



GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny and cooler today. High 80. Clear tonight.

MAGIC VALLEY

Hog rules: Proposed state rules for hog farms might be less stringent than rules covering dairies.

SPORTS



They're out: Major League umpires announced plans to walk out en masse come Sept. 2, leaving baseball's owners to ask, "What's next?"

Magic Sweep: American Legion baseball squads from Twin Falls and Minto unwittingly teamed for a four-game sweep of their counterparts from Idaho Falls Wednesday.

OUTDOORS

In high places: A hike up the North Fork of Fyrdman Creek to the Pioneer Cabin makes a swell day trip.

OPINION

Ag rules: Idaho needs effective -and fair- rules to govern confined animal feeding operations, today's editorial says.

MONEY



New developments: Jerome city and county are asking the state today for help with infrastructure upgrades for business expansions.

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CSI to city: Wait on Fillmore extension

By Brandon Flala Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho trustees has asked the city to hold off a request to extend Fillmore Street north of Falls Avenue.

Mall Associates' request is to create 200 acres of residential land bordering the Blue Lakes Boulevard, CSI and North College Road. The City Council postponed the final hearing of Mall Associates' request on June 21 in order to consult with CSI.

CSI's conditions
The College of Southern Idaho has set the conditions for the city to extend Fillmore Street.
- Fillmore Street must be widened to 100 feet to accommodate...

Teen faces charges in Shoshone shooting

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - The Lincoln County prosecutor charged a teenager Wednesday in connection with the shooting of another teen the night before.

Suspect seems cooperative

'Can all this be done very quickly so I can say I'm guilty?'

The Associated Press

HOUSTON - The man accused of being the railroad killer was linked to a ninth slaying and charged with capital murder Wednesday, hours after he asked a judge, "Can all this be done very quickly so I can say I'm guilty?"

Shortly after Angel Maturino Resendez made his request during a court appearance on a burglary charge in Houston, authorities said they had linked him by a palm print to a ninth slaying - that of an 87-year-old woman who was bludgeoned in her home with an antique iron last October.

Late Mason, who lived within 50 yards of a rail line that cuts through the small east Texas town of Hughes Springs, was attacked by someone who entered her home through a window. Her body was covered by a blanket, as were several other victims believed to have been killed by Maturino Resendez.

Maturino Resendez was charged with her murder Wednesday afternoon and could face the death penalty. Texas has executed 180 people - by far the most in the nation - since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

The 33-year-old rail-hopping drifter, who turned himself in Tuesday after a six-week manhunt that made him one of the most wanted fugitives in America, is also charged with two slayings in Illinois and one in Kentucky and is believed responsible for five other killings in Texas.

During the manhunt, the FBI referred to him by one of his aliases, Rafael Resendez-Ramirez. Until the murder charge was filed in Hughes Springs, the only charge against him in Texas was burglary, at the scene where Dr. Claudius Benton, 39, was killed Dec. 17 in the Houston enclave of West University Place. She was beaten in the head, stabbed three times in the back and covered with a blanket.

Maturino Resendez's fingerprints were found on parts from the woman's stolen car, and prosecutors said DNA evidence might also link him to the slaying.

After a prosecutor in Houston described the bloody scene of Ms. Benton's killing, Maturino Resendez, wearing an orange jail jumpsuit and handcuffs, calmly asked state District Judge William Harmon if he could plead guilty.

It was unclear whether Maturino Resendez was specifically addressing the burglary charge or all the charges against him. His admission of guilt was not an official plea because his court appearances were only to set bail and assign him a lawyer. He was jailed without bail.

In Texas, a charge of capital murder can usually be filed only when there is evidence that a murder occurred during the commission of certain felonies, such as burglary. The decision of whether to charge also depends on whether the murder in Ms. Benton's death rests with Harris County District Attorney Johnny Holmes, whose county has notched the most death-penalty convictions in Texas.

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Suspected serial killer Angel Maturino Resendez, previously known as Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, is admitted into a Harris County courtroom by Sheriff Department Lt. J. Walker on a hearing Wednesday in Houston.

Of the 469 people on death row in Texas, 146 - about one-third - were sent there by Harris County. If Harris County were a state, it would rank third in the number of people on death row in the nation with 56. Virginia has one at 27.

After hiding out in Mexico, Maturino Resendez surrendered to a Texas Ranger team 21 days earlier Sunday in a deal brokered by his sister.

"It's still unclear why the man put himself in Mexico doesn't have the death penalty and doesn't remain susceptible to doubts when they may face the death penalty. But Mike Cox, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman, said Maturino Resendez may have feared

hanging himself. A \$25,000 reward had been offered for his capture.

Texas' hold on Maturino Resendez also might mean Kentucky and Illinois officials never get to prosecute him. Lexington, Ky., police Sgt. Mick Resendez said he hopes this is possible soon.

"I don't care if he gets the death penalty seven times," Resendez said. "I want him in Kentucky."

Maturino Resendez is thought to have been caught by trapping freight trains. All of the victims were killed near the tracks. Investigators have said they have no idea what motivated the killings.

Successful brain operation leaves Baltimore girl in fair condition

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE - A girl who had half her brain removed to prevent the spread of a deadly neurological disease should be able to live a normal life, free of the seizures that plagued her, doctors said Wednesday.

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rare disease that eats away at the brain tissue. A hemispherectomy, removing the damaged half, is often the only means of eliminating the seizures caused by the syndrome.

However, there was a risk she would lose her ability to speak. Doctors say it appears she will be OK, and that the right half of her brain should take over most of the functions lost by the removal of the left, including speech and fine motor movements.

limp in 1989, when she was 9. Two months later, she began to have seizures, often after exercise hours.

"We'll need to monitor her life with seizures," she said before the surgery. "Don't stress out, putting up with it."



The 15-year-old girl survived removal of her brain, U.S. National Institutes of Health says. She is in fair condition after surgery to remove half of her brain to stop the seizures that had plagued her.

Hagerman deals with propane tank leak

By Gina Hubler Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Janet Olinstead said she was sure 60 feet the fass was about over at the high school Tuesday afternoon, until an emergency worker appeared at her front door.

"They asked me if I wanted to evacuate and I did," the 85-year-old woman said Wednesday. "I just was visiting friends that's all but Tuesday's high temperature I did. It probably would have gone to see them anyway. There wasn't really anything to it."

Local emergency crews began a voluntary evacuation of Second Avenue North when the high school's 14,000-gallon liquid propane tank began spilling fuel. The tank was installed in April as part of the new high school's construction and sits just about 100 feet from Olinstead's property.

"The streets were roped off and we did have the police down here for a while," Olinstead said. "They were very helpful and I had no reason to be frightened."

The Hagerman Fire Protection District was dispatched to the area.

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Senate GOP defends limited HMO measure

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans, battling Democrats over patient rights, offered a series of modest alternatives on a woman's health, access to specialists, emergency room care and other popular proposals.

Holding firm for a second day, only a handful of Republicans have defected in a series of votes on the details of new patient protections. That's partly because Republicans answered - or promised to answer - popular Democratic proposals.

"That's why people are sticking together, because they know we are going to deliver on the substance," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a surgeon who is helping to lead the GOP effort. "That's the strategy."

Republicans defeated, 53-47, a Democratic plan to give patients access to needed specialists even if the specialists are outside a health plan's network. Republicans promised their own version, which would require "timely" specialist care, but not give patients the right to go outside a network.

Also, a day after defeating a Democratic measure on women's health, the Senate approved a GOP measure requiring health insurance companies to pay for overnight hospital stays when women are treated for breast cancer, if a doctor recommends it. While Democrats support that idea, all 45 of them voted no

because the GOP version, eliminated a Democratic amendment that would have allowed easier access to experimental treatments.

Democrats tried to get the Senate to include both provisions, but Republicans refused. Instead, Republicans promised to produce their own amendment on experimental treatments by Thursday.

"We'll deliver," Frist said, promising to fold some "very good" Democratic ideas into the final GOP bill.

Meanwhile, Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., was working with a handful of Democrats to fashion a compromise that incorporates much of what Democrats want. His spokesman, Nicholas Graham, said Chafee had four Republicans on board and would need just one more to reach 50 votes if all 45 Democrats went along.

On an issue that sharply divides the parties, the Senate refused to extend new HMO rules to all 161 million people with private health insurance on board and would need just one more to reach 50 votes if all 45 Democrats went along. Under the plan, states receiving the federal grants must provide an equal amount of money.

Clinton seeks to expand food-stamps availability

BALTIMORE (AP) - Seeking to encourage the fast-moving shift of Americans from welfare to work, President Clinton took steps Wednesday to help low-income families with jobs receive food stamps.

He said there still is "work to do to make sure that work pays. We are changing the rules so thousands of poor working families won't be denied food stamps, as they are today, just because they own a reliable car."

The president said the administration would streamline reporting rules for food stamp recipients and launch a national campaign "to make sure that working people know there is no indignity in taking public assistance to help feed their children if they're out there working 40 hours a week."

Only two of five working families eligible for food stamps actually apply for assistance and receive it, the White House said. The president spoke to the Democratic Leadership Council, the centrist political organization that he helped establish.

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President Clinton Promotes welfare to work

work requirements and time limits, welfare rolls have dropped from more than 5 million families in 1994 to just 2.7 million by the end of last year. However, studies show that many of the families still have trouble paying for food and other household bills.

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Funds would go for parks

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House wants to spend \$30 million to help states buy land for parks, though lawmakers would still provide far less than President Clinton wants for such purchases.

The House debated into late Wednesday on a \$14.1 billion measure financing the Interior Department and federal cultural programs. On Tuesday, lawmakers voted 213-202 to amend it by requiring that \$2.0 billion be spent for grants to all 50 states from the now-dormant land and

water conservation fund. Idaho Reps. Mike Simpson and Helen Chenoweth did not vote on the measure.

The fund has not distributed money to the states since 1994. It collects \$900 million annually from offshore oil and gas drilling leases. Sixty percent of the money is to be used for state grants and the rest for federal land acquisition.

Under the program, states receiving the federal grants must provide an equal amount of money.

Business groups seek changes in family leave act

WASHINGTON - A federal law giving employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave a year to recover from illness, care for a new child or nurse a sick family member is causing confusion in the workplace, business groups told a Senate subcommittee Wednesday.

They asked Congress to fix the 1993 family leave law before considering the Clinton administration's plan to expand it to cover more workers. But Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said he suspects some opposition is coming from employers who would prefer not to have to comply the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Aug. 5 will mark the sixth anniversary of the law, which was intended to help employees balance the demands of work and family life. The law applies to public agencies, public schools, and private employers with 50 or more workers. Employees must maintain health coverage for the duration of the leave, an average of about 10 days, said John T. Fraser, of the Labor Department.

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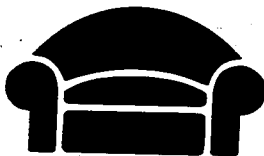
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Judge sets trial in suit over Davidians' fiery end

More than six years after the fiery deaths of 76 Branch Davidians at Waco, Texas, a federal judge has cleared the way for a civil trial to determine whether the FBI was negligent in its tank and tear gas assault on the apocalyptic sect headed by self-proclaimed messiah David Koresh.

The long-awaited order from U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. of Waco opens several questions that the government insisted were settled in various congressional hearings and voluminous official reports. While the judge threw out many of the claims in the suit, lawyers representing families of the dead Davidians persuaded him not to dismiss allegations that the FBI used "grossly excessive" force and showed a "reckless disregard for life" on April 19, 1993, when a 51-day standoff ended.

Smith said he would decide most of the issues at trial himself but that the allegations involving one FBI sniper's role must be decided by a jury. He set a trial date of Oct. 18.

"We were overjoyed and excited, and quite surprised by Judge Smith's opinion. All of our core issues survived," said Michael A. Caddell of Houston, one of the lawyers representing more than 200 Davidian relatives waiting the wrongful-death action. "I looked at that fire on the final day and said, 'This is not right.' That's what the case is about."

Runners in mountain race take a wrong turn, get lost
TAHOE CITY, Calif. — Sheriff's deputies rescued eight runners who were lost in the wilderness for 13 hours after they took a wrong turn during a rough-terrain race near Lake Tahoe.

Searchers on foot and in four-wheel-drive vehicles combed the thick-Sierra Nevada forest for the runners, who were found Tuesday night. The eight were among 45 competitors in the Race Across California Enviro, an event that combines running, mountain and road biking and kayaking. The race ends Friday in San Francisco.

Nation in brief

Some 38 runners took a wrong turn, but most returned to the correct route while it was still light.

Physicists add a new element to the periodic table

Russian physicists have created a new, super-heavy element that lasted a surprisingly long 30 seconds before disintegrating — long enough, they say, of the existence of an "island of stability."

Using an atom smasher to bombard platinum with calcium ions, the physicists created an element with an atomic weight of 114. The newest addition to the periodic table has yet to be named.

Ninety-four elements exist in nature. Scientists have spent 50 years creating elements in the lab, registering 21 so far. But some of the more recent elements were so unstable that they

Disappointed in millenials

Fanats helped Air Force remodel officer's kitchen

WASHINGTON — Nearly \$270,000 in kitchen renovations at the home of the superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy were made using money normally earmarked for day-to-day military operations and maintenance.

The expenditure was not submitted for congressional approval, and critics in Congress have complained to the Air Force that the arrangement appeared to be an end run around congressional scrutiny.

"I don't like it. It looks like kind of a creative accounting setup," Rep. Joel Bevilacqua, R-Colo., chairman of the House Military Construction subcommittee, said Tuesday.

Redd-wip founder Aaron Remy Lapin dies at 85
LOS ANGELES — Aaron

"Bunny" Lapin, who put whipped cream in a spray can a half-century ago and called it Redd-wip, turning a dessert topping into a symbol of postwar America's drive for convenience, has died at 85.

Lapin died Saturday of heart failure at a Los Angeles hospital. Redd-wip was first sold in 1948 by St. Louis milkman and quickly expanded throughout the United States and Canada.

Lapin was soon dubbed the Whipped Cream King, and last year Time magazine listed Redd-wip as one of the century's 100 great things for consumers, along with the pop-top car and Spam.

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EDITORIAL

Draft documents move in right direction on CAFOs

It might not be ideal, but a draft set of statewide rules to govern confined animal feeding operations in Idaho is good first step. In a related vein, a draft statement from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce on agricultural regulations is an affirmation that the Magic Valley's economy is and will continue to be tied to agriculture in its many forms.

Cynics might dismiss the chamber's position on the rules as irrelevant, but we believe it is highly relevant. Local ag producers and ag processors know they're on solid ground when the Magic Valley's local leaders pledge their support for agriculture. It helps keep big operators in the area, and it assures future operators that this is a good place to do business.

In the case of dairies, that's big business for the Magic Valley. Local dairies pump millions of dollars into the local economy, which means farmers selling more hay, real estate agents selling more houses, car dealers selling more vehicles, and restaurants selling more meals. In some way, all that economic activity probably touches your life.

The Twin Falls chamber meets next week to discuss the proposed ag policy statement. We think it sends the right message.

It begins by noting that the chamber "... recognizes the positive economic contribution of agriculture and agricultural processing to the Magic Valley and encourages the responsible development of both. Further, that the people and businesses in our community have a responsibility to future generations to provide a viable economic base and a clean environment."

This is an appropriate message for the Magic Valley's economic leaders to send.

Meanwhile, the rules being developed by a statewide task force are coming under fire from environmentalists

who complain of loopholes as big as Noah's Ark. For example, the draft regulations wouldn't affect hog farms smaller than 5,000 pigs, or poultry farms with fewer than 200,000 chickens.

On the other hand, environmentalists concede that the draft rules prescribe significant protective measures.

Nutrient management plans, construction and closure plans, and public involvement in state review of proposed confined animal feeding operations are all included in the draft.

Is there room for more give and take? Certainly. But it's important to note that the ag processing industry has a hand in shaping these regulations, and the industry won't consent to stifling restrictions.

Furthermore, there should be no discrimination among ag industries based on the product. The family-owned cat or sheep operation should abide by the same standards as dairies, cattle feed lots, and hog and poultry operations.

Standards should be set at the state level, but determining whether a location is suitable is a job for individual counties to decide. Zoning laws are an important tool for that job. Agricultural operations, including ag processors, should be allowed to exist in areas zoned for agriculture.

Strictly interpreted, ag zones are for agricultural operations and residential zones are for residential homes. A more-realistic interpretation is that people who live in ag zones, but don't want ag neighbors, are being unrealistic.

It is not fair to agriculture when folks who play down a home in an ag zone can prohibit what ag zoning would otherwise permit. The chamber of commerce should voice its support for the broad principles of agriculture and ag processing as outlined in its draft statement.

...the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.



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Mainstream voters support gun control

TOM W. SMITH

The public's support for firearms regulation and gun-safety measures is not a temporary reaction to the school shootings in Littleton and elsewhere. After three years of surveying public opinion on guns, the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago (NORC) has confirmed that even before the horrendous school massacre, majorities backed all measures to control guns short of banning ownership outright. The NORC surveys show that the shootings have not created a transitional and unreflective bubble of public opinion for gun control but rather have focused political attention on the problem of gun violence and have revealed that a public consensus already exists.

The attitudes show up clearly in three national surveys conducted annually by the NORC. These surveys reveal that the public supports a wide range of policies designed to regulate firearms, promote gun safety and keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

Gun safety in particular concerns the vast majority of people. Parents worry about their children being around unsafe stored guns, and parents (as well as adults in general) want laws to require safe storage and to hold owners liable for injuries resulting from unsafe storage. Finally, people want to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and to punish those who misuse guns. Again, these results have been consistently over three years of surveying national samples of Americans.

Just as automobiles are registered, drivers are licensed, and tax sales are recorded and documented, Americans—including most gun owners—believe there should be a set of commonsense regulations to control firearms. These results are being consistently over three years of surveying national samples of Americans.

stands in the way of most proposed policies to regulate guns, increase gun safety and bar criminals from obtaining guns. They are not ready, however, to treat guns like tobacco and to hold their manufacturers liable for injuries that result from firearms.

Regarding the general regulation of firearms, majorities of up to 90 percent back all measures except those that call for the outright outlawing of guns or restricting them only to police officers and other authorized persons.

Support for safety measures is even stronger, with large majorities consistently supporting all safety-related policies including: (1) technological measures to make guns safer (childproofing, personal locks, magazine safeties and load indicators), (2) tougher general safety standards for the design and manufacture of guns, (3) mandatory safe-storage requirements, (4) the training of all gun owners and (5) miscellaneous safety-promoting measures such as holding manufacturers liable for defects in design and production.

Also, a consensus prevails that those convicted of various misdemeanors should be prohibited from purchasing guns and that the illegal use of guns should be severely punished.

Finally, over the past two years public support for most gun-control measures has risen and the pro-control majority has further solidified.

People are very concerned about gun-safety issues. First, by 54 to 39.5 percent (with 7 percent unsure or in between) people believe that permissive, conceal-carrying laws would lessen rather than increase safety. Second, parents are very concerned about letting their child go to a household that contains a gun. A majority

of parents (68 percent) approve of a visit only if guns are both locked away and unloaded. Approvals falls to 7 percent if the weapons are not locked away and are loaded. Third, most Americans do not own a gun for the purpose of protection. Sixty percent do not have a gun in their house, and 23 percent have a gun but did not acquire it even partially for protection against crime. Only 16 percent have a gun obtained for the purpose of protection. Nine percent of Americans have carried a handgun away from home in the past year, and just 5 percent have carried a weapon for the purpose of self-protection.

Support for gun-control measures (general restrictions, safety enhancements and limitations on criminals) is highest among those who do not personally own guns, those more knowledgeable about both the use and misuse of guns and gun-control laws, those concerned about crime and who see crime as increasing, those never ticketed or arrested by the police, women and those with more confidence in government in general.

But support for most gun-control measures is high even among those groups that are less in favor of gun control. In particular, a majority of those who personally own a gun endorses 10 of 17 general regulation policies, 14 of 15 safety measures, and all 7 steps to deny guns to criminals or punish their misuse of guns.

These numbers make clear that there is a consistent, mainstream view about guns and safety, a perspective that is not particularly controversial. As legislators consider laws dealing with the issue of guns, they cannot be well served by considering these opinions.

