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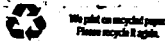
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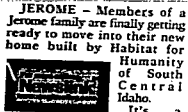
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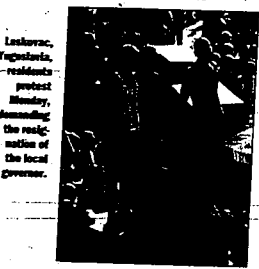
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Criminals wanted or ignored?

Outstanding warrant numbers rise, but is anyone looking?

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When police arrested Charles Jaynes in the kidnapping and murder of a young boy, he was already wanted on 75 outstanding warrants in 18 Massachusetts courts. Nobody, however, appeared to have been looking for him.

Authorities say the case is far from unique. Throughout the country, hundreds of thousands, probably millions of warrants are outstanding for people wanted on felony offenses. The numbers are stretching the resources of local police and raising fears that criminals are slipping through the cracks.

"A lot of the state and local authorities just don't have the money or the resources" to track down fugitives, said Arthur Roderick, chief of domestic investigations at the U.S. Marshals Service.

The FBI's National Crime Information Center, which police use for background checks on suspects, lists 516,000 outstanding warrants, the vast majority for felonies. Though many cases are solved each year, the list of open cases has grown from 340,000 in 1990.

The actual number of felony warrants is much higher. Many are never entered into the national system, often because states don't want to spend the time and resources on paperwork — or pay extradition costs if a suspect is found.

The low percentage of warrants shared with the NCIC also means that most felony arrest orders won't show up in background checks used for handgun purchases.

Massachusetts has 70,000 outstanding felony warrants but less than 2,700 at the NCIC. Overall, the NCIC estimates it receives less than 20 percent of all outstanding felony warrants in the country. That would mean there are upwards of 2.5 million felony arrest orders that have never been served.

"This is probably the largest public safety threat we face in the country," said Massachusetts state Sen. Cheryl A. Jacques.

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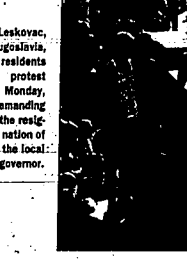
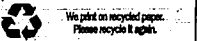
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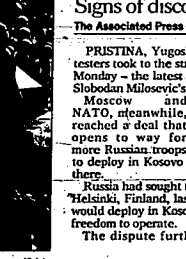
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Killing pits U.S. against Israeli courts

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — A Maryland teen entered a surprise plea of innocent Monday to charges of murdering a classmate but admitted he helped dismember the body and burn it, setting the stage for a trans-Atlantic trial that could strain U.S.-Israeli ties.

The grisly 1997 killing in Maryland has pitted the Israeli justice system against members of the House of Representatives and Attorney General Janet Reno, who are angry at Israel for refusing to extradite Samuel Sheinbein, 19, for trial at home. Some legislators have threatened to cut the \$3-billion package Israel receives annually in U.S. economic and military assistance.

Sheinbein, wearing a plaid shirt and black pants, stared blankly and straight ahead as his lawyer, David Libai, told a Tel Aviv court on Monday he was not guilty of killing fellow teen-ager Alfred Tello Jr.

The plea means Sheinbein will face a full trial in Israel, where he fled for shelter a few days after Tello's mutilated, dismembered body was found in an empty garage near the suspect's home in Aspen Hill, Md.

Israel's Supreme Court ruled in February that Sheinbein technically was an Israeli citizen and therefore could not be extradited. His father was born here, but left with his family in the 1950s.

Prosecutors who had joined Reno in expressing their disappointment over the decision, but pledged to work with Israel



Samuel Sheinbein, accused of the 1997 murder of Alfred Tello in Maryland, is brought in to a Tel Aviv court Monday. In a surprise move, Sheinbein pleaded innocent to the murder charges.

should a trial be necessary. Libai, a former Israeli justice minister, told the court Monday that Sheinbein has "never made a confession, either here or in the United States."

Libai conceded that Sheinbein was in a car with Tello before the killing and said his client was guilty of dismembering and burning the body on Sept. 18, 1997, two days afterward.

But he challenged the state to prove Sheinbein took an active part in the killing with his friend, Aaron Needle.

"Needle committed suicide in a Maryland prison just before his trial was to start."

An interpreter translated most of the proceedings for Sheinbein, who speaks only basic Hebrew. Libai corrected her English legal terminology from time to time.

At earlier court hearings, Libai had indicated Sheinbein would face a life term. But unlike in Maryland, life sentences in Israel are usually commuted to 15 years, and prisoners can get weekend and holiday furloughs to visit their families.

Gander expressed anger at the turnaround Monday. "Sheinbein through his lawyer has said he was going to plead guilty if he wasn't extradited," Gander said.

"It shows his extraordinary ability to manipulate the Israeli legal system."

It was not clear whether Tello's parents, who have filed charges against Israel's decision not to extradite Sheinbein, would attend the trial, which is set to start Oct. 12 before a three-judge panel.

Libai's assistant, Eran Meier, would not comment on whether the defense would seek to blame Needle for the killing. But he said there was no need to blame witnesses from the United States, as "there are no witnesses to the murder."

State Prosecutor Hadas Nair conceded Monday the evidence against Sheinbein was circumstantial, but said it was "very good circumstantial evidence."

Nair said American witnesses and investigators would be questioned, either here or by deposition in the United States.

Gander sharply criticized Nair's handling of the prosecution. "She knows nothing of this case at this point," he said, noting all evidence was not circumstantial.

"There's a great deal of direct evidence," Gander said Monday, citing DNA evidence and a confession Sheinbein allegedly made to his father and brother. He said he was ready to fly over about 50 witnesses in Israel, provided Israel keeps its promise to hear the bill.

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J.C. Penney pulls trash-talking T-shirts

PLANO, Texas (AP) — J.C. Penney is pulling a line of basketball-themed T-shirts aimed at young men with titles that include "Your game is as big as your pants" and "You like that move? So does your girl."

The "trash talk" line of apparel, manufactured by ANDI Basketball, is offensive to women, said the leader of the group that complained.

"It's a put-down of girls in the process of putting down a sport," she said.

"We're not apologizing to that," she said. "It's an insulting, defamatory message, and we have some difficulty in women wearing this gender-based stuff."

Ms. Burke said several people contacted her group to complain about the shirts, and that she later denounced the apparel in the center's newsletter, "The Washington Feminist Examiner," which is faxed to several thousand people around the country.

J.C. Penney Co. Inc. spokeswoman Stephanie Brown said Plano-based retailer got enough complaints that it will no longer carry shirts that specifically target women. Other ANDI apparel will still be available.

"We put the T-shirts out thinking we wouldn't have a problem," Brown said. "But we are having some concerns coming our way, and they are valid concerns."

Burke said she welcomed Penney's decision and will turn other retailers, including Footlocker and Just for Feet, that carry the shirts.

Officials with ANDI, based in Pennsylvania, were not available for comment Monday. A recorded phone message said their offices were closed for the day.

The company produces dozens of shirts with phrases such as "Turn on the disposal, your game's garbage." Most of them have nothing to do with gender.

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Pyrotechnic blowups kill four people

The Associated Press

Holiday weekend fireworks accidents killed four people as pyrotechnics displays misfired or blew up prematurely in two towns.

Three of the victims were fatally injured at Centerville, Ark., when the fireworks shell exploded just after it was launched Sunday, shooting a fireball into the open door of a trailer where more fireworks were being assembled, Yell County Sheriff Bill Gilkey said Monday.

"There was a dud that went off," said Yell County Sheriff Bill Gilkey. "Then the whole thing blew up." The trailer was charred but intact.

The explosion took place about a quarter of a mile from spectators, Gilkey said. Henderson Specialties of Centerville put on the show. Company official Ken Walls refused to comment.

Two teen-agers were killed in the blast, and a third person died Monday at Little Rock hospital, Gilkey said.

In Peoria, Ariz., stacks of fireworks started detonating Sunday while workers from the Salt Lake City-based Lantz Fireworks were still unloading them for a Fourth of July show there, police and fire officials said.

One worker suffered burns over 90 percent of her body and died Monday at Maricopa County Medical Center. Four others were injured.

The blasts shook windows a half-mile away.

"There must've been 50 to 60 explosions," said Chris Powell, who was setting up his camera across the street to photograph the display.

Elsewhere, seven people suffered minor injuries in a fireworks mishap at West Bend, Wis., a 13-year-old boy was in critical condition Monday after being struck in the face by fireworks in Washington's Shenandoah County, and a teen-ager lost the tips of his fingers to a large firecracker at Manha Lake, Wash.

East succumbs to sticky heat wave

The Associated Press

A wave of record heat and sticky, humid air enveloped the eastern third of the nation Monday, wiping people who had to be outside and shifting air conditioners into electricity-sucking overdrive.

"The air feels like a warm, wet blanket," said Amanda Finley, 22, in Charlotte, N.C. "We're taking numerous showers," said Iris Robinson of Newark, N.J., at 103 degrees. "I didn't really get any sleep last night. All you could do was just lay still and don't talk."

The National Weather Service posted heat advisories from the Mississippi Valley all the way to the East Coast, warning that the combination of humidity and high temperatures would create heat indexes of up to 110 and more. It was the third advisory day in a row for Chicago.

When the Reds and Astros played an afternoon baseball game in Cincinnati, a thermometer in the arena hit 101 and Cinergy Field registered 154 degrees, highest in at least two years.

Temperature records started falling a few minutes after noon, with Portland, Maine, reaching 94. New York City rose to 97. In El Paso, Texas, registered 100 for the first time, and Philadelphia tied its record at 100.

Raleigh-Durham, N.C., hit 100 — but it wasn't a record there.

At the Flag Acre Zoo in Rensselaer County, N.Y., owner Harry VonHaggen fed his monkeys nectar and mango giant ones for bears by freezing fruit chunks and water in 5-gallon buckets.

"It's a luxury that they enjoy,



Mark Stokes, 31, of Yardley, Pa., wipes away the sweat from his face while working at a construction site.

and for the bears, it's a source of entertainment, too," VonHaggen said.

The mercury hit a record 102 at Washington's Reagan National Airport.

"It's hotter than at home. I expected it to be cooler here," said Douglas Napo, an exchange student from the African nation of Togo.

And just west of Washington, a heat index of 115 was forecast in West Virginia's eastern panhandle.

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino declared a heat alert and urged the elderly to use community centers as "cooling sites." Philadelphia's heat hot line was swamped with phone calls, mostly from older residents without air conditioning or their concerned relatives. Hospitals around Michigan reported a small number of heat-related illnesses.

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NATION

Shooting suspect was known for racist attitudes

Smith stood up to students' rally against leaflets

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — One-day last November, a crowd of 500 residents and students in Bloomington, Ind., marched through town in opposition to a campaign of racist leafletting during the previous months. As it snaked its way down the college town's main boulevard, the group faced a lone protester who was carrying a placard that read, "No hate speech means no free speech."

The bearer of the placard was Benjamin Nathaniel Smith. Then a sophomore at Indiana University, Smith acknowledged he was responsible for the pamphlets, according to people who knew him on campus.

On Sunday, Smith, who also was alleged to have distributed racist literature earlier this year in Wilmette, Ill., the town where he grew up, emerged against the shooting death of a student in Bloomington, and police say that incident is linked to a three-day string of shootings in two states that appear to be racially motivated.



Benjamin Nathaniel Smith

Late Sunday, federal and Chicago authorities said the search for Smith ended with his death in downtown, state, Salem, Ill. Authorities said Smith shot himself twice while being pursued by police, then fired a fatal shot into his chest while police where trying to subdue him.

While it remains unclear why a student from the North Shore turned to the white power movement, a paper trail over the past two years and interviews with people who knew him indicate that he was committed to the cause. Smith, 21, was a former member of the World Church of the Creator, a white supremacist group based in East Peoria, Ill. The group advocates white power, though it does not condone violence, according to group leader Matt Hale.

In April, Smith was charged with littering by Wilmette police in connection with the distribution of racist fliers there. After a June appearance at the Cook County Circuit Courthouse, Smith argued that his campaign was protected by the First Amendment.

"They're saying we can't put out this literature," Smith, whose case was pending, said in an interview with the Tribune at the time. "Well, the Constitution says we can."

Smith's parents now live in Northfield, Ill., and his mother, a former Wilmette village trustee, is a real estate agent, said neighbors and town officials. His family declined to comment Sunday. Smith was enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from fall 1996 to spring 1998. After one run-in with police, authorities said, Smith wanted to be called "Erwin Rommel," the name of the noted Nazi tank commander. Since arriving in Bloomington in the spring of 1998, after withdrawing in February of that year from Illinois, Smith had attracted citywide attention.

Calling himself "August Smith," he quickly earned the reputation as a fierce proponent of "separation from non-whites," as he wrote in a June 1998 letter to the school newspaper, the Indiana Daily Student. "It is true that the fliers were racially oriented," he wrote, "but to label them racist, bigoted or prejudiced demonstrates bias."

Originally an English major, Smith later switched to criminal justice, according to Richard McKaig, vice chancellor and

dean of students in Bloomington. McKaig said he called Smith into a meeting not long after he arrived on campus, in response to complaints that Smith had distributed hate literature on school grounds. After their meeting, McKaig said, Smith directed his activities to the community at large.

"There was nothing odd in his demeanor, except for his divergent views," McKaig said. "He didn't indicate any interest in violence in what he was doing. He just wanted people to know what he was doing."

In his yearbook entry from New Trier High School, Smith

wrote "Sic Semper Tyrannis" or "Thus ever to tyrants," said to be the words of John Wilkes Booth after shooting Abraham Lincoln. The phrase also appeared on a T-shirt worn by Timothy McVeigh on the day he bombed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

In the Bloomington community, Smith was well known as a fierce racist whose public actions had made him the object of resentment, several people who knew of him said Sunday. According to residents at 2 Touchdown Terrace, the apartment complex where Smith lived

until about two months ago, he was public in his beliefs but did not provoke physical confrontations.

Neighbors said they believed he was asked to leave his apartment because the windows of his unit were broken repeatedly. The incidents were widely believed to be in retaliation for his racist views, residents said.

"There was never a word of discontent out of his mouth, but you could tell how his body acted. He was uncomfortable," said Tyrone Alexander, a student who lived next door to Smith in the predominantly African-American housing complex.

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Dems urge Hillary to reach out

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton will have to "get out from under the cocoon of the White House" and reach out to ordinary New Yorkers if she wants to win the Senate seat being vacated by outgoing Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Democratic strategists in New York say.

Mrs. Clinton planned to filed papers Tuesday with the Federal Election Commission in Washington to establish an exploratory committee for a Senate run. That will allow Mrs. Clinton to raise and spend money for a Senate race.

The first lady, who has visited the state frequently in the past few months, will officially kick off her exploratory campaign Wednesday. The first stop in what aides are describing as a summer-long "listening tour" — is Moynihan's farm near Oneonta, where he is expected to offer encouraging words.

