

GOOD MORNING

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JFK Jr. presumed dead

Plane data give clues on fate of passengers

By Greg Risher/News Service

HYANNISPORT, Mass. — Reality and the limits of human endurance extinguished the flickering hopes of a famed but traumatized family Sunday night: The Coast Guard ended its rescue operation and said John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and her sister are presumed dead.

Now, after two days, the search shifts to a quest for bodies, the plane's graveyard on the ocean floor — and answers to so many questions.

"I have spent some very painful moments with the families tonight," said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard Larrabee. "They have been very understanding all along, and it was very difficult for me to share this news with them."

"We offer our condolences to the families and loved ones, and ask them to please know that our thoughts and prayers are with them tonight."

Kennedy, 38, was joined on the six-seat plane by his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sisters, Lauren Bessette, 38. They were flying to Martha's Vineyard to drop off Lauren Bessette, then return to Hyannisport.

There was no immediate reaction Sunday night from the

Photo: GUY KENNEDY, Page A2



Kellie Young, a friend of the Kennedy family, and her 10-month-old son Max drop a handful of lilacs into the ocean in front of the Kennedy compound Sunday.

Ocean conditions affect salmon returns

S. Idaho irrigation water won't help

By N.S. Hultstrand/

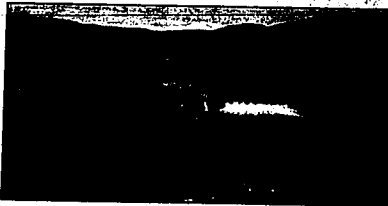
Times-Valley writer

TWIN FALLS — Water from southern Idaho's irrigation reservoirs won't help endangered salmon through lower Snake River reservoirs, says a University of Washington researcher.

Efforts to restore dwindling salmon runs in Idaho include proposals to use 1 million to 3 million acre-feet of stored irrigation water from southern Idaho reservoirs to increase flow rates in the reservoirs behind four federal dams on the lower Snake River.

But research shows that salmon survival is not related to flow rates in the four reservoirs, said salmon researcher Jim Anderson.

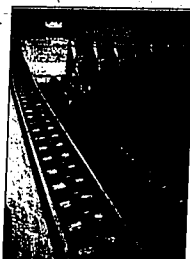
His assertion is part of the divergent debate raging in the Pacific Northwest over the recovery efforts of threatened and endangered salmon runs. At stake



Above, the earthen portion at left of the Lower Granite Dam, one of four federal dams on the lower Snake River in Washington state, would be removed under a proposal to improve passage for Snake River salmon. Right, this fish ladder at Ice Harbor Dam on the lower Snake River in Washington state, provides a way for adult salmon to get back upriver to spawning streams in Idaho.

are the four dams — Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite.

Most scientists agree that the best chance for recovering salmon would be to take out the earthen



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Increased numbers of beached whales spark worry

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Starved, gray whales are washing up dead on West Coast beaches in the highest numbers in a quarter-century.

Some 155 whale carcasses came ashore as the mammoth marine mammals made their annual 5,000-mile migration from their winter retreat in the freezing grounds of the Bering Sea.

Some scientists believe a shrinking food supply may be the problem, while others blame a growing population fighting for the same amount of food. It's likely a combination of both.

Ironically, if it's found that the whales have outgrown their food supply, it would be seen as a positive sign for a species that was on the brink of extinction early this century and listed as endangered as late as 1994.

Sixty-five carcasses washed up in Mexico early in the year. The

strandings continued as the migration moved northward: 37 dead in California, 24 in Washington and Oregon, seven in British Columbia, 22 in Alaska. Last year 80 whales washed ashore.

Furthermore, the number of whales washing ashore represents only a fraction of the actual deaths, estimated to be 800 this year. Ocean currents, wind and other factors determine whether a carcass makes it to a beach.

Evidence suggests the whales are starving: They've washed up emaciated, some having wandered off course into inlets like Puget Sound and San Francisco Bay. Many of the dead were adult females, more susceptible than males to malnutrition.

"Nobody knows for sure" why the whales are dying, said Joe Cordaro, a wildlife biologist for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Long Beach, Calif. "There are a lot of theories out there."

Crime numbers shrink

Americans have less chance of becoming victims

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans were victims of about 8.1 million violent crimes last year, a 7 percent drop from 1997 and the lowest number reported since the Justice Department began tracking the figure in 1973.

A report released Sunday said the one-year drop "marginally significant," driven by a small but significant decline in aggravated assault rates.

"From 1997 to 1998, no significant change in rates of rape or sexual assault, robbery or simple assault occurred," said this year's National Crime Victimization Survey. Rape and sexual assault were the only categories not to show a decline in 1998.

The general 1998 decline continued a downward trend that began in 1994, the survey said.

Attorney General Janet Reno said there is no one reason for the drop. But she gave Clinton administration policies credit for combining the effects of several strategies.

"It's because of more police officers on the streets, tougher sentences, more prosecutors, better prevention programs, a healthy economy and a new approach to crime fighting that involves a closer working relationship between communities and federal, state and local law enforcement," Reno said.

Republicans have said they are relieved over the decline but warn that crime rates remain unacceptably high. They also have pointed to passage of anti-crime legislation since the GOP took majority control of Congress in 1995.

Sunday's report said that from 1993 to 1998, rates of violent crime — rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and simple assault — fell 27 percent, from 50 per 1,000 Americans age 12 or older to 37 per 1,000.

"Every major type of crime measured, rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft decreased significantly between 1993 and 1998," the study said.

The annual survey of American households excludes killings, because it asks individuals about their own experiences.

But the report said preliminary figures released separately by the FBI have shown that the number of murders dropped about 8 percent between 1993 and 1998.

Each year the victimization survey analyzes data on nonfatal violent crimes reported to police and those not reported to police.

In 1998 approximately 43,000 households and 80,000 people age 12 or older were interviewed," the report said.

According to the report, attackers used a weapon in about a fourth of violent offenses in 1998.

About 40 percent of robbery victims had a weapon used. About 9 percent of rape or sexual assault victims," the Justice Department said in a written statement.

"Eight percent of all violent victimizations were by intimates — women were offenders armed with a firearm." About half of all victims of violent crimes knew their assailants. Justice officials said that 70 percent of rape and sexual assault victims knew their attackers, and 50 percent of aggravated assault victims did.

Powerful X-ray telescope will hunt for black holes

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The world's hottest, mightiest, priciest X-ray telescope is about to embark on a five-year voyage to stare deep into the hearts of galaxies and search for signs of black holes.

The Chandra X-ray Observatory, a 4.5-story colossus stuffed into space shuttle

Columbia and due to lift off Tuesday, is 10 to 100 times more powerful than any of the dozen or so X-ray telescopes previously placed in orbit.

If words glimmered in X-rays, Chandra could read a newspaper from a half-mile away or make out the letters of a stop sign from 12 miles away.

"We can make Superman jealous, I guess, with our X-ray

vision," NASA manager Ken Ledbetter says with a smile.

The astronomer, led by NASA's first female space shuttle commander, Eileen Collins, will release Chandra with the flick of a switch seven hours after launch. It will be another month before the telescope's eagerly awaited observations begin.

X-rays are produced by

quasars, galaxies and remnants of exploded stars but are invisible to ground-based telescopes.

They swoosh right through flat mirrors, like those used in a focus light on the Hubble Space Telescope, or the lenses used in many smaller telescopes, so Chandra uses concentric mirrors. X-rays will glance off the shaping glass at a shallow angle like pebbles skipping across a pond.

THE REGION

Comas Prairie

High: 86 Low: 49
Mostly sunny in the morning. Turning overcast with clouds during the afternoon. Partly cloudy on Tuesday.

Treasure Valley

High: 90 Low: 39
Mostly sunny and warmer, with light winds in the afternoon at 10 mph. Partly cloudy on Tuesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 79 Low: 48
Mostly sunny today and Tuesday. Partly cloudy on Tuesday with high in the hills.

Eastern Idaho

High: 87 Low: 53
Mostly sunny and warmer. Southeast winds at 5 mph. Mostly sunny Tuesday. High: 85-90.

Northern Idaho

High: 89 Low: 60
Mostly sunny with light winds. Partly cloudy on Tuesday with high around 90.

Northern Utah

High: 80 Low: 45
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of late afternoon showers. Partly cloudy on Tuesday.

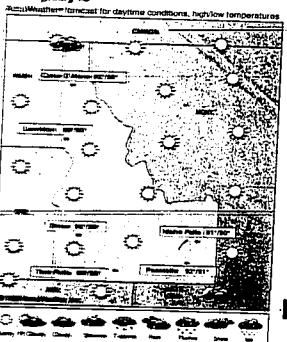
Northern Nevada

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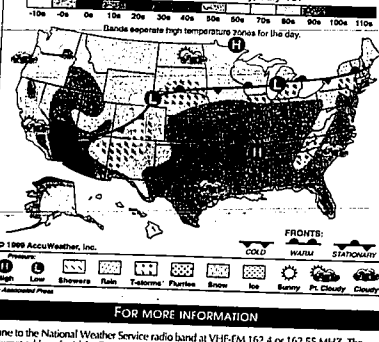
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High: 89 Low: 55 Mostly sunny in the morning, with increasing clouds later.	High: 91 Low: 56 Partly cloudy and warmer.	High: 80s Low: 50s Mostly sunny.	High: 80s Low: 50s Mostly sunny.	High: 90s Low: 50s Mostly sunny.

Idaho weather



National Weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Idaho	Highs/Lows
Yesterday: 82	55	Idaho: High-90	degrees at Malad.
Last year: 98	65	Month to date: 01	Low, 33 degrees at
Normal: 91	55	Normal mo. to date: 13.13	Nation: High: 111 at
		Water year to date: 10.15	Death Valley, Calif.
		Normal year to date: 9.15	Low: 33 at Stanley.

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High-90
Boise	84	51	tr.	degrees at Malad.
Burley	86	59	tr.	Low, 33 degrees at
Coeur d'Alene	73	44	01	Nation: High: 111 at
Grangeville	77	44	01	Death Valley, Calif.
Hagerman	58	30	tr.	Low: 33 at Stanley.
Idaho Falls	84	44	tr.	
Lewiston	81	50	01	
Malad	90	51	tr.	
Mesa	84	48	tr.	
McCall	73	34	tr.	
Pocatello	84	51	tr.	
Salmon	88	45	tr.	
Stanley	75	33	tr.	
Sun Valley	81	50	tr.	

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	83	61	tr.
Anchorage	87	68	tr.
Atlanta	87	68	tr.
Baltimore	86	68	tr.
Chicago	86	68	tr.
Dallas	92	66	tr.
Denver	86	68	tr.
Des Moines	82	64	tr.
Detroit	82	64	tr.
Honolulu	85	74	01
Indianapolis	82	70	tr.
Los Angeles	85	71	tr.
Las Vegas	81	63	tr.
Los Angeles	81	63	tr.
Miami Beach	92	76	tr.
Milwaukee	76	65	06
Minneapolis	82	67	tr.
New Orleans	86	73	tr.
New York	88	81	tr.
Oklahoma City	89	74	tr.
Omaha	91	74	tr.
Philadelphia	86	64	tr.
Pittsburgh	90	66	tr.
Portland, Ore.	90	70	01
Portland, Me.	84	63	tr.
Portland, Ore.	90	66	tr.
Reno	94	74	tr.
Salt Lake City	93	72	tr.
San Francisco	69	51	tr.
Seattle	71	53	tr.
Spokane	74	45	01
St. Louis	88	67	tr.
Yuma	105	m	tr.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: It was another sunny, pleasant summer day across Idaho Sunday. Radar and satellite imagery showed a few scattered clouds developing in the still-moist air over the southern part of the state, with another area of clouds over the northern foothills.

Neither section reported any rainfall during the afternoon. Clear skies prevailed elsewhere across the state. The outlook for the beginning of the workweek is for little change in the fair, dry, weather pattern.

Elsewhere: Thunderstorms and rain flowed across the upper Midwest on Sunday, and scattered thunderstorms also developed across wide areas of the South.

Thunderstorms and locally heavy rain stretched from central North Dakota into northeastern South Dakota, most of southern Minnesota and northern Iowa during the middle of the day.

The storms moved rapidly eastward, and by late afternoon radar showed the heaviest rain falling across the southern half of Wisconsin.

—The Associated Press

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Kennedy compound or from the Besette family in Connecticut, which lost two daughters.

Survival experts said most humans can endure only 12 to 18 hours of immersion in the 60-degree water at the apparent impact site. That survival time was long, long past.

"We're in the business of saving lives," a grim Larabee said. "Any time I have to do something like this, it is very difficult. This was the result we were looking for."

In another development Sunday, crash experts from the National Transportation Safety Board said Kennedy's single-engine plane dropped at a relatively steep angle as it approached Martha's Vineyard Friday night.

No sound or sign of distress—human or mechanical—was transmitted.

Earlier Sunday, Coast Guard officers said a single "ping" of an emergency transmitter was detected 4.5 miles southwest of Martha's Vineyard off the Massachusetts coast, but Larabee said several hours later that it was a false alarm.

Still, vessels equipped with special sonar devices identified from several "potential targets" on the ocean floor, and they will further investigate today, he said.

Aeronautical specialists said the plane could have hit the water at 100 mph, luggage and scattered debris have washed up on local beaches, but few pieces of wreckage have surfaced.

The NTSB said the Piper Saratoga descended from an altitude of 2,500 feet to 1,800 feet during the final 20 seconds of data recorded by local radar. Those readings began at 9:40 p.m. Friday with the plane 16.5 miles from Martha's Vineyard. At that altitude and location, local radar loses contact with all planes, investigators said.

Was the rate of descent—the equivalent of 1,400 feet per minute—extreme and indicative of an airplane out of control and plunging toward the ocean?

Robert Pearce, the NTSB's chief investigator in the case, avoided a direct response.

"It is within the airplane's capabilities," he said.

Veteran pilots said a more common rate of descent for a plane of that type, flying at that altitude, is 500 feet per minute.

The crash and grim search transfixed much of the nation throughout the weekend—a fascination eerily reminiscent of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, nearly 36 years ago in Dallas.

"For more than 40 years now, the Kennedy family has been Americans to public service,

Caroline Kennedy was in Idaho when she heard grim news

The Times-News and The Associated Press

NEW YORK — She was the little girl who walked her dad to the Oval Office each morning and rode a pony on the White House lawns. Grown up now with a family of her own, Caroline Kennedy appears to be the last survivor of Camelot.

Word of her missing brother reached Ms. Kennedy early Saturday morning as she and her husband, Edwin Schlossberg, and their three children were preparing to set out on a rafting trip down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

The Kennedy family contacted Ms. Kennedy early Saturday,

because once they set out on the river, they would be unreachable for several days, Stanley Police Chief Philip Knight said. They packed up immediately and left Stanley about 9 a.m. Saturday to return to Long Island.

On Sunday, the day after her brother's plane went missing, Caroline Kennedy stayed far

from the media and far from the rest of the Kennedy clan gathering in Massachusetts.

Ms. Kennedy, her husband and their children aged 12, 9 and 6 were waiting out the storm at a home they have in the Hamptons on eastern Long Island, a summer playground for the rich and famous.

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Salmon

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survive.

A key question is the reason for the decrease in the rate of return.

Anderson and some others attributed the reason may be in the Pacific Ocean.

Something in the Pacific Ocean has caused a sharp drop in chin salmon in British Columbia's Fraser River in the 1990s, said David Welch, salmon researcher for the Canadian government in Nanaimo, British Columbia.

Coho returns in the 1990s have about one-tenth of returns in the 1970s, he said.

"But that doesn't mean we should toss out efforts to improve freshwater habitat," he said.

"(W)atching what we have found should be taken to mean that the freshwater habitat is unimpaired. Rather, in this period of massive reductions in ocean survival, the importance of preserving and rehabilitating damage to the freshwater habitat is even more essential," Welch told the U.S. Senate recently.

That sentiment is echoed by a panel of scientists gathered in Portland recently, who said that climatic and ocean conditions can affect the numbers of salmon that return to the Columbia and Snake rivers to spawn and complete their life cycle, which is long.

Like Welch, they noted that not enough is known about ocean survival to make any broad conclusions, but salmon recovery hopes can't be pinned solely on predicted return to more favorable ocean conditions.

"This uncertainty might be viewed as the reason to which one views the future optimistically or pessimistically, and in an uncertainty that cannot be easily resolved by scientists," the National Marine Fisheries Service says in the executive summary of its assessment of lower Snake River passage alternatives.

The service is charged with recovering threatened and endangered salmon runs.

Anderson says the decline in chin salmon has been steeper than the liner 1990s and early 1990s, and only returns of chin salmon this year predict the best run since 1987.

Changes in ocean conditions can increase the rate of return from one-quarter percent to 2 percent, Anderson said. That is a far greater than the increase in survival from 50 to 70 or 80 percent that breaching the dams would bring, Anderson commands.

The decline in chin salmon numbers coincides with the completion of the four dams on the Snake River in the mid-1970s. But that decline also coincided with a decline in ocean conditions that may have masked the effectiveness of efforts to collect and transport juvenile fish around the dams, Anderson said.

Recent data suggests that chin salmon are doing better than once thought, and that more fish survive the gauntlet of dams in the river as well, he said.

But one good year is not recoverable freshwater strategies.

ery, Welch notes.

Donna Darm, of the National Marine Fisheries Service said she is pleased that there may be relief on the horizon from natural climatic shifts, but fearful that the natural improvements would "create a refuge and an excuse for those that oppose change" in freshwater management.

"There are people that focus on that and say, 'It's not the freshwater; it's the ocean,'" Darm said. Emphasis must remain on restoring habitat and shaping harvests, Welch practices and hydro operations.

Welch takes a more pessimistic view. He predicts the sharp decline in coho is only an indication of what global warming may bring. The ocean's effect on coho may also extend to other species, but too little is known to make that conclusion, he said.

And the uncertainty of what the ocean may do cannot be the basis on any reasonable salmon basis on any reasonable salmon basis, said Scott Bosse of Idaho Rivers United. That uncertainty only means it's ever more important to improve passage and survival where it is possible, he said.

"Big ocean impacts put more pressure to do right in freshwater," said Dennis R. Smith, Project Leader Daniel Bottom of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Poor ocean conditions that prevailed through much of the 1970s to mid-1990s accentuated the need for appropriate freshwater strategies.

"What we do in freshwater sets the context for how well they survive during the next stage of their life cycle," Bottom said.

Efforts to improve salmon survival in freshwater include three options under study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

One option is to continue with present efforts that rely on flushing fish with stored water from Idaho, collecting young fish and releasing them past all the dams and retaining them below the Bonneville Dam.

The second option would rely on more flushing water from Idaho, improved collection and bagging systems and increased hatchery efforts.

The third option would take out the carbon sections of the four federal dams on the lower Snake River. This option does not include taking any irrigation water from southern Idaho. Most scientists say this option gives the salmon their best chance of recovering.

"The only proposals that call for more southern Idaho water are those that keep the dams in place," Bosse said.

Sen. Larry Craig has said that "the dams will not come down under his watch," spokesman Will Hart said.

"He doesn't believe you're going to save salmon by tearing down the dams," Hart said.

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Some lawmakers' spouses stay home

Families shun Washington for stability

Dole calls for farm disaster relief package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Rep. Ben Stupak of Michigan gathered his belongings and moved to the nation's capital after his election in 1992. His family stayed home.

Stupak and his wife Laurie, a councilwoman in their hometown of Menominee, already had agreed to and their two sons would not follow if he won.

"We figured that we would be apart either way and that it was better for us, better for the family of the kids and I would remain in the district," said Laurie Stupak, now the mayor. "It was less destructive to our family life."

W.Va.; and the chairman of RIF, a national literacy advocacy group (Lynda Johnson Robb, wife of Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va.).

"It's really become a very challenging issue, and I don't think there's any good answer," said Debbie Dingell, married to long-time Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich. "It's very hard for spouses and families to travel back and forth."

As reasons for the trend, she cited the pressure on members to be with their constituents and the difficulties of travel for spouses. Congress does not provide travel allowances for families, nor can spouses travel at government rates.



Jimmy Gibbons tends off his mother, Assemblywoman Dawn Gibbons, while she tries to apply sunblock at a pool Wednesday in Reno, Nev. The Gibbons family lived life in Washington, but soon mother and son returned to Nevada.

The Stupaks are hardly an anomaly. More and more, lawmakers' spouses are staying in their home states instead of moving to Washington.

Children, careers or contempt for the city keep some away, while lawmakers' regular weekend visits back to the district encourage others to stay.

