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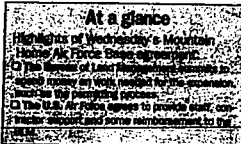
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Sides reach agreement on air base expansion

By Robin Brown
States News Service
WASHINGTON — The long battle to expand the training range at the Mountain Home Air Force Base is over, with the final ink put on the agreement by Idaho's congressional delegation Wednesday.
"The planning for this training facility has gone on for almost a decade and today we can say, without doubt, we can train the best," military has to offer right here in Idaho at a savings of time and money for our military," said Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.
The agreement was struck with the U.S. Air



At a glance
Mountain Home Air Force Base expansion
The Mountain Home Air Force Base expansion project is the largest in the program's history.
The U.S. Air Force wants to provide dual, counter-attack and some reassignment to the base.
Force and Bureau of Land Management.
"I am pleased today to find the Bureau of Land Management and the Air Force working

together to make this important training range a reality," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.
Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, also applauded the agreement.
"It will allow us to get on with completion of the training range," Simpson said. "One of the things we need the most is... an adequately equipped and an adequately trained military force, and this will address the training aspect of that."
For nearly a decade, the base has been trying to expand to accommodate training for

Schools top agenda in Idaho

Poll: Rapid growth concerns us too

The Associated Press
BOISE — Republicans, Democrats, liberals, conservatives and those in the middle of the road agree education is the most important public concern facing Idaho today.

That issue has taken the lead over rapid growth, according to this year's Idaho Public Policy Survey by Boise State University. It also shows residents are very opinionated about certain topics.
A large majority enjoy their existence in Idaho, with 92 percent highly or somewhat satisfied with their quality of life. Only 5 percent need their residence here.
"Satisfaction is almost as high as in 1990," said James Weatherly, chairman of the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Boise State.
"It's really incredible it has stayed high through all these years of fairly rapid growth. It's become one of the issue areas we regularly track."

The telephone poll of 659 people, conducted in January by the school's Social Science Research Center, had margins of error of plus or minus five percentage points. Idaho residents of every political stripe focused on the schools, the poll found.
Twenty-nine percent of the respondents rated education as their biggest concern, followed by 19.6 percent with rapid growth, 10.3 percent on the environment, 8.5 percent regarding drugs, 8.2 percent on crime, 6 percent on taxes and government spending, and 4.2 percent each for the economy and health care.
Seventy-three percent of the respondents said the amount of money spent on public education should be increased, compared with 24.5 percent against. About 52 percent wanted more funding for higher education.

A significant majority of Idaho residents, 84 percent, supported using state funding for construction of school buildings.
Democrats and Independents were no less likely than Republicans to consider the environment the most pressing concern. Those with a high school or lower education level were more likely to cite drugs and crime as the biggest problems.

While Idaho is considered a conservative bastion with the most Republican legislature in the nation, its citizens still seem to be all over the map on certain issues.

More than 40 percent conditionally but turning some federal lands over to the states, while equal percentages at 28 percent each fully support or oppose that action.
Weatherly pointed out 68 percent of the people still wanted the state to follow all existing federal environmental laws regarding that property.
Idahoans are sharply divided on breaching the four lower Snake River dams to revive the salmon runs. About 40 percent are for breaching and 40 percent are against. Panhandle residents are the most likely to support breaching, while those in central Idaho are the most likely to be foes.

WHERE TO CROSS?



An additional bridge over the Snake River Canyon was discussed last night as the Idaho Transportation Department studies alternatives for a new river crossing to the Magic Valley.

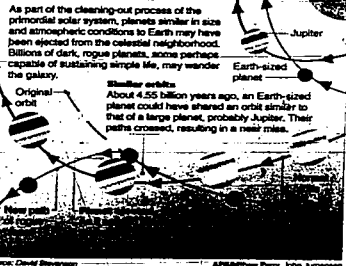
Bridge plans draw interest in Jerome

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer
JEROME — Melvin Randall thinks the location of a new Snake River crossing is obvious. Put it at the narrow part of the canyon between 2400 East in Twin Falls and 300 West in Jerome, he says.
His "Common Sense Alternative" is one of many possible crossing options that an Idaho Transportation Department study will consider during the next six months. About 25 peo-

ple were at Jerome High School Wednesday night to hear about those options and the results of a recent origin-destination survey of drivers crossing the three Magic Valley bridges.
The public meeting was the seventh of 12 steps toward a final plan, which is scheduled to be completed by February. When it is complete, the study will present a preferred option for a Snake River crossing, which could include building a new bridge, changing existing infrastructure or building nothing.

W & H Pacific, a consulting firm hired by ITD, identified 12 possible canyon crossing points throughout the valley. Those 12 will be narrowed to the one that best meets the goals of a new river crossing.
Those goals include reducing congestion on Blue Lakes Boulevard and providing safe alternatives for north-south traffic while preserving farmland and residential areas.
The Snake River crossing study will be

Far-flung planets



As part of the clearing-out process of the primordial solar system, planets similar in size and atmospheric conditions to Earth may have been ejected from the celestial neighborhood. Billions of debris, rogue planets, some perhaps capable of sustaining simple life, may wander the galaxy.

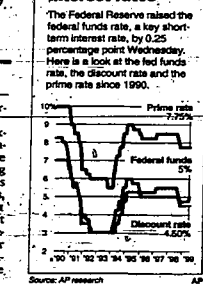
Is Earth's sister planet out there somewhere?

The Associated Press
Somewhere out there in deep space, Earth may have a lost "twin" capable of supporting life, an astronomer says.
The idea, outlined in today's issue of the journal Nature by David Stevenson of the California Institute of Technology, has been around for a while. But Stevenson goes a step further, drawing on planetary theory and his own calculations to argue that these Earth-like planets may be capable of supporting life, despite their wanderings through the cold, dark void, far from the sun.
"Life would have to be simple," he said. "Certainly you wouldn't have much of it."
He said these planets may be heated by a dense hydrogen atmosphere and volcanoes, instead of sunlight. The combined heat could be enough to sustain warm oceans, which could nourish the formation of life.
"It's really a very logical conclusion from what we know about planet formation," said Alan Boss of the

Fed raises interest rates, indicates that may be it

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the first time in two years on Wednesday, making borrowing costs higher for millions of American consumers and businesses. But the central bank indicated its tiny quarter-point increase may be all that is needed to keep inflation under control.
At the conclusion of two days of closed-door discussions, Fed policy-makers said they were increasing the target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on

Interest rates



Idaho's new laws include immunization for children

The Associated Press
BOISE — Starting today, more immunized children and imprisoned drug cookers promise to be among the fruits of a legislative session less noteworthy for its accomplishments than what it failed to do.
"I believe there was a strong affirmation regarding the Generation of the Child," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said. "A great deal of what we're about is preventing measures."
There was no resolution by lawmakers to such contentious issues as school facility funding and the Fish and Game

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

THE REGION
Camas Prairie: High 83 Low 45
Treasure Valley: High 88 Low 47
Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley: High 80 Low 42
Eastern Idaho: High 80 Low 45
Northern Idaho: High 70 Low 45
Northern Utah: High 90 Low 51
Northern Nevada: High 88 Low 45

Today: High 85 Low 48
Friday: High 82 Low 45
Saturday: High 80 Low 40
Sunday: High 80 Low 40
Monday: High 80 Low 40

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

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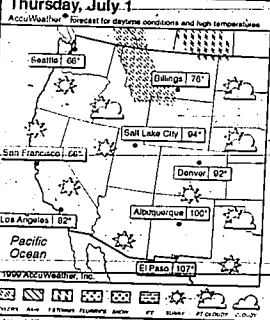
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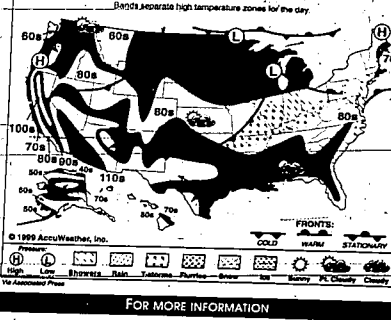
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National weather



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SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 9:19 p.m.
Sunrise (tomorrow): 6:03 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, July 6, new, July 13; first quarter, July 20; full, July 28.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Skies across Idaho were mostly cloudy Tuesday morning over the north and central and partly cloudy over the south and east. Winds were gusty and westerly along the Snake River plain from the Magic Valley area eastward. No measurable precipitation was reported across the state during the morning hours.
Elsewhere: Portions of the Midwest enjoyed fair conditions Wednesday, while rain and thunderstorms moved into the Southeast and Plains. Rain and storms continued in the Tennessee Valley into the southern Plains. Storms developed in Virginia, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. Storms also struck Arkansas into Oklahoma, with flooding in eastern Oklahoma and strong storms near Oklahoma City.
Cheney County in Kansas reported golfball-size hail with a severe thunderstorm. Massive crop damage was reported.
In the West, the northern Rockies received showers. Conditions were dry and fair elsewhere in the region.
-The Associated Press

NEWS IN BRIEF

Treaty aims at rebuilding salmon population
WASHINGTON - The United States and Canada signed an agreement today aimed at protecting and building up dwindling Pacific salmon supplies.
The Pacific Salmon Treaty, agreed to after five years of tough negotiations and years of disputes between U.S. and Canadian fishermen, renews a 1985 agreement to rebuild wild salmon runs and ensure that both sides get a fair share of the catch.
The treaty establishes two regional fishing agreements by both countries to improve fisheries management and enhance cross-border scientific cooperation.
The salmon dispute reached a low point in 1997 when Canadian fishing boats prevented an Alaskan steamer from departing Prince Rupert, British Columbia, after Canadian fishermen claimed Americans were taking too many salmon.

Hog farms appear on D.C. agenda

WASHINGTON - Corporate hog farms: They are words that strike fear into the heart of family farmers and stir anger in the belly of environmentalists.
Representatives of both groups recently convened in Washington to compare notes about the explosive growth of the huge farms—both hogs and other livestock. Another goal of the meeting was to press Agriculture Department and Environmental Protection Agency officials to address the issue of air from miles around and has been tied to contaminated water in several states.
Missouri recently adopted legislation regulating odor levels produced by these "confined animal feeding operations," and North Carolina is considering similar legislation. Other states may follow.
Environmentalists and small farmers also were looking for the USDA to come up with updated standards that recognize phosphorus, a byproduct of the animals' waste, as a contributor to water pollution.
The department is scheduled to come out with a timetable for issuing the new standards in September.

House tightens abortion consent law

The House on Wednesday approved abortion legislation that would make it a crime for an adult to skirt a state's parental consent law.
Under the bill passed by a 270-159 vote, an adult could be held criminally liable for bringing a minor child to another state for an abortion, if the procedure there would be subject to less stringent parental consent laws than in the child's own state.
Idaho Reps. Mike Simpson and Helen Chenoweth voted for the measure.
Compiled from wire reports

Training

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more jets. Some pilots from Nevada to find adequate room for training.
Critics, however, have long questioned the need for the new training range. Environmental groups have raised concerns that the supersonic jets would bother the bighorn sheep and other wildlife that make their home in the area.
In an interview after the meeting, Craig said the agreement might not have everything that each party wanted, but the delegation worked to address the concerns of all parties.
"I think as a result of that we have a training range that going to meet those standards and accommodate training needs into

Bank agrees to pay Idaho, other states, charities in privacy case

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - U.S. Bancorp agreed Wednesday to pay states and charities \$3 million to settle allegations it illegally sold confidential customer information to a telemarketer.
The amount equals the profits and commissions the bank earned on the sale of the information.
U.S. Bancorp, the nation's 13th-largest bank holding company and parent company of U.S. Bank, did not admit any wrongdoing. The allegations were contained in a lawsuit filed earlier this month by state Attorney General Mike Hatch.
Hatch said about 1 million people in 17 Midwestern and Western states were affected by the bank's action. He began investigating after getting about 50 complaints.
After he sued U.S. Bancorp, Wells Fargo and Bank of America agreed to stop the practice, too.
The other states affected are California, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.
U.S. Bancorp also will compensate customers who are dissatisfied with services they purchased from the telemarketers.
Jack Grundberg said the lawsuit compelled the bank to reconsider what he believes was an industry-wide practice.

Laws

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Of more immediate impact figures to be the fulfillment of a Kemphorne campaign promise to crack down on people who snare and sell methamphetamine, a fast-growing and pernicious segment of the drug problem in Idaho.
The Legislature overwhelmingly backed the governor's initiative to impose mandatory minimum prison sentences for manufacturing or trying to manufacture methamphetamines.
The law gives prosecutors more flexibility by creating the new crimes of trafficking and attempted trafficking by manufacture of the drug. Supporters said it was needed to combat Idaho's burgeoning trade in a drug usually made on the fly using hazardous chemicals in dangerous, unsanitary surroundings.
Also effective today is a law authorizing insurance companies to offer workers' compensation policy discounts to employers with eligible alcohol and drug-free workplace programs.
The Legislature approved a drug and alcohol testing scheme for employers in two years, making Idaho the 10th state to do so. But unlike the others, there was no financial incentive for small businesses to implement it. That prompted the new law, which still does not require employers to offer workers testing positive any help in dealing with drug or alcohol problems.
Another of the top priorities in Kemphorne's first State of the State address last January was creating a statewide registry on the early childhood immunizations. It was endorsed by lawmakers and takes effect today.
The governor set a goal of increasing the state's immunization rate for all childhood diseases from 72 percent - among the lowest in the nation - to 90 percent by the end of next year. The last federal assessment found that the rate now is 79 percent.
The voluntary registry, estimated to cost about \$38,000 statewide, is intended to help health professionals and parents remember when children are due for the next inoculations in the regimen of shots.

Bridge

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aided by results of the recent origin-destination survey, which produced concrete data on what drivers use the bridges for, said Andy Margenau, project manager for W & H Pacific.
The survey found that much of the Perrine Bridge traffic was people commuting to and from work between the Jerome and Twin Falls areas. Traffic on the Clear Lakes and Hassen bridges was more work-related and more local, Mortenson said.
Using the survey results and input from the meeting's attendees, ITD and W & H Pacific will drivers use the alternatives and narrow the options. That process will include more public meetings throughout the summer.
For more information about the study, contact Mortenson toll-free at 1-877-947-7658.
Times-News writer Brian Haynes can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

Planet

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Carnegie Institution in Washington, one of the leaders in the search for other solar systems.
No one has ever actually found one of these so-called rogue planets. Nevertheless, there are millions, even billions, of them roaming the galaxy in the dark, carrying water and simple life, Stevenson said.
Other scientists agree there is little doubt that planets were ejected from the primordial solar system. But they are unsure whether the planets were ejected from the Jerome and Twin Falls areas. Traffic on the Clear Lakes and Hassen bridges was more work-related and more local, Mortenson said.
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CORRECTION

An address listing in Sunday's report on registered and convicted sex offenders in the Magic Valley contained an error. Robert Charles Watts, 43, convicted in 1990 of sexual abuse of a minor in Ada County, had listed as his address 525 Madison St., Twin Falls. Watts no longer lives at this address; the home has since been purchased by another buyer. No updated information on the study, which was available this week through the state's sex offender registry. The Times-News regrets the error.

NATION

Both sides of issue question Clinton's Medicare drug plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — While generally praising President Clinton's idea of helping Medicare recipients pay for prescription drugs, some advocates for the elderly think the plan doesn't go far enough, and medical industry leaders wonder if they're going to wind up paying for it.

Republican leaders questioned how the Clinton plan would be financed, who would pay, whether it would fix Medicare's solvency problems and whether his proposed cost restrictions might hinder medical breakthroughs and drug innovations.

Congressional Democrats, meanwhile, criticized the plan for not immediately and wholeheartedly embracing Clinton's plan.

"My fear is that the Republican reaction to this is negative," said House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., at a news conference Wednesday. "It's clear to me that the Republican leadership simply is responding to special interests and not to the interests of ordinary Americans."

Diane Archer, executive director of the Medicare Rights Center in New York, said: "The president's proposal is a long overdue step needed to fill a glaring omission in the Medicare program."

But she and other senior citizens' advocates contend the modest drug benefit Clinton proposed — capping government contributions at \$1,000 a year in the near term — is insufficient.

The president's proposal will not adequately protect those people on Medicare with the highest prescription drug costs," they said in a statement.

Clinton's plan, Archer said, leaves many retirees who are not on Medicare to be seen, said Horace D'Agos, executive director of the American Association of Retired Persons, the nation's largest orga-

Clinton's Medicare proposals

Congress must approve spending for new policies to take effect.

Medicare pays 50% of first \$2,000 spent on outpatient prescription drugs

- No deductible; benefit begins with first dollar spent
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- Cap rises to \$5,000 in 2008
- Monthly premium rises from \$24 in 2002 to \$44 in 2008 for most beneficiaries

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- New 20% copayment for lab tests
- Deductible for doctor's office visits increases about \$2 a year from current \$100

HEALTH PLANS

- Medicare clients using private managed health plans will pay lower premium if plan is efficient, more if it is not.

SOURCE: AP

and cannot afford what they need."

Meanwhile, health care providers from HMOs to hospitals worried that they will be made to sacrifice billions of dollars in payments to help achieve Medicare savings to pay for Clinton's plan.

Conservative groups joined Republican lawmakers in questioning whether government-subsidized prescription drug benefits are truly needed by all 39 million Medicare beneficiaries, when two-thirds already have drug coverage — mainly from privately purchased insurance or retirement benefits from employers.

Clinton was headed to Chicago Wednesday — the first installment of a nationwide campaign by top administration officials to sell the Medicare proposal directly to senior citizens.

Even if not enacted this year, Clinton's initiative will set the market for a political brawl in next year's elections. It is a potent issue because Medicare touches the lives of 39 million Americans, and the elderly show up to vote.

In a joint statement, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., pledged to seek "a bipartisan solution to expand access to affordable prescription drugs."

Lott expressed interest in providing prescription drugs to elderly Americans who "are poor

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The emergency room doctor diagnosed Donald Ashwell with early stage pneumonia and prescribed an antibiotic.

But Mississippi limits how many prescriptions it buys each month for Medicaid patients, and the drugstore said Ashwell had reached his limit. Unable to pay for the \$45 antibiotic, Ashwell went home. Three days later, Ashwell, 37, had worsened severely and was hospitalized — but it was too late. He died.

And Medicaid had a \$4,900 hospital bill. "This is a dilemma that thousands of people across the country face every month," said Cynthia Folcarelli of the National Mental Health Association, which is using Ashwell's death last month to ask the government to end state prescription limits.

A survey by the Health Care Financing Administration, which oversees Medicare and Medicaid, found that at least 11 states restrict the number of prescription drugs nonhospitalized Medicaid patients can receive per month. Limits vary from three in Arkansas to five in Mississippi and 10 in West Virginia.

It's the same conundrum facing the fastest-growing health care cost, so limiting them is logical when budgets are tight, said William Waldman of the American Public Human Services Association.

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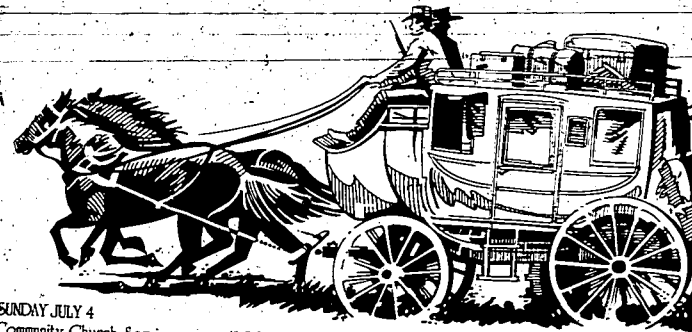
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Fly Over 10:00-10:15 AM (approximate time)

Parade Downtown Buhl

Mountain Men All Day-McClusky Park-Eastman Park

Dark Concession 12:00noon-6:00PM

Free Swimming 12:00noon-6 PM-Eastman Park

Antique Car Show TBA

Tractor Pull 2:00PM-Buhl Rodeo Arena

Entertainment Eastman Park

Jump Company 2:00PM

Anvil Firing 3:00PM-McClusky Park

Street Dance 6:00-10:00PM (red area between Dupuis & West)

Bull Riding Competition 7:00PM (tentative time) Buhl Rodeo Arena

Muzzle Loader Council Fire 9:00PM McClusky Park

SUNDAY JULY 4

Community Church Service 11:00AM-Eastman Park

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Hubbell gets no jail time for Whitewater case

Former ball club owner's debt raises some eyebrows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutor Kenneth Starr Wednesday wrapped up the Arkansas phase of his investigation with two fresh guilty pleas from longtime presidential friend Webster Hubbell.