"The listening tour will put her face-to-face with New Yorkers in small settings," said Howard Wolfson, a spokesman for Mrs. Clinton's political organizations. Democratic strategists say that's just what she has to do.

"She has to get out from under the cocoon of the White House and the president," said William Cunningham, a former campaign manager for Moynihan.

"She has to do it herself," former state Democratic Chairman John Marino said. "It's time now to have the friends and advisers shut up."

"She doesn't need to spend time — and I say this with all due respect — as a former state chairman — with as a former state chairman — with people like us. She needs to spend time with people who are Democrats and independents and Republicans; who have kids in schools; parents who are sick and need care, and who worry about taxes."



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Knowing who's on the line

Police make good use of Caller ID feature

Los Angeles Times

A scientist named Terry Spontarelli met a girl on America Online, set a time for a tryst in a Tulsa, Okla., motel, then engaged in three hours of sex acts that violated eight different laws.

She was 13, he was 35, and she'd skipped school by pretending to be sick. Sometime during her encounter with the P.D., who had brought his camcorder, she made a pre-emptive phone call to her mother at work. She pretended she was still at home, ready for a nap.

Like a lot of people who pick up a phone these days, the girl underestimated the endlessly mutating power of the technology she was using. She didn't know that her mother's company, a collection agency, had installed caller ID, and that police would soon be banging on a door at the Microtel Inn.

Spontarelli, an explosives analyst at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, with a wife and a daughter back in New Mexico, pleaded guilty to various state and federal crimes against having sex with a minor. He was sentenced in another 10 in Oklahoma state prison. "If the mom hadn't had caller ID at her work, we wouldn't have known where this girl was meeting this adult, this child molester," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Morgan in Tulsa.

The caller ID box — and the even more widely available keystroke services that copy what it does — is only one part of a brutally competitive communications industry that is moving faster and marketing harder than lawmakers, lobbyists and civil libertarians can control.

As it has exploded across the country, caller ID is having an almost daily effect on police

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The fluid ease of caller ID has, likewise, opened up a new set of moral debates in some communities about hostilities for suicide, rape, domestic abuse, drug and other crimes that depend on the promise of anonymity.

"How many people think about that when they call somebody? That the person on the other end instantly has their phone number and possibly their name and address?" said Peter Crabb, a Penn State psychologist who studies the effect of technology on human behavior.

Here, from the last month alone, is a sampling of true crime stories from the world of caller ID:

- A New Jersey high school teacher who claimed she took a phone call from somebody who threatened to blow up the school was such call. School's nationwide have scrambled to install caller ID because of the rash of copycat threats after the April massacre at a Colorado high school.
- A 15-year-old boy with a long juvenile record of crime told his father he was spending the night at his older brother's house. Caller ID indicated otherwise, and the man tracked his son to a hotel in downtown Cleveland, where the boy had spent the night having sex with his state-assigned social worker. Suzanne Smithers, a 47-year-old married mother of three, was sentenced to two years in prison for

corrupting a minor.

- In Galveston, Texas, Mark Dixon went on trial for helping his girlfriend kill her husband, Barbara Holder, was convicted of capital murder in March. Police say the pair conspired to make the nearly 90-stroke stabbing of Curtis Holder, 47, look like a robbery, but their story unraveled three days later when Barbara Holder told a neighbor watching one of her children that she was calling from the police station when caller ID showed she was really at a local motel.
- An Ohio man was sentenced to six months in jail for repeatedly phoning in sick to his job as a Hamilton County Junior, Michael Leedy, 45, took a month of paid sick leave last year, which the county's caller ID system indicated had been regularly called in from his other job across town.
- A pair of purported neo-Nazi skinheads, 19-year-old James Ronald Romo and a juvenile, were arrested in connection with the abduction, robbery and savage beating of an Orange County, Calif., man who believed he was targeted because he was gay. The suspects had returned a call that came in on the beeper they had stolen from the victim. The caller's ID log led police to the motel where the suspects were staying.

The signs that many people are oblivious to in transition are legion. "We got a window of a year or two until everyone figures it out," said Sgt. Mike Tully, a detective in Colorado, N.Y., outside Albany.

When it comes to somewhat more organized crime, the private sector has often been a lap or two ahead of police agencies.

Though many are reluctant to talk about it, different police agencies have devised various ways of outfoxing the increasing cleverness of caller IDs.

"We have drug cases we work all the time, and we have to be careful with who we call," said Mickey Hawkins, head of the FBI office in Tulsa.

"We use a device that gives a different number."



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Washington County deputies hunt for bodies Monday from a weekend boating accident on the St. Croix River in Stillwater, Minn., that may have killed nine people.

Authorities find four bodies, fear five others dead in crash

BAYPORT, Minn. (AP) — A fourth body was found Monday as divers searched a dark, murky river for the victims of a weekend collision between two speed-boats.

Up to nine people may have been killed, authorities said.

Washington County Sheriff Jim Frank said authorities still weren't sure how many people were aboard the two boats when they collided early Saturday on the St. Croix River.

The fourth body floated to the surface, a Washington County sheriff's dispatcher said Monday.

Divers looking for other victims were having to feel their way across the river bottom, the sheriff said.

It's like "swimming in chocolate pudding," said Steve Porter, a volunteer diver. "We're doing everything by feel."

Two bodies were recovered

Saturday and the third wasn't found until Sunday evening, after the discovery of two pieces of boat debris on the river bottom helped searchers locate the crash site.

Both boats apparently were traveling in the same direction toward Hudson, Wis., when they collided shortly after 1 a.m. on Saturday. They reportedly had left an access area near P.D. and Poppy's, a popular bar and restaurant in Stillwater, before colliding a few miles down river.

The Fourth of July is one of the busiest boating days of the year on the St. Croix, which runs along the Minnesota-Wisconsin state line.

The first three victims recovered were identified as Michael Jon Finmang, 31, and Steven Langer, 30, both of Apple Valley, Wis., and Scott DeVille, 33, of Dresser, Wis.

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Greece feels pressure to tackle terrorism

Country feels at odds with U.S.

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Hundreds of arson strikes and bomb attacks in the last two years have left Greece increasingly at odds with the United States — a principal target for Greek terrorists.

The attacks by terrorists and anarchists have also left Greece out of step with its European Union partners, who have crushed or hobbled their own urban terrorist networks.

But after decades of inaction, Greek leaders may finally be heeding the calls to work harder to try to squash Europe's most elusive terrorist cell, November 17, and other smaller terrorist groups.

On Monday, self-proclaimed anarchist Nikos Maziotis went on trial for a 1997 bomb at the Greek Interior Ministry. His prosecution could help ease U.S.-led demands that Greece take stronger measures against terrorism. Yet it could also become a rallying point for more attacks — especially during planned visits this month by American law enforcement and counter-terrorism officials.

Four Americans and one Greek employee at the U.S. Embassy were killed by November 17. More than a dozen U.S.-linked sites, including Citibank and car dealerships, have been attacked this year. And the price tag for security for U.S. diplomats in Greece is the highest in the world, though the exact cost is kept secret.

The pressure on Greece — now listed by Washington as the reigning hub of leftist and anti-foreigner terrorism in Europe — appears part of a general U.S. security alarm following the twin bombings at embassies in Kenya



Self-proclaimed anarchist Nikos Maziotis, who admitted to having planted a bomb outside the Greek Ministry in Athens, Greece, in December, sits in court during his trial on Monday.

and Tanzania in August 1998.

The CIA and other U.S. investigators have been working alongside Greek authorities since 1975, when November 17 gunman died in his first victim, CIA station chief Richard Welch. Yet U.S. officials complain they are granted limited powers and claim Greece lacks the political will or police expertise to mount a terrorist crackdown.

Although they lack such tools as a national DNA registry and a special anti-terrorist forensics team, Greek authorities vigorously deny any weakness in battling terrorism.

"Greece does not have a terrorism problem," insisted government spokesman Dimitris Reppas, whose own office was hit by an incendiary bomb in May 1998.

"There is a real battle of perception going on," said John

"The Americans see a major problem. The Greeks don't see this with the same urgency."

— John Stlides,

Western Policy Center, on terror attacks in Greece

Stlides, executive director of the Western Policy Center, a Washington-based group promoting U.S.-Greek dialogue. "The Americans see a major problem. The Greeks don't see this with the same urgency."

But the list of attacks — and the death of arrests — point to a very lopsided score.

Obscure leftist groups have carried out attacks on a range of targets, including diplomatic cars and compounds and foreign businesses and institutions. The bombings are generally carried out at night and there have been few victims. But Western diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, worry the groups could get more brazen and dangerous.

November 17 is suspected of carrying out rocket attacks on the German ambassador's residence in May and several other foreign banks in recent months. It has managed to carry out 21 killings and hit dozens of targets in the past 24 years without any confirmed suspects facing justice.

November 17 takes its name from the date in 1973 when the military junta ruling Greece crushed a student uprising. Over the years, its philosophy has apparently shifted from Marxism to a mix of ultra-nationalism and working-class populism.

But U.S. officials fear the group could focus more on anti-NATO retaliation following the campaign against Yugoslavia, which was widely condemned by Greeks.

"The government just wants this problem to dissolve into the air," said Maria Bossi, a former member of Greece's anti-terrorism commission.

In a step toward more international cooperation, a group of 50 Greek police officers are scheduled to spend the summer in the United States training in anti-terrorism techniques.

Bossi, however, calls this "just a nice bit of public relations." "Everybody wants to get rid of this anxiety of 25 years," she said. "But you need to take certain steps. They are not taking the steps."

These would include full-time anti-terrorist detectives, diverting banks to cross-reference evidence and creating a witness protection network to encourage testimony, she said.

But more important is the political determination.

For politicians, however, the costs are potentially high. Many Greeks still see November 17 as a righteous crusader that does not disrupt the lives of ordinary citizens.

There are hopes the government of Premier Costas Simitis may be less reticent than its predecessors.

Simitis is seeking to rid Greece's renegade image in the EU, encourage foreign investors and boost a sagging tourism industry. Also, Greece does not want the specter of terrorism disrupting preparations for the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

"I believe the Greek government wants to get to the root of the problem," said U.S. Ambassador to Greece, Nicholas Burns.

Mexican opposition success will be difficult to repeat

MEXICO CITY (AP) — State elections in Mexico should offer an important lesson for opposition leaders as they try to end the ruling party's 70-year hold on the presidency. United they lose. Applying that lesson, however, will be difficult.

The long-dominant Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, won the gubernatorial election Sunday in the state of Mexico, the country's largest, which includes Mexico City.

With 93 percent of precincts reporting, PRI candidate Arturo Montiel had 40.7 percent of the vote, easily defeating the two main opposition parties. His closest rival, Jose Luis Duran, of the National Action Party, or PAN, won 34.2 percent.

The PRI had an even higher percentage in the small, Pacific state of Nayarit — 42.8 percent — but lost to a rare opposition alliance. With 85 percent of polls reporting, coalition candidate Antonio Echeverria won with 51.7 percent of the vote.

The results may convince opposition parties to form a coalition in the 2000 presidential election.

"But they may not. It would be an error to take what occurred in those states, which have their own characteristics, and apply them to the national stage," said Luis Felipe Bravo Menz, president of the National Action Party, or PAN.

The opposition parties have chipped away at the PRI's rule in recent years, winning 10 governorships; the mayor's seat in Mexico City and a good section of the lower house of Congress, which was previously ruled by a PRI majority. But no single party has managed to surpass the PRI in its nationwide strength.

The opposition parties have held tentative talks about joining forces for the 2000 race. But the obstacles are great. The two main opposition parties — the PAN and Democratic Revolution — would have to overcome ideological differences, old animosities and the egos of their candidates.

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Cubans walk past an entrance to a Havana court which was set up in the Palace of the Revolution in Havana, May. Cuba took the United States to court on Monday, seeking compensation for the damages it says Cubans have suffered in a U.S.-backed dirty war stretching over four decades. The sign reads "... the people of Cuba, against the government of the United States of America for human damages."

Cuba sues U.S., seeks damages for hostilities

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba took the United States to court on Monday, seeking damages it says Cubans have suffered in a U.S.-backed dirty war stretching over four decades.

The hearings opened Monday morning at the Palace of the Revolution — the seat of Cuba's communist government — rather than in a regular courtroom, demonstrating the political importance that President Fidel Castro is placing on the legal process.

The hearings will show "the sick hostility signified by U.S. policy toward Cuba," the Communist Party workers' daily Trabajadores predicted Monday in a front-page story.

While the Cuban government is using the hearings to make a political point, it appeared unlikely the lawsuit would result in any damages being paid. There are no American funds in Cuba that can be frozen and seized.

No U.S. representative attended the court proceedings. And U.S. government did not respond to the claim within 20 working days as required by Cuban law,

said Juan Mendoza, one of Cuba's attorneys in the case.

The legal team hopes to show how U.S. policies have damaged Cuban society over the past 40 years, Mendoza said.

More than 100 people are expected to testify before the hearings finish July 22. Huge piles of written evidence also are expected to be presented.

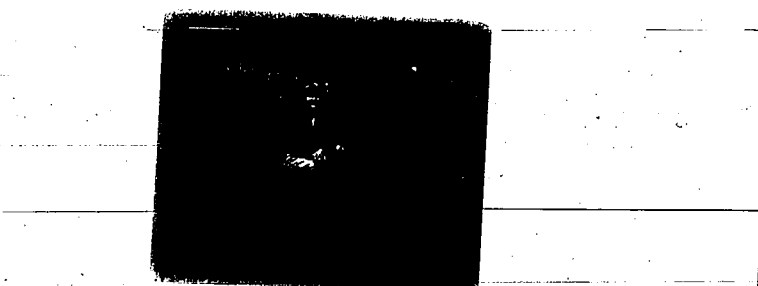
The first witness before the five-member tribunal was Anibal Velaz Suarez, the retired former head of State Security for central Cuba during the early 1960s. He testified about "the barbaric policy acts that the CIA committed with the bandits in the years after Castro's 1959 rise to power, including killings of members of the new revolutionary government."

The lawsuit, filed in late May in Havana, asks for \$181 billion in compensatory and punitive damages for the deaths of 3,478 Cubans and permanent physical damage to 2,099 more people in a variety of acts ranging from the bombing of Havana hotels in 1957.



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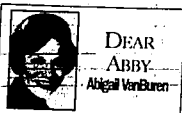
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DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 11 years. My husband began throwing the night shift, and after about 10 months of his throwing a co-worker and her family and me and my child together for barbecues, parties, etc. I found a love letter to him. My husband and I are living in the same house until we can afford to get divorced or separated. The woman keeps calling, here saying ugly things to me and calling me names. My soon-to-be ex has told me they had only a one-time fling and they are "just friends" now. What should I do about the other woman? I want to be left alone, but it will be another month or so before I can move out.