Tom W. Smith is director of the General Social Survey at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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Don't extend Fillmore Street

I would like to comment on the editorial in the July 9 edition regarding the extension of Fillmore Street. I wonder where the author of that column lives. Does he have to worry about walking out into his back yard to traffic comparable to Blue Lakes? What if his back yard was, for 25 years, a beautiful and quiet park-like setting with mature trees all around, and the City Council was contemplating cutting down 54 of those trees and placing a busy street there instead? Some homes (nearly 600) live in the proposed area which will have traffic on three sides of their homes, as though they were perched on an intersection island, and others will have to live with a busy street just a couple of feet from their bedroom windows. "Building a wall to shield a few

back yards" is not going to resolve the loss of quality of life for the homeowners in that area. What a heartless, uncompassionate statement to make!

The City Council meetings revealed who is the most interested in this development. Almost all of the people who are for it are business owners who will make a profit. Those opposed are the people who stand to lose a lot, the homeowners. Please do not think that I am against business making a profit or seeing our city grow and develop. I like to shop and choices and variety are important to me also. I just do not believe that we have to destroy some of this city's most beautiful trees, recreation and historical areas to do so.

Please consider another plan!
DIANE REYNOLDS
Twin Falls

Gun laws are not unconstitutional

If gun control is unconstitutional as the National Rifle Association hierarchy insists, why do they cover at the prospect of legislation they distrust? Perhaps because the "right" they so ardently defend, symbolizing as it does the rock upon which their wealth and power are founded, would be in jeopardy. Despite their protestations to the contrary, no such law has ever been struck down on constitutional grounds. As a matter of fact, former solicitor general Erwin Griswold said, in part: "That the Second Amendment poses no barrier to strong gun laws is perhaps the most well-settled proposition in American constitutional law."

Former president George Bush and retired Gen. "Stompin'" Norman Schwarzkopf have added their names to an ever-

growing list of longtime members who have resigned from NRA.

Charlton Heston, no doubt savoring his role as leader of the faithful, has raised his voice in righteous indignation against those who will not prostrate themselves before the NRA altar. His strong words notwithstanding, however, he did not fetch them etched in stone from atop your mountain.

GIL ESTES
Mountain Home

Fees keep people off public land

A stake in the grass razing. A warning not to pass. There are no trespassing signs at the entrance to our land. Smokey Bear says, "pay me" and the park ranger is now a parking attendant.

There was opposition when the "tax"

fee was \$5. Now it is \$15. What is going on? Are last year's issues resolved? No, they are magnified. This fee is a fence, keeping people out.

Sheep ranchers pay 27 cents a month to graze an animal on public land. More than 50 sheep will foul the land and pollute the water for a month's time before the equivalent of one annual fee is due.

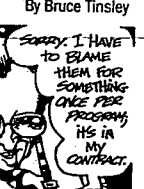
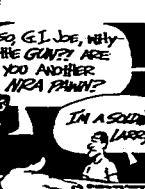
Congress established a way to extract more money and declared a user fee the solution for years of public land neglect. They call it a test and not a tax and expect no one to notice they are the same. What a fraud this is. Tax relief. Budget surpluses. The money is there. The thing to do is repeal this law and fund our public lands accordingly.

This is not the land of the fee. This is the land of the Free.
BEN SCHEPPS
Haley

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

By Garry Trudeau

Hillary's campaign is a race of convenience

The Constitution is such a wonderful document that occasionally it is good to consult it for some insight on how the Founders believed this country should operate. Concerning the possible Senate candidacy of Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Constitution offers special wisdom and instruction.



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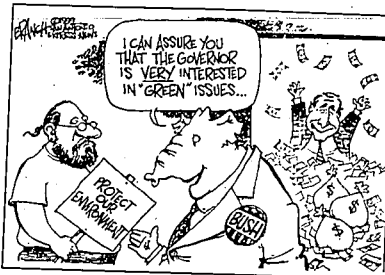
our keeper as well as our savior, and she will tax authority (literally and figuratively) to impose her utopian vision.

Michael Barone summed up her philosophy in the July 12 U.S. News and World Report: "The pattern is clear: rule making for others, rule breaking for herself."

The Founders wanted to ensure the sovereignty of the states. Mrs. Clinton would like to become a sovereign from New York State. The ultimate objective is the White House.

"New York is a place of miracles and disasters," says the 1996 issue of "The Almanac of American Politics." It may take a miracle for Hillary Rodham Clinton to win the Senate seat if she decides to run. It would be a disaster for the state and the nation if she wins.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.



LETTER

Applaud the Nampa Library

I am appalled at the attitude displayed in Mr. Kelly Walton's recent letter.

Mr. Walton puts up a facade of defending Idaho's values. Many people in this state would not equate "Idaho's values" with Mr. Walton and his organization's values. His group lobbied heavily for Proposition 1, which was defeated by a vote of the people of this state. Again, his group's perspective is not the majority in the current debate concerning library books that address non-traditional families.

The Nampa Library is applauded

for standing firm to protect our rights to make a choice about what we and our children read. Organizations such as the Magic Valley Human Relations Council and the Interfaith Alliance of Idaho promote the honorable principles of compassion, justice and tolerance. These groups encourage acceptance rather than hatred. They honor diversity and provide people with opportunities to disagree amicably. One of Jesus' most admirable qualities was love and acceptance for all people. Support the many people in Idaho that uphold these values.

RHONDA LEACH SCHIAFF
Twin Falls

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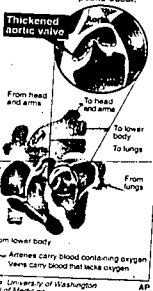
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NATION

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Baseball is in a state of chaos.”

—Richie Phillips, chief of the Major League Baseball umpires' union

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
IGA Women's State Amateur in Boise (Eagle Hills G.C.)

American League baseball

Kimbrel at Berkeley (2), 4 p.m.
Idaho Falls Reds at Twin Falls (2), 5 p.m.
Idaho Falls Russians at Minico (2), 3:30 p.m.
Bohler at Twin Falls A, 5:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Two golfers, two holes and two aces

TWIN FALLS — Rich Birrell and Richfield's Dallas Ward carded holes-in-one at the same course on the same day Tuesday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Birrell's ace came on the 152-yard No. 14. The 6-iron shot was witnessed by Gary Burkett, Carl Sklaros and Wes Starlin.

Ward used a 7-iron on the 152-yard sixth hole for his first ace, in front of Craig Ward and Darlene Sand.

Open roping will come to Jerome on Friday

JEROME — The Jerome Roping Club will hold an open roping session Saturday at the Jerome County Fairgrounds beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Cost is four for \$10, capped at a No. 4. For more information, call Gordon Goren 324-7251, or Pete Thompson at 324-8047.

Claiborn aces No. 16 at Jackpot tournament

JACKPOT, Nev. — Golfer Kirt L. Claiborn, competing in the 14th annual Valley Rowdies Tournament on Wednesday at the Jackpot Golf Club, aced the 154-yard No. 16.

The hole-in-one was the first for Claiborn, who used an 8-iron on the shot. Witnesses were Ron Jarvis, Mark Howard, Bob Mai and Steve Stanger.

Ponderosa will offer short-game golf school

BURLEY — PGA professional Earl Simpson and Ponderosa Golf Course will offer a three-day short-game school for intermediate and advanced golfers July 19-21.

Classes begin at 6 p.m. and all phases of the short game will be covered. Registration is \$40.

For more information, call 678-5730.

Jerome CC plans events for men and women

JEROME — Several busy weeks are on tap at Jerome Country Club.

A two-lady best ball will take place July 21. The 18-hole tournament begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. Cost per team is \$50, with carts available for another \$20. Gross and net will be paid for each flight. A 10-shot spread is the maximum between teammates.

Also, the country club's 20th annual men's scramble and best ball is slated for July 31-Aug. 1. Entry fees for the two-day event are \$100 per team, with a maximum seven-stroke lead between teammates. The field is limited to the first 80 teams.

Paid entries for either event may be brought to the pro shop, or mailed to course professional John Peterson, P.O. Box 484, Jerome, 83338. For more information, call the pro shop at 324-5281.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

West beats East

Holdsclaw injury dampens 'other' All-Star contest

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — One day after baseball played the oldest All-Star game in sports, the WNBA played the newest one at sold-out Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

With five members of the women's World Cup soccer championship team cheering both teams, the Western Conference stars defeated the Eastern Conference 79-61 in the first-ever WNBA All-Star game.

The game had a significant casualty, however, when Chamique Holdsclaw of the Washington Mystics suffered a chip fracture on her left index finger and sat out the second half. She will be re-examined by Mystics team doctors on Thursday.

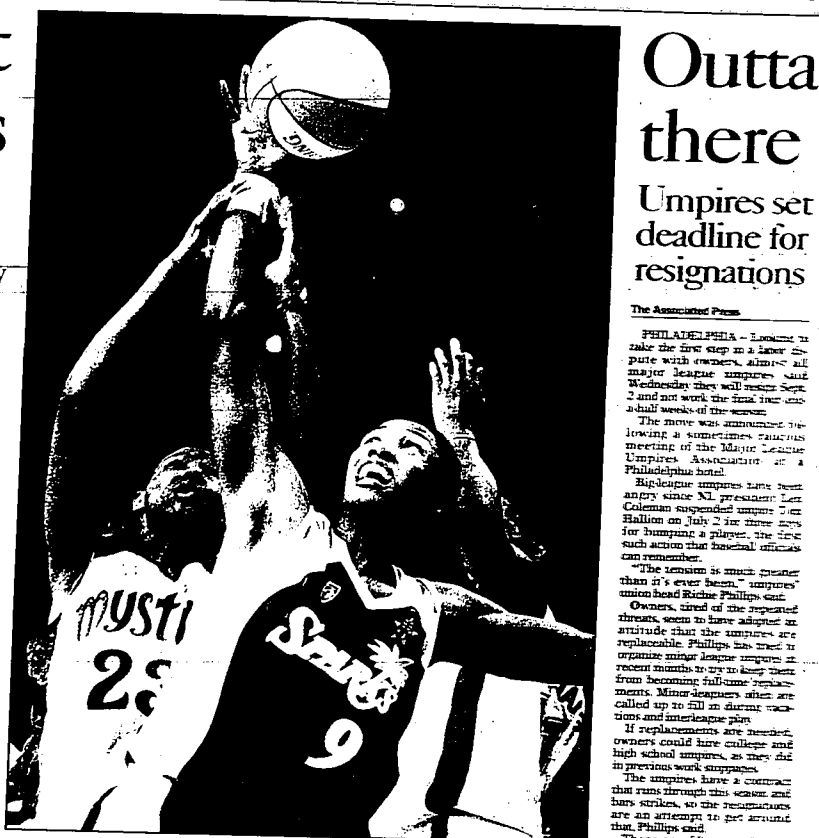
In contrast to the guys, the women included some defense in a showcase game that included a full supply of layups and breakaways, 3-pointers and no-look passes.

But sorry, still no dunks. There never has been one of those basketball exclamation points in the three years of the WNBA and even with the league's best players assembled, that didn't change.

Still, the women dangled a star-studded crowd of 18,645 that included Garden course regular Spike Lee and the soccer champions.

Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes led a 10-0 spurt at the start of the game. After a basket by Holdsclaw interrupted that run, the West upped its early lead to 17-2.

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half, she jammed her left index finger and X-rays revealed the fracture.

Once the East got going, it cut the West lead to a single basket as Taj McWilliams and Shannon Johnson led the comeback.

With 4.5 minutes left in the half, the lead was down to a single basket at 31-29. The West

took off again, as Yolanda Griffith and Leslie led a 12-0 spurt that included a breakaway by Swoopes with 17 seconds left in the half.

As she closed in on the East basket, it seemed the night try for that elusive first dunk.

But she settled for a layup instead.

Cowboys, Spartans both sweep

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Two Magic Valley American Legion baseball teams had their way with county opponents from Idaho, Falls Wednesday, as the Twin Falls Cowboys and Minico Spartans each ended the evening with two-game sweeps.

American Legion
At Frontier Field, Thompson's two-run single broke open a 5-5 tie.

early game, Jake Robertson tripled three times in the nightcap, and Tyler Warburton and Eric Rambo each led complete games to lead the Cowboys to a pair of 7-5 wins over the Russians.

At Warburton Field, Casey Jensen and Andy Coe pitched the distance, James Dany delivered a pair of home runs — the second a grand slam — and Spitz topped the Reds twice in five innings, 11-1 and 15-3.

Powered by a succession of five base hits and a walk, Twin Falls (13-5 in conference, 24-15 overall) struck first to take a 5-0 lead in its opener. Starter Eric Rambo led the Russians scoreless through two innings, then overcame two shaky innings for a 7-5 win.

"He struggled there in the third and fourth," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico. "But



Scotland's Colin Montgomerie tees off Wednesday during his practice round for the 128th British Open at Carnoustie, Scotland.

Garcia's identity crisis ends on British course

The Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Move over Seve, here comes Sergio.

First, Sergio Garcia took the title of Spain's best golfer from Seve Ballesteros. Now, he wants to be known mostly by his first name, just like his idol.

If he has his way, he may soon have something else in common with Ballesteros — his name on the list of British Open champions.

"Inside of me I feel it's going to be a great Open championship," the 29-year-old said. "Let's see if I can have another good week this week."

Coming off the hottest pro start since Tiger Woods a few years back, Garcia finds himself a center

British Open

A brief look at the 128th British Open, which begins today and concludes on Sunday.
Cl Site: Carnoustie Golf Links.
Cl Defending champion: Mark O'Meara.
Cl Course: Opened in 1942 as a 10-hole course expanded to present form in 1967.
Cl Length: 7,361 yards, par 71.
Cl Purse: Approximately \$3 million.
Cl Television (all times EDT): Today-Friday, 7 a.m. to noon. ESPN, Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. ABC, Sunday, 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ABC.

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American Armstrong extends lead at Tour de France

The Associated Press

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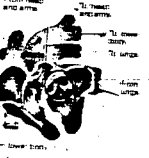
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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ Baseball is in a state of chaos.”
— *Richie Phillips, chief of the Major League Baseball umpires' union*

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
PGA Women's Sun Amateur in Boca (East-HB, GC)
American Legion baseball
Kimbark at Rocky Mt. 4pm
Lubbock Falls Rock at Twin Falls Co. 5pm
Lubbock Falls Rams at Minico Co. 5:30pm
Bella at Twin Falls A. 5:30pm

IN BRIEF

Two golfers, two holes and two aces

TWIN FALLS — Rich Borell and Richfield's Dallas Ward carded holes-in-one at the same course on the same day Tuesday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.
Borell's ace came on the 152-yard No. 14. The 6-iron shot was witnessed by Gary Barkert, Carl Sklaros and Wes Stearns.
Ward used a 7-iron on the 152-yard sixth hole for his first ace, in front of Craig Ward and Dedece Sand.

Open roping will come to Jerome on Friday

JEROME — The Jerome Roping Club will hold an open roping session Saturday at the Jerome County Fairgrounds beginning at 7:30 p.m.
Cost is four for \$10, capped at a No. 7. For more information, call Gordon Grove 324-7251, or Pete Thompson at 324-8047.

Claborn aces No. 16 at Jackpot tournament

JACKPOT, Nev. — Goffert Kurt L. Claborn, competing in the 14th annual Valley Rowdies Tournament on Wednesday at Jackpot Golf Club, aced the 154-yard No. 16.

The hole-in-one was a first for Claborn, who used an 8-iron on the shot. Witnesses were Bob Jarvis, Mark Howard, Bob Mai and Steve Stanger.

Ponderosa will offer short-game golf school

BURLEY — PGA professional Earl Simpson and Ponderosa Golf Course will offer a three-day short-game school for intermediate and advanced golfers July 19-21.
Classes begin at 6 p.m. and all phases of the short game will be covered. Registration is \$40.
For more information, call 678-5730.

Jerome CC plans events for men and women

JEROME — Several busy weeks are on tap at Jerome Country Club.
A two-day beer ball will take place July 21. The 15-hole tournament begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. Cost per team is \$50, with carts available for another \$20. Gross and net will be paid for each flight. A 10-shot speed is the maximum between teammates.
Also, the country club's 20th annual men's scramble and beer ball is slated for July 31-Aug. 1. Entry fees for the two-day event are \$200 per team, with a maximum seven-scramble lead between teammates. The field is limited to the first 80 teams.
For either event, further event may be brought to the pro shop, or mailed to course professional John Peterson, P.O. Box 484, Jerome, 83338. For more information, call the pro shop at 324-5281.

West beats East

Holdsclaw injury dampens 'other' All-Star contest

NEW YORK — One day after baseball played the oldest All-Star game in sports, the WNBA played the newest one at Gill-Net Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

With five members of the women's World Cup soccer championship team cheering both teams, the Western Conference stars defeated the Eastern stars 75-61 in the first-ever WNBA All-Star game.

The game had a significant casualty, however, when Chamique Holdsclaw of the Washington Mystics suffered a chip fracture on her left index finger and sat out the second half. She will be re-examined by Mystics team doctors on Thursday.

In contrast to the guys, the women included some defense in a showcase game that included a full supply of layups and breakaways, 3-pointers and no-look passes.

But scary, still no dunks. There never has been one of those basketball exclamation points in the three years of the WNBA and even with the league's best players assembled, that didn't change.

SEI, the women dizzied a star-studded crowd of 18,645 that included Garden outside regular Spike Lee and the soccer champions.

The players were there to have some fun and there were plenty of grins all around. And a few floor burns, too, as the women lunged madly after loose balls.

The West led from the start, opening the margin to as much as 20 points and seeing it shrink to a few at no but never yielding to the East stars.

Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes led a 10-0 spurt at the start of the game. After a basket by Holdsclaw interrupted that run, the West upped its early lead to 17-2.

Holdsclaw's basket was the only one the East scored in the first 6.5 minutes. Later in the



Western Conference All-Star Lisa Leslie (9) of the Los Angeles Sparks grabs the ball as Eastern Conference All-Star Chamique Holdsclaw (23) of the Washington Mystics looks on Wednesday during the WNBA All-Star game in New York.

Outta there

Umpires set deadline for resignations

PHILADELPHIA — Looking to take the first step in a labor dispute with owners, almost all major league umpires said Wednesday they will resign Sept. 2 and not work the final four-and-a-half weeks of the season.

The move was announced following a sometimes raucous meeting of the Major League Umpires Association at a Philadelphia hotel.

Big-league umpires have been angry since NL president Len Coleman suspended umpire Tom Hallion on July 2 for three days for jumping a player, the first such action that baseball officials can remember.

"The tension is much greater than it's ever been," umpires' union head Richie Phillips said. Owners, tired of the repeated threats, seem to have adopted an attitude that the umpires are replaceable. Phillips has tried to organize minor league umpires in recent months to try to keep them from becoming full-time replacements. Minor-leaguers often are called up to fill in during vacations and interleague play.

The umpires have a contract that runs through this season and bars strikes, so the resignations are an attempt to get around that, Phillips said.

There are 68 major league umpires, and 57 of them attended the meeting. The other 11 were expected to announce their resignations in the next few days.

Phillips said the umpires at the meeting originally voted to go on strike and mediate but then changed their vote and decided to resign instead.

"The purpose of this meeting was to address quarrels with baseball," Phillips said. "We wanted to come here to address those grievances."

None of the umpires would comment following the four-hour meeting.

The decision came a day after the All-Star game at Boston's Fenway Park.

In 1995, umpires were locked out and missed the first 86 games of the regular season. They also struck and missed the first seven weeks of the 1979 season and the first seven games of the 1985 playoffs.

Phillips said umpires would form a new corporation on Sept. 2. The AL and NL would have to contract for umpires' services with the new body and the umpires would supervise themselves.

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finger, she jammed her left index finger and X-rays revealed the fracture.

Once the East got going, it cut the West lead to a single basket as Taj McWilliams and Shannon Johnson led the comeback.

With 4.5 minutes left in the half, the lead was down to a single basket at 31:29. The West

took off again, as Yolanda Griffith and Leslie led a 12-0 spurt that included a breakaway by Swoopes with 17 seconds left in the half.

As she closed in on the East basket, it seemed she might try for that elusive first dunk.

But she settled for a layup instead.

Garcia's identity crisis ends on British course

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Move over Seve, here comes Sergio.

First, Sergio Garcia took the title of Spain's best golfer from Seve Ballesteros. Now, he wants to be known mostly by his first name, just like his idol.

If he has his way, he may soon have something else in common with Ballesteros — his name on the list of British Open champions.