"After five years, it's over. Our lives can begin again," Hubbell said outside the courthouse after being sentenced to one year of probation.

Hubbell pleaded guilty to concealing information from regulators about his firm's work for the savings and loan at the center of the Whitewater investigation and said he had been interviewed ahead by prosecutors.

"I told the office of independent counsel, as I told them five years ago, that I have no knowledge of any wrongdoing on behalf of the president or Mrs. Clinton," he said.

As part of the deal, prosecutors asked for no jail time, restitution or fine for the felony or a second guilty plea by Hubbell on a misdemeanor charge of failure to pay taxes. Hubbell previously served a 16-month prison sentence for bilking his law firm and



Webster Hubbell, pictured Wednesday outside a Washington courtroom with his wife, Nancy, was sentenced to a year of probation for his involvement in the Whitewater savings and loan scandal.

Both inside and outside court, Starr gave indications he is trying to wrap up the rest of his probe quickly. The prosecutor said the Arkansas phase of the investigation "has been concluded by today's actions" and that he is

trying to bring other aspects of the probe to "an orderly conclusion."

But he said certain matters remain under investigation by a federal grand jury. He was not more specific.

Hubbell pleaded guilty to a

broad concealment charge alleging he hid from investigators his and Hillary Rodham Clinton's legal work for the failed Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan.

Outside the court, the former associate attorney general declared he had only admitted to one fact of that charge — that he had failed to disclose to federal regulators a potential conflict of interest before doing work for the government concerning Madison.

But Starr said his office would have been able to prove all the allegations underlying the concealment charge.

The prosecutor told the judge, however, that he arranged the plea deal in part because the controversy underlying the case "found its way into the hearts and minds of prospective jurors" and could have affected the trial.

In Chicago, press secretary Joe Lockhart said, "The president and first lady recognize that these past few years have been very difficult ones for Webb and Surey Hubbell, and they hope that this resolution will allow the Hubbells to move on to a brighter future."

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the federal budget approaching \$2 trillion, members of Congress aren't normally fazed by big dollar figures. But former Philadelphia Eagles owner Leonard Tose had some heads-shaking on Capitol Hill on Wednesday when he estimated his gambling losses at \$40 million to \$50 million.

Tose put a human face on the issue of compulsive gambling at a congressional hearing on increased funding for research into gambling addiction. Tose joked that he was a compulsive gambler "only when I had money."

Gambling debts forced the former trucking magnate to sell the Eagles football team in 1985. And on his 81st birthday in 1996, he was evicted from his seven-bedroom Philadelphia home after losing the house in a U.S. marshal's sale.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who called the hearing, was straightforward about his distaste for gambling. "I don't like it," he said. "I think it goes after people who can't afford to lose money. I think it has an effect of a very regressive attack."

Appropriations subcommittee on labor, education and health and human services, said afterward that the National Institutes of Health may need a funding increase if they are to undertake new studies recommended by a federal commission on gambling.

The National Gambling Impact Study Commission submitted a report June 18 that focused heavily on the need for more research to address "a dearth of impartial, objective research" that remained even after the panel spent half of its \$5 million budget on new studies.

The Harvard Medical School Division of Addiction estimated in 1997 that 4.4 million American adults and adolescents are pathological gamblers and another 11 million are problem gamblers.

The commission's 16 research recommendations include NIH sponsorship of studies on pathological gambling, especially among youths, and adults with gambling problems that are not yet severe, as well as the inclusion of gambling questions in periodic household surveys on drug abuse and surveys of mental health providers.

Study finds loose security at nuke labs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even after an uproar over espionage and poor security, investigators found troublesome security gaps at a major nuclear weapons laboratory in California, officials said Wednesday.

The shortcomings, discovered in a review in early May at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, included inadequate monitoring of access to the unclassified computer system and deficiencies in the security force's response to potential terrorist.

The findings by an Energy Department security oversight team were to be presented in a classified briefing to the House Commerce Committee on Thursday.

While not discussing the findings in detail, Glenn Podonsky, who headed the internal DOE investigation, said that the security weaknesses did not put any top-secret information at risk, but

showed some "sensitive" information needed to be better protected.

"It's serious because from our standpoint it needed to be corrected," Podonsky said in an interview. "These are holes that need to be plugged."

Meanwhile, the Senate Intelligence Committee heard for the first time Wednesday from Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, on the security and espionage concerns at the nuclear weapons labs.

Questions about security at nuclear weapons facilities arose in March as details from a con-

gressional investigation began to surface describing the loss of nuclear secrets to China in the 1980s and into the 1990s.

The controversy intensified after Energy Secretary Bill Richardson directed the firing of a scientist at the Los Alamos lab in New Mexico in early March after he had been under investigation for possible espionage since 1996. The scientist, Wen Ho Lee, has not been charged with any crime and has denied giving nuclear secrets to anyone.

Senators, in the closed sessions, were expected to question Berger closely about why the administration did not move quicker to deal with reports of the theft of nuclear secrets at Los Alamos. Berger, who once was deputy security adviser, has said that he first learned of concerns about the Los Alamos problems in April 1996 and was briefed more thoroughly in mid-1997.

A report by the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board indicated, however, that the White House may have been made aware as early 1995 by then-Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary about the possible theft at Los Alamos of secrets involving the sophisticated W-88 nuclear warhead.

Babbitt testifies regarding casino proposal and possible campaign ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt testified Wednesday before a grand jury looking into his department's rejection of an Indian casino proposal in 1995 and any possible connection with Democratic campaign contributions.

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Fugitive mayor assumes role as key weapon against Milosevic

Los Angeles Times

CACAK, Yugoslavia - In the moments before Mayor Velimir Ilie's triumphal return Tuesday after 43 days on the run from his own army in the forests surrounding this stronghold of democratic reform - the town's deputy mayor had described him as "an F-117 Stealth fighter. He's invisible." But when Ilie took the stage Tuesday afternoon for the first opposition rally in Yugoslavia since the end of NATO's air war, and a crowd of thousands chanted "Veljko Veljko Veljko" in unison, Serb - an engineer turned mayor - then fugitive and finally hero - suddenly appeared as a front-line weapon of the opposition against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

By the houses, and we asked them only to move the tanks away. But they refused," Ilie explained. Then, at 3:10 p.m. on May 10, NATO's bombs fell - obliterating the tanks, factories and more than a dozen nearby homes, where three civilians died. "I saw the bodies of these innocent people who had asked me for protection," said Ilie, who was so moved by the horror that he decided to tell the world. He spent his 43 days on the run in the forests, protected by priests and even a pro-government village man proud they proclaimed him a traitor. "I lie shouted from the stage Tuesday, a homecoming he deliberately timed for the opposition's opening show of defiance against Milosevic. "I am not guilty of treason," said Ilie, who added that he was returning to office and was prepared to go to trial. "I have been in hell for 43 days, and my only crime was caring."

Ilie's task ahead will be much the same. He returned to an industrial town where NATO left most of the industry in ruin. The 240 bombs and missiles that Deputy Mayor Dusan Drinjakovic said fell on the city during NATO's 11-week air war demolished the city's four major factories, which manufactured products ranging from vacuum cleaners, stoves and radiators to military tanks, missile parts and truck components. "More than 6,000 workers now are without their factories here," said Drinjakovic, who belongs to a different pro-democracy party than the mayor. Meantime, a large army base in Cacak was left unscathed and is now fully manned. The large police force in town is loyal to Milosevic and the only law in town. And, despite their love of democracy, Drinjakovic and others here said the war has left them wondering how the Clinton administration and NATO now expect their movement to survive.

Serb staff flees from mental hospital, lets patients fend for themselves

Night Rider News Service

STIMLJE, Yugoslavia - In 40 years of life, Svetlana Persic has been abandoned twice. The first time was 20 years ago, when her mother dumped her in a Kosovo mental hospital because of a paralyzed arm. The second time was June 14, when the Serbian hospital staff fled. They took the food, the cars, the telephones, and left 350 mostly Serb patients in the care of seven Albanian staffers. "The Serbs just left us here," Persic said Tuesday, her thin face contorting into a teary grimace. "How can I say Albanians are bad? Even my parents didn't look after me. But the Albanians did."

and many Serbian workers have fled. For 10 years, Serbs alone have occupied top offices in government and business. With them gone, running water has been cut off, buses don't run and gasoline is available only in Fanta bottles on the black market. Slowly, as ethnic Albanian refugees return from their forced exile in Albania and Macedonia, the pieces of Kosovo society are being stitched back together in new patterns. But resources are few - especially after weeks of war and looting. Here at the only hospital for the mentally ill and mentally disabled in all of Serbia, the results have been especially grim. Heaped are a bleak compound of filthy buildings and overgrown gardens on the outskirts of this central Kosovo town, the hospital has never been a model of modern care. Since it opened in 1945, Serbian families have been dumping unwanted children, brothers and mothers here, for

reasons that often have little to do with mental illness. On Tuesday, the patients in Stimlje included Persic, whose mind is sharp despite a withered arm; Jelena, a deaf and toothless old woman who can't remember her age, but knows "I am smart" and "I am young"; and a 48-year-old woman who doesn't know what's wrong with her but knows she has lived at Stimlje more than 30 years. Most heartbreaking are the children - more than 50 of them, many quite normal with the mildest signs of developmental disability. Sanjela, an intensely curious 4-year-old in a dirty green dress, blue rubber boots and a baseball cap advertising Alpirsbacher beer, was born in the hospital to a developmentally disabled mother. "She was born very normal. But living here with the others, she got worse," said Sedik Mustu, an ethnic Albanian social

worker. "I would like very much to have a separate building for the kids. But the Serb managers always said, 'We have no possibility to do stuff like that.'" Mustu was among dozens of ethnic Albanian staff members at the hospital who stopped coming to work after NATO launched its air war against Yugoslavia on March 24. "Since the bombing campaign, I was afraid to go out or to come in this building," Mustu said. That left the patients in the care of about 60 Serbs and a handful of ethnic Albanians. But the morning of June 14 - two days after NATO peacekeeping troops arrived in Kosovo and Serbian police and military began to pull out - the Serbian staff pulled up stakes and fled. "They didn't tell us anything. They just left," said Kimete Fazlizi, 30, an ethnic Albanian nurse who worked throughout the bombing. "They took the hospital bus, the cars, the TVs, the telephones."

Then they opened the gate and told the patients: "Run! The terrorists will come now!" Fifteen patients took that advice; a handful have since been found wandering in nearby villages. The rest were cornered by the ethnic Albanian staff, who worked to calm them down. "That day, they offered no help to the patients," Fazlizi said of the Serbs. "We had no electricity, no water, no food." They also had no flour or butter or milk. The janitor, Hali Arife, left the compound to find someone to make bread. "For three days, nights, we were only seven here. It was very hard. No sleeping," said Arife, a wiry man who said he hasn't been paid in four months. "But we're not thinking of money," Arife quickly added. "All we want is to help them and not to leave them abandoned."

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Idaho counties must lessen their reliance on state prison money

Idaho prison officials have better things to worry about in their quest to house state prisoners than keeping a couple of eastern Idaho sheriffs happy. Bannock County Sheriff Lorin Nielsen and Bingham County Sheriff Dale Holm are disappointed because they want to house state prisoners in their jails. It's a money-making venture for their counties because the state pays to keep state prisoners in local jails. Empty jail beds, on the other hand, don't generate any revenue.

But the state Board of Correction has decided, once again, to ship Idaho inmates to prisons in other states. Nielsen and Holm suggest the decision smacks of pettiness, but we think it makes perfect sense.

Prisoners are problems, so shipping them out of state and writing a check for their room and board turns them into someone else's problem.

Prisoners are problems, so shipping them out of state and writing a check for their room and board turns them into someone else's problem. Few will miss them if Idaho's prisoners are shipped out of state. And frankly, so much the better if their loved ones follow.

It may be inconvenient to pull up stakes and leave, but the state correctional system isn't designed to be convenient.

Now it is designed to be a cash cow for individual counties.

"We've got a good facility and a great staff. I wish our own state would take care of us like they take care of

"Texas and Minnesota," Nielsen said recently. There's rich irony here, because Nielsen's county has agreed to house prisoners from Oregon.

Fact is, prisoners have become something of a commodity. Hundreds of Idaho inmates have been shipped to out-of-state prisons in recent years. Most have been returned to Idaho, but another wave is headed out in the near future. When those inmates eventually return to Idaho, they are likely to wind up in a new, privately operated prison south of Boise.

That prison is idle right now, but its mere existence gives state leaders more options for managing Idaho's prison population.

They can send prisoners out of state until it becomes more cost-effective to bring 'em back and open the new prison.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne knows some counties will feel the squeeze when the state plucks its prisoners from local jails. He has warned them that state payments, totaling millions of dollars, will dry up next year.

As some options grow, others contract. It's clear that county jails in Pocatello, Blackfoot and elsewhere are losing their allure as places to park state prisoners. The correctional gray train is nearing the end of the line for individual counties.

No county officials should be taken by surprise when it happens.



Have the rich forgotten about charity?

Following its annual tradition, Forbes magazine recently published a list of the nation's old and new billionaires.

The size of this elite cadre jumps each year. The last tally revealed that this glittering group had increased from 12 in 1982 to more than 200 in 1998. Related data disclose that in the same period, the richest 20 percent of Americans received about 99 percent of the total gain in wealth.

The good fortune of these folks evokes general admiration, but some of our elders view the overall trends with misgivings. We are uneasy because we remember the social tragedies of the Great Depression and realize all booms are followed by busts. We are anxious, too, because our country seems more interested in money and military power than in ideals. And the nonchalance of the ultra-rich causes us dismay when we recall Andrew Carnegie's excellent maxim, "No idler is more debasing than the worship of money."

To scrutinize the Forbes list is disheartening. It reveals how few members of this elite have exhibited a sense of social responsibility or an interest in philanthropic causes. This indifference is discouraging because the current upsurge of super-affluence has set a stage for what could and should be a golden age of giving.

This is not an idle dream. In the past decade, magnanimous Americans in all walks of life have shared their good fortune with others.

For example, billion-plus benefactors by Walter Annenberg, Lucille and David Packard, George Soros and Ted Turner

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have shown how private individuals can use their wealth to advance vital national and international causes.

Hundreds of men and women with lesser fortunes also have been having the time of their lives helping improve lives in their communities. Two incredibly magnanimous African Americans stand out in this regard — Oseola McCarty, an 87-year-old washerwoman in Hattiesburg, Miss., and Matel Dawson, a 78-year-old forklift operator for a Motor Co. in Dearborn — delivering a poignant rebuke to materialistic Americans by giving their life savings to charitable causes.

Every affluent American should be required to read "The Gospel of Wealth," written over a century ago by Andrew Carnegie. Carnegie, one of the princes of the Gilded Age, declared that the life of each person should be divided into two periods. The first would encompass the accumulation of wealth, while the second would be devoted to "making disbursements" that would improve civilization and uplift the general welfare.

Carnegie was a do-it-now person, and he spent the last two decades of his life managing foundations that fulfilled his credo: one provided gifts that built several thousand libraries here and abroad. Another endowed permanent institutions to promote world peace. And still others made — are still making — grants to advance social and educational goals.

A renaissance of Carnegie-style shar-

ing would be a wonderful way for Americans to start the new century. It would be great for our country because private foundations can carry out programs to help communities cope with social, environmental and quality-of-life problems that timid governments continue to ignore.

It would be wonderful for the world because well-funded private initiatives can help alleviate or resolve problems that pose threats to world stability and world peace.

And, not least, an upsurge of creative sharing would enrich the lives of wealthy Americans and enable their families to leave legacies that will be honored by future generations.

The challenge to the consciences of affluent individuals has been largely ignored by our society. A Nevada entrepreneur, James E. Rogers, who recently began making lavish donations with his fortune, described the problem in these words: "What it boils down to is that nobody should have this much money."

"We live in a culture that teaches people to become successful but neglects to teach the responsible use of that success."

In his 1990 address to Congress, President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic stressed the same theme when he said, "Salvation of this human world lies nowhere else than in the human heart — in human meekness and in human responsibility."

Former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall of Santa Fe, N.M., is a longtime environmentalist and philanthropist. He wrote this commentary for the Detroit Free Press.

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LETTER

Ruby Ridge warrants attention

Your editorial, "Let the Randy Weaver debacle quietly fade away," misdirects attention from the shame of Ruby Ridge. Your obsession with personalities and frivolously distracting details about Gandy Ramsey Clark and malcontent Randy Weaver demeans the constitutional principle behind the ghastly incident. It is more important than whether FBI agent Lou Hirsch is an assassin of merely acting in reckless disregard of human life. The principle grabs the core of the constitutionally established government system of federalism and dual sovereignties.

History records a continuing struggle by the federal government to expand power at states' expense. The founders of the Constitution would be aghast to find that federal power (not authority) had dictated to states and cities how certain public parking spaces should be assigned. Yet it has happened.

American constitutional history might be quite different if you, Mr. Editor, had been advising aggrieved citizens not to take a stand for personal rights. Had parents of students in segregated schools just let the issue quietly fade away, the principle of equal protection and elimination of discrimination would leave us today with some citizens still laboring under "separate but equal."

Some congressional gold medal winner Rosa Parks, who protested being relegated to the back of the bus, taken your advice and let matters fade quietly away, there would still be a color line down the middle of some buses. Had American citizens who were herded into concentration camps like the one in Hunc, Idaho, followed your advice and just allowed the maltreatment quietly to fade away,

Japanese ancestry would remain a constitutionally acceptable standard for abuses.

Great constitutional issues are decided in the wake of shameful conduct. Ruby Ridge is no exception. It is more egregious because of perpetration by someone carrying a federal badge. The constitutional principle is: Shall federal agents bear responsibility for exceeding their constitutional authority and violating the state constitution? There must certainly be limited protection for federal agents actually discharging their constitutional duties. But neither citizen nor newspaper editor should tolerate carte blanche presumptions of power by folks flaunting constitutional restraints upon federal power. This, Mr. Editor, is what Ruby Ridge has created, a watershed constitutional issue — the need to remove immunity from prosecution enjoyed and abused by federal agents who violate state laws. It must not be allowed just to fade away because tedium makes it personally boring.

GEORGE C. DETWEILER
Twin Falls

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Allow retail development

The proposed retail development on North Blue Lakes Boulevard, near the College of Southern Idaho campus, appears to be well thought out. The city has stated that Fillmore Street needs to be extended from North College Road to Falls Avenue to afford proper traffic flow and safety for this 200,000-square-foot development.

It is clear that the developer has been fair in his approach toward the college, the neighbors affected by this development and the city. As everyone who has driven on Blue Lakes Boulevard North recently can attest, the community needs this alternate route to relieve congestion and greatly improve traffic flow.

It's an unfortunate fact of life today that we all want growth and progress if it is in someone else's back yard. This street expansion has been on the Comprehensive Plan and Master Street Plan for many years. I do feel that the bordering neighbors deserve whatever pro-

tections can reasonably be afforded them. What better time than now, with the developer's apparent willingness to fund a portion of the street expansion? It would be a serious mistake if this development and street extension were not allowed to proceed for the betterment of the community at large. Let's unite behind this vision to improve the future of Twin Falls!

SUSAN REITSMAN
Twin Falls

Speedway staff does terrific job

I am furious! You have insulted everyone connected with racing at the Magic Valley Speedway. The "affront to public decency" you refer to involved crews from two out-of-town racers. Some fans were curious and went to see what was going on. There was no one locally involved.

That was a q-p-e-time thing. In the years I have been going to the races, I have never seen or heard of any other altercation. How on earth someone

could write and publish something like nook nothing about is beyond me. I challenge you to go to the races at Magic Valley Speedway to observe what it is all about. These drivers and crews all have responsible jobs, careers, professions.