She is married with children and her husband is willing to work it out with her, but I am pretty sure he doesn't know she is still calling her, and my husband is still calling her. I believe their affair is still going on, because once you catch a liar you never know what the truth is.

- DEBBIE IN MEMPHIS

DEAR DEBBIE: It appears the "other woman" is trying to harass and stampee you. Are you sure that separation or divorce is what you really want? Perhaps counseling for you and your husband could help to heal your marriage.

and terminate. Girls should not be the only ones expected to abstain from premarital sex, boys should be expected to do the same. It is still commonly felt that girls are regarded as "sluts" if they participate in sexual activities, but men are admired because they are "players" or " studs".

If a family has both a son and a daughter, they should instill the same morals in both of them. If their daughter should save sex for marriage, so should their son.

Abby, your comment took us back to the age of the double standard - something this generation is desperately trying to do away with.

Abby, in my high school, men as well as women wear these rings as a symbol of their morals and beliefs. What I wish to comment on is your statement that this custom allows parents and daughters to discuss and reinforce their family values. That comment is a stereotypical example of something my age group is trying to overcome

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Duck takes full flight

Q. What kind of bird can emerge from an underwater disc in full flight? A. That duck called the bottle-head. For one. There may be others.

Arab workers who built the Suez Canal thought it unignited to push wheelbarrows. So they carried their wheelbarrows the way they'd been trained to carry all heavy things - on their heads.

The charter of the first American badminton club, formed in New York City in 1870, specifically limited play to men and "good-looking single women."

WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

Q. Why does the bride always stand to the left of the groom at a wedding? A. So the groom's right hand can be free to draw a sword and knock down any brute who attacks her. Or so goes the myth of its ancient origin.

Don't quit now, Gemini

IF JULY 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are no novice when it comes to astrology and number mysticism. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in marriage. X. You are musically inclined, diplomatic, loyal to family. If anyone is tender-hearted, it is you. Current cycle relates to travel, writing, development of your own unique style. If single, September could be a month in which you seriously consider marriage. December will be a money month.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You make headway in connection with search for home. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play amazing roles. Cycle high you will be at right place at crucial moment. Music plays.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Action takes place behind scenes. Clientele arrangements are being made as you read these words. Avoid self-deception, see places, people as they are, not as you wish they could be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be analytical, learn more about power and how to utilize it. Saturn interferes with your Mercury - delay will be temporary. You undergo tests, one with it, don't quit now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You could be in spotlight as you win contest. Strive for universal appeal, don't be overly modest. Invitation received to travel overseas. Aries, Libra persons play sensational roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Timing perfect. Stress independence, creativity, originality. New love is on horizon - be ready. Aquarius and another Leo figure prominently. Make personal appearances, wear bright colors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): People speak frankly to you, including family members. You will discover secrets, you learn who is planning what and why. Re-evaluate realistic financial positions, stronger than anticipated.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Social activities accelerate, popularity on the rise. Give full play to intellectual curiosity. Resist on stresses, not evasions. Sagittarius declares, "I'm leading the way, including change of life style."

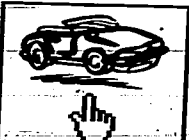
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EDITORIAL

Move slowly, Congress, on extending Medicare

President Clinton's proposal last week to add prescription drug coverage to Medicare deserves thoughtful consideration - as long as Congress is clear what it's committing the country to.

Clinton wants to spend some of the current and projected future federal budget surpluses to close the largest remaining gap in Medicare coverage. Senior citizens would have the option of paying \$24 a month for a new prescription drug benefit, capped at 30 percent of cost and \$2,000 a year.

Only about half of Medicare recipients can afford the so-called Medigap insurance, the access tab for which is about \$90 a month.

Expansion of Medicare to prescription drugs is probably an idea whose time has come. But this program should be geared toward those Medicare recipients who absolutely cannot afford private insurance coverage.

That may involve the politically loaded concept of means testing. But winners of the benefit in spending federal tax dollars to make it easier for retirees with incomes over \$100,000 to buy their drugs?

It's also important that the prescription drug benefit doesn't become an extension of Medicaid by another name.

Medicaid pays the prescription costs of the neediest seniors. It's not intended, nor should it be expanded, to middle-class retirees.

Extending Medicare makes sense if it lends retired Americans a hand but not if it indemnifies them from the free market system or the necessity of saving.

So let's go slowly - and make sure that if the \$750 billion that the Clintonites say will be available to save Medicare doesn't materialize, we have the means of paying for the program without bogging other federal priorities or raising taxes.

No senior citizen should have to make the choice between taking his medication or eating. His wallet or means to fix the problem, that's different without jerry-rigging another massive federal entitlement program.

retirees as an option starting in 2002. The premium for the drug coverage, which compares with the current \$45.50 monthly payment retirees must make to get coverage for their doctors' visits, would rise gradually to \$44 a month by 2008.

There's no question that a lot of older folks could use the help. The average Medicare beneficiary spent \$600 on medicine in 1995, the latest year statistics were available, with \$303 of that paid out of pocket and the remainder covered by insurance, according to the government.

Since then, non-generic prescription drug prices have increased by more than 20 percent.

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But given partial coverage of the prescription costs of the coming demographic tidal wave of retirees could cost \$1 trillion by 2025, according to Congressional Budget Office.

Once committed, those are fixed and non-negotiable costs, payable whether the country is enjoying good



Clinton has wrong ideas for Middle East

The Clinton administration with its new peace process has been a fair and impartial mediator in the Middle East, but the president's remark last week that Palestinians should "do whatever they like" casts doubt on the administration's complete impartiality toward the Jewish state and its legitimate security concerns.

Israel's new prime minister, Ehud Barak, called the president's statement "unacceptable." Others expressed shock and surprise at the comment, which was made during a joint press conference with visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. But why should it be a surprise? The pro-Palestinian tilt of this administration has been evident from the start. Hillary Clinton has even endorsed a Palestinian state.

State Department spokesman James Foley issued the Secretary of State's response "in the long-standing U.S. view that the issue of Palestinian refugees is a matter that has been reserved for permanent status negotiations."

The administration's actions belie its words. In its attempt to undermine a previous Israeli election and its successful subsequent efforts to install a Hamas prime minister, this administration has shown itself to be a champion of the Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat and the most radical objectives of the Arab world.

Adding further weight to potentially grave charges, House Minority Leader Dennis Hastert and the House Intelligence Committee (which is supposed to clear nominees) are promoting a Salim Al-Marayati, director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC). Leaders of the Zionist Organization of America objected in a letter to Gephardt on June 25 and included a long list of statements by Al-Marayati in which he justifies Arab terrorism against the United States. Al-Marayati also has compared America's behavior in the Middle East to that of Saddam Hussein and likened American supporters of Israel to Hitler and Islamic terrorists to heroes of the American Revolution.

Does this sound like the kind of person one would want on an official panel to stem terrorism?

Consider only a few excerpts from Al-Marayati's writings and other pronouncements. In an April 4, 1997, article distributed by the MPAC, Al-Marayati justified future terrorist violence against Americans targeting "Where Israel goes, our government follows the American people are aware of and ready for the consequences ... America is much more vulnerable than Israel and has much more to lose."

After the March 1997 Hamas suicide bombing in Tel Aviv in which three Israeli women were murdered, an MPAC press release said: "The Prime Minister of Israel ... bears the brunt of responsibility for the loss of innocent lives ..."

Because the Palestinian people have no avenues to redress their grievances, some of them have been pushed beyond the margins of society and have adopted violent reactions to express their despair and suffering.

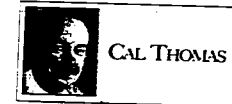
A 1998 editorial in the publication Mizrah (Al-Marayati is one of six members of the editorial board) defended Holocaust denier Roger Garaudy and in an "action alert" printed July 7, 1997, Marayati accused Israel of "defaming Muhammad." "Israel created an environment of hate, and it bears responsibility for demoralizing Muslims, defaming the Prophet and supporting policies of 'Judicializing' (sic) the Holy Land."

This is a philosophy that would fit with the thinking of former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. Would Gephardt have felt comfortable naming Duke to a commission to fight racism?

Prime Minister Barak faces more dangers than his predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu. If he gives in to pressure from the Clinton administration, he risks placing Israel in greater jeopardy than at any time since the Yom Kippur war. If he stands up to those who are calling for the surrender of more and more "guaranteed" land and who continue to denigrate Israel and issue statements and editorials that their goal is not another piece of land, but all of Israel, he will be denounced as a Netanyahu clone.

But better a clone than dead or ericided, which is what more Israelis will be if the Clinton administration's vision for the Middle East is implemented.

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LETTERS

Dave Hatmaker will be missed. It's not often an individual can point to most of their acquaintances and say, "There is someone that made a difference, someone that had a significant influence on so many lives." And what's worse is that we probably never think of telling them that until it's too late. Those thoughts raced across my mind last week when I heard of Dave Hatmaker's passing. This incredible man, teacher, outdoorsman, husband and father, touched and influenced more lives than many of us will ever know. I came to know Dave because my son was lucky enough to have had him for a teacher. Not just as a second-grader but also as a fifth-grader in Jerome.

1997. We decided to have a get-together at his home; for him, and when I asked him whom he would like to invite, the first adult mentioned was Mr. Hatmaker. I said fine, thinking it would be a fun party. But when the afternoon of the party came around, there was Dave with a copy of a book about dementia we all had to make through. He had even taken the time to write a personal note to my son inside the cover.

Over the years my family (know Dave) never heard him raise his voice to anyone, discredit anyone, brag or boast, or otherwise make a fool of himself in any manner. His dedication was to his family and his work, and somehow he found the time to become the consummate steel-head fly fisherman as well. He gave fishing tips freely when asked and could catch fish with no one else could get a bite.

I know our family will not soon, if ever, forget Dave Hatmaker. His love there are many others that feel the same way. My guess is he has already visited. Peter a tip or two about fly fishing and other important things in life. We will sincerely miss you, Dave. C. ROBERT BLOOMFIELD, Jerome

Planned Parenthood needs to learn about "sex and responsibility." A recent survey found that 49 percent of Idaho 12th-graders surveyed reported having had sex one or more times. Of the new cases of sexually transmitted diseases reported to the Idaho Health Department last year, 35 percent of those cases were contracted by teens ages 14 to 19. I think we could all agree that parents should be more involved with their children to instill in them the moral values of which Mr. Pierson speaks. Meanwhile, please don't condescend an organization that attempts to assist parents in the open discussion of puberty, family planning and responsible sex education, issues so critical to the health of our children in their passage to adulthood. BARBARA JENSEN, Twin Falls

Domestic violence needs attention. What is with The Times-News lately? First we had a distasteful political cartoon about women being raped and now we have a commentary piece that blasts women in domestic violence. I am beginning to wonder if you are launching a campaign against women.

Domestic violence is a serious problem, and the public needs to be educated about it. However, I do not feel the June 25 editorial by Kathleen Porter did anything but blast women. As a social worker who works extensively with victims of domestic violence, I have not found women and men more than men in relationships. Women often start fighting back after having been beaten down emotionally, physically, and sexually; however, it is rare that a woman is the instigator of violence. Women will say they caused a beating, and they are told by the batterer they caused it. But to say women initiate violence that leads to their injury or death is blaming the victim and giving batterers an excuse to keep up their behavior. More women are killed after they leave the relationship than when it does that mean it is her fault the did because the left?

Domestic violence is very complicated and can't be simply solved by blaming women for fighting back or for staying in the situation. If The Times-News is going to run a commentary piece about domestic violence, why not have an authority write about it. EVELYN MALLEA, Twin Falls

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By Bruce Tinsley

STANDING UP FOR THE FLAG

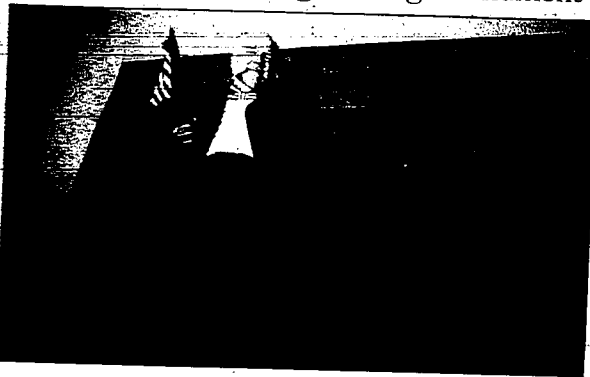
Despite collection, ex-Marine fights flag-burning amendment

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ex-Marine Kit Hinrichs, a collector of hundreds of flags since childhood, would not burn the beloved Stars and Stripes. But he thinks others should have that right.

"You can't force people to respect the flag," said the former Eagle Scout as he stood before a flag with 45 stars which dates back to when Teddy Roosevelt was a Rough Rider.

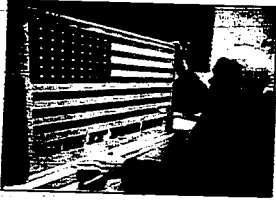
He also believes other controversial forms of political protest should be allowed, including burning a cross.

"But I do get upset when I see the Ku Klux Klan using the flag as if only it can be patriotic," Hinrichs said.



Above, Kit Hinrichs, who has been collecting flags since he was a child, stands in front of an 1858 American flag.

Left, Hinrichs looks over a World War II poster at his home in San Francisco.



Hinrichs, who has 300 American flags among a collection of 2,500 Old Glory items, belongs to an ad hoc group called Veterans Defending the Bill of Rights.

The organization of about 400 members sprang up on the Internet to fight legislation that bans desecration of the U.S. flag. Some funding comes from the American Civil Liberties Union, said spokeswoman Rita Marcus.

"I get mail from people who assume I'd be for the flag burning amendment," said Hinrichs, a graphic designer and partner in Pentagonum Design Inc., which has produced logos for such companies as Muzak and Gymboree.

That wouldn't be an unreasonable assumption about a man who served in the Marine Corps reserve from 1963-1969. He served six months on active duty during the Vietnam War and "always had my bags packed," he said.

Hinrichs started his flag collection when he was a boy. He was spurred by a family fire, in an 1865 flag of 36 stars that was sewn by his great-great-aunt.

"It was kept under a bed and I would pull it out and take it to

school for show and tell," he said. Then flag is the pride and joy of his collection, along with an unusual one from the same era that came from West Virginia, which saw invasion by both Union and Confederate troops. The flag that belonged to a Northern sympathizer is on the back of a quilt.

"Legend has it that the quilt

could be flipped over and the flag shows where Northern troops were in town," Hinrichs said. "When the South showed up, it became just a quilt again."

Today, his collection includes political buttons, postcards, kimonos, boots, rugs and just about anything big enough to print or print a flag on.

Hinrichs, 57, has even amassed

hundreds of toy soldiers, all carrying a U.S. flag.

Not all the items are a tribute to America.

One is a German doormat with the U.S. flag on it. Another is a 1960s era placard on which the stripes are rifles and the stars are bombers.