"Inside of me I feel it's going to be a great Open championship," the 19-year-old said. "Let's see if I can have another good week this week."

Coming off the hottest, pro start since Tiger Woods a few years back, Garcia finds himself a cen-

ter of attention at the Carnoustie Golf Links in just his third British Open.

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Scotland's Colin Montgomerie tees off Wednesday during his practice round for the 128th British Open at Carnoustie, Scotland.

British Open

A brief look at the 128th British Open, which begins today and concludes on Sunday:
□ Site: Carnoustie Golf Links.
□ Defending champ: Mark O'Meara.
□ Course: Opened in 1842 as a 10-hole course; expanded to present form in 1867.
□ Length: 7,361 yards, par 71.
□ Prize: Approximately \$3 million.
□ Television (all times MST): Today-Friday, 7 a.m. to noon. ESPN, Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. ABC, Sunday, 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ABC.

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Cowboys, Spartans both sweep

TWIN FALLS — Two Magic Valley American Legion baseball teams had their way with counterparts from Idaho Falls Wednesday, as the Twin Falls Cowboys and Minico Spartans each ended the evening with two-game sweeps.

At Frontier Field, Ben Thompson's two-run single brought the Cowboys a 5 tie in the early game. Jake Robertson tripled three times in the night cap, and Tyler Robertson and Eric Rambo each hurled complete games to lead the Cowboys to a pair of 7-5 wins over the Broncos.

At Warburton Field, Casey Jensen and Andy Coats each pitched the distance, James Hays held the Spartans to a pair of home runs — the second a game — and the Spartans topped the Reds twice in five innings, 11-1 and 15-3.

Pounded by a succession of five base hits and a walk, Twin Falls (13-5 in conference, 24-15 overall) struck first to take a 5-0 lead in its opener. Starter Eric Rambo held the Reds scoreless through two innings, then overcame two shaky innings for a 7-5 win.

"He struggled there in the third and fourth," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico. "But please see LEGION, Page B2

The Tour

What's happening at the 86th Tour de France:
□ Wednesday's stages: 220.5 kilometers between Senoies, Italy, and the ski resort of L'Alpe d'Huez.
□ Winner: Italy's Giuseppe Guerini, riding for Deutsche Telekom, won in 6 hours, 42 minutes, 31 seconds.
□ Overall standings: Armstrong, holding the yellow jersey, extended his lead to a commanding 7 minutes, 42 seconds. Spain's Abraham Olano is second, Zule third.

L'Alpe d'Huez, France

— Lance Armstrong won a mountain man for another day, extending his lead in the Tour de France while quelling questions of drug use, should his astonishing run.

The strong performance by the 27-year-old Texan on Wednesday came as Italy's Giuseppe Guerini recovered from a crash with a photo-snapping fan to capture the 10th stage of cycling's premier race.



Overall leader Lance Armstrong of the United States (center foreground) won the 10th stage of the Tour de France, Wednesday.

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SPORTS

Season's first half is one to forget for the Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Despite a strong start and fast finish, the first half of the season has been a total disaster for the Los Angeles Dodgers, who have proven to be one of the worst teams money can buy so far this year.

"I want to completely forget about the first half, to tell you the truth," said catcher Todd Hundley, one of the many disappointments on one of baseball's highest-paid stars through 86 games. "We're not worried about the total picture, we're worried about the next game."

That comes tonight, when the Dodgers return from the All-Star break to open a three-game interleague series at Anaheim. Dodger hopes were high before the season, and understandably so. General manager Kevin Malone shelled out plenty of the Fox Group's money, much of it to Kevin Brown, to produce a winner, and there was even talk of a World Series appearance from a team that hasn't won a postseason game since 1988.

Raul Mondesi hit two dramatic homers on opening day to trigger a 5-1 start, and it appeared the Dodgers were on their way. However, they struggled soon thereafter and the four-game winning streak they took into the break wasn't enough to get them out of last place in the NL West.

"The other teams are outperforming us," first-year manager Davey Johnson admitted. "We need to change that. I think we're missing, but all of us press when things don't go our way."

"It's been painful, no doubt," Johnson's previous teams finished first or second in all 10 seasons he managed a full season. That streak is in serious jeopardy, since the NL West Dodgers (39-47) trail the NL West-leading San Francisco Giants by 10 games with 76 remaining.

Statistics tell much of the story. The Dodgers are next-to-last in the NL in team batting average (.263), 12th in runs scored (397), and 14th in on-base percentage (.336).

That might be acceptable if the pitching was up to usual Dodger standards. It's not even close. The team ERA of 4.58 ranks 10th in the NL, and would be the highest since the franchise moved to Los Angeles from Brooklyn 41 years ago if the season ended today.

In fact, the staff ERA has been over 4.00 just three times since the team moved — 4.47 in 1958, 4.04 in 1961, and 4.17 in 1984.

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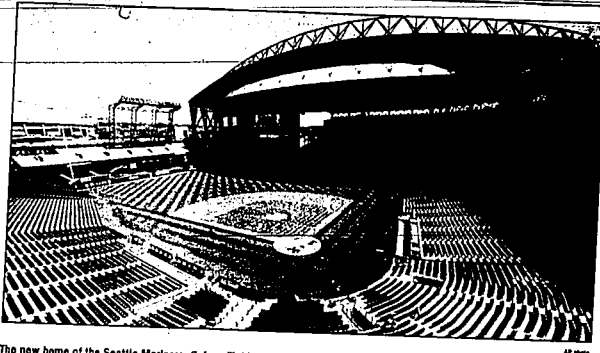
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The new home of the Seattle Mariners, Safeco Field, is ready for action today in Seattle.

RAISE THE ROOF Mariners open new Safeco Field today

SEATTLE (AP) — Finally, Seattle baseball fans will get to see green grass and blue skies. And when the skies turn sooty, they get to watch the roof close over their heads. Safeco Field, a \$517.6 million project featuring a retractable roof, kicks off a new era of major league baseball in the Pacific Northwest today.

After watching their team play inside for 22.5 seasons in the tumbled and dingy Kingdome, the Mariners will begin play in Sound's Elliott Bay. The first four home games, including tonight's opener against the San Diego Padres, are sold out and the other four games of the first Safeco homestand are selling out fast.

When the roof is open, as it's expected to be this week, fans can view Seattle's scenic skyline. And for the first time in their 22.5-year history, the Mariners will field at home on natural grass, not AstroTurf.

Whether Ken Griffey Jr. and the team's other sluggers will miss the carry and relatively short fences of the Kingdome is another story. Safeco Field has bigger dimensions than the cozy Kingdome and the move across the street is expected to cut the Mariners' prolific home run numbers.

Still, the increased fan interest could provide the revenue to help keep Griffey and Alex Rodriguez in Seattle when they become free agents after the 2000 season.

For the Mariners feel they've got a 47,000-seat home now to match Camden Yards in Baltimore, Coors Field in Denver, Jacobs Field in Cleveland, Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix and the Ballpark in Arlington, Texas.

Left-hander Jamie Moyer (8-5) will pitch the Safeco opener against the Padres and All-Star pitcher Andy Ashby (8-4).

The stadium is drawing rave reviews. The fans love its features and the fact that they won't have to watch baseball indoors anymore.

Legion

Continued from B1 he just turned it around in the fifth. In the evening contest, a two-run first gave the Russetts their only lead of the day before the Cowboys caught fire. Tyler Warburton finished with a complete-game win.

nically with Jensen's 2-for-4, three-RBI performance at the plate and Daltari's 2-for-3, two-RBI outing. In the later game, Mincio scored in each of his four innings at bat.

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British

Continued from B1 Open and his first as a pro. Large crowds followed him and Ballesteros during a practice pairing Wednesday and a young air-thrust program and hats at him to sign as he walked between holes.

Enough of them called the teenage sensation "Mr. Garcia" to prompt Garcia to address the crowd on the subject of his name afterward.

"If you don't mind, I like you to call me Sergio in the media if it possible, because I feel much better than Garcia," he said. "You know, it is how I like all the people to call me."

That doesn't mean, Garcia tried to clarify later, that he wants to be known only by one name, like some Brazilian soccer star.

"I like to be recognized as Sergio or Sergio Garcia, but not as Garcia, just," he said. "Whatever he's called, Garcia is about as hot as Woods as he tees off in his first major tourna-

ment as a pro. After finishing as low amateur at the Masters, Garcia turned pro and promptly shot a 67 in his first round. He's had two 62s already, one when he finished 3rd at the GTE Byron Nelson, and is coming off his first win two weeks ago at the Irish Open followed by a second last week at Loch Lomond.

He hit the ball long and puts very well. More importantly, he's got great imagination, as he showed Wednesday by turning around and playing a sand wedge left handed to avoid having to stand deep in a greenside bunker.

"I've been preparing for this for three or four years," Garcia said. "Now I realize I can win some tournaments."

Garcia, who has yet to get either a high school diploma or a driver's license, is an 18-1 pick by British bookies who are so taken with the young sensation that they put up a separate "El Niño Performance" index that bettors can wager on.

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for 'WNBA standings' and 'AL standings'. Lists basketball team records.

AL standings

Table with columns for 'AL standings' and 'NL standings'. Lists baseball team records.

CYCLING

Table with columns for 'Tour de France'. Lists cyclist names and times.

TENNIS

Table with columns for 'World Team Tennis'. Lists tennis player names and stats.

Polish Open

Table with columns for 'Polish Open'. Lists tennis player names and stats.

Tour

Continued from B1 haunts cycling, Armstrong was subjected to innuendo in the French press regarding his great success.

"Stupefying Armstrong," was the headline of Wednesday's France-Sport tabloid, referring to Armstrong's emphatic victory of the Alps the day before.

The sports newspaper L'Equipe's headline, above a picture of Armstrong, read: "On Another Planet." Inside, another said: "Hallucinating Armstrong," — another play on words, because the French word also means "great" or "fantastic."

Last year, a drug scandal brought the race to a temporary halt and enveloped the sport. Fifty-one riders took blood tests Wednesday, and all were negative.

Armstrong, who has made a remarkable recovery from testicular cancer, said Wednesday he was aware of the rumors. Yes, they have many questions," he said after the race, in which he finished fifth, extending his lead to 7 minutes, 42 seconds.

"It's incredible that they print this. Why do they print this? He said of reports he's tested positive for drugs. "They don't print it."

He said his success was a result of hard work, preparation and luck. For instance, he came to the mountains and tested each rider — something few other riders have done.

Armstrong's doctor in the United States, Dr. Lawrence Escartin, told The Associated Press: "It's a very interesting story, you wouldn't believe it."

Wednesday's stage was 138 miles, full of steep climbs on the Alpe d'Huez in France.

Pavel Tonkov of Russia came in second, 21 seconds behind Guerin. Spain's Fernando Escartin finished third for the second straight day and Alex Zülle of Switzerland came in fourth.

Amazingly, Guerin smashed into a fan who was trying to get a close-up photograph of the rider from the middle of the road.

"Suddenly, I went from the most beautiful moment of my life to the worst," said Guerin. "I thought I'd lost the race. But I saw I had a few seconds advantage over the others, so I went out."

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RANGERS



The Rupert Rangers won the championship at the Madison Grand Slam Tournament in Rexburg on June 23-25. The team competed against 25 teams before beating the Madison Cats in the championship game, 2-1. Members of the team are left to right, front row: Sean Konrad, bat boy; Dallas Garner; Kevin Kilroy; Miguel Escobedo; Frank Yagy; Brian Gillespie; and Jordan Crafton; and back row: Greg Christensen, Salvador Juarez, Michael Konrad, James Tracy, Sheldon Mallory and Cory Warburton; and coaches Dennis Christensen, Leland Tracy and Dennis Warburton.

REBELS



The Rupert Rebels placed second in the 9-10 year old division of the Rexburg All-Star Tournament June 23-25. Members of the team include Brad White and Michael Mallory; and back row: Coach Tony Salvi, Brian Christiansen, R.J. Salvi, Josh Clapper, Jed South, Chance Peblay and Coach David Joyce. The team competed against sixteen teams and lost only two games.

Disc golf rules at Walcott

TAKE 2



ACEQUIA - Players from Boise, Salt Lake City, Pocatello and the Mini-Cassini area played for cash and prizes July 10 at the Lake Walcott Open Disc Golf Tournament at Lake Walcott State Park.

Ogden's Jayce Sontag took first place in the junior division, followed by David Larsen of Rupert. In the ladies division, Boise's Heidi Rath edged Boise's Darci Meyers.

In the amateur division, Boise's Lee Vora beat Pocatello's Brady Beinaip, and Boise's Will Grod and Pocatello's Steve Larsen tied for third.

In the advanced division, Andy Meyer of Boise beat Boise's Chris Warren, and Boise's Mark Warren took third.

In the open division for professionals, Boise's Dan Castello took first, followed by Ogden's Jim Sontag and Boise's Derek Ford.

Toivler Latham won the Gooding UGA Tournament (13-year-old division) the week of June 29 and won the Burley UGA Tournament July 8 with a round of 69-par.



Team Budweiser of Twin Falls (back row, left to right) Bob Erdmann, John Coats, Shane Clark, Mike Kessel, Chris Harmon, Dave Asher, Mitch Bromak, Roy Richter; (front row) Nick Benavidez, Jamie Hyde, Todd White, Sean Harrington, Steve Elston, Scott Burton, Kyle Cameron.

Budweiser wins Boise tournament

BOISE - Team Budweiser won first place at the Boise Parks and Recreation's 8th annual Reiner Classic Men's ASA upper division tournament June 19.

The victory qualified Budweiser for the ASA Northwest C regionals Aug. 28-30 in Spokane, Wash.

The team is currently seeking donations for travel expenses. Call Mike Kessel at 735-1272 or 735-2209, or drop it by our office at 132 3rd St. W.

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The Gooding B-League champions are: (back row) Searskreper Mike Silman, Coach Joleen Torres, Coach Gilbert McDougall, Coach Brenda Miller; (middle row) Rachel Uecker, Amy Tranholt, Lesley Silman, Brittania Torres, Jennifer Abramowski, Peggy Wells, Amanda Bauman, Lane Gerratt, Halley Gill. Not pictured: Laurel More, Shylene Premlar, Tiffany Silva.



Members of the Twin Falls 13-year-old all-star team who won the Madison Grand Slam Tournament are, top row, left to right, coaches Laird Stone and Lanning Morrison; Middle row, left to right, A.J. Stone, Kyle Robinette, Steve Turner, Luke Hawkins, Scott Kirkdorffer, John Nunez, coaches Kurt Mealer and Revis Turner; Front row, left to right, Brandon Christiansen, Cory Albertson, Zach Schaal, Todd Rehbein, Adam Palmer, Tim Mealer.

Twin Falls All-Stars beat regional foes

MADISON - A team of 13-year-olds from Twin Falls took first-place at the Madison Grand Slam Baseball Tournament held in Rexburg June 24-26.

The team, made up of members of last year's 12-year-old Twin Falls Little League Traveling All-Star Baseball Team, played in the 13-year-old tournament along with nine teams from the Northwest.

To make it to the championship round, the Twin Falls team beat Idaho Falls #1 (6 to 5), Madison (4 to 3) and St. Anthony's (9 to 1). In the championship round, Twin Falls beat Idaho Falls #2 (11 to 9).

In the championship game, Twin Falls beat Bear River, Utah, 8 to 7.

Pitchers were Cory Albertson, Luke Hawkins, Tim Mealer, John Nunez, Kyle Robinette and Steve Turner.

Coaches and assistants were Kurt Mealer, Revis Turner, Laird Stone and Lanning Morrison.

Team members were Todd Rehbein, Cory Albertson, Steve Turner, Zach Schaal, Tim Mealer, A. J. Stone, Luke Hawkins, John Nunez, Kyle Robinette, Brandon Christiansen, Scott Kirkdorffer and Adam Palmer.

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Gooding wins title

FILER - Third-seeded Gooding beat Hagerman's Wendy Wendell, 11-12-year-old Girls "B" fast-pitch softball league championship July 8.

Tea teams from the Magic Valley form the league, including teams from Buhl; Castleford; Filer, Hagerman, Gooding, Kimberly, Shoshone and Wendell.

Wendell (Andrus) took third in the double-championship tournament, and Filer placed fourth.

On its way to the title, Gooding (7-2) defeated Buhl (5-6), 10-2, Filer (4-3) and Wendell (Andrus) 14-12.

RODEO CHAMPIONS



The Idaho High School Rodeo team competed July 1-4 at the Silver State International High School Rodeo in Fallon, Nev. At a rodeo where other teams fielded 60 members for competition, Idaho's team of 16 was the smallest contingent. Team members will compete at nationals in Gillette, Wyo., beginning July 18. The team members (pictured from left to right), front row: Maquet Lufkin, Lembi; Dusti Rogers, Rupert; Amy Walker, King Hill; Amber Rogers, Rupert; Bobby Jean Wendall, Brian Brown, Gooding; Clint Rogers, Gooding; Chance Gardner, Carey; and Will Black, Homedale. Not pictured are Callie Carney, Paul; Tony Kendall, Paul; and Daniel Drage, Haley. Idaho's Matt Vollebregt team won Idaho's first-ever title at the event, competing against teams from Canada, California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Montana.

TRIATHLON

SUN Valley Triathlon
Sun Valley Triathlon is a triathlon held in Sun Valley, Idaho. It consists of a 1.5 mile swim, a 56 mile bike ride, and a 13.1 mile run. The race is held annually in Sun Valley, Idaho. The race is held on the course of the Olympic triathlon. The race is held on the course of the Olympic triathlon. The race is held on the course of the Olympic triathlon.

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OFFROAD RACE

Jackpot 200 Offroad Race
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SOFTBALL

Magic Valley Church League Standings

Team	W	L
Twin Falls	12	0
Gooding	10	2
Kimberly	8	4
Wendell	6	6
Shoshone	4	8
Hagerman	2	10
Filer	1	11
Buhl	0	12

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SPORTS

Summer vacation?

NBA players start road to Olympics today in San Juan

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Fittingly, the Tournament of the Americas pre-Olympic qualifying tournament began Wednesday with a day off for the United States and its NBA stars.

There should be a lot of days off, competitively speaking, as the American players embark on this mid-July vacation, otherwise known as qualifications for the 2000 Olympics.

The United States opens today since Uruguay, one of the less-known and lowest-regarded teams in the 10-nation field.

"I know it starts with a 'U' and ends with a 'Y,'" said Allan Houston of the New York Knicks. "And I would guess they are probably perimeter oriented."

The international style of play, with its premium on outside shooting and its aversion to physical play, does not exactly inject fear into the hearts of the fourth U.S. national team made up of professional players.

This is only the second time the United States has had to qualify for the Olympics in men's basketball. The other time was 1992, when the original Dream Team won the Tournament of the Americas in Portland, Ore.

Qualifying became necessary last summer when the U.S. failed to win the world championships in Athens, Greece, after a league lockout forced NBA players from the roster.

Grouped with the United States in the opening round are Cuba, Argentina, Canada and Uruguay. Group "B" consists of Puerto Rico, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, Panama and Brazil.

In first round games Wednesday, Uruguay defeated Cuba 87-84 in overtime and Canada beat Argentina 77-70. In late games, it was Puerto Rico-Venezuela and Brazil-Dominican Republic.

The U.S. players insist they are not overlooking the competition. "I don't put anything past anybody in the game of basketball," Vin Baker of the Seattle SuperSonics said. "As confident as we are and as good as we are, anything can happen. It can snow in San Juan."

The U.S. team is relatively young, with only three players — Steve Smith of Atlanta, Tim Hardaway of Miami and Gary Payton of Seattle — older than 30.

The nine NBA veterans — Houston, Baker, Smith, Hardaway, Payton, Jason Kidd, Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett and Tom Gugliotta — will also have spots on the Olympic roster next summer. The other three roster spots on the qualifying team are held by three rookies — Wally Szczerbiak of Minnesota, Richard Hamilton of Washington and Elton Brand of Chicago.

The American players are mindful of the reputations of the NBA teams that preceded them, including the 1992 team that won the gold medal in Barcelona, the 1996 team that won in Atlanta, and the 1994 team that won the world championships in Toronto but was more remembered for its in-your-face style of play.

"Guys tend to get on the U.S. about playing flamboyant, but you've got to understand the other teams are doing the same thing. You just don't understand what they're saying," Garnett said. "Rude in their country might be to give you an elbow. Rude in our country is to stick your finger up."