I have been to other race tracks and enjoyed the races. However, I have never seen any well maintained as this Magic Valley Speedway. The staff does terrific job and makes you feel happy to be there. The fans are great and many come year after year. I've seen little children there growing each year, and as they grow they are more and more interested in racing. What a great place to come and bring your whole family. I am proud and happy to be a race fan. You whoever you are that wrote that editorial, are so wrong!

Come to the speedway and see all of these well-behaved fans, drivers and crews. That cartoon is disgusting!

MARCELLA LADD
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



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Mallard Fillmore



Doonesbury



POOR COPY



The eggshell presidential race

Some time ago, I went to see a movie in small-town theater. The inexperienced projectionist ran the climactic third reel before he showed the second reel, which contained the build-up to the film's dramatic conclusion. Not surprisingly, the impact of the film was completely lost on the audience.

So it is with the 2000 presidential primaries, which have begun early and will climax prematurely in the early spring. Fearing that they will be forced later to backtrack from the hard-edged positions that candidates usually use to fire up the more ideologically primary voters, the major candidates are reversing reels by conducting what looks like a general election campaign, full of unifying themes and lofty appeals.

This strategy has thus far produced a platinitudinous campaign that seems designed to give offense to no one. It is almost as if the soporific fumes of political correctness have wafted from the poppy fields of academia to give us rhetoric that is duplicative, weary, flat, stale and unprofitable.

If these plodding, humdrum pronouncements were merely those of Vice President Al Gore, who has often been put down for his lack of "esprit," it would be painful enough. But Texas Gov. George W. Bush, whose status seems more that of pretender to the throne than candidate, has also given voice to the kind of sonorous flummery we normally associate with inaugural addresses. Former Sen. Bill Bradley is also in there slogging away in the muddled middle.

The principal difference

ROSS K. BAKER

between Bush and Gore on that subject is that Gore wants Washington to further some vaguely liberal objectives such as preschool and limits on class-size, while Bush wants federal power to advance a tepidly conservative agenda built on military preparedness and enabling high school principals to be slightly more authoritarian. Neither man, forced to carry out the platform of his rival would feel very ill-at-ease doing so.

With the nomination contests in both parties likely to be decided by the time of the vernal equinox, it is unlikely that one of the front-runners will publicly dribble gravy on his tie or lose his godlike composure and deck a hockler.

With so little real cut-and-thrust on the issues, the campaign is left gasping for air and becoming a struggle over personalities. Early in this century, an English observer of American politics, Lord Bryce, observed that, "When political controversy is languid, personal issues come to the front."

Meanwhile, Bush deludes himself by thinking he can immunize himself against full-body an dissection by confessing to an early life as a sea pecker, and a Gore-Bradley contest over who is worthier is unlikely to stimulate much interest among citizens.

Ross K. Baker is a professor of political science at Rutgers University. He wrote this commentary for Newsday.

Advances hint of new era for older women

Whenever I go to lunch with other women, we end up talking about estrogen. After menopause, women's bodies produce 80 percent less estrogen. Many women over 50 go on estrogen therapy to replace what their body has stopped producing.

However, some women are scared to take estrogen, because of reports it may increase the risk of breast and endometrial (uterine) cancer.

That's why I was excited by the news that raloxifene, a designer drug developed by Eli Lilly and Co. and marketed as Evista, may help women achieve the positive effects of estrogen replacement and avoid the cancer risk. This development is also an indication of how different growing old is going to become in the near future.

Osteoporosis, a disorder marked by poor bone density, is one of the most debilitating diseases women face in old age. It's caused primarily by a loss of estrogen.

One out of every two women eventually gets the disease, which increases the danger of fracturing a bone in a fall. Half of all women who fracture a hip never walk again unassisted, and a quarter of them end up in nursing homes. Osteoporosis can rob a woman of her independence for the rest of her life.

Raloxifene mimics estrogen's positive effects on bone strength and lowers the serum cholesterol level like natural estrogen does. But it has the opposite effect of estrogen on reproductive organs like the breasts and uterus. Recently announced studies show that raloxifene probably lowers the risk of breast cancer after menopause.

Raloxifene isn't being marketed as a cancer preventative yet; further studies must be done. But the news that there is a drug

BETSY MCCATGHEY ROSS

that may help prevent osteoporosis without increasing the risk of cancer could spell relief to women scared to take estrogen.

There are over two dozen medications in development to delay or prevent osteoporosis, without the cancer risks of estrogen. Preventing women from fracturing a hip or spine could save billions of dollars a year in hospital and nursing home care, keeping women on their feet and independent.

It could also make people think twice about the dire predictions that we baby boomers are going to be an economic burden in old age. Growing old isn't easy, but new medical discoveries are rapidly changing the aging process.

Researchers are coming up with new medications that will enable us to stay healthy and independent, instead of spending old age in a wheelchair or nursing home, requiring very costly care.

Consider the progress being made against strokes, the leading cause of disability among the elderly. One-third of all stroke

survivors leave the hospital permanently dependent.

Now doctors are prescribing anticoagulants to protect high-risk patients from having a stroke. The lifetime cost of a severe stroke exceeds \$100,000. At about \$1,100 a year, anticoagulants are a bargain.

A patient rushed to the hospital with a stroke can be administered a clot-busting drug that can stop nerve cell damage and possibly limit the permanent effects of a stroke.

Looking ahead, Boston-based Creative BioMolecules Inc. is developing a bone graft device that can be injected 24 hours after a stroke and actually reverse stroke damage.

The politicians in Washington are predicting that Medicare will go bankrupt when the baby boom generation reaches old

age. Instead of looking to medical innovation to solve the problem, politicians are debating how to ration Medicare — whether to cut benefits, raise the eligibility age or ask seniors to pay more out of pocket.

But what if there isn't a Medicare crisis? The same medicines being developed by scientists to improve our quality of life in old age will also reduce the costs of growing old. Growing old will never be as good as it was in the movie "Cocoon," but with medical breakthroughs like raloxifene, it will definitely be better.

Betsy McCatghey Ross is a senior fellow for the Indianapolis-based Hudson Institute and former lieutenant governor of New York. She wrote this commentary for Bridge News.

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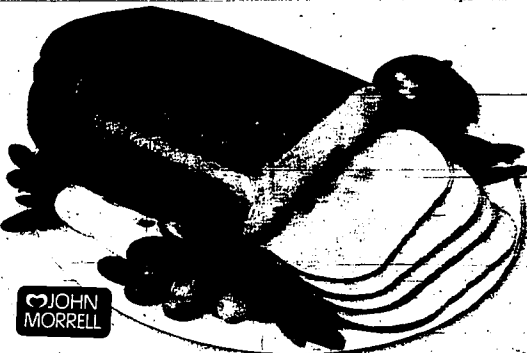
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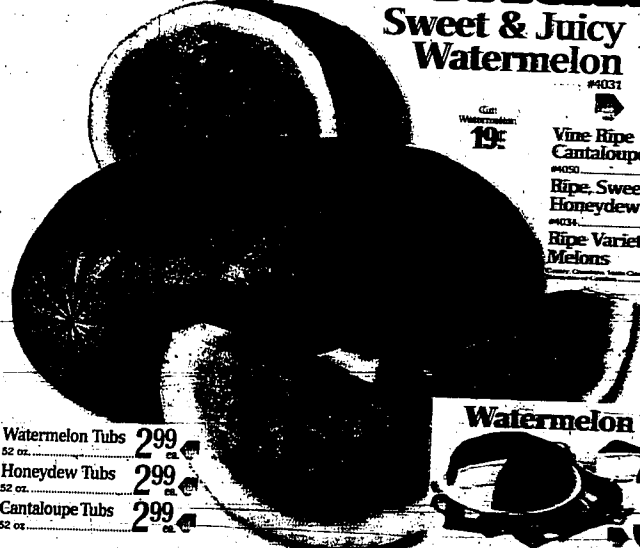
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What really bugs me is losing four finals. That's four too many.

—Boris Becker's last report on the topic of his retirement from professional tennis

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Latham Match Play Championship at Twin Falls Municipal GC.
American Legion baseball
RBI Tournament at Burley.
Rugby
Coke Valley, 10 a.m.
Central 11 a.m.
Tremonton, 12 a.m.
Mesa, 11 a.m.
Columbia Valley, 2 p.m.
Tremonton, 12 a.m.
Mesa, 11 a.m.
Coke Valley, 10 a.m.
Central 11 a.m.
Tremonton, 12 a.m.
Mesa, 11 a.m.

IN BRIEF

KV party hits MV Mall today

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Mall will host a K-ball end-of-the-season party in the food court today at 12:30 p.m.

K-ball, a co-ed program for intercollegiate softball players, utilizes skills developed in softball and is designed to teach the fundamentals of baseball and softball in a noncompetitive environment.

Arizona golfer aces Gooding hole

GOODING — John Jones of Arizona used a four-iron on the 154-yard ninth hole at Gooding Country Club Monday for the first hole-in-one of his 63-year golf career.

Nebraskan hits first hole-in-one

TWIN FALLS — Chuck Dabney, visiting the Magic Valley from Nebraska, hit his first career hole-in-one Monday at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

M-C ballplayers can get into touney free

RUPERT — All area youth league players (boys and girls) wearing a current league shirt from Babe Ruth, Herbyland, Rupert and Burley leagues will be admitted free for all games Friday at the RBI Tournament at Warburton Field.

Lebanon one-hits Muzi No. 15

TWIN FALLS — Lance Lebanon used the No. 15 hook at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Wednesday.

Correction

A story in Wednesday's section misidentified Mike Lakes Country Club professional Rob Elder.

Eagle swings heavy wood

Minico falls to Vipers

By Dex Dutton
Times-News Correspondent

RUPERT — Familiar aluminum things were replaced by old-fashioned cracks of the bat on Mini-Cassia baseball diamonds as the Wood Bar Invitational tournament opened Wednesday afternoon in Burley and Rupert.

Using the heavier wood didn't seem to bother Minico or Eagle, as Eagle swatted its way to an 8-6 win in a game highlighted by 19 hits.

The Vipers started the scoring early as the first two Eagles in the bottom order walked and John Rosti stole a base. Rosti's thievery was soon rewarded, as Neil Elder delivered a double to score both runs.

Pitcher Matt Montaigne followed with an RBI-single of his own, and Eagle took a 3-0 lead in the opening inning. Once begun, the hitting continued through the final inning of the game.

Minico took up where the Vipers had left off and scored two first-inning runs of its own on a Jared Price RBI double and a looping base-hit RBI from Jason Crowland. Dalan Rieti followed with a base hit in the second for a 3-3 tie.



Minico's Casey Jensen is tagged out stretching for home by Eagle catcher Todd Fisher in the Wood Bar Invitational Tournament Wednesday afternoon.

The next three innings proved decisive as Eagle's methodical hitting and flawless base running earned the Vipers four more runs.

They took it off, solid pitches by Jon Steensen frustrated the Spartan hitting efforts.

"We hit really well, which also helped out our pitching," said Eagle coach Jim Seaney. "Seaney did a nice job for us, and Elder did a good job with the close."

In desperate need of an emotional boost, the Spartans were inspired by a dazzling double play to end the Vipers' hopes of a sixth-inning run.

Still, Eagle lead by three runs Minico fielding errors proved costly.

"Viper John just crossed the plate to stretch the Eagle lead to four."

Base running errors again haunted the Spartans, as Luke Coats was tagged out trying to stretch a single into a double.

Jason Crowland finished Minico's scoring with a crowd-pleasing

two-run home run, but cleanup pitcher Elders' final-inning homer delivered the final blow.

He trimmed two batters to squish Minico's hopes of a third comeback.

"We made defensive errors and had some running errors," said Minico coach Ross Wright. "We are just not talented enough to make those mistakes and have it come out okay."

Age: 16-17
Height: 5-10
Weight: 150
Position: R. Infielder
Team: Minico
Coach: Ross Wright

Minico 10, Tremonton 0

In six innings, Jared Price doubled twice and batted in four runs. Luke Coats added a 2-RBI single and Ryan Jensen pitched a complete game for the win.

Minico outdid Tremonton nine hits to three, while the Spartan offense was aided by three Tremonton errors.

In other Saturday games, Centennial beat Burley 12-1 in eight innings, Cache Valley beat Burley 8-6, Cache Valley defeat the Caldwell 16-12, and Eagle beat Burley (Monte) 7-4.

NCAA puts Purdue on probation

The Associated Press

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Purdue University, which in the past two years has picked out College of Southern Idaho forward Greg McQuay, guard Joe Marshall and former head coach Jim Thrash, as its basketball coach placed on two years' probation by the NCAA Wednesday for major rules violations in its men's basketball program.

The university could also face more than \$300,000 in penalties. School officials declared the sanctions as excessive and baseless.

The Bollemer trustees were spared bans from postseason tournaments or restrictions on television appearances, and head coach Gene Kealy was not cited. But athletic director Morgan Burke said the school would appeal the decision within an NCAA-imposed 15-day deadline, saying the evidence does not support the punishment.

"It's excessive in some cases, but not in others," he said. "I'm shocked to be honest with you."

The NCAA's Committee on Infractions cut 15 basketball appearances in the NCAA tournament, a penalty of more than \$300,000.

The committee ruled the university violated rules on recruiting, extra benefits and ethical conduct.

Most of the violations involved assistant coach Tom Kendrick, who met with the summer recruit Jamal Davis in the summer of 1996 during a period when coaches are barred from contact with recruits.

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Bulls brand Elton a winner

BSU's Bergesen winds up in Portland

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — All those trade scenarios, all those intricate plans that consumed Jerry Krause's life since he won the lottery a month ago turned out to be a bunch of Bull-say.

In the end, the Chicago Bulls decided to keep No. 1 pick and select Elton Brand, the college player of the year who left Duke after his sophomore season.



Duke's Elton Brand, right, shoots over a Florida State player in January. Brand was chosen by the Chicago Bulls as the No. 1 pick in the NBA Draft.

Brand, a 6-foot-8 forward, was chosen after the Bulls took a serious last look at Rhode Island's Lamar Odom, bringing him into Chicago for a workout on the eve of the draft.

Krause went with the safer of the two picks, choosing to try to rebuild his dynasty with a solid frontcourt player.

Steve Francis was chosen second by Vancouver, Baron Davis went third to Charlotte, Odom went fourth to the Los Angeles Clippers and high schooler Jonathan Bender went fifth to Toronto but will be traded by Indiana for Antonio Davis.

"I didn't know where I was going to fit in this draft. I did want to be the No. 1 pick," Brand said. "I feel like the best player and I can improve a lot, and I think I can be the cornerstone in their rebuilding."

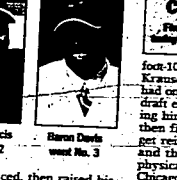
Asked if he knew he would be the No. 1 overall pick, Brand said: "Not at all. I didn't have the slightest idea. It feel blessed."

Brand's University swing-selection was the man Roberto Hernandez, the 53rd player chosen in the 53-player, two-round draft, selected by the Atlanta Hawks.

The Tacoma native was drafted to Portland for cash considerations.

"I'm pretty confident I'm going to get picked," Bergesen told the Metro Streamer before the draft. "But if I don't hear my name called then it just means a lot of people don't think as highly of me as I do on the radio."

The Grizzlies selected second and chose guard Francis, who had intended to play in Canada. Francis kept his hand buried in his hands as his name



Steve Francis went No. 2 and Baron Davis went No. 3.

Complete rundown

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Rumors and rivalries heat up Wimbledon

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Wimbledon revelled in all its scandal-mongering and historic jibes Wednesday, spiced by juicy gossip, flag-waving drama, champion's emotional farewell and a teen-ager's rise from obscurity to celebrity.

Always more soap opera than tennis tournament, Wimbledon emerged from two days of rain abuse with a report that 64-year-old tennis sensation Alexandra Stevenson may be the daughter of Hall of Fame basketball star Julius "Dr. J." Erving.

Erving denied it, and the 18-year-old Stevenson and her mother refused to comment after she surfaced into the quarterfinals. A photograph of her birth certificate, published in the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, listed as her father Julius Winfield Erving II — Dr. J.'s formal name. Stevenson's middle name was listed as Winfield.

Wednesday at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England — A brief look at what happened Wednesday on the ninth day of the Wimbledon tennis championships:
□ Weather — Sunny and dry, high temperature was 66 degrees.
□ Attendance — 36,719, a record for the second Wednesday.
□ Last year on the ninth day it was 33,018.
□ Seeded winners — Men: No. 1, Pete Sampras, No. 2, Patrick Rafter, No. 6, Tim Laverne, No. 7, Mark Philippoussis, No. 8, Todd Martin.
□ Upsets — No. 13 Karl Kucoza by unseeded Greg Rusedjki.
□ Seeded winners — Women: No. 2, Stefani Graf, No. 6, Venus Williams, No. 8, Nathalie Tauziat.
□ Start of the Day — Alexandra Stevenson's win over Lisa Raymond means that two qualifiers have reached the women's quarterfinals for the first time in Wimbledon history. Beggs-Edmond 15-year-old sister Steffi and Australia is the other. They play each other Friday.

McEnroe was the only qualifier to reach the men's semis in 1978. "I've known about that my whole life, and I'm very excited to do the exact same thing he did," Stevenson said.

While Stevenson was winning on Court 5, her good friend Venus Williams was beating 15-year-old Steffi Graf in front of the packed grandstands of Court 18.

Centre court fans saw the completion of a brilliant day filled with national pride and personal passion between Briton Tim Courier and American Jim Courier that lasted three days and 4.5 hours.

Henman, who led two sets to one and 4-3 in the fourth set when rain cut three play Monday, shook off four more points in the fifth set — the last with a 3-0 mph ace to win 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-7, 6-4 — average a Davis Cup loss to Courier two months ago.



SPORTS

Sosa reaches 30 homers first

CHICAGO (AP) — Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 30th home run — his fourth in as many games — as the Chicago Cubs beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-4 Wednesday.

Pitcher Jim Abbott had a two-run single, his second major league hit, to lead the Brewers, who lost for only the third time in their last 10 games.

With the game tied 4-4 in the seventh and President-Bill Clinton watching from a skybox behind home plate, Sosa hit a 1-1 pitch from David Weathers (5-3) over the left-field bleachers onto Westland Avenue.

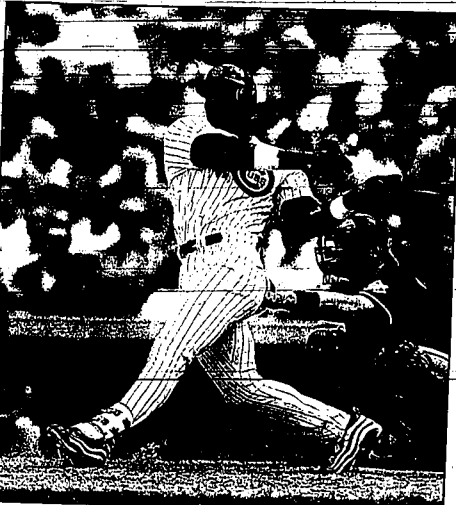
The Cubs won only the fifth time in their last 19 games and ended June with a 10-17 record. Matt Karchner (1-0) picked up the win with one inning of hitless relief.

Steve Kline (2-2) pitched a perfect eighth for the win and Ugueth Urbina pitched the ninth for his 17th save.

Marlins 4, Mets 3, 10 innings
MIAMI — Mark Kotsay's two-out homer in the bottom of the 10th inning gave the Florida Marlins a victory over the New York Mets.

Kotsay hit a shot to right off Armando Benitez (4-2) for his fifth homer of the season. The homer was the only hit allowed by Benitez in 1 2-3 innings of relief.

The Marlins won for only the fourth time in 19 games.



The Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa hits his major league-leading 30th home run of the year in the seventh inning against the Milwaukee Brewers at Wrigley Field in Chicago Wednesday.

Fletcher's tenth-inning bomb cages Orioles

TORONTO (AP) — Darrin Fletcher hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning and the Toronto Blue Jays rallied past Baltimore 10-7 Wednesday night, sending the Orioles to their season-high seventh straight loss.