About 1,000 objects from the collection are on display at the San Jose Museum of Art under the title of "Stripes & Stars: A Visual History of an American Icon."

Included is a flag made of 2,500 red, white and blue pencils.

Even without his ancestor's handiwork, Hinrichs said he would still be fascinated by the nation's flag.

"As a designer, I am drawn to it for professional reasons," he said.

"But more than that, the stars make it the only flag that can change. It's capable of change, just like its people."

Nuclear physicist criticizes lab probes

LIVERMORE, Calif. (AP) — Rooting out spies should be done quietly, unlike recent Congressional probes of nuclear weapons labs, according to the man who helped design the hydrogen bomb.

Edward Teller, the physicist sometimes called the "Father of the H-bomb," is skeptical of the spy hunt that has consumed Capitol Hill and shaken the Lawrence-Livermore National Laboratory, which he helped establish in 1952.

"Trying to find out about spies should be handled very, very quietly, and that is the exact opposite of what has happened," Teller told the Sacramento Bee in Sunday's editions. "I would hope the Congress in Washington would be somewhat careful about not spreading secrets at the labs."

Findings presented last week by an Energy Department security oversight team showed troublesome security gaps at Livermore, including inadequate monitoring of access to the unclassified computer system and deficiencies in the security force's response to potential terrorists.

In March, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson directed the firing of a scientist at the Los Alamos lab in New Mexico because the man had been under investigation since 1996 for allegedly sharing nuclear secrets with China. The scientist, Wen Ho Lee, has not been charged with any crime and has denied giving nuclear secrets to anyone.

No one would accuse Teller, 91, of being soft on national security. His Lawrence Livermore workers made the first miniaturized atomic warhead for firing from a Polaris submarine in the 1950s.

He directed the lab from 1958 to 1960, and retained close ties as the lab developed warheads for the Poseidon, Spartan and Minuteman missiles.

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Chemical plant explosions send workers to hospital

GRAMERCY, La. (AP) — Explosions rocked an aluminum plant early Monday, spraying a red mist containing a corrosive chemical over residential areas and sending dozens of people to hospitals.

The explosions at the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Co. plant shook houses and broke windows. Authorities told residents to stay indoors and close their windows for nearly seven hours.

"It sounded like 10 shotgun fired all at once," said Cline Cockburn, who was taking a bath when the explosions shook his house about 600 yards from the plant.

Residents complaining of nausea and respiratory problems swamped the emergency room at St. James Parish Hospital. All were treated and released.

Winston workers were treated in a hospital, with four taken to burn units. Another worker suffered eye injuries and one underwent surgery for cuts. The others were released.

Kaiser spokeswoman Susan Ashe said the cause of the explosions was under investigation. The plant was shut down indefinitely.

"It sounded like 10 shotguns fired all at once."

—Cline Cockburn, plant neighbor

The explosions occurred in a part of the plant where electricity is generated and where hazardous, a reddish and clay-like aluminum ore is mixed with a liquid form of sodium hydroxide, a caustic chemical.

The explosions blew a cloud of the mixture into the air, speckling cars, homes and people who happened to be outside.

Cockburn said he first sensed off his house and dog, then burst off his normally reddish truck and his wife's car.

"My wife's car wasn't silver anymore. It smushed mine," he said.

Larry Jones was finishing up the long Fourth of July weekend with friends at a bar about a mile from the plant. His jeans and clothes were speckled with the red mixture and his vehicle looked like it had been driven on a muddy road.

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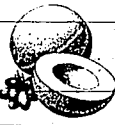
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Rollover accident claims one life

JEROME - A Washington man died in a rollover accident on Interstate 84 Monday morning. Terry Kirkland, 51, of Kirkland, Wash., was driving a 1999 Cadillac at a high rate of speed eastbound on I-84, when he swerved to avoid slower-moving vehicles. Lost control, went into the median and then crossed back over the eastbound lanes, rolled over and was ejected, according to the Idaho State Police.

Kirkland was involved, ISP said. Kirkland was transported to St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome where he was pronounced dead, but paramedics performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation from the scene to the hospital. The accident happened around 10 a.m. about three miles west of the U.S. Highway 93 junction. The accident triggered another accident where a vehicle struck a Jerome County Sheriff deputy's car. No one was injured in the second accident.

Morning fire guts Twin Falls business

TWIN FALLS - An early morning two-alarm fire caused \$350,000 to \$400,000 in damage at a Twin Falls business, a fire official said. The fire, which burned Carpets 4 Less at 1886 Addison Ave., appeared to be an arson and is under investigation by the Twin Falls Police Department, Fire Department Captain Gary Earl said. The fire started at 2:40 a.m. Sunday, but wasn't under control until 4 a.m., Earl said.

Two Paul men perish In collision Sunday

PAUL - Two Paul residents died in a two-vehicle collision Sunday night in Minidoka County, according to the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department. Drivers Felipe L. Pimentel, 34, and Benji Rodriguez-Cervantes, 19, died from injuries sustained in the crash that occurred two miles north of Paul on 600 West, a sheriff's department news release said.

Pimentel had been driving a pickup truck northbound just after 8 p.m., when it crossed the center of the road and struck the southbound 1984 Chevrolet Camero driven by Rodriguez-Cervantes. A fire broke out at the crash.

Rodriguez-Cervantes was pronounced dead at the scene by Minidoka County Coroner's office. Pimentel was transported to Minidoka Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries a short time later, the sheriff's department reported.

The crash is being investigated further by the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office, and investigators suspect alcohol might have been a cause, the news release said.

Simpson to speak at town hall meeting

TWIN FALLS - Congressman Mike Simpson will hold a town hall meeting on "Saving Our Schools" at 6:30 p.m. today in Room 108 in the College of Southern Idaho's Aspen Building.

Magic Valley residents are invited to come and share their concerns and ideas about school safety and other issues facing schools today.

Tonight's town hall meeting is one of a series of meetings being held in the 2nd Congressional District.

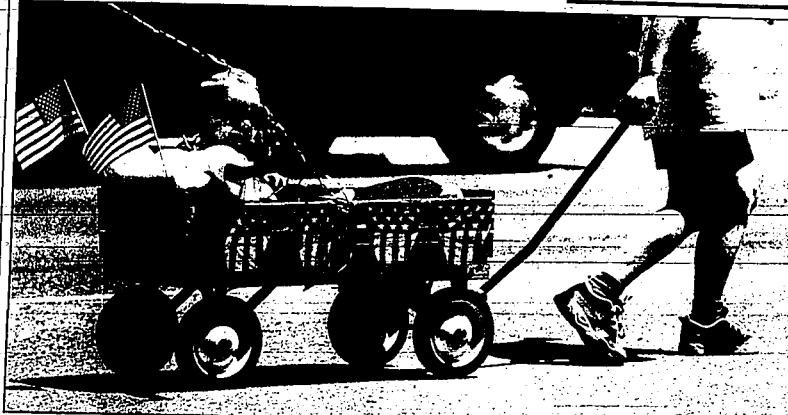
Accident backs up traffic on Interstate 84

BURLEY - A two car, minor injury accident backed up traffic on Interstate 84 for a couple of hours at Burley Exit 208 Monday. Drivers J. Bill Wallace, 72, of Kingston, Wash., and Paul Jensen, 30, of Brigham City, Utah, were involved in the accident, the Idaho State Police reported. Further details were not available Monday.

The accident occurred in an area of the interstate under construction and backed up eastbound lanes for about five miles.

Compiled from staff reports

FOR ALL MY FANS...



Riding for the Wood River Animal Shelter, 4-year-old Rachel Snapp, of Bellevue, is pulled by her mom, Sarah, in Halley's Days of The Old West parade on Sunday.

Blaine juvenile center opens

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - A new juvenile detention center has taken on its first caseload of five Blaine County juvenile offenders.

The opening of the juvenile detention center this past weekend came as a delight to justice workers but to the dismay of local kids who found themselves locked up for a weekend. "We're really excited about it," said Teresa Espedal, chief juvenile probation officer for Blaine County. "This gives the

Detention center takes on caseload of five juvenile offenders for first run

kids some immediate consequences for their actions."

Up until now, Blaine County did not have a facility to house juveniles who are required by law to be separated from the adult inmate population. As a result, juveniles sentenced to detention by the court had to be transported to the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls where expenses to the

county were high, said Blaine County Sheriff Walt Fleming. "The county is charged \$125 per day for juvenile offenders housed at the Snake River facility. That charge, coupled with the expense of transporting juveniles to Twin Falls and back, cost Blaine County \$75,000 last year alone, Fleming said.

Overcrowding at Snake River Juvenile Detention, which provides detention services for many Magic Valley counties, presents problems as well. Aside from the potential cost savings to the county, having a juvenile detention facility close at hand has many benefits. As a probation officer, Espedal said the main benefit is to have the opportunity to give the teenagers an immediate consequence for their actions. If a teen violates probation, the probation officer has the authority to send the juveniles straight to detention without having to go back before

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Celebration puts Rupert on parade

Hundreds show for downtown event Monday

The Times-News

RUPERT - Hundreds of people packed downtown Rupert on Monday for the city's annual Fourth of July parade that offered a mix unusual in parades nowadays of floats, dance groups, horse-drawn floats, and other entertainment.

Children scrambled for candy, elderly people sat under umbrellas for shade and beauty queens waved to the crowd perched on their fancy rides. The parade lasted more than an hour, beginning at Hansen Mortuary and winding its way around Rupert Square and past the Minidoka County Courthouse out toward Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Parade entrants tried to capture this year's theme, "A Century of Memories." Entrants were judged, but results for all categories were not available Monday evening.



The Spartan Band from Minico High School entertains crowds with music from Star Wars.

Float winners are:
Cassia Regional Medical Center - grand prize
United Electric Co-op - first prize

Project Manual Telephone Co. - second prize
Magic Valley Staffing Services Inc. - third prize

Pioneer Equipment Co. - theme prize
Rupert Showcase - historical prize

Volunteers are dedicated to arts in Burley

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Georgia Mulliken died or returned 51 phone calls one recent day. She's president of the volunteers auxiliary for the King Fine Arts Center, and she schedules the ushers, greeters and other people who keep the wheels of culture turning.

In the four months the center has been open, it has hosted three productions. Opening night was a gala variety show which played to more than 1,000 people. "Peter Pan" sold 6,000 tickets. And "Ba-a-d B-e-e-a-d" Black Sheep is a dinner theater melodrama that is drawing excellent crowds.

Despite the excitement of the stage, it wouldn't happen without those who work outside the spotlight. Dressed in their white shirts and black string ties, Reed and Laurie Jensen willingly donate their time as often as possible. The concert hall is a dream realized for the couple, who have



On duty at Burley's King Fine Arts Center, Reed and Laurie Jensen stand ready to greet theater goers. The 1,300-seat concert hall is starting its fifth month of operation. Ticket holders have described the building as "breathtaking." The Jensens have volunteered more frequently than any other auxiliary members.

been devotees of staged dramas, musical comedies and operas for many years. "The center is beautiful, and beautifully planned and executed," Laurie Jensen said. "People walk in and then stop

in awe. It's as nice as anything in any big city, or nicer. State in it. You can't believe what we have right here in Burley. We're not second to anyone. Her husband backed her up.

"We've attended professional productions in Salt Lake, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Washington, D.C., and we love them," he said. "Our King Fine Arts Center is tops."

"It's the experience of meeting people, of helping them with their needs. We have wheelchair access on two sides, and our ushers are taught how to assist with the needs of handicapped theater goers," Laurie said.

Mulliken said there is an emergency medical technician on duty at every performance.

If meeting people is what draws volunteers back, hard work is what schedules their evenings of service. Georgia Mulliken says it is read to start delegating some of her responsibilities. She plans to assign group leaders who can carry responsibility for 15 or so volunteers.

Times-News correspondent Corren Hart can be reached through The Times-News/Burley Office at 677-4042.

Power to the park?

Idaho Power Co. might put money into falls area park

By Brandon Flata
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council today will consider an agreement with Idaho Power Co. on re-licensing the power plant at Shoshone Falls. In 1997, Idaho Power filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a new license for the Shoshone Falls Project.

The city negotiating team of Mayor Kleinkopf, council members Tom Mikes, Elaine Steele, Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer and City Manager Tom Courtney have been working on a deal with Idaho Power.

"The two main points, or disputes, were the amount of money Idaho Power would contribute for park improvements, and the amount of water flows," Bowyer said.

Under the proposed agreement, Idaho Power would pay \$25,000 to the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Association for planning efforts near the project. \$3,600 a year to the city starting in the second year of the license, and up to \$500,000 to the city on a matching basis for improvements, such as scenic overlooks, at Shoshone Falls Park. When Idaho Power submitted its application, it included a measure to provide money for park improvements, said Craig Jones, project manager at Idaho Power's Hydro Reclamation Department.

The application the company submitted in 1997 could take a while until FERC reaches a decision.

"It's a long process," Jones said. "By way of comparison, in December of 1995 we filed on three projects in the Hagerman Valley, and it's been four years now and we may not see a license for another couple years."

The amount of time it takes FERC to process an application depends upon its urgency and the issues involved, he said.

The total amount of money invested in the park by Idaho Power and the City over the next five years will equal \$1 million, according to a city report. Gate receipts into Shoshone Falls provide the bulk of the city's share.

In the proposed agreement, Idaho Power and the city agree that the minimum flow over Shoshone Falls should be 300 cubic feet per second from April 1 through Labor Day each year during daylight hours.

Idaho Power would shut down plant operations if flows over the falls were below that level in order to restore the minimum level.

The agreement would help ensure that visitors to the falls don't leave disappointed with meager flows, and also will help improve water quality and recreation.

Originally the agreement called for Idaho Power to stock fish in Shoshone Falls reservoir, but the requirement was deleted. "The perception is that the area (Shoshone Falls reservoir) is not used for fishing and we thought the money could better be used for maintenance of the park," City Manager Tom Courtney said.

The \$3,600 annual payment to the city will be in place of Idaho Power paying for the reservoir to be stocked each year with fish.

Other City Council business: The police department will present post-certification certificates to Officer Craig Stotts and Corporal Dennis Pullin.

Randy Bombardier, director of the Business Improvement District, will make a presentation regarding Cray Days.

The council will consider the appointment of Lee Wagner and Tom Aschbrenner to the Urban Renewal Agency, and

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MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Earl Wagner of Buhl, funeral Mass 10 a.m. today at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl (Former Funeral Chapel).

Dalmer H. Lowder of Filer, services 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Mildred Burnes of Malta, services 11 a.m. today at the Malta LDS-1st and 2nd Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the chapel (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Donna McGuire of Burley, services 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel. Burialment will be held at 11 a.m. July 10, at Pleasant View Cemetery.

V. Ruth Miller of Boise, services 11 a.m. today at Whitney United Methodist Church in Boise.

Anthony Kimbrow, of Jerome, services 2 p.m. today at the Jerome United Methodist Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Harry Skip Langdon Studley II of Rossville, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial 3 p.m. today at West Park in Burley.