"The basketball part of it is about trying to win. That's the way you've got to look at it."

After playing Uruguay, the Americans play Canada on Friday, Argentina on Saturday and Cuba on Sunday.

The most important games will be the semifinals a week from Saturday. The winners of those two games earn berths at the Sydney Olympics.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Golf tournament will benefit kids

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Life Underwriters Association's Snake River Scramble on Friday, July 23, will benefit the Fifth Judicial District Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program.

CASA, also known as Guardian ad Litem, safeguard the interests of children whose situation of abuse is so threatening that they are referred to the protective jurisdiction of the courts.

The four-person scramble will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start at Canyon Springs Golf Course, and there is tax-deductible entry fee of \$60 per person. For information on how to play or sponsor in the tournament, call Keystal Schvaneveldt at 324-6890 or Bill Hall at 324-7529.

Steelheads re-sign right winger

BOISE — The Idaho Steelheads have re-signed right wing Andreas Sjolund, a Swedish native who scored 34 goals and accumulated 218 penalty minutes in his two previous seasons with the club.

Also re-signed were centers Marco Pietroniro, Marc Genest and Rob Hartnell, left wings Dan Marcotte and Darcy Loewen, right wing Cal Ingraham, defenseman Rob Dumas, Scott Davis, Troy Edwards, Roy Mitchell and Colby Van Tassel, and goalie Nicolas Chabot.

Leyland undergoes elbow surgery

BOSTON — Colorado Rockies manager Jim Leyland is recovering from surgery after doctors removed a cyst the size of a grape from his right elbow.

"They weren't expecting that," Leyland said from his home in Pittsburgh, where he is recuperating after Tuesday's surgery in Boston. He said he plans to be in uniform today as Colorado resumes

play. "It was right in the groove of the nerve. It took a little longer than they expected, but there wasn't any problem."

Royals extend Muser's contract

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals, who went into the All-Star break on a five-game losing streak and trail Cleveland by 21 games in the AL Central, on Wednesday gave manager Tony Muser a contract extension through 2000.

In addition, all of the Royals' 1999 coaching staff was invited to return for 2000. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Three die in Miller Park accident

MILWAUKEE — A giant crane used for building the Milwaukee Brewers' Miller Park collapsed Wednesday onto the partially finished stadium, crumpling over the structure and killing at least three people, authorities said.

The crane, nicknamed "Big Blue," collapsed while trying to lift a section of the removable roof. Aerial photos shown on local television stadiums showed. Strong winds in the area were gusting to about 30 mph at the time.

SLOC takes ownership of venues

SALT LAKE CITY — The Salt Lake Organizing Committee took over Olympic venues for site jumping, bobsliding and speed skating on Wednesday, meaning the sites will remain open to athletes and the public after the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The deal requires SLOC to reimburse Utah taxpayers \$59 million for building the Utah Winter Sports Park near Park City and a speed skating oval at the Ogden Park Fitness Center in Kenner, a Salt Lake City suburb.

Hawks sign draft picks

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks signed their two first-round draft choices Wednesday — Jason Terry, the point guard from Arizona, and little-known forward-center Cal Bowdler of Old Dominion.

Terry was taken with the 10th overall pick in the June NBA draft. The Hawks expect the skinny, superstitious 21-year-old player to replace the traded Mookie Blaylock in their lineup.

Bowdler was the 17th player chosen.



David Stern stands with Jason Terry after he is selected in the NBA draft.

All-Star ratings plummet at Fenway

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite being played in the cozy confines of Fenway Park, the final baseball All-Star game of the century had few fans — and the second-lowest television rating in 30 years.

Wednesday night's 4-1 victory by the American League over Fox

posted a 22 share, 9 percent lower than last season's NBC telecast that had a 13.3 and 25.

The lowest rating in the game's history, a 11.8 and 21, came in 1997, Fox's first broadcast of the event.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Cattlemen groups offer cash rewards

BOISE - The Magic Valley Cattlemen's Association and the Idaho Cattle Association have posted rewards totaling \$1,500 for information on the shooting deaths of two cattle found near Hollister on July 6.

Authorities believe the Simmental cross cattle were killed over the Fourth of July weekend after being turned out by an area family to graze for the summer along with about 150 others.

Their carcasses were found on Bureau of Land Management acreage about four miles northeast of Hollister.

"It is frightening that these shootings took place. Someone blatantly killed these animals without any second thoughts," Idaho Cattle Association President Morgan Evans of Downey said. "It is in everyone's best interest to solve this case and prevent similar ones in the future."

Investigators found two sets of footprints near the dead animals, which were about 100 yards apart and are believed to have been killed at the same time. The area is about a mile west of the Twin Falls County landfill and near the Salmon Falls canal.

The 6-year-old and 4-year-old cows both were raising 6-month-old calves and were due to calve again this winter.

The Twin Falls County sheriff's office is investigating the case. The Magic Valley Cattlemen's Association has offered a \$1,000 reward and the Idaho Cattle Association another \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Municipal Band program features worldly music

TWIN FALLS - The Municipal Band will play at 8 p.m. tonight at City Park.

Tonight's program features music from around the world, including Rossini's overture to "Italian in Algiers," folk music of Scotland and Japan, the Sousa tribute to international friendship, and the best-loved music of Russia.

The weekly free concerts play rain or shine.

Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo is under way in Shoshone

SHOSHONE - The Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo runs through Saturday at the county fairgrounds.

The rodeo starts at 7 p.m. tonight with junior rodeo events begin p.m. standard rodeo events begin.

A new event, bullfighting, has been added to the schedule. The crowning of a new queen and teen queen will also highlight the rodeo.

On Thursday night there will be a fat stock sale.

Dietrich School Board rejects principal's resignation

DIETRICH - The Dietrich School Board rejected principal Ed Simons' resignation and hired him as a part-time principal.

New superintendent Peter Bolz will fill also as a part-time principal.

The school board also elected Terrett Porter as board chairman and Donna Power as vice chairman, according to a meeting run-down supplied by the district.

The board agreed to advance the \$50,000 it had promised in 1993 for the Dietrich sewer project, said Wainwright Southwick. It is working on the community project. It will cost more than expected because of costs encountered while digging waste lagoons.

The district's advance payment, originally intended to help pay down the debt at the end of the project, will provide Dietrich with leverage to seek up to \$180,000 in grants.

The increased won't affect sewer rates for residents, Southwick said. The district's \$50,000 had not been included in the original figures used to plan rates.

In other business, board members designated several items as surplus and directed the administration to advertise them for public inspection and bidding. A list of the items can be obtained at the district office.

The board agreed to allow students to take either more math or more science requirements depending on their interests. Scheduling concerns prompted the decision. Details will be explained at registration.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Animals are separate and unequal

Proposed rules for pigs and chickens still open for change

By N.S. Norkketter
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Not all animals are considered equals under a draft of proposed regulations covering large draft and poultry operations.

Critics say the rules are less stringent for pigs and chickens than they are for dairies. But state officials note several issues still to be resolved, and that work might come soon.

The draft rules were developed by a task force that included government, industry, agricultural and environmental representatives. Some task force members have criticized the still-incomplete results.

The rules, authorized by the Legislature earlier this year, would give the state a regulatory program for large confined animal feeding operations and a level of protection that has not existed, said Dave Mabe, with the state Division of Environmental Quality in Boise.

The Legislature intended the rules to protect public health and the environment.

"These don't," said Scott Brown of the Idaho Conservation League.

The regulations are less stringent than similar rules for dairies, said Frank James of the Idaho Rural Council, which was represented on the task force.

What the rules say

- Requirements in proposed rules for large swine and poultry operations of 2,000 animal units and larger:
- **Construction standards** - leak detection or monitoring wells.
- **Water management plan** for animal wastes that meets accepted Nutrient Management Standards for land application.
- **Application fees** depending on the size of the operation - \$3,000 for operations of 5,000 animal units, \$65,000 for operations of 5,000 or more.

- 10,000 and \$10,000 for operations of more than 10,000 animal units.
- **Public notice and comment**, public hearing, agency discretion.
- **Animal waste tests**.
- **Change plans**.
- **Additional conditions** specific to individual operations as needed to protect public health and the environment.
- **Enabling conditions** must meet requirements within one year.

represented on the task force. The proposed regulations apply only to operations of more than 2,000 animal units - large farms of more than 5,000 sows and chickens

farms of more than 200,000 birds. Similar rules for dairies cover operations as small as 750 cows or 1,000

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A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH



Dennis Patterson, manager of the emergency medical technician program at the College of Southern Idaho, instructs a class on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) Tuesday. Patterson certifies nursing students, lifeguards and other emergency medical technicians in the use of CPR as well as other first responder skills but says he always has room for more in his training classes. He said knowing CPR or how to clean the driveway of someone choking may save the life of a more information contact Patterson at 733-9554, ext. 2173.

Transportation officials plan August survey

By Lorraine Caverer
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A new survey that will ask people where they are from and where they are going will be stopping traffic beginning in August.

The Idaho Transportation Department, University of Idaho, Idaho Department of Commerce and the Idaho Travel Council are partnering to conduct the survey.

Survey-takers will be located at strategic points throughout the state to intercept vehicles and gather information to be used by transportation and tourism planners, Celeste Becla of the Idaho Department of Commerce told a joint annual meeting of Mini-Cassia, Twin Falls and Northside transportation committees Wednesday.

Magic Valley projects

The following projects are under construction or slated for work around the Magic Valley.

- **Mini-Cassia**
- Replacing bridge deck on Interstate 84 between Burley and Kasota Road exits.
- Work on the Albion grade.
- Widening Idaho Highway 81 from Burley to Declo.
- Improvements at Cameron's corner in Rupert.
- Improvements at the Holly Boon corner in Rupert.
- **Northside**
- U.S. Highway 93 improvements in Stihonone.

- Extension of Idaho Highway 46 from Bull to Wendell.

- **Twin Falls**
- Work on the intersection at Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road.
- A feasibility study for the new Snake River crossing.
- Routing Idaho Highway 74 around the southeast quadrant of Twin Falls.

- **Blue Canyon**
- Highway improvements from the Altus area to the Elkhorn Street light in Kelowna.
- A traffic light at Fifth Street in Kelowna.
- Widening lanes and other work in the Greenham area.

issues about their trip, Becla said.

The data will appear on the U of I's Internet site to enable organizations such as the Mini-Cassia Area Chamber of Commerce to use the information and target specific traveler needs. ITD officials will be able to use the information to study traffic patterns, in order to prioritize road projects, Becla said.

ITD officials can see a list of merit in such a survey.

Woody Anderson, chairman of the Mini-Cassia Area Transportation Committee, said the survey would guide state.

"Without good concrete numbers it is hard to make good decisions about transportation needs," he said.

"Anything that can help us define community needs and

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Teens in gun case receive sentence

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - Close supervision and continuing education are the best hope for two Jerome teenagers involved with bringing two handguns to their middle school.

The incident, last May, sent ripples of distress through the community because it came in the wake of a spate of school shootings across the nation, juvenile Court Judge John Varin said Wednesday.

During separate hearings, he sentenced Steven Fields and Jason Mead, both 13, to 18 months probation. That includes a year of supervised probation for each boy.

Two other boys involved with bringing the guns to Jerome Middle School - Mich Wegner, 15 and Curtis Lemons, 14 - were sentenced earlier by Varin.

Called to the witness stand during his hearing, Fields said he can understand why the incident might have made his classmates and others uneasy.

"I don't blame them for feeling insecure, but personally, I don't think I'm a threat to the school or anybody."

Fields and Mead have been expelled from school for the coming academic year.

Even so, their parents must make every effort to see the boys' education continues, Varin said, because education is paramount to keeping them away from trouble. Tutoring, home schooling or private school are some options, he said.

Varin also ordered Fields to continue working toward his Eagle Scout award.

Involvement in the Boy Scouts, especially a community service-oriented Eagle Scout project - will also help keep Fields out of trouble, Varin said.

Both boys are also prohibited from owning or possessing firearms as part of their probation.

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'Felons' spend time in slammer for muscular dystrophy group

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Thanks to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, three children with neuromuscular diseases in one family will get the wheelchairs they need. Others will get to go to summer camp in two weeks.

But, providing those services costs money, MDA District Director Susan Combs said.

"That's why 150 'felons' worked for seven hours Wednesday to raise more than \$25,000 for the MDA. The 'felons' had a choice - either they could spend an hour in jail or they could rely on people in the community to post their \$750 bail."

Last year, the Twin Falls MDA Lock-Up, which locks people up for "doing good deeds," raised \$30,000 to help people with neuromuscular diseases. Twin Falls has held the annual fund-raiser for five years and has tried to beat the previous year's goal each year. Although the goal was \$30,000 this year, the money raised was still appreciated, Combs said.

"We do not receive any government money," she said. "All of our funds come



With about 400 MDA clients in southern Idaho, many people benefit from MDA services, Combs said.

"We have quite a few people who have muscular dystrophy here," she said. "We're really lucky we're able to give a list back."

Ken Leonard has participated in the Twin Falls Lock-Up for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the past three years. He said it is a worthwhile cause.

In addition to helping pay for doctor visits, wheelchairs and summer camps for kids with muscular dystrophy, MDA also funds research.

"This association is the country's largest private sector sponsor of neuromuscular disease research," MDA Program Services Coordinator Michelle Marshall said. "The money that's raised helps fund research to find cures. We can save a lot of lives. All of the things that we do research for helps a lot of different organizations. The breaking of these diseases in people allowed themselves to be imprisoned Wednesday."

MDA helps 30 kids from Southern Idaho attend a summer camp with one-on-one counselor attention. The chance to help children and others with these diseases in people allowed themselves to be imprisoned Wednesday.

"There's a lot of cures," said Edwin O'Leak, one of the prisoners. "But, this is my chance to help a few people who have muscular dystrophy here," she said. "We're really lucky we're able to give a list back."

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Richfield council OKs 1999-2000 city budget

By Sammie L. Collins Times-News correspondent

Richfield received an excellent rating from the Environmental Protection Agency on its sewer plant. This excellent report should allow for major repairs on the system for a few years.

Kimberly leaders appoint school resource officer

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly School District will get a new resource officer in the fall. Police Chief Pat Bermingham told the City Council Tuesday that officer Stacy Buck has completed school resource officer training and will replace officer Rod Pooler, who recently resigned from the post.

The area as a training drill within the next few days. Duncan said construction on the new fire hose is on schedule and the roof is nearly complete. He said the Kimberly Fire Department answered six fire calls during the month of June and the Rock Creek Fire District received nine calls. He said Kimberly firefighters responded to one fuel leak, three automatic alarms, one power line fire and one brush fire.

Paul Street residents Cathy Benry indicated the council that the construction company that replaced the sewer line on Paul Street had damaged her concrete driveway and had not repaired it. The council will inform the construction company about the problem.

Settlement in waste case is now legally enforceable

POCATELLO (AP) - The record civil fine that FMC Corp. agreed to pay last fall to settle charges that it violated hazardous waste laws at its southeastern Idaho elementary school plant now is legally enforceable.

The Chicago-based company that generated 5.5 billion in annual sales from 15 plants and mines in 24 countries estimated when the agreement was reached that the cleanup and enforcement costs would total \$130 million through 2002. But it already had paid \$180 million and started some of the work as negotiations neared an end.

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SERVICES

Dorothy M. Wilson of Twin Falls, graduate at 10 a.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery (White-Memory, Twin Falls).

Blanche Dickson of Rupert, services at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel. Friends may call one hour prior to services.

Mortuary and Chapel. Joanne Virginia 'Jackie' Bagley of Rupert, services 2 p.m. Friday, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

No military honors for man accused of faking death, assaulting teens

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Arthur Bennett will not be buried with the military honors he coveted, after he faked his death five years ago. Bennett hanged himself with a bedsheet in his jail cell Monday night two days before he was to face a court martial over the deaths of two young women, including two of his teenage daughters.

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DEATH NOTICE

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HOSPITALS

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OBITUARIES

TWIN FALLS always loved dogs and Dot left her beloved dog, Dinah, in the care of her family. Dorothy is survived by two sisters: Ethel Bollegarde of Cheimford, Mass. and Alice Ardis of Dracut, Mass. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, three sisters and her husband, for great sons of humor and her gentle kindness will be missed by all who knew her. She was

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PROVO, Utah (AP) - The state PTA could have a draft Friday of a ballot proposal that would allow guns, including handguns, to be carried on school grounds by holders of concealed-weapons permits to be banned from schools and churches.

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Co-op building is becoming reality

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Construction of the new United Electric Co-op building in Heyburn, which began June 29, will soon complete what long ago became official.

United Electric Co-op has existed since the Jan. 1, 1998, merger of United Light and Power of Burley and Rural Electric of Rupert, but has lacked a central location for doing business. That will change this winter when construction is completed on a new building at 1330 21st St. in Heyburn.

Situated on 15 acres, the building will include an administration and operations building, covering more than 30,000 square feet. Other features will include a drive-up window, an automated teller machine, a convenience store offering members discounted electrical supplies and enough garage space to house 13 of the co-op's 30 vehicles.

Co-op members and employees will benefit from the new building, co-op general manager Ralph Williams said.

"(The building's) going to put all our workers under one roof and its central location will be very convenient for members to use," Williams said.

The building will also lower the co-op's operating cost.

"It will help with expenses,"



Kent Korb, operating the backhoe, and Greg Jones, of Gary W. Jones Construction in Burley, dig the footings for the new United Electric Co-op building in Heyburn. With a shovel and a laser level, Jones makes sure the trench is of uniform depth. The building, at 1330 21st St., should be completed by mid-December.

said co-op secretary-treasurer Garth Freymiller. "Now we'll have one office to maintain instead of two."

The Burley and Rupert buildings owned by the co-op are for

sale, he said.

The new building will be more squarely in the center of the co-op's service territory, which includes a membership of nearly 4,000.

Co-op members will pay for the

\$1.3-million project through gradual rate increases over the next 20 years, Williams said. If construction goes as planned, the new building will be ready by mid-December.

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help us prioritize projects is welcome," said Joe Schuchter, state project development engineer for the district. "There is only so much money. This saves us from making the wrong decisions."

Defining community needs could mean including ideas from people such as Don Culley, a Paul city councilman, who would like to see the Mindoka County road 600 West north of Paul become a connecting state highway.

Idaho Highway 27 ends in Paul, he said. If the state took over 600 West, it could be a major connection to Camers of the Moon National Monument and Sun Valley, Culley said.

The road already is used by many summer travelers as a way to avoid taking the freeway.

"Many people stop in Paul to ask for directions," he said.

But the county road is narrow and is used by farmers, hunters and school buses and animals, Culley said. State highway 272-

ants have talked about taking over the road.

"It is time to put the push on and get the state to take that 14 miles over," he said.

The survey will help determine if the state will consider projects such as 600 West.

"If it meets the needs of the community and the traveling public, that's great," Schuchter said.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Custer can be reached in Burley at 677-4142.

Workshop will discuss Jerome bond

The Times-News

JEROME - A public workshop to discuss the city of Jerome's Aug. 3 water revenue bond issue election will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome City Council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

City leaders and city department heads will be available to discuss or answer any questions about the \$1.7 million proposed water project, consumer benefits and the user rate increase.

For more information, please call City Administrator Jon Cecil at 324-8189, Ext. 102.

Lights will go out in Mini-Cassia area

The Times-News

BOISE - Idaho Power customers north of Paul and north and west of the Clawson substation will experience a three-hour power outage at 10 a.m. Friday.

The area to be impacted includes 1000 North to 1700 North and from Meridian Road to 1700 West. To avoid an overload when power is restored, irrigators in the affected area are asked to set their pumps to the "off" position before power is restored around 1 p.m.

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Still, Varin granted Mead permission to carry a weapon during hunting trips with adult family members.

"Remember you can lose your right to hunt just like that," by breaking any terms of the sentence, Varin told Fields.

Other terms of the boys' probation include 40 hours of community service and 90-day suspended sentences at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls, Fields said.

Mead was also given 90-day discretionary sentences to the detention center, to be served if they break any more laws or

violate probation.

They were also ordered to submit written or oral reports to their probation officers about the importance of making good choices.

Varin also forbid each boy from having any contact with any of the others involved in the incident.



NTSB, FAA and Douglas County, Nev., officials investigate the site of a two-man glider crash on Wednesday. The accident took place near Minden, Nev., on Tuesday.