"They just didn't move to Washington like they did," said Sandra Knobberg, president of the Republican Congressional Spouses Club and wife of four-term Rep. Joseph Knollenberg, R-Mich. "That's been changing with the advent of working women."

Some husbands live outside of Washington, too.

Dr. Larry Lehrner, a kidney specialist, wed freshman Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., in May but stayed in Las Vegas because of the practice he shares with three endocrinologists and six other kidney doctors.

"I tell people that she has three reasons to come home every weekend," he said. "First to see her two kids, second to see her constituents and third to see me."

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Former Cabinet secretary Elizabeth Dole called Saturday for a farm disaster relief package larger than the \$6 billion approved by Congress last year.

"We need to get this cash to them now, there are real problems in agriculture today," Mrs. Dole said.

Opening her latest campaign swing, Mrs. Dole became the latest candidate to focus on a struggling farm economy that's important in Iowa, where precinct caucuses launch the presidential nominating season.

While most sectors of the economy have been humming along, agriculture and the stock market has scared farmers have been struggling with historically low commodity prices.

Many farmers are worried that a bumper crop is maturing in the fields, but the price farmers will likely get is less than the cost of producing the commodity.

"We're going to need another supplemental to assist our farmers and this is going to have to be larger than the funding that was provided last year because this is the second year now that farmers have been hit with low prices," said Mrs. Dole, who has served as Labor secretary and Transportation secretary in Republican administrations.

Mrs. Dole said commodity prices have been driven down by a big supply, but also because the economic crisis in Asia has driven down demand in that region.

She argued for immediate cash aid for farmers, and said long-term assistance would come by more aggressively seeking to pry open foreign markets.

"We also should make the whole western hemisphere a free trade zone," Mrs. Dole said.

Hog farmers receive \$100M aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Struggling hog farmers next month will begin to receive \$100 million in aid from the government to help offset low prices.

The payments, capped at \$5,000 per hog operation, are in addition to \$50 million in assistance given to hog farmers earlier this year as they suffered through their lowest prices in decades.

"The current farm crisis has been disastrous for small hog producers, so this additional assistance is really needed," Vice President Al Gore said in a statement Saturday.

Gore, who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, has been actively courting the farm vote for several months and making various agriculture-related announcements for the administration.

Sign-up for the new round of assistance is set to begin Aug. 9 and is aimed at small and medium-sized hog operations that sold less than 2,500 hogs. Hog farmers who received the earlier payments will automatically get the new payment and are not required to reapply or fill out additional paperwork.

Eligible producers will receive \$10 per slaughter-weight hog marketed during the last six months of 1997 on up to 500 market hogs. Hog farmers who received payments under the earlier disbursement would receive a pro-rated amount to bring their total payment amount to \$10 per slaughter-weight

Veteran sums up 20 years in Congress

Congressman stuck to his own policies

ALEXANDER, N.Y. (AP) — Even as a rookie on the powerful Ways and Means Committee in 1977, Barber B. Conable, Jr. was earning a million dollars was easy, just from falling out of bed.

"When a lobbyist came dangling a fat check from a shoe manufacturer, Conable made an on-the-spot pledge and shed forever his discomfort over donations."

"I said, 'Well, thank you very much, that's a very kind offer, but there's a problem: I've decided I'm going to accept no more than \$500 from anybody,'" he recalls with relish.



From his home in Batavia N.Y., Barber B. Conable Jr. displays a few of his doodles in this 1995 photo.

The lobbyist slammed the door on the way out. Conable stuck with the pledge for the remaining 18 1/2 years spent in Congress.

"I gave rise to a canard that I could be bought cheaper than anybody else," he exclaims, his deep baritone low and echoing through his yellow, Palladian-style converted farmhouse in western New York's dairy country.

Observing the bulging campaign war chest in his campaigns, Conable says with a sigh of resignation that overhauling campaign finance rules will always be uphill work. "Policy is made by incumbents, incumbents want to stay there and they're the ones who get the big money," he says.

er on taxes, trade and Social Security, knows he'd get little respect in today's Congress.

"Now, many members of my party would consider me a leath-some liberal," he says with equal parts distaste and disbelief. "They would not accept me as a leader in the current Congress because I'm too independent."

A tall, heavy man with a stern-torn voice, crumpled yet plain-spoken, Conable is happily getting on with his semiretired life. At 76, he has a legacy as a woodlander to work on.

He's converted his 250-acre backyard from marginal farmland into an arboretum dense with 160 tree varieties he collected on world travels. Coyote and deer find shelter here. Beavers have commandeered a pond.

McCain seeks early votes to tighten on campaign finance laws

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Sunday he will push as early as Tuesday to vote on long-stalled legislation to tighten campaign finance laws, even in the face of continued opposition from Senate Republican leaders.

With the failure of a Democratic effort to force an early summer vote on the issue in the House, the effort by McCain and Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., the bill's sponsors, means that the measure will come up first in the Senate.

The legislation passed the House last year, only to die in a Senate GOP filibuster.

Its backers had hoped that House action this year might jump-start the measure in the Senate, where foes led by Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have vowed to block it again. But House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has no scheduled action until mid-September, and a petition drive to force an earlier vote failed.

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Not sure to wallow in the past, Conable nonetheless delights in summing up his days in public life.

From casting his lot with Gerald Ford through Republican Party through a long friendship with George Bush that soured over Conable's rocky stewardship of the World Bank from 1986 to 1991. Although Conable almost doubled the bank's capital budget and sharpened its focus on combating poverty and hunger, Conable thought I should be supporting an American agenda," he says, "I thought I was there to help the poor people. So I got the reputation of not being a team player, and that was the one thing George wouldn't stand for."

Conable always had his own standards to meet. He was that rarest of political breeds: a conservative with a socially libertarian streak, a deep thinker with a pragmatic flair.

Legislating was more important to him than partisanship, so it was no surprise when both parties judged him the "most respected" member of the House his final two years in office. "There never has been a better congressman," columnist George Will wrote of Conable's departure in 1995.

And yet Conable, who rose to become his party's standard bearer

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Photos of deceased heal the faces of grief

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the "pusy" sister-in-law who took photos of her deceased brother in his coffin against his widow's wishes: It's not all that unusual.



DEAR ABBY
Abby Varburn

My weird aunt, now deceased, used to take rolls and films of film of every dead relative and put them in scrapbooks that she later showed off to people. She wanted to "capture the moment" - the flowers, the corpse, the whole event. I thought it was dreadful. Looking back, I assume she probably did not record her passing in pictures - and Dad is still kicking.

statement. Read on:
DEAR ABBY: I work in a funeral home, and at times pictures are taken, especially for relatives who are too ill or elderly to attend the services, per the family's request, of infants - this is usually the only photograph they would have of a baby they lost.

Several years ago, my mother-in-law received photographs of her late husband, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Her friend had secretly gone into the funeral home and snapped some. Weeks later, the friend offered them to my mother-in-law, saying that when her own time in this world is over, her husband would be a comfort. My mother-in-law was grateful and the pictures meant a lot to her.

The sister-in-law should not have broken her promise, but her statement of how much better he looked dead than alive could have meant that he had a long illness and suffered, which can affect the deceased's appearance. The embalmers are artists! They can do wonders for a deceased who was ravaged by a terrible disease or who was in an accident.

I guess my point is that it takes all kinds. -NO PHOTOS, PLEASE
DEAR NO PHOTOS: I have a sack of letters on my desk a foot high that corroborate that

DEAR TS: Thank you for pointing this out. Many of those who wrote to me said they were greatly comforted to see their loved ones looking as they did before they were stricken, seemingly peacefully asleep. Read on:

Pisces must learn to be selective, choosy

IF JULY 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are an independent thinker, original, dynamic and sexy. You travel this year, more so than in recent past. Pay closer attention to blood relatives, avoid emotional traumas by being with people who appreciate rather than take you for granted. Leo, Aquarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J, August will be your most memorable, profitable, romantic month of 1999.

DEAR M.S.C.: I learn from my readers every day. I now know that photos of the deceased were very common at the turn of the century, and in some parts of the country, is still thriving. To everyone who wrote - thank you for educating me.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Libra individuals does have your best interests at heart. Excellent for fresh start in new direction. Avoid heavy lifting. New love on horizon.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep retreating down on adult beverages. Overcome tendency to brood by transforming that feeling into blood pressure. Cancer native involved.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Diversify, give full play to incli-

lectual curiosity. Ask questions, make people laugh, realize that is your great gift, ability to make people feel joyous. Sagittarian in picture.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Check details, get promises in writing. Remember that Samuel Goldwyn, a wise old bird, declared, "A verbal contract is not worth the paper it's written on." Scorpio plays role.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Accent colorful descriptions and clothes. People ask, "Why do you get all the luck?" Respond: "Funny, the harder I work the luckier I get." Gemini, Sagittarian persons fig-

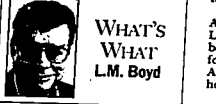
ure in scenario.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Major domestic adjustment take place, could include where you live, marital status. Stress diplomacy, make intelligent concessions without abandoning principles. Libra plays fascinating role.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Study Virgo message for valuable hint. See people, places, relationships as they are and not merely as you wish they could be. Avoid self-deception. You'll have new outlook.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Individual who starts wanting to fight with you might wind up bombal. Something of importance occurs behind scenes. Yes, do look back! Secret will be revealed to your advantage.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): People will be drawn to you, some will insist, "I know you can

help me and please do so." Maintain jovial attitude, but make it clear, "You must help yourself." Aries plays role.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is time to review past and plan future. That broken engagement left its mark but it is on its way to being healed. Leo, Aquarius persons play dramatic roles.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your kind of day! People confide marriage problems to you. Make very common at the turn of the century, and in some parts of the country, is still thriving. To everyone who wrote - thank you for educating me.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be selective, choose the best, ignore bleeding heart who says you should make it easy for everyone to please you. Maintain aura of mystery, intrigue, do not tell all. Gemini plays featured role.

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Idaho ranks among the top five fastest-growing states

Q. What does it mean when you're on the golf course and you suddenly taste copper in your mouth?
A. That you're in imminent danger of being struck by lightning. Likewise if your hair suddenly stands on end.
A correct table tennis ball weighs a fifteenth as much as a typical shot of whiskey.
The five fastest growing states today are reported to be Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, and Colorado.
The Forever First Lady Barbara Bush said, "I missed the first man I ever kissed. When I tell this to my children, they just about throw up."
Q. Why do athletes experience half gain as many delays in July as in January?
A. Unpredictable summer thunderstorms cause more concern than winter snowstorms.
Contrary to earlier mention here, Confederate General George E. Pickett was not killed in the Battle of Gettysburg, but survived the Civil War. Later, he returned to his lifelong home in Richmond, Mo., where he headed the Virginia agency of a New York insurance company. He died in 1875.
Animal shelters get more queries about runaway dogs right after the Fourth of July than at any other time of year. Blame firecrackers.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

Among the historical footnotes is a report that Mongol warlord Timur the Lame played polo with the skulls of those he'd killed in battle.
The Japanese of old practiced a custom called "the cold austerity" wherein winter participants went out before dawn to sit under waterfalls in chilly mountain streams. Not many, if any, do it anymore.
Research on shoes reveals far more women who graduate from college wear flats to their jobs than women who go to work right after they leave high school.
Q. Isn't "R.S.V.P." an abbreviation for "Respond Very Promptly"?
A. Not quite. For the French "repondez vil vous plait" meaning merely "respond, please."
Eight eyes or not, the spider is "legally blind," in the human view of things.
In water, Saturn would float.
If you spend about \$1,500 a year on clothes, you're pretty close to the American average for grownups.

Theater doors swing open for Kubrick's latest

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Viewers had eyes and wallets wide open for Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman as Stanley Kubrick's steamy, highbrow "Eyes Wide Shut" debuted atop the box office with \$23.5 million, according to industry estimates Sunday.
The lowbrow sex comedy "American Pie" fell to second with \$13.3 million, while Adam Sandler's "Big Daddy" remained at third with \$10.5 million.
There were three other new films over the weekend. The mouth-wide-open crocodile flick "Lake Placid" opened in fourth with \$10.2 million. "The Wood," the story of a bridegroom and two friends reminiscing about growing up in Ingewood, Calif., debuted at sixth with \$8.6 million.
The final film of Kubrick, who died in March, "Eyes Wide Shut" already has grossed roughly half the total box office for Kubrick's last two movies, "Full Metal Jacket" in 1987 and "The Shining" in 1980. In one weekend, "Eyes Wide Shut" also made more than the Kubrick films "Dr. Strangelove" and "Lolita" combined.

Nelson Mandela celebrates 81st birthday in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - Former President Nelson Mandela celebrated his 81st birthday, and his first wife died on his 67th anniversary, at home on Sunday, the South African Press Association reported.
About 35,000 people, wearing Mandela, who spent 27 years in prison for his opposition to the apartheid regime, retired as president in June, citing his need to spend more time with his family.
Three Tenors hit Tiger Stadium for only U.S. show
DETROIT (AP) - The Three Tenors took center field at Tiger Stadium for their only North American engagement scheduled this year.
About 35,000 people, wearing everything from silk dresses to khaki shorts, attended the concert Saturday at the 87-year-old

building, which was transformed into an opera hall for the evening.
Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti, who became known as "The Three Tenors" in 1990, first performed together at the World Cup in Rome.
ricky Martin sells out tickets in only half hour
ATLANTA (AP) - It took fans only 30 minutes to snap up all the tickets for Ricky Martin's Oct. 24 concert.
Even at \$97 apiece, the best of the 15,000 seats at the new opened yet, were the first to go when they went on sale Saturday.
Cary Grant's daughter stars in new television sitcom
NEW YORK (AP) - The daughter of Cary Grant and Dyan Cannon will be starring in a new television comedy, despite the warnings from her famous parents.
Jennifer Grant, star of WB's "Movie Stars," first acted in front of her father in a school production of "Hello Dolly."

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'Princess Diana all over again' Media converge on tragedy despite little news to report

The Associated Press

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Princess Diana

John F. Kennedy Jr.

It was in a actual princess, he was the closest thing this country had to a prince. America's tragedy was his personal loss; her private trials became public obsessions. "It kind of seems like Princess Diana all over again," said Melissa Monahan, 23, of Dumont, N.J., visiting the flower-festooned stoop outside John F. Kennedy Jr.'s lower Manhattan loft Sunday.

Diana and John, whose superstar allure made them objects of desire, whose sorrows made them seem accessible, lived different lives under very different circumstances. Yet each of them — young people who lived well and were lost before their time — represents the pinnacle of enduring celebrity. It's a 20th-century phenomenon, driven by movies, television and now cyberspace, born with the likes of Rudolph Valentino and Jean Harlow, refined with James Dean and Marilyn Monroe. Hollywood created the star machine; then the tumult of the 1960s, Jack and Bobby Kennedy, Malcolm X and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. became a new kind of celebri-

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But while his parents were patriots who appealed to common folk, he was a self-styled commander who, through a Kennedy, favored the rich and the powerful. He was the son of a senator, the nephew of a president, the grandson of a president. He was the son of a senator, the nephew of a president, the grandson of a president. He was the son of a senator, the nephew of a president, the grandson of a president.

NEW YORK (AP) — TV news stuck with a story Sunday that yielded few new facts and pointed in only one, tragic direction. Sunday morning news shows focused on the fate of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and his sister-in-law Lauren Bessette, who were feared dead after their plane went down off the Massachusetts coast Friday night.



News of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s missing plane dominated newspaper headlines all over.

The nation's three newsweeklies busted deadlines and ruminated their issues, which were due on newsstands Monday. Like Time and Newsweek, the Washington Post ran the banner headline "JFK Jr.: Feared Dead in Plane Crash," and the New York Post cried, "MORNING NEWS."

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While the nation was watching, listening and reading, many also spoke up. On Sunday afternoon, America Online logged one message posted every second concerning the Kennedy disappearance.

People magazine, which in 1988

Mafia turmcoat 'Sammy the Bull' makes a new life in Phoenix area

PHOENIX (AP) — Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano, the famed New York mob boss-turned-informer, is making a new life in Arizona with no fears that his former Mafia compatriots will come seeking revenge.

"I could go to Montana and live 20 years in a cabin and be scared to death. Or I can live here, where I'm happy, five years. I choose to live here."

Since leaving the federal witness protection program, Gravano's secret life and identity slowly unraveled, partly because Gravano is sometimes indiscreet. He has a business, a publicist and a lawyer. He tells some people his real name. But the confessed killer of 19 does not think he's in any real danger. The Arizona Republic reported Sunday. In a rare interview, Gravano said he feels safe because he's become pals with FBI agents and U.S. marshals, who visit and talk by phone. Besides, the Mafia has been so thoroughly infiltrated the feds would know who ordered a hit, he said.

—Sammy "the Bull" Gravano, on his new post-mafia lifestyle

He lives alone in a modest bungalow with his little dog and a punching bag, sharing coffee with neighbors. But most of his neighbors don't know this stocky, middle-aged guy once was a notorious racketeer whose business interests included robbery, loan-sharking, extortion and murder.

to run from Arizona, no matter what. "I was a boxer. I know what it's like to get hit. I know what it's like to fight. And you lose your fear," he said. "I could go to Montana and live 20 years in a cabin and be scared to death. Or I can live here, where I'm happy, five years. I choose to live here."

Gravano saved himself from a likely life prison sentence by turning on his former boss, Gambino family boss John Gottlieb. His often-graphic testimony helped jail 36 mobsters, including Gottlieb. Gravano, 54, came to Arizona as a federal prison inmate. Upon his release in 1995, he was given a new identity and background, and he got some plastic surgery on his face. But he left the witness protection program after nine months, calling it too restrictive. He returned to the construction business, and settled in — within two weeks ago when the newspaper contacted him. To get Gravano to talk, the newspaper agreed not to reveal his new company. Gravano said he wasn't going

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Israeli Prime Minister leaves open prospect

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Israel's new prime minister, making his first visit to the United States since his election in May, Sunday left open the prospect of a Palestinian state but ruled out allowing Palestinian refugees to return to Israel proper or giving up part of Jerusalem.



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak greets John Cardinal O'Connor at the New York home of Israeli cabinet general Shimon Sleso Saturday.

In an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," Ehud Barak also said he wants the United States to remain both an "ally" of his country and "an honest broker sensitive to the needs of the Arabs" in peace negotiations. The Labor Party leader, a former army commander and general who has pledged to pursue peace more effectively than his predecessor Benjamin Netanyahu, made the comments before flying to Washington for cocktails with President Clinton and the first lady, followed by a Sunday night White House dinner and reception. He is scheduled Monday and Tuesday to meet again with Clinton, confer with Cabinet officials, attend a luncheon reception hosted by Vice President Al Gore and brief congressional leaders.

tenacious in proceeding." Asked on "Meet the Press" whether he believed there would be a "true Palestinian state" one day, Barak replied, "I'm not a prophet. ... I'm focused on the security of our state, and I'm confident that the time is right ... to negotiate with the kind of peace with all its neighbors." He added, "When the time comes, the Palestinians will have to negotiate with them in a way that is shaped for them in a way that is not on the other issues that are on the table."

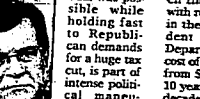
In a meeting in New York Sunday morning with U.S. Jewish leaders, Barak said he stands for "a just Jerusalem" under Israeli control and opposes returning to the state's pre-1967 borders. But he indicated that some isolated Israeli settlements in territory that Israel captured in the 1967 war would have to be dismantled as part of his plan to maintain "blocks" of settlements. "He put a great deal of emphasis on security," said Malcolm Hoenlein, vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which represents 54 national Jewish groups. "He said he's going to be careful but

However, responding to Clinton's recent comment that Palestinians should be "free to live wherever they like," Barak said, "I don't think that refugees will be able to back some states, to come back some Israel." It would be better, he said, "if a solution for them should be found in the context where they are living now." He also rejected the idea of turning over part of Jerusalem to Palestinian control. "An agreed sovereign Jerusalem is our capital, and will remain so forever," he said. "But he did not rule out creating a Palestinian capital in the town of Abu Dis, or the outskirts of what is now Jerusalem. Barak, who has pledged to pull himself forces out of southern Lebanon within a year, said he expects to know within 12 months whether permanent peace could be achieved with the Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese. "I was not afraid to fight wars," he said. "I am not afraid to make

GOP won't split the difference on taxes, Lott says

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Sunday Republicans would not simply split the difference with Democrats and agree to tax cuts of about \$500 billion over 10 years.