Mildred Irene Card, formerly of Twin Falls and Boise, memorial services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cloverdale Cemetery in Boise.

Inez 'Inie' L. Bryant of Idaho Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at the Rupert (Cotnam Central Mortuary in Idaho Falls).

Effie Henrietta Bross of Jerome, graveside service July 14, in McCall (Hove-Robertson Funeral Home in Jerome).

Elmer S. Wooten, of Twin Falls and Jerome Counties, a private memorial service will be held at a later date for immediate and six family members (Riverside Cremation and Burial, Garden City).

Porfiria Flores of Murtaugh, services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Roy S. Callister
RUPERT - Roy S. Callister, 71, formerly of Rupert, died Sunday, July 4, 1999, in Pocatello. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

Maxine Parker
RUPERT - Maxine Parker, 81, of Rupert, died Monday, July 5, 1999, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Extended Care. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

Walter Wachal
TWIN FALLS - Walter Wachal, 88, of Twin Falls, died Monday, July 5, 1999, at Bridgeview Estates. Services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Blanche Carr, William Barkdull, and Bertha Mason, all of Burley; Hayley Murphy and Bill Zimmerman, both of Rupert; and Sophia Gonzales of Cubu, NM.

Crystal Roberts of Rupert; Leon Thrall of Burley; and Lynette Mittelstead of Paul.

A baby was born to Hayley and Willie Murphy of Rupert.

HOSPITALS

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Some names have been omitted at patient's request.

Admitted
Maritazbell-Conception or Twin Falls; and Wilma Irene of Murtaugh.

Dismissals
Joshua Sirucok of Buhl.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-6931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

JEROME
Box 8515, Ketchikan, AK 99901 or Boy Scout Troop 139, P.O. 90, Jerome - ID 83338 - Memorials to the Boy Scouts will be used to establish a permanent John Anthony Wise Kimbrow Camp program in the respective Boy Scout Councils:
10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 1999, at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Robert Siebo officiating. No viewing is planned. Services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

TWIN FALLS
Samuel E. Vernilyeva
Samuel E. Vernilyeva, 55, of Twin Falls, died Monday, July 5, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
He was born November 11, 1905, in Vornadale, Minnesota, to Orville and Samantha Vernilyeva. He attended schools in Minnesota and college in Fargo, North Dakota. He married Nancy A. Brown in Tecoma, Oregon, on October 17, 1943. He retired from civil service in 1958 in California, where he sold real estate. They came to Twin Falls in December of 1992. He was a kind, gentle man with a sense of humor and loving heart, and will be greatly missed by his family.
Survivors include his grandchildren, Raiphine Cook, Marcella Yorgenson, Ryan Vernilyeva, and Morgan O'Connor, all of Twin Falls; six great-grandchildren, and a daughter-in-law, Janet Vernilyeva of Twin Falls.
He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, and a son.
Graveside services will be held Wednesday afternoon at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced Wednesday in The Times-News.

Anthony W. Kimbrow
John Anthony Wise Kimbrow
Born January 12, 1967 in Longview, Texas. Died Saturday, July 3, 1999 in Jerome, Idaho.
Anthony was a very active and dedicated young man who participated faithfully in the United Methodist Church, Boy Scouts of America, and played soccer, basketball and baseball. He was also a recipient of the President's Physical Fitness Award. Anthony attended East Bernard Elementary school in East Bernard, Texas and Houghtaling Elementary School in Ketchikan, Alaska completing the sixth grade. He had many friends and loved to be in fellowship with them.
He is survived by his parents, The Reverend and Cathy Kimbrow, and Sandra Wise Kimbrow, United Methodist Pastors of Jerome and Filer United Methodist Churches; his brother, John Phillip P. Joshua Wise Kimbrow of Jerome; his paternal grandparents Philip and Jerry Wise of South Eye, Texas; Nancy Vial of Palesine, Texas; Uncle Stephen Ward of Hollywood, Florida; Great-Aunt and Uncle Charles and Betty Porterfield of Uncle, Philip and Cathy Kimbrow and their children, Lindsey, Colin, and Carole-Anne of Orange, Texas.
A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, at the Jerome United Methodist Church, 211 So. Buchanan, Jerome, Idaho. The Reverend Bob Fyfe of Ketchikan, Alaska, and The Reverend Thomas D. Grissom of Houston, Texas, will lead the service to celebrate Anthony's life and resurrection.
In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to either Jerome United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 90, Jerome, ID 83338; Filer United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 50, Filer, ID 83328; or Boy Scout Troop 1, P.O.

Evelyn Tessie Matson
Jerome - Evelyn Tessie Matson, 97, of Jerome, died Saturday, July 3, 1999, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit.
Evelyn, daughter of Samuel and Tessie Keast, was born in Carson, Iowa on December 19, 1901. Her mother died of complications following childbirth six days later. Despite vows to adopt her brother and her own father kept the family together, and remained Ruby Coons in 1905. Evelyn attended school in Carson and after graduation from high school entered nurse's training at Jennie Matson Hospital in 1920. While working at a Des Moines, Iowa, hospital, she met Dr. Rouben Matson and they were married in Lincoln, Kansas, where Rouben was born, and died 10 months later.
A year later Dorothy was born, and in 1930 Donald was born. When he was three months old they moved to various locations in Nevada for three years. In April 1931, the family moved to Jerome, Idaho, where they have lived ever since. Evelyn was active in the St. Benedict Hospital Guild and also helped in many ways with the work of the Presbyterian Church. She was a dedicated and loving wife and mother, and an instiller to those who knew her.
Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one son and her husband Rouben.
She is survived by one son, Donald Matson of El Dorado, Ark.; a daughter, Dorothy Evelyn Matson of Jerome; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.
Services will be conducted, at

Jerome Cheese tops council agenda again

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The annexation of Jerome Cheese continues to occupy the attention of the City Council and the council will hear the second reading of an ordinance to annex the cheese plant at tonight's meeting.

Jon Davis, Jerome Cheese plant manager, opposes the ordinance claiming that when Jerome Cheese was originally recruited to Jerome in 1990 promises were made that there would be no annexation into the city. Those promises were sealed with a handshake but never put in writing. Davis recently told the City Council that he wished he could put his factory on wheels and take it away from Jerome.

Also on tonight's agenda is another public hearing to consider an amendment to the 1998-99 fiscal year budget. The purpose of the amendment is to allocate funds into the general fund from a small communities grant from U.S. Department of Justice for \$12,878; Worker's Compensation refund from State Insurance for \$18,508; EMS First Responder Course Grant from the State of Idaho for \$1,020; Major Medical for \$948. There is also premium refund from Blue Shield for \$5,250; and a donation for trees on South Lincoln for \$248. There is also premium refund from Blue Shield in the amount of \$2,132 going to the street fund; \$1,096 going to the library fund; \$374 going to the park fund; \$506 going to the irrigation fund; \$260 going to the sanitation fund; \$1,539 going to the water fund; and \$784, going to the sewer fund.

Council meets

The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 p.m. today in council chamber, 100 East Ave. A. The meeting is open to the public.

Other items on tonight's agenda include:

The proposed hiring of a part-time animal care officer, Gordon Leininger, who was animal control officer in Jerome in the past, may be

hired at a wage of \$7 per hour to assist with weekend feeding, watering of the animals and cleaning of the cages. He would also assist the animal control officer with euthanasia of the animals as required by law and fill in for her when she is out duty or away at training.

* Proposed repairs to the No. 2 pump at the 10th Street pump house at a cost of \$4,160. Council agenda background materials indicate the bushes and wear rings are worn enough to allow the shaft to vibrate the entire pump.

* Proposed purchase of 300 gallons of traffic paint and 55 gallons of paint thinner for \$3,539.

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Crews finally turn back flames in Utah

Fire claims more than 61,000 acres

EUREKA, Utah (AP) - Winds died down and temperatures cooled Monday, allowing more than 400 firefighters to get a handle on the Railroad Fire that has burned more than 61,000 acres since Friday.

Crews had to carry water by hand up some steep mountain areas that helicopters could not reach with water drops, but the perimeter of the fire did not grow, said Jerry Rohnert, fire information officer.

Fire bosses were expecting to have the fire, burning in pinon pine, cheat grass and juniper trees, contained by Wednesday evening and controlled by Thursday.

That was dependent, however, on the weather, which was expected to turn drier and hotter as the week wears on.

The fire near the neighboring towns of Eureka and Mammoth, about 55 miles south of Salt

Lake City, twice drove residents from their homes over the weekend. No one was injured and only three abandoned sheds burned.

Some 427 fire-fighters were battling the blaze Monday, including 10 20-person crews, five helicopters, 32 engines, five bulldozers and two water trucks.

The fire began in a patch of grass along some railroad tracks. It was fanned by 50 mph wind gusts and was spread when a tanker truck containing 11,000 gallons of diesel fuel exploded.

National Weather Service meteorologist Chris Gibson said temperatures in the 80s and higher humidity worked in firefighters' favor on Monday.

Temperatures were 10 to 15 degrees cooler than over the weekend.

However, fire bosses were bracing for a dry front and possible lightning later in the day.

Winds also had died down from gusts of nearly 50 mph on Sunday to 10 mph and 15 mph

on Monday.

Meanwhile, other Utah fires were giving fire crews headaches.

Fire managers called in a new team from southern Idaho to handle the 3,000-acre West Mountain fire, which flared up Sunday near Genola, 52 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Fed by gusting winds, the blaze made big runs on Sunday and threatened two homes.

Besides five crews of 20 each fighting the fire on foot, fire managers more than doubled the number of engines to nine Monday morning. Four air tankers and two helicopters also were available.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation.

Investigators suspected arson in the Meadow Spring fire, 50 miles west of Milford, which had burned 2,400 acres. Nearly 225 people were battling the fire, including seven 20-man crews, two helicopters, four air tankers, two water trucks and 14 fire engines. Crews hoped to have the fire contained by

Wednesday.

A 7,700-acre blaze spanning western Colorado and eastern Utah was headed by tanker-duty sage, pinon pine and juniper.

Two fires had been pushed together Sunday by hot winds. But crews said the fire on 3,700 acres in Utah was nearly contained. The Utah side of the fire, called the Wragley Complex, is northeast of Moab.

"The winds are really strong and difficult terrain are really keeping us from getting a hold of this one," said Lynn Kolund, fire management officer for the Bureau of Land Management in Grand Junction.

No towns or homes were immediately threatened by the Black Ridge-Complex fire, which 4,000 acres burning in Colorado, said Ed Kesselroad, spokesman for the Rocky Mountain Fire coordination center.

Fire bosses were sending in a 100-acre fire 50 miles northwest of Grand Junction, Colorado, a remote part of southern Utah.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Twin Falls man dies from apparent automobile accident
BOISE - A 36-year-old Twin Falls man was killed Tuesday in an apparent accident earlier in the week at Armstrong Park in an earlier issue, according to the Idaho State Police.

Sheriff found the back of Michael Paul Whipple's fire truck in the reservoir on Sunday.

Whipple's car appeared to have veered off the road and fallen into the reservoir last week, Base County Sheriff Elton Crawford said.

"We think the accident occurred Wednesday," Crawford said. "We have yet to retrieve the vehicle because it's in an water that's approximately 120 feet deep."

Police said they suspect the accident was alcohol-related.

IF Fire Department gets fewer firework-related calls
TWIN FALLS - This Independence Day was not as busy for the Twin Falls Fire Department as last year's, said Acting Capt. Brian Cunningham.

The department responded to six firework-related fires Sunday, three in the afternoon and three after dark - when there were 12 on 15 runs last year, Cunningham said.

The fires were minor and there were no injuries or property damage, he said.

The biggest fire was a brush fire near Shoreline Falls.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

ATTACK!



Ryan Schneider, 9, of Holladay, Utah, laughs as he feeds several Lories, including one that thinks Schneider has a piece of apple on his head, during a program called 'Breakfast with the Lories' at Tracy Aviary Park in Salt Lake City Saturday. The program allows children to visit the park early in the morning to feed the birds and then eat breakfast in the cages with the birds. Lories are from the parrot family.

GOP urges party change to Navajos

PHOENIX (AP) - The Republican Party is making inroads with a Democratic block of voters - Navajo Indians in northern Arizona.

House Speaker Jeff Grossost, R-Mesa, has been courting Navajo leaders for months. He pushed two key bills sought by the tribe in the last session and has encouraged Navajos to switch parties, arguing they could get more legislation passed with the GOP in power.

He made a believer out of Elmer Milford, a 20-year veteran of the Navajo Tribal Council. After the Legislature approved money for a Navajo Nation college, Milford marched into Grossost's office and changed his voter registration - to Republican.

"People up here tease me a little bit," said Milford, who lives in Fort Defiance. "But in order to get anything done down there, you can get more things done as a Republican."

Democrats say the Navajo Nation is, and always will be, a Democratic bastion.

Nonetheless, the GOP can point to small successes. When Democrats failed to get any candidates on the ballot in District 4 in 1998, Grossost helped elect Rep. Tom Gordon, R-Peach Springs, only the third Republican to serve the district since 1971.

Democrats complain that the other new member, Rep. Sylvia Laughter, D-Kaysville, is the 41st member of the House GOP caucus. It was Grossost, not Democrats, who encouraged Laughter to run; he knew her from their days at Mesa High School.

Grossost says his interest in the region can be traced to his childhood, when his family sponsored a Navajo child, Rosie Bingham, who lived with his family and attended school in Grand Junction.

Bingham had accompanied Grossost on several of his four trips to the Nation since he became speaker.

Boise State students engineer wind tunnel

BOISE (AP) - Two Boise State University engineering students used their undergraduate experience to design a soon-to-be completed wind tunnel that will be used by the university's College of Engineering and local companies' specifications, such as the wind speeds, the tunnel could accommodate.

The project eventually was listed among several from which mechanical engineering majors could choose for their senior design class.

In January, Talley and Guffin chose the wind tunnel assignment.

"We designed wind tunnels," he presented them to the customers involved in the project, said Talley, 27, of Naupaka.

"They selected a combination of these versions for the final design, and we took that and solidified the dimensions, materials and other critical details," Talley said.

The project proved to be challenging. One of the duo's primary jobs after determining the design was to find suppliers for the equipment and materials.

"The suppliers didn't take us very seriously," Talley said. "We thought they figured we wouldn't see it through because we were students. But interacting with the local companies and dealing with the real world of life as far as working in the industry."

Talley and Guffin adjusted the numbers and reworked the sizes of the materials in addition to the length of the tunnel.

When it is completed, the state-of-the-art wind tunnel will be 55 feet long, 12 feet tall and 1.8 feet wide. It will be powered by a 75-horsepower variable-speed motor for flow ranging at a variety of wind speeds.

The wind flow will be conditioned in a low-speed chamber and then accelerated through contractions to the test section. Optimal flow conditions should be from 5 to approximately 100 miles per hour.