Pinch-hitter Willie Fletcher hit a lead-off homer in the 10th inning of the Toronto game as the Orioles scored twice in the top of the 10th, the Blue Jays came back to hold Baltimore's 10th loss in a row at SkyDome.

Shawn Green drew a leadoff walk from Jesse Orsoco (0-2) in the Toronto 10th and Carlos Delgado doubled. After Tony Fernandez struck out, Fletcher homered off Orsoco.

John Francstore (2-0) won in relief for the second straight night.

Devil Rays 11, Red Sox 10, 10 innings
BOSTON — Roberto Hernandez got Nomar Garciaparra on a game-ending grounder with runners on second and third in the 10th inning, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays held off the Boston Red Sox.

Tampa Bay's Wade Boggs hit his first homer of the season and also singled against his former team, moving within 31 hits of 3,000. The Devil Rays won for the fourth time in five games.

A throwing error by third baseman Lou Marloni helped Tampa Bay take an 11-9 lead in the 10th against John Waddell (7-

1). Miguel Cairo singled home the go-ahead run and Kevin Stocker had an RBI groundout.

Hernandez (1-3) got the win despite blowing his third save in 24 chances.

Tigers 8, Yankees 2
NEW YORK — Tony Clark hit a two-run homer into Yankee Stadium's center-field bleachers as the Detroit Tigers stopped New York's seven-game winning streak.

The Yankees outfit Detroit 11-1 but stranded 15 runners, went 0-for-7 with runners in scoring position and made several physical and mental mistakes.

Winner Brian Moehler (7-8) pitched in and out of trouble. Dean Palmer went 3-for-4 with three RBIs as Detroit stopped a three-game losing streak.

Andy Pettitte (5-6) took the loss.

Twins 5, Indians 3
CLEVELAND — Eric Milton limited Cleveland's powerful offense to five hits over 8 1/3 innings, and Terry Steinbach hit a three-run homer to lead the Minnesota Twins over the Indians.

Milton (3-7), who struck out seven and walked two, kept the Indians off balance with an array of offspeed breaking pitches. He retired 13 consecutive batters from the third through seventh innings before issuing a walk.

Mike Trombley got the last two outs for his 12th save.

Steinbach's three-run shot capped a four-run first inning off Jared Wright (6-5).

Next stop for McGee could be managing

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Someday soon, Willie McGee might move from the outfield to the dugout.

As McGee's career winds down and he spends more time on the bench watching the game and bouncing ideas off Tony La Russa, he's getting a feel for what it would be like to be in charge.

La Russa gives him an unconditional endorsement, and McGee is intrigued.

"I don't see myself doing it, but this man has been doing it for a long time and that makes me feel good that he thinks I'm capable of doing it," the 40-year-old outfielder said. "I love the game, in any capacity. Whether it's coaching, playing, whatever it is."



40-year-old Willie McGee of the St. Louis Cardinals takes a break during getting practice Tuesday before a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in St. Louis.

He has great instincts, and he communicates."

He also is certain to get an endorsement from the fans. He is probably the team's most beloved player.

The biggest question is whether McGee, almost painfully media shy, could stomach daily question-and-answer sessions.

"I think I'd be his favorite thing," La Russa joked. "Third, and making appearances at charity dinners and standing up and speaking. But I'll tell you, never underestimate Willie."

McGee is pleased that La Russa thinks enough of him to discuss strategy. He said White Herzog, who managed him during his 11 play years with the Cardinals, and Dusty Baker, whom he played for in San Francisco, also would be role models.

Baker gave McGee a book called "The Art of War," so he could soak up some tactics. "The most important part, it seems, is managing your

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Clinton watches Sosa belt No. 30
CHICAGO — (AP) President Clinton came to Chicago to talk Medicare but wound up watching Sammy Sosa hit his 30th home run this season.

Following a speech Wednesday to pitch his new Medicare proposal to senior citizens, the president went to Wrigley Field for the Chicago Cubs-Milwaukee Brewers game.

Clutching a baseball in his hot dog and a Cubs baseball cap in his left hand, Clinton stood and applauded as Sosa became the first player to reach 30 home runs this season. After the game, Clinton went to the team's locker room to congratulate Sosa, who gave the president a blue Cubs jacket and Beanie Baby toy.

Change comes to Embattled BCS
The Bowl Championship Series on Wednesday modified its guidelines for selecting teams, adding more rankings and toughening eligibility standards for one of the four major bowls.

The decision seems most directed at the Big East, which has been criticized for sending subpar champions to the major bowls. Last season, Syracuse (8-4) finished No. 15 in the BCS rankings and was routed by Florida 31-10 in the Orange Bowl.

The BCS discussed a mechanism to prevent another team such as Kansas State from being left out, but decided against it.

Linros signs contract extension
PHILADELPHIA — Less than 10 hours before Eric Linros was to become a restricted free agent, the Philadelphia Flyers announced Wednesday the signing of their franchise center to a one-year contract extension worth \$8.5 million plus incentives.

The contract puts in writing what Linros and the club had agreed to by handshake. Linros, despite repeatedly assuring fans they would get the deal done, they were left to make it official until the day before a July 1 deadline for clubs to sign their potential restricted free agents.

Iowa QB Reiners could face suspension
IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa quarterback Randy Reiners, arrested for the second time in 18 months on an alcohol charge, could be suspended from the team for violating school policy.

Reiners, 22, of Fort Dodge, was arrested at 2:26 a.m. Tuesday after being found "sleeping or passed out" in a university parking lot, court records showed. He failed an alcohol breath test before being arrested.

Jonas wins, but not with seasonal best
OSLO, Norway — Three women set world seasonal bests at the Bisset Games on Wednesday, but track and field's biggest female star was not among them.

Marion Jones began her quest for the \$1 million Golden League jackpot winning the 200 meters in a time of 22.13 seconds. The women's seasonal bests were set by Gabriela Szabo of Romania in the 3,000 meters, Tanja Damaske of Germany in the javelin and Deon Hammonds of Jamaica in the 400.

Newcomer of the year sidelined by grades
COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M point guard Clinton Cook, the Big 12 Conference's newcomer of the year, has been ruled academically ineligible because of grades.

The 6-foot-11 guard from Dayton, Ohio, would have been a senior next fall. He started all 27 games for the Aggies last season after transferring from Howson College in Big Spring, Texas.

Cook led A&M with 15.6 points, 5.8 assists and 2.5 steals per game and was second in rebounds. He finished second in the league in assists and steals.

Woods, Singh lead the field at Western Open
LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — The gallery engulfed and then nearly swallowed him two years ago as he walked to the 18th fairway, ready to finish off a victory in the Western Open.

Tiger Woods, by now, is used to those moments that follow his every move.

They come to watch him be brilliant. They want to see him dominate a game that frustrates millions or rout a confounding course with his shot selection.

"Overwhelming, no. Distracting sometimes. Obviously they're making a lot of noise and it depends when they make that noise — if it's in your swing or when they catch you in a wrong moment, then it's a little tough," Woods said Wednesday on the eve of the \$2.5 million Western Open, which begins today sponsored by Motorola.

"They get excited when we pull off shots, and especially short shots that, that's what makes it nice. That's what you can get out and pull off a few good shots. Who do you know? You can get on a little hot streak."

He's on one. Woods, with three straight top 10 finishes, and Vijay Singh, who's placed in the top five of his last six U.S. Open championships. Fuzzy Stewart and money leader David Duval are among those absent.

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Jazz go for big men in draft

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Utah Jazz went for big men for their first three picks in the first round of the NBA draft Wednesday night.

Selecting No. 19, the Jazz chose 6-2 Minnesota forward-guard Quincy Lewis. Lewis averaged 23.1 points per game his senior year, good for sixth in the nation in overall scoring.

Lewis also averaged 20-plus points in 10 straight games this past season.

"One of the things I really like about Quincy is he's always around the ball, particularly on the boards," said Jazz Coach Jerry Sloan.

"Hopefully, he can continue that at this level," Sloan said.

For Utah's next pick, No. 24 in

the first round, the Jazz went for some foreign talent in 18-year-old Andrei Kirilenko, a 6-9 205-pound forward from Oshk, Russia.

Kirilenko saw significant action for the Russian National team. He averaged 13.2 points per game in the 2008-09 season in only 18.8 minutes per game.

"Andrei has a tremendous upside. We felt we had to go for him at that point in the draft or risk losing him," said Scott Layden, president of basketball operations for the Jazz.

Roundout Utah's first round picks was No. 28 Scott Padgett, a 6-9 240-pound forward out of Kentucky.

Padgett comes from a program that knows how to win, Layden said.

"We really felt good about Padgett, being there on the board. The guy really knows how to play and he brings with him assets from a championship program."

Padgett averaged 10.3 points per game in four years at Kentucky, and started 96 of 98 games in his college career.

Layden said both Lewis and Padgett are multi-dimensional players.

"We think Quincy can play the 2-3 positions and in Padgett, you're looking at a guy that can go 3-4-4. We like it when players can go to different positions."

Layden said the three new players will never replace veterans Jeff Hummel and Shandon Anderson.

ALL-STAR



The Rupert Rangers won the 11-12 year old All-Star Tournament June 18-19 in Jerome. The champions played Wood River, 4-3; Burley, 18-5; Twin Falls National, 14-4; Heyburn/Paul, 6-3; Meridian Black, 22-3; and Sheridan Grey, 3-0. Team members are pictured from left to right, front row: Miguel Escobedo, Frankly Vega, Kevin Miller, Jordan Craftman, Dallas Garner and Brian Gillespie; and second row: Greg Christensen, Salvador Juarez, Jared Tracy, Michael Krossan, Sheldon Malloy and Cory Warburton; and back row: Dennis Christensen, Leland Tracy and Dennis Warburton, coaches.

Sonics deal to acquire Grant from Magic

SEATTLE (AP) - The Seattle SuperSonics made a four-for-one trade after selecting Dante' Curry-Margitte in the NBA draft, acquiring veteran power forward Bruce Grant from Orlando on Wednesday night.

To obtain Grant, a 12-year veteran, the Sonics sent the 19-year-old Margitte to the Magic along with three veterans, Andre' Blais, Don MacLean and Billy Owens.

In addition to Grant, Seattle received second-round draft choices in 2001 and 2002 from Orlando.

Grant, a 6-10, 245-pounder, averaged 8.9 points and 7 rebounds for the Magic this past season. Orlando made the playoffs with a 37-47 record. Grant will be 34 on July 1.

Orlando was upset by Philadelphia in the first round of the playoffs. Chuck Daly retired as their coach after the season and Doc Rivers was selected to replace him.

Grant played the last five seasons with the Magic after playing his first seven NBA seasons with Chicago, where he played on

three NBA title teams with Michael Jordan. He was the 10th player chosen by the Bulls in the 1987 draft and signed with Orlando as a free agent.

In Seattle, Grant will join a front line that is up in the air. Van Baker, the Sonics' power forward last season, has opted to become a free agent effective July 1. Olden Polynice, Seattle's center last season, is not expected to be invited back, and Delfino Schrepff, the team's small forward the past six seasons, could decide to retire.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Jerome trustee chair challenges election

JEROME - Jerome School Board Chairman Eric Steigers is challenging the May school board election. Steigers lost by one vote to Brian Cooper for the Zone 4 trustee position. Steigers cites technical problems with some ballots and voter registrations in the May 18 election, according to court documents. A court hearing to decide the matter is set for 1:30 p.m. July 19 at the Jerome County Courthouse. Steigers has been a board member for eight years. He served as vice chairman for three years and chairman for one year.

Hospital's foundation receives \$800 grant

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Inc. has been awarded a \$800 grant from the American Express Foundation's Volunteer Action Fund. The hospital's foundation was one of 87 organizations to receive the grant. The grant money will go toward the support of quick response units in the Magic Valley, a press release said.

The Volunteer Action Fund awards grants on a competitive basis to eligible organizations where complex regular solutions.

Bliss City Council hires new city clerk

BLISS - The City Council Monday hired Leslie Lopez to replace Diane Butler as city clerk. Butler resigned due to other work commitments. Mayor Jimmy Pruitt said Lopez will receive about \$200 a week depending on the workload. The Bliss Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Festival of July fireworks display. The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. at City Park with a barbecue that will include sandwiches, coffee and soft drinks. Tickets are \$15.00 and evening will include entertainment from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. by Gil Jaramillo and the Old Time Fiddlers. The fireworks will begin at dusk.

Today's chip-sealing schedule in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Chip-sealing work will continue today on the following Twin Falls streets: Van Buren Street, Jackson Street, Rock Avenue, Taylor Street, Harrison Street, Terrace Street and Shoup Avenue. Any cars parked on the streets during the work will be towed. Three days after the chips are applied, a sweeper will clean up the excess chips. Again, cars need to be off the streets. The chip-sealing project will take about three weeks.

Blaine planning meeting has been canceled

HAILEY - The Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission's July 8 meeting has been canceled due to lack of quorum.

Event to help raise funds for Kimberly man

KIMBERLY - A fun run-walk will be held July 10 to help George McCall raise expenses. McCall, a 27-year veteran teacher for the Kimberly School District, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. All proceeds from this year's walk will be used to help with medical costs. The walk is part of Kimberly Good Neighbor Days. Registration and walk begins at 6:30 a.m. July 10 at City Park and costs \$15 per person. The fun run-walk is a 3.5 mile trek. All participants will receive a t-shirt. For more information call Malinda Barrett at 423-4729.

Forest Service awards grants to Idaho towns

TWIN FALLS - Six southern Idaho communities and one county have been awarded more than \$63,000 in grants from the USDA Forest Service, according to a press release.

Communities receiving the grants include McCall, Star, Idaho City, Lemhi, Hagerman and Jerome. Clark County in eastern Idaho also received a grant.

Compiled from staff reports

Fish kill might spawn big bucks

TWIN FALLS - A fish kill in the Little Wood River last fall might end up making for a little better place to go fishing. A federal judge this week ordered Avonmore West Inc. to pay \$149,000 in restitution for discharging ammonia into the Little Wood River Sept. 2, 1998. The payment settles a case that the U.S. attorney's office calls a felony violation of the federal Clean Water Act.

The money will be split among several agencies. Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials will use their \$46,774 to improve fish habitat and plant brown trout in the river, Parrish said. Fish and Game plans to stock the river with brown trout - a bit more heavily than the native rainbow trout. The river is cleaner than it has been, but it still is not clean enough to support rainbow trout, Parrish said.

But the brown trout are a start. "We should be able to make a pretty good fishery out of it," he said.

Avonmore ordered to pay restitution for Wood River contamination

plans and breaching barriers to fish movement up and down the river, such as irrigation diversions. Plans may also include screens at some irrigation diversions, to keep the fish in the river, Parrish said. Fish and Game plans to stock the river with brown trout - a bit more heavily than the native rainbow trout. The river is cleaner than it has been, but it still is not clean enough to support rainbow trout, Parrish said. But the brown trout are a start. "We should be able to make a pretty good fishery out of it," he said.

Lodge this week accepted a plea agreement for Magic Valley Forest maker Avonmore to pay \$249,000 in fines and restitution for the ammonia spill that killed 64,000 fish in 18 miles of river from Avonmore's Richfield wye processing plant to Shoshone. In addition to the mitigation paid to Fish and Game, the Bureau of Land Management will get \$50,000 for mitigation of damage to the river; the Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District will get \$20,000 for river mitigation; and state Division of Environmental Quality will get \$155,700 for time and expenses.

U.S. Attorney Betty Richardson said the money will help restore a piece of Idaho's precious outdoors. "As Idahoans, we treasure our rivers," she said. "It's a sad day for all of us when a fishery harmed as this one was, and this should serve as a warning that violations of environmental law will not be tolerated." Richardson also praised the company's cooperation in taking responsibility for and correcting its actions. Company officials at first denied being the cause of the fish kill, suggesting the cause could have been Richfield's city sewage treatment plant or chemicals used to fight algae in irrigation canals. And plant officials

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'More time, please' Residents want more say on waste proposal

By N.S. Holzknecht Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A group of eastern Idaho and western Wyoming residents want more time to comment and a public hearing on a proposed radioactive waste treatment plant in Idaho that would include an incinerator.

The group includes nationally prominent trial lawyer Gerry Spence, whose clients have included Inezida Marcos, Randy Weaver and Karen Silkwood. The group has asked the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality to extend the public comment period on a proposed state air quality permit for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The proposed plant would treat mixed plutonium-contaminated and chemical wastes. It is designed to process up to about 6.5 million cubic feet of waste. About one fourth of the waste would be incinerated. The plant would prepare waste for shipment and disposal in a New Mexico waste site.

The comment period on the state's proposed permit for the plant expired May 28 but was extended to June 28. The petition for another extension was sent to Spence to DEQ in Boise on June 28. State officials are expected to make a decision on the petition by the end of the week, DEQ spokesman Chris Davenport said.

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TESTING AND ANTICIPATING



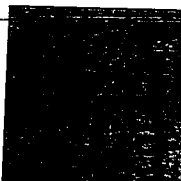
Brandon Buchanan, left, and Pete McMillin test a skatone on a ramp being built at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Twin Falls. The ramps will be used in a event July 3 to raise funds for a proposed skate park at Harmon Park.

Skaters hope to raise money for park

By Brandon Fiala Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local skateboarders and the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship are teaming up this weekend to raise money for a skate park at Harmon Park. The fourth annual Skater's Day provides an opportunity for skaters to gather and skate. But for the first time the event will be used to raise money.

"Past events were used as an outreach program to the skate community," said Brian Nickens, a youth pastor at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship. "This year we want to raise money for the skate park, and the skaters have been working hard." So far, about \$1,500 has been raised by the skate association for the park. The cost of the park could cost \$100,000 to \$120,000. The City Council has agreed to pay up to \$40,000 for the park. Donations will be accepted at the event. Meanwhile, area skaters are busy building skate ramps.



"We are working on ramps so there will be more this year," skate volunteer Buddy Somero said. "Last year we just had rails, a slalom course and half-pipe." Brock Egan, a fellowship volunteer, said there were three ramps last year, and this year there will be at least five. The event includes a group prayer at 1 p.m. Skaters and fellowship members will pray for safety and the completion of the skate park. "I think a prayer over the skate park will be good for us," Somero said.

Nickens will give an update on the status of the skate park. The location of Harmon Park has not been approved by the City Council, but the Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended to the council that the skate park be located at Harmon Park, said Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dennis Bowyer. The park was originally planned to be built on top of a water tank. A combination of added costs from tank modifications to support the park, and its rural location, launched a search for another skate park site.

"We always preferred the Harmon location, but the city asked us to determine the water tank location because of the potential for cheaper costs," said Magic Valley Skate Board Association representative Kate Lopez. "Harmon Park is centrally located, closer to services and a safer spot." The skate boarder's group is in a Catch-22 situation, Lopez said. "We want to do a detailed plan for the Harmon location, but

can't until it has been approved," she said. The City Council may not have a detailed plan to examine until they approve the site because the skate association does not want to spend money on plans that can't be used. Skate park designer Zach Wormhoudt of California will begin work on a detailed architectural plan once approval has been achieved. The skate association will probably bring its request before the City Council within the next month, Lopez said.

"Skaters and volunteers hope the success of events like Skater's Day will help raise money and community awareness which could bring the skate park closer to a reality. "We are excited for the opportunity to gain support for the park and hope people come out, watch, and have a good time." Fellowship volunteer Loni Hoshaw said.

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Rec group ponders next move

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

BURLEY - Deciding it was time to measure their losses, the former members of the invalidated Oregon Trail Recreation District board met on Wednesday in Burley to discuss the future of county recreational programs.

Wayne Beck, Edward Evans, Beverly Stone, attorney Boyd Baggett and recreation district volunteer Linda Peterson met at a somber meeting just a day after the district was invalidated by 5th District Judge Monte Carlson. Beck said he did not want to work on any future recreation district. He said pressure from family for him to make it made it hard for him in the last few weeks. He said he wouldn't mind working as a volunteer though, if future districts or recreational groups are created in the county.

