



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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Game 3: New York tried to halt San Antonio's record win streak as the NBA Finals shifted to the Big Apple.

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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

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



Michael Grissom

Lothspeich said, after discovering the two key witnesses, he said, was Jason Waters, who met Grissom at the Ada County jail.

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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.

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from the March 1998 death of Canan Reign Burnett.

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Waters and Brown are still in prison, Lothspeich said.

Waters admitted his testimony was 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.

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TF puts off mall decision

By Brandon Flata
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 and comments.

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

"Fillmore Street wasn't an issue tonight," CSI President Jerry Meyerhoef 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 rezone 23.4 acres of residential land bounded 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 in fees with an extension of Fillmore Street.

The money is in addition to Mall Associates' paving for the extended Fillmore Street that would run along mall property. But there are other costs not covered by the developer. Neighbors affected by an extended Fillmore Street want a 6-foot-high block wall built on the border of the street and adjacent property.

Mall Associates has not agreed to pay for the fence.

Increased traffic could require two stoplights - one at Falls Avenue and Fillmore Street and the other at North College Road and Blue Lakes Boulevard. A city estimate placed the cost of the stoplights and street modifications at \$255,000.

The possible removal of two traffic lights 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 rezone is expected July 19.

In other business the council approved an amendment to the zoning permit allowing the city to issue alcoholic beverage catering permits. During the most recent legislative session, lawmakers authorized cities to grant the permits instead of the state.

Approved a grant agreement with the Idaho Division of Aeronautics for \$10,000. The grant was lower than expected because of a drop in avgas fuel sales. Airport Manager David 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 of land for a mobile home park at 1917 Second Ave. E. 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 Murang. Sargent uses the wood to make pens that won a prize in a state-wide competition for products that are made in Idaho.

BRUCE BURKE/THE TIMES-NEWS

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 Murang woodworker uses to create Idaho.

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The finished product and the raw material.

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

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A Hansen woman's line of

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

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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 north-wind 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 south-wind winds 10-20 mph. Mostly sunny on Wednesday.

Northern Idaho

High: 79 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



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



High: 85 Low: 53
Mostly sunny.



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

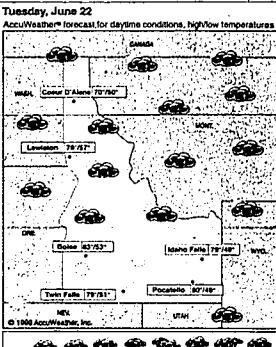


High: 70s Low: 50s
Mostly cloudy and cooler.



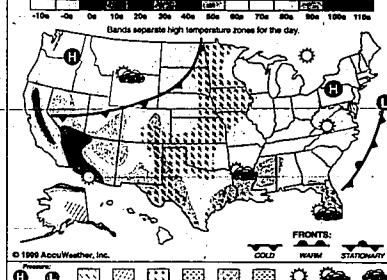
High: 80 Low: 50s
Partly cloudy and a little warmer.

Idaho weather



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, June 22.



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ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: An upper-level disturbance moved through Idaho on Monday afternoon bringing mostly cloudy skies and widely scattered precipitation. Gusty southwestern winds were reported across most of southeastern Idaho.

Afternoon temperatures were cooler than on Sunday, with highs generally in the 70s statewide. The warmest spot at 3 p.m. was reported at Pocatello and 70s. At 79 degrees, the cool spot was Mullan Pass at 43 degrees.

Precipitation was widely scattered, with Lewiston reporting .01 inches and McCall report-

ing .02 inches. Gusty southwesterly winds to 30 mph were reported across the upper and lower Snake River Plain Monday afternoon.

Elsewhere: Showers fell over parts of the Northeast on Monday. Fair and dry weather was seen over parts of the Midwest, while most of the Southwest was sunny.

Rain stretched from Boston southward toward Philadelphia.

Fair and dry weather was seen from the Great Lakes, south to the Gulf Coast.

— The Associated Press

Crafts

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entries were invited to a presentation Monday at the Capitol.

Plans are under way to publish a 'Buy Idaho' gift catalogue — also the first of its kind — featuring the entries in four price categories, Peterson said. To sell more of their products, Idaho businesses need to let people know what they make.

Diana Gray makes 300 or 400 neckties per year from fabric and silk. She uses horse, fishing, hunting and other Western themes, said Tim Cummings, the Hansen woman's husband and business partner.

Their Sunshine Leather and Iron started about four years ago manufacturing leather work, ties and metal figurines. They sell the Western gift line wholesale to stores in southern Idaho and about 10 other states through travel, word of mouth and trade shows, Cummings said. Twin Falls' visitor center offers some of the couple's products.

"Since we've started, we've been able to double our business every year," said Cummings, who was too busy to talk long. But Gray makes the ties herself by hand, he said, and that probably won't change after her recognition Monday.

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, who retired this year from farming east of Murtaugh and crafts pens as a hobby.

"I suppose I could see it becoming a small business as a second career," he said.

He spends 45 minutes to an hour per pen to clean, cure and trim wood then spend 15 minutes on the pen's finish in his late 30s. The supplies are sagebrush the Northside Canal Co. removed from its right of way near Milner Dam; Sargent also has permission to gather his own.

A sagebrush pen alone costs \$15. In a wooden box with an Idaho motto engraved by a Twin Falls firm, it costs \$27. The refillable ball-point pen has a gold-colored clip, point and center band, and high-quality mechanical parts, Sargent said.

"The real value of the sagebrush is the selling point."

"It has a very interesting grain to it," he said. "... there's nothing else quite like it."

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Grissom

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ate, Lothspeich said.

"We have looked at every facet for homicide from the very beginning," Lothspeich said.

Grissom last year was originally charged with felonious injury to a child, Lothspeich said.

The statements from Waters and Brown, pointing to a first-degree murder charge against him, were dropped.

"We believe it was inappropriate that the case was dismissed," said Marilyn Paul, Jerome County's public defender, who has represented Grissom since his initial

charge in the case.

Rusty Addy, Canaan's father, said he did not hear the charge against Grissom was dropped until Sunday night, when he returned from a vacation in California.

Addy expressed anger and frustration about the news.

"Mike Grissom has slipped through the system twice," Addy said Monday. "He buried my boy like a dog in the desert ... the guy is guilty in my eyes and always will be."

Addy said he thinks about what happened to his son every day and he has to deal with his anger and pain every day. Addy said he and

Canaan's mother, Cynthia Grissom, are still friends and still keep in touch. He said he has forgiven Cynthia Grissom and doesn't blame her.

Canaan's death initially prompted a national outcry, again both Grissom and Addy, when those cases were dropped when District Judge Barry Wood ruled there wasn't enough conclusive evidence against them.

Cynthia Grissom pleaded guilty to being an accessory to the killing of a child. She was sentenced to 10 years in Lincoln County in April.

Terms of her sentence included a \$1,000 fine, which was suspended, and one year in

jail, with 10 months and 15 days suspended and 45 days credit for time already served.

Michael and Cynthia Grissom originally said the infant had been kidnapped from the parking lot at the Idaho Falls Mall. Cynthia Grissom later led police to a desert site where the baby was buried.

Michael Grissom's legal troubles aren't over.

Grissom faces an Aug. 17 jury trial on a petit larceny charge. Grissom is charged with taking a car from a parking lot in Jerome County.

Grissom is in jail on a previous Ada County charge, Paul said.

Mall

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will consider building storage units.

— Recognized Officer Alex Quliantan

for being nominated for the "Top Cops"

award, sponsored by the National

Association of Police Organizations.

Quliantan was critical in the cooperation

of motels and police in combating crime.

— Approved a request of Fourth

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 the easement would service is fully developed.

LOTTERY UPDATE

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Study downplays cancer risk of breast implants

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Silicone breast implants do not cause cancer or major systemic diseases, but they may lead to other serious medical problems, according to a new review and 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 added.

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 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 3,000 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 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 are worried about cancer or autoimmune diseases," said Dr. Marjorie L. Bleiweis, 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 issue that has spawned billion-dollar lawsuits, emotional testimony by young, ailing women plagued with mysterious syndromes like fatigue and joint pain, and societal debates over how to regulate an issue that remains in some respects scientifically murky.