Couple ties the knot on Fourth of July float

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - Robby Jones and Cathy Blackley had an all-American wedding. They got married on the Fourth of July.

On a float in the middle of Park City's holiday parade.

Uncle Sam conducted the ceremony.

"They wanted to get married on the Fourth of July so they would never have to work on their anniversary, and they would always have fireworks," a parade announcer told the crowd after the mid-parade nuptials.

Another benefit: "It doesn't cost anything, but we had to build a float," said Blackley.

The Jones-Blackley float was a trailer motor for hauling heavy equipment, with benches and wooden lattice added for the blessed event. A dump truck pulled it along.

The bride wore a short white wedding dress with a red-white-and-blue ribbon in her hair. The groom wore shorts and a star-spangled shirt.

The ceremony was quick but not quick enough. The couple had hoped to finish their vows in front of the parade's announcer, but had to wrap up the ceremony on the move so they would not build up the rest of the parade.

Always, Jones said getting married in the middle of a parade was their way of stirring the event with a lot of people.

"This was just like inviting the whole community," he said.

Ridge Bingham, who set the two up on a dice last spring, got the honor of driving the dump truck.

"I've never fixed anybody up in my life, and the next thing I know they're getting married," he said.

Dems may target lawmaker

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - As much attention as Sen. Orrin Hatch is getting from his presidential bid, Rep. Merrill Cook is the Utah politician in Washington's spotlight right now.

Cook, R-Utah, has been marked as a top target by Democrats, who need to pick up just six House seats in 2000 to take a majority. They believe Utah's 2nd Congressional District could be a crucial swing seat.

"It is one of the more high-profile races in the country," Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) spokesman John Del Cecco said.

"We'll be helpful there in any way we can," Del Cecco told The Salt Lake Tribune in a telephone interview from Washington. "We'll be devoting our attention and our resources to helping elect a Democrat."

That would be Jim Matheson, a 39-year-old Salt Lake City businessman and son of the late Gov. Scott Matheson.

Matheson said he already has nearly \$100,000 in the bank, most of that from \$1,000 individual donations.

Idaho deputy shoots man

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A Washington state man driving a stolen farm truck smashed into several vehicles before being fatally shot early Monday by a Kootenai County sheriff's deputy, authorities said.

Joseph C. Galbreath, 27, of Liberty Lake, Wash., was pronounced dead at the scene on Idaho 41 near Rathdrum, sheriff's spokesman Capt. Ben Wolfinger said in a release.

The man was driving a farm truck with a boom sprayer that had been stolen earlier from the Rathdrum Prairie area, Wolfinger said.

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a judge for action, Espedal said.

In addition, the detention center provides the ability to get Lawton's intervention at the local level the first time they are booked into the criminal justice system.

Fending said, juveniles serving detention on check-in at the facility on Friday night and cannot leave until Sunday night.

While in custody, juveniles serve community service and must participate in educational programming, assessments and counseling. Stringent parameters are set for the offenders and they must

abide by them or they can be sent - day to - Snake River, Fending said.

"It isn't fun, and it isn't camp," he said.

The juveniles do share the minimum-security facility on Airport Way with adults, but teens and adults do not inhabit the building at the same time, Fending said.

The facility will still be used for adult work-release prisoners on alternating weekends.

Espedal said that for some of the juvenile offenders, the expert serving time at the local detention center may expand to

success - by following and completing the program and not failing.

The program, initiated through the Blaine County Criminal Justice Council and supported by a grant, is currently operating solely for Blaine County juvenile offenders and is under the present direction of Eric Thomas.

When opening the facility to nearby counties for daily fees has not been ruled out, Fending said.

Times-News correspondent Barb Thomas can be reached in Hinkley at 788-9530.

Council

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Industrial Development Corporation.

The council will consider the appeal of Devine Homes & Planning and Zoning Commission's denial of the preliminary plat of a Villa Vista subdivision.

In public hearings at 6 p.m. the council will hear a request

Meeting set
WHAT: Twin Falls City Council
WHERE: 5 p.m. today
WHERE: City Hall

from Thomas Mannschreck for Concord Properties LLC to modify a planned unit development agreement, a request from the City of Twin Falls for

a zoning title amendment that would change Title 10 of City Code; and an appeal from Vladimir Vasilchenko regarding a condition placed on the special use permit allowing him to operate an auto body shop and paint shop at 364 Main Avenue South.

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Some tales of Serb atrocities may never be confirmed

LIQENI KUQ, Yugoslavia (AP) — Huddled up a rotted dirt mound among ancient pines and meadows of purple wildflowers, a charred heap of rubble offers more questions than answers over another Kosovo War mystery unlikely to be solved.

It used to be a border post, named after white with blue and red. Then it sheltered a Yugoslav army company, charged with stopping the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army from sneaking across the Albanian border.

And Albanians who watched it with bewilderment over long months of helplessness, frustration say it was there where Yugoslav soldiers repeatedly raped ethnic Albanian women taken from refugee convoys.

"We're not going to find anything here," pronounced Marco Van Eekeren, a leading Dutch mine expert and self-avowed Serb-hater, as he poked gingerly at the charred debris left behind after it delivered by a B-52 during the 78-day NATO air campaign against Yugoslavia.

"Nothing," agreed Emir Rakaj, a KLA war in life-or-death conviction who is among those convinced that the murdered Albanian women were buried somewhere in the heavily mined environs. "But we will keep looking."

Already, however, scavengers



Marco Van Eekeren, a Dutch mine expert and self-avowed Serb-hater, crouches through the rubble of a Serb border post in Liqeni Kuq, Kosovo, Friday, Ethnic Albanians say the post, which received a direct hit from a bomb dropped by a B-52, was also an infirmary where soldiers repeatedly raped women taken from refugee convoys approaching the border.

from Britain huddled through a truck to man for planks and scrap metal to rebuild their homes. Rains would wash them away into ditches.

Besides, war crimes investigators are still unclear on the details of the attacks. Reports of a small unit of about 100 men, mostly platoon leaders, took a hundred of platoon leaders of burn-

Kosovo. They executed children point-blank and burned people alive in their homes. The numbers are staggering.

But the full details — who did what to whom, when, and why — fade because of confused memories, conflicting accounts, the absence of written records and a lack of trained investigators to follow up at suspected sites.

In the ruins of Dikrovic, Ahmed Batushaj solemnly offers testimony to anyone who will listen. At 65, he is a retired Yugoslav army officer who served in the KLA. He has seen a lot, he said, and has written it all down.

"I saw 300 men massacred at Decan," he began, but his dates did not fit. "A column of 90 Russian tanks attacked my village of Babulje." He added: "This defied all credibility and yet he seemed, in his own mind, to believe his account."

Many people like Batushaj, psychologists explain, are prompted by the trauma of what really did happen to see clear pictures of what did not.

Van Eekeren, 33, is a more persuasive witness. He trained KLA troops in Albania and then fought in Kosovo after seven years in Bosnia. Now he has access to former field commanders, intelligence reports and official documents.

For him, it is personal. He volunteered to fight for Croatian independence in 1991. Wounded and captured, he was imprisoned in Vukovar until they killed their Serb guards and escaped.

He lost a close buddy in fighting. And then, in 1992, Serb snipers killed his wife and infant daughter.

"I don't like Serbs," he growled. "I've seen too much of what they've done." But, he added, he has been fighting them long enough to know their basic strategies and deployments.

Van Eekeren is convinced that NATO troops could have prevented many atrocities by knocking in fast on the ground. Now, he says, peacekeepers are doing far too little to uncover evidence of war crimes and their likely

perpetrators.

"The battle is over, but the war is just beginning," he said, predicting that unpunished and vengeful Serbs, unchecked Albanian mafiosi, and frustrated KLA officers will add up to an explosive mix in the fragile province.

Rakaj, among other KLA fighters, agrees with his assessment. In the few weeks since German troops have taken charge of the Prizren area, the mood has gone from exuberant to outwardly bitter. Turf is an issue.

"They strip off our uniforms and take our weapons, but we need them to do a job they won't do," Rakaj said. "We have to determine and investigate, and patrol up in those mountains, and they're full of armed Albanian bandits."

Israeli leader names Cabinet, promises peace

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israel's prime minister, Ehud Barak, named his Cabinet on Monday and promised to bring the country peace and prosperity.

After weeks of coalition negotiations, the list of Cabinet members is to be presented Tuesday

to parliament, where it is assured of approval, after which Barak will assume office.

"We accepted the responsibility of leading the nation to security and peace," Barak told his Labor Party's central committee in Tel Aviv. He said peace negotiations will be his first priority.

"I know we have thousands of problems on the public agenda," he said. "But nothing is more important in my view than that supreme mission — to strengthen the security of Israel by putting an end to the 100-year conflict in the Middle East." Israel was founded in 1948, but Zionism's drive for a Jewish state began around a century ago.

Barak has promised to push forward negotiations with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon after near negotiation under Benjamin Netanyahu, whom he defeated in May 17 elections.

The nominee for public security minister, Shimon Ben-Ami, said the new government is committed to Barak's peace policies.

"This is a peace coalition. It is not a coalition of peacekeepers, but it is a coalition committed to depart from the policies of the Netanyahu government, which were policies of confrontation and polarization," he told The Associated Press.

With a coalition embracing 75 legislators, Barak is assured of approval in the 120-member Knesset.

Barak's cabinet includes: Defense Minister, Shimon Peres; Foreign Minister, Yitzhak Mordechai; Justice Minister, Aharon Barak; Health Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Education Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Labor Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Agriculture Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Industry Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Transport Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Social Security Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Environment Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Science and Technology Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Culture Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Religious Affairs Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Information Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Tourism Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Regional Councils Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Deputy Prime Minister, Yehoshua Sagie; Minister Without Portfolio, Yehoshua Sagie.

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How high is too high?

Market outlook remains hazy after 17 years of bull prosperity

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Almost 17 years after the start of one of the mightiest bull markets in financial history, investors are still faced with the perennial question: "How high is too high?"

The Wall Street boom traces its origins to August 1982, when the Dow Jones industrial average began to climb from a low point of 777.

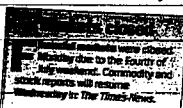
Just a few months later, when the average topped past its previous closing peak of 1,032, one decade before in January 1973, analysts began to fret that it had climbed too far, too fast, and had moved into dangerous "overvalued" territory. With few exceptions, they've been wrong.

The intensity of the decline reached a new level in December 1996, more than 2.5 years ago, when Chairman Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve Board first voiced his concerns over "irrational exuberance" in the market. But that didn't slow the bull's progress in the slightest.

The Dow, which stood in the mid-6,000s at the close of Greenspan's first warning, went on to soar past 11,000 this year.

Presumably, Greenspan and other Fed policymakers had concerns about inflating prices of financial assets very much in mind when they issued last week's warning that short-term interest rates might rise.

But once stock-market participants have decided on a wave of looking at things, it's one easy to change their attitude. On Thursday, the day of the Fed's remaining warning, stock prices jumped ahead, erasing the Dow



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within 2 percentage points of its all-time high and lifting some other, broader market measures to record levels.

Thus, even after a round of credit-tightening, the model used by the Fed to gauge the level of the stock market remains "grossly overvalued," in the words of Edward Yarnit, chief economist at the investment firm of Deutsche Bank Alex. Brown. "I see a great deal of risk," he says.

Still, astute bulls may take some perverse pleasure from talk like this. In keeping with the ancient adage, "bull markets climb a wall of worry," stocks have seemed impervious to charges of overvaluation all through the 1990s.

Nevertheless, everybody who owns stock investments these days has to operate under the financial equivalent of a continuous tornado watch.

It stands to reason, analysts say, that stock prices can't keep rising at double-digit rates each year indefinitely unless corporate earnings can grow at the same pace, or pretty close.

"No asset can outrun its own fundamental value," says Timothy Wick in his newsletter, *Timothy's Value Investor*, based in Hammond, Ind. "Over long periods, the market value of a company's stock cannot outstrip its own internal growth rates by



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very much. "Sure, technological gains can cause improvements in corporate efficiency and lead to temporary quantum leaps in earnings. But of the competitive, cyclical nature of direct relationship between sales, earnings and valuation." The last word comes from Eric Miller at Donaldson, Lufkin &

Jenrette Securities Corp.: "Forecasts a decade ago for 1990s (tended) to have a common theme, that it was going to be a lean decade." "What was thought to have been years of greed and excess in the 1980s was sure to be followed by relative austerity and less selfish behavior." Instead, the great expansion has only

gained momentum. "Maybe this grand era can be extended for some time," Miller concludes, "but one requirement, in our view, is that too many people better not do it themselves. We worry that some investors are engaging in irrational rationalization, and that their expectations are vulnerable."

Owners control mutual funds — in theory — but most don't bother

Symbol	Company	Price	Change	Volume
AMZN	Amazon.com	47.25	+0.75	1,200,000
GOOG	Google	115.00	+2.00	800,000
MSFT	Microsoft	56.00	+0.50	1,500,000
ORCL	Oracle	45.00	+0.25	900,000
IBM	IBM	110.00	+1.00	1,100,000
INTC	Intel	35.00	+0.50	1,300,000
HPQ	HP	32.00	+0.20	1,000,000
QCOM	Qualcomm	55.00	+0.75	700,000
TXN	Texas Instruments	52.00	+0.50	600,000
ADI	Analog Devices	48.00	+0.25	500,000
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AMEK	AMEK	28.00	+0.25	80,000
AMEL	AMEL	26.00	+0.25	60,000
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So, who's in charge of this mutual fund?
You are — in theory. Mutual funds are, in fact, corporations, and shareholders have many of the same rights they do when they own ordinary stocks.

But as a practical matter, investors don't have much say in the way funds are run. Sure, you can vote for the fund's directors, but who bothers? How often is an election for a board position contested? In the real world, fund directors really don't have to worry much about what shareholders think.

And that bothers many observers, including Arthur Levitt, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Levitt has his staff working on rule changes that

would make fund directors more responsive to shareholders' interests.

So it's not surprising that the fund industry's trade group, the Investment Company Institute, has come up with its own list of ICI proposals, which were released Thursday, they offer "an important step forward." They should be adopted, but more needs to be done to make funds serve investors better.

The ICI advisory group's 15 proposals, which would be just guidelines for the industry, not requirements, focus on those obscure boards of directors. Some fund companies already do not.

The most important recommendation calls for at least two-thirds of a fund's board members to be independent — out-

siders who don't work for the fund company, its investment advisor or other affiliates. Current rules require that only 40 percent of a board's directors be outsiders.

The ICI group also recommended that only the independent directors have the power to nominate new independent directors. And it said only the independent directors should be involved in setting compensation for board members.

Further, it recommended that each director be required to invest in at least one of the funds on whose boards he or she serves. (Many fund families, or "complexes," use the same board members for more than one fund.)

These and other recommendations would help make boards less beholden to fund-company managers.