"At least I made some new friends out of it," he said. Carlson invalidated the district in a written opinion released Tuesday afternoon. He said the district, which was approved by voters in November, was illegally created because it overlapped with the Oakley Recreation District.

Carlson said the plaintiffs in the suit, Kent Searle and several other county residents, "face an unconstitutional double taxation."

The Oregon Trail district would have imposed a \$36 annual tax per residence. The Oakley district tax is an ad valorem tax or a tax based on the value of a person's property located in the district.

Stone said she was discouraged by the court's decision, but was not about to give up.

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Residents worry about new state road

Concerns are raised about possible Buhl to Wendell road

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Residents have a list of concerns about a possible state highway linking Buhl and Wendell.

The top 10 list of concerns, as collected by consultants at a meeting this week, is as follows:

- Promoting/supporting access to Buhl.
- Safety in design and construction.
- Providing passing lanes on grades.
- Minimizing impacts on residences.
- Understanding and considering environmental issues.
- Supporting market and commercial user needs.
- Meeting commercial and individual traffic needs.
- Meeting current and future pedestrian and bicycle needs.
- A design to accommodate local and through traffic.

About 40 people attended a meeting at the Buhl Moore Hall Tuesday night to discuss the possible state highway, which would link Buhl and Wendell and cross the Clear Lake Bridge. The meeting was the third in a series of public meetings as part of the Buhl to Wendell Corridor Study - a project financed by the Idaho Transportation Department, and under the supervision of Wendell and Buhl city officials and the city of Buhl. Mike Wolverton spoke on behalf of residents along River

Road and Country Club Estates, and said noise and safety precautions are major concerns.

Karen Clark, who lives on Clear Lake Road, asked about moving the fiber optics in that area.

Clear Lake Road is just one option for the link. The committees will look at alternative selections and determine if they would be feasible for the project. The next meeting will be held in late July or early August. Meetings have been held in Wendell and Buhl.

LOCAL HERO



Former high school All-American, Idaho basketball Hall-of-Famer and 1970 Minico graduate Jim Bostwright gives some pointers to Rupert's newest crop of potential superstars Wednesday. Bostwright, who went on to play at Utah State University and professionally in Tel Aviv, Israel, came home for a basketball camp this week. Among his accomplishments in the sport are two European championship titles and a coming induction into the European Basketball Hall of Fame.

East Shoshone Hospital District first in state to declare bankruptcy

COEUR DALENE (AP) - The East Shoshone Hospital District has become the first taxing district in the state to be placed under bankruptcy protection.

bankruptcy protection last fall, is currently about \$800,000 in debt.

financial problems. Dr. Chris Christensen and his wife, Gayle, a physical therapist, contend the hospital district still owes them \$138,000. The district disputes the claim.

Hatch is expected to go for presidential bid

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Sen. Orrin Hatch, who believes in miracles, is expected to step in the race for the Republican presidential nomination today.

into it," Hatch said on CNN's "Crossfire" show Tuesday night. "But he declined to offer any specific criticism of his GOP rivals."

"I've learned to never count out Orrin Hatch," said Rep. Jim Hansen, R-Utah, who already has written a \$1,000 check to the senator.

Fish

Continued from C1. did not notify state officials. But company officials later acknowledged that a pair of 55-gallon drums of ammonia-laced water had fallen from a forklift at the plant and was washed into a drain that eventually empties into the Little Wood River.

Twin Falls-based Avonmore West operates a large cheese processing plant in Gooding which ships its excess whey to the Richfield facility for processing into protein products.

Waste

Continued from C1. The petition says the government failed to give the residents of Teton County, visitors to Yellowstone National Park and western Wyoming any notice of the proposed project and failed to give them an opportunity to comment on the project.

not given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. But DEQ advertised in local newspapers in Jackson, Wyo., Davenport said.

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Continued from C1. "The majority of people want end this," Senoe said in the meeting. "I want to get out momentum going forward again."

Baggett said. The former board members could also file an appeal with the Idaho Supreme Court on Carlson's decision. The appeal would ask the higher court to determine if Carlson's ruling was wrong. They have 42 days to write an appeal, Baggett said.

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Rebecca Garner, 6, of Caldwell greets her dad, Master Sgt. Roger Garner, after he returned to Gowen Field Wednesday in Boise. He was on duty with the Air National Guard in Kosovo.

Protesters plan counter-march when Aryans take to the streets in Panhandle

MOSCOW (AP) — More than 1,000 protesters from Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Canada will join Washington and Idaho activists in a counter-demonstration to the Aryan Nations July 10 march in Coeur d'Alene.

While holding signs and chanting, protesters will also watch police to make sure activists' civil rights are not violated, said Jonathan Crowell, a member of the Moscow-based Coalition Against Nazis.

"The city has to be even more prepared. People will be watching the cops very closely," he said.

During an Aryan Nations march last summer, Crowell was arrested for refusing to let police search his

backpack.

In April, jurors deadlocked on the charge of obstructing an official. The trial may be rescheduled for the end of July, Crowell said.

Also this spring, five protesters arrested last summer, including Crowell, received an \$80,000 settlement from Kootenai County after a tort claim was filed by the activists. Crowell said much of his share of the settlement is going toward planning the July 10 protest.

Despite pleas from city officials last year that people ignore the march, hundreds showed up to protest.

Crowell said activists across the

Northwest are eager to show their opposition to the group again this year.

"It's the only thing going on to combat racism west of the Mississippi," he said.

In a statement released by the Coalition Against Nazis, activists accused the Coeur d'Alene police of being harder on them than the Aryans and of using excessive force on several occasions, most recently at a disturbance following a June 18 car show.

"What we dealt with on the 18th was a mob mentality," said Coeur d'Alene Police Capt. Carl Bergh. The Aryan Nations parade, which has a permit, differs because it is an event the police can plan for, he said.

Boost in sales of portable generators sparks warning from Idaho Power

BOISE (AP) — A surge in the sales of portable electric generators is a boon for merchants, but it represents a real danger to utility linemen, Idaho Power Co. officials warn.

Outlets, such as Coldwell-based D&B Supply, with merchandise for rural residents, have experienced a marked upswing in demand for portable generators.

"We're seeing generator sales that are three times what they were last year," D&B purchasing director Keith Alcott said. "Our nine stores have always sold generators, but this year our vendors have fallen behind in meeting our orders. As a result, they're hard to keep in stock."

The bad news is the same devices can injure or even kill Idaho Power employees if improperly installed and operated.

When vehicular accidents, severe storms or other natural disasters bring down power poles and electric lines, some Idaho Power customers turn to the generators as a temporary means of providing electricity to their homes.

Company engineers recommend anyone considering a generator at those times have a

qualified electrician connect it to their home.

That expert also must disconnect the main household circuit breaker before a portable generator is activated.

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Bomb suspect 'likes to blow things up'

PHOENIX (AP) — An appliance repairman who "likes to blow things up" has been charged with bombing a church in the small town of Heber last month, authorities said Wednesday.

John Frank Baker, 40, of Heber, left his hometown a few days after a stick of dynamite placed on a window sill destroyed a classroom and blew out windows, Navajo County Sheriff Gary Butler said.

Baker was in jail in Kinder, La., on drunk-driving charges when he was charged Monday in connection with the May 23 explosion at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Butler said Baker, who is not a member of the church, probably wasn't trying to attack Mormons. "I think this guy just likes to blow things up," Butler said.

No one was injured in the blast, which caused at least \$10,000 damage.

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A crowd whoops it up on New Year's Eve, 1998, in downtown Las Vegas.

New Year's expected to be huge in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — New Year's Eve in Las Vegas massive crowds, beer bottles, portable toilets, triage centers.

What?

With some 700,000 partygoers expected to ring in the new millennium in this 24-hour city, city officials are preparing for the unexpected.

"Our business is to plan for the worst and hope for the best," said Raymond Flynn, deputy chief of human resources for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

He predicts New Year's Eve on the Strip will be the largest gathering of people in Nevada's history. "YZK could be the biggest non-event in history" or only cause minor to moderate disruptions, Flynn said. The worst-case scenario would be a complete breakdown in the infrastructure system, causing hysteria, disturbances or even looting of stores and banks.

Las Vegas' main ambulance service will set up triage centers just off the Strip to treat any injuries caused by revelry, devilry and potential YZK computer problems. Workers from Nevada Power Co. will patrol the streets, looking for any glitches in the sea of neon. The Police Department will be out

in full force and casinos will only allow registered guests inside if overwhelmed by revelers.

"YZK is coming. It will be as bad as we want it to be or as easy as we want it to be," Flynn said.

Dead phone lines, silent slot machines, dark casinos? It could possibly happen, but some partygoers say they wouldn't notice—or care.

"If I'm here, I'm not worried about lights going out," Andres Maren, 27, of Chile said as he walked along the Las Vegas Strip. "I'm here to have a good time."

"People will have enough to worry about celebrating than whether or not their water is working," said Phil Cooper, spokesman for Caesars Palace hotel-casino.

"We're prepared for anything, a catastrophic event whether it is related to the turn of the century or not," Cooper said.

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Growth might bring taxes

BOISE (AP) — Area residents may face higher taxes to fund a \$2 billion bill for new roads, schools and parks that will be needed to accommodate 143,000 new people expected during the next 16 years.

That is the conclusion of a report released Tuesday by the Future Foundation, a group of about 100 business, education and elected leaders headed by Boise State University President Charles Ruch.

It recommends some consolidation of government agencies to save money, and suggests taxes to pay for the new roads, schools, parks, sewer and water lines that the valley will need to accommodate a

population that it projects will grow by 36 percent through 2015.

If residents do not pay for the infrastructure, Future Foundation members said, they will face clogged highways, crumbling schools and other problems that diminish the area's quality of life.

To put off some of these things, the solution is going to be infinitely more painful," Ruch said. Government officials may also want to come up with their own financing ideas.

Local mayors who are members of the foundation said they would like to start discussing funding report with residents, city councils and the Treasure Valley Partnership.

Man pleads guilty to killing

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — For the second time in a year, a man has pleaded guilty to fatally shooting his 54-year-old wife while she bathed in the shower.

"I believe I am guilty," Mike Miles said Tuesday.

The plea occurred in the wake of an agreement between Bonneville County prosecutors and Miles' lawyers. It reduced Miles' charge from first-degree murder to second-degree murder, and prosecutors recommended he serve a minimum sentence of 10 years.

That recommendation is not binding. The case will be reviewed by 7th District Judge Ted Wood, who will sentence Miles on Sept. 2.

On March 7, 1998, Janet Miles' daughters called police and asked them to check on their mother. She had left her husband five weeks earlier, but returned to Miles' home March 6 to gather her belongings.

Deputies later testified during a preliminary hearing Miles talked his wife into staying the night.

The next morning she told him she was leaving him, police said. They said Miles shot her with a .22-caliber pistol because he thought she was having a relationship with another man.

At first, Miles was charged with first-degree murder. The charge was later reduced to second-degree murder, to which Miles pleaded guilty.

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Burning man permit not final

RENO, Nev. (AP) — In a June 22 story about the Bureau of Land Management review of the annual alternative festival known as Burning Man, The Associated Press erroneously implied that a final permit for the event had been issued.

A BLM report found that the festival would have no significant environmental impact. A decision on whether to issue the permit is expected next month.

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Oraile Boone and two of her three children, Tina, 5, and Milo, 9, may soon lose their home in a forest east of San Diego.

Feds plan to evict families from San Diego County park

SAVING PRIVATE (AP) — The Boulder Oak Basin trailer park in the Cleveland National Forest has provided over the years an affordable place to live for families down the hillside.

But as of today, the U.S. Forest Service owns the land and it orders the residents gone.

There's a frightening prospect for those who are not prepared to leave and have no other place to go. "This is the only home we have," said Kim Barnes, 30, who moved in last October with her sons, Damon, 13, and Wesley, 10, after she lost her job as a nurse and went on welfare. "That's why it's so scary."

The U.S. Forest Service recently won a six-year legal battle against the park's owner to reclaim about 7.5 acres of forest land in the Pine Valley community, about 60 miles east of San Diego.

"I don't see why the Forest Service wants to close it down when they have 650,000 acres," said Oraile Boone, 30, a three-year resident who lives at the park with her parents and her three children.

Federal officials claim the trailer park is unsanitary and dangerous, citing dirty restrooms, unsafe electrical wiring and illegal underground fuel tanks. They also point to the ramshackle trailers, where laundry, toys and junk spill from their overcrowded interiors.

But to residents, Boulder Oaks is a tight-knit community where the 52 residents share food, give one another rides to the store and swap videos. Children race bicycles along dusty paths, chase snakes, fish bare-handed in a nearby creek and climb on bushes the size of cars.

"I love it here," said Shalagh McDaniel, 35, who

moved to the park three months ago with her husband and 4-year-old son. "It's a great place to raise kids. We get along with all the people. It's much better than the city. It's quiet and peaceful."

Few people have cars, even fewer have telephones.

Nearly all are on welfare. "People live here because they don't have much money, and it's a good place to get back on your feet," said Boone, who pays \$225 a month, utilities included, to live at the park.

U.S. Marshals tacked up eviction notices June 15 and notified residents they had to move by Wednesday. The government gave relocation pickets to each tenant, with information on nearby trailer parks and social service agencies.

Most of the residents have requested extensions and will have as late as Aug. 15 to find new homes.

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Defective heart valve not as dangerous as thought, doctors say

The Associated Press

The millions of Americans who have been told they have a serious, sometimes fatal heart defect called mitral valve prolapse probably have nothing to fear, researchers say.

The condition, long considered a "hidden epidemic" afflicting 5 percent to 30 percent of Americans, is far less dangerous than doctors believed, two studies show.

"That really is a sea change," said Dr. Marc Klapholz, director of the heart-failure program at the University Hospital in Newark, N.J. "It's extremely good news."

The research is reported in *Medical Clinicians*.

Doctors have routinely warned patients that the condition, while often symptomless, may require surgery to prevent complications that can cause sudden death.

Among those complications: stroke, heart failure and abnormal heart rhythms that cause fainting.

But researchers determined

that the patients who actually had mitral valve prolapse suffered these complications at about the same rate, just 6 percent, as a healthy comparison group.

"Don't assume that it's a sort of death sentence," concluded Dr. Emelia J. Benjamin, a professor of medicine at Boston University who led one of the studies.

Her advice: Talk to your doctor about a re-test, particularly if you were diagnosed years ago.

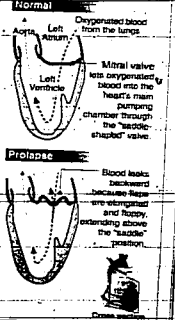
The researchers also found that prolapse strikes men and women equally, contradicting medical lore that it was especially common in women under 45.

The mitral valve lets oxygenated blood into the heart's main pumping chamber. In pro-lapse, for persons still unclear, the valve's two flaps become elongated and floppy, and some chamber backward when the blood leaks backward to pump out blood. Major leakage can cause serious problems, but those are rare.

The diagnosis has unnecessarily frightened healthy patients,

Heart flow

Many Americans diagnosed with mitral valve prolapse, a sometimes fatal heart defect, may have normal valves after all. After establishing specific criteria for diagnosing prolapse, researchers now believe that prolapsed valves are less common and less deadly.



Source: Massachusetts General Hospital. AP barred them from jobs such as flying airplanes and increased health insurance premiums for many, noted Dr. Robert A. Levine, a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Study: Kids learn better with sunlight

The Orange County Register

A dozen of sunshine can brighten a child, or so says a new study. Released by an energy consulting firm for the California Board for Energy Efficiency and Pacific Gas and Electric Co., the study showed that students in rooms with wide windows or skylights learned faster and scored higher on standardized tests than students in rooms without windows.

"Students respond to daylight. They also have a happier teacher who is more engaged, awake, and active," said Jeff Branson, director of testing and evaluation for the organization.

In California, where children were tested in the state and east of each school year's completion of 750 classrooms showed students with the most daylight learned 20 percent to 25 percent faster than those with the least. Students boosted their scores 2 points more in reading and 2.3 points more in math when in light rooms.

NEA chief links quality of teachers with schools

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Raising the quality of teachers will do more than anything else to improve public schools, the head of the nation's largest teachers union said Wednesday.

Opinion polls show that having good teachers is second only to school safety when the public ranks education priorities, said Bob Chase, president of the National Education Association.

"The public is ready to acknowledge teachers as a solution, not a problem," said Chase, addressing NEA members who have gathered in Orlando for a week-long national meeting.

The union has pushed for more mentoring of new teachers and national certification as ways of improving the stock of teachers.

Chase said teacher quality "front and center" of the union's efforts to improve education.

Teachers must contend with rising standards, the technology explosion and students who find harder to reach than ever, Chase said.

"To stay atop of their profession, they must constantly retrain themselves and seek new skills," Chase said.

"You build your skills and then constantly rebuild them, constantly casting aside what doesn't work," he said. "Quality teaching is hard, hard work."

The union leader said schools must do more to ease new teachers into the profession. Too often first-year teachers are assigned to the toughest schools and isolated from other teachers, with little for mentoring, he said.

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Most new TVs have v-chip

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least half of all new television sets made after today will come with v-chips, the technology that allows parents to block violence, sex and crude language from their children.

V-chips work with an electronically coded ratings system in place for several years. A 1996 telecommunications law requires all new TV sets 13 inches and larger to come with the technology by 2000. "Everyone has done it and everyone is ahead of schedule," FCC Commissioner Gloria Tristani said Wednesday. "We never had any concerns that they wouldn't willingly meet the deadlines."

Tristani took issue with recent reports that parents barely have noticed or even cared — that many new TV sets now come with vchips.

"The v-chips are just coming online. It really hasn't been marketed heavily," she said. "I think that's changing because manufacturers are going to be making an effort. They see this as a selling point now because there is a lot of concern about violence."

Until then, Tristani urged critics to be patient. Demand for new technology takes time to build, she said. "It happened with televisions, it happened with cell phones. I could go on and on. It's not like overnight people say, 'There's this new thing here. Let's rush and buy it.' We have to start with letting people know that this tool is there."

Ambassador nominee faces new obstacles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Holbrooke's long-delayed nomination to be U.N. ambassador won the unanimous backing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, but new obstacles emerged late Wednesday.

More senators were planning delaying tactics, following the lead of Sen. Charles Grassley, who announced last week he would block the nomination over an unrelated civil service dispute.

While Grassley, R-Iowa, suggested in an interview the impasse could be resolved by Wednesday, other senators added their own "holds" to the nomination, said a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Unlike Grassley, these senators did so anonymously, which is allowed under Senate tradition, spokesman John Cawartacki said.

He said he did not know who the senators were or whether their concerns were identical to Grassley's, but they all seem to be moving ahead this week with the nomination appeared "irreconcilable," Cawartacki said. The situation could change quickly.

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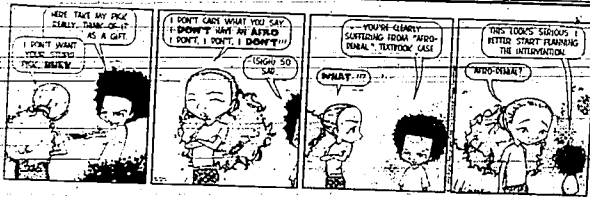
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NATION



Aaron McGruder's comic strip now runs in more than 180 newspapers.

Young black cartoonist hits a nerve among whites, blacks

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP) — Racist, Mean-spirited. Derogating. ... After two months of national vindication, "The Boondocks," a wickedly satirical comic strip by a young black artist about black children living in white suburbia, has been called all that and more. It has also developed a fierce and loyal following.

Whites and blacks alike have complained that the cartoon promotes violence and perpetuates racial stereotypes. Others have contacted their newspapers to say thanks for giving them a voice.

"I am offended and appalled by the Sun's printing that horrible cartoon, 'The Boondocks.' In this day, when there is so much hatred between the races and violence among our youth, do we need more of the same in the comics?" Cynthia Matthews of Columbia wrote in a letter to the Baltimore newspaper.

Not since "Donesbury" in 1970 has a comic had such a successful — or controversial — debut, said John McMeel, president of Universal Press Syndicate, which distributes both comics.