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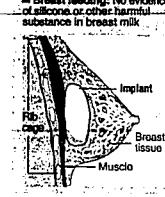
Breast implant study findings

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 feeding: No evidence of silicone or other harmful substances in breast milk.



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BAD NEWS

■ Replacement: Women may need one or more surgeries as implants wear out, rupture or leak.

■ Hardening: Fibrous tissue forms around implant which can harden, cause pain, breast disfigurement.

■ Infection: Bacterial infections associated with implants cause serious complications.

■ Pain: Some studies say most women report post-operative pain that may be long term.

■ Unresolved: Fatigue, joint pain reported by many women with implants, but data is inconclusive.

SOURCE: Institute of Medicine

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

"Most of the studies are inadequate," agreed Dr. Stuart Bondurant, 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 draw strong conclusions."

As for the thousands of women who associate their health problems with silicone that leaked from their implants, the authors said those illnesses occur in the same numbers in women without breast implants.

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 reported by implant recipients.

"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 L. Emster, vice-chair of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco.

They 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 apologize and report to Chinese 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

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 is expected to issue his verdict in the Microsoft antitrust case. He became so involved questioning the witness that the trial looked like a debate.

Economist Richard Schmalensee, who will finish testifying later this week, contend that Microsoft's decision to give away its Internet software can't be considered "predatory" partly because there is no evidence 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 sales of a popular rival Web browser from Netscape Communications Corp.

But Schmalensee said that without any evidence showing Microsoft's pricing 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. "Smart 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."

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 China Central Television highlighted stories 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.

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lion between 1996 and 1998, critics ask: Why 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 or 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 creativity. She has chronicled vision problems and repetitive motion injuries, such as "eye strain," in young children after prolonged use.

"It's taking time away from things the brain is really supposed 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, only if he or she is working with a highly trained teacher.

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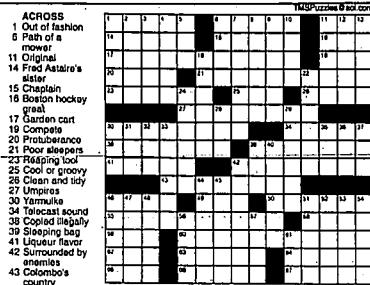
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Kids turn to mom for money to visit dad

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.

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

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



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

you explained it to me. Tell them of the very real possibility that so-called "bumps" if they try to fly using your passes, and that the cost of them will put you in a financial bind. Therefore, their father should be a good grandpa and spring for the tickets, since he can't afford to.

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 running wild in a restaurant. This situation is familiar to me because I am a server at a five-star resort.

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DEAR MIKE: I'm pleased to

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 upwards of 20 pounds and when a child has to run with 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.

Of course, the parents would never admit the child caused the accident; servers are always made out to be the bad guys. I blame the parents for not protecting their children by insisting they sit at the table out of harm's way.

In the interest of child safety (and server safety), please print my letter.

— MIKE ALLEN, ALDERSON, W.VA.

DEAR MIKE: I'm pleased to

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 reserves the right 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.

Wise parents make sure they are prepared in advance when taking their child to an "adult" environment. They bring along children's books, games and toys 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.

Parenthood is hard work. It takes patience, diligence and sacrifice to do the job properly. Parents who allow their children to run loose in restaurants are shirking their responsibility.

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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?

A. The chuck.

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

A. So all the knights could wield 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.

German Proverb No. 3113D:

"Nowhere are there more hideous places than in the heart."

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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. Claim is men are stronger than horses in proportion to weight.

King Henry VIII voiced numer-

ous 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.

You can pass time at stoplights, too, by counting the number of cars that begin with the letter "B." Such as Berlin, Bonn, Bucharest, Budapest, Buenos Aires, Brasilia, Baghdad, Bratislava, Brussels, Belgrade, Bogata, Belfast. So on. No other letter begins the names of more capital cities.

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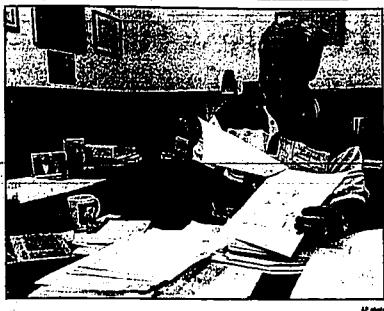
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— L.M. Boyd

NATION



Barb 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

LAKWOOD, 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.

Ms. 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 students.

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

Barb Easton, district executive director, is coordinating the project, along with school, parks and county 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 parks 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, parents, wives 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.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The campaign of 2000 is starting a year too early for most voters, but there are reasons the politicians can't wait. The campaign 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 the three branches of 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 are working to ensure that they will be elected, GOP control of the House and Senate hinging 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 1960 and 1980 — voters chose to give dramatic new mandates to government. In 1960, John F. Kennedy brought a new generation of Democrats to power as he succeeded Republican Dwight D.

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

With 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.

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The political situation in government has become polarized, 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 victory. 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 Rep. John J. Blatnik, R-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.

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'Stiltsville' town is given a reprieve

MIAMI (AP) — A colorful little cluster of homes called Stiltsville, 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 built on bay bottom land annexed by the National Park Service in 1980.

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.

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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 glib-spoken earfuls of the ratings staff.

The Clinton administration is trying to review the 1996 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 said.

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

The court set the stage for its

latest word on cable television, expected sometime in 2000, as nears the end of its 1996-97 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漏ed 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 viewer 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 installation 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 latitude 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.

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

Ramirez to the Illinois killings. Jack Cason County States Attorney Mike Weppel said. Ramirez is wanted for questioning in five killings 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, who was last seen connecting the killings earlier this month. All eight slayings took place on or near railroad tracks.

The bodies of George Morber, 80, and his 52-year-old daughter, Carolyn Frederick, 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 authorities 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 Kilquist 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 baseball 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

Anthony Johnson said.

In extremely rare circumstances, surgeons have successfully transplanted part of a patient's fibula to another part of the body, fusing it to whatever healthy tissue is left in the cancer-ravaged bone. The procedure was developed in Italy.

However, the fibula can fracture because of its narrow diameter. In Adam's case, the surgeons

decided 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 one originally used in Italy. It's not anything necessarily new and different, but it's really a new twist on old ideas. The combination is being 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.

Stephen King faces major rehabilitation over next year

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — His body is broken after being struck by a van. But the mind that created best sellers like "Carrie," "The Shining," and "Pet Sematary" is intact. Stephen King's office said Monday.

King, 51, 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 after hitting King, said Central Maine Medical Center spokesman 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.

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 "Misery."

"She finds, kidnaps and tortures her favorite author after he gets into an auto wreck."

Rocky road for graduates

X'sers find forks in the path to success

Knight Ridder News Service

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

According to the analysis, Newark, 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 1979. 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 26 to 35 years old in 1997

still had wage drops 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 bad decade for young, college-educated graduates," said Lawrence Mishel, who documented the drop 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 difference between the boomers and Generation Y, which is a shark-infested moat that 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, and many are afraid of what that means for the American Dream.

Though it is a generation that has been called everything from "slackers" to "whiners" 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.

"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, the boom in the demand for baby boomers, Generation X was born between 1964 and 1983, have actually seen a decline in their economic fortunes.

While polls show that Americans believe they are enjoying the best economy of their lifetimes, many workers are actually faring worse today than workers did 20 years ago. According to the American Economic Institute, a state-by-state analysis of government wage data, 80 percent of Ohio workers were doing worse in 1997 than Ohio workers did in 1979. Moreover, some groups of workers

Missing director faces charges

PONT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — A home theater owner has pleaded guilty to embezzeling \$120,000 when he disappeared more than a month ago has been arrested in Kentucky.

David Gilpolly, 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 City Community Mission is wanted on theft charges in Texas. He disappeared May 13.

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

PET OF THE WEEK

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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 Cesarean 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 killing other people's 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-intentioned 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 gage 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 obstetrics isn't worth the risk anymore.

All of which explains why there are so many lawyers and few obstetricians in America 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 lawsuits. 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 myself concerning the recent contest with the eighth-graders in Jerome. The Friends were so pleased by the effort the eighth-grades 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 winner.

