the score was 80-71 with the clock ticking toward four minutes before the Spurs made their final push.

A three-point play by Robinson and a 3-pointer by Sean Elliott made it 81-77 with 1:13 left, but the threat ended quickly as Houston hit a 20-footer, Mario Elie missed a 3-pointer and Camby converted a short jumper to give the Knicks 87-77.

The Spurs had only one basket the rest of the way.

The Knicks played just about as well as they can in the first 12 minutes, not getting much of a lift from Camby but benefiting from two personal fouls each against Elie and Jaren Jackson, and technicals against Elie and coach Gregg Popovich.

The technical against Popovich came after the referees waved off a 3-pointer that would have cut New York's lead to 22-15.

Instead, the Knicks steadily increased their lead as many as 14, 32-18 on a 3-pointer by Chris Childs with 8 seconds left in the quarter.

Antonio Daniels hit a 3-pointer just before the first-quarter buzzer, and San Antonio began the second quarter with a 19-10 run to pull within two, 42-40, on a drive by Elliott which it appeared he traveled.

Recruitment letter arrives 21 years late

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — Mark Uphaw probably would be signed, with Rhode Island. The 5-foot, 11-inch former Columbus High School basketball standout is pleased to know Stanford was interested even if his recruitment letter arrived 21 years late.

The letter, signed by then-coach Dick Dibbaso, was dated May 5, 1978, but didn't arrive at Columbus High until this spring.

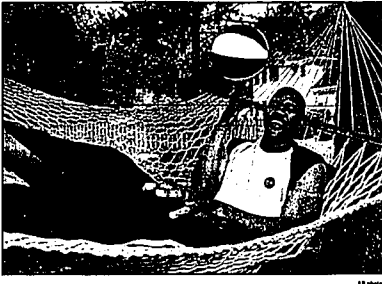
Dibbaso, who has been out of coaching for 17 years, doesn't remember sending it. But he said Stanford did recruit nationally because its tough academic requirements made it difficult to find enough players in California.

The five-paragraph letter, mostly a sales pitch for Stanford, included a questionnaire and stamped return envelope.

"Maybe I need to attend that in and they'll give me a scholarship," laughed Uphaw, now a 38-year-old father of two who runs his own business in the Atlanta area.

The letter's envelope has a Stanford, Calif., postmark dated May 5, 1978, overlaid with one from San Francisco, dated May 19, 1978.

"Just guessing, it appears it stayed in San Francisco," he said.



Mark Uphaw poses in the backyard of his Conyers, Ga., home earlier this year.

dated April 26, 1999.

David McQuinn, consumer affairs clerk for the U.S. Postal Service in Columbus, said he has no idea where the letter was all those years. But because of its age, he said it most likely was stuck in a cloth pouch used to store mail.

"I'm just guessing, it appears it stayed in San Francisco," he said.

"Probably, no human ever looked at that."

The letter was addressed to Uphaw in care of Larry Dowell, then the Columbus basketball coach, who was killed in a car accident several years ago. An office worker at the school gave it to Murphy Jenkins, a coach who has stayed in touch with Uphaw.

"I was just stunned when I saw

the postmark," said Jenkins. "I thought somebody was playing a joke. Then I realized, no, this is real. I decided I would open the letter and see what it said."

Jenkins contacted Uphaw's wife, Debra, who relayed the message to her husband.

"She said something about a letter from a college," Uphaw said. "I said, 'A letter from a college? I know I don't owe any tuition or anything.' I just found it kind of funny."

Uphaw, who now lives in Conyers and owns Global Diagnostic Services Inc., originally signed with Georgia but changed his mind and went to Rhode Island, where his cousin, Claude English, was an assistant coach.

He made the All-Atlantic 10 Conference team in 1981-82, averaging 16.9 points per game as a junior. A knee injury kept him out the next season, but he played again in 1983-84, averaging 11.7 points per game.

Would he have considered Stanford if the letter had arrived on time?

"I never know," he said. "Probably not. I think going to Rhode Island was the right decision for me."

SCORES AND STATS

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All box scores

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SEATTLE

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MLB BOX SCORES

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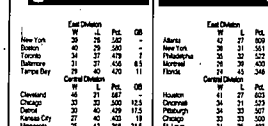
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NBA FINALS

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



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July 11 - Houston Oilers Game 2, C.C. Lee, Houston, Tex. (7-10)

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HEY, MANAGER, HOW COME I ALWAYS HAVE TO PLAY RIGHT FIELD?

BECAUSE YOU'RE SUCH A TERRIBLE PLAYER!

I SUPPOSE YOU THINK YOU'RE SUCH A GREAT PITCHER, HUH?

AND I SUPPOSE YOU THINK YOU'RE SUCH A GREAT MANAGER?