"The Boondocks" was created by Aaron McGruder, a 25-year-old who works from a bedroom in his parents' home in Columbia. It debuted April 19 and appears in more than 180 newspapers, including The Washington Post, The Dallas Morning News, the Los Angeles Times and the San Francisco Chronicle. Only one small paper, The Aiken (S.C.) Standard, has dropped the strip. Readers of the 15,000-circulation paper "were offended by it,



Aaron McGruder depicts black kids in white suburbia

but they also didn't think it was funny," said Scott Hunter, editor and publisher. "I agreed with all on race, but it wasn't funny."

The strip mirrors the life of McGruder, who was born in Chicago and moved to the suburbs in Illinois, Kentucky and finally Maryland, where he was often the only black child in class. "I don't get any big thrill out of making people mad, despite what people might think," McGruder said. "I just want to make people laugh and think, and do my thing."

The strip's main character, Huey Freeman, is an angry but respectful boy with a militant outlook. His Afro about a foot high, Huey carries a perpetual scowl and tries to convert his exhausted

grandfather and others to his sensibility, dropping references to the Black Panthers and fearing that a neighbor watering a lawn is about to lose the family down, Bull Connor-style.

The strip's most controversial character is Huey's little brother, Riley, a pint-sized gangsta wannabe who talks about carjacking a neighbor's Lexus. In one panel, he starts the white driver of a convertible with two words: "Nice car." The flustered driver stumbles into his house as a beaming Riley says, "Well, that oughta keep him awake tonight."

As of last week, The Washington Post had received about 100 calls, e-mails and letters, and the Los Angeles Times had gotten about 250 — most of them critical. "But an almost equal number say the strip portrays their lives accurately and with humor, and critically exposes stereotypes," said Narda Zaccino, the reader representative for the Times.

In what may be the ultimate tribute, several newspapers have plucked "The Boondocks" from the comics pages and placed it in features sections and on editorial pages alongside "Donesbury," whose creator, Garry Trudeau, said he is impressed by McGruder's artistry and daring.

"It doesn't surprise me that there are some black readers who can't personally relate to his fist-outover storylines. But if you study the strip closely, you come to see that it's really about the universal theme of survival, of just getting through the day," Trudeau said.

NATION IN BRIEF

Amish men face prison terms

PHILADELPHIA — Two Amish men were sentenced to a year in prison Wednesday for conspiring to sell cocaine to fellow members of the sect. Abner Stutzfus, 25, and Abner King Stutzfus, 24, who are not related, also got five years of probation and were fined \$1,100 each.

The men were accused last year of buying cocaine from a Philadelphia-area motorcycle gang called the Pagans. Seven people connected to the gang were sentenced Tuesday for roles in the drug ring. The arrests exposed how modern problems have seeped into the world of the religious sect in Lancaster County.

Firm will trim animal testing

CINCINNATI — Procter & Gamble Co., the maker of Crest, Tide, Pampers and Ivory soap, said Wednesday it will immediately stop using animals to test many of its household products. P&G made exceptions for its current food and pharmaceutical products and for any new products. In some cases, animal testing is required by law, and P&G said such practices will continue.

Animal-rights activists have made the worldwide consumer products company a target for years, with a boycott of P&G products beginning in 1985. They have thrown cream pies at P&G's chairman, been arrested at the Cincinnati headquarters and spoofed P&G's Tide detergent-spattered race car with a similarly decorated auto with the logo "Died."

Serial killer gets death penalty

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Serial killer Charles Ng was sentenced to death Wednesday for a mid-1980s spree of sexual torture and murder in rural California.

The 38-year-old Hong Kong immigrant and former U.S. Marine was convicted of murdering 11 people — six men, three women and two baby boys — in 1984 and 1985. He had spent 14 years fighting murder charges in what became one of the longest and costliest prosecutions in California history. The final cost to taxpayers was estimated at \$14 million. Superior Court Judge John J. Ryan followed the jury's recommendation in imposing a death sentence.

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Cuban rafters allowed to apply for asylum

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — After public protests, six Cubans who jumped out of a boat just off shore, then fought to evade Coast Guardsmen trying to keep them from reaching land, will be allowed to stay in this country to apply for asylum.

Under U.S. policy, Cubans who reach shore are allowed to stay and eventually get work permits, but those found at sea — even a few yards offshore — are usually returned to Cuba.

Two of the Cubans made it to shore Tuesday afternoon as a crowd in Surfside cheered them on. But one was surrounded by police and handcuffed, and Coast Guardsmen nabbed the others in a struggle that was broadcast on local television.

Hundreds of people protested, accusing the Coast Guard of brutality and insensitivity.

Demonstrators temporarily shut down a major highway, and the police chief of Hialeah was treated for minor injuries after clashing with them.

Public officials joined in protesting the Coast Guard's actions.

One official, Hialeah Mayor Raul Martinez, took a direct role as one demonstration continued early Wednesday. When a pro- tester refused police orders to move on, TV cameras caught Martinez grabbing the man and slamming him on the back.

Martinez said the demonstra-



A Cuban rafter tries in vain to elude Surfside, Fla., police Tuesday after coming ashore and making a dash for town.

tionaries "didn't care about those six individuals. They were here just to make trouble."

Late Tuesday, Coast Guard officials said the six refugees will be allowed to stay in the United States. After being checked for criminal records, all were expected to be released while they apply for asylum.

The refugees jumped from a 14-foot rowboat about 150 yards off shore, then swam and frantically changed directions each

time authorities drew near in one of four boats.

At one point, Coast Guard officers used water hoses on those in the rowboat, and one refugee in the water was hit with pepper spray.

Protesters later gathered outside the Coast Guard station in Miami Beach, waving Cuban flags and yelling "You almost killed them" and "Free them." An estimated 1,000 protesters shut down a causeway to Miami Beach in the midst of rush hour.

Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Fonzales said his staff was in contact with Washington officials all day long protesting the action.

"This is a very dark day not just for Miami, but for the country," said Miami Mayor Joe Carollo.

"There is no room in this great nation for a policy of such savage and brutal treatment of refugees whose only crime is the pursuit of freedom," Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., wrote to President Clinton.

Appeals court dumps Fortier's bomb sentence

DENVER (AP) — A federal appeals court Wednesday threw out Michael Fortier's 15-year sentence for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing, ruling that guidelines used to determine the prison term were too harsh.

His lawyer said the ruling could mean freedom for Fortier. A three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered a new sentencing hearing for Fortier, who pleaded guilty to failing to alert authorities to the bomb plot, helping Timothy McVeigh sell stolen weapons and lying to the FBI.

The panel ruled that the judge who sentenced Fortier, the government's key witness in the case, erred when he used guidelines for first-degree murder sentences

in determining Fortier's term.

They said those guidelines can be used only if evidence demonstrated that Fortier acted with malice, or if the crime fell under felony-murder rules, and "neither circumstance is present in this case."

The appellate panel agreed with defense attorney Michael McGuire that Fortier should be sentenced under involuntary manslaughter guidelines.

McGuire said that under those guidelines, the sentence should have been a maximum of 46 months.

The court also rejected prosecution arguments that Fortier already received consideration for his cooperation with the government when he got a reduced sentence.

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New York cracks down on card scam

NEW YORK (AP) — Penn Jillette, professional sleight-of-hand artist, says it is possible to make money playing three-card monte — if the dealer gets struck by an asteroid.

The City Council agrees, and moved this week to close a loophole that was opened when a judge declared that the vintage New York street scam is legal because it is a game of skill, not chance.

The proposed new ordinance would make three-card monte illegal, putting it in a league with loaded dice and rigged roulette wheels.

"It's a con game," Councilman Sheldon Lefkowitz, head of the council committee on public safety, said Wednesday. "We're protesting people against fraud, lawlessness, being duped."

As played on New York's street corners, one red card is mixed with two black cards. The dealer swiftly moves the cards around on top of a cardboard box, inviting a player to pick the red one when the shuffling stops. The wage is generally \$20 a game.

In theory, the odds of winning are 1-in-3. Participants invariably wave goodbye to their cash, suckered by any number of sleight-of-hand moves.

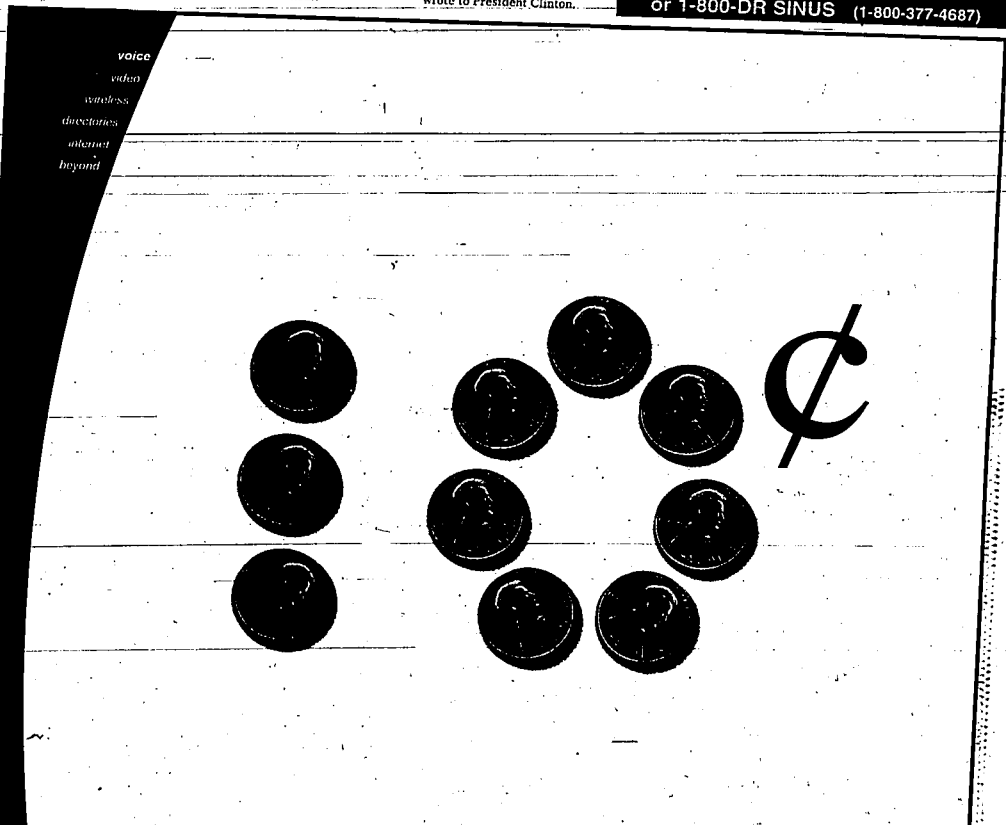
Jillette, the 6-foot-6 verbal half of the comic illusionists Penn and Teller, used to watch Times Square's three-card monte master in action.

Can the dealers ever lose? "It is possible," he said, "that the operator could be hit by an asteroid and your \$20 could fall off this cardboard box and land on the ground, and while you were picking it up, \$5 could blow into your hand."

"You therefore could win \$5 by a simple twist of fate."

And without cosmic intervention? "Your chances of winning," Jillette said, "are absolutely zero."

The new proposal was prompted by an August 1995 ruling from a New York City judge who dismissed gambling charges against a monte dealer, ruling it is a game of skill.



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Indian, Pakistani generals stay in touch

DEAS, India — India has gained control of five knife-edge Himalayan peaks in the fiercest fighting of a seven-week battle to end separatist Islamic guerrillas, military officials said Wednesday.

Indian soldiers hauled the bodies of 25 dead comrades down snowy cliffs Wednesday as Indian officers announced their forces had captured a key 10,800-foot peak following a night of shelling and gunbattles. That battle Tuesday claimed at least 65 lives, Indian officials said.

The peak was the last of five on a ridge leading to strategic Tiger Hill, which overlooks India's National Highway 1, the life-line for northern Kashmir.

An Indian assault on guerrilla posts on Tiger Hill is expected within days.

Although India and Pakistan both claim all of Kashmir, it has been divided since independence from Britain in 1947 and the nuclear weapons. India says Pakistani troops are supporting tested militant Islamic militants who crossed a 1972 cease-fire line in May and entrenched themselves on mountain peaks in Indian-held Kashmir.

Pakistan's army chief seemed to acknowledge last weekend his troops were involved when he said there would be no "unilateral withdrawal" from the area near the front-line town of Kargil. But on Wednesday, a Pakistani army spokesman said his words were "misinterpreted."

Talks on cards as Belfast parties stall

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — With two key parties sticking to incompatible positions Wednesday, Northern Ireland's rival politicians struggled to meet a midnight deadline for saving the 1998 Good Friday peace accord.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair is pressing local politicians to form a new Protestant-Catholic government for the 1.7 million people of Northern Ireland by the deadline.

But in the same building where Blair, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and eight local parties struck that landmark compromise nearly 15 months ago, many predicted a repeat of the exhausting diplomatic marathon that produced last year's deal.

Despite mounting pressure from both Blair and Ahern since the latest talks began Monday, the IRA's allied Sinn Fein party was refusing to give any firm assurance that the outlawed group would start to disarm by any fixed date.

The Ulster Unionists, chief representative of Northern Ireland's British Protestant majority, have demanded that commitment before they will accept Sinn Fein members in two of the government's 12 posts.

The latest Blair-Ahern objective, according to both governments, was to bring a confidence guarantee from Sinn Fein that the IRA — now nearly two years into an open-ended truce — would fulfill the accord's expectation of total disarmament by May 22, 2000.

Pomp and populism uneasy mix for Scots

EDINBURGH, Scotland — It's not just the 17th Earl of Lauderdale, barred from his family's centuries-old role as the monarch's flagbearer in Scotland, who is miffed.

Scotland's first separate Parliament in nearly three centuries have been fired: neither the modernizers nor the traditionalists are happy.

Queen Elizabeth II will formally open the 129-member Parliament, which will have the power to raise taxes and pass laws.

The new Parliament is the centerpiece of a constitutional shake-up by Prime Minister Tony Blair's 2-year-old Labor Party government. The aim is to decentralize power from England, while maintaining the union of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Union Jack and the Scottish flag fluttered along the Royal Mile on Wednesday, but enthusiasm for the Parliament, endorsed 2-1 in a referendum, appeared to be waning.

"I thought it was a great idea. Perhaps it will mean something different for Scotland," said Danny MacLean, 32, a bookstore clerk. "But right now, they just seem to argue about their own pay and what's in it for them."

IMF hints at more aid loans for Russia

MOSCOW — The International Monetary Fund expressed satisfaction on Wednesday with the Russian government's efforts to revive its economy, indicating it might soon release an emergency loan.

A formal outline of the government's economic policy — which will largely determine whether Moscow would get foreign lending — has also received preliminary approval from the IMF, said Russia's chief liaison with the fund, Mikhail Zadornov, according to the Interfax news agency.

The IMF has tentatively agreed to lend Russia \$4.5 billion, which Moscow needs to pay off old debts due this year to the fund. But release of the money is conditional on the implementation of a number of economic reforms.

Many of the measures have been approved, but an important part of the package — a bill that would have imposed a new tax on gas stations — was defeated by the Russian parliament.

Government officials said they have suggested other sources for increasing revenues, which are likely to satisfy the IMF.

Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin said Moscow has fulfilled 90 percent of the fund's requirements, and the visiting IMF mission was "even very surprised" at how much the government has done, Interfax reported from Vienna, Austria.

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Fire kills children, teachers in South Korea



Relatives grieve over 21 kindergarten students and two teachers killed in a fire Wednesday at the Seoland Youth Training Center, 60 miles south of Seoul.

HWASUNG, South Korea (AP) — Her husband holding her steady, Choi Sun-ju wailed after learning her 6-year-old daughter was among 21 children killed Wednesday when a fire gutted a dormitory at a South Korean summer camp.

An electrical short-circuit may have sparked the blaze that spread quickly through the building shortly after midnight, sending hundreds of children fleeing in confusion, police said. Two teachers were also killed.

"Why did this happen to me? I can't believe it," Choi cried over the death of her daughter, Jon Su-young, at the Seoland Youth Training Center in Hwasung, 60 miles southwest of Seoul.

Other grief-stricken parents collapsed after hearing news of their children's deaths.

Koh Suk said he could still see the smiling faces of his 6-year-old twin daughters — Ka-hyon and Nam-hyon — as they said goodbye and left for the camp.

"This is like the sky falling on me," the pharmaceutical company executive said.

About 450 kindergarten and elementary school children and

their teachers were attending a two-day recreational program at the camp overlooking the Yellow Sea on South Korea's west coast.

Two children and a teacher were also injured in the blaze that broke

out in the third-floor one of the center's three buildings, where many were sleeping, police said.

"There were bursts of sparks in a room on the third floor and then all of a sudden I saw flames

spreading rapidly," said Chum Kyong Ja, a worker at the center. "It was too hot in the room, so a hot" 5-year-old Kim Yoo-jung said in tears from her hospital bed. "My legs were burned and aching. 50 lbs was brought here."

The building was made of large metal shipping containers stacked on top of each other and part of it collapsed as firefighters struggled for three hours to contain the fire.

With all of the victims burned beyond recognition, teachers and center staff had to conduct a roll call of survivors before parents of the dead could be notified.

Police said the fire broke out 30 minutes past midnight but wasn't reported for 70 minutes because the blaze destroyed the center's telephone lines. It took another hour for the first fire trucks to arrive from the nearest fire station at Osan, 43 miles away, they said.

All bodies were brought to a national scientific investigation center in Seoul for identification. Center officials said it would require DNA and forensic tests.

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Dancing with death on the Jarbidge River

(At the end of last week's column, Outdoors Editor William Brock was scrambling along the west shore of the Jarbidge River. His two boating buddies had paddled downstream in pursuit of his drifting kayak, leaving Brock to follow on foot. A fall on a rocky ledge had broken his wrist. Now, injured and alone, tearing swim trunks and neoprene boots, he heaves Part Two of his tale.)

With my right hand out of action, I needed an effective system to carry my gear. Awkwardly using my left hand, I lashed my waterproof jacket, sprayski, life vest and helmet to one end of my kayak paddle. It wasn't ideal, but I could rest my paddle on my shoulder and tote my gear like a hobobag.

I was able to move under my own power again. Step by step, cautious lest I fall again, I resumed my trek downstream.

About three miles beyond where I had parted ways with my boat and buddies, I spotted Mike and Mark working their way up the west bank of the Jarbidge. I broke the news about my broken wrist. Morale plummeted.

After a moment of stunned silence, we began picking our way downstream to where they'd finally corralled my boat. As we walked, Mike told me they had done within an eyelash of abandoning the chase and letting the boat go.

My kayak was amazingly unscathed after its wild ride. Better still, the clothes, food and sleeping bag stashed inside were still dry. The boat was ready to go. The question was whether I was ready. My wrist wasn't completely broken, but it hurt something deep and painfully

wrong with it. I reviewed my options. None of them was appealing.

I was 19 or 20 miles downstream of the last road, in a terrifically rugged canyon, so walking was out, too. The river was cold and rocky, so swimming was out, too.

I could simply stay put, with a stove and three days' worth of food, waiting for Mike and Mark to come under my own steam. Or I could paddle out.

Paddling wasn't a great option, but it seemed better than any of the others. I could always portage the difficult bits.

The first order of business was to splint my broken wrist. Mike had lost one of his booties in the struggle to capture my boat, so he whipped out a knife and expertly carved his surviving bootie to create a splint. We laid the sole along the top of my wrist, then duct taped it in place. Then I got into my boat.

I was so helpless that someone had to help me stretch my sprayski over the cockpit combing. I had no idea whether I could paddle.

We launched, and within the first few hundred yards it was clear that I was out of control on a busy mountain river. I dabbed at the water with my paddle, but I had the strength of a kitten. My paddle was virtually useless. I was little more than a spectator as the scenery flashed past.

I devoted most of my attention to balance - swiveling my hips and leaning the boat to remain upright. Things were tolerable until we reached a tight bend where the river plunged through a maze of rocks. Mike stopped at the top and urged me to do likewise, but I couldn't catch the eddy. Slowly but inexorably, I was dragged - backwards - into the rapid.