Cautious investor questions decisions

QUESTIONS from an investor: I married and in good health during the last 10 years or so of the market's cash flows, which I have saved, so I was able to purchase three 1000 shares of the amounts of \$95,000, \$20,000, and \$10,000. Recently I received an inheritance of \$75,000, which I wish to invest in a money market account at our local bank. I have avoided the stock market completely because while growing up "stock market" were bad words in our family — my mother and some of her friends suffered in the 1929 crash. For some time I decided to make less interest and invest in such things.

Am I correct in having gone this route? Now I can say no, but I do years ago or more in the past, and I still don't know the future? I'm usually excited by friends, but I'm happy enough with what I have. I would appreciate your thoughts.

— AB, Panama City, Calif.

ANSWER: To be perfectly honest, my first thought upon reading your letter was: God bless you — both for your generosity of spirit as well as your solid decision to make use of funds over the prospect of monetary gains.

My parents, too, lived through the 1929 crash and the Great Depression, and while at first I didn't entirely scare them off the stock market, it certainly gave them a vivid awareness that Wall Street runs two ways.

You are doing just fine, and you'll continue to do well by leaving the stock market to people who have the inclination to risk their money there. That's not to say they're not a change that will benefit you and improve your income stream.

Keeping that inheritance in a bank's money market fund is a big mistake. Banks typically pay only about half of the interest on money market accounts that mutual fund companies do in their money market funds.

They're not identical, of course. The money on deposit in a bank's money market account is insured just as other savings and bank deposits are. Money in a mutual fund money market is not insured — but it is invested extremely cautiously, typically in government securities, overnight loans to banks, and short-term corporate issues called "commercial paper."

When you buy shares in a money market fund, the net asset value is always calculated at \$1 per share, and the fund's interest rate changes to reflect changes in the market.

Theoretically such a fund would lose money on an investment and be compelled to "break the buck," which is to say, to report a net asset value of less than \$1.

In the long history of money market funds, no fund offered to the public has ever done so.

Currently, the yields on money market funds run 4 to 4 1/2 percent.

Kenneth Hooker wrote this column for the Boston Globe.

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QUALITY PEOPLE AT WORK



George Kinslow, left, talks with Mike Thornton about his different Marine swords. The former Marines are organizing a local detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Magic Valley Marines stay together

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The general feeling among Marines is: Once a Marine, always a Marine.

To those who have served in the Corps, there is no such thing as an ex-Marine. There's only a former Marine.

That is one reason why a group of former Marines in the Magic Valley is trying to form a detachment of the Marine Corps League in this area, organizer Mike Thornton says.

In 1932, the United States Congress granted the league a charter. Now, there are detachments all across the country. In Idaho there are only three detachments.

"We're trying to get one started here because there are so many Marines," Thornton says. "We're thinking there's probably 200 in the Magic Valley."

But, a portion of those 200 people must surface in order for a detachment to exist in Twin Falls. They need 20 members and right now, they only have 15, he says.

"We need Marines to come out of the woodwork," another organizer and group hopeful George Kinslow adds.

The only requirement to join the league is a continuous 90-day honorable service in the Marine Corps.

And, the benefits are unlimited, Thornton says.

"The purpose is to promote the Marine Corps," he explains, "Promote everything the Marine Corps stands for. Another purpose is so that Marines can gather together and have camaraderie."

In addition to the camaraderie, they also want to give back to the community. They plan on being involved in the Toys for Tots campaign and administering a "Young Marine" program.

"The Marines program gives these kids an idea of what the Marine Corps is about," another organizer, Floyd Hernandez, says. "It will teach them history, traditions and the structure of the Marine Corps."

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Photo courtesy Army and Air Force Reservists News Service
Amy Staff Sgt. Christopher Moser, a military police team leader, participates in exercise, Tandem Thrust 99, held recently in Guam.

Son of Rupert resident participates in war games

GUAM - A military exercise of extremes.

Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Moser, son of Pat Moser of Boise and Gerold Moser of Rupert, is normally stationed in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, with the 1st Battalion, an Arctic unit that responds to trouble spots in the Pacific.

But he found himself in a hotter climate when he was among more than 12,000 service members from the U.S., Canada and Australia who converged recently on a tiny island in the Pacific to participate in elaborate war games.

Tandem Thrust is a biennial exercise that calls together military units from different services and nations and trains them to work together to respond to crisis situations around the world.

Moser and fellow soldiers had the responsibility of repelling enemy ground forces and evacuating allied noncombatants from the island.

During the three-week exercise, the Canadian Navy, backed by the U.S. Naval aircraft and Marine troops, played the "bad guys" in the games by representing a fictitious island dictatorship intent on seizing territory.

The United States and Australia responded by sending in air, ground and naval forces to help the "besieged" republic.

"For Moser, the climate change was nothing new. "I'm the team leader in the only arctic airborne military police platoon," says Moser, a 1997 graduate of Meridian High School.

A provide military police support to the 12nd Infantry Brigade while operating under diverse climates and conditions ranging from arctic conditions in Alaska to the deserts of Sinai, Egypt.

"In January, we had just returned to Alaska after spending six months in Sinai, Egypt, so I'd experienced this kind of change before."

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MOMS Club gamers support

By Jami Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Mothers need playmates too, says Sharon Abbott, the coordinator of a local club for moms.

The MOMS Club, a national support group for at-home mothers, is starting a Magic Valley chapter.

"With so many mothers working outside the home today, it can be extremely hard for stay-at-home mothers to meet each other," Abbott says.

The group will hold monthly meetings with guest speakers, park play-days, a monthly MOMS night out, holiday events and service projects, she says.

Once active in a MOMS chapter in California, Abbott recently re-located to Twin Falls and hopes the group will help her make local connections and support its mother members by increasing their resources and social networks.

"We are home almost 24 hours a day with our kids, we need support," Abbott emphasizes. "We need other adults to talk to."

Other club activity groups can include play groups for preschoolers, baby-sitting coops, exercise classes, coupon refunding coops, lunch get-togethers and arts and crafts.

"Whatever the moms want to do, it is their club," Abbott says.

Children are welcome at all MOMS club activities, most of which will be during the daytime, a MOMS club tradition.

"Evenings are family time," Abbott says.



Sharon Abbott plays with her daughter, Ryelene, one afternoon. Abbott said being a mother and trying to meet other mothers is almost impossible. That is why she is starting a mom's club.

Young women vie for Miss Magic Valley crown

TWIN FALLS - Eleven young women will compete at the Miss Magic Valley Scholarship pageant Saturday (July 10). The pageant, sponsored by the Twin Falls Lions Club for the 47th year, will start at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. The event is the final preliminary to the Miss Idaho Pageant, says Fred Coghburn, a coordinator.

The current Miss Magic Valley is Jamie Nielsen of Twin Falls, who came in as the first runner-up at the Miss Idaho pageant.

The contestants are:

Tamara Malberg is the daughter of Leo and Marilyn Malberg. She is a graduate of Filer High School and a theater arts major at the College of Southern Idaho. She has been in food management for two years. She will perform a vocal presentation for the talent section.

Leslie O'Keefe is the daughter of Fanny and Timothy O'Keefe, is a Filer High School graduate and a freshman at CSI, majoring in physical education. She is a 1999-2000 Golden Girl and listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

She will dance at the competition.

Lisa Raquel Smith is an associate of arts degrees in arts psychology and sociology. She is a senior in the social work program at Idaho State University. Turner is president of Wellness Educators for Longer Lives at ISU and received the June Trauernicht Scholarship.

She will recite original poetry.

Margaret Glassett is the daughter of Larry and Jo Glassett and a graduate of Jerome High School who will attend Ricks College, majoring in music. She founded an extracurricular music theater group at high school and has composed music since age 10.

She will perform a classical vocal presentation.

Kassie McCool is the daughter of Ben and Marsha McCool and a senior at Jerome High School. She has volunteered more than 100

hours at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, was senior class president and year book editor and was selected to travel to Washington D.C. to learn about the political process.

She will give a humorous presentation.

Teresa Morrison is the daughter of Denise Morrison and Terry Ford and a Jerome High School graduate.

She plans to attend CSI, majoring in business management.

Morrison placed first in the Coca-Cola Bowling Tournament, was a chapter and district FFA officer and placed third in profit display at the state FFA convention.

She will present a vocal solo.

Vienna Eun Mee Bostock is the daughter of Gordon and Dale Elizabeth Bostock and attended Benjamin Franklin Academy and Buld High School.

She currently attends CSI, majoring in marketing.

She has modeled in New York and performed at Disney World in Florida.

She will dance at the pageant.

Janine Timm and Monte Smith, is a Jerome High School graduate, plans to attend CSI this fall, majoring in music

She hopes to attend Concordia

She has volunteered more than 100

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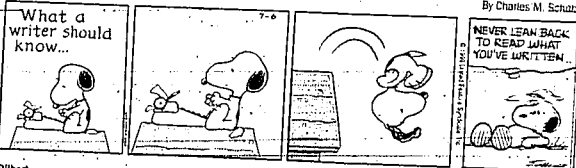
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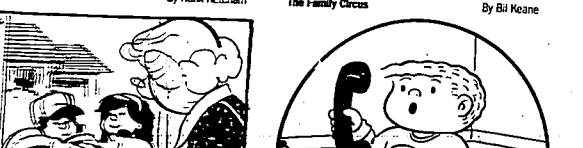
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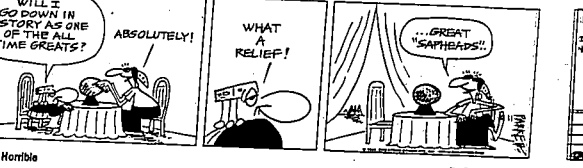
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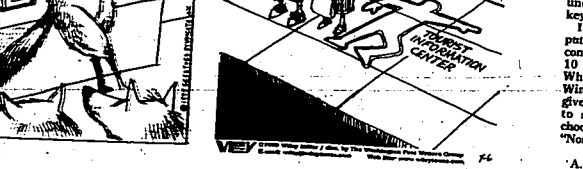
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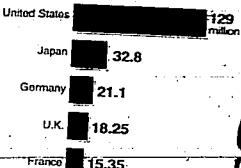
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A world of computers

The United States, North America and Europe have the bulk of the PCs and their on-line access. Sadly, Africa, the Mideast and South America are not expected to "connect" very much anytime soon.

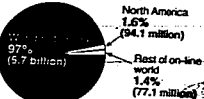
Where the PCs are

The United States has a full third of the operational PCs in the world, now at 364.4 million. The top five PC nations:

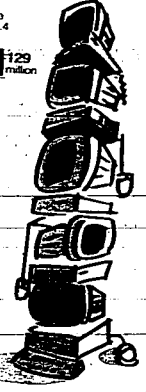


Who's on-line

The bulk of the world is not on-line, with North America being a full half of the on-line world.



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Microworkz prepares to change industry

By Kenneth Li
New York Daily News

It costs \$199 and wants to eat the multimillion-dollar computer industry for breakfast.

Direct computer seller Microworkz is set to debut one of the cheapest computers in the history of the fast-moving industry — the "Duettes."

"By making it so affordable, people will have a hard time getting in their houses," said Greg Mead, Microworkz' vice president of business development.

The 13-inch, designed for first-time PC shoppers, looks like

a flat, black pizza box (without a minuter).

It has an Intel processor, a relatively small 2.1 gigabytes of memory and 32 megabytes of random access memory. Users can access the Internet, run most software and play some video games. It will be available only through the company's Web site, <http://www.microworkz.com>.

To make matters even worse for competitors, Mead said, "We're expecting to be able to drop the price for the holiday shipping season."

How low can they possibly go? "Ninety-nine dollars," Mead

said. Growing demand for lower-priced PCs is hurting industry profits, said Eddy Jaruzelski, who follows the industry at consulting firm Booz-Allen & Hamilton.

For example, Compaq, one of the world's largest PC manufacturers, is the only company that could suffer from especially bad timing is understood because the company is undergoing a massive reorganization.

The executive board axed chief executive Eckhard Pfeifer

in April. Compaq hopes to lure prospective customers to its new line of consumer-oriented Presario PCs, which start at \$399.

Another high-tech trend that's taking the stage is the industry's fight to "get away from the big ugly box," Jaruzelski said.

Taking a cue from Apple's revolutionary iMac design — which caused a stir with its all-in-one computer packaged in funky colors — companies including Packard Bell, NEC and Sony are launching consumer desktops that break out of the beige mold.

Corel's upgrade rivals Microsoft's Office

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

If you'd just as soon not install more Microsoft software on a PC already crisscrossing Microsoft Windows, you might consider building your personal productivity computing arsenal Corel's impressive — and dramatically cheaper — WordPerfect Office 2000 rather than Microsoft Office 2000.

You'll need to show proof of owning some other word process-

or to qualify for the low-ball upgrade price, but just about anybody who has used a PC for writing in the past has such a program and qualifies.

This would-be Microsoft killer of an office suite includes the power-laden WordPerfect 9 word-processing package and Corel's Quattro Pro 9 spreadsheet as well as CorelCENTRAL 9, an information manager that matches the ease of use and time management powers of the Outlook module in Microsoft Office 2000.

Paint programs can ease problems with scanning

By Jim Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. I have an HP 4100C Scanjet scanner. When I scan and print, the system works perfectly. But when I scan and download to Paint or Wordpad, the material is enormously enlarged. There is a method to change the size of each individual scanned piece, but what do I need to do to reproduce the material in its original size?

A. The easiest way to shrink those huge images that scanners make by default is to load those impossibly large files into that Paint program in Windows and use the software to shrink them.

So scan a picture and then use the File/Open command in the Paint program to load it. Once it's loaded, use the command marked Image at the top of the screen and then pick the Stretch/Skew option.

The box that pops up lets you reduce/enlarge/distort pictures by changing the vertical and horizontal measurements of each image.

For a first attempt, try setting both horizontal and vertical at 20 percent of the original and run a test print.

Q. I can't get my computer to record sound through a microphone. All the other sound features work great, and these microphones all work on my other machine. I can hear myself thru my speakers and even hear that recording volume control but whenever I try to record, nada! Can you help?

A. Sounds like a gremlin popped up and set the microphone control panel on your PC to mute. If you're lucky there will be a little yellow icon on the taskbar at the bottom of your screen that will call up the sound controls.

You will find that the one marked Microphone has a box marked mute checked. Click the box to uncheck it and you'll be back in business quicker than you can say allegro.

If the icon isn't there click on Start/Settings/Control Panel and then look for the icon marked Multimedia.

Click that and you'll find a box to "Show volume control on taskbar."

Click the check box there and then close the box. You now have the yellow speaker icon to click. Now follow the advice above can help.

Q. I have a Compaq Presario 4660 with Windows 95. The problem is that on occasion when I start my computer a message comes "C:\Windows\System\Nmm32.vxd: Missing unable to load" then underneath it says "Press any key to continue..." I press any key and the computer shuts down. I turn off the computer from behind for about 10 seconds, then turn it on. When it turns on I get Windows 95 Start menu and it gives me choices of how I want to start Windows. I always choose the No. 1 option which is "Normal."