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 lawns 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.

It is time we all worked once 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

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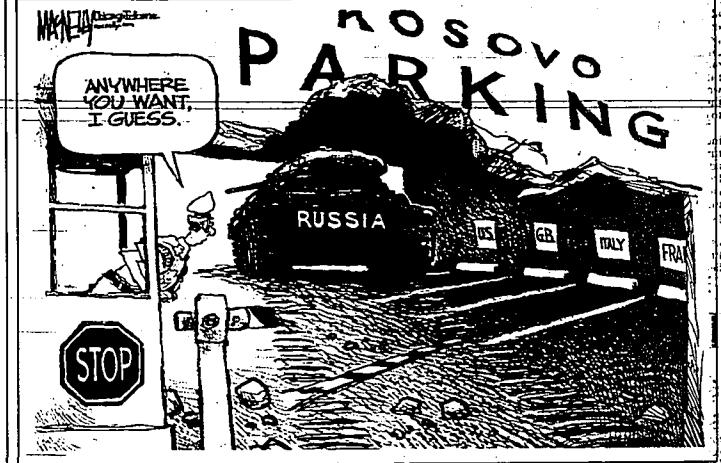
Western Days, the newspaper chooses to promote a father and son target shooting with an assault-type looking gun as the June 7 front-page story! I, for one, don't consider target shooting with an assault-type weapon to be a highlight activity of Western Days. Surely you had other options for a positive promotional photo from the parade - 3-on-3 basketball, street vendors in downtown Twin Falls or the Farmer's Market.

I have no objection 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, I think we should think and act more 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

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It's God vs. guns in the culture wars

Let there be any lingering doubt about the central issue in the 2000 presidential race, a preview of coming attractions was held here last week in Washington.

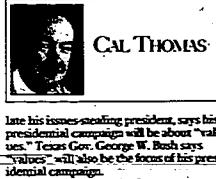
The political stars aligned to bring us gun control from the left and the Ten Commandments from the right as each party proposed a solution to cultural decline. Most Democrats wanted more gun restrictions. They failed to get what President Clinton requested because a

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 former Moses impersonator Charlton Heston had been here. It would have made great theater to see him defending the Commandments and guns.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay and Rep. Richard Bolling, both freshmen on the capital hill, blamed the Columbine High School shootings on "liberal relativism that has hollowed out the souls of too many in our society." Later on the House floor, DeLay linked Columbine to the abortion culture and instruction about evolution.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde tried, but failed, to win approval for his proposal to bar minors from seeing violent or obscene books, movies and video games.

Vice President Al Gore, trying to emu-



late his former-sealing 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 the Age of Aquarius. It's the age of the sexuals. People are discovering that sometimes it's OK. The Ten Commandments is the only commandment 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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Hanging the Ten Commandments in a school classroom without doing the work of parenthood is like hanging a tumor around your neck, hoping it will cure a cancer.

Conservatives like to invoke the "menaphor when speaking of the culture. If we want to save the culture, we would parents more dedicated to their careers than their homes? Would they care more about making money or whether their spouse and children were safe?

Do parents pray as much at home with their children as they want the kids to be led in prayer by a teacher at school? And what kind of prayer would that be? Some are suggesting it could be rote: Jesus

would get one day, Buddha another, the ethical culture god a third, witches a fourth, Muslims a fifth, Hindus a sixth and so on. Would believers in a different culture than the one being prayed to accept that? Only at the expense of their 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 the government only to call on government to reverse that? That's what they see. See? See? See? See? 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 rescue cavities by brushing with a fluoride toothpaste. You can't end lots of cavity by 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

Teen years ago I was a cigar-chomping, horse-playing sportswriter approaching mid-age with no prospects of having anyone call me Dad, and little interest in that. When I wasn't at the track, the ballpark or the arena, I was likely to be playing cards in a smoke-filled room.

Which made it all the more odd that I celebrated Father's Day as the proud papa of two remarkable daughters - one a newly minted lawyer, the other a Wall Street investment banker. How did I reach that exalted stage in just 16 years? Simple: I adopted them. And I mainly did it on the advice from family and friends, and it was a very good thing to do.

Lizette and Melanie had emigrated here from Lima, Peru, three years earlier, after their biological father walked out on them one Christmas Eve. They were 10 and 5 when they arrived in the United States with their mother, Elizabeth. They communicated only through Spanish and then only with a few dark eyes.

The first time I saw them I was astonished to learn they had been living in a homeless shelter for 18 months. Somehow they emerged from that experience stronger, wiser, more socially committed than any kids I've ever known and with a tremendous appetite for knowledge, which they saw early on as

MARK ASHER

the key to self-reliance, the essential element in having one's integrity 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 was far from my list of responsibilities, trust in a father figure in their lives was my main concern. I didn't care if it was a step-father, I just wanted to be called "Pop" and to see my name hyperbined with theirs. And, of course, I brag about their accomplishments.

To be sure, I've encountered a lot of rough terrain. It wasn't just the healing and rebuilding after very difficult emotional times in Peru. There were also the problems of our being from different ethnic backgrounds, different cultures, with different religious and language backgrounds.

It was the need of dealing with a series of unfamiliar issues in addition to the other daily tasks of parenthood, some of which I was very well prepared for.

As a sportswriter used to assessing success and failure by the numbers (a 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 athletic figures? Is it that they're already being to the game for us to coach? Or is it on them or us?

The best analogy I can draw, as a sportswriter, 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. Benchings, time-outs, preaching, structuring, setting goals. Only this game never ends.

Right now it's in a good place for us. Lizette, Melanie and their Harvard Law mom, and Melanie is about to celebrate her first anniversary on Wall Street, learning the corporate and financial world the way you can't by 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 their 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 sportswriter.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



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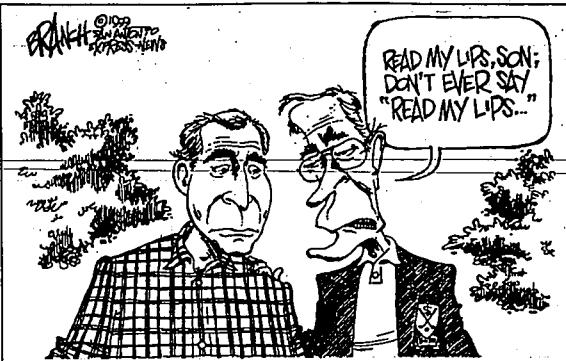
Medicine works too well

I read with interest the editorial by Jack Z. Smith in the June 12 edition titled "Think about over-population as the 'problem' 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 by 10 years in my lifetime. It seems there are many advances in keeping people alive from all sorts of disorders, diseases and injuries that is having an adverse effect on world population, too.

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.

KATHRYN L. OLSON



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

ROBERT B. REICH

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 trade is "good for the U.S. economy, it creates foreign demand, economic growth and jobs."

Presidential aspirant Pat Buchanan may be the most vocal isolationist, but few other politicians these days dare push for free trade. Until recently, President Clinton was lobbying Congress to allow new trade into the World Trade Organization and to pass fast-track legislation so that he 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 Clinton, he had to add 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-

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

Nice sentiments. But how do you pull everybody up when millions of people in 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 be as safe at the workplace as Americans? Poorer nations could probably 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 sizzling? Because the vigorous economic expansion of the 1990s hasn't helped all Americans. The share of U.S. income that goes to the top 50 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 significant 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 in 1998 than in any year since 1955. The rate of joblessness continues to rise. 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 they're among the three-quarters of working Americans who lack a university degree, that is, according 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 economy 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, more reasonable objectives 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 their nations were paid by the same rules.

The U.S. is at risk of becoming a 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

KATHLEEN PARKER

Elementary school children are grappling with sexual identity and that most boys would 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 courses.

Personally, 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 mists of moral chaos, have become part of the problem.

Why aren't parents picketing 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 blind to the face of issues that "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 fear, and they're afraid to defeat before their children are out of kindergarten, and have surrendered by middle school.

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

Kathleen Parker, an Orlando Sentinel columnist, welcomes comments via e-mail at kparker@kparker.com.