Glider crash kills Smithsonian official

MINDEN, Nev. (AP) - Investigators probed a mile-wide swath of splintered wreckage on Wednesday, seeking clues to what caused a glider to break apart and spiral to earth at 200 mph, killing the director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum and his friend, a world-renowned pilot.

Donald Engen, 75, head of the museum, and longtime friend William Ivans, 79, of La Jolla, Calif., died Tuesday when Ivans' motorized glider lost a wing at about 5,000 feet above the floor of the Carson Valley, a mecca for glider pilots.

The valley, on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, is one of the premiere areas for sailplanes because of thermal updrafts generated by the Sierra.

Bob Francis, vice-chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, led a federal team brought in from Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles to investigate the crash - the second fatal glider accident in a month here.

The NTSB probe could take several months to complete. Francis said investigators will study the tiny pieces of the shattered glider, size of the debris field, weather conditions and other factors, as well as talk with eyewitnesses.

Francis added "it was not an abnormal day" for weather at the time of the crash, although thunderstorms and high winds developed later.

He also said Ivans' Nimbus 40M glider was radio-equipped, but there apparently was no transmission from the plane as it went down.

The two victims also had parachutes. Francis declined to comment when asked whether they might have been unable to get



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out of the plane as it rocketed to the ground at an estimated 180-200 mph.

Keston Denny, 11, who lives near the crash site, was one of the witnesses.

"I saw the airplane take kind of not a easy turn. And then there was a loud noise and the wing snapped off and it flutered down to the ground," Denny said.

"Then the airplane took a really sharp spiral, like a doughnut kind of a turn and then went right over this hill that's right by our house," he said. "I knew that he had crashed and I went in and told my mom and she called 911."

unresolved issues. Those resolutions may satisfy some of the critics' concerns, he said.

All livestock operations of 1,000 animal units and larger must comply with federal discharge rules. The proposed rules add to and don't replace federal requirements. The rules would protect ground and surface water and would impose other management plans on new operations, Mabe said.

Another criticism was that the rules would allow waste lagoons within 100-year flood zones, but that also may be changed in the final proposed rules, Mabe said.

The final version of the pro-

posed rules may change. The draft still must be reviewed by DEQ Director Steve Allred before public comments are collected later this year.

Once Allred has completed his review, the proposed rules would be published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin on Sept. 1 and subject to a 30-day public comment period. At least one public hearing has been set.

Following public comment, the Health and Welfare Board would consider the rules, which would then go before the Legislature for final review.

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animal units. Livestock operations of 1,000 or more animal units fall under federal discharge regulations.

One animal unit equals 2 1/2 pigs of more than 55 pounds, 10 pigs of less than 55 pounds, or 100 chickens. An adult dairy cow equals 1.4 animal units.

The inconsistencies with other state regulations and federal pollution discharge permits is likely to come back to haunt the state," James said.

But those concerns may be premature, Mabe said. The task force did not reach a consensus on all issues, and DEQ will decide the

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Officials name victims of crash

YELLOW PINE (AP) — Federal investigators on Wednesday were beginning to put together the wreckage of a small plane that crashed while apparently trying to land at a remote backcountry airstrip in central Idaho, killing all four people aboard.

The victims were identified as Carl Yungberg, 57, of Boise and his wife, Joyce, 53, and a couple from Lincoln, Ill., Robert and Grace Ware. Valley County authorities had no ages for the Ware's.

The Cessna 182D had been missing since Saturday on a flight from Stanley to the Big Creek airstrip in the Payette National Forest. The aircraft was found Monday night near the Forest Service's Big Creek guard station by a hiker.

The sheriff's department said the wreckage was about 110 yards from the north end of the airstrip on a steep downhill slope, indicated that the plane seemed to be attempting to land when it crashed. The site is about 100 miles north of Boise.

Attorney asks PUC to reject power merger

BOISE (AP) — The attorney representing Idaho regulators wants state regulators to reject the proposed ScottishPower purchase of PacifiCorp until the foreign company is more forthcoming about whether it will raise rates.

And while making no definitive state, a top executive with the Glasgow-based utility suggested to the Public Utilities Commission that rates might well increase after the merger occurs.

During the opening hearing before the commission on Tuesday, executive Alan Richardson said he could not specify where the company would find the \$10 million amount savings it has promised until a transition study is completed about six months after the merger.

But Richardson said ScottishPower officials believed that PacifiCorp was "under-earning what it could from Idaho customers."

And he pointed out that PacifiCorp was offering seven-ounce packages totaling \$20 million to its 26 top executives, who have chosen to retire.

That was enough for Marcus Nye and the Idaho Irrigation Pumps Association that he represents. They are fighting ScottishPower's proposal to buy out Portland-based PacifiCorp, which owns the old Utah Power & Light system that serves 33,000 customers in eastern Idaho.

"One cannot pay \$20 million as a golden parachute and not expect to impact rates," Nye told regulators.

In the first-ever bid by a foreign utility to become a power supplier to Americans, Nye complained that ScottishPower has provided no information on how it will address the rate differential between Idaho regulators and those in other states. He argued that Idaho irrigators already pay up to 50 percent more than irrigators in Wyoming or Utah.

Last week, PacifiCorp said it had worked out an agreement with Wyoming officials to cap projected power rate increases in that state, but that deal was not extended to Idaho ratepayers.

Nye contends that without the rate information, the commission does not have the statutory authority to approve the merger, which also needs the endorsements of Wyoming, Utah, Oregon and Washington. California and federal regulators have already approved the deal.

Commission Chairman Dennis Hansen said the panel would not rule on Nye's motion until ScottishPower presented its case. ScottishPower presented its case expected to take through Thursday.

Suspect denies involvement in California murders, arson fires

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — One of two brothers suspected in the slaying of a gay couple insists he never met the victims and doesn't know anything about a series of synagogue fires that investigators have linked him to, according to a jailhouse interview by the Redding Record Searchlight.

James Tyler Williams, 29, was held in the Shasta County Jail, along with his older brother, on charges of receiving stolen property — which investigators have linked to the murders of Gary Matsun and Winfield Mowder.

The brothers have not been charged in the murders, although authorities said charges could be filed in the weeks ahead.

"I just don't know," he said. "I don't know what to say about it. I didn't even know them," Williams told the Record Searchlight. "It's a pretty strange (to be suspected in the killings). They keep talking about evidence, but I don't

know where it is."

Matson, 50, and Mowder, 40, were found shot to death in their Happy Valley home on July 1. The Williams family has been connected to the couple because of a shared interest in plants.

Williams and his brother, Benjamin Matthew Williams, 31, were arrested last week at a Yuba City mail drop, where five cartons of ammunition loading equipment — allegedly purchased on Matsun's credit card — were delivered.

In the brothers' car, investigators said they found two assault rifles and a loaded shotgun and one of the men was wearing a bullet-proof vest.

"We were going to a gun range," the younger Williams said. "They never asked us if it's not any big deal. There's a range there."

He offered no explanation of why the pair allegedly had items of belonging to Matsun. However, he

said he understood how investigators might have made a connection with the murders.

"They laid me out on a string of events. I could see how they would do that (reach those conclusions)," he said.

During a search of their houses and car, investigators found evidence linking the brothers to hate groups, and a list of prominent Jewish and civic leaders in Sacramento.

The search prompted authorities to look into a possible connection with a series of arson fires at three Sacramento synagogues on June 18. The FBI would not say whether the two are suspects in the fires, but the Shasta County Sheriff's confirmed an investigation.

"I'd heard about those (fire bombings), but I don't know about them," the younger Williams said. "That must be why they've taken six or seven sets of fingerprints since I got here."

Agency: Idaho nuclear emissions are safe

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A proposed nuclear waste incinerator in eastern Idaho would not threaten air quality in Wyoming, state officials said.

William Olson, Air Quality Division administrator for the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, said his agency was satisfied with its review of an analysis from the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality.

"We didn't find anything that would cause us not to issue a permit or propose to offer a permit in the same conditions," he said.

Olson said environmental regulators from both states are trying to arrange a late-August date for a public meeting in Jackson to discuss the proposed waste incinerator at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Some Jackson residents have questioned the effects of the nuclear waste incinerator's emissions on their town, which is downwind from the facility, and other areas in western Wyoming.

The Idaho Division of Environmental Quality is allowing Wyoming to review the air quality analysis on behalf of the Jackson residents, including renowned attorney Gerry Spence. But Idaho air quality engineer Mike Simon said his agency would continue the permitting process.

"Right now we are reviewing the comments received and making changes where appropriate in the permit," he said.

Idaho's proposed permit would allow British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. to begin building the \$1.2 billion Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Facility in the fall. The permit sets limits on more than a dozen emissions, from carbon monoxide and radionuclides to lead and arsenic.

The incinerator that will reduce the volume of plutonium-contaminated waste destined for permanent storage in an underground New Mexico dump still requires another state permit and a federal permit.

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The landmark 1995 nuclear waste agreement struck by former Idaho Gov. Phil Batt requires the U.S. Department of Energy to start operating the treatment plant by March 2003. The facility would process about 65,000 cubic meters of waste now stored in decaying barrels and boxes above ground at the INEL in its first 13 years of operation.

Olson said his division briefly reviewed, among other things, Idaho's requirements, limitations on air pollution and the proposed filtering equipment on the incinerator stack.

While there will be radioactive emissions, Olson said, "How much of those might find their way to Jackson, or other parts of western Wyoming, is a question that you have to answer

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Biologists: Snake dams have to go

MOSCOW (AP) — The western division of the American Fisheries Society has resolved that if wild runs of Idaho salmon and steelhead are to be saved, the four dams on the lower Snake River must go.

The resolution, proposed by the Idaho chapter, was passed Tuesday by a vote of 115-47 with five abstaining.

Some biologists argued that the opposition from 33 percent of the delegates suggests that the science in support of breaching the dams is not as strong as many would like.

Last month, the Idaho chapter endorsed the position with only 8 percent of its members dissenting.

"The highest probability for recovery of salmon and steelhead involves breaching the dams," Idaho chapter president Cindy Deacon Williams said.

Ted Koch of the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service and president-elect of the Idaho chapter has argued that the group is not advocating dam breaching and is leaving that decision to policymakers.

But Williams argued that fisheries biologists need to step forward and draw scientific conclusions as society begins to debate the merits of saving the fish.

People should know, she said, that both the fish and dams cannot be salvaged.

In marshaling forces to head off an attempt to delay action on the resolution, Williams argued that the issue is urgent, especially if the entire society is to act before the decision is made on the dams by the federal government. That action was scheduled for December.

Backers of the resolution want to bring it to a vote at the society's national convention in Charlotte, N.C. in late August.



This aerial photo shows boating congestion on Lake Mohave, Nev., in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area on Memorial Day weekend in 1998. River officials hope to build 14 miles of trails, replant trees and build wildlife migration corridors in the recreation area.

Officials plan to improve Colorado River area

PHOENIX (AP) — Larry Thompson doesn't want to be called an environmentalist. But when the Missouri native first came to Bullhead City in far western Arizona 14 years ago, he saw a Colorado River in decline. He saw places like "Cottonwood Cove" and "Willow Beach" without any trees.

Thompson hopes to change that with a new project to create 14 miles of trails, replant trees and

build wildlife migration corridors south of Lake Mead. He wants to create canoe and kayak routes along the river to quiet areas dominated by jet skis.

"When you fall in love with the Colorado River, it grabs you and you want to hang on to it as much as possible," he said.

Admittedly, improving the area would be great for Thompson, who owns a kayaking company a mile away from the river.

But for communities that are dependent on tourism like Bullhead City, a healthy environment is vital to keeping a healthy economy, said Joe Winfield, a landscape architect for the National Park Service and a project consultant.

The rocky, sun-baked community on the southern edge of the Arizona-Nevada border was built on top of a ghost town more than 50 years ago to accommodate the builders of Davis Dam.

Today, the Colorado River pushes past Bullhead City's western edge at a tame, regular pace, giving its 40,000 residents some escape from the 115-degree summer heat.

Across the river in Laughlin, Nev., glimmering casinos beckon to tourists. Million-dollar homes and motorized boats share river banks with the heaters and egrets. About 5 million people visit the area each year.

INEEL spaceport site gets good grades

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's location has earned favorable marks from a special team assessing proposed launch sites for VentureStar.

As are most other contenders for the potentially lucrative project, Idaho remains in the running for the new generation of reusable space plane.

"I consider that we're still in the hunt, that we'll continue our efforts as long as we're a competitive site," said Tom Arnold, the former commerce director who is former VentureStar's point man for the VentureStar effort.

The state is also pursuing separately a plan to use the same INEEL site for a satellite spaceport not necessarily linked to the VentureStar.

A team from Lockheed Martin Skunkworks, which is developing the new shuttle craft, met with Idaho officials last week to grade the state's proposal. Thirty-one other sites in 14 other states are also seeking the installation.

Arnold said Idaho got a most favorable rating for its low energy costs and favorable marks for

safety of flights, how easily VentureStar could reach orbits, construction costs and operating expenses.

The state's high elevation reduces the cost of flights because it is easier to escape gravity. The fact the site has one owner — the Department of Energy — and existing infrastructure such as roads and security is a plus.

But Idaho is not the best place to reach orbits that circle high above the equator, one of the markets that VentureStar will try to serve.

It is a promising site for reaching lower orbits that circle the poles and pass the International Space Station which is under construction, Arnold said.

"We were pleased with what we heard," he said. "The VentureStar team confirmed what we thought were our strengths."

Lockheed Martin is looking for two separate launch sites for the facility, which could generate up to 300 permanent jobs.

Arnold said it was too early to say whether the state would submit a final proposal for VentureStar.

Randy Weaver remarries, moves with family back home to Iowa

JEFFERSON, Iowa (AP) — Randy Weaver, the white separatist whose wife and teenage son were killed in the notorious Ruby Ridge siege by federal agents, has remarried and moved back home to Iowa.

Weaver, 51, said he and legal secretary Linda Gross were married on July 2 at the Greene County Courthouse in Jefferson, Iowa, just eight miles from the town of Grand Junction where he grew up. His wife was raised in nearby Fort Dodge.

He and daughters Sara, Rachel

and Elisheba moved back to Iowa only recently after living for three years near Kalispell, Mont. He had spent about 2.5 years in Grand Junction right after completing a jail term in December 1993 on a charge unrelated to the 11-day siege of his Idaho Panhandle cabin in 1992.

He was cleared of all charges, including murder, that were lodged as a result of Ruby Ridge, which has become a rallying cry for militant anti-government groups.

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Those prairie sod houses weighed 70 tons



On the map, the group of sod houses in Nebraska and Oklahoma were built by pioneers. The houses were made of sod, a mixture of earth and manure. They were built in the 1870s and 1880s.

special sort of saddle. Q. Why do certain people born in December always celebrate their birthdays in the summer? A. Those live in the Southern Hemisphere, do they not? A typical 12-by-14-foot sod house of the pioneer prairies weighed approximately 70 tons. Q. What else, besides their first

names, did these two renowned American military officers (George Pickett and George Armstrong Custer) have in common? A. Each was a West Point Class Goat with the lowest grade point average of his graduating group - Pickett, 1846, and Custer, 1851. Each died in combat - Pickett,

Gettysburg, and Custer, Little Bighorn. Q. Why does the law in Spain's Seville permit two people to climb the 30-foot Giralda tower together, but not one person alone? A. An anti-suicide measure. If you count the bird's leathers per square inch, penquins are more leathery by far.

Fire damages George Lucas' high school

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) - George Lucas' high school, the inspiration for his rock hops and ducktail haircuts in "American Graffiti," was damaged in an electrical fire.

The four-alarm blaze broke down Tuesday gutted three classrooms and damaged other rooms in a wing at Downey High School. No one was in the building at the time. Damage was put at \$1.6 million.

Investigators said the blaze started in newly installed, low-voltage Internet wiring in a wall.

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Feds issue report on vehicles in rollover test

WASHINGTON - In a step toward vehicle rollover ratings, federal safety regulators on Wednesday released truck test results on 12 vehicles - including one that nearly toppled.

A computer is being used to steer the vehicles through sharp turns so officials were able to reliably repeat the maneuvers, a report said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration plans to propose a federal test later this year to provide consumers with information on the relative likelihood of rollover for cars and light trucks - pickups, sport utility vehicles and vans, agency officials said.

A compact pickup, the 1997 Ranger, tipped so far to the side during two tests that it was caught by the metal outriggers on its sides that are designed to prevent it from rolling over and hurting the driver, the agency report said.

"If no outriggers were present, the vehicle might well have rolled over," the report said.

Researchers blast Clinton, states' certification plans

WASHINGTON - Math and science students whose teachers hold "emergency" credentials do no worse on tests than students whose teachers are fully certified, all else being equal, say researchers critical of plans by President Clinton and some states to end such hires.

"Education is the last remaining field in America where people think you can boost quality by tightening the rules and multiplying the regulations," said Chester E. Finn Jr., president of the Thomas Fordham Foundation, a privately run school-reform research organization. The foundation on Wednesday released a collection of reports criticizing a slate of teacher hiring, training, and evaluation trends.

Researchers say students whose teachers have any kind of certification (standard, emergency or alternative) outperform students whose teachers are not certified or are certified in a different subject. Students whose teachers possess a bachelor's or master's degree in math outper-

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form other students in math, they said, regardless of the teacher's certification. "This result should cast doubt on assertions that standard certification should be required of all teachers," the reports concluded.

Drug shows promise for preventing HIV-infected births

WASHINGTON - Scientists working in Uganda have discovered a dramatically more effective way to prevent pregnant women from spreading the AIDS virus to their babies: a drug treatment that costs just \$4 per mother and could save up to 1,000 newborns a day.

The drug nevirapine already is widely sold around the world to treat AIDS. But the new study found it is 47 percent more effective than the therapy now recommended in developing countries for preventing mother-to-baby transmission of the AIDS virus.

The discovery, announced Wednesday by U.S. scientists, could finally boost AIDS prevention among the world's poorest countries because for the first time the AIDS epidemic could afford to buy babies some protection.

Post office expects to end year well in the black

WASHINGTON - Three-quarters of the way through its fiscal year, the post office is \$1 billion in the black.

That indicates the agency should finish the year close to its planned \$200 million profit, according to Chief Financial Officer Richard M. Porras.

But spokesman Norm Scherstrom noted Wednesday that costs traditionally outrun income in the fourth quarter for the agency. Last year, he noted, the post office was \$900 million in the red for the last three months of its fiscal year, which ends in September.

The post office raised the price of stamps a penny to 33 cents in January in anticipation of rising costs.

NTSB: TWA 800 investigation nears end

WASHINGTON (AP) - The long and costly investigation into the explosion of TWA Flight 800 will conclude by this winter at the latest, the head of the lead investigative agency said Wednesday as the third anniversary approached.

Investigators are certain that a fuel-air explosion in the center fuel tank brought down the Boeing 747 on July 17, 1996, killing all 230 aboard, but a final determination of the ignition source still has not been made. Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

For the safety panel, the investigation has been the longest and most expensive probe in its 30-year history. Hall said he didn't yet want staffers diverting their time to talking the cost, but "it's clearly going to be millions and millions of dollars."

Bernard Loebe, the panel's head of aviation safety, said investigators have already examined the possibility of a static electricity buildup, stray current from nearby fuel pumps and electrical shorts in the tank's fuel quantity indicating system.


The final phase of their work is now focusing on possible electromagnetic emissions. Investigators have studied external sources such as radar-emitting military planes and ships. They have also

looked at carry-on items such as laptop computers and other personal electronics.

Now they are testing electronic built into the plane itself.

"We don't favor any particular ways of getting ignition, but we know there are a number of them and the FAA has addressed some of them," Loebe said.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Petitioner, the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, has filed its Petition herein pursuant to the Idaho Judicial Confirmation Law, I.C. §7-1301, at sg, requesting a judicial confirmation of the power of Petitioner under the Constitution and laws of Idaho to enter into a loan agreement with the State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Environmental Quality to borrow funds from the State Wastewater Facility Loan Account to improve the City of Twin Falls wastewater system by designing and constructing improvements to it. The Petition seeks confirmation of the validity of the proposed loan agreement and matters relating thereto. A full and complete copy of the Petition may be examined at the Twin Falls County Courthouse in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Notice is further given that a hearing on the Petition shall be held at 1:30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 16th day of August, 1999, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse in Judge Burdick's Courtroom, Twin Falls, Idaho. Any interested party may appear and move to dismiss or answer the Petition at any time prior to the date set for hearing or within such further time as may be allowed by the Court.