THIS COULD TURN UGLY.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

IT'D BE NICE TO HAVE "BARRY CLAYTON" WILL BE... PLAY WITH APRIL... (SOUND EFFECT) SUCH A BIG ACE (SOUND EFFECT)

ER-RIGHT... AND "DAD" THERE "THINKS ABOUT" HAVING A PORTION... (SOUND EFFECT) "SEE?"

ALL THOSE OLD BOOKS THEY WERE PLANNING WITH HAD THEM PUT AWAY AFTERWARDS!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

ASOK, I'M MOVING YOU TO MY "QUALITY ASSURANCE" GROUP.

I REALIZE THIS IS BAD FOR YOU... AND DAD FOR THE COMPANY... BUT IT SOLVES MY HEAD-COUNT PROBLEM.

WILL THAT BE MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD: "HE SOLVED A HEAD-COUNT PROBLEM?" THAT TOPS ME.

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I'VE DECIDED TO START TAKING THINGS EASIER.

IF YOU TOOK THINGS ANY EASIER, HOW WOULD YOU HAVE A PILSE?

IT'D COME UP WITH A SHAPPY COMEBACK FOR THAT, BUT IT WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH OUT OF ME.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

I DON'T EVEN BELIEVE THIS!

OK, CAP! LET 'ER BLOW!

FORWARD YD!

Pickles By Brian Crane

WELL, HERE WE ARE WITH A WEDDING COMING UP AND BOTH THE BRIDE AND GROOM ARE GONE.

WHY WOULDN'T WE HAVE A NICE, NORMAL WEDDING LIKE... OTHER PEOPLE?

I DON'T KNOW!

DO YOU THINK THINGS COULD GET ANY WORSE AROUND HERE?

HI, MOM AND DAD! I'M BACK! WHERE'S SYLVIA?

OHN??

Garfield By Jim Davis

I LOVE YOU, ODE!

ALWAYS STAY THE WAY YOU ARE!

BRONZE HIM!

Derails the Mease By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

"MR. WILSON IS MAD BECAUSE I ACCIDENTLY SQUISHED HIS SOUP!"

"This is NOT interactive TV!"

Hi and Lo By Chance Brown

IF YOU HAD THE MONEY, WOULD YOU HIRE A HOUSE CLEANER OR A NANNY?

NEITHER.

WHAT I REALLY NEED IS A CHAUFFEUR!

MOM, WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE!

Liberty Meadows By Frank Cho

TRONN! O CAR! BOTH TIME!!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

OH FORGET IT I GIVE UP!

YOU HAVE TO GET UP PRETTY EARLY IN THE MORNING TO GET UP TO THE BATH.

CUT LOOSE, CORE ON OUT!

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ANY EDUCATION?

I ATTENDED PRE-SCHOOL.

WHY DID YOU QUIT?

I COULD NO LONGER FIT INTO THE LITTLE CHAIRS.

Zit By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I THINK THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE ENGINE.

BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE ENGINE.

PROMISES PROMISES ON BEHAVIOR IN REPAIRS.

NEEDS FOCUSING ON BEHAVIOR IN REPAIRS.

SO MUCH FLUTY FLUM WITH HER AND TOTALLY ENJOY ME!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YES TO GLEATHER AND COULDN'T EVEN WAIT FOR ME!

ARRON HILL, I'M SORRY FOR YOU SINCE 3RD GRADE!!!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

LUCKY EBBIE, AS MY SIBLING, I'LL EXPECT YOU TO SHOULD MORE RESPONSIBILITY.

I'M AFRAID THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION, HAGAR.

WHY?

HAVE YOU TAKEN A GOOD LOOK AT MY SHOULDERS LATELY?

Luan By Greg Evans

LUANNA, I KNOW I'VE DONE SOME REALLY LAME STUFF LATELY. THE DATE MESS, THE GUNNER/NEEDLECE THING...

WHY DID YOU GO TO THE DANCE WITH BECKY AND HAVE SO MUCH FLUTY FLUM WITH HER AND TOTALLY ENJOY ME?

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Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU TODAY.

YEAH, YOU HEARD I SPRAINED MY ANKLE.

THE DOCTOR WANTS ME TO KEEP MY FOOT ELEVATED.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

HIGHWAY OF LIFE

THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE WOULD BE MORE UPEAT IF IT WEREN'T ONE-WAY.

Strange Brew By John Deering

Wes Suggster By Wiley

STATE PRISON

MY CLIENT REQUESTS YOU GET OFF HIS CASE ABOUT LOOKING FOR A JOB, AND WANTS TO KERN WANTS FOR DINNER.

HOW TO TELL ITS TING TO CUT OFF THE ALLOWANCE

The Bort Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

WHAT'S WRONG, GLADYS? HAS IT SOMETHING I SAID OR DID?

HAS IT SOMETHING I DIDN'T SAY OR DO?

HAS IT SOMETHING SOMEONE ELSE SAID OR DID?