I tried to swing around, but the sluggish boat was slow to respond. At the moment of peak vulnerability, when I was broadside to the current, I broached against a rock. This was trouble. People often die when they launch against rocks.

I heaved downstream, with a hand against the rock, and rocked my hips violently. Grudgingly, my boat slid free. An instant later, I broached on another rock. I slipped the river's seizure a second time, but I was badly shaken. My balance lapsed for a split second and the angry water seized its chance, flipping me upside down. Once again, I was in trouble.

I had to roll. I knew it would hurt, but I couldn't afford any mistakes. I had to do it perfectly. A lightning bolt of pain surged through my right arm as I heaved myself upright.

The river was chewing through my nine lives at a terrifying rate. We kept going, with Mike artfully leading me through the easiest lines. We portaged around a busy rapid known as Wrap Rock, then pressed on grimly. We lost track of time and distance. We kept going because we could. No one knew if I'd be able to paddle the next day.

Suddenly, Mike paddled furiously to the left bank. He deliberately broached his boat against a rock and waved, maniacally, for me to join him. I barely had the strength, but I made it. Mike, an experienced hand in the backcountry, was rattled.

"The boat falls!" he shouted.

I glanced downstream. Sure enough, the river boiled and swept through a terrifying maze of boulders where the odds of survival would be slim. Without Mike's help, I never would have stopped in time.

Once again, we had stopped in time. Daylight was beginning to fade, but we pressed on. We reached the confluence with the West Fork of the Arroyo River, then Indian Hot Springs. We were at the only trailhead on the river for 69 miles.

We had paddled the entire Jarbidge river, all 29 miles, in a day. I was a loop, way from nowhere, all 29 miles, in a day. There was no telling when the next vehicle would straggle its way down that lonely, rough road.

But I was safe.

I had cheated the hangman. I wasn't going to drown.

Will Outdoors Editor William Brock survive to death? Or be bitten by a snake? Find out in next week's Outdoors section.

Eagle Trail

Education on the move in the South Hills

One of the most popular hiking trails in the South Hills is the Eagle Trail. It is also one of the area's most unique trails.

The Eagle Trail isn't the longest trail in the South Hills, nor is it the most difficult. It's not even the most scenic. What makes the Eagle Trail special is that it's an interpretive trail.

Anyone who walks it can learn a little about the world around them. It is located next to the Diamondfield Jack area on Rock Creek Road. Though it's on Sawtooth National Forest land, the trail was built in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America as part of its Eagle Scout program. The Eagle Trail is the only



Relatively short and level, the Eagle Trail is an ideal place for families to enjoy a walk in the woods. Here, Weber shows the way to Lisa and Michael Ennis.

interpretive trail in the South Hills. The path has numbered stations along the way, where hikers can consult a pamphlet to learn more about their surroundings. One stops describe several trees and how to identify them. Another explains the area's geology, while another points out forest parasites and describes how they capture or kill trees. Still another lists some of the birds and animals that inhabit the region. There's also a section of the trail that tests hikers' knowledge of various species of wildflowers.

Access to the trail is from either of two trailheads. The first is at the south end of Petie campground, just past the Rock Creek Ranger Station. The second is just behind the warming hut at the Diamondfield Jack recreation area.

The trail cuts through the forest, enveloping hikers in a lush canopy of evergreens and aspens. Beneath the forest canopy, the landscape is well-watered and bristling with verdant grasses, plants and shrubs. The green backdrop is strewn with brightly colored wildflowers such as columbine, monkshood and blue bells.

In addition to flora, attentive hikers can see a surprising amount of fauna. Chipmunks and golden-mantled ground squirrels commonly forage in the underbrush, while woodpeckers, bluebirds and mountain chickadees fly through the trees. At times, shy deer amble through the scene.

The interpretive portion of the Eagle Trail is relatively level and about one mile long. Log benches are located at each interpretive station, allowing hikers to rest their weary bones or simply relax in a beautiful setting.

Casual hikers should allow about an hour for this leisurely walk. For ambitious hikers, a loop trail circles into a small valley to the west, then climbs to a blunt ridge for a view over the trees. The loop trail is just over 2 1/2 miles and takes about two hours to hike.



Hikers only

The Eagle Trail is for hikers only, so bikes, horses and motor vehicles are not allowed.

Trail maps and interpretive pamphlets are available at the Sawtooth National Forest headquarters, 2647 Kimberly Road in the Diamondfield Jack trailhead. For more information, contact the Sawtooth National Forest at 737-3200.



Alone with her thoughts, Hanson resident Jessica Weber savors a quiet moment on the Eagle Trail in the South Hills.

Illinois canoe river trip is a treat for the senses

By John Husar
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - I keep thinking of John Elliott's pungent definition of a young blackberry is red when it's really green."

The natural world is full of such idiosyncrasies. Take the delight with which canoeists receive a rain that terrifies everyone else in town.

Rain, you see, is cool relief when the paddling is hot and muggy. Our snuffy raincoats receive a stowed-in frame of the two freighter canoes we paddled Sunday on the Des Plaines River Watershed Alliance's annual trip to toe expedi-

tion. Any trickles from above were gratefully received.

The trip began on Friday at Prairie Portage, Wis., and covered two Wisconsin counties plus Lake Cook, DuPage and Will in Illinois, ending at the fur traders' historic Isle a la Puce near Romeoville.

I picked it up at Hoffman Dam, which separates the southwestern suburbs of Lyons and Riverside. This, because Riverside and Lyons absolutely deny portage past the brutally tumbling waters at Hoffman Dam. I half expected a policeman to chase us into the water, scolding tickets after us like a gambler deals cards.

But we were spared because Riverside Mayor Paul Stack and Lyons Mayor David Visk were there, blessing the expedition's passage. He even suggested a portage may not be too far from becoming a reality, whether in Riverside or Lyons, which work together more in the realm of mutual recreation.

Stack even celebrates the advent of fly fishers wading in the Des Plaines, even though his strict old town still forbids fishing from its grassy side of the stream. All fishing there occurs on the Lyons side, which makes the coveted Riverside shore line something of a smallmouth bass refuge, probably worthy of protection.

Stack says he has been asked by the Hoffman Dam River Rats, who fish from Lyons, not to lift the Riverside prohibition. They don't want their fragile fishery to be hanged from both sides of the stream. Meanwhile, Elliott - head of Cook County's River Trail Nature Center - portages one that connects the East Coast watershed to a western system of rivers flowing to the Mississippi, and is the reason for Chicago's existence.

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OUTDOORS

OUTDOORS IN BRIEF

F & G holds hunting clinic for women
JEROME - A big-game-hunting clinic for women will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game office, 868 E. Main in Jerome...

Registration for hunter certification course
JEROME - Registration for late summer and early fall hunter education courses will be held later this month. Anyone who does not have hunter-ed certification, but plans to hunt this fall...

must register for and complete the class.
Following is the registration schedule:
Cassia and Blaine counties, July 12 and 13 at the Cassia County Sheriff's office in Burley...

Feds target California coastal wetlands for preservation

IMPERIAL BEACH, Calif. (AP) - More than 2,300 acres of coastal wetlands and mud lands near the U.S.-Mexico border were declared a federal wildlife preserve recently in an effort to protect the site for migratory birds, rare plants and eight threatened and endangered species.

The Port of San Diego purchased more than half of the land - 1,400 acres - from Western Salt Company to create the refuge, which is nestled on the beach southeast of the Coronado Gays and west of Chula Vista.

open water areas will continue at San Diego Bay while agencies establish a usage plan. Salt production will also continue as wildlife biologists plan the enhancement and restoration of the diked salt ponds.

LIGHT SHOW



Lightning strikes south of Alamogordo, N.M., as a full moon shines through the clouds above White Sands National Monument Tuesday. The park is open late on full moon nights. An electrical storm surrounded the area and gave visitors a light show in the sky to accompany the illuminated sands.

Can the lynx survive out on its own?

CREEDE, Colo. (AP) - After an hour of skimming the 14,000-foot peaks of the snowy San Juan Mountains, pilot Whitey Wannemacher wandered aloud in his small plane: "Where is everybody today?"

Reintroduced cats wander Colorado wilderness

them in a heartbeat."
Since the controversial reintroduction program began in January, trackers have spotted lynx as far as 70 miles from release sites in southwestern Colorado. Four of the first five cats starved to death, but no dead animals have been found since early April.

The deaths prompted opponents to argue for the program's suspension, something wildlife officials say they will consider if half the lynx die. In the meantime, they hope to release an additional 50 cats next year.

state biologists. "I think the division deserves a lot more credit than it's getting," he said.
The biologists say they knew from the start there would be losses.

Colorado's lynx program.
Reintroduction opponents have found common cause with animal rights groups, which said the lynx program was hastily planned and that the deaths were unnecessary.

River

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paddler could run all the way to New Orleans or Montana, depending upon the turn selected at St. Louis.

land, swelling the river big enough to cut a valley two miles wide.
The river still runs, but not in its authentic bed. Back in the waning years of the 19th Century, canal diggers simply moved the Des Plaines into a straight trough slightly north of its old bed, which became the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal.

along both shorelines as host to about 2100 species of birds as a major flyway.
We saw night herons, wood ducks, cormorants, sandpipers, green and golden grebes, blue herons. Elliott identified the chunter of a yellow-billed cuckoo.

expected. Paddlers learn to block the view of vessels by staying close to the south-bank. You still can hear them - and the stink of exhausts is powerful - but there are enough birds and signs of wildlife to make it worth while.

along shore.
No matter how you look at it, we travel in a harshly modern world. But if we let the imagination play, we can sense the tread and muscular labor of those who blazed these trails centuries ago.

Fancy boat takes shape

Sport fishing craft has four bathrooms

Knight Ridder News Service

MANATEE COUNTY, Fla.
Talk about anchors aweight: It took close to 25,000 man hours to do it, but workers at Bradenton-based luxury boat builder Roscioli International/Donzi Algine are busily finishing their work on an 80-foot sport fishing boat that has taken them almost a year to construct.

The boat was built for an architect, who already owns a 73-foot craft in Italy and London. The man who built the boat is lavishly appointed, with air conditioning, a filtration system capable of turning 1,200 gallons of seawater into potable water, four full bathrooms with showers, as well as an identical number of hickory and peccan-paneled staterooms sleeping a total of eight people, plus quarters for three crew members.

The boat's six gas tanks have a capacity of 4,000 gallons, giving it a cruising range of 2,500 miles. While large boats are Donzi's specialty - the smallest ship in the company's line is 58 feet - constructing an 80-foot ship had its special challenges, including having to widen the workshop doors to accommodate its 22-foot width.

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DEATH IN YOSEMITE Blotter shows life on the wild side

Dangers lurk in climbers' 'center of the universe'

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Peter Terbush was still clutching the rope when the dust settled. He didn't survive the rock slide. His buddies can't believe they did.

The three experienced Colorado climbers were using proper equipment and caution while scaling a popular granite wall at Yosemite National Park June 13.

"They just never figured on a rock slide. Who would?"

Well, the locals might. They know the trouble spots, and how weather can affect safety.

And they know that the slab of rock behind Curry Village, where Terbush died, is dangerous. It's risky in the spring, when snowmelt can get caught between cracks and freeze overnight. During the day, it expands and melts, making the rocks unstable.

"If I do go there, it's big-time helmet zone," said Dave Bengston, director of Yosemite Mountaineering School. "That place makes me nervous. I hear rocks coming down all the time. All winter long, it was constant."

If the three Colorado climbers had asked him, Bengston would have steered them away from the area.

"When you're a local, you get to know a little more about how things work," Bengston said. "This year, it's that area that's been active. About 10 years ago it was elsewhere."

But for new climbers unfamiliar with the territory, the area called the Glacier Point Area is very attractive.

"That area has great, easy climbing. Beginners love to go there because the climb is not real steep," Bengston said.

The two climbers who survived the rockfall, Joe Kewin and Kerry Pyle, said they talked to other climbers about the area and didn't think anything would happen. Besides, their climb was only supposed to take about half an hour.

"It was a famous climb, it had some of the best cracks in the valley," said Kewin, 21.

There were even fresh chalk marks from the hands of climbers who must have been there shortly before, he said.

With the sun still shining brightly late Sunday afternoon, Terbush grasped the belay rope as Pyle began the ascent up the granite cliff toward the Glacier Point, a panoramic spot 3,000 feet above Yosemite Valley.

They were only planning a short climb, about 500 feet up and then back down.



Fred Wilkinson makes his way up a slab of rock behind Curry Village where Peter Terbush died June 13. Below, Kerry Pyle, left, and Joe Kewin talk about their friend, Peter. They were on the climb with him and survived a rock slide.



Doing exactly what we were doing, except this happened to us. Despite danger, rock climbing is increasingly popular, and Yosemite stands as the 'center of the universe' in the rock climbing world.

By Chris Niskanen
Saint Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — Every Monday morning, a police blotter arrives on my desk filled with good deeds from the outdoors, heart-breaking tragedies and the occasional weird animal story.

Police blotters are the bread-and-butter information source for reporters, but the beauty of this report is it's available to the public and focuses on protecting our natural resources, something every Minnesotan should care about.

It is called the "Weekly Report" from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Division of Enforcement. It's a compilation of weekly field reports provided by about 150 conservation officers stationed around the state.

Until a year ago, the officers' Weekly Report circulated only within the DNR, but now it is available on the World Wide Web at www.dnr.state.mn.us. It also is published in two weekly newspapers, *Outdoor News* and the *Outdoorsman's Weekly*, available in most newsstands.

If wildlife work is your forte, the Weekly Report can be a fascinating — and sobering — look into the life of a conservation officer, with reports on wolf attacks, walleye-poaching arrests, and deer jumping through windows.

In this week's report, for example, officer Don Murray in Karlsrud in far northwestern Minnesota helped bee farmers protect their hives from marauding bears, then "dispatched" a moose hit by a truck.

Officer Jeff Birchum in Warroad wrote he has been investigating walleye taker over limits on Lake of the Woods and responding to a steady stream of bear and wolf complaints. In the Grand Rapids area, officer Tom Chapin helped recover a drowning victim, then investigated a complaint about a wolf that killed a llama.

Officer Jeff Rorem in International Falls rescued a deer that wandered into a Boise Cascade lumber plant, and officer Lloyd Steen wrote a ticket for 35 walleyes over the limit on Lake Kabetogama, then arrested a boater for smoking pot and having no lights on his boat after dark.

Last week, officer Larry Wehinger in La Crescent had to talk a man down from a bridge. The man threatened to jump because the Wisconsin DNR asked him to give his Social Security number to purchase a fishing license.

Scout leads girls to safety

BEAR VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Two girls who got lost on a trip near a Sierra Nevada lake were found safe after spending the night in the rugged wilderness.

Twelve-year-old Mallory Smith and 8-year-old Rebecca Liberty stood on a rock and shared a Monday's overnight temperatures dipped into the 40s. Mallory was only wearing a bathing suit.

Early Tuesday, the girls spotted a Boy Scout and asked him for directions. Thomas Ferry realized the pair were the girls reported missing and led them to safety.

Tired, hungry and bitten by mosquitoes, the girls were otherwise in good shape. They were four miles from where they were last seen Monday afternoon while on a fishing trip with Rebecca's father.

Mallory's mother greeted her daughter with open arms. "Her mom was in tears, scolding her but at the same time crying and counting her blessings," Ferry said.

The girls became lost while playing a game of hide-and-seek as they headed back from Lake Alpine to get gum.

"I'm always trying to promote the activities of conservation officers," said Rich Sprouse, a DNR information officer, who compiles the report. "They do an awful lot of work that is either taken for granted or not known by the public."

When Sprouse was hired 15 months ago, he believed a police blotter might give newspapers and television stations a collection of story ideas related to the DNR.

At the time, though, the Weekly Report was just a few pages circulated among DNR managers, so Sprouse encouraged officers to beef up their weekly reports, provided they didn't jeopardize current investigations.

The report grew. As officers began jotting down their experiences and duties, the blotter caught the attention of media and DNR managers. It seems conservation officers, who are fully licensed peace officers, were assisting in a startling number of drug arrests, missing person searches and car accidents.

"Even some people in the DNR didn't know how much officers do," Sprouse said.

Some weekly newspapers began printing the blotter word for word. Sprouse began faxing it to legislators and putting it on the DNR's Web site. He further refined it by breaking down reports by districts and assigning officers' names to specific work areas. Sprouse also included the duties of the DNR's aviation and wetlands units. (What you won't find is names and addresses of people arrested, however.)

The Weekly Report is faxed or e-mailed to 10 news outlets, including major Twin Cities newspapers and television stations.

The report is unique because until now, there was no comprehensive view of fish and wildlife crime in Minnesota. Though the information is mostly anecdotal, the Weekly Report gives the public a view of what conservation officers are doing in their areas.

And people read it. Sprouse said the Web site gets fairly heavy traffic, and officers often receive comments from people on items they've read in the blotter.

Sprouse, a former journalist, has been overwhelmed by the popularity of the blotter. He thinks it might even spark interest in kids who want to be conservation officers.

"I've never thought in my wildest dreams it would have legs like this," he said. "It's just keeping growing and growing."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Contamination scare may affect earnings

ATLANTA—The Coca-Cola Co. said Wednesday it expects its second-quarter earnings to be adversely affected by a contamination scare that led to the company's biggest product recall.

The Atlanta-based soft drink maker said it did not mention specific figures but said worldwide unit sales would fall by 1 to 2 percent, with the group's European division seeing a 6 to 7 percent drop.



Earnings per share in the three months will reflect the loss of sales in several key markets resulting from the European situation and consequently less income than initially anticipated, Coca-Cola said.

Coca-Cola beverages were removed from shelves in several European countries this month after more than 200 people in Belgium and France said they experienced vomiting, stomach cramps and dizziness after consuming Coke products.

The company has blamed the symptoms on poor-quality carbon dioxide used to put fizz in drinks bottled in Belgium, and the smell of a toxic chemical, phenol, that contaminated the outside of cans at a plant in France.

The company said it has launched marketing and public relations programs to limit the impact of the European situation, and said it sees no significant impact on sales and earnings throughout the rest of the year.

Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Twin Falls said it is financially separate from the Atlanta-based company.

Minnesota, U.S. Bancorp settle customer privacy suit

ST. PAUL, Minn.— Jack Grundhofer, chief executive officer of U.S. Bancorp, and Mike Hatch, Minnesota attorney general, Wednesday announced settlement of a privacy lawsuit brought by the state against U.S. Bancorp.

"Given U.S. Bancorp's early industry-leading decision to stop disclosing customer information to third parties for purposes of marketing nonfinancial products, we felt it was in the public interest to resolve the lawsuit," Hatch said in a press release. "When U.S. Bancorp showed its immediate willingness to address customer privacy and stepped up to the plate to do the right thing, a settlement of the case became an attractive way of reconciling the state's dispute with the bank."

U.S. Bancorp (NYSE: USB) voluntarily exited the nonfinancial marketing business, an action followed by Wells Fargo and Bank of America.

"Action by the attorney general compelled us to step back and look at this industry-wide practice," Grundhofer said. "As the trust of our customers is the bedrock of our business, our decision to stop these practices was made easily and quickly."

Without admitting the allegations, U.S. Bancorp—which has bank branches throughout the Magic Valley—also agreed to contribute several millions of dollars to charities and public bodies, to inform customers of the bank's privacy policy and to provide notice of customers' rights to "opt out" of the sharing of information with bank affiliates.

Compiled from staff reports

SHARING THE PASSION

Video on Snake River promotes Magic Valley to tourists, potential residents

By Rachel Dennis
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—Within 25 miles of Twin Falls are natural wonders to boggle just about anyone's mind—in almost all free and accessible.

But many people don't know how much the Snake River has to offer, says Dennis Bramont, owner of Sheridan Enterprises.

That's one reason he helped fund and produce a video, "Shoshone Falls, Niagara of the West," highlighting the famous falls and other areas along the Snake.

"I've always been on the river," said Bramont, who works at Shoshone Falls for Idaho Power Co. "I love the river. Here we have all of this, but nothing to show for it. If there's a driving force behind this (producing the video), it's to show people what we have here. We take for granted what we have."