Trent Lott

But he suggested they would consider a comprehensive deal that really need it, we can work that out," Lott added. "And on ... sending back taxes to the people, I think we should do that. It votes that, then he'll have to explain it to the farmers" and other interest groups. Lott's comments, hinting that a

deal was possible while holding fast to Republican opposition to a huge tax cut, is part of intense political maneuvering by the two parties as they inch toward negotiations late this summer or early fall. Chief White House economic adviser Gene Sperling responded Sunday that Lott and the Republicans "simply want to talk about how large their tax cut is without acknowledging they leave nothing for Medicare over the next 10 years and nothing for key priorities such as education, veterans and health." "We believe the public believes we should first take care of Social Security, Medicare and national defense before deciding how much tax cut you can afford — and not the other way around," Sperling added. He launched a salvo at Republicans, warning that the tax bill moving through the House would threat-

en the nation's ability to deal with retiring baby boomers early in the next century. The president cited new Treasury Department estimates that the cost of the tax bill would explode from \$864 billion over the next 10 years to \$3 trillion during the decade beginning 2020.

At the same time, the nation will confront the demographic challenge of large numbers of retirees, Clinton said, "the Republican plan will blow a \$3 trillion hole in the federal budget, threatening our ability to secure Social Security and Medicare for the next generation."

Lott responded Sunday that the Republicans intend to devote roughly two-thirds of the projected \$3 trillion surplus over the coming decade to retirement benefits for seniors, adding, "We think that third dollar of the three ought to be sent back to the people that earned it."

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LUNAR ANNIVERSARY

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Two Americans set foot on the moon

Knight Ridder News Service

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The moment arrived on a Sunday afternoon 30 years ago. Five hundred million people back on Earth monitored the drama through radio and television. At the White House, aides prepared two speeches for President Nixon. One spoke of success, one of sacrifice.

The project was risky and expensive and thrilling, and it merits another look back. It began on May 25, 1961, with a challenge from President John F. Kennedy. The nation, he said, "should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

So now, eight years later, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin searched for a smooth landing site on a barren celestial body 250,801 miles from Earth. Fuel levels dwindled into the red zone. Alarms sounded in the cockpit and at mission control in Houston.

Finally, with less than 17 seconds of fuel for landing, the lunar module touched down at the Sea of Tranquility.

Aldrin: "Contact light."
Armstrong: "Shutdown."
At 4:18 p.m., Sunday, July 20, 1969, Armstrong again clicked open his radio. He said: "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

He and Aldrin shook hands. Mission controllers resumed breathing.

"Roger, Tranquility. We copy you on the ground. You got a bunch of guys about to turn blue."

Earthlings cheered. At New York's Yankee Stadium, the scoreboard flashed this message: "They're On The Moon!" And 35,000 fans observed a moment of silence, then sang "America the Beautiful."

Soon, Aldrin performed a Communion service using a miniature silver chalice and a wine vial he had smuggled on board. Later, he said: "I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility."

Armstrong looked through the overhead window, and he saw Earth.

"It's big and bright and beautiful," he reported.

Skipping a preprogrammed sleep period, the astronauts suited up, and they deployed a television camera, and Armstrong emerged from the Eagle ladder.

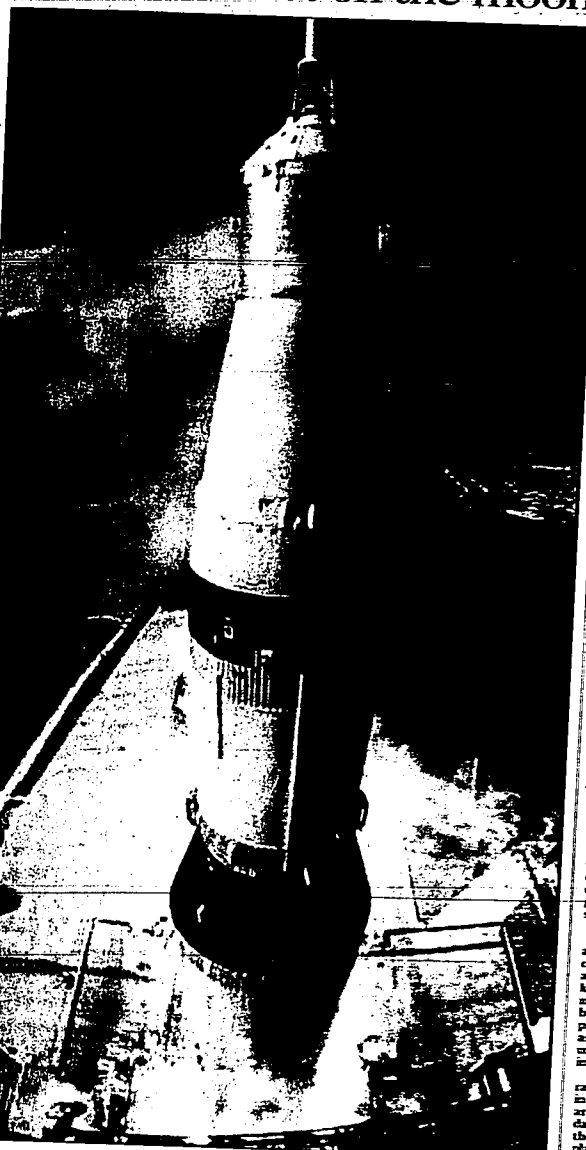
"The surface appears to be very, very fine grained as you get close to it," he said, excitedly. "It's almost like powder."

As the world watched, Armstrong stepped onto the moon. It was 10:56 p.m.

He said: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

He insisted later that he did not think of those words until the Eagle had landed.

For 30 years, he also insisted that he actually said, "That's one small step for 'a' man, one giant leap for mankind." He said the "a" was squeaked by static. Last Friday, he conceded that he got it wrong — he apparently left out the "a."



The Saturn V rocket leaves its launch pad in Florida July 16, 1969, on the Apollo 11 mission to the moon.

Race to moon tested limits of ingenuity

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Rod Benner, 74, worked on tough jobs before the Apollo moon project, helping to design the X-15 rocket plane that flew at six times the speed of sound. But the race to the moon was at another level of human endeavor.

Assistant chief engineer at North American Aviation in Downey, southeast of Los Angeles, Benner was grappling with one of the smallest pieces of the Apollo project and perhaps the most complex: the command module.

The little bucket with an interior somewhat bigger than a minivan's would carry three astronauts to the moon and back. With 2 million moving parts and 15 miles of wires, it took seven years and 12,000 engineers to create. Behind schedule and over budget, they were working with an intensity that made an indelible mark on their lives.

"I didn't see a lot of my family," Benner remembers. "I'd get home at night. Kids all put to bed. My wife left a glass of gin in the refrigerator." On weekends Benner sat in his office wondering, "How the heck do we get there?" Sometimes I'd sit down at my desk and cry.

Benner was working on the deadline set in May 1961 by President Kennedy to land a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s, the most audacious challenge in the Cold War rivalry with the Soviets.

Tranquility is the 30th anniversary of Armstrong's and Buzz Aldrin's moonwalk, televised to a world of spectators and humbled by the accomplishment; 528 million people watched.

The Apollo program cost some \$25 billion (about \$150 billion in today's dollars) and employed

400,000 workers at 20,000 companies. At risk was the supremacy of capitalism versus communism in the eyes of the world, not to mention the lives of astronauts who had been elevated to heroes.

There was no blueprint for a moon ship. The Apollo project called for a dizzying feat of engineering at a time when computers were of relatively modest use and engineers relied on slide rules, calculators and carbon paper.

They borrowed technology from secret fighter planes and from drive-in movie theaters, but mostly they invented things from scratch. It took mastery of a dangerous new fuel, liquid hydrogen, and construction of the giant Saturn 5 rocket — which made more noise than anything ever built by man except a nuclear weapon — to propel men to the moon.

Southern California was at the vanguard of this monstrous technological feat.

In the early 1960s some scientists bet their reputation on a theory that the moon was covered by a dangerously thick layer of fine dust and that any manned spacecraft landing there would sink into the lunar equivalent of talcum powder.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena set out to solve that mystery by firing unmanned Ranger rockets at the moon to transmit back our first close-up pictures of what the lunar surface looked like on a human scale. Jurie van der Woude, 64, worked at the lunar photo lab then as part of the project. He remembers how, in the final minutes before a Ranger craft hit at JPL, how scientists stared at monitors, hoping for a signal from deep space. "When the signal came in, everyone shouted, 'Yeah! It worked,'" he recalled.

MOON FACTS

The Washington Post

If your car got 10 miles to the gallon, it could travel around Earth about 400 times on the same volume of fuel expended in the Saturn V launch.

All of that was required to reach Earth's surface "escape velocity" of about 7 miles per second, at which the rocket could shake off the planet's gravitational hold, and put the spacecraft on course to the moon.

The moon has practically no atmosphere beyond a trace of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and methane. And as far as is known, it contains no organic material of any kind. Once this became clear, NASA stopped the practice of quarantining Apollo astronauts because it seemed unlikely they could be carrying lunar germs.

Temperature on the surface ranges from about 230 degrees F in full sunlight at the equator to around -315 degrees F in the dark at the poles. The timing of the Apollo 11 moonwalk was planned so that the surface temperature would not be far from 25 degrees F.

The lunar surface — which is

about 7 percent the area of Earth's — is covered with a kind of fine, compacted rock dust called regolith. It was formed by a billion or so years of meteoroid impacts that gradually ground much of the uppermost layer of rock into powder.

In the highlands, the regolith is light in color. Its predominant mineral is a form of feldspar called plagioclase, which is rich in lightweight elements including aluminum, calcium, silicon and oxygen.

In the darker sea-like basins, called maria, the regolith is chiefly made up of basalt containing the heavier minerals pyroxene and olivine, both of which have large amounts of iron and magnesium.

After splashdown, the Apollo 11 astronauts were required to don biological isolation garments and scrub down in order to protect against any possible "germs" that might have traveled with them.

The Apollo crew was transported in an airship to Mobile Quarantine Facility to the Lunar Receiving Laboratory in Houston, where the spacecraft and lunar surface samples were isolated for study.

Collision with Earth tosses out chunk that became the moon

Chicago Tribune

Scientists discovered the most amazing thing about the rocks the Apollo astronauts brought home from the moon: they originally came from Earth.

When researchers unlocked the secrets of the complex geology and chemistry of the moon rocks, they began revealing the cosmically jolting story of the moon's origins, a tale that has become increasingly clear over the three decades of lunar research that followed.

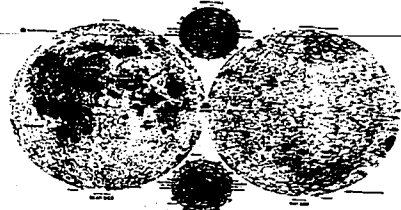
Starting with clues in those stones, scientists have come to believe that the moon was formed when an object the size of Mars smashed into the Earth, blowing most of the Earth's crust into space. Gravity then lumped the debris together to form the moon like mittens packing a snowball.

makes life on Earth possible. The moon does this by preventing Earth from wobbling in space on its axis, which could make seasons inhospitably severe, recent scientific papers have argued.

Even now, however, new computer modeling is suggesting that the story might be more complex than anyone had imagined. A second whack by yet another huge space object might have slowed the Earth's spin after the moon was born, the latest lunar research suggests. This understanding of the remarkable narrative all begins with those rocks.

"The moon rocks give us dates, they give us specific impact rates of objects, they give us geological constraints, and these are all things that one strives to incorporate into an origin model," said Robin Canup, a scientist in the Boulder, Colo., offices of the Southwest Research Institute.

Before Apollo, scientists had much less data but three good guesses as to where the moon came from. Maybe the Earth and the moon formed at the same time, two balls coalescing from the same space dust during the infancy of the solar system.



Or perhaps Earth already existed, locked in orbit around the sun, and the moon happened to be passing by on some unrelated journey, only to be reeled in like a fish by the Earth's gravity.

The rocks brought back from Apollo begin the thread of evidence that unid that each of these theories.

These rocks had a peculiar chemical fingerprint — an isotope of oxygen — that was identical to that of rocks on Earth. Like a flaming meteorite, that shard of information smashed the theory

that the moon was an intraglacitic wanderer trapped by Earth.

But there was also a common drum in the findings coming out of the moon rock labs. The chemistry of the rocks showed that they contained molecules associated with iron — yet there wasn't nearly enough iron on the moon to explain this.

In 1975, William Hartmann and Don Davis published a paper that proposed a resolution to this and several other problems with earlier theories about the moon. They proposed that when Earth was

young and the solar system was crowded with the stuff planets are made of, something very large collided with Earth.

The collision vaporized the mantle, or outer crust of the Earth, laden with the "iron-rich" compounds, but the iron in the Earth's core stayed right where it was.

By the mid-1980s, the theory was widely accepted by scientists, and other researchers had calculated that the one-ball that cracked into the Earth was likely as large as Mars — and it had fared even worse than did Earth, being vaporized in the cosmic crash. Later, William Ward, a scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., began looking into the particular site at which the Earth spun.

Without the moon, Ward proposed, the Earth would wobble chaotically in space as it is tugged by the gravity of other planets, and each one of those wobbles would plunge one part of the planet into an unshakable winter and heat another region into a life-scorching summer.

The moon, however, was like a weight on a gyroscope, stabilizing the Earth as it spins and constan-

tly keeping the tilt of the Earth near 23 degrees.

Recently, a story of the moon's origins has grown more complicated.

Using powerful computer models that simulate the formation of the Earth and the moon, Colorado scientist Canup and other researchers have shown that the simplest impact theories don't work. An impact likely to make the moon would have left the Earth spinning much, much faster than it is spinning today, they said.

"The single impact theory is being challenged because we can't find a single impact that will give us all the properties of the system," said Canup.

Even now, NASA's latest moon voyage is finding evidence that supports the discoveries and theories that flowed from the Apollo moon rocks. Lunar Prospector, which will end its mission when it is crashed into the moon's surface on July 31, has gathered data that suggests the moon has a small iron core — just 1 percent of the mass of the moon's mass. Earth, on the other hand, has a core that accounts for nearly one-third of its mass.

LUNAR ANNIVERSARY

After circling the moon more than a dozen times at an altitude of about 68 miles, the lunar lander *Eagle* separates from the Command and Service Module. On July 21, 1969, the lunar lander *Eagle* separates from the Command and Service Module. The descent engine begins a continuous 12-minute burn, taking it to touchdown. During the final phase, the lander is traveling feet fast and locking its gear onto the lunar surface through

'We're go on that alarm'
—Armstrong

'Attitude control is good'
—Armstrong

'Ease her down'
—Aldrin

'I got a good spot'
—Armstrong

'Picking up some dust...'
—Aldrin

'Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed'
—Armstrong

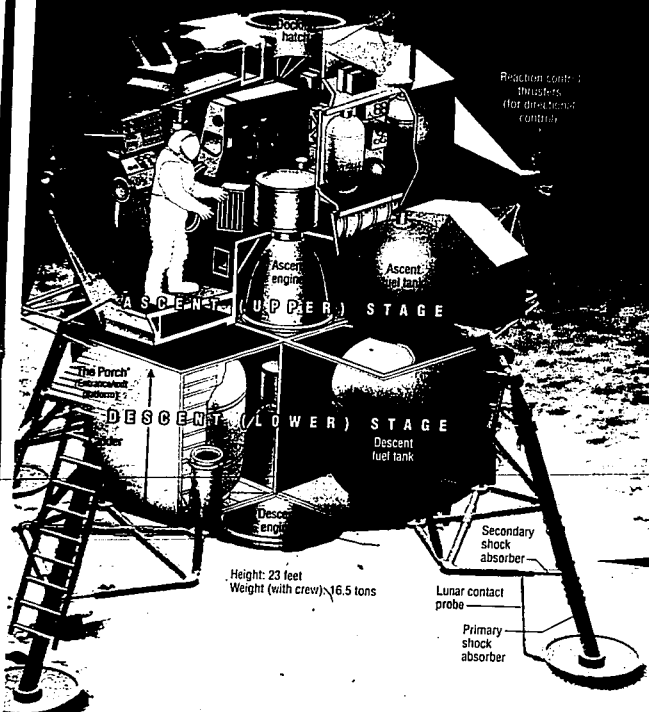
The lunar module lands on the moon with approximately 45 seconds of fuel remaining.

'Pretty rocky area'
—Armstrong

Armstrong determines the despatched landing area is too rough, takes manual control of *Eagle* and slows the descent.

A warning message is received indicating that the 200-gallon fuel tank remaining in Armstrong's 24-degree attitude during descent is empty.

Visibility becomes obscured again due to lunar dust.



Inside the Lunar Module

The Apollo lander design consisted of two major components. The lower stage, containing the engine and fuel for the descent, would remain on the surface. The lighter upper stage, containing the crew area, navigational equipment and a smaller engine, would propel the astronauts back into lunar orbit where they would rendezvous with the Command and Service Module.

Eight anxious minutes: The Eagle descends

The Washington Post

The *Eagle* had landed, but the Earth men were forced to maintain their discipline. What followed the tense landing was nearly two hours of systems checks. Having determined that *Eagle* had not been damaged during the landing, Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin were scheduled to eat a post-landing meal. Sealing glances at the lunar surface through *Eagle's* triangular windows and gnawing their way through reconstituted ham, peaches and fruitcake, the men unilaterally agreed that they did not need the scheduled five-hour rest break before suiting up to walk on the moon. To their relief, Houston concurred. It would take another 3 1/2 hours for them to prepare for mankind's first Extra Vehicular Activity (EVA) on the moon. As Armstrong made his way down the ladder, he activated a black and white camera poised to catch his first step and transmit it to the world. His foot sank into the finely powdered soil, leaving an indelible print. "That's one

small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." He took several more steps, testing his balance and the effects of the moon's gravity. Armstrong's most immediate task was to collect a small sample of lunar soil. In the event that the EVA was suddenly cut short, he would at least have a piece of lunar soil in the pocket of his spacesuit. Having done so, he began an external inspection of *Eagle* while he waited for Aldrin to join him. Eighteen minutes later, Aldrin took his first step. "Beautiful view," he said. "Magnificent desolation." Before their television audience, Armstrong read from the plaque mounted on the strut of *Eagle's* landing gear: **HERE MEN FROM THE PLANET EARTH FIRST SET FOOT UPON THE MOON JULY 1969, A.D. WE CAME IN PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND.** After repositioning the television camera, the astronauts turned to the work at hand. They had only a limited amount of time on the surface to perform specific tasks. Aldrin began by

deploying the solar wind composition experiment. It looked something like a flystrip — a sheet of aluminum foil hanging from a pole — but the data it gathered would help determine the composition of gases and other elements in the solar wind. Together, the astronauts erected a small United States flag. They did not, as explorers on Earth had done before them, claim this new territory, this moon, in the name of their country. Aldrin proceeded to test his moon legs by attempting to run and hop like a kangaroo, with Armstrong faithfully recording the awkward movements for posterity. This experiment was interrupted, however, by a call from President Nixon. In a White House-to-moon call the president told the astronauts, "For every American, this is the proudest day of our lives." Armstrong replied, "It's a great honor and privilege for us to be here representing not only the United States but men of peace of all nations." After the call, the astronauts

refocused their attention and divided up their work. Armstrong began collecting samples of soil and rock, carefully documenting the exact location from which they were removed and sealing them in vacuum-tight containers. Aldrin activated the Passive Seismograph Experiment (PSE), which would monitor and record any lunar seismic activity and detect any meteor impacts. Next, he positioned the Laser Ranging Retroreflector. Among other things, this device, left on the lunar surface, helped scientists obtain precise Earth-to-moon measurements by reflecting

laser beams from Earth back to their point of origin. To obtain core soil samples, Aldrin hammered short tubes into the lunar surface. As he did so, Houston reported that the vibrations were being recorded by the sensitive PSE. Meanwhile, Armstrong had ventured off to inspect and photograph Little West Crater, a rough spot in the direction of the original planned landing site. Completing their work outside, the astronauts stowed most of the experiments and samples in the ascent stage of the lander. Armstrong loaded the last of the equipment as Aldrin re-

entered *Eagle*. At 11:09 p.m. EDT on July 21, 1969, Armstrong climbed aboard and closed the hatch, thus ending man's first exploration of the moon.



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OTHER VIEWS

Don't subsidize competitors of small farmers and ranchers

From the Idaho Press-Tribune (Nampa)

Are family farms and ranches a thing of the past? Are they doomed to follow mom-and-pop grocers down the path of obsolescence in the new world marketplace?

We hope not. But that certainly seems to be the trend in this brave new free-trade world. It has produced the worst farm-sector slump in more than a decade.

The Idaho Rural Council recently held a protest at the Statehouse, calling for higher crop and livestock prices to save family farms and ranches.

If you eat, this fight is your fight as much as it is mine, declared Weiser farmer Mabel Dobbs at the protest. We must stop the corporate takeover of the food supply in this country. We have all paid the price of corporate greed.