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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 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 Internet chess tournament is called "Kasparov vs. the World." Before each move it's 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 a show of 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 countermoves 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

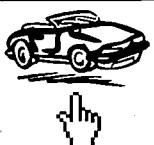
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Jeb Bush signed the nation's first statewide school voucher law Monday, enabling students at Florida's worst schools to get a private or parochial education at taxpayer expense.

"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 it will cost 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 \$25,000, depending on the 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.



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Russian papers could shed new light on JFK assassination

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 — documents never compiled by the CIA — gathered by Russian intelligence agencies about Oswald — are a "monumen-

tal 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 — were sent to him by two other board members to Russia in 1986 — 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 later returned to America — clandestinely — to collect 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 menial factory job, Oswald returned to 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.

Two days after the assassination, Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby shot Oswald to death as police were transferring him from the city jail to the county jail.

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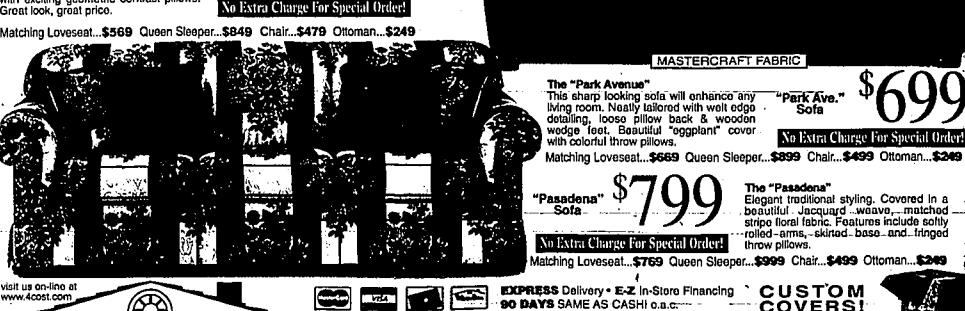
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AROUND THE VALLEY

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 until it slammed into Exon's pickup at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, killing the 62-year-old Fairfield 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 Bradley Buck of Moscow, had dozed off just 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 roadster mowerr unit caused a small 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'Rorke of the Idaho Department 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.

Sentencing rescheduled in Jerome slaying case

JEROME - The sentencing for a convicted murderer has been rescheduled.

Jimmie Vurel Thomas' sentencing is set for 9 a.m. July 16 at the Jerome County Courthouse.

A Boise jury in April convicted Thomas, then 19, of first-degree murder in the Nov. 19, 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 will meet June 30 at the public library and goals for building another river crossing, to identify alternatives.

The results of a recent Idaho Transportation Department bridge origin-destination study will also be revealed at the public open house and meeting, a news release said.

The public open house begins at 6 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 Hutchison of Burley and Tyler Stoker of Heyburn were arrested Friday night after witnesses described them and their white Pontiac, the report said. The same's report said, no deputies do not know if any other items have been stolen from the home.

Hutchison was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after the arresting officers found a long pipe, two other small pipes and a roach clip in his car.

Compiled from staff reports

By Jennifer Sandmann

CSI signs on to a jazzy lease

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 KZQJ-AM 1450 at CSI.

The agreement gives CSI pro-

gramming stability while maintaining CSI's radio access, said Jim Paluzzi, general manager of the BSU Radio Network, a National Public Radio affiliate. BSU agreed to a few months 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 at all times, Paluzzi said. Both schools agree, 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 Shortwell, a filer representative on the BSU Radio Community Advisory Board.

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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's 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 state's 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 how far a dairy 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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Clerks at local theaters, like Kristen 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 Flata
Times-News writers

BURLEY - At President Clinton's urging, many theaters are requiring identification to see R-rated movies.

But the measure might not stop underage movie-goers.

"You can't check everybody,"

said Bob Harris, owner of the Century Cinema Five in Burley and Century Cinema Four in Jerome.

Harris has always been to check kids coming into shows, but today it's really tough to tell how old some kids really are."

The Clinton administration earlier this month won pledges from thousands of movie theaters, which will now require photo identification from young people seeking admission to R-rated movies.

"Honestly, lots of theaters check, but it's not that simple. If kids want to get in, they will find a way," said Larry Roper, managing director of Interstate Amusement, which manages

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 R-rated 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 help much effect, but it helps," said Shawna Veenam, 19.

Zach Abels, 13, and Kyle Turber, 17, said youths commonly

watch R-rated movies in theaters. And they noted many youths simply rent R-rated movies, or have someone rent 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 it will alert us when an R-rated movie is scanned."

"I think requiring an ID check is a good idea, but it is kind of like the check for alcohol. If kids want it bad enough they will find a way to get it," said Michael Cris, 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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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.

Councilman Kent Brebs 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 Stoy said.

"There are a lot of model ordinances out there, but they don't work in cities. Some are very restrictive, and others are not," Stoy 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 billboards at a special meeting at noon on June 22 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 billboards lining the county and backcountry roads.

"There are a lot of billboards and the community with billboards," Hurst said at the commissioners Monday meeting at the Cassia County Courthouse.

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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 \$1.7 million and would be paid back through a \$30-a-month fee in residential water bills. The bond issue would bring the city's total water system base rate to \$7.30.

The bond issue would add larger distribution lines along Tiger Drive from 20th to East Main Street, all along East and West 1 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

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 on areas of 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 consump-

tion 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 neighbors' 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 324-3570.

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TEACHERS DIVERSIFY



Davis High School business and careers teacher Jay Darrington runs the cash register Monday at the Mr. Gas on Overland Avenue in Burley. Darrington is one of several Min-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 Min-Cass 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 carry 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.

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 prominent notice.

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 stagecoach-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 time to stop dreaming and do 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 homesick peacocks apparently trying to make their way back to the canyon where they caused an uproar last month.

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

Commercial development on the canyon rim across from Magic Valley Mall displaced the birds. Developer Nielsen and Co. gave them to the College of Southern Idaho, which they have been added to the Breckenridge Agricultural Endowment on

North College Road before they were released.

The peacocks stayed at their new home for a short time, CSI President Jerry Meyerhofer told the Times-News, reporting they were coming in from all over town. They have been spotted in the Fawnbrook subdivision, at Larry J Ranch, and KMVT. CSI board member Bill Babcock said one in his yard near Fawn Brook 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 Twin Falls Streets:

Teton Street, Dorian Drive, Maplewood Drive, Boreah Avenue East; Willow Lane; Borah Avenue; Laurel Avenue, Maurice Circle, Shoup Avenue East, Applewood Drive, Sycamore Street, Sunrise Circle, Highway 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 hear testimony from another possible suspect 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 panel, which 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.

Adam County District Attorney Bob Kroll, 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 killing of the girl's mother.

"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."

laid out 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," Ringle said.

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

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Computer tracking of drugs will force legislative issues

BOISE (AP) — A new computer tracking system developed and criticized by lawmakers investigating 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 Casbonne said. He joined 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 1 million controlled drug prescriptions written each year.

Both Casbonne and Kathleen Gurney, 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 the key to effectively dealing with the abuse of prescription drugs, the board agreed.

But Gurney warned that the pricing could be substantial to modify a relatively ineffective system now tossed on a regulatory board with one investigator and a \$700,000 budget financed solely by annual registration fees from some 7,000 professionals and institutions licensed to handle controlled prescription drugs.

The tracking system is designed to make instantly available the record 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 inves-

tigator Gary Domeny 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.

"There's an awful lot to consider," Domeny said. "This is a very sensitive issue."

Board members appeared before the House-Senate panel to respond to a report by the Office of Legislative Evaluation. The report criticizes the 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 investigation occurred in 71 percent of the complaints filed for the past two years.

Both the board and its director, Richard Markuson, used the report's own figures to emphasize that 78 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 pharmacists. Domeny said that in the cases checked out he turned 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 and dentists, the report conceded, and Markuson maintained 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 area that is in limbo. Who is the victim? Are they the victims themselves? Is this a victimless crime?"

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, Rankin said to voters who 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 officials and residents questioned his judgment as someone elected to represent all the people, regardless of whether they voted.

Rankin has since taken his own campaign 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 Beaman of Coeur d'Alene, calling for Rankin's resignation.