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Britain will resume beef shipments as EU lifts embargo

LONDON - British beef producers are preparing to resume exports Aug. 1, now that European regulators have ended a three-year ban imposed after an outbreak of mad cow disease.

The embargo crippled Britain's beef industry, with lost sales estimated at more than \$2.4 billion, and cattle farmers and industry executives welcomed the European Commission's decision Wednesday to let British beef back into overseas shops and restaurants.

The industry faces a long struggle to regain its reputation and rebuild sales.

"It's tremendous news... but unfortunately it's not the end of this sad story," said Welsh cattle farmer Penderic Hughes. "We've now got to work very, very hard to get that market back because other people have stepped in to sell their beef."

The decision ends a ban the commission imposed after a 1996 outbreak in Britain of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, which medical researchers linked to a fatal human brain ailment, Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease.

British beef will be subject to strict precautions.

World in brief

political violence in Peru since the Shining Path took up arms in 1980.

Kosovo violence targeting minorities alarms officials

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia - Ethnic attacks on Serbs and Gypsies must stop before justice can return to war-ravaged Kosovo, a top U.N. official said Wednesday.

The month-long peace in Kosovo has been clouded by ethnic violence blamed largely on ethnic Albanians seeking vengeance for Serb forces' brutal campaign of killings and expulsions during NATO's 78-day bombing of Yugoslavia.

Also Wednesday, top U.N. war crimes prosecutor Louise Arbour visited the site of a mass killing in the southwestern Kosovo village of Celine. Walking amid the shoes and clothing of children buried there, Arbour said she was "profoundly moved."

War crimes investigators said they have examined 57 bodies so far from nine separate gravesites in the village, nine miles northwest of Prizren. All the victims - including 11 children - were believed to have been shot by Serb forces in March.

Indicted Serb war criminal seeks refuge in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The notorious Serb paramilitary leader "Arkan," indicted for war crimes in Bosnia, asked Belgium if he would be prosecuted if he moved here from Belgrade, an official said Wednesday.

The inquiry by "Arkan," whose real name is Zeljko Razmatovic, may indicate he fears the downfall of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, his longtime ally and political protector.

Public opposition to Milosevic's regime is increasing, with Serbs blaming him for losing four Balkan wars in the 1990s and wrecking the economy.

Russia's Mir station prepares for final farewell

MOSCOW - After 13 years, more than 1,500 breakdowns and

scores of passengers, Russia's rusting yet revered Mir space station is counting down toward its most painful mission yet: being abandoned.

The Mir's current crew is supposed to be its last, and is scheduled to come home Aug. 23. The three men will leave behind the 130-ton mass of aging machinery that has been repeatedly patched and plugged to prolong its life span.

Mir's cosmonauts were almost forced to land this week after Kazakhstan banned all launches from its Baikonur cosmodrome, including one carrying the crew's last food shipment. But the Mir survived that scare too, when Russia on Wednesday promised to pay off its \$115 million debt for the use of the launch pad and convinced Kazakhstan to permit the launch as early as Thursday.

The fresh supplies, though, will only sustain the spaceship for a few more weeks. Longer-term help remains elusive.

Iraqis capture Clinton with pink cockroach

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraqis rarely lose an opportunity to hurt vitriolic jobs at the United States and President Clinton. This time Clinton is being compared to a cockroach.

"They have the color of Clinton and they invaded Basra," the Al-Ittehad weekly newspaper said

Tuesday in a banner headline on a report about a species of pink roaches that have recently infested the southern port city of Basra.

Basra, 310 miles south of Baghdad, was heavily bombed by the U.S.-led allied forces during the 1991 Gulf War.

Al-Ittehad quoted Dr. Alem Abdel Hamid, dean of the Medical College in Basra, as saying that the roaches that have

appeared in Basra's homes, hotels, restaurants and drains, are bigger than normal and are "almost red in color."

"Their Latin name is periplaneta americana and their going name is American cockroaches," he was quoted as saying, adding that the bugs are becoming a public health menace.

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Peru announces capture of last Shining Path leader

LIMA, Peru - The last remaining commander of one of Latin America's most violent rebel movements was captured Wednesday after being spotted at a jungle-cloaked gorge by an army patrol.

Shining Path guerrilla leader Oscar Ramirez Durand was detained early in Huancayo, 125 miles east of Lima, as he tried to escape through the rugged highland region, President Alberto Fujimori said.

More than a thousand army commandos had been in pursuit of Ramirez Durand, 46, who had been the last leader still at large from the violent Maoist group.

Ramirez Durand, who goes by the nom de guerre "Comrade Feliciano," wears glasses and walks with a limp from an old bullet wound. He took control of the guerrilla movement in 1992 after the capture of its founder and leader Abimael Guzman.

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Kubrick's last film is clothed in secrecy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A comic ballet of acromantic copulation between an Air Force bomber and a reeling plane. A middle-aged man preying on a lonely widow so he can get close to her pubescent daughter. A grinning, ax-toting Jack Nicholson chopping through a door and maniacally announcing, "Here's Johnny!"

Stanley Kubrick was never one to spare audiences from disturbing ideas and images, as these scenes from his "Dr. Strangelove," "Lolita" and "The Shining" attest.

On Friday, audiences will see his last foray into the unsettling with the opening of "Eyes Wide Shut," an examination of sexual obsession starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman.

Some expect it to be lightbrowed soft porn. Kubrick enthusiasts anticipate a final masterpiece.

"The most anticipated movie of the year was 'Star Wars' but this is it," said Rick Carnutte, a contributing editor to a Web site on Kubrick. "I'll be taking off work to see it."

U.S. viewers will see a slightly altered version. To fend off an R-17 rating, Kubrick digitally added closed captions to block some particularly explicit sex scenes during 65 seconds of footage, earning the movie an R rating. The rarer version will be shown overseas.

With all the buzz, plus the star power of Cruise and Kidman, "Eyes Wide Shut" almost certainly will be Kubrick's highest-grossing film and has a good shot at topping \$100 million, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co., which tracks ticket sales.

Kubrick's previous best was an estimated \$50 million for "2001: A Space Odyssey," followed by "Full Metal Jacket" at \$44 million and "The Shining" at \$44 mil-

lion. Early on, "Eyes Wide Shut" had two things going for it: the lure of real-life husband and wife Cruise and Kidman, and the fact that Kubrick had not released a movie since "Full Metal Jacket" 12 years ago.

Kubrick's death March 7 heightened the film's intrigue in much the way artists' deaths can boost the value of their works.

Add a cloak of mystery and measured marketing by Warner Bros., which has kept the movie under tight wraps per Kubrick's wishes, and "Eyes Wide Shut" probably ranks as the year's second most-talked-about film after the "Star Wars" installment.

Days before the movie's release, Warner remained coy. "Whatever you're expecting, it's not that," said studio spokeswoman Nancy Kirkpatrick.

Warner insists the hush-hush marketing was exactly how Kubrick wanted it. The day before Kubrick died, he talked by phone with Warner chairman Terry Semel and gave specific instructions about the first trailer, the ad campaign and the initial footage to release.

The studio limited advance media screenings. The trailer and ads feature erotic images of Cruise and Kidman mixed with otherworldly shots of masked and cloaked revelers at an orgy. A few snippets of dialogue in the ads make people want to see it, Dergarabedian said.

"And you can't take Cruise and Kidman out of the equation," he said. "If this was a non-name cast, all the mystery in the world might create a want-to-see feeling among some film fans but not the general public."

Film opening

"Eyes Wide Shut" opens Friday at the Ophelia Theatre in Twin Falls and The Sun Valley Opera House.

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It was not a dark and stormy night for Bulwer-Lytton winner

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — It goes from bad to worse.

"Through the gathering gloom of a late-October afternoon, along the gray, cracked paving stones, I slipped from the sputum of a sky, Stanley Ruddelthorp wearily trudged up the hill from the cemetery where his wife, sister, brother, and three children were all buried, and forced open the door of his decaying house, blissfully unaware of the catastrophe that was soon to devastate his life."

That's the winner of the 18th Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest for bad writing, sponsored by the San Jose State University. The sentence, intended as the first in a fictional novel, displayed the winning qualities of self-importance, stupidity, and bombast, said English Professor Scott Rice.

"This is a writer who's self-impressed," Rice said. He particularly liked the sentence's implausible ending. "He has lost all of his loved ones and lives in squalor, but now his life is about to take a downturn. It's pretty amusing."

Winner David Chuter, a 47-year-old civil servant in London and the contest's first non-American winner, said he had forgotten all about his entry until he was notified via e-mail that he had been placed on the short list.

Chuter panicked. "I thought, 'Oh my God! I might actually win this. Will I be able to cope?'"

The contest is named after the Victorian novelist Edward George Earl Bulwer-Lytton, whose novel "Paul Clifford" begins with the bad and famous line. "It was a dark and stormy night."

The prize, Rice said, is "a pitance." He declined to be more specific, except to say that there actually is a small material prize for the top entry. The real prize,

however, is the notoriety of having won and "dealing with all the groupies."

Rice said some winners "milk it for all it's worth," including one woman who went out on the lecture circuit. "Some go back to lives of obscurity."

The number of entries has soared in recent years as the contest has been advertised on the Internet (www.bulwer-lytton.com). Run-ons, puns and irreverently awful writing come from far and wide. Winning entries may be read on the site.

This year, Elaine Roman of West Caldwell, N.J., was runner-up with the following sentence:

"He had the regal bearing of a TV weatherman, his hair twin-trump's chandeliers in Ivaana Trump's chandelier, his teeth white and snappy like high-start boxes, his jaw strong and sharp as a Canadian high-pressure system — an El Niño just itching to wreak havoc in her trailer park."



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Section D

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

U.K. food retailers brace for Wal-Mart's arrival

LONDON — The anticipated acquisition of Asda Group, the third-largest U.K. supermarket operator, by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. isn't expected to trigger immediate changes in the sector, but U.K. food retailers are bracing themselves for a shakeup nonetheless.

Competition has intensified in the sector in recent years, and the initial impact of Wal-Mart's entry is expected to be additional price pressure. Attention could then shift to other aspects, such as broadening offerings of nonfood products.

It's a scenario that could play out on a smaller scale in the Magic Valley. Wal-Mart plans a store in south Jerome that will carry a grocery line.

Asda stockholders are expected to approve Wal-Mart's \$10.8 billion cash offer in about three weeks.

Wells Fargo joins effort to promote tree planting

SAN FRANCISCO — Wells Fargo is the first bank to partner with American Forests — the nation's oldest conservation organization for trees and forests — to promote a tree-planting campaign throughout nearly 2,000 Wells Fargo ATM's across 10 Western states, the bank said.

Each time Wells Fargo customers use their ATM card at selected Wells Fargo ATM's in the 10 states — including Idaho — to purchase an Express 10 or Express Balance Statement, Wells Fargo said it will donate a portion of the proceeds to buy and plant trees as part of American Forests' Global Relief campaign. It's an education and action campaign to help people and organizations improve the environment. The tree-planting campaign runs through Aug. 8.

The bank has Magic Valley branch offices in Hallett, Ketchum, Jerome and Twin Falls.

MK wins highway jobs in California worth \$61.8M

BOISE — Major Idaho employer Morrison Knudsen Corp. (NYSE: MK) announced Wednesday it has received two highway construction projects in California worth a total of about \$61 million.

The company said it won a \$47.9 million contract from the California Department of Transportation to construct almost four miles of new alignment of State Highway 168 near Fresno. In addition, the city of Roseville awarded MK a \$13.7 million contract to build an extension of Roseville Parkway, a major thoroughfare in the city just north of Sacramento.

The Morrison Knudsen Contractors Group will perform both projects.

"Highway work in California is a huge market, and winning these projects is part of our strategy to continue to play an important role in this work," said Roger J. Ludlum, president of the Contractors Group.

U.S. Bancorp reports record operating earnings

MINNEAPOLIS — U.S. Bancorp Wednesday reported record operating earnings of \$383.8 million, or 53 cents per diluted share, for the second quarter of 1999.

"That's compared with \$358.2 million, or 48 cents per diluted share, in the second quarter of 1998, said the company, which has bank branches throughout the Magic Valley.

Operating earnings on a cash basis increased from 52 cents per diluted share in second quarter 1998 to 59 cents per diluted share, or 11.5 percent, in second quarter 1999, the bank said.

"Our second-quarter results reflect our continued focus on profitable revenue growth," U.S. Bancorp Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer John F. Grundhofer said. "Our second-quarter loan growth was strong, net interest income improved, and fee income grew more than 18 percent from the first quarter of 1999 on an annualized basis."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Idaho farmers feel crunch of low wheat prices



A farmworker walks through a corn field looking for undetasselled corn that the farm's tractor may have missed near Brocktonbridge, Ill. The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicted this week lower prices for wheat, corn and other major crops, bad news for farmers in Idaho.

Knight Ridder News Service

IDAHO FALLS — Idaho's wheat farmers aren't in any better shape than their counterparts in the Midwest, with supplies high and prices at their lowest level since the early 1970s.

How low can they go? The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicted Monday that wheat prices could drop another 15 cents a bushel, because crops are doing better than expected. The strong dollar and bumper crops abroad have limited exports from the United States, causing stockpiles to build.

Two years ago, before a worldwide glut of grain drove prices down, wheat was selling for an average of \$3.38 per bushel. Prices now are expected to average \$2.45 to \$2.95 a bushel.

The USDA said Monday it expects farmers to harvest 2.6 billion bushels of winter wheat, a 10 percent more than was forecast in an early June.

In contrast, there is likely to be increased talk about another cash infusion to keep farmers afloat. Last year, the USDA more than doubled the number of acres that received the \$1 billion farm loan guarantee program.

Sharon McMurray, an Idaho spokeswoman for the USDA, said she doesn't sense a change in demand from Idaho farmers for a return to old price support programs. But as long as low prices persist, there could be more and coming.

"Our guys are staying. We can compete if you give us the tools to do it. Give me the help to get through this," McMurray said.

Idaho's agricultural picture is also a little less bleak because wheat prices are holding steady in the case of who will have surplus storage from last year. Moreover, crop wet weather in Washington's Columbia valley and western Idaho has delayed harvesting and cut yields. It could mean Idaho's growing season produced more than enough bushels to meet the market.

Two factors have been keeping the current depression in farm prices from turning into a wholesale crash like the one seen in the mid-1980s. Interest rates have remained low, and land prices have held steady.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



Increased traffic, including large agricultural trucks, on the 800 East road in Jerome County has prompted officials to ask the state for money for improvements.

Idaho firm announces counter bid

Boise manufacturer hopes to acquire Canadian company

The Associated Press

BOISE — Boise Cascade Corp. has announced plans to make a competing offer for a Canadian manufacturer of oriented strandboard that rival Louisiana-Pacific Corp. offered \$408 million for just two weeks ago.

In a terse statement issued this week, the Boise-based wood products company said it had not yet had a formal offer from Le Groupe Forest Inc., based in Montreal, of its intentions to apparently counter the earlier offer. But no details of its proposed offer were disclosed.

Any deal, the statement said, is conditioned on "definitive agreements being reached with Forest and its controller, U.S. sharehold-ers." Spokesman Michael Moser said there was no timetable for finalizing a deal. On July 15, Louisiana-Pacific announced its \$408 million cash offer for Forest, one of its leading competitors in the plywood substitute market.

At that time, Louisiana-Pacific said Forest's largest shareholder and other members of a controlling group had already agreed to tender their shares, which represented 42 percent of all shares.

That deal requires two-thirds of the outstanding Forest shares to be tendered along with U.S. and Canadian regulatory approval, and Louisiana-Pacific officials said they expected to finalize the acquisition by late August.

Chief Executive Mark Suwyn called the deal another step in Louisiana-Pacific's plan to establish itself as the premier building products supplier in North America.

Forest employs about 750 people and has four sawmills and three strandboard factories with an annual capacity of 1.6 billion square feet.

Boise Cascade has generated the bulk of its sales in recent years from paper and office products although 28 percent of sales in the past four years have come from its building-products segment, which has produced consistent operating profits.

A month ago, the company agreed to acquire Furman Lumber Inc., a privately held building-supplies distributor in Billerica, Mass. Furman has 12 regional wood-products distribution centers in the East, Midwest and South.

Rivals

Boise Cascade and rival Louisiana-Pacific Corp. are both bidding for Le Groupe Forest Inc., based in Montreal.

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Jerome seeks federal money

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

JEROME — A dairy, a milk-condensing plant and a potato processor need improvements to public facilities, and their potential for economic benefit to the entire area merits some help from Uncle Sam, Jerome officials will tell the Idaho Economic Advisory Council today.

Jerome County is applying for \$148,000 toward upgrading the

Road, utilities projects will help area economically, officials say

road to Roth Dairy, and the city of Jerome is asking for \$500,000 for water- and sewer-system work to accommodate expansion of Dargold Inc. and Rite Stuff Foods.

They're vying with Plummer, Caldwell and Nez Perce County

for federal economic development grants administered by the state. The projects will be used for constructing public facilities necessary for local business expansion and development, the Idaho Department of Commerce said.

Idaho receives about \$5 mil-

lion in Idaho Community Development Block Grant money each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, more than half of the money is awarded annually in April.

The road to Roth

The \$500,000 cost for upgrading 56-Ethen Farms — known locally as Roth Dairy — and the surrounding area.

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National advocates push for family leave with pay

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — When Sharon McDougle gave birth to her daughter, she managed to bank only two weeks of paid vacation and six days from her employer.

Because she didn't get her doctor's permission to return to work for three weeks, she went a week without pay. It wouldn't have been so bad, said this Houston mom, except that her husband was out of work at the time.

Coworkers came to the rescue, passing the hat for the young family. "Everybody at work was so nice. It was good," she said. By the time he was born, she'd built up four weeks of paid time off.

McDougle would like to see new moms all over the country able to count on maternity leave with pay. "I'm all for it," she said.

If advocates who pushed for the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 have their way, that law protects workers' jobs when they have a family medical emergency or new child by requiring

employers of 50 or more workers to allow up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave. But it makes no provision for paid leave.

The National Partnership for Women and Families has formally launched a national campaign to push for paid leave as well, citing a 1996 report from the bipartisan congressional commission formed to study the law's impact.

About 64 percent of employees couldn't take leave said they couldn't afford it, the report said. "That's especially true for lower-income families who need every single paycheck to make ends meet," said Donna Lophoff, the advocacy group's general counsel. Instead of pushing for a national law, the National Partnership is backing various state and private-sector initiatives.

Business opposition is already surfacing. Some groups, such as the National Federation of Independent Business, object on principle to any government regulation of employee benefits.

Others, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, don't like proposals to pay the benefits

Paid leave for family needs

More than 100 countries provide paid family leave by law, according to a 1996 report by the International Labor Organization. The United States has the lowest rate of paid family leave, according to the report.

Country	Length of leave	Cost coverage	Who pays?
Australia	1 year	65%	Govt.
Belgium	10 weeks	100%	Social security
Denmark	16-26 weeks	100%	Social security
Finland	14 weeks	100%	Social security
France	12 weeks	100%	Social security
Germany	14 weeks	65%	Social security or health insurance
Italy	12 weeks	65%	Social security
Netherlands	16 weeks	65%	Social security
Spain	14-16 weeks	65%	Social security
U.S.	12 weeks	0%	NA

SOURCE: International Labor Organization. Among groups U.S. employers are covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act are: nonprofit organizations, federal government contractors and other specified firms.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce opposes any federal law mandating paid family leave. Most (85 percent) favor it through temporary disability insurance.

Policy: 83% favor, 15% oppose, 2% no opinion. Employees getting paid leave: 52%.

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CLOSING FUTURES

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What's next

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It's just not holding up at all. Time is it of an essence for us. Prescott said. Adding a thick, paved surface and straightening bumps and curves will allow Roth Dairy to expand...

The major expansion hasn't happened yet, he said, and it's "somewhat dependent" on the road upgrade...

About half a dozen companies apparently are convinced. Money pledged from chemistry, chemical making, pharmaceutical, biological and feed supply businesses...

Plants need pipes. In the city's South Lincoln corridor, the water and sewer systems aren't sufficient for two incoming businesses.

The irrigated dairy cooperative's plant and milk-condensing plant has a condensing capacity of close to 2 million pounds per day.

For operations of that size, the area needs more sewage collection and treatment capacity and better water flow for fire protection.