The problem confronting our family farmers and ranchers is two-fold. First, they face cutthroat competition from foreign producers who are often, if not always, subsidized by their governments; second, they face cutthroat competition from giant corporate farms here in the states, which are often subsidized by their government.

The logical outcome of all this cutthroat competition is very low prices. And they're going even lower. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced this week that its forecasters expect to see even lower prices for wheat and other major crops at harvest.

Now, while consumers can rejoice as they count up all their savings at the grocery store for the short term, the long-term consequences of such com-

modity pricing is that the smaller producers who cannot take advantage of economies of scale are pushed out of the market. And for this area anyway, that means a decline in our standard of living. That means fewer dollars circulating in the local economy. That means tightened belts all around. Especially in the locally owned stores and businesses that farm and ranch folk tend to patronize.

Are there solutions to this two-horned problem? Yes. First, the federal government needs to make sure that trade is fair. That means tit-for-tat tariffs on imports. We like free trade.

But it's not free if it means us. And that's what happens when our producers lose out to subsidized foreign commodities.

Second, the federal government needs to stop subsidizing giant agribusiness farming operations. Limit farm assistance programs to family owned enterprises. And, yes, provide emergency aid to avert the mass bankruptcies and land sell-offs that often mark farm sector slumps.

We cannot afford to put our food supply in the hands of foreign producers or a few giant homegrown corporations. We make that more likely when we leave our family farmers and ranchers exposed to cutthroat competition from subsidized foreign producers. We make it inevitable when we subsidize their giant corporate competitors at home.

Our family farmers and ranchers are the best producers in the world. They can compete with anybody anywhere when the playing field is level. Lets make sure it is.

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We've lost Apollo's momentum

ROBERT SIBLEY

The moon landing 30 years ago was one of those "happenings," the kind you remember what you were doing at the time. I certainly do. From childhood I've followed the race to the moon with fascination.

Like millions around the world, I vividly followed the four-day flight of Apollo 11, leading up to July 20, 1969, when Neil Armstrong becoming the first earthly to place a footprint on another world.

I was 17 at the time, newly graduated from high school from a small town in the Yukon territory of Canada, spending the summer as a construction laborer to earn money for college.

On the weekend of the moon landing, I was camping with friends. I went for a post-midnight walk along the shore and stopped to watch the moon as it broke through a gap in the clouds.

The news had come a few hours earlier about Armstrong's "giant leap." Standing there on the beach, I thought of Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin camped, as it were, a quarter of a million miles away on the Sea of Tranquility.

I tried to imagine what it must be like to Earth floating like some bright Christmas ornament against the black backdrop of the cosmos. Beyond those fleeting seconds of empathy, however, no epiphany came my way.

Chalk it up to adolescent self-absorption (or maybe the absorption of beer). Yet as I walked back to the distant campfire, I looked down the beach to see the lapping water erasing the evidence of my passage.

I looked up at the moon again and shivered, as though touched by a cold hand.

Philosophy teaches that what some-

thing once meant is not necessarily what it comes to mean. Remembering that long-ago evening, I think that dictum applies to the moon landing.

Back in 1969, at the height of the Cold War, the success of the Apollo 11 mission was seen as a triumph of American technological prowess, a show of the superiority of Western democracy through technology.

But three years later, the Apollo program came to an end with Apollo 17, the sixth and final lunar landing.

After Apollo 11, it was widely assumed that America would soon build a permanent space station. Then would come a moon colony and, by the end of the century, humankind would be on its way to Mars.

These things didn't happen. Sure, we continue to dabble at the edge of the cosmic ocean. There's the shuttle program, the Hubble space telescope and the Pathfinder mission that put a little robotic rover on Mars.

But with all due apologies to the shuttle astronauts, these are essentially machine events, high-tech happenings that appeal to the specialists, not the kind of feats that make a society dream of far shores and endless horizons.

Why did we not go on? How was the momentum of Apollo 11 lost? Several reasons quickly come to mind: NASA budget cuts, the short-sightedness of politicians, a public grown jaded.

"Been there, done that. What's next?" But I think there's another, deeper reason. Somehow, in the wake of the moon landings, humankind lost its collective courage.

The French philosopher Blaise Pascal, writing in the 17th century, when the scientific revolution was just beginning, reacted to the revelation that the universe was much bigger than the cozy cosmos envisioned by medieval metaphysics.

Pascal wrote, "When I consider ... the little space which I fill, and even can see, engulfed in the infinite immensity of space of which I am ignorant, and which knows me not, I am frightened."

Did something similar happen to humankind following the moon landings? Perhaps at some deep level of our collective psyche, we scared ourselves with the audacity of what we had done.

It was as though by landing on the moon, we had come to the shore of a vast ocean, stood for a few moments on the water's edge. Then, in the face of that infinite immensity, we retreated to the safety of our little campfires.

Andrew Chaikin, the author of "A Man on the Moon," writes, the Apollo moon landings were a historical fluke, a 21st century event dropped into the 1960s by the existence of the superpower rivalry between the Soviet Union and the United States.

The late Stu Roosa, who orbited the moon on Apollo 14, once expressed disbelief at the ending of the Apollo program. "It's like we started building the beautiful thing and then we quit."

The question we face on this anniversary is whether, as a civilization, we will settle for a few aging footprints as the only evidence of our confrontation with the cosmos.

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LETTER

Albion campus deserves better

The hundreds of visitors to the Albion Historical Museum have advice for Cassia County and the city of Albion. These visitors come from all over America and foreign countries, the latest ones from Florida, New York and London. The campus site catches the eye and curiosity of many passing through.

Others come deliberately to learn about Albion State Normal, later named Southern Idaho College of Education, and their families who attended.

"What a beautiful setting," they say. The grounds should have more pride in caring for it is echoed by many. Albion has a "gold mine" of history, and the heritage should be protected.

Settlers began in the valley in 1868. The town of "Marsh Basin" was organized in 1875. Freight wagons rolled through on their way to Boise and Oregon. Some got stuck in the mud and Burstrom, starting his own store, Marsh Basin, later named Albion, was the "home station" for the stage and mail route in 1878 after being changed from the City of Rocks station on the old "Keltor Road."

Cassia County was formed in 1879, and Albion made the county seat due to the efforts of territory legislators living in Albion and Oakley. In 1881 state legislators living in Albion and Oakley convinced the newly formed state of Idaho to establish one of the normal schools (teacher colleges) in Albion. At the museum, you get to learn the true story of the college.

Visitors from afar want to know the history and enjoy the peaceful setting. Should we not be courteous and considerate to our neighbors? Local governments push private owners to "cleanup" and "beautify" their property. Should not government do the same with their property?

Blame is not always useful in solving problems, but here are some "should naves" from the visitors. The city of Albion with small means should not have taken the campus when the state offered it. The state of Idaho should have been held accountable to uphold that portion of the "Normal School Fund" for the maintenance of the campus.

The city of Albion should have converted a building or part of one for a city function or office. They should have let local organizations use and operate a nuclear waste incinerator at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. This incinerator is expected to operate for at least 30 years. Incineration will transform much of the waste to microscopic particles, some of which will pass through the incinerator filters into the atmosphere where it will be inhaled or ingested by people.

It should be emphasized that plutonium is a cancer-causing element and a serious health hazard. State officials have said the incinerator "should not cause unhealthy air emissions," but some scientists say "there is no safe dose for exposure to plutonium particles." In addition, the incinerator emissions will include some of the deadliest chemicals known to man such as PCBs, dioxin-furan, lead, dichloroethene,

asbestos, cyanide, tetrahydroethene, mercury and trichloroethane (Times-News, May 17, 1999).

How can the State Division of Environmental Quality establish emission limits for plutonium particles when scientists say there is no safe dose? The proposed INEEL incinerator appears to be a problem of politics vs. public health and safety. Does DEQ simply rubber-stamp Gov. Kempthorne's desires regarding INEEL environmental issues? More than 2 million cubic feet of plutonium-contaminated waste is still buried at INEEL due to bad management decisions in the past (ignoring advice of scientists and other experts). However, the DEQ, INEEL, our congressional delegates and Gov. Kempthorne all seem to have little or no concern about the buried waste or new incinerator. Pit 9 has never been cleaned up and is still not included in INEEL's latest cleanup plan.

We can't trust INEEL or DEQ

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LETTER

to make matters worse, INEEL is considering a new 200-acre burial site over the aquifer for more plutonium-contaminated waste, once again ignoring advice of scientists and other experts.

Next election, I believe we should vote for a new governor and new congressional delegates who will take necessary action to (a) remove the buried waste properly, (b) stop the proposed 200-acre burial site and (c) stop the new incinerator project.

It is obvious we cannot trust INEEL or DEQ to protect our water and air. Therefore, I believe we should seriously consider closing INEEL permanently. DEQ should also be required to do its job properly to protect public health and safety, especially regarding nuclear waste management.

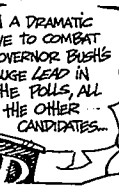
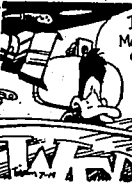
Clean air and water are much more important than all the high-pay jobs at INEEL.

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Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Smokers bear some responsibility for their health

When I heard the racketreet boys playing in the background of a beer kiosk in Russia this summer, I felt a surge of perversed satisfaction. Although the music stung my ears, it was proof that we have completely crushed the Russian spirit of resistance to Western culture.

First we wore them down with the engine of capitalism. Now we're driving a stake through the corpse of Lenin and setting it on fire by blanketing their country with the worst of American culture. The exportation of current pop music is not the cause of the assault, however. We have now convinced the former oppressors in Moscow to turn in their jackboots and rifles for slippers and an apron.

The former police state of terror is turning into the soft and fuzzy nanny state.

The lower house of the Russian parliament, the Duma, has mimicked California's push to ban smoking. Its bill—which has a good chance of passing considering the first reading was approved 297-43—would ban smoking in all workplaces, stadiums, schools, universities, theaters, hospitals, even in the subway. Russia will soon have their own version of America's huddled lepers, firing with a catching pneumonia for a shot at lung cancer and a moment of pleasure.

In many-state fashion, the

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chairman of the Duma's health committee—a reformed 30-year chain smoker—said he wants to save his comrades' lungs and give them an "oxygen-enhanced life." This is not happy news for the 77 percent of Russian men who like to mix their oxygen with a soothing mixture of nicotine and tar. "I've been smoking since I was 10," coughed a 15-year-old to a Time magazine reporter through yellowed teeth. "They can make all the restrictions in the world, but no one's going to keep Mr. Philip Morris from me."

You gotta admire that kind of revolutionary, independent thinking—not to mention brand loyalty.

Last week, a jury in Florida ruled that despite 35 years of warnings, people who smoke and get lung cancer are in no way responsible for their ailment. Nope. It's all the fault of evil Big Tobacco because it has been manufacturing a defective product all these years.

Defective? Since man lived in caves, he has smoked bowls, pipes, cigars—and now cigarettes

filled with tobacco. And that first hit is always followed by a cough. That's a natural reaction when you inhale SMOKE! It's also true No. 1 of thousands that smoking is bad for you. When the Surgeon General announced 35 years ago that smoking can make you sick, it was the most boring news flash in history.

The statute of limitations on the tobacco industry should have run out long ago. But not here in America. Not in our drunk, Oprah-worshipping nation where nothing is ever your fault.

Any sense of personal responsibility has been replaced by the revelation that you can become personally wealthy by casting yourself as a victim.

The plaintiffs in the Florida case are asking for \$200 billion. Read that out loud, slowly: \$200 billion. There are literally a half-million more plaintiffs all lined up and ready to sue. Hundreds of thousands more are sure to follow.

The American legal system—especially the civil courts—long ago abandoned the search for who is right and who is wrong, and moments of common sense are as rare as albino alligators. It is all about how the lawyer can whip a jury into an emotional frenzy and hit the jackpot.

In his closing arguments, plaintiff's attorney Stanley Rosenblatt likened the tobacco industry's practice of a still-legal business to the Holocaust, Rosa Parks, whites-only water fountains, and Martin Luther King. It was little surprise to read that the jurors were almost all black or Hispanic. That kind of measured cynicism has no place in a court of law, yet in post-O.J. America, it

seems to be the norm.

It used to be a joke that if smokers can sue tobacco companies, then victims of crime could sue gun makers for producing "defective products." That's a joke no more. Now that there's a suit pending against Smith & Wesson, there can be nothing outside the realm of litigation.

How about I sue Pizza Hut for making the Meat Lover's Pizza so darned tasty? It's obviously a defective product, too. As an American, I should be able to enjoy the pleasure of eating a pizza loaded with cheese, pork, beef, a different kind of pork, and some kind of half-beef half-pork hybrid and not suffer any of the bad side effects such as heart disease and gastrointestinal ulcers.

While I'm at it, I think I'll sue the beer industry for selling a product that, even after use it responsibly, makes my pants fit a little too tightly around the waist. It may take a while, but I'll get justice.

James G. Lakely is the assistant editorial page editor for the Free Lance-Star in Frederickburg, Va.

A quixotic attempt to push up oil prices

Protectionist fever has taken a virulent new turn in America's oil patch. For years, some of the smaller U.S. crude oil producers have lobbied Congress to pass an "oil import fee"—a protective tariff against all foreign oil producers. This legislative strategy has failed in every Congress.

Now a small group of the Oklahoma oil producers has taken a new approach. These oil men recently filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Commerce, alleging that three of America's top four suppliers of foreign oil—Venezuela, Saudi Arabia and Mexico—have "dumped" oil in the U.S. marketplace. (Iraq, a smaller supplier, is also listed on the complaint.)

In other words, the Oklahoma oil men accuse those nations of selling their oil for less than their production costs or their domestic prices.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Venezuela supplies the United States with over 18.5 percent of its imported oil, while Saudi Arabia accounts for 14.6 percent, Mexico 12.4 percent and Iraq 6.6 percent.

Those tariffs would shoot U.S. oil prices into the sky as well as devastate the target countries by cutting demand for their oil. And whether or not the protectionists' backdoor tactics succeeded in

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the long run, they may very well cause real economic disruption in the short run.

Cases brought under the 1930s-era dumping laws have a tendency to put a chilling effect on competition and international trade even if the ultimate decision is "not guilty."

The cases usually take a long time to resolve, but in the meantime the defendants are, in effect, treated as guilty until proven innocent. Furthermore, about 90 percent of U.S. dumping complaints (usually involving products such as steel and textiles) are upheld.

The antidumping laws are confusing, even arbitrary, and in many instances merely allow U.S. firms to secure punitive tariffs against competing importers that drive up the costs of imported goods.

The result may be higher profits for the domestic producer, but at the price of higher costs for the consumer.

The targeted countries have all denied the charges.

Roberto V. Mandini, president of Petroleos de Venezuela S.A., the national oil company of Venezuela, has stated that "the allegations are simply false."

Mexico's reaction has been even more emphatic, in part because plunging oil prices last year imposed severe hardships on the Mexican economy.

Energy Secretary Luis Teller described the case as "frankly ridiculous" and said it had "absolutely no foundation or economic logic." He said at a news conference that Mexico would fight the case through the North American Free Trade Agreement and the World Trade Organization.

Mexico has already retaliated by suspending plans to eliminate an important tariff on natural gas imports from the United States.

"For all the disruption in trade and international relations that it may cause, the dumping complaint is more likely than not a pointless exercise in the long run."

The plaintiffs' theory is that punitive duties on imported oil would cause a rise in domestic oil prices, reaping greater profits for U.S. producers.

But oil is a worldwide commodity, produced and traded in a global marketplace. Thus, no country or group of countries can

dictate prices.

If the U.S. producers won and thus forced some foreign oil out of the U.S. market, there would be a brief rise in domestic prices.

But the United States would quickly find other sources of lower-priced oil on the world marketplace, and so oil supplies would return to equilibrium at competitive, market-driven prices.

Anti-dumping cases harm international relations and disrupt free and normal trade. Meanwhile, any tariffs collected through dumping verdicts go to the U.S. Treasury, not to the industry that brought the complaint.

For this very reason, most U.S. oil producers have refused to support the complaint.

Independent oil producers that have not yet taken sides in this case should recognize that joining the petitioners would distort markets while offering them no real financial return.

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WORLD

Chinese prepare manned space flight

BEIJING (AP) — If the experts are right, China is nearly ready to put astronauts into space.

They expect the Chinese to launch an unmanned spacecraft later this year and put human crews into orbit next year. That would make China only the third nation, after Russia and the United States, to put a human being in space.

"The Chinese will be able to show the rest of the world that, despite what everybody has said about them, they have developed the capability to put people in space," said Phillip Clark, a British expert on the Chinese program.

China has ploddingly progressed toward a manned space mission for more than three decades.

It put its first satellite in space in 1970 and five years later retrieved a recoverable satellite, a key step toward achieving manned space flight.

But the highly secretive manned space program, known as Project 921, has gathered momentum this decade, nurtured by bigger budgets, Russian assistance and a fear among

the communist leadership that China was falling farther behind the West technological-ly, Western experts said.

China has a newly refurbished space center, at Jiuquan in the Gobi Desert, a new rocket, and at least two Russian-trained astronauts — dubbed "taikonauts" from the Chinese word for space.

What China lacks, publicly, is a launch date. Far that, nationalism might be a clue. Oct. 1 is the 50th anniversary of communist rule. The Yangcheng Evening News, a state-run newspaper, reported in early May that China would celebrate by attempting to launch its first spacecraft, most likely unmanned, around the anniversary.

"This proves that China will become, after the United States and Russia, the world's No. 3 space power," the newspaper declared.

About the same time, photos appeared showing an obscure Internet site with a rocket 4.5 stories tall, topped by what looked like a spacecraft, the red flag of China stamped on its shiny white side.

Purportedly scanned from a brochure from an Inner Mongolian construction company

that helped build the Jiuquan launch facility, the photos show the rocket next to a skeleton-like gantry and the same type of rocket perched in a building used for assembly.

They contained just enough detail to intrigue Western experts like Clark who follow the space program.

The rocket was clearly stamped with "CZ-2F," the designation of China's previously unseen launch vehicle. And the spacecraft looked like a Russian Soyuz vessel but with modifications too complex to be easily faked, the experts say.

For now, the Chinese scientific community isn't talking. Requests for interviews at government research institutes and aerospace corporations were refused.

The silence is not a surprise. While the United States has staged its launches in a very public spotlight, the Soviet Union's communist regime ran its space program in deep secrecy. Moscow may have proclaimed its plan for manned space flights, but it didn't announce Yuri Gagarin's 1961 flight as the first man in space until he was already in orbit.



Two girls look at a painting of Chinese astronauts preparing for a launch in Beijing Sunday at an art exhibit marking China's achievements since the establishment of the People's Republic of China 50 years ago.



An unidentified Serb man yells at U.S. Army soldiers patrolling a Serb street after a grenade was thrown there by unknown assailants in the southern Kosovo town of Vitina Friday.

Attack in market shows extent of ethnic turmoil

VITINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — What better sign of hope for Kosovo's future than a weekly market crowded with ethnic Albanians returned from exile buying fresh produce, cheese and live chickens?

What better target for terror? Between the Albanian stalls and a Serb grocery, agitators determined to continue the cycle of violence and retribution tossed a grenade into an ethnically mixed crowd of shoppers on market day last week, injuring nearly 30 people.

With American soldiers on foot patrol only 100 paces away, the blast dealt a setback to U.S. hopes of restoring order in the Albanians and Serbs chip the veneer of renewed cohabitation with near daily attacks.

"We went from talking about how to reopen the factory one minute to running a race casualty unit the next," said Capt. Matthew McFarlane, the 29-year-old area commander from Burke, Va., and de facto mayor of Vitina, a mixed town in western Kosovo.

"This is one of the towns where Serbs stayed. We were happy about that, but now we realize it has increased our work," he said.

The volatile ethnic mix of an estimated 7,000 fearful residents, still roughly at prewar proportions of 65 percent ethnic Albanian and 35 percent Serb, has put Vitina at ground zero of Kosovo's ethnic conflict.

After weeks of attacks on Serbs, the market blast on Thursday was the first to claim ethnic Albanian victims in the Vitina region.

Soon after the blast, the Americans detained three Serbs in a pair of apartment buildings overlooking the market.

Dozens of weapons were confiscated in an apartment-to-apartment search of the Serb buildings.

That night, ethnic Albanians preparing a revenge attack were thwarted when U.S. soldiers arrested 13 Albanians, including Kosovo Liberation Army soldiers, hiding in a house. They had four AK-47s, grenades and three live bombs. "It was clear they were going to set a house on fire," said Lt. Jake Kramer of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Angered, Serbs stopped showing up for work at the hospital. On Sunday, a Serb convoy of 30 cars drove women and children to the province's border leading to the main part of Serbia less than 10 miles away.