But Rankin is unapologetic.

"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 a 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

holders, led the charge to defeat the measure.

Commissioners subsequently have said they might have to raise property taxes to pay for the jail expansion. Rankin said non-voters 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 Copeland said.

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

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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 sex offender inclusion on a public register — 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 for pleading guilty to sexually abusing his young son in 1994.

Justice Wayne Kidwell, a staunch conservative and the high court's newest member, and Justice Gerald Schreider dissented. They agreed with Ray that he should have been informed of the sex offender registration requirement at the time of his plea.

But the majority, led by Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout, cited

a 1994 ruling by the Washington Supreme Court in finding no need for Newhouse to have notified Ray. They said the requirement is only a "catalytic consequence" that does not amount to punishment for life.

"Sex offender registration is a consequence of conviction over which the district judge has no direct control," Trout wrote.

"Rather, like losing the right to vote, carry firearms and to be bonded, sex offender registration is something that indirectly results from the fact of having a sexual offense conviction."

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

"Indeed, the fact that registration brings notoriety to a person convicted of a sexual offense does prolong the stigma attached to such convictions," she wrote.

"However, the fact of registration is not an additional punishment;

it does not extend a sentence, Rather, registration ... assists in the protection of communities."

Kidwell flatly disagreed, arguing that it should be mandatory for judges to tell all sex offenders about even a direct impact pleading guilty will have.

"Idaho's extensive and punitive sex offender registration requirement is, in my analysis, a direct consequence," he wrote. "The statute imposes additional punishment upon a person pleading guilty to a wide array of sexual offenses. It is a legitimate punitive measure imposed by the Legislature, but defendants negotiating plea agreements should be aware of the punishment they are about to receive."

Trout said the fact that offenders not deemed to be violent and predatory may petition to be released from having to register after 10 years was "another factor lessening the punitive aspect of the requirement."

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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 Bishoph photographs of early Twin Falls and tools, farm machinery and household items used by pioneer settlers.

"People don't realize that we have there. We've got the 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 used.

"The 200 people we had from time to time were older people, too," says Helen Porterfield, 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 Hodge 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

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.



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, prepares a meal for giving hair permanents to women at the museum. Tracy lives on the museum property with her husband George, who keeps the grounds for the facility.

JAMI MITCHELL/THE TIMES-NEWS



Parent Leann Montgomery serves cotton candy at the Accelerated Readers carnival last month at Popplewell Elementary in Burley. 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 pad and threw missiles toward a tub that meant a prize. Meanwhile, seventh-graders Krista Nacario 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 skateboard and safety equipment.

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

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 late May for the 25th 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 25th 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 went to the moon as a member of the X-15 and an assignment 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 shuttle's first flight, the 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, including the first American 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 scuttle the surface



Retired Major General Joe Engle greeted Civil Air Patrol Cadet Tech Sgt. Benjamin Tilley at a Craters of the Moon National Monument presentation May 21 in Arco. Engle is a member of the Civil Air Patrol Joe Engle Composite Squadron named after Engle.

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 landed on the moon, Tilley says.

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

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 office with the squadron. The school is presented under the guidance of the Air Force.

A cadet must be knowledgeable of leadership, physically fit and attended two summer encampments to qualify for the school. Students will learn about flying, aerospace education, physical training, customs and courtesies, career leadership, drill and ceremonies. Training received at the school and summer encampments help cadets get a better understanding of the requirements for pursuing a military Air Force career.

Six other cadets from the squadron will attend the Idaho-Utah Summer Encampment at Gowen Field in Boise. The local squadron is accepting donations to fund the travel and expenses.

To make a donation, call the Squadron Commandant, Capt. Lori Fletcher at 436-5661, 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.

Cadets head for Air Force school in Alabama

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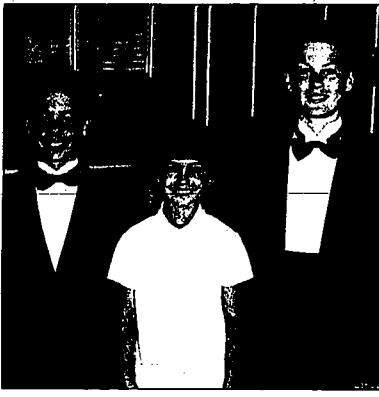
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Jerry Meyerhoefle, left, College of Southern Idaho president, receives an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow award from Ruth Stevens, president of the Twin Falls Rotary Club, while Meyerhoefle's wife, Pauline, center, observes. The Rotary Club says it recognizes 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, Karen Atkins, Elizabeth Beck, Sarah Bales, Christine Buttars, Carrie Buttars, Erica Blank, Rachel Dawson, Sarah Dossey, Deidre Edmunds, Adrian English, Hannah English, Camille Flournoy, Andrea Harris, Brittany Hobbs, Amanda Howar, Alex Kral, Austin Kraul, Jeni Kroll, Margaret McCarthy, Jessica Meyers, Allen Meza, Christopher Murray, Sasha Murray, Heidi Reitsma, Samantha Shuss, Ethan Stone, Abby Stoenemets, Toliver Latham, Tahnee Latham, Bobby Latham, and Stoenemets. Sam Talkington, Vanessa Thompson, Amber Thueron, Steve Turner, Erin Tutty, 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 Shelly 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wildflower walks start

July 1 at Galena Lodge

KETCHUM — Wildflower walks will be held 6 a.m. to 9 a.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 Sonoran and Gladiator creeks, and small children are welcome, coordinators say.

Bill McDorman, a professional hiking guide and wild edibles 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 624-4010.

93rd birthday celebration honors Twin Falls woman

TWIN FALLS — Velma Bertsch of Twin Falls will be honored at a celebration of her 93rd birthday July 24 at the Elks Lodge, 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 Human Rights Council from Minneapolis, Minn., will be continued. 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 rotisserie top round barbecue will be prepared and the menu will also include baked beans, salads and numerous desserts, organizers say.

Tickets are available at the ball park, \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth 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 sack 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 438-1337, or Konnie at 644-1465.

Coordinators are looking for Lisa Alejandro, Gene Anderson, Luana Campbell, Maria Cantu, Jenny Cowan, Pete Dexter, Jeron Dickson, Abel Gonzales, Jennifer Gonzales, Hector Gutierrez, Bill Hargrave, Jim Herbert, Darla Hines, Tonya Jones, Tony Juarez, Victor Kelly, Miguel Larios, Salvador Larios, Bret Larson, Irene Lopez, Juanita Loya, Freddie Loya, Michael

Shoemaker, and Vicki Williams.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

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310 Main St., Kimberly

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Friday: Kansas meatballs

Monday: Sausage and eggs

Activities

Thursday: Wellness exercise class at 9:30 a.m.

Friday: Wellness exercise class at 9:30 a.m.

Crafts at 1 p.m.

Friday: Entertainment by B.J. and Friends at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo at 11:55 a.m.

Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Monday: Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Pinochle club

Wednesday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Birthday dinner

Thursday: Anniversary dinner

Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Friday: Quilting 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: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday: Board member election

Saturday: Thrift shop open every day.

Sunday: Quilting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday: Exercises at 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Quilting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday: Free hearing clinic at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Chris Bell from Idaho Power will speak on Y2K at 11:45 a.m.

Sunday: Bingo after noon meal

Monday: Cards after evening meal

Wednesday: Exercises at 10 a.m.

Thursday: Dance 7:30-11 p.m. with the Haak Band, \$2.50

Sunday: Buffet at 1 p.m.

Monday: Exercises at 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Cards following evening meal

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Friday: Mexican lunch

Saturday: Lasagna

Wednesday: Chicken salad

stuffed tomatoes

Thursday: Chicken fried steak

Friday: Mexican lunch

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CSI honors teaching excellence with awards

Raquel Arenc and Todd Schwartz were recipients of the College of Southern Idaho Teaching Excellence awards.

Arenc, an assistant professor of Spanish, was named academic teacher of the year.

Schwartz, an associate professor in drafting technology, received the technical teacher of the year award.

Annually, student ambassadors nominate teachers for the honor, the student senate narrows the field and a committee makes the final selection.

The winners each received \$1,000 and a plaque.