"How many people have the stooch back and looked at the Perrine Bridge on a nice day?" Bramont said.

In addition to the usual sites—such as Perrine Bridge and Shoshone Falls—the video features spots not often seen.

Miller Falls, Thousand Springs Preserve, Box Canyon, Cauldron Linn and Pillar Falls all get their chance at fame. Each is breathtaking, said Mark Bork, Annarc Productions owner and the other producer and director of the video.

"People do not realize what we have in our own backyard," he said. "I didn't either until I was involved in this and had to visit each sight."

Over two years the pair collected images from a variety of sites and angles, including shots from a whitewater raft, throughout winter, spring and fall.

The 23-minute video has little narration and virtually no special effects, Bork said.

"I didn't want this to be a high-tech, special-effects look," he said. "I didn't use filters at all; this is how it looked. I wanted to give enough information about the site, but then let it speak for itself."



Dennis Bramont, left, and Mark Bork produced a film about the Snake River and Shoshone Falls to show the beauty that lies outside people's back doors.

See it

Video premiere of "Shoshone Falls, Niagara of the West"

- When: 7 a.m. Friday.
- Where: The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce membership booklet at Continental Park.
- Cost: \$10 for booklet.
- Call the chamber at 733-3974 for reservations.

The video will sell for \$12 at the Twin Falls Area Chamber

of Commerce's visitor center, the chamber office and the Shoshone Falls concession stand.

The chamber, which sponsored a portion of the video, will try to recoup the \$5,500 it spent by taking a percentage of the video sales from the visitor center and office locations.

Videos will be available for purchase Friday; Bork and Bramont hope to target both people who live in the area and visitors to Twin Falls.

"I think more than anything it's going to be used to say, 'Hey, look what's out my back door and within 25 miles,'" Bramont said.

"Instead of sending pictures to family, send them a movie."

The video's production fills a definite want in the valley, said Kent Just, executive vice president of the chamber. Nothing like this has been available.

"We've had a lot of requests from people asking for this kind of video," Just said. "I think those of us who live here don't truly appreciate the first-time view of the falls. We know it's a gorgeous, awesome sight, but we take it for granted. Visitors are in awe and want to take it with them."

Besides filling a niche for vis-

itors, the video can be used for relocations, Bramont said.

"What a great tool to send to people thinking about relocating," he said. "I think it will benefit Twin Falls greatly. It's a real tool to let people know what we have here."

The chamber has a video of the city and footage from the television segment "Exploring Idaho," but they don't come close to showing the power and beauty of Shoshone Falls and the Snake River Canyon, Just said.

Times-News correspondent Rachel Dennis can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

'New-era' thinking forecasts a financial feast

By John Cunniff
The Associated Press

NEW-YORK—What might seem to be the ultimate endorsement of the new-era economy, the President's forecast of billions upon billions in budget surpluses, may provoke more controversy than assurance.

As economists are quick to point out, the only way you can project surpluses far into the future is to discount the possibility of recessions, which most Americans recognize as a periodic fact of life.

And as taxpayers, Americans are alert enough to recognize that planned surpluses are little

more than overtaxation, which very few of them endorse on moral, economic or political grounds.

Elected officials themselves may question such an endorsement, understanding that their own propensity to spend—thus eliminating surpluses—may be too great to overcome.

And then there are the new day and accustomed to big capital gains, who see investment in the government programs via taxation as a low-yield use of their money.

In new-era thinking, the lessons of the past have little bearing on the present or

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Internet boosts U.S. productivity

Los Angeles Times

Although technology has been winning increasing credit for its role in the current economic boom, experts are only now beginning to understand how that's happening.

The growing consensus, in brief: It's the Internet.

By tying hundreds of millions of computers together into a common network, the Internet has turbocharged the U.S. economy and is helping to generate long-slusive improvements in productivity, a critical factor in the country's ability to improve living standards.

A close look at how companies are using the Internet to save billions of dollars in distribution and transaction costs reveals a global productivity

revolution in the making. From online self-service systems for employees and customers to direct sales to remote management of far-flung facilities, corporations are changing the way business is done.

Computers themselves have been omnipresent for decades, without much measurable impact on the efficiency of the overall economy. But only in the last few years has the Internet been put to widespread commercial use, and the nation's long-stagnant productivity began to surge at about the same time, particularly in the service economy.

Government statisticians aren't precise enough to show a direct relationship, but a growing number of economists note that the economy's 59-month expansion

and the improved output per worker have closely paralleled the rise of the World Wide Web. They suggest that improved efficiency in the nation's manufacturing and service sectors is largely the result of Internet-related activities such as e-mail and online commerce.

Economists used to puzzle over why output per worker in this country had remained almost flat since the early 1970s in spite of hundreds of billions of dollars spent by businesses on computers. But now it seems clear that the Internet is playing a big role in the recent rebound in productivity growth.

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Stocks soar following interest-rate decision

Who's afraid of complacency?

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks soared Wednesday, with some market indexes smashing through to record highs, as the Federal Reserve raised interest rates but hinted that a single modest increase might be all that's needed to quell inflation.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 155.45 to close at 10,970.80, rounding out a session that saw the index drop as much as 63 points in morning trading, then pop over 11,000 for the first time since May 14.

Wednesday's rally propelled broader market indicators to new closing highs. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 21.21 to 1,372.66, beating its previous record of 1,367.56 reached May 13. The Nasdaq composite index rose 44.01 to close at 2,686.12, eclipsing the previous high of 2,652.05 set April 26.

"The market got a major relief rally," said John Shaughnessy, chief investment strategist at Advest Inc.

Bond prices, battered for weeks by the threat of inflation and higher interest rates, also recovered, sending yields on the 30-year Treasury bond falling to 5.99 percent from 6.06 percent late Tuesday.

The Fed's Open Market Committee surprised few with

the announcement of a quarter percentage point increase in short-term interest rates. But the committee also returned to what's called a neutral bias on interest rates, which indicates Fed officials believe they may not need to follow up Wednesday's rate action with additional increases.

Traders welcomed the Fed's announcement, hoping for an end to the volatile price swings and sluggish trading that has characterized the market since mid-May when the Fed first signaled its willingness to raise rates in an effort to hold inflation down.

Bank and brokerage stocks were among the first to benefit, as the Fed's future course appeared less punishing than previously feared. Shares of those companies are particularly vulnerable to higher interest rates, which cut into lending volume.

J.P. Morgan rose 4.75 to 140.5, the strongest gainer among Dow components. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter shot up 8 to 102.75, and Schwab gained 9.75 to close at 109.875.

Analysts were quick to caution that the Fed's neutral bias leaves plenty of room to impose higher rates if it finds further indications that inflation has crept into the still-booming economy.

"They did not close the door on further rate increases," said Michael Moran, chief economist at Daiwa Securities America, who expects the Fed to raise rates two to four more times each time by a quarter percentage point - over the course of the next 12 months.

Wednesday marked the end of the second quarter and first half, and some money managers shifted their portfolios up to the last minute, hoping to settle positions left in limbo while investors awaited the Fed's announcement.

David G. Sowerby, a vice president at Loomis, Sayles & Co., said the sluggishness of the past few weeks should be easy to forget in light of the market's vibrant performance in the first half. The Dow has gained 18.5 percent in the year to date. The Nasdaq, which is dominated by technology stocks, gained 22.5 percent in the first half, and the S&P 500 gained 11.7 percent.

Sowerby noted that a wide range of stocks in the S&P 500 rose over the course of the second quarter.

"There was a broader, deeper leadership," he said. "Many people will be pleasantly surprised when they look at their 401(k)s or mutual fund statements from this quarter."

NEW YORK (AP) - In the midst of a mighty bull market, one of the biggest challenges facing any mutual-fund investor is to resist complacency.

There are plenty of prudent commentators around who keep warning against the dangers of an ever-yielding fine-and-always-will-be-mentality as you decide where to put your savings.

Your ears hear these admonitions. But cautionary words can't make much of a lasting impression when they diverge so drastically from the experience people have been having for so long.

At the halfway point of 1999, most stock funds are on track to post their fifth consecutive year of two-digit gains. Over the past 15 years, according to calculations by Lipper Inc., the average stock fund has climbed at a rate of 16 percent a year.

Even as you tell yourself that this kind of thing can't continue forever, a rising market takes on the appearance of normal routine. All well, you may conjecture, maybe the bull market will slow down and everybody will have to "settle" for 8 percent or 10 percent returns.

That doesn't begin to cover all the possible outcomes. No matter what the past record and the present picture look like, and no matter what some expert or computer model predicts, the future for investments like stocks is always uncertain and unpredictable.

For a glimpse of the complacency that threatens every investor, take a look at the results of a survey of 700 investors nearing or just starting retirement, which was commissioned by the Forum For Investor Advice, an association of fund groups sold primarily through brokers.

Only about one in 10 of the respondents said they were worried about outliving their assets, a sharp decline in the stock market, a major increase in inflation, or trouble affording the cost of a good nursing home.

"The fact that only 11 percent of recent retirees that we surveyed are seriously concerned about outliving their financial resources, and only 6 percent are concerned about a bear market in stocks, is really very surprising," said Barbara Levin, the organization's executive director.

"I can only assume that, despite the numerous warnings about the cost of a comfortable



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retirement, the unprecedented bull market in stocks and the excellent economy we have been experiencing has lulled them into a false sense of security."

The point of all this is not to spread gloom, but to encourage looking at things realistically. There is every reason to hope that prosperity will continue to flourish on both Wall Street and Main Street for a long time to come.

But to plan well for your future, it makes sense to consider other what-ifs. In your study of a mutual fund, let's suppose you are looking at a graph that shows how much a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in 1970 would have grown to today.

This illustration, known in the industry as a "mountain" chart, may look very impressive, and serve as a kind of advertisement for the idea of long-term investing. But it is of only limited value in planning for the future.

You can't buy a single dollar of that past performance. It has come and gone forever. You certainly don't want to base the planning for your financial future on the assumption that the exact same results will accrue in the next 10, 20, or 30 years.

If you are making financial projections based on an assumed rate of return from your investments, don't just plug in 10 percent or 15 percent for stocks and let it go at that. Run the same exercise using 5 percent, and maybe even 0 percent or a minus number.

Online business explosion leads U.S. economic boom

NEW YORK (AP) - You ain't seen nothing yet. Vice President Al Gore says it. The stock market proclaims it. University studies and the Commerce Department confirm it.

Internet buying and selling is heading to the stratosphere, just as share prices of some Internet companies already have. One study estimates worldwide online sales might reach \$1 trillion next year.

If perhaps you aren't impressed, consider that the same study estimated this year's purchases of online goods and services at a "mere" \$200 billion, and that there were none just a few years ago.

And that Gore believes that in seven

years, nearly half America's jobs will to one extent or another be related to information technology, of which the Internet is the core.

And further doubts about the growth of information technology and the Internet should finally be dispelled by the urgency with which the nation's revenueurs are getting ready to impose taxes.

A 19-member Federal Commission on Electronic Commerce is now studying the abilities for creative taxation and the necessity for acting swiftly.

As matters stand, states have little power to obtain revenues on out-of-state

e-commerce purchases, their primary weapon being a warning that buyers must calculate sales taxes and forward same.

Call it what you will - the technology, e-commerce, information or Internet age - what was a seedling five years ago has rooted its way into every area of business and into millions of households.

Driven by zealous entrepreneurs and users who, in retrospect, seem to have been awaiting their day in the sun, it has generated unstoppable momentum.

For survival's sake, scorners become joiners.

A U.S. Commerce Department study released this week says the broadly based industry generated one-third of the

nation's economic growth between 1995 and 1998. That's past. The future: With nearly half U.S. workers in Internet-related jobs by 2006, there will hardly be a family unaffected by the changes.

The impact already is pervasive, and to some extent confounding. Economists, for example, had expected that by now inflation would have undermined the long expansion. But it can barely be seen.

There is only one likely explanation, conceded even by Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman and chief inflation-spotter: Technology has enormously boosted output per for each hour worked.

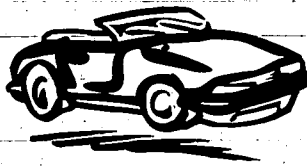
It has changed the savings and investing pattern of households. It has created fabulous individual wealth. It has raised the skills and paychecks of millions of workers.

It has flooded Washington and statehouses with revenue surpluses. It has bankrupted or left far behind businesses that refuse to join. It has changed the way students think and study.

It has created fears as well as hopes. Oldtime merchants with high-quality goods are threatened by upstarts that have yet to make a profit. Downtown merchants and mall-dwellers are equally fearful.

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CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns for commodity, high, low, change, and settlement price. Includes categories like Soybean, Corn, Wheat, and various oil products.

MARKETS

Table listing market data for various commodities including soybean meal, soybean oil, and various grades of flour.

POCKETLIST

Table listing stock prices for various companies, including POCATELLO, POCATELLO II, and others.

CHEESE

Table listing prices for various types of cheese, including cheddar, mozzarella, and others.

GRAINS

Table listing prices for various types of grain, including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

POTATOES

Table listing prices for various types of potatoes, including russet and red potatoes.

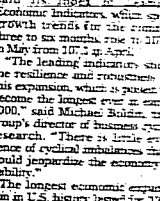
SUGAR

Table listing prices for various types of sugar, including white sugar and molasses.

LIVESTOCK

Table listing prices for various types of livestock, including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

Leading indicators



Leading indicators

Text discussing economic indicators and their implications for the future, mentioning the Fed's actions and market trends.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table listing prices for various types of fossil fuels, including oil, natural gas, and coal.

Metals/Currency

Table listing prices for various metals and currencies, including gold, silver, and various international currencies.

BEANS

Table listing prices for various types of beans, including navy beans, kidney beans, and others.

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FEAST

Text discussing the economic outlook, mentioning the Fed's actions and market trends, and the impact on various sectors.

Beware of scams when looking for work you can do at home

Article discussing the risks of home-based work opportunities, warning against scams and providing advice on how to identify legitimate opportunities.

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Preferences shift as wives gain earning power

Article discussing how the increasing earning power of wives is changing household preferences and roles, mentioning the impact on men's careers and family dynamics.

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Article discussing the impact of women's earnings on household preferences, mentioning the shift in roles and the challenges of balancing work and family.

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JULY 4th

Local Events

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Albion:
Fireworks Sunday night at dusk at the airport, south of town.
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See the Entertainment section in the Friday Times-News for more details about local July 4th events.

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Sagebrush Days runs Friday-Sunday, including parade, food, games, music.
Fireworks on Sunday night at dusk in North Park.
Burley:
Fireworks in park adjacent to Burley Municipal Golf Course at dusk.
Dietrich:
Fireworks Sunday night at dusk in City Park.
Glenns Ferry:
Fireworks Sunday night at dusk in City Park.
Hailey:
Days of the Old West Celebration, Friday-Sunday, including parade, barbecues, music. Fireworks will be Sunday night near the rodeo arena.

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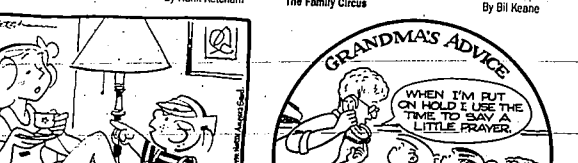
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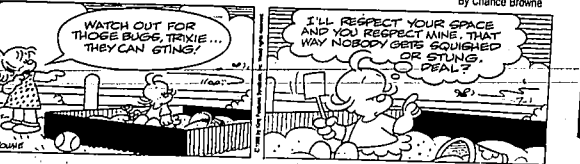
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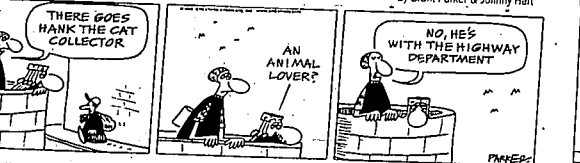
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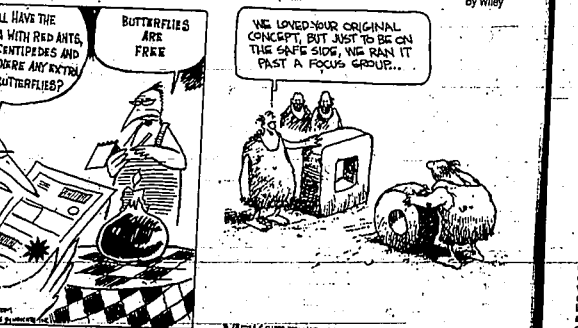
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ORDINANCE NO. 2618
AN ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12 AND 13 OF THE IDAHO CONSTITUTION AND THE IDAHO GRANTING...
SECTION 1. The City of Twin Falls, Idaho, does hereby adopt the following Ordinance...

ORDINANCE NO. 2619
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, REZONING AND CREATING THE NECESSARY AREA OF IMPROVEMENTS AND CROWDING DISTRICT MAP AMENDMENT...
SECTION 1. The following described real property...

SECTION 2. Where Company facility relocations are required because of improvements...
SECTION 3. Where Company facility relocations are required because of right-of-way improvements...
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LEGAL NOTICE
Twin Falls, Idaho, proposing a change in names to the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. The City Council may, at its discretion, accept or reject the proposed ordinance on the first or second reading at the time that occurs, no further public hearings will be held on this issue.

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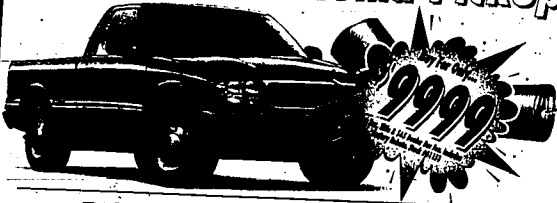
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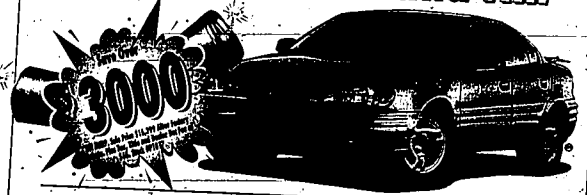
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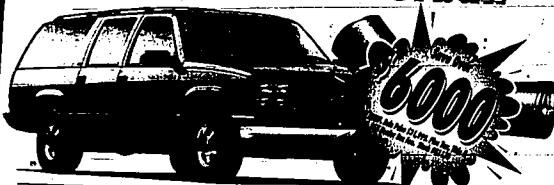
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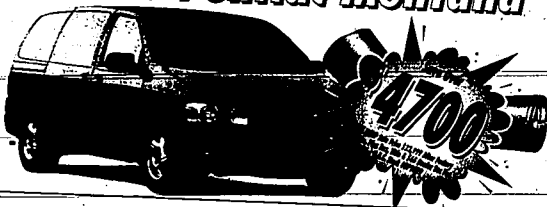
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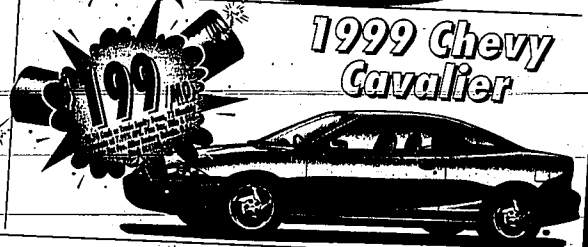
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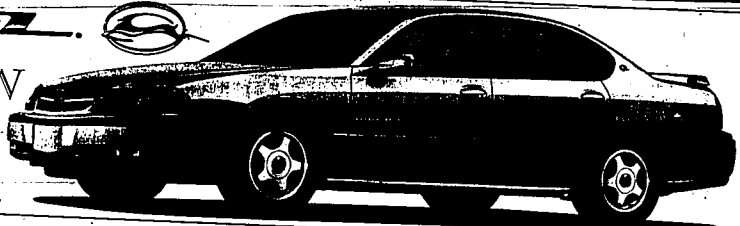
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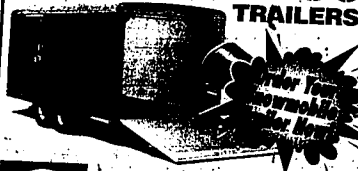
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