"They are making us look stupid with what's going on," said Staff Sgt. Derek Heavener of Alma, Mich., as he investigated a small explosion Friday.

Damage from that blast was minor: a charred patch of grass and a nicked fence.

But it ignited Serb anger, and a small mob shouted at American soldiers that they would patrol Serb streets themselves and kill any Albanian who dared to drive down them.

"With what's been going on and the amount of people we have, we're stretched thin," Heavener said.

And it will stay that way until U.S. administrators in Pristina are able to win cooperation of national Serb and Albanian leaders to establish local administrations that can take some of the load of NATO.

Progress here — as in Vitina — is blocked by ethnic hatred that has precluded any real cooperation.

Until then, NATO troops in five sectors not only police their areas but also are on nonmilitary duty — restoring essential services, such as hospitals, public sanitation, fuel distribution and firefighting capacity.

McFarlane is seeking the help of leaders from both of Vitina's communities. But the past makes it difficult.

Serb leader Vesko Piric became mayor of Vitina after the Albanian mayor was expelled from the post in 1989, and is accused by the Albanians of responsibility for war crimes.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Ketchum Council to hear pool presentation

KETCHUM - The City Council will meet at 6 p.m. today at City Hall.

Dale Bines of Living Architecture will make a presentation on a community pool on the park and slide lot, and the council will discuss a letter from the Blaine Community Board regarding the community pool.

Other business includes consideration of a request of Julie Wrigley to amend a license and a request from Colmanville LLC to subdivide a lot.

Tom Mow will discuss tentative plans for construction of the hospital. The council will also consider new ordinances.

The meeting is open to the public.

Sewer grants permit for wastewater facility

STANLEY - A decision to issue a permit to the Stanley Sewer Association for the development of a wastewater treatment facility was recently issued by the Southwest National Forest, according to a news release.

The 30-year permit to the SSA will result in the upgrading of the current wastewater treatment facility north of Stanley with the Forest Service treatment facility near the Stanley ranger station.

The current SSA site is no longer able to meet the needs of the City of Stanley and Lower Stanley," said Forest Service Supervisor Bill Lewone. "Basically, the continuation of these two treatment facilities into one subject a number of critical problems. It will eliminate the need to discharge treated wastewater into Valley Creek, a situation that has taken place in recent years.

The permit holds the SSA responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility, which is a grant wastewater treatment facility. The Forest Service owns the complex as well as the Health and Recreation complex.

The cost of the treatment facility is estimated to exceed \$1 million and funding will come from state and government grants and loans.

The permit approves a pressurized water pipeline to transport wastewater along Highway 25 from Stanley to the Stanley ranger station and the connection to the Stanley sewer treatment building.

Chain letters asking for cards aren't legitimate

PHOENIX, Ariz. - An unscrupulous chain letter encouraging people to send business cards to a secretary who they sometimes to generate responses from thousands of well-intentioned donors is out to warn donors, according to a news release from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The letter asks people to send business cards to a boy named Craig Shegald, or any variety of similar names.

In 1989, Craig Shegald, a 9-year-old boy diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor, wanted to be recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records for receiving the most business cards. The Make-A-Wish Foundation worked with Craig to get this request. His wish was fulfilled in 1990 after receiving 15 million cards.

Craig's tumor was successfully removed in 1991, and he no longer has the cancer. Unfortunately, the unauthorized chain letter continues to circulate.

Several versions of the letter exist, most of which wrongly claim that Craig is terminally ill. The letter asks for business cards to gather business cards, send them to an innocent boy in Georgia, and then forward the cards to Guinness Book of World Records.

Our organization is not connected with the Shegald wish or letter," said the Make-A-Wish Foundation and CEO. "We have become involved in trying to stop the letter because we receive numerous phone calls from the Make-A-Wish Foundation asking for cards. These cards are being sent and resumes from our staff and resumes from the Make-A-Wish Foundation are set up a special 800 number to obtain the situation. Callers can call a pre-recorded message by dialing 800-253-3333, ext. 194.

SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME



Emma Otley, 6, of Elm, searches for the perfect book at the Raft River Elementary School Summer Library. The library provides reading enjoyment for area children and adults.

Teacher finds a need

Malta woman fills library void with her own books

By Heidi Tuttle
Times-News correspondent

Summer months was crucial.

"Since we don't have a public library in Malta, and we aren't allowed to use the school library (during the summer), I decided to start one," Wight said.

Wight's search for books to stock her library started in her own home. Most of her children were grown.

"I was looking at some of my own kids' books, and I hated to see them wasted," she said.

Rather than box up the books for donation, Wight used them in her summer library. She has added to the collection each year.

"The first year I used my kids' books, the second year I used \$50 to order books, and each year I order boxes of clearance books," she said. "And sometimes people donate books."

Elementary students aren't the only participants. Wight's collection is popular for teens and adults.

"Elmoine offers good literature to anyone," library volunteer Kathy Zollinger said. "She cleans out her personal library from home and gives the parents something to read."

Jonathan Lewis, 7, of Malta, can see the importance of his library visits.

"I think it's fun and the books are good," he said. "I like to read all the books that I can read, because if you can't read, you can't learn and stuff like that."

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Library foundation selects new director

By Brandon Flato
Times-News writer



Diane VanEngelen

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation has hired a long-time local resident as its new director.

Diane VanEngelen will replace Marlene York, who resigned after her husband accepted a job out of state. York had led the foundation since 1992.

"This is something new to me, and I'm excited about the new challenges," VanEngelen said. "I am training right now, and I will officially become director during the first of August." The director is the foundation's only paid position.

VanEngelen, 49, has lived in Twin Falls for 27 years, and for 10 of those she has been a teaching assistant at Robert Stuart Junior High School. She'll leave that job for the foundation position.

A past president of the PTSO at Harrison Elementary, where she helped organize school fundraisers, former Junior Club board member and a volunteer for the United Way and American Cancer Society, VanEngelen has taken an active role in the community.

Though the library is a city agency, the library foundation is a non-profit fund-raising organization. It gathers money for the library to buy books and other materials.

Last year the foundation raised nearly \$165,000. Of that, \$46,000 was used to purchase books and materials for the library, and \$70,000 was added to the foundation's endowment.

The library foundation was started in 1986. Its endowment now exceeds \$800,000, York said. Interest and dividends go to the library.

Current contributions from the foundation in materials and information resources equal about 25 percent of everything we receive," library Director Arlan Call said.

"There are two major fundraisers we sponsor," VanEngelen said. There is the "Scramble for Books," a golf event held annually at the municipal golf course, and a used-book sale.

This year's golf scramble will be held Sept. 18, and the book sale was held in April.

"The foundation has been quite successful," York said. "When I started we had the idea that we needed to increase our presence in the community, and I think we've met our goals. We have increased our support to the library, increased our endowment, and have sponsored a couple major campaigns."

VanEngelen's husband, Bill, owns VanEngelen Chartered, an accounting firm. They have two children, Kristi, 22, and Scott, 17, who will be a senior this fall at the high school.

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Basques gather from near and far for summer picnic

By Sharon Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The Basque leap, twirl, stand over hot barbecues, greet old friends and even lift weights in the sun.

Sunday's Gooding Basque Association's 18th summer picnic hosted a huge crowd and included many out-of-towners, one coming from as far as New Hampshire.

Gloria Adair, who has attended the picnic every summer for 18 years, said an extension tent added this year was filled to capacity as the group feasted on barbecued lamb and assorted side dishes.

The highlight of the day was a performance by a youthful group of Boise's Oinkari Dancers. A Basque word loosely meaning are good," he said. "I like to read because if you can't read, you can't learn and stuff like that."

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times consist of lace stockings, pantaloons, flaring red skirt to mid calf, black apron, white long-sleeved blouse, vest, shoulder scarf, head scarf.

A person in the audience remarked that they could use the "summer" costumes, evoking the surprised response, "Well, they are all gone."

The dancers are accompanied by a txistu, or Basque flute, a drum, and hundreds of bells strung around male dancers' shirts.

Another entertainment offered was weight lifting. Weights up to several hundred pounds are carried back and forth until exhaustion sets in - another event played out under the hot sun for both male and female participants.

The calf, Runny Mascara, scheduled to change owners at the drop of a ticket, enjoyed the attentions of children who crawled into her small pen to lavish her with attention.

Gooding Basque Association's picnic offers a look at a unique culture with a chance to taste delicious food.

Developer withdraws request

By Heather Flato
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The developer of a proposed strip mall incorporating a dispersed extension of residential land bordered by its zoning application from today's City Council meeting.

Joe Russell, company owner of the project, said he voluntarily withdrew his application because of conditions placed on the extension by the College of Southern Idaho's governing board.

Russell stated that he agreed with CSU's position, which requires six conditions to be met by the city before the college will grant a right-of-way through the campus.

Malta Associates has been asking the city to rezone 23.4 acres of residential land bordered by Blue Lakes Boulevard, CSU and North College Road to build a strip commercial mall. The project includes connecting two halves of Effingham Street, which the CSU campus divides.

Russell's withdrawal doesn't eliminate the project.

"I will reapply after the items have been worked out," Russell said earlier. Some of the conditions include lowering the street two to three feet to reduce noise

Meeting

What: Twin Falls City Council
When: 6 p.m. today
Where: City Hall

and building a fence to protect impacted residents.

The council will consider the following items:

- A request of Thomas Mannscheck for Concord Properties LLC to allow four buildings of eight apartments to be built. The apartments would replace town homes and increase the density of apartments by 32 units. The project is located at the southeast corner of Caswell Avenue West and Wendell Street.
- A request of Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital for a zoning change to allow an additional parking lot to be built on property at 155 Seventh Ave. E.
- A request of the City of Twin Falls for a zoning title amendment that would amend Title 10 of city code. Amendments include zoning changes such as requiring 30 feet of landscaping along arterial streets, and advertising restrictions such as prohibiting flashing and rotating signs.
- A presentation of Kent Just regarding the Chamber of Commerce's "Hot August Nights."

Minidoka hospital expands

New wing to open Tuesday

By Loraine Cavenor
Times-News writer



Cody Camp, left, and Armando Gomez, of Showkes Place, carry in a new chair in preparation for the grand opening of the new wing of Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

RUPERT - The Minidoka Memorial Hospital is having a new baby, and it's due Tuesday.

That's when the hospital will hold the grand opening for its surgery and obstetrics wing. And the baby is coming in under its \$3.2 million budget, said Terri Johnson, hospital marketing coordinator.

The new wing will be a pleasant place for women to have babies and for patients to stay. With three birthing rooms, a nursery, four private patient rooms, two operating rooms and a respiratory therapy department, it will let the hospital provide more privacy and service than in the past, Johnson said.

"We will be able to schedule more surgeries per day," she said. "Surgeons will not have to share the room."

The wing came at a time when the hospital's patient load had increased tremendously, she said.

Open house

An open house for Minidoka Memorial Hospital's new OB/surgical wing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, the public is invited. Enter through the north side of the hospital.

there are three plus orthopedic surgeons, dentists, urologists and quite a few others who use the facility," she said. "We needed the space."

Hospital board members, who were helping move furniture and hang pictures before the grand opening, are proud of the new facility, member Leonard

"When I came here 10 years ago, there was one surgeon. Now

THIS WEEK AT CSI FOR THE RECORD

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CSI-Idaho Dance Arts Alliance summer dance workshop, all day, gymnasium and Fine Arts Center.
Scottish Rite Center "Reading Success" program for area teachers, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277.

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 276.
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Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

CSI-Idaho Dance Arts Alliance summer dance workshop, all day, gymnasium and Fine Arts Center.
LDS 10th Ward family breakfast, 9 a.m., Esplanade area.

Jerome County

Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:
Araignments and appearances

Jerome, driving under the influence; 500 bond, perjury.
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Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Dismissals

Wanda Jean Reckers, 55, 1285 E. Lincoln, No. 12, Jerome, transportation operator, dismissed by Burley.
Adrian Anderson Goodhart, 22, 1315 E. 16th St., Jerome, driver, dismissed by Burley.

ON THE AGENDA

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Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Fire Station training room.

Tuesday

Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., school district office.
Castledorf School Board, 8 p.m., school library.
Filer Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., City Council chambers.

Wednesday

Bliss City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room.
Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse.

Thursday

Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Blagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Blagerman Senior Center.
South Central Community Action Agency Board of Directors, 7 p.m., Wallis Vista Village, 633 Chase St., Twin Falls.

Friday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

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DEATH NOTICES

Maria Pereira
WENDELL - Maria Pereira, 56, of Wendell, died Saturday, July 17, 1999, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Violet M. Stevens
JEROME - Violet M. Stevens, 87, of Jerome, died Friday, July 16, 1999, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.
Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 1999, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Friends may call Wednesday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the chapel in Jerome.

William C. Darrington
DECLIO - William C. Darrington, 83, of Declo, died Sunday, July 18, 1999, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Eugene Mortuary in Burley.

Paul Espinoza of Kennewick, Wash., and formerly of Rupert, Idaho, died Tuesday, July 19, 1999, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert.
Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Friends may call one hour before the rosary on Tuesday and one hour before the Mass on Wednesday.

Jessie Mae Brown of Hazelton, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Byrdene Davis of Buhl, a wake will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at her home, 149 W. Maple Road No. 1, West Magic Reservoir (White Mortuary).

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.
Admitted:
Velma Stokes of Murtaugh and Delbert Remaley of Kimberly.
Released:
Irmgard Whitaker of Twin Falls and Lisa Wilson of Hansen.

Elisa Fuentes and Esmeralda Targua, both of Burley, and Richan Bingham of Heyburn.
A baby was born to Jimmy and Michael Patton of Burley.
MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names have been omitted at patients' request.
Admitted:
Frieda Bertsch of Paul.
Released:
Monica Johnson, Mike Abdominos and Nancy Dean and son, all of Rupert; Eddy Timmons of Burley.

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OBITUARIES

WENDELL
Day Sains in Wendell. He is survived by four sons, Jr. Jones of Ontario, Canada; Jr. Jones of Utah; Jeff Jones of Jerome; and Jerald Jones of Holister; three daughters, Judy Ostrand of Jerome, Maria Alcazar of Utah and June Koch of Shoshone; two sisters, Kay and Cruz of Washington and Virginia Eichelberger of Jerome; 28 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva, and one granddaughter, Trina.
Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 1999, at the Wendell Cemetery, by Bishop Paul Wenz. Family members and friends may sign the register from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

SHOSHONE
Ted LeBoy, 88, of San Diego, California, died Thursday, July 15, 1999, in San Diego.
Ted was born on Sept. 5, 1910, in Chicago, Illinois. He married Mary Agnes Pagnano of Shoshone, Idaho, on March 2, 1934.
He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Agnes, and three children: Fred, Nancy and Jack.

Marion Jones
WENDELL - Marion Robert Jones, 82, of Wendell, died Friday, July 16, 1999, at the Sunrise Care and Rehab Center in Twin Falls.
Marion was born on Jan. 1, 1917, in Shavley, Idaho, the son of Jake and Mabel Bitman Jones. He was raised and educated in Jerome. He began working on the family farm at an early age.
He married Eva Mae Mintun on Feb. 1, 1940, in Jerome. They made their home in Jerome, North Idaho and California before settling in the Magic Valley.
Marion was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

Wells has big plans for industrial park

By Elaine Swanson
Times-News correspondent

WELLS, Nev. — Chuck Rigel was defeated last month in his bid for reelection as mayor of Wells. However, he leaves a legacy from his four years in office that could mean a great deal to this small town.

Four years ago, Rigel was determined to develop a heavy industrial park for the City of Wells. Rigel and councilman Willy Deiss were the moving force behind the development of the Wells Heavy Industrial Park. Health problems forced Deiss to leave office two years ago.

"For years, even the leaders of Wells thought the land around the city airport belonged to the BLM," Rigel said. "I found out different. Decades ago the city acquired a 160 parcel of deeded land from the Southern Pacific Railroad in a land trade. All these years that parcel has been included in the surrounding BLM allotment for grazing."

"With no other land available for heavy industrial development, Rigel and the other city

fathers found the DEP acres just one mile north of Wells, bordering U.S. Highway 93, to be the ideal location.

The city acquired a \$275,000 Economic Development Administration grant to kick off the park development. In addition, the city has acquired financing from the Idaho Community Development Block Grant totaling a million dollars to complete the park infrastructure.

"I'm proud of the work we were able to put our funding together to make the most of our grants," Rigel said. "Hopefully future city councils will seek further funding for paving and landscaping."

According to Rigel, city crews provided "in-kind" work to meet grant requirements.

"The city experienced setbacks in the formative stages of development. Controversy within the EDA Grant stirred by the cities of Elko and Twin Falls caused delays. Changes on the City Council created confusion, with eight people rotating through three positions on the board.

When the firing of two city managers in less than two years, and a lawsuit, with those hurdles in the past, and with a stable council, it was determined city manager of the heavy industrial park is finally on track.

"City Manager Jolene Supp discovers great credit for tying all the loose ends together and making things happen with the industrial park," Rigel said.

Supp, a local businesswoman, has been named as city manager for the next two months.

The city hired Doug Molohon as project manager for the industrial park from Knight Piesold Consulting Engineers and Environmental Services of Elko.

Information from a brochure prepared to market the park states that the park is centrally located near the airport, the Union Pacific Railroad, and has access to U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 80. The park offers plentiful utility rates that make the industrial park attractive. Sewer, water, electricity, and telephone infrastructure serve all parcels in

the industrial park, with a natural gas pipeline coming through town in the very near future. An expansion of the municipal airport will facilitate air freight needs.

Excitement rides high when folks talk about the fully-functional, multi-modal industrial and distribution opportunity this heavy industrial park represents.

"The heavy industrial park will put Wells on the map," businesswoman Don Marcus said.

Yvonne Stuart, owner of Stuart's Grocery, agreed.

"The industrial park is vital to the success of future growth of Wells," Stuart said. "We feel that a company bringing just ten families to town would make a significant impact on the retail businesses. Twenty families would be just grand."

Supp said the construction of the industrial park is well under way with five, ten and 20-acre parcels available by the end of August.

Times-News correspondent Elaine Swanson can be reached in Wells at 752-3580.

WELL IN BRIEF

Bliss School Board to meet at district office

BLISS — The School Board will meet at 7 p.m. today at the district office. The meeting is open to the public.

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Hansen School Board meets today at 7 p.m.

HANSEN — The School Board will meet at 7 p.m. today at the school district office. The meeting is open to the public.

Court committee to meet commissioners

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners will discuss court facilities at their meeting today. Fifth District Judge Monte Carlson and the Court Facilities Committee will meet with the commissioners to discuss the future possibility of building a new judicial building for the county. Talks have resumed about building a new facility because of concerns among local officials about safety and crowding in the current courthouse. The commissioners will meet at 1:30 with Carlson and the judicial facilities committee to discuss future building possibilities in the basement of the Cassia County courthouse.

Heyburn council slates two meetings

HEYBURN — The City Council will have special meetings July 20 and 21. The council will discuss matters of trade and commerce in the city. The meetings will be conducted by Mayor George M. Fromm. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the Heyburn City Hall.

New magistrate will take oath Wednesday

BURLEY — Cassia County's new 5th District magistrate judge will take his oath of office on Wednesday. Michael R. Crabtree will be sworn in as Cassia County's newest magistrate. Crabtree was recently appointed to the position by the 5th District District Magistrate Commission. The job was left vacant after former Magistrate Judge Nathan Higer was promoted to the District Court bench in Twin Falls. The ceremony will start at 3:30 p.m. at the Cassia County courthouse. The public is invited. A reception will be held for Crabtree following the ceremony.

Burley to consider a commercial rezoning

BURLEY — The City Council will discuss a zoning amendment tonight. The city has proposed redesignating a 100-foot strip of land on the north and south side of E. 16th Street from residential to commercial property. The council will meet at 7 tonight in the City Hall meeting chambers.

Telephone company to cut ribbon on facility

BURLEY — Project Mutual Telephone will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. today at its newly remodeled facility, located at 1458 Overland Avenue in Burley. The new Burley facility is open for business.

Compiled from staff reports

Coalition puts on safe kids day in Rupert

By Coren Hart
Times-News Correspondent

RUPERT — A day packed with activities this week will teach children how to stay safe while having fun outdoors.

Kids can learn how to be safe on their bicycles, when using guns or while playing near electrical lines at Summer Safety Day on Tuesday at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. A puppet show, an exploding cantaloupe and a chance to win a prize are in the day's lineup.