Arenc was born with CSI since 1986. She became the bilingual coordinator in 1994 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1998.

Arenc received her bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and her master's degree from Boise State University.

Schwartz has been with CSI since 1988 and in 1991 was voted Idaho Vocational New Teacher of the Year. In 1995, he received the Yost CSI Advisor of the Year.

Under his direction, CSI was named Idaho SDVE Program of the Year in 1998, the same year that Schwartz was a nominee for National Trade and Technical Instructor of the Year.

He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho.

Student studies Russian in Moscow, Russia

Philip 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 Pavlovo.

Valenta is the son of Dr. Lubomir and Jirina Valenta of Idaho.

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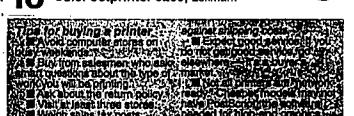
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USER FRIENDLY

Top 10 color inkjet printers

Cheap personal printers are all the rage these days and most have excellent printing quality. The high cost of ink cartridges should be considered when buying. The following list was compiled in January.

- 1 DeskJet 897C, Hewlett-Packard
- 2 DeskJet 722C, Hewlett-Packard
- 3 DeskJet 712C, Hewlett-Packard
- 4 Color Jetprinter 1100, Lexmark
- 5 BJC-4400 Photo Realistic, Canon
- 6 BJC-250 Photo Realistic, Canon
- 7 Stylus Color 840, Epson
- 8 DeskJet 895CSE, HP
- 9 Stylus Color 440, Epson
- 10 Color Jetprinter 3200, Lexmark



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New mouse works without rubber ball

Optical sensor reads texture on most pads

By Craig Crossman
Knight Ridder News Service

The computer mouse is able to do what it does via a small rubber ball. When you move the mouse over a surface, the ball rotates, which in turn spins two small wheels. One wheel registers vertical movement, the other horizontal. The combination of their rotations defines how the mouse pointer moves on the screen. The trouble with this system is that dust and dirt eventually builds up, where it begins to interfere with the spinning of the wheels. This translates into a sticking mouse pointer and other inaccurate movement.

The optical mouse was invented years ago to correct this problem but it had one main objection. You had to move it over a special mouse pad on which was printed a grid. Receptors inside an optical mouse are able to "see" the grid lines as the mouse moves. The movement of the movement is transcribed into pixel movement. The optical mouse never really caught on like the roller-ball version found on most of today's computers. However Microsoft is making a valiant attempt to make that change with its upcoming IntelliMouse Explorer.

First and foremost, the IntelliMouse is an optical mouse with a mechanical ball and wheels to click up. But that's where the similarity ends. The light the IntelliMouse uses is visible; it glows with a ruby-red colored light under its dull silver

What's hot

shell body. In a nutshell, this mouse looks very cool. Yes they could have used invisible light, but the marketing folks are going for sex appeal as well as functionality—and this mouse pulls it off.

Next, it does not require a special mouse pad. In fact, the IntelliMouse will work on just about any surface. Its built-in optical sensor reads the texture of the surface at a rate of 1,500 images per second, which translates into relevant motion and posture. Its fast rate of scan yields a highly accurate mouse with smooth and precise cursor movement.

Other features include the center scrolling and zooming wheel, which lets you scroll any window without having to click on a window's scroll arrows. Two new customizable function buttons on the Explorer model gives you the ability to define function keys. They come pre-defined as page forward and back but can be easily redefined to execute other short-cut commands such as cut and paste.

Finally, the IntelliMouse connects to a PS/2 or USB port. The latter allows Microsoft to make the IntelliMouse compatible with either PC or Macintosh computers. Power for the IntelliMouse comes directly from the USB port so no batteries are needed. The shipping version will include drivers for both computer platforms. \$74.95. An IntelliMouse version without the customizable buttons will sell for \$54.95.

It should become available this October.

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E-mail boosts literacy among kids

By Tibor R. Machan
Knight Ridder News Service

ORANGE, Calif.—A while back I read an essay in a scholarly publication, the *Journal of Social Philosophy*, in which the author argued vehemently and with considerable passion that righteousness against computers.

Besides a lot of mumbo jumbo about the nobility of handwriting, one idea stood out: The author alleges that e-mail communication posed a serious obstacle to literacy.

The argument goes like this: People no longer write long letters. Instead, they merely dash off a few lines of e-mail, or even less, and then get on the Internet and chat. Serious discussions suffer because everything is done on the run.

None of these points can be cavalierly dismissed. There is something to them. But there are

also some terribly important points missing from the author's argument. For one thing, e-mail and Internet chats are unbelievable boosts to family life and to literacy.

My personal experience testifies to this, big time. I have three children living in three different states. Each one has a computer and is hooked up to an e-mail server either at home or at college.

I communicate with them regularly, as much as several times a day during some of our more interesting and lively discussions—not to mention when they want money.

For those who don't live in a nuclear family setting with mom, dad and kids under one roof, this e-mail business is a tremendous boost. In the extended family situations that so many people now face, the ability to keep in constant touch is a great boost to family solidarity.

Divorced parents can handle problems quickly. Children can communicate with both parents frequently and avoid the impression that they've been forgotten by one or another parent.

There is another bonus. Kids who talk to parents with the aid of e-mail can be entreated to let go to write clearly and well, without even knowing it. It is not a chore for them, but something they want to do, not only with parents but also with friends.

No homework assignment could possibly achieve the goal of literacy as effectively as e-mail. Sure, teachers are important guides toward establishing literacy among the young. Yet the fact is incomparable that children who are often making students do tasks the students find boring and burdensome.

But kids use e-mail because they want to. This means the need to express themselves clearly and construct sentences intelligibly comes voluntarily to kids, without pressure or threats.

Some day this phenomenon will be given more formal study, but my personal experience indicates that in e-mail, we have yet another unintended but beneficial consequence for the computer age.

A colleague of mine, a computer sticker advises to "notice this good and praise it" (from the *Seventh Day Adventists*). I would like to toast the computer for improving the quality of my family's literacy and life.

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Software adjustments can speed Mac startups

By Craig Crossman
Knight Ridder News Service

Q. Having been a loyal Macintosh user for many years, I hate to think about the cumulative time I have spent waiting for the Macintosh to start up. With different extensions and control panels loading, I would wager that I have spent untold days in waiting time. Is there any way to speed up the startup time?

A. How long it takes for a Macintosh to become ready for operation after you press the on key depends on the speed of the processor, speed and the number of extensions and control panels that must be initialized before starting. The first two hardware categories are fairly straightforward in determining how fast things become ready; it's the software component that's the real culprit when it comes to waiting for a good condition.

Any Mac user will tell you about the joys of having to sit and watch those little icons appear to scroll across the bottom of the screen. Again, depending on the number of icons and what each one does will determine how much time you will be saving. Speed Startup's control panel has an info section that displays how much startup time you actually save along with the time and date. This is a nice reassurance that gives you a frame of reference when you want to know how much time you really save during each startup.

If, however, you open a close application quickly by accelerating the Finder's zoom animation. This gives everything a snappier look and feel that translates into even more saved time, especially if you have windows and applications running as part of your startup procedure.

Speed Startup sells for \$19.95 and is available as a download-only product from Casady & Greene's web site.

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every time you turn on the computer. So one of Speed Startup's options is to disable startup memory tests. If you ever feel the need to test again, you can always disable this feature. Disabling the memory test alone can shave off about 20 seconds of startup waiting. By the way, there are a few more ways to speed up your startup ability.

Check with Casady & Greene for a compliance list of models.

The second and most important time-saving feature is Speed Startup's ability to intelligently pre-load all the initialization information needed during a startup. In order for this to happen, you need to first install Speed Startup and then perform a normal startup. Speed Startup registers each extension and control panel along with certain other housekeeping data.

Then the next time you start up your Mac, you will see the startup icons literally fly across the bottom of the screen. Again, depending on the number of icons and what each one does will determine how much time you will be saving. Speed Startup's control panel has an info section that displays how much startup time you actually save along with the time and date. This is a nice reassurance that gives you a frame of reference when you want to know how much time you really save during each startup.