Leave

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battle, which is being waged largely in the courts for the moment, has only begun. The muscle over unpaid family leave lasted eight years...

Right now the debate centers on President Clinton's intention to May to the Idaho Department to draw up regulations...

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Scrying the Magic Valley

PARADING MARTIAL ARTS



The combined demonstration teams of Sean Kay's Burley Dragons and Dr. Jay Harbottle's Twin Falls Flying Tigers receive a first place trophy from Ms Idaho Teen USA for the recent city of Eagle's Founder's Day pageant. Each of the teams are invited all over the state to demonstrate the many aspects and benefits of martial arts, organizers say. For more information, call 736-7100.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Woman seeks people who helped her to thank them

I am trying to locate both a nurse and a respiratory therapist that helped me at WinCo in Twin Falls on Tuesday, June 29, at approximately 6 p.m. I sustained an injury to my back and was in desperate need of medical help. There was a couple with a young son and a nurse that very willingly helped me, and I just want to take this opportunity to tell all three of them thank you very much.

I would very much like to tell you thank you in person; however, I have made every effort possible to locate you and have not been able to. Please contact me at 736-4078 so that I might have the opportunity to thank you in person. I sincerely appreciate you seeing that I will look forward to hearing from both of you.

YOLANDA HALL
Jerome

Country Club on June 12.

With your generous donations; we were able to net just over \$7,000. The staff at the Glens Ferry Police Department was assisting us by the side of the road. He, along with Bob Janousek of Glens Ferry Tire Service, was a terrific job. They not only helped us personally fill our jet skis of the trailer but towed them back to Glens Ferry, fixed our trailer, charged us next to nothing and got us back on our way in less than two hours.

These two men went out of their way on a hot Saturday afternoon, and I would like them to know that they would be a better place if there were more honorable men like these two.

Thanks again!
SANDIE HEMINGWAY
Twin Falls

Two people go out of their way to help stranded travelers

A couple of weeks ago, my family and I were traveling on Interstate 84 heading toward Mountain Home. Just north of Glens Ferry, we had an accident with our trailer. By the grace of God, no one was injured.

Within minutes of the accident, Scott Smith of the Glens Ferry Police Department was assisting us by the side of the road. He, along with Bob Janousek of Glens Ferry Tire Service, was a terrific job. They not only helped us personally fill our jet skis of the trailer but towed them back to Glens Ferry, fixed our trailer, charged us next to nothing and got us back on our way in less than two hours.

These two men went out of their way on a hot Saturday afternoon, and I would like them to know that they would be a better place if there were more honorable men like these two.

Thanks again!
SANDIE HEMINGWAY
Twin Falls

Caregivers' contributors help group with volunteer efforts

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Hank Wills of Wills Toyota, Randy Hansen of Randy Hansen Chevrolet and Lowell Lytle of Canyon Motors for their generous donation of \$2,300 to carry on our mission of volunteer care giving in our community.

Thank you to John Barrett of Office Max for donating their copy service to the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley. We are growing in information because of all the information packages they copied.

NORA S. WELLS
Director
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
Twin Falls

Downtown merchants thank contributors, invite visitors

On behalf of the Downtown Merchants Association, we would like to thank you for the generous contributions and donations you took part in.

The broadcast was a great success. We hope you enjoy your downtown this holiday season. This Christmas season when you come down to shop and enjoy the decorations, we hope you feel as good as we do because you helped to make it beautiful.

BSR Equipment, Independent Meat, Costco, Magic Valley Band, Theresa Charbonneau, Randy Bombardier, Party Time, Ameri-Pride Linen, Shannon Distributing, Desk Top by Design, Kid's Korner and K38.
Thank you again,
MARGION VANHOFWEGEN
Downtown Merchants Association
Twin Falls

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.
- If you would like to purchase a classified ad to express gratitude, call The Times-News Customer Service department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

Twin Falls golf course gets high scores from golfers

Tom and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Hamblin and the staff at Municipal Golf Course. The course is in excellent shape and is such a pleasure to play this year. If you're a golfer, take advantage of this wonderful, fun course. We are lucky to have such a great "municipal" course available to us.

Keep up the good work guys and gals!

STUE AND TOM BURNIKEL
Twin Falls

Coverage spotlights students at camp for the blind, deaf

I would like to thank The Times-News, the Gooding County Leader and KMYT for their various coverage of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind's Summer Enrichment Camp for the Blind and Family Weekend for Parents of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The Times-News and KMYT covered Robert Ott, a blind adult role model, teaching martial arts to visually impaired students from across the state. The Gooding County Leader focused on Jim Kelly from Montana teaching Golf Ball, a competitive team sport for the blind.

For such students to share the limelight in self-defense and athletics further contributes to their self-confidence and pride.

VICTORIA ROPER
Director of Outreach
The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind
Gooding

Concert entertains, warms hearts, raises money

The Charity Anywhere Foundation would like to extend its deepest gratitude to all of those who helped to make the Freedom Benefit Concert a great success.

We would like to thank The Standards for generously donating their time and talent. There was a swinging performance that kept the audience dancing long after the music ended. We appreciate the young and old who helped to make the concert the great job they did. Their tribute to America warmed our hearts with Rex Rathburn as our perfect Uncle Sam.

The Rhythmic Dance Team deserves a superlative round of applause for its beautiful performance. They came on very short notice to entertain our audience. To all those we failed to mention, make the concert possible. And a great big thank you to all of you who donated or supported us by attending.

GORDON CARTER
President
Charity Anywhere Foundation
Twin Falls

Generous donations help tournament net about \$7,000

The St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Foundation would like to thank all the golfers and sponsors of our 33rd Annual "It's the Spirit" Golf Tournament held at the Jerome

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We're interested in:

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Better Breather's Club hears about organ donation

TWIN FALLS - The Better Breather's Club will have a meeting at 12 p.m. Tuesday at the Office on Aging Annex at CSI, 998 Washington Street North. Speakers will be Jennifer Devine and Woody Marshall of the Intermountain Organ Recovery System, discussing organ donation.

For more information, call Vickie Ellis-Dry at 324-4301 Ext. 266.

Filer High School Class of 1969 announces 30-year reunion

FILER - The Filer High School Class of 1969 is holding a 30-year reunion on Friday and Saturday in Filer.

Festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the residence of Ruby Greene Chandler, one-half mile south of Asgrow. Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. Saturday's events include a round of golf at Jerome in the afternoon and dinner at 7:30 p.m. at Alexander's Barn, one-quarter mile south of Jordan's corner.

All classmates and teachers from the class of 1969 are invited to attend. For more information, please call Mike Brown at 324-7454 or Ruby Chandler at 326-5335.

Family honors local woman's 90th birthday on Sunday

TWIN FALLS - Vivian Knighton of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house celebrating her 90th birthday from 2:5 p.m. Sunday at the Turf Club. Friends and relatives are invited and the family requests no gifts. The event is hosted by Knighton's six children and their spouses.

For more information, call Frieda Young at 734-3393.

Stephenson speaks about proposed dam destruction

BURLEY - State Rep. Bert Stephenson is the guest speaker at the monthly Farm Bureau board of directors meeting at 8 p.m. today in the conference room at the Farm Bureau office, 444 E. 5th N.

Stephenson will discuss the proposed destruction of dams on the Snake River. The public is invited to attend.

Red Cross blood drive set in Wendell next week at church

WENDELL - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the LDS Church gymnasium, 605 N. Idaho St.

Donors must be at least age 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and be in general

good health. There is no upper age limit. Donors may drop in or schedule an appointment by calling Austyn Shirley at 236-2593.

First time donors are welcome.

1999 Minidoka County Fair Talent Show deadline approaches

RUPERT - The application deadline for the 1999 Minidoka County Fair Talent Show is July 27.

The show will be on 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 in the grass areas on the fairgrounds. Single act divisions include 6-years old and under, ages 7-11, ages 12-15, ages 16-18, and 19 years and older.

Duets and groups are divided into 13 years and under, and 14 years and older. Participants will be judged and receive ribbons or prize money. Registration forms are available at the Minidoka County Fair office, 65 E. Baseline or call 436-55-88.

Hagerman Senior Center cooks up Saturday bake sale

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Senior Center will build a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and community breakfast from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The craft shop will be open both days. For more information, please call 837-6234.

ISU reminds students to apply for graduation by Sept. 3

POCATELLO - Students planning to graduate from Idaho State University in December 1999 should apply for graduation no later than Sept. 3.

Undergraduates must contact the Office of Registration and Records at 236-3672 or 236-4225. Students who apply in a timely manner will be notified of any deficiencies in general education or university requirements.

Graduate students should contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 236-2150 or 236-2292 to obtain applications for graduation. Both graduate and undergraduate students are required to pay \$20 graduation/diploma fees at the Office of Registration and Records prior to Dec. 17.

Hospice plans garden tour, entertainment around town

TWIN FALLS - The Hospice Visions Garden Tour is set for 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$6 per adult.

Entertainers, who will be at various homes at various times, include Miss Magic Valley, Mema Ford and a bird-house display, Chelsea Carter on harp.

Judy Reeder and an art display and the Old Time Fiddlers.

Tickets will be on sale at each home the day of the tour. Tickets are also available at Kelley Garden Center, Kimberly Nurseries, Moss Greenhouses, Windsor Greenhouse and Hospice Visions.

Homes on the tour: Dick and Betty Astley, 1859 Candleridge Drive; Charles and Carol Brockway, 706 Sunrise Boulevard; Carletta Smith, 1995 Filer Ave. E; Dr. Harry and Jan Brumbach, 2127 Hillcrest Drive; John and Rosamaria Doerr, 1040 Highway Lane; John and Rose Devine, 4111 Meadow Ridge Circle.

Twin Falls couple celebrates 40th anniversary Sunday

TWIN FALLS - Roy and Leslie Marcellus will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday and their children are inviting friends to help celebrate with a card shower.

Cards should be sent to: Roy and Leslie Marcellus, 507 So. Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301

Hospital seeks photos, stories in recognition of wing open house

RUPERT - Terry Johnson is compiling a history of Minidoka Memorial Hospital and the doctors who have been associated with health care in the area for the open house of the new Obstetrics/Surgical Wing at the hospital.

Johnson, hospital marketing coordinator, requests that anyone with photos or stories about the hospital, doctors or patients contact her at 436-0481 Ext. 389. The information will be displayed during the open house.

The open house will be from 4-7 p.m. on July 20. The 15,000 square-foot wing includes three birthing rooms, four private patient rooms, nursery, respiratory therapy department and new surgical department with emphasis on outpatient surgery.

Boy Scout seeks donations to complete Eagle Scout project

HEYBURN - Boy Scout Bryan Hunt of Heyburn is seeking donations for his Eagle Scout project.

He plans to build a sidewalk, small patio and fence for the Chamber of Commerce Office in Heyburn. Contributors will be recognized when Hunt achieves his Eagle Scout rank and names will be posted at the Chamber of Commerce.

Send donations to Meredith Hunt at P.O. Evans Bank, P.O. Box 1188, Burley, ID 83318. Checks should be made out to the Chamber of Commerce.

Twin Falls resident earns degree at Evergreen State College

Ann Gnybill of Twin Falls graduated from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. on June 13.

Graybill is the daughter of Leah Brunson of Salt Lake City.

Student receives Concordia Board of Regents Scholarship

Jessen Schwartzberger of Twin Falls was awarded a \$5,000 Board of Regents Scholarship from Concordia University in Seward, Neb., beginning fall semester of the 1999-2000 school year.

Schwartzberger's scholarship, valued at \$1000 per year, was awarded for academic achievement, university sources say. She was a student at Wood River High School.

Colorado School of Mines puts Trainor on honor list

Whitney Jane Trainor of Twin Falls was named to the Colorado School of Mines dean's list for the spring semester.

Declo student makes dean's list at Oregon State University

Chucky A. Krieger of Declo made the dean's list at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore., for the spring 1999 term.

Krieger is a junior in home economics and education at the university.

Twin Falls residents make dean's list at Northwest Nazarene

Danielle Lee Silvers and Keegan John

Filer student makes dean's list at Jamestown College

Brandy Gines of Filer was named to the 1999 spring semester dean's list at Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D.

Gines finished with a grade point average of 3.64 for the spring semester.

Student takes place on Eastern Mennonite University dean's list

Rebecca Hooley, daughter of Gary and Lois Hooley of Filer, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester of 1999 at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va.

Hooley is a senior nursing major at the university.

'Mortar Board' society accepts Filer student for achievements

Bryna Oetzel of Filer was selected as a member of the Mortar Board, a national honor society for college seniors.

Members are chosen based on contri-

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burions to the university community in the areas of leadership, scholarship, and service.

Oetzel is a senior architecture major at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore.

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With 11,000- and 12,000-foot peaks poking holes in the sky behind her, a lone hiker nears the Pioneer Cabin at 9,440 feet in the Pioneer Mountains.

A three-hour walk can put healthy hikers...

In high places

A hike up the North Fork of Hyndman Creek to the Pioneer Cabin is a simple way to enjoy some of Idaho's wild character. All that's required is a sturdy pair of boots, plenty of water and some ambition. Along the way, hikers can savor a lively mountain stream, brilliant wildflowers and surpassing views of the mountain range long thought to contain Idaho's highest peak. A friend and I were there the other day, strolling through shady forests, then toiling up sun-baked ledges to the cabin. There, with the grandeur of the Pioneer Mountains spread before us, there was no doubt that we were in the right place at the right time.

The hike wasn't terribly demanding and, with a little effort, we reaped a lot of reward.

The adventure begins at the trailhead, roughly 12 road miles from Idaho Highway 75. From there, the trail slants up the North Fork of Hyndman Creek at a gentle angle, weaving through evergreen trees and across sage-covered flats.

Here and there, aromatic mint and stringing nettles make the trail.

Elsewhere, the hills are alive with wildflowers that run the spectrum from bright yellow to delicate lavender.

The creek, soothing and abundant, is frequently on display as it tumbles through a maze of boulders. Fed by melting snowfields, its waters are a powerful lure for worn and weary hikers. Bloodthirsty horseflies and mosquitoes are a powerful repellent for those who linger too long. As the trail wears on, it passes

Pioneer Cabin via North Fork of Hyndman Creek

Round-trip mileage: Eight miles
Elevation gain: 2,000 vertical feet
Minimum elevations: 9,440 feet

BEING THERE

Turn east off of Idaho Highway 75 onto East Fork Road, roughly midway between Halley and Ketchum, then left on Hyndman Creek Road about a mile past the old mining community of Triumph. The paved road eventually gives way to gravel, and the trailhead is at the end of the road. The total distance from Highway 75 is roughly 12 miles, of which the final 2.6 miles are unimproved.

A Sawtooth National Forest recreation user pass is required to park at the trailhead.



through avalanche chutes where trees and boulders were ripped loose and tossed around by unspeakably powerful forces of nature.

Hikers must traverse sections of precariously balanced scree, where a single wrong step could send thousands of stones tumbling downhill.

Gradually, the trail enters a sub-alpine zone where all eyes are lifted to the heavens. The upper basin of Hyndman Creek is a sight to behold. To the east, the skyline is dominated by the 12,009-foot Hyndman Peak - 12,009 feet was believed to be Idaho's tallest until a 1929 U.S. Geological Survey gave that distinction to Siskiyou Peak. Just north of Hyndman is Handwerks Peak; to the south are Old Hyndman Peak and 11,650-foot Cobb Peak.

Taken as a whole, the four peaks present an alpine panorama as majestic as anything in Glacier National Park.

About three miles from the trailhead, the trail forks away from the creek and begins to climb in earnest.

All pretense of civility is stripped away and the final mile climbs roughly 1,200 feet up a steep, flinty path. The trail thrashes through a savage series of switchbacks where weary hikers, their lungs heaving, can measure the true depth of their fitness.

The final slope is specked with stately trees that died in a wildfire, leaving their charred, skeletal limbs reaching for the sky. Starved mountain grouse occasionally flush from the sage and swoop to safety in the bare trees. The trail keeps climbing, inex-

orably leaving the dead trees behind and closing in on the Pioneer Cabin.

Unlike many mountain trails, which rattlezize hikers with false summits, the trail from the North Fork of Hyndman Creek doesn't toy with trekkers' emotions. The first hint of a ridge runs out to be the real thing and the cabin stands just shy of a saddle that drops to the Corral Creek drainage.

The cabin isn't much, just a weather-beaten shack with a commanding view of Hyndman Handwerks and Cobb peaks. The two-room building is open to anyone who twines the doorknob.

Inside, the cabin is testament to the honesty and essential good nature of people who roam the hills. Painted on a wall over one of the bunks is a slogan that says it all: "Leave more than you take." Sure enough, the humble refuge is stocked with books, candles, tea bags, a camping stove and a mostly unstrung guitar.

It's a place where many pass through but few intersect. Strangers leave things for other strangers, meeting their needs without knowing their names. In a hectic, oft-impersonal world, the Pioneer Cabin bespeaks a real sense of community.

The cabin is a heartening example of what's right with society. In a deeper vein, the trail up the North Fork of Hyndman Creek reveals what's right with Idaho. Take a day, and a friend, and see for yourself.



No matter what species you belong to, the North Fork of Hyndman Creek is a swell place to escape life's cares.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY WILLIAM BROCK

Fluctuating water levels, regulations wreak havoc on fish habitat

The Spokesman-Review

SPOKANE - The rise and fall of water levels at lakes in Idaho and Washington is having a profound impact on kokanee, one of the favorite catches in the Inland Northwest.

But anglers at Lake Roosevelt have a peculiar headache in addition to hydro-power operations that often flush the bulk of the lake's kokanee down the drain at Grand Coulee Dam.

Since last year, anglers have been required to release all kokanee that have not had their adipose fins clipped at the hatcheries before being released into the lake.

The regulation was requested by the Colville Confederated Tribes to help protect a genetically significant but declining strain of wild land-locked sockeyes that run up the Sampoil River to spawn.

Trouble is, only one out of a hundred or

so kokanee caught at Lake Roosevelt in the past two seasons has been fin-clipped.

Ray Bailey, who runs R/C Guide Service out of Havensport, said the rule has resulted in thousands of wasted fish. "About 75 percent of kokanee tear their faces up, twist the line around their bodies and fight vigorously to escape," he said. "The girls sometimes get ripped from line and hook. They're bleeders and they die shortly after being released."

He said anglers aboard four boats involved in a survey by the Colville and Spokane tribes caught 302 kokanee in one day. "Only two were clipped," he said.

"We've killed more fish by trying to catch a keeper than if every boat I've seen out fishing had limits."

No one knows how many of the 100 or so survivors among the Sampoil kokanee have been saved by the rule.

Bailey and other anglers are disgusted

'We've killed more fish by trying to catch a keeper than if every boat I've seen out fishing had limits.'

- Ray Bailey, fishing guide

with the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission for imposing the fin-clip rule. Bailey's sentiment was aggravated when he learned at the last minute about a recent state-sponsored meeting for sportsmen to propose changes for the next round of fishing regulations.

Thursday is the department's deadline for accepting proposed changes in fishing regulations that would take effect next year. Anglers who want to know the

department's final fishing regulation proposals before they are presented to the Fish and Wildlife Commission in November must file a request. No public meetings will be held, department officials said.

The Indian tribes have been considering a proposal to the commission that would allow some non-clipped kokanee to be kept.

Keith Underwood, fisheries manager for the Spokane Tribe, said he'd like to eliminate the fin-clip rule and go with a daily limit of two or three kokanee. This would give anglers a better chance to take home a meal without slaughtering dozens of kokanee in the process, he said.

Kirk Truscott, a fisheries manager for the Colville Tribe, did not return calls for an interview.

Meanwhile, the status of the lake's kokanee fishery is unknown. The deep drawdown to hold major

runoff in the Columbia River has kept water temperatures cooler and reduced the growth of plankton on which kokanee feed. The drawdown also may have discouraged some of the kokanee to go with the flow through Grand Coulee Dam.

Richard LeClerc, a Spokane Tribe researcher working with monitors that count fish passing through the dam's turbines, said his study is far from complete. About 400,000 kokanee and 550,000 rainbows were released this spring from 45 net pens between Keller and the Kettle Falls area, Gene Smith said. Smith is a retired Reardan coach who's paid by

the tribe to monitor the dam's turbines. He has the capability to rebound quickly, however, because of a project that rears fish in net pens along the lake.