"Some lucky kid will win a bike helmet. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be served," said Maxine Stephenson of the Minidoka County Extension office.

Summer safety day

- When: 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday
- Where: Minidoka County Fairgrounds
- Cost: \$5 at the door. Lunch and snacks are provided.
- Who: The program is for children ages 5 to 12, but adults are welcome, too.

Local members of the Minidoka County Extension office organized the day of fun and learning.

Joan Parr and Barbara Morales of the University of Idaho Extension Service will

teach kids about recycling. Fire safety will be presented by Minidoka County Fire Department. Police dog dog Vinz and Lars, a K-9 from the Child Protection Team, is scheduled.

A representative from Christiana's Department of Burley will teach kids how to watch out for themselves around tractors and other large equipment. The representative will show them how to use a tractor. "So one is watching out for you. They can't see you. And when you're making any turns or any sudden movements, they'll see you." The girl gives take-aways to minimize play of discussion, too.

According to Bud Tracy, general manager of Raft River Electrical Co-op, demonstrations will be given to illustrate the dangers of electricity.

"We'll take our demonstration trailer out that day. We can show what effect 7,200 volts can have on people and things. It's the view of the real world. It creates a two-foot long electrical arc 5 to 7 feet long. It will blow up a cantaloupe and a hot dog, for instance."

Tracy said the trailer has been popular with audiences from northern Idaho to Utah.

Times-News correspondent Coren Hart can be reached in Burley at 677-4942.

DASH AND SPLASH



Scott Deloy, 4, runs through a sprinkler in his back yard to keep cool during today's temperatures near 100 degrees last week in Boise.

Nampa to open shelter for families, women

NAMPA (AP) — Homeless families and single women needing emergency shelter soon will have a place to stay while they work toward permanent housing.

This week, Nampa, the Idaho Housing and Finance Association announced the opening of a new shelter. The Salvation Army Interim Shelter and Transitional Housing Project.

The shelter will provide needy people a place to stay for up to three months. It also will help them develop a plan for transitional or permanent housing as well as self-sufficiency.

Participating families will live in six units at two Nampa motels. The Salvation Army will furnish meals and support services. Money from the center's Nampa Project will provide case management.

"This is an innovative solution to Nampa's homeless situation," said Gerald Hunter, 30, Nampa Housing project president and executive director.

"The collaboration of so many groups in this community helped to make this emergency shelter possible. In addition to meeting the interim requirements of the City of Nampa, we look forward to creating a model that can be used to address permanent housing needs of individuals throughout the state."

Captain James Sullivan of the Salvation Army of Nampa said the organization currently is fielding five to seven calls per day regarding emergency shelter. Many of those calls are coming from families. The interim shelter is to serve 180 family members over the next 18 months, as well as 40 to 50 single women.

This marks the first time the city of Nampa has participated in a computer housing and Urban Development plan from the Community Development Block Grant program toward a social service.

Police cite driver after fiery crash

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A Boise employee of a Boise-based company's prisoners has been cited following a traffic accident in which his van hit an Interstate 15 pillar and burst into flames.

Murray Bah, 36, was fined \$5 for not wearing a seatbelt and \$20 for driving 29 mph in a 75 mph zone.

According to Idaho State Troopers, the van hit front tire, which caused the van to veer into the pillar. The van struck the pillar and burst into flames.

Bah and his wife, 26-year-old Julie Deann, were transporting 18-year-old Lonnie Robertson from the Juvarene Corrections Center in St. Anthony to her parents in Nampa. Robertson and Dean were pulled from the burning wreckage by truck drivers.

Bah was ejected from the van and suffered facial and hand injuries and a fractured leg. Robertson suffered a cracked vertebrae in her back.

Bah was working for Teton Services of Idaho Falls, which contracts with the state to transport prisoners. State Police Capt. Tony Anderson said speed and the van's condition were factors in the crash.

Bah claims he told the company it needed new tires and the steering was a problem.

Idaho officer announces strategy to clean up basin

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Idaho's top environmental officer has unveiled a 20-year cleanup strategy to deal with heavy metals from Silver Valley mining waste.

A plan to clean up mining pollution in the Coeur d'Alene River Basin on settling a tribal and federal lawsuit against the mining companies.

Idaho Division of Environmental Quality Director Steve Alfred on Friday announced a four-pronged approach to the Coeur d'Alene Basin Commission, which was created by then-Gov. Phil Batt to represent the state's interests in cleanup activities.

Alfred suggested writing a new work plan, creating a trust fund mostly paid for by the lawsuit settlement, pushing for Silver Valley economic development and forming a new local governing body to enact the plan.

Alfred wants it running by the end of next year. Idaho's political leaders have made no secret of their opposition to the court or the federal government controlling cleanup.

"The governor is committed to try to bring some sanity to this process," Alfred said. "A lot of people think I'm crazier than he. Maybe I am. But I'm pretty damn persistent."

If successful, the plan could help resolve the 8-year-old lawsuit against the mines by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, expected to go to trial in November 2000.

Tribal officials said it is possible their high-profile lawsuit will never see a courtroom.

"The odds of a settlement just went up tremendously," said Chuck Matheson, tribal vice-chairman. "I still can't say for sure it's happening, but before Mr. Alfred came along there was no chance."

Washington state is holding off on suing the mines over contamination washing out of Lake Coeur d'Alene and onto Spokane River beaches, Assistant Attorney General Owen Clarke said.

But to head off future legal wrangling, Idaho needs to give Washington a role in any settlement, Clarke said.

Before an agreement occurs, Alfred said, Idaho needs to provide a vision for cleanup that involves everyone from tribal, tribal and federal agencies. And the Idaho Legislature probably will need to authorize a new cleanup oversight group either this session or next, he said.

Report: Washington followed wheat growers script on burns

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The last full that led to reductions in wheat field burning included the state Department of Ecology and wheat farmers, but no environmental groups, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Washington Association of Wheat Growers also provided Ecology a detailed public relations plan to "sell" the deal to the public. The Spokesman-Review reported.

Ecology officials denied following the industry script. But the newspaper said that the agency's handling of the issue closely followed the growers' plan.

The industry document, entitled "Rollout Strategy for Emissions Reduction Plan," was obtained recently after a public records request by a Spokane environmental group.

The document was withheld from an earlier Spokesman-

Review records request to Ecology, which could be a violation of state law.

The plan was written by the Blankship of Riverville, a wheat farmer and spokesman for the growers association.

Blankship sent the strategy paper to Stuart Clark, Ecology's lead negotiator in private talks with the wheat industry, on Nov. 12.

It called for growers to stay in the background and let Ecology announce the burning curtailment, the newspaper said.

"The ONLY way that a plan will be perceived by the public as in their interest is if THE PUBLIC AGENCY ANNOUNCES THE PLAN," Blankship's strategy paper said.

It also called for the wheat growers to say they were "blatantly at heart" to Ecology's announcement.

Banks, credit unions prepare for Y2K

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's chartered banks, credit unions and savings institutions are ready for Y2K.

The Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, Gavin Gove, has announced that the state's chartered financial institutions have successfully tested their original computer systems for Y2K compliance.

State and federal guidelines required such testing to be completed by June 30, 1999.

All Idaho chartered financial institutions have met or exceeded regulatory testing requirements for Y2K compliance, Gove said.

Estimates show that financial institutions nationwide have spent between \$8 and \$12 billion fixing and testing computer systems for Y2K compliance. All of those in Idaho have been tested at least twice by state or federal examiners.

Private computer companies used by Idaho financial institutions for data processing and financial recordkeeping also have been examined and tested to make sure they are meeting Y2K-related problems.

Regulators are monitoring and testing to ensure that all financial institutions complete their Y2K plans.

Wing

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Martin said.

"When people consider moving here, the first thing they look at is hospitals and schools," he said.

Martin said the new wing is a community asset that helps attract new people and businesses — and good doctors.

"Without doctors, you can't run a hospital," he said.

Administrator Carl Hanson said the new wing will be an incentive for people to patronize their local hospital, Hanson said.

To stay in business you have to update your facilities and

equipment," Hanson said. "This addition allows us to purchase more state-of-the-art equipment that we didn't have room for before. It allows us to expand and remodel the emergency room."

Additional money from the additional budget will allow the hospital to remodel without seeking further funds, Johnson said. State officials because of the hospital will increase because of the remodeling, Johnson herself will escape her closer-sized office.

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Read the wrestling rulebook

If there's one question that troubles the thinking person, it's this: Does cheating go on in professional wrestling?

In an effort to find an answer, I recently attended a tournament sanctioned by Florida Championship Wrestling. I chose FCW for two solid journalistic reasons...

It is a venerable circuit in the "minor leagues" of professional wrestling, where the potential stars of tomorrow learn the ground rules, the "do's and don'ts," that make up the ethical standards of the sport.

The FCW tournament I attended was held at the Micooskee Indian Gaming Center, located west of Miami on the edge of the Everglades. This is one of the few gaming facilities where you can gamble on bingo, slot machines, poker, etc., and then merely by walking a short distance...

I watched the wrestling matches from a seat right next to the commissioner of FCW, Carmie Siegel. It is Commissioner Siegel's job to monitor the sport closely for cheating and impose stiff punishments on offenders.

In the first match, a wrestler who had been losing suddenly gained the upper hand (so to speak) by kicking his opponent in a very sensitive masculine region.

"Did you see that?" I asked Commissioner Siegel.

"See what?" he answered.

"The referee didn't see it either, even though he was standing about two feet from the wrestlers. It takes a special type of person to be a professional wrestling referee, the type of person who, if he had been present when the Hindenburg was being consumed by a giant ball of flame, would have been looking, with intense interest, at the ground."

In another featured match, a wrestler named Anthony "The South Beach Stud" Adonis distracted the referee by asking him about the rules.

For several minutes, while referee patiently explained the rules, directly behind his back, Adonis' opponent, Billy Wipe, was writing on the mat with a white marker. He repeatedly kicked in the masculine region and Adonis' manager, a woman named Babe...

"Did you see people get their eyes gouged out?" observed Commissioner Siegel, adding, "They become referees."

"It looks like he's slipping a chair into the ring," I said.

"I'll have to check the tape on that," said Commissioner Siegel.

In subsequent matches, a wrestler beat his opponent in the face with a cowbell (yes, a cowbell), a manager named Abundance (the Master of "Darkness") used his staff ("The Staff of Darkness") to knock out a security guard and Duke ("The Dumpster") was named Fantasy, had Commissioner Siegel on the ring unobserved.

"He hit him with the flagpole?" responded Commissioner Siegel.

All in all, it was an exciting evening of athletic competition. And although at times it appeared, to my untrained eye, that some of the contestants might possibly have been taking liberties with the rules of fair play, I realize that this could hardly be possible, if the commissioner of Florida Championship Wrestling, who happens to be a licensed attorney and whose whole job is to keep an eye on things, did not see any violations. His integrity is protected by safeguards every bit as stringent as the ones used to protect America's most vital nuclear secrets. You think Tom Jolting...

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald, the Tampa Tribune, Tropic Magazine, The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

Summer Sizzles

Even in high, dry southern Idaho, the heat can get you

By Joan Bean, Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Have fun in the sun, but be careful. Heat exhaustion and sunstroke can happen when it's moderately hot as well as when temperatures sizzle.

"It's more common the higher the temperature, but I've seen heat-related problems in the mid-80s," said Dr. Kevin Kraal, emergency room physician at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. "It depends on the condition of the person, how much work they're performing and how well they stay hydrated."

Kraal said heat exhaustion and sunstroke are graded terms. It's a matter of degree: The former is simply a mild form of the latter.

If someone begins to suffer effects of the heat, Kraal said the first thing you notice is that he appears lethargic, often confused and has dry skin. At first, he would look red, but when a person is suffering sunstroke, he is usually pale and in a mild degree of shock.

At that point medical assistance is definitely needed.

"If they're alert, but just feel really hot and dry - but mentally clear, the first thing to do is to get them out of the heat and in the shade or in a cool building, and start to give them fluids," he said.

While alcohol and caffeine-containing beverages do hydrate, they do so slowly, and they have a diuretic effect. Kraal said the best thing to give for heat-related emergencies is water or a sports drink.

If you're feeling the heat, the first thing to do is to get out of it, Kraal said. That's critical.

"If you're working, stop it, even if you can't get out of the sun," he said. "Sit down and cool off, drink water and pour it on your head."

Prevention is a matter of using common sense. If it's too hot, stay indoors. If it's necessary to work outside, wear loose, light

Heat advice from the CDC

To protect your health when temperatures are extremely high, remember to keep cool and use common sense. The following are key tips:

• Increase your fluid intake - sip less of your activity level. During heavy exercise in a hot environment, drink 2-4 ounces (2-8 ounces) of cool fluids each hour. But if your doctor has prescribed a fluid-restricted diet or diuretics for you, ask your doctor how much you should drink.

• During hot weather, you will need to drink more liquid than your thirst indicates. That's especially true for persons 65 and older who often have a decreased ability to respond to external temperature changes, drinking plenty of liquids during exercise is especially important. However, avoid very cold beverages because they can cause stomach cramps. And avoid drinks containing alcohol because they will actually cause you to lose more fluid.

• Use a buddy system. When working in the heat, monitor the condition of your coworkers and have someone do the same for you. Heat-induced illness can cause a person to become confused or lose consciousness. If you're 65 or older, have a friend or relative call to check on you twice a day during a heat wave. If you know anyone in this age group, check on them at least twice a day.

• Monitor those at high risk, including infants and children up to 4, folks 65 years of age or older, those who are overweight, people who overeat during work or exercise, and folks who are ill or on certain medications.

- Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

clothing to keep the sun off your skin. Pace yourself by taking frequent breaks, and be sure to drink lots of water.

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Photo Illustration by BRUCE SHELDS/The Times-News

Learn not to burn when the weather heats up

By Joan Bean, Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - After spending a hot summer day outdoors without the protection of sunscreen, you look like a boiled lobster.

What should you do? Most sunburns can be treated at home, according to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center E.R. physician Kevin Kraal. But if there's deep blistering, you need a doctor's attention.

"There's not much you can do once you've gotten burnt," he said. "Everything you do is to decrease pain and prevent infection."

But he added that if you know you're

getting burned, it's helpful to take an anti-inflammatory drug. That reduces the impact of the burn somewhat.

That works best within the first couple of hours, according to Dr. Chris Scholes, Twin Falls dermatologist. But it's still OK to do so later.

"Sunburn is mediated by a path of inflammatory agents in the body, and aspirin and other nonsteroidal will interrupt that pathway," he said. "They really do have an effect outside of just making you feel better."

In general, for sunburn you should take the same kind of dosage as you do for a headache, Scholes said: one or two tablets. Scoles said cool to cold water is soothing, but don't ice the burn. You don't want

to combine the heat injury with a cold injury.

"If you had extensive blistering second-degree burns all over, you wouldn't want to try to cool it for very long," Kraal said. "Doing so heavily would be fine."

"Extended periods of cooling could bring on hypothermia," he said.

Kraal advised against putting a sunburned person in a bathtub of cold water and leaving him there for an hour. But for an otherwise healthy person, it's OK to intermittently cool off in the tub for 15 minutes at a time.

To help keep skin from cracking and peeling, liberally apply a light moisturizer, Scholes said. It won't prevent anything, but it makes you feel a lot better. The over-

the-counter topical medicine Cortaid can, also relieve some of the symptoms.

Ultraviolet rays are most intense when the sun is directly overhead, Scholes said. But you can get sunburned any time of day, any time of the year, while the sun is out.

More important than trying to shape your life around being indoors between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. is doing smart things around the sun," Scholes said. "When you can, wear long sleeves. Hats are great to protect your face and ears, but they're not a replacement for sunscreen."

Scholes said if you can avoid being outdoors when the sun is directly overhead, do so.

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Brain Freeze! Is there no escape from that icy ache this summer

Knight Rider News Service

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Dum-dum!

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Dum-dum!

...THE BRAIN FREEZE!

Brain Freeze! Is there no escape from that icy ache this summer. Includes a list of brain freeze symptoms and a list of products to avoid.

templates, near the bridge of the nose, or on the forehead. Brain freezes strike when you consume ice cream - or anything chilly: poppies, slurpees, soda - way, way too quickly. This is serious pain, people. We're talking 30 to 60 seconds of scrape-scrambling, eye-watering, nose-rubbing... "Ice-it-too-fast!" -chaining pain. There's no cure and no treatment for the frigid phenomenon; the pain eventually melts away. Studies say one out of every three Americans has experienced brain freeze. If you've been able to escape its icy clutches, you may have seen some folks suffering from it. Fifteen-year-old Jennifer Wilson saw hers.

"Their eyes get really big, and they grab the sides of the head," said Wilson, who works at Baskin-Robbins in Lexington, Ky. "They usually say, 'Oh my God! Brain freeze.' So what's the medical explanation for the malady? Here's the scoop: You won't get just one story from brain freeze experts, but they will agree on one thing. The combination of the cold substance you're eating and your warm upper palate is explosive. As you greedily suck on the top of your mouth, the frozen goop is blasting your body's 98.6-degree soft palate. The ice-pickle into-your-headache is the result. Thomas N. Ward, a board member of Chicago's Headache Council for Headache Education (appropriately abbreviated ACHIE), suggests brain freeze is blasting your body's 98.6-degree soft palate, which is associated with migraine headaches. Merle Diamond, associate director of Chicago's Diamond Headache Clinic, insists it's the glossopharyngeal nerve that causes the process. Which, that clears things up.

TN Interactive. Remember the world before... all-conditioning? Includes information about a new all-conditioning technology and contact information for Steve Crump.

HEALTH & FASHION

Time to have the truth revealed about tea tree oil

DEAR PAULA: I've heard that tea tree oil is a good natural ingredient to look for to combat breakouts. Is that true?

—DOUG, CHICAGO

DEAR DOUG: There is a very interesting newsletter called the Quarterly Review of Natural Medicine. (For subscription information, call 503-234-092.) Its focus is to present a compilation of published (meaning objective and peer reviewed) scientific research concerning the effectiveness of herbal preparations. From what I've seen so far, this is a very objective presentation of the information available. In some of the studies they've analyzed, it was pointed out when results were carried by the researchers conducting the study who just happened to be employed by the company providing the herbal remedy.

One of the issues addressed in the Review's Summer 1998 issue is the use of tea tree oil vs. benzoyl peroxide for the treatment of acne. A study of 119 patients using 5 percent tea tree oil in a gel base vs. 5 percent benzoyl peroxide in a lotion was discussed. There were 42 people in the benzoyl peroxide group and 58 in the tea tree oil group. The conclusion was that both treatments were effective in reducing the number of inflamed lesions throughout the trial, with a significantly better result for benzoyl peroxide when compared to the tea tree oil. Skin oiliness was lessened significantly.



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

In the benzoyl peroxide group versus the tea tree oil group. However, while the reduction of breakouts was greater for the benzoyl peroxide group, side effects of dryness, stinging, and burning were also greater — 79 percent of the benzoyl peroxide group versus 49 percent of the tea tree oil group. From my point of view, a 2.5 percent benzoyl peroxide solution would be better to start with than jumping to the more potent and more irritating 5 percent concentration. If you were interested in using a 5 percent strength tea tree oil solution to see if that would be effective, I know of no products stating the amount of tea tree oil used. From what I can tell, nearly all tea tree oil products being sold contain less than a 1 percent concentration, which is not enough to be of much help for breakouts.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (4th edition)" (Bantam, \$19.99). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 300, Tukula, WA 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

HEALTH NOTES

Get the shots

Children who weren't inoculated with the measles vaccine were 35 times more likely to contract the disease than those who were inoculated during a seven-year period, according to a study in the latest issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. The risk of measles today is relatively low — there were only 138 cases reported in the United States in 1997 — but health officials fear that pockets of unvaccinated children could set the stage for an outbreak of the disease like the one in the late 1980s.

Heart disease on the gridiron

Atlanta Falcons football coach Dan Reeves underwent bypass heart surgery last December, joining the long list of people recovering from heart disease, the nation's number one killer. To help others fight heart disease, Reeves has launched a campaign in conjunction with Merck, the pharmaceutical company, called "Getting to Goal." A free booklet, "Crossing the Goal Line: Dan Reeves' Playbook for Surviving Heart Disease," illustrates recommendations of the National Cholesterol Education Program of the National Institutes of Health. For a copy, call 1-888-548-4625.

This brew for you?

Should you drink to thistle? While the power of milk thistle to protect the human liver has never been scientifically demonstrated to the satisfaction of the FDA, the herb has been used as a

natural remedy for gastric disorders since even before it was pronounced good for "carrying off bile" by Pliny the Elder (A.D. 23-79), "Men's Journal" reports. "Research suggests that it works by reducing byproducts of alcohol metabolism that can damage the cells or the liver."