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Upgrade brings small improvements

The Washington Post

What: MAC OS 8.6, Apple Computer operating-system upgrade.

Details: Unless you get the new Mac, it's not known exactly what this adds, but it's another "new" improvement—the benefits of this are easy-to-overlook. Sure, you're told that 8.6's new DNA will help you run multiple programs faster, but it's going to take a long time for any speed gains to outweigh the time taken to download the 35-megabyte update file.

What you're more likely to notice are a batch of small improvements. For instance,

Sherlock, Apple's Web-search utility, now lets you resize its search results. Also, its "Find by Content" feature, a way to look for documents by their contents, reads more file formats and can limit searches to individual folders (but it still requires you to index your hard drive, a procedure that can take hours). And Apple's PlainTalk speech-recognition software, which lets you issue short commands to programs and other new G3-based computers.

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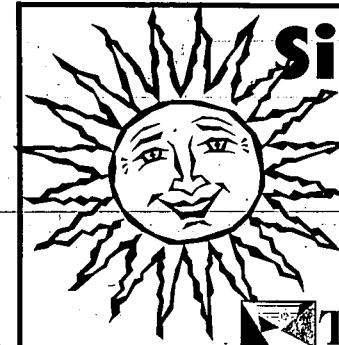
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There were a couple of times in the year where I actually tried to get technicals, but they wouldn't give it to me. The refs would just walk away.

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

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
American Legion baseball

Kimberly at Buhl (2), 6 p.m.
Twin Falls A at Shoshone (2), 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Fraley aces Canyon Springs hole no. 5

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

Fraley, mother of Twin Falls alumna and current Idaho State University golfer Stephanie Fraley, is 10-4 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 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., followed by five-hole girls, while girls' three-hole boys and three-hole girls, the last groups teeing off at noon and 1:30 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 bulldogging, barrel racing and steer roping events at the Pepsi Bulldog Challenge Friday and Saturday in Gooding.

There is \$1,000 added money in the bulldogging event and \$250 added in the barrel racing. There is a \$5 entry fee for steer roping (ages 9-13). For more information, call Juanita O'Malley at 934-0939.

Candleridge will host ball this weekend

TWIN FALLS - Candleridge Golf Course will host its second annual 23-hole baseball 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 more than 10 strokes after entering the tournament. 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 Bengal assistant coach Stacy Dragila recently ousted record-holders for a 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 at U.S. trials.

Dragila won the Beach Pole Vault title weekend in Sacramento, clearing 15-0. She also won the U.S. indoor title June at the Track and Field Association ProChampionships in Indianapolis, Ind.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Obi-Gone: Stallions fire coach

By Damon 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 his new coach and former head coach Dick Suess as an "executive consultant" to the Idaho Stallions, 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 the new head coach, who will be introduced by coordinator John Wardhaugh, making him the Stallions' third head coach this month.

Hopper is known as "Coach Obi" (after Obi-Wan Kenobi of the "Star Wars" movies) for his penchant of incorporating the power of positive thinking into his coaching. But Monday's press release said, "due to philosophical differences," 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, "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.

For the Boise State Bronco South team, which started two 3-point field goals and a conversion and former Arusa 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 amicably and professionally."

Wardhaugh refused to comment on the situation until Wednesday's press conference, but the released statement, the coach who played for BSU in the early '80s as "regarded for being more of the type of coach the players would 'go to work for.'"

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

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Section D

CSI's Nelson to stay in Idaho

By Damon 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 McInally'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 with averages of 15.9 points, 7.5 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.9 steals per game. She shot 46 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," McInally 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 product Vicki 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 are 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-seven series.

The Knicks never trailed, never let the Spurs' numerous comeback attempts rattle them and played

what was easily their best all-around basketball of the series. It was 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 free throws.

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

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New York Knick 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 piroouette on match point of his first-round romp.

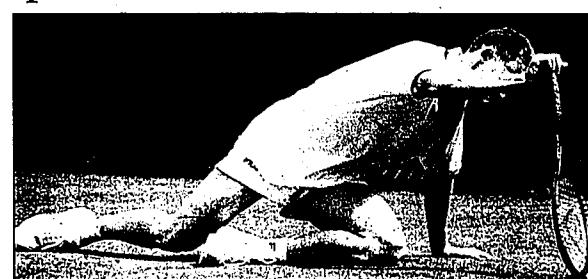
Not a ball had been struck on Centre Court since Sampras won his fifth Wimbledon a year ago, and the tattered brown field of that triumph was once again a rich green lawn when he returned Monday.

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

"It 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 88 minutes. "I couldn't ask for a better start."

On a day when the only upsets were suffered on the dry clay, Sampras outlasted the first-frustrated set of a 1-set, 1-set loooose in a high pasture, romancing from the start and pounding out a dozen aces at up to 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,"



Sampras got off to a good start in this tournament."

He leaped to put away an overhand serve in the first game, powered an ace down the middle, stabbed a volly and put match point away at love by spinning like a baller dancer for a backhand drop volley that spun back toward the net.

"I 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 10-1.

Sampras presented such different pictures from the one he gave at the French Open, where he'd made an easy target for Andrei Medvedev's passing shots and lobbs.

"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, and 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 seed at Wimbledon.



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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Buhl shuts out Shoshone in Legion game

BUHL - Aric Reynolds homered, drove in five runs and pitched a three-hitter, and T.J. Cline homered in each game of Buhl's American Legion sweep of Shoshone Monday.

Buhl won the conference game 10-0 in five innings and the non-conference nightcap 11-1.

Reynolds struck out eight to improve to 6-0 on the season, and hit his third homer of the season, a two-run shot in the first inning. Cline's home runs brought his season total to six.

Chris Flynn was 2-for-2 and catcher Cory Hamilton drove in two runs in Game 1, and Brad Ross was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI in the second game, as Dusty Owen picked up his first win on the mound.

"We're just starting to work Dusty into the pitching picture, and he threw four really nice innings," said Buhl assistant Lee Cline.

Buhl (16-0) plays two conference games with Kimberly today.

Buhl (16-0) vs. Kimberly (10-10) 10:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday. Arc Reynolds (5-2) and Brad Ross (2-0) vs. Cory Hamilton (1-1) and Dusty Owen (1-0) 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Arc Reynolds (5-2) and Brad Ross (2-0) vs. Cory Hamilton (1-1) and Dusty Owen (1-0) 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Arc Reynolds (5-2) and Brad Ross (2-0) vs. Cory Hamilton (1-1) and Dusty Owen (1-0) 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Arc Reynolds (5-2) and Brad Ross (2-0) vs. Cory Hamilton (1-1) and Dusty Owen (1-0) 10:30 a.m. Friday. Arc Reynolds (5-2) and Brad Ross (2-0) vs. Cory Hamilton (1-1) and Dusty Owen (1-0) 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Idaho, Wauzzi will let Vandals play in Pullman

PULLMAN, Wash. - Presidents and athletic department directors of Washington State University and the University of Idaho signed a contract Monday to allow the Vandals to play home football games in Martin Stadium.

The move for Idaho, from the 16,000-seat covered Kibbie Dome eight miles east of here in Moscow, is a bid for permanent NCAA Division I-A football status, which requires 37,000 students.

Since its move to the Division I-A Big West three years ago, Idaho has been playing under a waiver of I-A rules requiring a 30,000-seat stadium or average attendance of 17,000.

Idaho Athletic Director Mike Bohn said his school will pay Washington State about \$7,500 per game played in Martin Stadium, plus additional expenses, such as towel-cleaning costs.

Bohn said the Vandals probably will move back to the Kibbie Dome in 2000, using Martin Stadium for games against marquee opponents.

Washington State and Idaho generally will alternate home games at Martin Stadium this fall. The exception will be on Oct. 9, when both teams will play games in a Martin Stadium doubleheader.

Hawkins wins NBA sportsmanship award

NEW YORK - Hersey Hawkins walked away with the NBA's fourth sportsmanship award Monday, following Joe Dumars, Tennessee's Tony Allen and Jason Kidd.

"You can still play this game and be supportive of your teammates and still accomplish your goals and still put yourself in a position where you are considered one of the best players in the league," Hawkins said.