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OUTDOORS

Seneca Rocks: 'The only major summit east of Devil's Tower'

SENECA ROCKS, W.Va. (AP) — Jeff DeLaval has just one word to describe what it's like to stand atop a sandstone crag 4 feet wide and 900 feet high: "Spooky."

"You know you're way up there in the air," he adds. "You don't make mistakes out there because it may be your last."

He's not exaggerating.

Even from the ground, Seneca Rocks is scary-looking. Jagged and narrow, the white sandstone peaks shoot out of the ground like something in a Ray Bradbury novel.

But this isn't Marc-The-spectacular formation sits in a quiet farming valley of the Allegheny Mountains, about 160 miles southwest of Washington, D.C.

A footpath with numerous switchbacks crisscrosses the mountain, leading hikers on a sustained climb through the Monongahela National Forest and ending high above the headwaters of the Potomac River's south branch.

DeLaval, 47, of Athens, Ohio, needed two hours to make the hike with his family — 90 minutes up, 30 minutes down. At the top, next to an observation platform, he found a sign warning hikers that only experienced rock climbers should continue the last few feet to the narrow precipice.

With 8-year-old daughter Olivia and 7-year-old nephew Jefferson Davis in tow, DeLaval and his wife, Becky, inched their way onto the ridge.

"It was unnerving," Becky said afterward. "It's very narrow and slippery. You think about each step. You know you're in peril."

Unless you're a kid. "It's cool," proclaims the fearless nephew.

Olivia nods in agreement. "Our car was smaller than my fingernail," she says, sticking out a finger to illustrate.

With water, sturdy shoes and reasonable health, anyone can walk to the top and take in the scenery. But for the more adventurous and athletic, there is another

path — straight up.

The rocks make eastern West Virginia a major destination for East Coast rock climbers, says John Markwell, owner of the Seneca Rocks Climbing School.

"Seneca is the only major summit east of Devil's Tower in Wyoming," he says. "It has a true summit. There is no other way up but to climb."

It's a traditional climbing area with few pre-positioned anchors or bolts. "Every time you go up, you do it on your own," Markwell says. "The climbing is steep and sustained and exposed, meaning there's a lot of air beneath your feet. It's intimidating."

Seneca Rocks drew as many as 220,000 people a year in the late '80s and early '90s. But when fire destroyed the repeatedly flooded visitors' center in May 1992 and the staff retreated to converted trailers, the tourist traffic slowed.

Last year, just 160,000 came.

Julie Foshender, director of the center, says it's time to come back. A new \$6.5 million Seneca Rocks Discovery Center opened in April, and this time it's out of the flood plain.

The 10,000-square-foot facility features a gift shop, classrooms, a lighted topographic map, art displays and weekly musical performances on the terrace. A receptionist for the state Division of Tourism will even help visitors make hotel reservations.

Eventually, one side of the building will have a small, indoor rock climbing wall where beginners can try maneuvers without getting more than a few feet off the ground.

The center's tall windows flood the massive main room with sunshine and provide an ideal view of the Seneca Rocks summit.

Metal beams are painted forest green, the floors are slate and the walls are wood and stone — stone collected from farmers' fields after floods ripped through the region four times in 1996.

Markwell, a native of Dayton, Ohio,



James White peers through a viewfinder at one of the formations at Seneca Rocks last month in Pendleton County, W.Va. Seneca Rocks sits in a quiet farming valley of the Allegheny Mountains, about 160 miles southwest of Washington.

moved to rural Pendleton County about 30 years ago. "The beauty of this is we have wonderful routes for every grade of climber," he says.

Beginners just need to respect the rocks. "It's a complex little cliff," Markwell says. "It's not easy to get lost, too. It's common for first-timers to spend the

night up there."

Thousands of people scale the rocks every year. And from time to time, someone falls.

Ten people have died on the mountain since 1935, Markwell says. He stopped counting broken ankles at 125. Markwell performed his first rescue in November 1971. Today, he and his

climbers team up with Tom Cecil, owner of Seneca Rocks Mountain Guides, several times a summer to bail out injured adventurers.

"Any competent group of climbers can pull off a rescue," Markwell says. "We haul them down the mountain and the county ambulance takes them away. Thank God we've got that."

Man continues tradition of hand-drawing 'Pikes Peak Atlas'

The (Colorado Springs) Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Colorado Springs cartographer Robert Houdek hikes as he lives.

He lives in a perpetual state of restlessness, led only by a confident brassiness that comes out in his demeanor. For him, an A-to-Z explanation will hop from B to D, then to R, then back to C.

When Houdek hikes, he generally starts on an established trail, but he may wind up bushwhacking, pushing aside branch and bramble to find a route that hasn't been worn thin.

That is what he did during a recent weekend of research for his "Pikes Peak Atlas." But for the more tracking a snatch of trail that had been on a 40-year-old edition of the map.

"I camped at Clyde last weekend," said Houdek, 49, referring to a remote intersection south of Pikes Peak. "You cannot believe the things that can happen."

He described finding a wide "highway," ancient Indian artifacts and even a gold watch stuffed with cotton and filled with mysterious powder.

It makes for a great story, one of many Houdek tells about his high-altitude sojourns. As far as the map is concerned, the intersection is just a few lines only the most rugged of hikers will notice.

Those hikers will rejoice this month when Houdek plans to release the eighth edition of his 32-by-56-inch atlas, which has been drawn by hand. Trail users speak of it with reverence, calling it the quintessential outdoors map of the region.

"I've used it since I can remember," said longtime local hiker Peggy Parr. "And I never, ever go on a trail without the section of the 'Pikes Peak Atlas' that has the trail marking that day on it."

The grew up hiking these trails," said a local hiker and friend of Houdek's, John Rasmussen. "When this map became avail-



Robert Houdek works on what has become a tradition to Pikes Peak visitors: hand-drawn atlases of the one of America's most famous mountains.

able, it became a gold mine to me."

The seventh edition, released in 1993, sold out of its 5,000 printed copies. Bookstores and bike shops already are getting requests for the new map.

The map covers a treasure trove of trails in a 600-square-mile area ranging from Monument to south of Cheyenne Mountain, and west to Divide and Cripple Creek.

What Houdek considers a trail, you might not.

"The trails may not be in the condition you may think that they would be," he said.

At least one historic trail up Pikes Peak shown on the map has pretty much disappeared," Houdek said.

Many trails have faded from overgrowth and lack of use, which is why Houdek spends several months hiking trails and noting changes before he maps them. He says he has hiked or biked each and every one.

Careful atlas readers will notice subtle amendments. Casual users will see new trail areas added in the Stratton Preserve, a future city park at J.L. Ranch and the outmost reservoir area north of Pikes Peak.

It seems the intricate detail and web of lines on the map would be too much for one man to compile, the trails too numerous to keep track of.

But those are small potatoes compared with how Houdek actually makes his maps.

While the map-making world concerns itself with satellite photos and computer projections, Houdek does the whole thing by hand on a 9-by-5-foot canvas in the living room of his cluttered home, where he lives with his wife, a beaver.

He sits for hours with a contour pen ("\$40 to \$50, if you can find it"), sketching the rivers, roads, the elevation bars and so on. The sketchwork usually takes about three months, though he works only by day because his living room lighting isn't industrial-strength.

He eschews coffee because it makes his hand shake. "A beer helps, though," he says.

Houdek's concession to modern-day navigation is not a Global Positioning System, but an altimeter.

The skeleton of the map is based on Forest Service maps that incorporate modern technology.

That it's done by hand, said map expert John Stone of Chinook Bookshop, adds to its charm.

"It's one of the last hand-drawn maps. It's a rarity in today's society," Stone says. "The typical map today is generated from the (U.S. Geological Survey) database."

"Hey, I'm a horse-drawn cartographer," Houdek says.

He says maps such as the atlas cannot be done justice with technology alone. Aerial photography can pick up roads but rarely trails because of tree cover. Plus, he said, map-making is as much art as science.

Because the map is hand-drawn, it's difficult to market outside the region, Stone says.

"I have talked to many different wholesalers. No one wants to pick it up because it's hand-drawn. If it doesn't have computer associated with it, it's out the door."

The original atlas was published by Colorado College professor and local mountaineer Robert Ormes, who in turn carried on the trail-tracking work of his father, Ben Ormes.

The original trails on the atlas, Houdek said, reflected Robert Ormes' aggressive approach to the mountains.

"If he liked the trail, even if it was bushwhacked, he considered it a route," Houdek said. "All he was doing was showing to other people how he climbed the mountain."

The pair met in 1984 when Houdek called the then-81-year-old Ormes to comment on his new fourth edition of the atlas. The confusing mess of lines reflected Ormes' declining sketchwork.

"I said, 'Hey Bob, your map ... it's just a plate of spaghetti!'" Houdek recalled.

"And he said, 'You think you could do better?' and I went, 'Yeah, damn right I can. And he goes, 'Well, then you could be

my partner,' and I went ... 'OK!' I took a liking to him immediately."

Ormes and Houdek worked together for the next few editions until Ormes got too old to continue mapping. He died in 1994.

The new edition is the first published since Ormes' death, and Houdek will continue to read, "By Robert Ormes and Robert Houdek."

"Everybody does call it the Ormes Atlas. He may be gone, but I wasn't going to take his name off," Houdek says.

A map maker since the late '70s, Houdek taught college courses in natural cartography for several years and continues to freelance regional and historic maps for entities such as the Pioneers Museum.

He survives financially, he says, because when it comes to hand-drawn maps, "I'm about the last guy. If I had competition, we'd both starve."

His strong belief in open trails and untrammeled nature is evident in the trail descriptions from his last map. One write-up of a trail bound for development read, "Why not see it before it's ripped from the face of Ute Pass? After all, it's in our National Forest."

The atlas should be looked at as an invitation to explore, Houdek says.

"There's a lot of land out there. A lot of it is very rugged and beautiful."

Fish

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the Bonneville Power Administration to coordinate the net pen project.

Another 400,000 or so kokanee are being released from the state's Sherman Creek Hatchery and the Spokane Tribal Hatchery.

The net pen kokanee were 6-7 inches long when released while the trout ran 8-10 inches, Smith said.

Mich Combé, Sherman Creek Hatchery manager, said all the

kokanee released in recent years were fin-clipped.

Nevertheless, Spokane Tribal Hatchery manager Tim Pedross said there's reason to address the rule of keeping only

marked kokanee.

"Indications are that anglers are catching a lot of unclipped kokanee that wash downstream from Lake Couer d'Alene and the Arrow Lakes region of the upper

Columbia in Canada," Pedross said. "It's a shame not to be able to keep some of those fish."

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Personal watercraft become more popular, but danger level remains

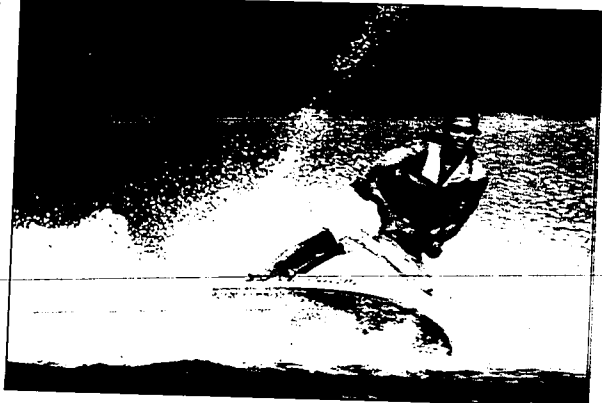
ON LAKE LANIER, Ga. (AP) — After being injured several times on dirt bikes, Rick Dennis decided to switch to something he thought was safer but just as exciting — a water jet-powered personal watercraft.

"I like the physical challenge," said Dennis, coasting to a stop after skimming the lake at 40 mph on his Yamaha Wave Runner 2.

But these increasingly popular small craft — which include Kawasaki's Jet Ski brand — may not be as safe as Dennis thought they were.

Although they make up less than 10 percent of all registered boats, PWCs account for 36 percent of vessels involved in accidents, according to Coast Guard statistics. The 1,812 accidents in 1997 included 184 injuries and 84 deaths. As of last week, there had been 36 boating accidents this year on Lake Lanier, the nation's busiest man-made lake, 19 involving PWCs. Fifteen people were hurt in the PWC crashes on the lake 45 miles north of Atlanta, including a woman whose jaw was broken last month when her rear-oh son lost control and ran over her in knee-deep water.

"When you get into a boating accident with a conventional boat, you have a measure of protection," said Mark Williams, the



Rick Dennis, of Snellville, Ga., rides his jet ski last month on Lake Lanier near Flowery Branch, Ga. Although personal watercraft usage may seem fun and easy-going, accidents, injuries and deaths remain a danger to anyone on the water.

chief park ranger for the Corps of Engineers at Lake Lanier. "By the nature of the way PWCs are operated, with quick turns and

high speeds, and the fact you have no real protection," he said, "there's a greater potential for injury."

PWCs can hit speeds as high as 60 mph, and they can rapidly spin 360 degrees. And since their direction is

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controlled by their water jets rather than by rudders, PWCs can be steered unless they have power.

"Something we see all the time is someone heading right for a dock or someone else and kill the throttle, but then they can't steer out of the way and crash," said state Department of Natural Resources ranger Stephen Adams.

And they're easily accessible. "You can go out and buy one of these things for under \$10,000, and that gives a lot of unqualified people out there," said Dale Cheyem, a DNR ranger stationed on Lake Lanier.

The average cost is less than \$7,000 and rentals also are widely available even to first-timers.

Any new PWC comes with a safety training video, and operators in most states are required to wear a life jacket.

Georgia recently strengthened its boating laws to require PWCs to stay 100 feet from other boats.

However, they can still jump other boats' wakes, one of the most popular maneuvers. "Our approach is that these are boats, and as with any other kind of boat, it requires a sense of responsibility on everybody's part," said Larry Lambrose, executive director of the Personal Watercraft Industry Association, which reports 1997 sales of \$1.1 billion.

"We are talking about giving access to boating to a whole other population out there, and usually, these accidents occur within the first hour of operation, when people don't know how to operate it."

As a lifelong fisherman, Bill White knows all too well what happens when newcomers get on their PWCs, saying he's had lines cut and tangled and nearly been tipped over by people buzzing him. That's why he's taking it extra careful on his new PWC.

"I used to hate them, but then I made the mistake of trying my brother-in-law's," he said, astride his lake Bombardier Sea-Doo. "Then I got hooked. But I made sure to learn all about them, and anyone who gets on this thing is going through a checklist. I'm not going to be part of any statistics."

Know where to look for bluegills

Knight Rider News Service

It's July. It's hot. And the tepid shallows of the inland lakes appear to have been deserted by all but the runs of the local sunfish population. Big sunnies are around, but the trick is finding them.

As the water warms, bluegills that aren't nesting retreat to the dimmer, cooler depths during the day, especially bigger fish.

spawning is over. "I like bobber fishing because I can concentrate on keeping the canoe in the right place with both hands and still keep an eye on the float. When it goes under, I drop the paddle and grab the rod," he said, demonstrating by reeling in a 10-inch bluegill with a belly the color of marsh marigolds.

Elison used Berkley Power Baits, an artificial substance that apparently looks and smells like something sunfish like to eat.

He prefers them when the fish are feeding aggressively because they stay on the hook so well you can catch five or six fish without rebaiting. But if I don't get a hit on a Power Bait within 10 minutes, I switch to night crawlers or crickets. I usually have three different baits with me so I can find one they want.

"I also don't think people realize how important it is to have the right bobber," Elison said. "Those big, red-and-white plastic round ones are OK for pike, but they're the wrong size and shape for sunfish. What you want is one of those smaller, elongated bobbers or the ones shaped like sticks."

"The real trick is to get the bobber weighted just right so that if a fish pulls on the bait, the bobber goes under immediately. I finally figured out why they have those bobbers in the same shape but different sizes. The bigger ones weigh more and need more weight to get them to float right. That lets you cast them a lot farther."

"Fishing from a canoe, I can use a real small bobber because I

only have to cast a few feet. But if I'm fishing from shore, I might use a big bobber so I can cast 30 or 40 yards to where the fish are.

Bluegills feeding on nymphs might bite so softly that anglers don't get a visual signal even with the smallest floats, especially if a ruffled surface makes it hard to see a lift bite (a properly weighted bobber often rises slightly when a fish takes the bait in its mouth).

For these fish, the best tactic is a light spinning rod and two-pound monofilament line.

Rigged without a bobber and with a few split shots a foot above the bait (just enough to cast 30-40 feet), these sensitive rods transmit to the angler's hand the feel of a subtle take. The fine monofilament also lets the bait sink faster.

For this kind of fishing a spinning rod is usually better than a fly rod, which is hampered by the thick line floating on the surface.

Carl Huber also uses bobbers, but he likes to suspend inch-long, rubber-tailed jigs beneath them. He tips the jigs with a tiny piece of worm "just to put a little taste in the water, but mostly it's the action that gets the strike."

Huber, a Flint resident who usually fishes Saginaw Bay, casts the jig and bobber and lets it sit until the ripples disappear. Then I give the bobber a twitch. After that a couple of times, if I feel it in 10 feet, let it sit 10 seconds, then go through the twitching routine again.

Huber likes white, black or yellow jigs, but he said that finding proper depth is more important than the color and "I'll experiment with putting the jig on different levels under the bobber until I cover an area where I know there are fish but don't get a strike."

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F&G will sell leftover hunt permits today

The Times-News

JEROME — A large number of controlled deer hunt permits for young deer still available in the Magic Valley Region.

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Israeli leader prepares for key first U.S. visit

By Barry Schweld
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Expectations are high as Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak takes his case for cautious Middle East peacemaking to President Clinton. "I'm eager as a kid with a new toy," Clinton said anticipating their talks.

The aim is to energize the peace process, and as Barak flew here Wednesday on the Israeli Air Force 001 jetliner, administration officials struck a conciliatory stance on the West Bank and on strategy for negotiations with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

With the 1998 Wye River accord on hold, along with its promised handover of a further 13.1 percent of the West Bank to Arafat's Palestinian Authority, Clinton is hoping for a breakthrough in his talks with Barak, which began today at the White House.

"I hope that we can begin to energize the peace process in the Middle East on terms that are just and fair and will guarantee genuine security for Israel and a way of living for the Palestinians," Clinton said.

Also, Clinton intends to sound out Barak on prospects for land-for-peace talks with Syria. In principle, at least, the prime minister and Syrian President Hafez Assad seem to be interested.



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and his wife, Nava, board his aircraft Wednesday at Tel Aviv airport for a flight to Washington, D.C. Before takeoff, Barak said he preferred the United States speak its role as "policeman and judge" and let Israel and the Arabs work out their problems directly. Agreeably, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said "the U.S. government has always believed that our role should be not one that tries to impose plans on the parties."

And State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the United States intervened in the talks between Israel and the Palestinians last October at the Wye River resort in Maryland only when they were near collapse.

"Clearly, the more the parties can do themselves, the less we will need to be involved," Rubin said.

Barak also said that while he would resume an Israeli pullback in the West Bank, he would not stick to the tight timetable stipulated by the Wye River Land-for-peace agreement.

The Palestinians disagreed with him on both points, suggesting that difficulties lie ahead. Ahmed Abdel-Rabman, secretary-general of the Palestinian Cabinet, said Wednesday the Wye accord must be implemented before Israel and the Palestinians could open negotiations on a final peace agreement.

But the administration again took a conciliatory stance toward Barak. Rubin said "there is nothing inconsistent between implementing the Wye accord while proceeding with negotiations on a final settlement. Those two can happen at the same time," he said.

And the State Department spokesman said "most of the problems in the Wye accord were of implementation of the United States if the parties agreed on them."

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We, Bonnie Bruning, Treasurer, and Robert S. Fort, Auditor of said County, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is correct and true for the period ending 6/30/99.

Noted and attested at the County Clerk's Office, Twin Falls, Idaho, this 15th day of July, 1999.

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ORDINANCE NO. 99-8-A... AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MURTAUGH TO EXPEDITE THE... TO PROVIDE FOR THE... WHEREAS, many items of business require action by the Governing Body...

SECTION 3. That they shall be subject to the provisions of the Ordinance of the City of Murtaugh, Idaho, that...

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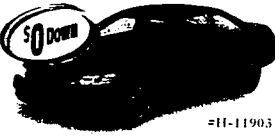
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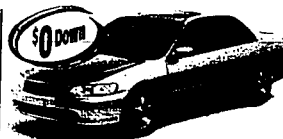
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