Brain storms

Researchers also are working to block cluster headaches. Scientists say they have found an abnormality in the brains of people with the condition, which can flare up for weeks at a time, causing one or several severe headaches a day. Reporting in the journal Nature Medicine, British doctors say brain scans of cluster-headache victims found a slight enlargement of the hypothalamus.

Physician, steel thyself

Bad news: Mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease still have such a stigma that even psychiatrists are reluctant to tell patients the bad news. Dr. Robert Clafferty of the University of Edinburgh told a psychiatric conference in London, Clafferty said that doctors feel comfortable about diagnosing depression, anxiety disorders and drug abuse. But when it comes to dementia and mental illness, they tend to delay informing patients.

Compiled by Mary Schogof of the Philadelphia Inquirer from wire reports and other sources. Write to him at the Philadelphia Inquirer, P.O. Box 6263, Philadelphia, Pa. 19101.

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Heat

When your house is hot and you don't have an environment in which to cool down, Krnal said your care temperature slowly elevates, both because of the heat and the body's inability to cool.

"That's where the fluid comes in," Krnal said. "If we don't have fluid, we're like radiators. If you don't have enough water in the radiator, it's not going to cool off the engine."

Crack your core temperature down by increasing evaporation. Sit in the sprinkler or go into an air-conditioned area for an hour or so, anything that cools the body down. Then stay out of the heat for a while.

Young people are exempt from the risks of heat stress. At the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine in Natick, Mass., scientists study the risk that heat takes on the young people. Among their findings is that being out of shape and overweight greatly increases the risk of heat-related health problems. From dehydration to heat stroke, a potentially fatal medical condition in which the body's temperature goes above 106 degrees and people become unconscious. Severe people face three times the risk of suffering a heat-related injury or death during a heat wave than those who are physically fit, according to Capt. William Laska, a physiologist at the institute. "The same goes for people who are overweight," Laska said. "They have about threefold increase in risk compared with normal-weight people. If you are both overweight and unfit, the risk rises about eight times higher."

According to studies conducted at the institute, acclimation to the heat requires exposure to it for 10 to 14 minutes per day. The more time spent indoors during a heat wave, the slower the adaptation.

"Basically, half of the body's major adaptations to heat occur in the first three to four days of exposure," Laska said. "So if you're just moving into the heat, you'll be in the first few days, so that they don't overdo it, they will be about half-done."

As the air temperature rises, the body begins adapting by increasing heart rate and perspiration. It takes about 10 days of exposure to the heat to be fully adapted, Laska said, and this protection does not last very long if temperatures return to normal. "But if you are sporadically exposed to heat, you can sustain your adaptation," Laska said. "If you can get exposed to heat at least once a week, you can keep pretty good acclimation." Parents and grandparents who are tempted to leave little ones in a parked car while they run an errand should be aware of the risks they are taking. Deaths can and do occur, and in a matter of minutes.

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

"It's real important that folks are aware of how hot it gets inside a vehicle and how quickly," Krnal said.

Krnal said he doesn't see a lot of heat-related emergencies, they do happen even in high, dry southern Idaho.

"The severe cases we see are old people at home who can't get out of the house, or someone who falls, for example and can't get up, and stays immobile for hours," he said.

"Those are the truly critical cases we see." — The Washington Post contributed to this report.

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- The Facts About Breast Cancer: Free Breast Screening Education Program. Learn the facts about early detection, self breast examination, mammography, clinical examination, and mammography. This program is offered free to the public through MVRMC (Department Services, 526 Shop Ave. West, Suite 3). For more information or to make an appointment call 736-1675.
- Child safety seat installation and instruction is available by calling the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS office at 737-2430.
- VBAC Preparation Course * Mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after cesarean delivery have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with an obstetrician. Safety is discussed, plus tools and information on coping with labor are presented. Mother and her support person can set an appointment by calling 737-2981.
- CPR Class * Tuesday, July 20, 6:30 - 10 p.m., Doctor's Waiting Room, Room 3011. To register call 737-2007.
- Co-Dependency Group * Wednesday, July 21, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room. Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.
- Identification and Treatment Options for Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression) * Thursday, July 22, 7 p.m., KMVT Community Room. This program is free to the public courtesy of Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of MVRMC. For more information call 734-6760.
- Childbirth Refresher Course * Thursday, July 22, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- CPR Instructor Course * Saturday, July 24, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Education Center. Prerequisites: Pre-registration required. Call 737-2907 for more information.
- Breast Cancer Support Group * Monday, July 26, 7 p.m., Cancer Center Reception Area. For more information call Char Basala at 737-2980 or Judy Tremblay at 737-2980.
- Infant CPR Class * Tuesday, July 27, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration not required.

For additional MVRMC educational offerings call 737-2902. If you require special accommodations call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event.

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Advice

The ultraviolet rays that cause some sunburns are called UVA and the numbers on sunscreens measure their effective against those. Most sunscreens have UVA, which cause wrinkling and contribute to skin cancer. So you're better off with a sunscreen that covers both UVA and UVB with a minimum of 15, Schindler said. The higher the number, the better.

"They know the history of sunscreen history, but the risk factor for melanoma," he said. "Twenty years ago the incidence was about 1 in 100, and now it's about 1 in 70 over a lifetime."

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

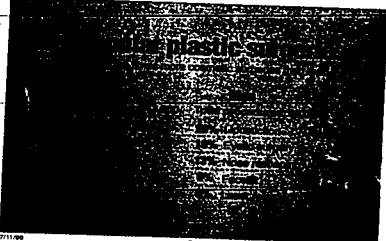
Nipped in the bud: Young women choose plastic surgery

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — This is what people see when they look at Lucie Lukesova: A classic Eastern European beauty, ample and soft, with flawless skin, rosy cheeks and sparkling blue eyes. This is what Lukesova sees: "This is what I see when I look in the mirror. Big body. Fat. I wish I was thin. So a few weeks ago, she had liposuction. She describes it as one of the happiest days of her life. The 3 1/2-hour surgery corrected what she perceived as flaws. Whether it corrected her self-image remains to be seen.

"Lukesova is 13. Teenagers and young women are going under the knife in record numbers, and they're not just getting nose jobs anymore. Last year, cosmetic surgeons performed some 25,000 elective procedures on teens, according to national figures from the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons — a nearly 100 percent increase over nearly 2,000 girls they sucked the fat out of in 1985.

Roger Friedman, the head of Plastic Surgery at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Md., did a breast augmentation on an 18-year-old last month. "She was 5 foot 9 and 125 pounds, and she had breasts like a man," he says. "She was grateful and wanted this done in time for the next step."



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He did her mother's implants 10 years ago.

At Suburban Hospital, with a hefty 46 plastic surgeons on staff, a 19-year-old gets a breast reduction and abdominal liposuction, a dozen twentysomethings opt for bigger breasts — all in a week.

In suburban Gaithersburg, Md., Gregory Dick sees about four teenagers each month — a fourfold increase over eight years — who seek liposuction or breast augmentation. He sends nearly half of those away.

"The trouble with adolescent surgery is it's a tricky business," Dick says. "Many times the teenager doesn't know what he or she wants and is responding to

peer or media pressure." Several surgeons said they are reluctant to make permanent alterations during the transitional teenage years.

"Teenagers' images change as fast as their body," says Mark Mausner, a Chevy Chase, Md., surgeon who does about 400 procedures a year. "One day, the dress looks terrific, and the next day, it isn't fitting right."

One 22-year-old from Columbia, Md., says she's yearned for liposuction for years. "I have always had a weight problem," she says. Always means ever since she was 13 or 14.

"Even when I had lost some weight, there was this one stubborn area where it wouldn't go away." The recent college graduate, waiting to hear about her medical school applications, just spent \$5,000 of her savings on a mini tummy tuck and liposuction — her graduation gift to herself.

She is five feet tall and weighs about 125 pounds.

Around these girls and young women are an obsessive quest for perfection, a fascinate of slender but busy advertising images; a parade of celebrities with cosmetic enhancements in full juggle, including pop singer Britney Spears, 17, now appearing on MTV with her new, improved breasts; cheaper, safer procedures marketed aggressively.

And, in a weird and paradoxical way, feminism shares the blame: If a girl can be anything, she wants to be — a Citadel military school rat, a Web millionaire, a professional basketball player — why can't she carve out a different body for herself?

The alarm has sounded for some years over girls and their poor body image, but eating disorders and depression continue to increase. The increase in elective aesthetic surgery among the young is but the latest manifestation, an extreme and quick fix helped by a booming economy and overindulgent parents.

Disney ever body image starts for girls even before puberty. Some 40 percent of 9-year-old

girls told researchers they wanted getting fat, as did 44 percent of 10-year-olds. "All the self-consciousness with body image has started to come down to the very young. There's a greater preoccupation about weight," says Rita Freedman, a New York pediatrician and author. Young girls and their mothers

are "convinced that unless they approximate whatever image is touted in the media, they will have a chance of being socially successful."

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TWIN FALLS — A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at MYVRC. Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

TWIN FALLS — A CPR instructor course will be offered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Education Center at MYVRC. Prerequisites and pre-registration are required. For more information, call 737-2007.

TWIN FALLS — A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at MYVRC.

Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

TWIN FALLS — The Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. July 26 at the Cancer Center reception area. For more information, call Char Basila at 737-2800 or Jody Tremblay at 733-3700.

TWIN FALLS — An infant CPR class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. July 27 in the Education Center at MYVRC. Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS — The Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Canyon View West Group Room. Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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TWIN FALLS — A childbirth preparation course will be offered for mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery. Individuals will meet with a childbirth educator. To make an appointment, call 737-2901.

TWIN FALLS — The Sunrise Care Center and Rehabilitation Alternative's Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the center, 640 Miller Ave. W. For more information, call Becky Jacobsen or Dee Foster at 734-9626.

TWIN FALLS — Identification Treatment Options for Bipolar Disorders ("Manic Depression") will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the KMYT Community Room.

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In addition, many digestive diseases, have diarrhea associated with them. For example, diarrhea can be caused by lactose intolerance — when your intestine does not produce enough of the enzyme, lactase, to properly digest the sugar in milk. This condition is very common among all non-caucasian people. Severe diarrhea may be indicative of a serious disease, and it's important to consult a physician if the symptoms persist or they are frequent, painful, or bloody.

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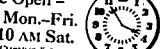
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SPORTS

Monday, July 19, 1999

Cowboys clinch district's top seed

By Doreen Clow
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — The stakes weren't as high in the second game of Sunday's American Legion doubleheader with Upper Valley, so Twin Falls Cowboys catcher Joe Ham took it easy.

Durham tore the lineup card to the scorekeeper, then coached first base, expressing a desire for sweet and sour chicken while his teammates were digging themselves into a huge hole at Frontier Field.

The Cowboys lost the nighttime 14-10 despite scoring five runs and leaving the bases loaded in the final inning, but their earlier win had already given the team the top seed in next week's district tournament in Twin Falls.

Durham hit a grand slam in the second inning and the Cowboys never again trailed, riding a complete game by Tyler Warburton and winning 9-7 while being outbatted by the same score.

"I think they're ready for the tournament," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico. "We played this good strike conference games, something like 11 (wins) and three (losses). I think we're competitive with every team, and I think we respect every team."

The Cowboys finish the regular season with a record of 18-6, while Upper Valley (14-8) still has a contest remaining with the sixth-place Idaho Falls Reds.

The AA district tournament beginning Wednesday at Frontier Field will be a

round-robin format for the first three days, with the seven teams divided into two pods and the top two teams in each pod advancing to head-to-head play Saturday. All games will be nine innings, with a 10-run rule in effect after seven innings.

The A double-elimination district tournament beginning Tuesday at Twin Falls High School and Harmon Park gives the top four teams first-round byes while the other eight teams play morning games.

The state tournaments are in Boise and Lewiston at the end of the month.

Twin Falls 9, Upper Valley 7

The Bulldogs scored an unearned run in the top of the first, but Jake Robertson scored the first of his three runs in consecu-

utive at-bats to tie the game.

The Cowboys scored six runs in the second inning, including Durham's shot, and withstood three-run third and fifth innings by Upper Valley.

Warburton struck out five batters, walked three and gave up six earned runs in seven innings.

Upper Valley's Eli Pena hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning, and Joe Yancey followed him with a double and scored the Bulldogs' final run on a single by Tyson Perkes.

Dillon Mayes' two-out bloop single scored Zach Greengreen, who had stolen second base to get into position, to push second base to two on in the fifth.

Scott Bramble led off the Upper Valley

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

"A fairy story."
— Paul Lawrie, who became the first Scotsman in 63 years to win the British Open's claret jug on his native soil

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
IGA Junior at Clear Lake C.C.

IN BRIEF

Frank, Latham rule Candleridge

TWIN FALLS — A day after setting a breaking Ted Black's course record of 57 by three strokes at Candleridge Golf Course, Tracy Frank and partner Bob Latham, Jr., carded a second-round 56 to take the championship with a two-day total of 109 in this weekend's two-man best-ball.

Mike Magallon, who lost to Frank in the first of the recent Latham Motors Match Play Championship, teamed with Nick Saksa and placed second, followed by Dave Rasmussen and Chris Tarter.

Thornley Williams and Ed Noe kept their first-day lead and won the first flight with a 118, followed by Tom Wray and Nick Hansen (121) and Dick Rice and Bill Durbin (122).

Phil McCann and Dan Kay won the second flight with a 134, three strokes ahead of Ed Hinkle and Mark Cahapan and Bill Schmal and Mike Hefley.

Net honors went to Kevin Packard and Jim Reutner in the championship flight. Chuck Cooper and Gary Bult in the first flight, and Howard Miller and Chris Bragg.

Stephenson claims first game of season

ST. LOUIS — Some-time Kimberly resident Garrett Stephenson, in his fourth year in the major leagues after pitching at Ricks College, picked up his first win of the season Saturday night as St. Louis beat the Chicago White Sox 8-6.

Stephenson pitched the top of the eighth inning, giving up a walk and a hit but keeping Chicago's lead at 6-5. In the bottom half-inning, Eli Marrero hit a three-run double to give the Cardinals the lead.

So far in 1999, Stephenson has pitched 10 1/3 innings, given up eight runs on 16 hits and three walks and has struck out 10. He spent the last two seasons in Philadelphia after a rookie year in Baltimore.

Magic Valley Youth soccer hosts camps

TWIN FALLS — Several Major League Soccer youth camps, hosted by Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association are planned for August 9-13 at Ascension Fields.

Youths aged 5 to 18 are invited to participate with all players receiving a ball, T-shirt, MLS gift and a written evaluation. Deadline for registration is July 21 and the cost is \$54 for kids aged 5-6 and \$90 for all others.

For more information, call 734-5055.

Mitch McDowell falls at NHRA event

DENVER — Jerome drag racer Mitch McDowell had one of his best ever weekends in NHRA national event competition at the Mile High Nationals.

McDowell, after earning a spot in Sunday's finals at Eldorado Speedway, was eliminated in the event's No. 1 qualifier. Tim Wilkerson, of Springfield, Ohio, in the opening round of 16 final-ists with a speed of 166 mph.

In the quarterfinals, he will lift the starting-line race against South Carolina racer Scotty Chason. Both cars erupted in a smoke but Cannon hung on to take out McDowell.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Scot wins British Open

The Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland —

The cruelty of Carnoustie yielded to craziness at the end.

The Scottish gallery sat in stunned silence as the greatest golfer in golf unspooled before their eyes. A little more than an hour later, they sang and swayed, celebrating the greatest comeback in their championship history by one of their own.

More golf - D3

Paul Lawrie became the first Scotsman in 68 years to win the claret jug on his native soil, an unremarkable champion in an unforgettable British Open.

"A fairy story," he called it.

But it was a horror story for Jean Van de Velde, the Frenchman who wanted to win in style and wound up losing in a shocking display of self-destruction.

"Don't be sad," he said. "I made plenty of friends because a Scottish man won. So, at least that's something."

After a week of whipping winds and bitter complaints about the cruelty of Carnoustie Golf Links, Lawrie won the 128th Open in a four-hole playoff over Van de Velde and Justin Leonard with birdies on the last two holes.

Lawrie started the final round 10 strokes out of the lead. More than an hour after he had posted his 4-under 67, he called on the practice green as Van de Velde marched to the 18th tee with a three-stroke lead.

His only hope was the nuance of British golf.

"Strange things happen, especially around here," he said.

Needing only a double bogey



Scotland's Paul Lawrie holds the claret jug trophy for winning the 128th British Open Sunday at Carnoustie, Scotland.

Lawrie came from 10 strokes back to win his first major golf championship in a three-way playoff.

on the final hole to become the first Frenchman in 92 years to win the British Open. Van de Velde was lucky to make triple bogey and get into a playoff.

"I thought no way," Lawrie said when asked if he ever imagined a playoff. "Incredible."

The biggest comeback in a major until Sunday was Jackie Burke Jr., who was eight strokes behind amateur Ken Venturi in the 1956 Masters.

Van de Velde was no amateur. The 33-year-old Frenchman just played like one on the final hole when he tried to be a hero and lost a chance to be a champion.

Leonard, the 1997 Open champion, made a bogey out of Barry's Burn on the 72nd hole and thought he lost his chance to win.

He hit into the same burn, made the same score, and knew he lost it the second time around in a playoff.

As for Van de Velde, he was the first player to lose a five-stroke lead in the final round of an Open since Jose Jurado at Carnoustie in 1931.

Lawrie, who was even-par for the playoff holes, closed with a 4-under 67, tied for the best score of the tournament on the toughest links golf course in the world.

That put him at 290, the first time over-par has won an Open in 14 years.

"I finally was able to focus and not overthinking which I was doing on the front nine," Lutz said. "On the back nine, I calmed down."

Making the turn at 1-over for the day, Lutz ripped off two quick birdies on 10 and 11 to pull within one shot of Badenduck who, thanks to birdies on 1, 4 and 9, stood at 3-under for the day, 5-under for the tournament.

Another Lutz birdie at 14, however, evened the score with four holes to play.

"I was watching Nils the whole time from behind and I could see what he was doing," Lutz said. "I saw him make par at 14 and I knew I was going to pick up a shot on him there."

On the par-4, 406-yard, 15th hole Badenduck's second shot landed on the front fringe of the green, creating an almost certain two-putt situation. But from just over 20 feet, he rolled the ball for a lowly birdie, making up for the missed opportunity on 14 and lowering his score to 6-under for the tournament.

Badenduck was unable to keep the momentum going, however, as his tee shot on the 16th hole, the right, tree-lined rough. With a 3-iron, he managed to avoid some low-lying branches and chip the ball within 30 yards of the hole. But his third shot ran 20 feet past the hole, causing him to two-putt and take a bogey five.

"Basically I just flinched," Badenduck said. "I got a great

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Mound mastery: Yanks' Cone tosses perfect game

Baseball's 14th in modern history

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Cone pitched a perfect day for a perfect game.

With Don Larsen sitting behind home plate, Cone dazzled the Montreal Expos with a wide assortment of pitches Sunday, throwing the 14th perfect game in modern history to lead the Yankees to a 6-0 victory.

On the very same field where Larsen pitched a perfect game against Brooklyn in Game 6 of the 1956 World Series — the only one in Series history — Cone pitched the first no-hitter in the three-year history of interleague play.

Cone got Orlando Cabrera to hit a popout for the final out. He dropped to his knees and was mobbed by his teammates, just as David Wells was last year when he pitched the only other

regular-season perfect game in Yankees' history.

"Once we got that big lead, I really relaxed," said Cone, whose career almost ended three years ago because of an aneurysm near his right arm.

But in the ninth, he said, he could feel his heart "pounding through his uniform."

"You probably have a better chance of winning the lottery than this happening," he said.

Larsen was at Yankee Stadium for Yogi Berra day and even recreated his perfect game in 1956 by throwing out the first pitch to Berra. Right after that pitch, Cone made his only mistake of the day.

Cone did everything else right Sunday. He got through the first inning with help of a diving catch in right field by Pat O'Neill to rob Terry Jones of a hit.

He didn't need any more help from his fielders until the eighth inning. Jose Vidro hit a hard grounder up the middle with one out in the eighth. Second base-



New York Yankees pitcher David Cone is carted off the field on the shoulders of his teammates after Cone pitched a perfect game Sunday over the Montreal Expos.

man Chuck Knoblauch, who has 16 errors this season, ran to his right to backhand the ball, pivoted and made a perfect throw to first baseman Tim Lincecum to get Vidro.

"As soon as he hit it, I said, 'There it goes,'" Cone recalled. "When Knoblauch made the great play, I decided there was some kind of Yankee aura. Maybe this was my day. Maybe there is something to this magic."