He received 70 of 118 votes by a panel of 31 media members. Errol Snow of Philadelphia was second with 23 votes, Kevin Garnett of Minnesota was third with 18 votes and rookie Vince Carter of Toronto received seven votes.

Jeter battles Nomar for All-Star position

NEW YORK - Derek Jeter's lead over Nomar Garciaparra in ballooning to start at shortstop for the American League in next month's All-Star game was cut to less than 8,000 votes.

Jeter, the leading hitter on the World Series champion New York Yankees with a .377 average, had 378,587 votes in totals released Monday by the commissioner's office.

Anthony (1-1) is 5. The All-Star game is scheduled for Fenway Park on July 13.

Baltimore's Cal Ripken still leads at third base (486,544) and is on track for his 17th consecutive All-Star appearance and 16th straight start.

Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. remained the overall leader in voting, topping outfielders at 1,224,553. He was followed by three Cleveland Indians: Manny Ramirez (707,330), Kenny Lofton (623,540) and David Justice (480,696).

O'Brien withdraws from U.S. Nationals

BOULDER, Colo. - Olympic champion and world-record decathlete Dan O'Brien withdrew from the U.S. track championships on Monday because of a toe fracture.

O'Brien will not participate in the meet, held in Eugene, Ore., from June 24-27, because of the injury to his left foot.

O'Brien won the gold medal in the decathlon at the 1996 Olympics, holds the world record in the 10-event competition and is a three-time world champion.

Dallas deals goalle Turke to St. Louis

ST. LOUIS - Goalie Roman Turek spent less than 24 hours as a member of the Stanley Cup champions.

On Sunday, one day after the Stars captured the Cup, Turek was dealt to the St. Louis Blues in exchange for a third-round pick in the Entry Draft.

The backup to Ed Belfour was a former member of the Stars during Monday's victory parade. But his new general manager said Turek may have the chance to do something in St. Louis he didn't do much in Dallas - start.

"We believe Roman has the ability and character to be a No. 1 goaltender, and he'll get the chance to prove that," Blues general manager Larry Pleau said. "Roman should be an excellent fit for our club."

Stern wants NBA to adopt age limit policy

NEW YORK - If David Stern gets his way, no one under a certain age, perhaps 20, will be allowed to play in the NBA.

The NBA's top executive urged the league's 30 owners to agree on a minimum age or some other remedy to deter high school players and college freshmen and sophomores from entering the NBA draft.

"A rule that relates to the entry level status of a player, if fairly done, might encourage certain kids, whose lives are literally ruined because they get and follow bad advice, from making bad decisions," Stern said.

When the owners and players negotiated their collective bargaining agreement in January, they included a side letter calling for further talks on young players declaring themselves eligible for the draft.

Compiled from wire reports

David Stern

AP photo



Detroit Tiger Gabe Kapler dives across home plate to score from second base on a single by Delvi Cruz against the Oakland Athletics Monday in Detroit.

Mesa's wild pitch gives Tribe win

CLEVELAND (AP) - Jim Thome scored from third on Jose Mesa's wild pitch with one out in the 12th inning Monday night to give the Cleveland Indians their ninth win in 10 games, 4-3 over the Seattle Mariners.

With the 12th with a hard shot up the middle that second baseman David Bell could not knock down, Alex Ramirez, who was expected to be sent back to Triple-A Buffalo after the game, sacrificed.

Roberto Alomar was walked intentionally and Enrique Wilson singled to left as Thome stopped at third. Chris Turner fouled off the first pitch before the second one from Mesa (0-2) went inside and bounded all the way to the screen.

With their 27th come-back victory, the Indians improved baseball's best record to 46-21.

Steve Karsay (7-1) pitched two innings to win his seventh straight decision. He is unbeaten since losing the season opener on April 6, and has already doubled his major league win total this season.

Karsay, struck on the upper

Baseball

right arm by a comebacker in the 11th, retired Ken Griffey Jr. on a fly ball to the warning track in the 12th.

Blue Jays 11, Royals 4

TORONTO - Tony Fernandez raised his major league-leading and career-best record to 11-2 as Shawn Green homered twice and tied a career high with five RBIs.

Toronto, which won for the seventh time in eight games, took a 5-2 lead with five runs in the third. Homer Bush hit his first home run of the season. Green connected for a three-run shot off Chris Pelfrey (0-4) and Fernandez added two outs later.

Fernandez, who has an 11-game hitting streak, went 2-for-3 with two walks and has 23 hits in his last 40 at-bats (.575).

Joey Hamilton (1-4), got his first AL win, allowing four runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Tigers 13, Athletics 11

DETROIT - Tony Clark hit a three-run homer in the eighth as

Detroit Tigers rallied after wasting a 9-3 and falling behind 10-9. Juan Encarnacion's double off Brad Righy (3-2) scored the tying run.

Mike Palmer also homered for the Tigers. Jason Giambi homered twice for Oakland, and Eric Chavez also connected for the Athletics.

Doug Brocail (2-2) pitched a scoreless eighth and Todd Jones finished for his 11th save.

Red Sox 5, Rangers 4

BOSTON - Catcher Ivan Rodriguez's seventh-inning throwing error was followed by John Valentin's single off Rick Helling (6-7), which broke a 4-4 tie. Nomar Garciaparra went 4-for-4 as Boston won its third straight.

Texas lost for the eighth time in its last 10 games against Boston and has lost three of its last 10 games overall. The Rangers have not topped four runs in nine games since an 8-7 loss to Colorado on June 12.

John Wadsworth (7-0) allowed two hits in two innings, and Tim Wakefield got three outs for his sixth save.

Devil Rays 3, Twins 2

MINNEAPOLIS - Jose Canseco singled to break a 2-all tie in the seventh as Tampa Bay won its third straight.

Ryan Rupe (3-3) allowed two runs - one earned - and four hits in seven innings. Norm Charlton pitched a hitless eighth, and Robert Hernandez finished the five-hitter for his 20th save in 22 chances.

Rob Radlosky (0-1) was the loser.

National League

Cardinals 5, Astros 3

ST. LOUIS - Mark McGwire homered for the third straight game, and Kent Bottenfield tied for the NL lead with his 11th win.

McGwire, who entered a month behind the pace last year, is now 70 games into his 1999. His 22nd of the season in the third inning, a 473-foot drive off Sean Bergman (4-4).

Bottenfield (11-3) allowed three runs - one earned - and four hits in seven innings and hit a two-run double. Ricky Bottalico completed the five-hitter for his 10th save.

Layden resigns from Starzz; assistant takes over

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Frank Layden's tenure as coach in the WNBA didn't even last one year.

The 67-year-old Layden, a former WNBA Coach of the Year, unexpectedly resigned Monday because of the long workdays and traveling.

Layden said he leaves with more respect for professional women's basketball than the men's game. The women, he says, have superior work and team ethics.

"It gets old," said Layden, who was in his 12th year as assistant coach under Fred Williams, formerly the coach of Southern California. "I was getting tired. Time is a precious commodity right now."

Layden's resignation, however, was abrupt. His comments about the team were invariably optimistic and less than two weeks ago, he told a sportswriter that taking over the team gave him a new lease on life.

He will remain president of the NBA's Jazz - the Starzz's big brother. He came to Utah as general manager of the Jazz in 1979 when the New Orleans team was moved to Salt Lake City.

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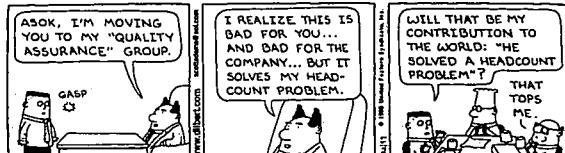
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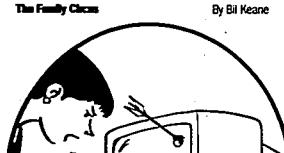
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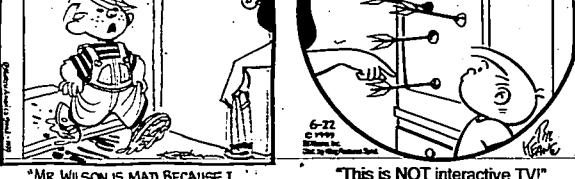


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