A. There are two choices and

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neither will please you. I fear. Something went wrong with vmm32.vxd, which is one among the dozens of small support files used by the Windows operating system, and the best way to deal things up is to reinstall Windows 95 from the CD-ROM assuming, of course, that you still have it.

If you don't have the CD I would suggest that you minimize the problem by the extremely crude solution of simply leaving the machine on all the time, thus reducing the times when you need to reboot at least twice to get things working.

Q. I downloaded Internet Explorer version 5 (I had them on version 4 and had them on the beta version), but am unable to use e-mail by connecting through Outlook Express. I have no go through Internet Explorer and click on Web. Then it works fine.

When I try to go through Outlook Express I get an error message that says the connection can't be found. The Microsoft help desk led me through all kinds of drills, settings, etc., but nothing works. I even re-downloaded version 5 no use if that would do it, but no luck.

A. I suspect you have two versions of Outlook Express installed on the machine and the icon for Outlook is tied to the wrong one.

You need to remove the pro-

gram and then reinstall it. To do this click on Start and pick Settings and Control Panel and uninstall software.

Select Outlook Express from the menu that then pops up and then reload the latest version of the program and you should be back in business.

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Fans now listen close when players talk during games

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Duke Covone was at New York Giants game with his wife not long ago. She mentioned that it would be interesting to hear what the players talked about on the field.

And that got Covone thinking. Covone is a partner in Interactive Sports Signals, Inc. The company, headquartered in New Milford, Conn., is giving fans of the New Jersey Red Dogs of the Arena Football League a chance to listen to the players during the game.

The company has been putting microphones on players and routing headsets to spectators in the stands.

"I like listening to the strategy part," Charles McElharris, a 44-year-old fan, said at a recent

game at the Meadowlands. "You can hear what the players are thinking."

Covone started working seriously on this project in March 1998 when he met Sebastian Failla, who worked in satellite communications. They spent the next year working on the plan and trying to sell it professional sports leagues.

They were joined by a third partner and began by using the system at Red Dogs games.

"We wanted to start with a venue big enough to try the system but not overwhelming," Covone said.

The headsets have been available at home games this season, with the Red Dogs getting a percentage of the profits, team spokesman Kevin

McKearney said.

"The only hesitation we had was for the logistics," McKearney said. "After that first meeting pretty much, we knew it was definitely something we would like to be involved in."

Up to four players wear microphones at every home game. The signal from the microphones is sent to tiny receivers spectators can rent for \$10. The talk is live and uncensored, and even children are permitted to rent a headset. The headset comes with a pamphlet warning of

rough language.

ISS might shut the sound if a situation appears heated and the language profane. The sound is also turned off during huddles to provide security.

"It's like living-room surround sound at your seat," Failla said. "If somebody gets hit you feel it in your seat."

That's what encouraged Tim Rogers, 33, of Dover, to try the headsets for the first time at a recent game.

"I want to hear the hits," the season-ticket holder said. "I want

to hear the coaches."

While different players are wired each game, one player used consistently is wide receiver Alvin Ashley, a fan favorite.

"I've had some good responses from fans," he said. "It makes them feel closer to the players."

He said he sometimes says hello to fans if he sees them wearing a headset.

"I get the fans involved," he said. "If the fans get excited, they get me excited."

At a recent game, fans could hear Ashley talking on the sideline and running down the field. They could also hear his annoyance at a penalty.

Covone would not say exactly how many people wear the headsets at Red Dogs games, but said it totals about 1 to 2 percent of

the crowd. With average attendance at about 4,600 a game, that would amount to 46 to 92 fans with headsets. ISS has been talking with the major professional leagues about the system. The company is still working out issues of player security as well as getting the best equipment.

Failla envisions spectators being able to hear everything from trash talking during an NBA game to blitzes in the NFL.

"We'll revolutionize spectator sports," he said.

That's something fan Don Jordan of East Stroudsburg, Pa., would love.

"It would be great to see it done at the NFL level," he said.

"Can you imagine listening to the quarterback during the Super Bowl? It would be outrageous."

"I like listening to the strategy part. You can hear what the players are thinking."

— Charles McElharris, football fan

Compelling Wimbledon gives bounce to tennis

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Tennis has some zip again.

Wimbledon, like the French Open a month ago, injected new life into the sport when it needed it most.

The All England Club provided the stage for the coronation of a new female champion (Lindsay Davenport), the farewell of an old champ (Steffi Graf) and the emergence of potential future champs (Alexandra Stevenson, Jelena Dokic and Mirjana Lucic).

Wimbledon also confirmed the untouchable grass-court mastery of Pete Sampras, as well as the remarkable renaissance of Andre Agassi, who energizes the men's game like no other player.

"Andre brings out the best in me," Sampras said after blasting Agassi in straight sets Sunday for his sixth Wimbledon crown. "He elevates my game to a level that is phenomenal."

Phenomenal sums up Sampras' 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 victory, a virtuoso display of serving, volleying and shotmaking that was arguably the best performance ever on Centre Court.

Willie Renshaw is the only man with more Wimbledon titles (seven), and that was back in the 1890s. At 27 years old, Sampras looks certain to surpass that record as well as the mark for total Grand Slam championships (12), which he now shares with Roy Emerson.

Asked how many more times Sampras can win Wimbledon, Agassi said, "For the next four years — as many times as he wants." Sampras will be chasing the Grand Slam record two months from now at the U.S. Open, a tournament he has won four times.

"I'd love to do it where it all started for me in 1996," he said.

If Sampras is the best player ever to pick up a racket at Wimbledon, there is still debate whether he's the greatest ever, period. Sampras has never won the

French Open, or even reached the final of the clay court classic.

By contrast, Sampras' idol, Rod Laver, won the French twice. Bjorn Borg did it six times. And Agassi won the French four weeks ago to become only the fifth man in history to win all four Grand Slam events.

The French Open is the toughest test in tennis, where baselining play and physical stamina are the key ingredients. Neither is Sampras' strong point.

But on the lawns of Wimbledon, where the rallies are few and the serve-and-volley dominates, Sampras is invincible. He's slightly less omnipotent on the hard courts of Flushing Meadow, where the higher bounce gives players like Agassi a chance.

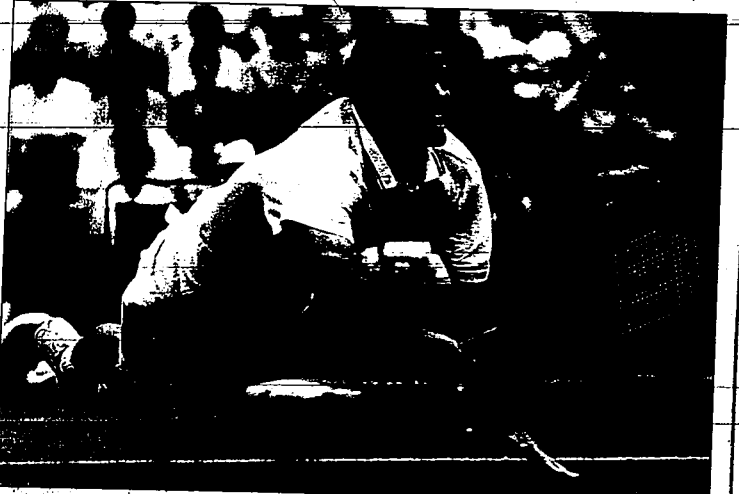
"I want another shot at him and I want another shot at him this summer," Agassi said. "I want another shot at him in the finals of the U.S. Open."

Men's tennis suffered in recent years from a shortage of personalities and a lack of a compelling rivalry. Now, with Agassi back at the top after climbing back from No. 141, he could provide Sampras with the foil he needs. But can he maintain a long-running rivalry matching Borg vs. McEnroe and McEnroe vs. Connors?

"Maybe it's the start," Sampras said, "but it's difficult to have a consistent rivalry because the game is so strong today. It's really hard to have two or three guys playing each other all year round. The game is not like it was 15 years ago when the top four were so much better than everybody else."

No. 1 for a record six years in a row, fell to No. 2 behind Agassi in the new rankings released Monday. But Sampras has other priorities.

"The game for me right now is to do well at the majors," he said. "Grand Slams are always going to be the reason



Pete Sampras of the United States dives across the court in an effort to reach a shot from fellow countryman Andre Agassi in the Men's Singles Final on Wimbledon's Centre Court Sunday. Sampras won 6-3, 6-4, 7-5. Tennis is in the spotlight again after an entertaining tournament.

why I'm going to be playing this game in my early to mid-30s."

Agassi, in what sounds like wishful thinking, thinks Sampras' move from Florida to California may wind up cutting his career short.

"I've got a hunch L.A. will break him down before his body does," Agassi said. "If he starts getting comfortable on the lifestyle and changes his priorities, it's different."

Living in California hasn't hurt Davenport, who punished Graf 6-4, 7-5, in

the women's final, adding the Wimbledon title to the U.S. Open championship she won last year. The match marked the end of seven-time champion Graf's Wimbledon career. But it marked a breakthrough for Davenport, who had always struggled on grass.

"I look at someone like Lindsay as inspirational," McEnroe said. "We had Andre at the French, and he lifted the spirits of the tennis world. But to see somebody like Lindsay, who wasn't known as the best athlete, shows you can

do it the old-fashioned way: hard work, dedication, love for your sport."

Davenport was virtually overlooked throughout the tournament as the spotlight fell on younger, more glamorous players such as Venus Williams and Anna Kournikova.

The down-to-earth Davenport has never courted publicity or celebrity. "I think it's the greatest thing to get attention for winning tournaments, and for being a good person and for being normal," she said.

Alexandra in Wonderland: A unique debut

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — No one ever met a debut at Wimbledon like Alexandra Stevenson.

She served at screaming speeds and curled the crowd with theatrical flourishes in a historic tour from the qualifiers to the semifinals.

Her mother, who raised her since birth to become a star, made headlines with charges of subtle racism and rampant lesbianism on the WTA Tour.

Her father, who saw her only once when she was 3, made headlines by revealing his identity: Hall of Fame basketball player Julius Erving.

The story of Alexandra at Wimbledon seemed more like Alexandra in Wonderland, a curious and curiouser the longer it went on.

She laughed and told tales like no one else in the interview room, and she even sang a show tune for the BBC on a rainy day. But when asked about her father, she smiled disappeared and she would say only, "No comment."

She took in everything with wide-eyed fascination, but she filtered out the distractions when it came time to go on court. She beat another terrific newcomer, Martina Hingis' first-round conqueror, Jelena Dokic, and everyone else she played except the eventual champion, Lindsay Davenport.

She arrived as an amateur and left as a professional with a debut \$154,704. Only one other player in Wimbledon history, John McEnroe in 1978, had gone from qualifier to champion in his first.

At 18, a few weeks after her high school graduation in La Jolla, Calif., Alexandra Stevenson came across as astonishingly poised and talented, well-adjusted and well-coached. She also came across as some-



Alexandra Stevenson returns to Australia's Jelena Dokic during their Women's Singles quarterfinal match last week at Wimbledon. At 18, a few after her high school graduation in La Jolla, Calif., Stevenson cruised through the tournament, becoming the first qualifier to reach the semifinals.

one who will have to cope with a variety of problems created by her parents.

Already there is backlash in the women's game against the sweeping charges of racism and lesbianism leveled by Samantha Stevenson, a free-lance sports writer who writes frequently for *The New York Times*.

"I'm not sure if she's doing it for attention or just saying these things because they sound crazy," some of them," Davenport said. "All this stuff that she's calling all of us ... I don't think the players really appreciate it."

"Her daughter is a great girl. She's smart and she can play tennis. She should just leave her alone and not bring her into all these controversies."

Alexandra entered the fray briefly, reading a statement she wrote saying that her mother was right but was misquoted by some of the British newspapers. But the quotes were tape recorded, and they read about the same in all the papers.

The issue raised by Erving's acknowledgment that he's her father might have stayed private if her mother hadn't written so many times in magazines about Alexandra's championship bloodline and her destiny as a superstar.

"What makes a champion?" she asked rhetorically in a *World Tennis* article in 1987. "Red Smith (the great New York Times sports columnist) once told me it's in the blood. I agree. A world-class athlete is born with the ability to be great. Alexandra has it. You do know if your child's got it."

Samantha Stevenson also talked a lot about her daughter, telling several confidantes over the course of the tournament that Erving was the father. In tennis circles, it was common gossip and nothing more.

But it was inevitable that once Alexandra stepped on the Wimbledon stage at a place like Wimbledon, the family secret would come out.

No one sought to prove it until last year, when the *Sun-Sentinel* of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., acquired a photocopy of Alexandra's birth certificate in California. Julius Winfield Erving II — Dr. J's legal name — was listed as the father, and Alexandra was given the middle name of Winfield.

The *Sun-Sentinel* didn't rush out with that information. Alexandra was still a high school student setting through junior competition, and however big Erving's status was, a story at that time would hardly have been newsworthy.

All is quiet as Woods takes solitary walk

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — The last time Tiger Woods made a victorious walk up the 18th fairway at the Western Open, thousands of fans broke through the security ropes to follow him.

Woods headed for the green with a sea of people in tow, just wanting to be close to him, just wanting to back in "Tigermania" if only for a few minutes.

On Sunday, Woods took his victory walk alone. Maybe it was the tighter security. Maybe his victory was anticlimactic after leading the second and third rounds.

Or maybe Tigermania is finally settling to a low roar.

"To be honest with you, I don't think I should be asked if the near-hysteria that followed him in 1997 will ever be repeated."

"Because of the fact I was new to the scene," he said. "Then, when I came on the scene, the huge endorsement numbers got everyone's attention. Then came the second and third rounds. It was seven weeks and getting very hard that way, getting the Tour championship, people kind of took notice of that. Winning the Masters by that. Winning at Citi Hill Golf and Country Club playing in relative obscurity. Relative, that is, because those were about the only people paying attention to the other golfers."

Thousands of people lined every hole he played. People staked out spots at upcoming tournaments ahead of time. The best holes hours ahead of "Cannon, Tiger!"



Tiger Woods acknowledges the crowd after sinking his putt on the 18th green to end Sunday's final round of the Western Open. Woods was with a score of 15 under-par.

"Go get 'em, Tiger!" after every drive and every hole. Marshals repeatedly had to ask fans to stop walking or talking, reminding them others were still playing.

"I know that people would be pulling for Tiger big-time," said Mike Weir, Woods' playing partner Sunday.

"I just had to block that out and play my own game and not pay attention to what he was doing."

What Woods has been doing lately is playing his best golf since 1997 — even better, actually. Despite stammering through three other majors and winning three other tournaments that year, he was honored when he looked at videotapes of his swing. So he ripped it apart, changing just about everything.