Martin succumbs to Rafter's heat; U.S. loses in Davis Cup

The Associated Press

BROOKLINE, Mass. — For a guy who didn't even want to play, Todd Martin did pretty well.

And for a guy who lost the decisive game in the United States Davis Cup quarterfinal against Australia, Martin has a right to be proud.

Amid speculation that the United States was looking for an excuse to play Pete Sampras — something he could do only if someone else was injured — Martin tried to pull out of Sunday's singles match against Patrick Rafter, claiming heat exhaustion.

But when a neutral doctor refused to send Martin to sick bay, he simply went out and took Rafter to the edge of defeat before the Australian won 4-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. The victory clinched the Davis Cup quarterfinal for the Aussies and set up a semifinal match against Russia.

"It's obvious (now) that I was fit to play, but I also felt like I was playing myself at a fair bit of risk," Martin said.

In a gutsy performance, Martin won the first four games en route to a 5-1 lead before Rafter came back to force a fifth set.

Martin broke Rafter twice in the fifth to go up 3-0 and 4-2, but lost 5-7 in the last seven games.

Martin talked to the U.S. team doctors, who agreed that he didn't look right.

First, with all of the speculation that the United States would try to get Sampras back on the court, everyone was already skeptical about a potential Martin injury.

And Davis Cup rules insist that a neutral doctor must sign off on any injury substitutions.

Second, when captain Tom Gilliland sent for him, Sampras was nowhere to be found.

When Gilliland asked Sampras to warm up, "He said, 'You're joking,'" Martin said.

Sampras joined the team late and said he would play four doubles out of respect for those who had played all along. But the Australian doubleked all along the Australian doubles team was on the sidelines for such a crucial match.

SPORTS

Legion

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seventh with a single, but Durham threw him out trying to steal second. Warburton then struck Pena out swinging, and got the final batter to ground out.

U. Valley 14, Twin Falls 10

Resting their traditional starters, the Cowboys scored in just two innings—scoring five runs in each to match Upper Valley's 10-run third.

Hadley McArthur led off the game with an infield single, one of two the Bulldogs had in the inning, and scored to give his team the only lead he needed.

scored by batters who hit safely in the pivotal third inning. Kelsey McLinnans beat out an infield single, advanced to third on a throwing error, and scored on Domingo Jimenez's sacrifice fly.

The Cowboys went down in order in the fourth, and stranded three runners in the next two innings before their last-ditch rally in the seventh.

Quessell was hit by Bulldogs reliever Eli Pena, and advanced to third on a single by Zach Gregson. Upper Valley's third baseman Josh Thorbeck committed the first of his two errors on the inning on a Bobby Trivitt grounder before Pena got two quick fly outs.

Jeremy Sudik and Jeremy Hudson hit back-to-back singles in the top of the eighth, and the Cowboys loaded the bases one more time before Gregersen beat out to end the game.

U. Valley: 14 runs, 10 hits, 10 errors. Twin Falls: 10 runs, 10 hits, 10 errors.

Lutz

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shot coming out, but I hit a terrible, terrible pitch shot up to the green. I tried to spin it and make it stop and I hit it thin. The rest is history. I just got apprehensive and tense, and cautious of whatever and was not able to swing well.

Following Badenduck all day, Lutz parred 16, then used a 7-iron to stick his tee shot on the par-3, 173-yard, 17th within three feet of the hole.

He tapped in for birdie, taking the lead from Badenduck, and Curtis, who had forced a three-way tie by knocking in birdies on 14, 15 and 16.

"That was probably the best shot of the day, that's for sure. I couldn't have done it any better," Lutz said, adding that when he saw where the shot landed he knew he could swing. "Up until then, I wasn't sure ... All I wanted to do was knock it on the green. I was concentrating really hard on making the best one-way shot I could make without allowing myself to get quick which is the thing that causes my bad shots."

Seventeen also turned out to be the decisive hole for Curtis, who entered the day as

the tournament's co-leader along with Steve Studer. While Lutz hit an incredible tee shot, Curtis knocked his ball right off the green, forcing a difficult up-and-down just to salvage par. But his chip ran past the hole and Curtis ended up two-putting for bogey.

"That (tee shot on 17) was bad, very bad," Curtis said.

"That's what did it. And I just couldn't get anything done after that. The chip shot wasn't a tough one, it was just in the rough and caught in the heavy grass and I turned it over and that's the end of the story."

Playing first on 18, Badenduck applied the pressure by chipping to within two feet-of-the-pin from 50 yards out and tapping in for a birdie four.

That moved him to 6-under for the tournament and forced Lutz to birdie the hole to win.

Hitting two solid shots off the tee, Lutz knocked his third, a chip from about 35 yards out, within two feet of the pin.

An easy tap-in for birdie gave him a one-stroke victory, for which he received a \$190 certificate and a green blazer courtesy of

"I figured I could make birdie on 18," Lutz said. "I figured everyone would ... My heart was racing a bit (on the putt), but I had to try to maintain the focus and not 'yip' it, which is easy to do in that circumstance."

Studer, who entered the day tied for the lead, stumbled early, carding a double-bogey on 6 and a bogey on 7 to fall back to 1-under for the tournament.

His round of 75 Sunday gave him a two-day total of 143 and earned him a fifth place finish in the championship flight.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Lists names like Steve Studer, Steve Curtis, and Steve Badenduck with their respective scores.

BASEBALL

NL standings

Table showing NL standings for teams like Atlanta Braves, St. Louis Cardinals, and New York Yankees.

AL standings

Table showing AL standings for teams like Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians, and Detroit Tigers.

Interleague box scores

Table showing interleague box scores for games between NL and AL teams.

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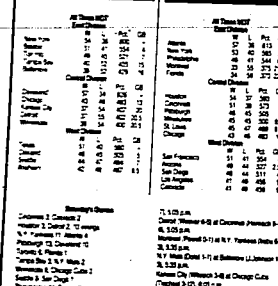
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Table showing Atlanta 5, Cubs 0 game results.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"Take a left at the next base, keep going until you reach another base, then left again, straight down the line to home plate. Can't miss it."

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Hampton blanks Indians with four-hitter

BOSTON (AP) — Mike Hampton punched his way to lead the Boston Braves to a season-high seventh straight win.

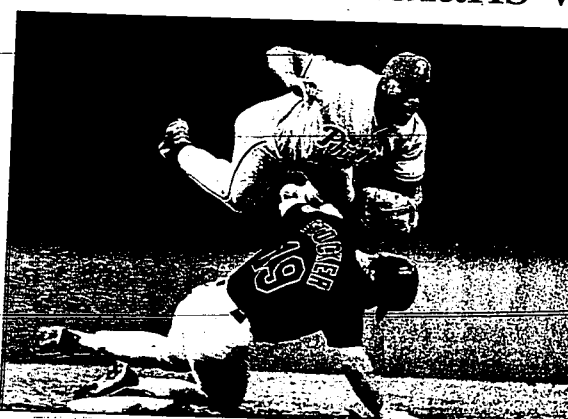
Baseball

Blue Jays 3, Braves 2
TORONTO — Joey Hamilton and two relievers combined on a six-hitter, and the Jays extended their hitting streak to 15 games.

Hamilton (2-5) allowed six hits in 7.2 innings before leaving the mound with a pulled muscle. He pitched two innings in the second and fourth innings, but got out of the game in the seventh. Andrew Jones hit no double play. Rookie Billy Koch, who blew his previous save chance, pitched six innings for his 15th save in 18 opportunities.

Red Sox 11, Marlins 9

BOSTON — The Florida Marlins, the league's worst team, sent nine runs across Boston's Pedro Martinez, whose 15-3 record leads the majors, but the Red Sox rallied from a four-run deficit. Just five days after the All-Star game, in which he struck out three batters in two innings — including four straight — Martinez allowed 12 hits in 7.2 innings. His ERA rose from 2.10 to 2.25. Martinez escaped without a loss largely because of John Valentin, who drove in four runs the last two on a grand slam and eighth that gave Boston a 10-9



Philadelphia Phillies shortstop Alex Ariza leaps over Tampa Bay Devil Rays' Kevin Stocker at second base after throwing for first to complete a double play on a ground ball hit by Miguel Cairo in the third inning Sunday.

Phillies 3, Devil Rays 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Curt Schilling won his sixth straight game to become the National League's second 14-game winner, and Scott Rolen hit two home runs for the Phillies. Schilling (14-4) retired 13 of the final 14 batters he faced to join St. Louis' Kent Bottenfeld as the top winners in the NL. He allowed two runs and four hits and struck out five. Rolen's second homer of the game, off reliever Albie Lopez (1-2), hit near the top of the left-field foul pole to snap a 2-2 tie in the eighth.

Tigers 5, Reds 8, 10 innings

CINCINNATI — Detroit blew another six-run lead but Brad Ausmus' squeeze bunt scored the winning run for the Tigers in the 10th.

Detroit broke a four-game losing streak with two homers from Tony Clark, another from Dean Palmer and a perfectly executed bunt by Austin.

Frank Catalanotto opened the 10th with an infield single off Danny Graves (6-4) and moved to third on Juan Encarnacion's sacrifice and Eddie Taubensee's passed ball.

Twins 5, Cardinals 2

ST. LOUIS — LaTray Hawkins pitched seven scoreless innings and Denny Hocking led off his second straight game with home runs as the Twins came within two outs of consecutive shutouts.

Reliever Mike Trombley gave up a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to pinch-hitter Darren Bragg to lose the shutout. Hawkins (6-4) entered the game with a 7.84 ERA and right-handed hitters were batting .390 against him. He allowed six hits

and struck out three with no walks. Darren Oliver (4-7) took the loss.

Royals 5, Cubs 4

CHICAGO — Jeff Suppan won for the first time in three weeks and had a run-scoring single for Kansas City. Suppan (5-5) allowed two runs, eight hits, struck out three and walked one in 6.2 innings. The Cubs scored two runs in the ninth off Scott Service. Jeff Reed hit a one-out triple to right field. After Curtis Goodwin fielded out, pinch-hitter Jeff Blausler walked and Mickey Morandini doubled over the head of Jermaine Dye in right to score Reed and Blausler. The Royals' Tim Lincecum hit a three-run homer off loser Kevin Patten (6-6).

Brewers 5, White Sox 4

MILWAUKEE — Jose

Valentin's two-out single in the bottom of the ninth scored pinch-runner Lou Collier for the victory.

Eric Plunk (1-1) pitched two scoreless innings with one strikeout for the win. Todd Rizzo (0-2) entered the game in the ninth and lost for the second time in four days as Chicago's bullpen blew a ninth-inning lead for the second straight game.

Athletics 3, Rockies 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jimmy Haynes pitched 6 1/3 innings of five-hit ball and Olmedo Saenz hit a go-ahead two-run homer.

Haynes (7-7) allowed two runs and struck out seven and walked four in winning a third straight game. Billy Taylor, shaking off a cut and black eye from being struck in the head by a line drive Saturday, worked the ninth for his 24th save.

Bobby Jones (4-8) went five innings and gave up three runs on five hits. He struck out one and walked one.

Mariners 8, D'backs 7, 10 innings

SEATTLE — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his first home run at Safeco Field and Russ Davis hit a game-winning single in the 10th inning.

In the 7th, Byung-Hyun Kim (0-2) walked Jay Buhner and pinch-runner John Mabry stole second. After Raul Ibanez fled to first, Davis singled to left to score Mabry.

Jose Mesa (1-4) pitched two scoreless innings to get the victory. Seattle came back to win its second in a row after a season's high seven straight losses. The Diamondbacks played in their 18th extra-inning game of the season.

Rangers 5, Giants 4

ARLINGTON, Texas — Mike Morgan (10-6) won for the fourth time in five decisions, allowing three runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings. John Weteland, who had blown his previous three save chances, pitched the ninth for his 27th save in 34 opportunities.

Mark Gardner (3-8) gave up five runs, five hits and four walks in six innings.

Padres 6, Angels 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Converted reliever Brian Buerchner (6-2) allowed one run and four hits in five innings, and Wally Joyner had four hits and scored twice. Rookie Ben Davis hit his first big league homer for the Padres, who won for the sixth time in eight games and sent the Angels to their third straight loss. Mike Fyhrle (0-2) was the loser.

Mets 8, Orioles 6

BALTIMORE — Ricker Henderson hit his 75th leadoff homer and former-Orioles closer Armando Benitez sealed the first win in a month for the Mets (7-7), stopping Baltimore's five-game winning streak. New York led 8-1 but let Baltimore close within two runs before bringing in Benitez, who entered in the ninth to a chorus of boos from those left in the crowd of 47,480. The right-hander, traded from Baltimore to the Mets in a three-day deal last winter, walked his first batter but got his seventh save in 11 chances, retiring Albert Belle on a game-ending flyout.

National League

Pirates 6, Dodgers 5

PITTSBURGH — Adrian Brown's one-out sacrifice fly in the 10th inning rescued the Pittsburgh Pirates after they twice walked leads before beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-5 Sunday night.

Brian Giles and Ed Sprague homered for Pittsburgh, which has won three straight and is 6-2 against Los Angeles, 4-0 in Three Rivers Stadium.

Pittsburgh then loaded the bases without scoring in the ninth. But Kevin Young doubled to left to start the 10th against Alan Mills (2-3). Sprague's ground out advanced Young, and Brown hit a sacrifice fly to mid-range center.

Scott Stuberck (2-0) pitched a scoreless 10th for the victory by striking out Angel Pena with two on and two outs.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

South African breaks breaststroke record

LOS ANGELES — South African swimmer Penny Heyns set a world record in the 100-meter breaststroke Sunday, one day after breaking the world record in the 200-meter event. Heyns broke the 100-meter mark with a swim of 1 minute, 6.99 seconds in the preliminaries of the Janet Evans Invitational at USC. She edged the record of 1:07.02, which she set at the 1996 Olympic final. Heyns won Olympic gold medals in the 100-meter and 200-meter breaststroke in the 1996 Olympics.

Biffle wins another Craftsman Truck race

NAZARETH, Penn. — Greg Biffle recovered from two early pit stops to win Sunday's NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series NAPA AutoCare 200 at Nazareth Speedway. Biffle, who started from the pole, dropped to 20th after pitting on the 50th lap. With a lengthy stretch of caution-free racing in his first run, the 28-year-old got back in front of the field and passed teammate Mike Bliss by the 135th lap. Biffle, who averaged a race-record 95.910 mph, won his fourth of the season and \$45,250, beating Bliss by 0.761 seconds. Biffle then entered the race 165 points behind series leader Jack Sprague, benefited from an incident during the 198th lap. Sprague slammed his Chevrolet into the rear of Mike Wallace's Ford, which spun out and grazed the outside wall. The incident and penalty allowed Biffle to close the gap to 114 points with 10 races remaining in the season. Rookie Scott Hansen drove his Chevrolet to a third-place finish — his best showing this season.

United States dunks Cubans 88-52

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The United States hardly needed an advantage, yet there it was: four Cuban players were missing, and eight had defaulted. But the United States went through the motions Sunday and defeated Cuba 88-52 after learning of the likely defections before tip-off. The point total was the second-lowest total for the Americans in 34 games using NBA players in 1992, 1994, 1996 and 1999, only one point higher than the '87 United States had against Angola at the 1996 Olympics. (So poorly did the Americans play that a near-sellout crowd broke into a boisterous chant of "Cu-ba, Cu-ba" late in the first half as the Cubans, playing with just three regulars and five scrubs, kept the score close.) The United States played lay, lakelater ball but still turned the game into a lougher with a 16-0 run midway through the second half for a 69-37 lead. Allan Houston scored 17 points, Kevin Garnett had 12 and Gary Payton 11. Jason Kidd handed out 10 assists. Nunez led all scorers with 18.

Hill wins Safeway Challenger

APTOS, Calif. — Michael Hill of Australia completed his surprisingly strong week by defeating Israel's Harel Levy, 6-7 (7-4), 6-4, 5-2 Sunday to win the Safeway Challenger. In a final between unseeded players, Hill won despite a strained right hand that required treatment during the match. He then broke Levy and rallied to win the second set. In the third set, Hill broke for a 2-1 lead and moved ahead 5-2 on his way to the title. The last Australian to win the Safeway Challenger was Patrick Rafter, who clinched Sunday's Davis Cup quarterfinal against the United States in Brookline, Mass.

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Armstrong sticks to strategy, saves strength

SAINT-GAUDENS, France (AP) — Finishing the famous mountain climb of the Tour de France, Lance Armstrong again demonstrated strength Sunday and remained in command of the Tour de France. On a day when Russia's Dimitri Konyshov captured the 14th stage of cycling's most famous race, Armstrong stuck to a strategy that has served him well.

For four straight days, the 27-year-old Texan has sat back, keeping a close eye on his rivals while lesser names have broken away to set the stage. The riders chasing Armstrong have adopted the same strategy, leading to potentially decisive stages high Tuesday and Wednesday in the Pyrenees and the French-Spanish border.

In the mountains, the leaders will have to attack Armstrong, or hope to catch him. "We need Armstrong to have a bad day, and that's not out of the question on the Tour," Spain's Abraham Olano said Sunday. Armstrong, making a triumphant recovery from testicular cancer, is riding for U.S. Postal Service and leads by 7 minutes, 44 seconds. "The morale of the Americans is high," Olano said. "They work very well together by controlling the breakaways. Armstrong is surrounded by his teammates and, moreover, is showing no



Dimitri Konyshov of Russia, left, rides to victory ahead of Italy's Gianni Savini in the 14th stage of the Tour de France between Castres and Saint-Gaudens, southern France, Sunday.

signs of weakness." Sunday's race followed the same pattern as the previous three days, with an early breakaway by a handful of riders who bursty finished with the same time. Konyshov, who rides for Movistar, was followed by two Italians — Gianni Savini of the Magas team and Massimo Lelli of Cafoni.

The 124-mile stage between Castres and Saint-Gaudens was the final day of relatively flat racing before the Pyrenees, Monday



is a rest day. "I knew this was my last chance for a victory since from now on it's climbing, and then sprint," Konyshov said. "It's very satisfying since last year I had some physical problems." His best previous finish in this year's race was second place in the 11th stage. Konyshov has lived in Italy for the last 10 years. He is married to an Italian, and they have with a 1-year-old son. He said he is almost certain he will stay in Italy permanently. The stage began in hot, muggy weather but showers midway through brought some relief. With Italians finishing second and third, this was another excellent day for Italy. On Saturday, the Tour de France took the top three positions, with Salvatore Comisso winning the stage. Monday is the second rest day of the race. Riders are to train briefly to maintain their rhythm, relax with massages and plot strategies for the hills. The Tour de France ends July 25 in Paris on the famed Champs-Elysees.

Steinhauer wins JAL Big Apple Classic in playoff

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (AP) — Sherri Steinhauer won a five-hole playoff for the JAL Big Apple Classic. Steinhauer birdied the 18th hole to force the playoff, then made a 25-foot birdie putt on the same green to finally end the tournament. Steinhauer's putt came on what would have been the last playoff hole of the day at the Wyckoff Country Club because of darkness. The two players had previously played the par-5 18th four times, putting every time. Kane had blasted out of a greenside bunker to within 2 feet and was a lik to make par again on the fifth playoff hole before Steinhauer's winning putt. For Kane, it was the eighth second place

finish in her four years on tour and the fourth playoff she has lost. Steinhauer earlier had forced the playoff by sinking a downhill 12-foot putt on the 72nd hole.

Julie Inkster, who would have qualified for the Women's Hall of Fame with a victory, shot a 6 under 70 and finished at 8 under 276 for the tournament.

Irwin's final round 67 captures

ANNEBOROUGH SENIOR OPEN
LONG GROVE, Ill. — Hale Irwin shot a 5 under 67 and got a little help from Bruce Fleisher in winning his second Stratton Resources Senior Open PGA Tour money event. Fleisher, the Senior PGA Tour four-year leader, shot his chances for victory down with a water ball on No. 16, and Irwin went on to

win by a stroke. Irwin shot a 10-under 206 for the \$1.3 million tournament at Kemper Lakes. It was his fourth victory this season, and second in three tournaments.

Even after Fleisher's water shot, Irwin's victory still wasn't secure. Raymond Floyd had a 45-foot birdie putt on 18 that would have tied Irwin and forced a playoff, but he narrowly missed it. Fleisher and Floyd both finished at 9 under 207, tied with CBS color analyst Gary McCord. McCord had the best round of the day, shooting an eagle on the par-5 No. 4 and finishing with a 7 under 65. Fred Gibson, a journeyman pro who was an unlikely co-leader after the second round, fell out of contention with a double bogey on No. 8 and finished at 5 under 211.

